



# Minutes

## Council Meeting

Monday 8 April 2024, 7:00 pm

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

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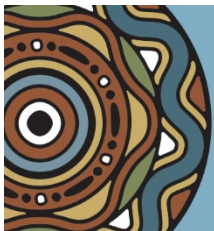
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## COUNCIL OBLIGATIONS AND AGENDA REPORTS

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.



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## 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. Report 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.



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## 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 7.00 pm.

### 1.2 ATTENDANCE

#### **Apologies**

Nil.

#### **Councillors Present**

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor (Chair), Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor, Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Tim Dark (remote), 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; Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening; Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development; Lisa Roberts, Manager Governance, Legal & Risk.





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### 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 Pastor David Owen from Combined Churches Greater Dandenong, read the following:

*"Dear Lord God, we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus to whom you've given all judgement and authority, for our Mayor Lana Formoso, the respective Councillors and Officers of the city of Greater Dandenong.... That you would give them great wisdom and understanding, as they govern on behalf of its citizens, this wonderfully diverse and multicultural city, for the advancement and benefit of all.*

*We pray Lord, for the many disadvantaged in our city who, because of difficult times are finding it a struggle to enjoy a good quality of life and also particularly for the organizations that care for them as well as for our homeless.*

*I pray Lord for Your blessings to be upon this meeting, and that all objectives will be achieved. In Jesus name, amen"*

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**Cr Tim Dark and Cr Richard Lim OAM joined the meeting at 7.03 pm.**

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## 1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 25 March 2024.

### Recommendation

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 25 March 2024 be confirmed.**

### MINUTE No.1022

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim OAM**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 25 March 2024 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

## 1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.



## 1.7 ADOPTION OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Audit and Risk Committee held a meeting on 7 March 2024 and Minutes of this meeting, as summarised in the following table, are presented to Council for adoption.

Item	Topic
1.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed actions arising from previous meetings.
2.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed its Annual Work Plan 2023-24 and Rolling Internal Control Environment (ICE) Four Year Plan 2023-2026.
3.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed, discussed and noted the following reports with Council officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief Executive Officer's Report</li><li>• Risk Management Update</li><li>• Occupational Health and Safety Report</li><li>• Council's IT Security</li><li>• Council's Annual Leave Liability</li><li>• Procurement Exemptions</li><li>• Policy Register</li><li>• Financial and Performance Quarter 2 Report</li><li>• Dandenong Market Pty Ltd Biannual Performance Report</li><li>• Victorian Auditor General's Audit Strategy for Year Ending 30 June 2024; and</li></ul>
4.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed, discussed and noted the following reports with Council officers and the internal auditor (HLB Mann Judd): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internal Audit Program Status</li><li>• Review of Council's Asset Management Framework</li><li>• Review of Council's Compliance with Child Safe Standards</li><li>• Council's Status of Internal Audit Actions</li><li>• Integrity Body Report.</li></ul>

### Officer Recommendation

**That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024 be adopted.**

#### MINUTE No.1023

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Angela Long**

**That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 7 March 2024 be adopted.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



## 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 two (2) items being presented to Council's meeting of 8 April 2024 for signing and sealing as follows:
  - a) A letter of recognition to Jessica Troyahn, Community Strengthening for 20 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council; and
  - b) A letter of recognition to Tony Barca, City Futures for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council.

### Recommendation

**That the listed documents be signed and sealed.**

#### **MINUTE No.1024**

**Moved by: Cr Angela Long**

**Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic**

**That the listed documents be signed and sealed.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**





## 2.2 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

### 2.2.1 Documents for Tabling

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

**Attachments:** Nil

#### Executive Summary

1. Council receives various documents such as annual reports and minutes of committee meetings that deal with a variety of issues that are relevant to the City.
2. This report recommends that the listed items be received.



### List of Reports

Author	Title
Lighthouse Foundation	Annual Report 2022/2023

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3. A copy of each report is made available at the Council meeting or by contacting the Governance Unit on telephone 8571 5235.

### Recommendation

**That the listed items be received.**

#### MINUTE No.1025

**Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti**

**Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim OAM**

**That the listed items be received.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



## 2.3 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

### 2.3.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance, Legal & Risk  
**Attachments:** 1. Petitions and Joint Letters [2.3.1.1 - 3 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**

Council received no new petitions and one (1) joint letter prior to the Council Meeting of 8 April 2024.

- A joint letter has been received signed by 12 residents and businessmen requesting strict enforcement of hygiene standards and ensuring safety around a property in Springvale. This joint letter has been referred to the appropriate Council Business unit for further action.

*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.1026**

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Jim Memeti**

**That this report and its attachment be received and noted.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
22/01/2024	<p>I wish to raise a formal petition to upgrade and replace the current trees in Keysborough South under the Governance Rules item 4.5.10. Some are dead, dying (with disease) and this type of tree that has been planted require extensive maintenance. We all collectively strongly dislike these trees due to the large amount of tree litter they release with excessive leaves, nuts, bark they drop every year and they are causing damage to our homes.</p> <p>Some of us that are a Single Storey dwelling regularly need to climb up onto the roof to clear the gutters and valley channels which is a dangerous and hazardous. This activity needs to be minimised and reduced for the safety of ourselves. One resident needs to wear a harness on their double storey to clean his gutters/channel valleys. This is very dangerous.</p> <p>Furthermore, excessive build up of these leaves/litter has contributed to flooding claims to property in which I have personally been involved with (twice in 5 years).</p> <p>Since speaking to the street residence about the Petition, I've found out that other Residents have had damage and issues with their homes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• properties have also had flood / ceiling damage into their homes due to excessive leaf/litter build up.</li> <li>• A branch fell onto the home causing damage and subsequent insurance claim.</li> <li>• Large branches also fell which blocked the road which was could of potentially damaged vehicles and/or injured a person – happened twice in the last 3 years.</li> <li>• There has been footpath repairs due to the existing roots from the trees on the western side of the street.</li> <li>• Trees heights affect solar panel effectiveness and one house cannot have Solar system installed due to the trees along Keylana Ave blocking their northern sun –they are asking to have their trees removed as well on that side. Please apply same plan to remove.</li> </ul>	36	In Progress	<p>Responsible Officer: Chief Engineer &amp; Major Projects.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent <b>23/01/2024</b> to the head petitioner.</p>



ATT 2.3.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	<p>I am petitioning on behalf of the residents in our street and request the current trees to be replaced with smaller trees that require less maintenance (similar to others). I have been informed that over the last 10 years that over 100 streets in this Municipality have had their trees upgraded and seeking this also performed to our street. We are collectively keen to have the trees replaced.</p> <p>Our Local Councillor Rhonda Garad and Lead Arborist Gareth Pickard have both been to our property and are aware of my situation which has now led to this Petition.</p> <p>Please see following pages with the names the residents/home owners with trees that agree with the replacement of the existing trees along the nature strip.</p>			
13/03/2024	<p>As lead petitioner for the Greater Dandenong Environment Group petition with the above title, I ask on the group's behalf that the petition be listed on the next council agenda please <a href="https://www.change.org/p/time-for-greater-dandenong-council-to-walk-the-talk-to-fund-action-on-climate-change">https://www.change.org/p/time-for-greater-dandenong-council-to-walk-the-talk-to-fund-action-on-climate-change</a></p> <p>Time for Greater Dandenong Council to walk the talk - to fund action on climate change and other environmental issues to the average level of other Melbourne Councils. Since declaring a climate and ecological emergency in early 2020, Greater Dandenong Council staffing and project budgets relating to climate change and other environmental issues lag well behind other Melbourne Councils.</p> <p>Council's own public report of 27th February, 2023 stated that staffing levels in the climate change and environment space are less than half the average Melbourne Council. Council is only delivering a fraction, 6 out of 44, of the actions it has committed to in current plans let alone the ones like the Climate Emergency and Mobilisation Action Plan to come.</p> <p>As reported recently in the media is both the most disadvantaged local government area in Melbourne but also one of the hottest.</p>	<p><b>116</b></p> <p><b>208 as at 27/03/24</b></p> <p><b>248 as at 03/04/24</b></p>	<b>In Progress</b>	<p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent 18/03/2024 to the head petitioner.</p>

ATT 2.3.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	<p>Each year extreme weather events - heat, storms or flooding - are increasing. Funding both Council action and funding supporting and educating our residents to deal with climate change is not a luxury - it is a critical social justice and health issue.</p> <p>When is Greater Dandenong going to start funding environmental action like they really believe we are in an emergency?</p>			
27/03/2024	<p>We, the undersigned residents and businessmen of Greater Dandenong Victoria, demand immediate action on matters relating to hygiene and safety in Springvale Vic 3171. As residents and businessmen of Springvale VIC, Australia, we are living in a state of constant distress due to the hazardous conditions surrounding the property.</p> <p>Our peaceful neighbourhood is being polluted by trash and littered with drug needles. The noise pollution after 10 PM caused by people camping at the back of this house has made it impossible for residents to live peacefully. These issues have not only disrupted our lives but also pose a significant threat to our safety and well-being. According to a report from Clean Up Australia, improperly disposed syringes can potentially transmit infectious diseases like HIV and Hepatitis B &amp; C (Clean Up Australia). Moreover, excessive noise pollution has been linked with various health problems including stress-related illnesses, high blood pressure, sleep disturbance, and even heart disease (World Health Organization).</p> <p>We urge local authorities to take immediate action on these pressing issues. We demand strict enforcement of hygiene standards around this property along with measures that ensure our safety from potential harm caused by discarded drug paraphernalia or unruly behaviour during late hours. Help us reclaim our peace and security in our own homes.</p>	12	In Progress	<p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director Community Strengthening.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent 27/03/2024 to the head petitioner.</p>



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### 3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

#### **Question**

**Isabelle Nash, Keysborough**

At the last Council meeting, I asked if the 44 different climate change risks to Greater Dandenong that were identified by Council in 2020, 19 of which were rated high or extreme, were being monitored and reviewed. That they were being monitored was confirmed, but the officer response did not confirm if they were being reviewed. Are the 44 different climate change risks being reviewed and what has been the outcome of that review?

#### **Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

As advised at the previous Council meeting, we continuously monitor the 44 identified climate change risks. In addition to this, a formal review is scheduled for the 2025/26 financial year.

#### **Question**

**Isabelle Nash, Keysborough**

Why are the outcomes of the monitoring and review of the 44 climate change risks not being made public given that many of them relate to the safety of Greater Dandenong residents?

#### **Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

These risks are monitored through Council's risk register which is an internal operational document and therefore not publicly available. Where these risks concern the safety of Greater Dandenong residents, appropriate action is taken to communicate and address them. A recent example is the heatwave health and safety campaign, which addresses several risks.

#### **Clarification question**

**Isabelle Nash, Keysborough**

Almost half the risks identified were relevant to the community, can we please have access to this document.

#### **Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

It is in an internal document. Where these risks concern the safety of the Greater Dandenong residents, appropriate action is taken to communicate and address them.

#### **Further response**

**Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

We take on board the communities concern about risks with Council. Council's new Council Plan can look to incorporate that into our long-term planning.

#### **Question**

**Judith Sise, Dandenong North**

At the Council meeting on 11 December 2023, a Motion was passed committing Council to a comprehensive public report in the first quarter of 2024 with a detailed assessment of Council's preparedness and response strategies for climate-related events. Now that Quarter 1 has passed, why is this report late and at what Council meeting will it be coming too?



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## Response

### **Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening**

A response to a similar question was provided at the Council meeting on 22 January 2024 advising that a more comprehensive report will have input from a number of Directorates and is due to be tabled for the Council meeting on 27 May 2024.

## Question

### **Judith Sise, Dandenong North**

Tonight's meeting has a petition signed by now over 250 people (and still growing) asking for Council to finally walk the talk and fund action on climate change by increasing the amount of staff and project funding to at least the same level as the average Melbourne Council. What date will we receive a response to our petition?

## Response

### **Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

Officers will provide a response in the next two (2) weeks to the petition. Officers and Council are committed to climate change but it is dependent on the budget. Community members interested in climate change are encouraged to participate in the budget process.

**We have received a question tonight regarding manufacturers in Greater Dandenong from Afaf Alfawal. This question does not relate to a matter in which Council has the power to act. The question has been received and a response will be provided to the submitter accordingly.**

## Question

### **Roz Blades, Noble Park**

Can you please clarify the situation regarding the amount of wheelchair disabled toilet facilities in Council buildings in the City of Greater Dandenong?

## Response

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

All recently renovated and new facilities are built to the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022 and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1992 standards which includes the provision for an accessible bathrooms.

With over 150 buildings and 40 public toilets (in parks or reserves), Council officers require time collate this information.

Please note: The Public Toilet Strategy 2020-30 ([www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/public-toilet-strategy-2020-30](http://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/public-toilet-strategy-2020-30)) provides strategic direction for the distribution and design of public toilets within parks and open space in the municipality.

## Question

### **Roz Blades, Noble Park**

Can the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee please be made public?



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## Response

### Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

The minutes of all Council Advisory Committees are tabled at Council meetings. The minutes of the 19 February 2024 Disability Advisory Committee meeting are tabled on tonight's Council meeting Agenda.

## Question

### Adam Murray, Keysborough

At the Council meeting of 25 March 2024, Cr Rhonda Garad asked when the community advisory group would convene for the Keysborough South Community Hub. Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening responded about consultation regarding programs the community would like to see which commenced at the Keysborough Big Picnic.

For residents who were unable to attend the big picnic, will there be other opportunities to provide input into the community activities they would like to see, be involved in and run? Where will this be advertised so that people can make a plan to get there?

## Response

### Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening

The consultation for Keysborough South Community Hub is currently underway, providing a valuable opportunity for community members to contribute ideas for programs and activities to be offered at the new Hub. Through this process, the community can share their preferences and suggestions, helping to shape the future direction of the Hub to better meet the diverse needs and interests of the local population.

There are a range of ways the community can have their say. These include an [online survey \(www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysborough-south-community-hub\)](http://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysborough-south-community-hub), targeted focus groups designed to capture the perspectives of local young people, brief interviews at local commercial and community centres, as well as discussions at local schools to gather voices from educators and students alike.

The consultation period is open until Friday 24 May 2024 and will be promoted by a letterbox drop to local residents, through social media and via Council News. By actively participating in this process, community members can play a significant role in shaping the vision and offerings of the Keysborough South Community Hub, contributing to its success as a vibrant and inclusive community resource.

## Question

### Mathew Lynn, Collingwood

I am asking my questions today on behalf of Melbourne Zero, an ambitious, city-wide movement to end rough sleeping by 2030. I want to congratulate Greater Dandenong for continuing to maintain a successful Zero Program aimed at supporting rough sleepers across the Local Government Area.

As you all know, people sleeping rough are in dire need of stability, especially when forced to sleep in public places. One of the great challenges faced by these people is being moved on without clear reason. Does Council have an official move-on policy for people experiencing homelessness, and can you detail how it is enforced?





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**Cr Tim Dark left the Chamber at 7.18 pm.**

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### **Response**

#### **Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening**

The Greater Dandenong City Council recognise the significant impact of homelessness and rough sleeping on health and wellbeing. At Council, we adopt a human rights approach to support those sleeping rough to 'move-on', ensuring their rights and interests are respected and that local laws are enforced with compassion and in accordance with relevant legislation.

Council continues to integrate and expand its response to housing and homelessness, this work is guided by Council's *Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2024*, and the 'Dandenong Zero project' [www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/works-and-projects/dandenong-zero-homelessness-project](http://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/works-and-projects/dandenong-zero-homelessness-project). Council works with a range of agencies including Victoria Police, Launch Housing, Wayss and Monash Health to respond to ongoing and arising issues.

Through these strategic responses, Council provides the following:

- Assertive outreach, coordination, and support to individuals who are sleeping rough;
- Support to prevent homelessness, and reduce the time spent experiencing homelessness for residents aged 50 years and older;
- Social and affordable housing strategy through support of local community housing providers;
- Considerate and informed City Amenity patrols;
- Community grants; and
- Health and wellbeing services.

### **Question**

#### **Gaye Guest, Keysborough**

Residents are distressed about the vandalism of the Wachter Reserve playground, Keysborough especially as it is a relatively new installation. This is distressing to hear that some individuals would want to destroy community property and possibly the parts that have been removed or damaged could be laying at the bottom of the park's water feature.

What steps is Council taking to combat this wilful damage (that comes at a cost to the ratepayers) in any of our reserves and has anyone been caught in the act?

### **Response**

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

Council has reported the recent incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour to VicPol. The incidents are occurring late in the evening or early morning. Unfortunately, those responsible have not been identified. Council will work closely with VicPol on these matters.

### **Question**

#### **Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong**

Currently the walkway beside the new Dandenong art gallery on Walker Street is closed off to pedestrians. Pedestrians are being redirected to walk through a carpark, which is unsafe. This redirection has been happening for over a year. Can Council please explain when the pedestrian walkway will be reopened?



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## Response

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

Current fencing is required to ensure construction activities can be safely undertaken. Public footpaths are available via Mason Street and Foster Street to navigate around the works.

Timeframes to open the walkway can be finalised after the current budget process in July 2024.

## Question

### **Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong**

Can Council give an update to Vanity Lane and what progress has happened in the past 6 months?

## Response

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

The Vanity Lane Project has been delayed due to issues associated with the proposed demolition of the existing fire damaged building.

Timing for demolition and future construction of the laneway is currently under review. We can provide further updates once the review is completed in coming months.

## Question

### **Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong**

6 months ago, Council mentioned about hiring an employee to be the liaison between residents and Council on Snap Send Solve issues raised. Many other councils have this and find it very beneficial for residents being contacted on raised issues. Can Council explain what is the status of hiring this person and when would Council start interviewing for this position?

## Response

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

Council does not have a plan to create a new role or hire a new officer for Snap Send Solve liaison. Council is committed to providing a high level of support in relation to Snap Send Solve reports.

We understand the convenience of the Snap Send Solve app for customers to report issues while out in the community and we appreciate the photos and geo-location that come with reports through the app.

If customers feel their Snap Send Solve report has not been resolved or they have questions about the issue they've reported, we encourage them to contact our Customer Experience team by:

- Calling us on 8571 1000
- Contacting Us through the webform on our 'Contact Us' webpage [www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/contactus](http://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/contactus)
- Emailing 'council@cgd.vic.gov.au'

## Question

### **Pam Naylor, Noble Park**

I received a letter from the Sonya Kilkeny, Minister for Planning stating she will remove 2 trees in Noble Park. Can you confirm if these are the trees that Council received legal advice on that were the property of Council? If so, what will Council do about this?



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**Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Question taken on notice.

**Comment**

**Cr Rhonda Garad**

Last year we received legal advice regarding the trees that the Minister has written about. The legal advice stated that we owned those trees and that the Minister could not proceed. The Minister was required to come back to Council to with an updated planning permit request. How is the Minister writing to residents to advise these trees will be removed?

**Response**

**Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

Council will urgently follow this up and provide an update to Councillors and the community.

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**The following two (2) questions were received from Zahra Haydar Big at Council meeting 12 February 2024 and were unable to be responded to as she was a candidate in the Yarraman By-Election. Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, no Council resources can be used for election purposes.**

**Question**

**Zahra Haydar Big, Dandenong**

As a local Community Advocate and as a local Council Candidate, as a result of my long term Community consultations and recent my door knockings I am here to raise a question about the local Community Safety concerns at Hemmings Park and at Yarraman Train Station where there are drug misuses and often we have unsafe outdoor environments there for the local residents including the local families not feeling safe taking children to play at the park which is the same situation for my children going out there. So any long term basis action the local Council is taking to address it permanently? If yes what is it please?

**Response**

**Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening**

In response to the community safety concerns in the City of Greater Dandenong, Council has recently established a dedicated Community Safety Business Unit. This business unit will work in collaboration with Victoria Police, community groups, state government stakeholders and partnership organisations and will be responsible for coordinating efforts to address issues affecting safety, such as drug misuse and unsafe outdoor environments.

Council is focusing on developing a comprehensive community safety action plan that aligns with Council's strategic priorities and outlines specific strategies and actions to improve safety in the municipality and to address the concerns raised by residents to ensure that the City of Greater Dandenong, including Hemmings Park and Yarraman Train Station are safe and welcoming spaces for all.



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## Question

### **Zahra Haydar Big, Dandenong**

Again, through my local Community consultation and my advocacy for the last few months across Greater Dandenong specially around Yarraman, parts of Noble Park and Dandenong West I have heard many local Multicultural residents are very happy about the local Council's Home-Care Services been provided to them but they have concerns if the great Home-care services stop soon and there might not be any more relevant funding allocated! So, what is the Council's aim around that addressing the Community needs on ongoing basis?

## Response

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

Thank you for your question. I can now confirm that at its meeting on Monday 25 March 2024, Council considered the strategic future of its role in the provision of Aged and Disability services. Council considered a report that drew on extensive community consultation over the past eight months, expert external advice, and detailed financial modelling.

In response Council has made a decision to continue delivering its current range of services, subject to expected contract extensions with the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments until mid-2027 when the program Council is contracted to deliver on behalf of the Commonwealth Government, the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) will cease. The Commonwealth Government will then implement the last part of their reforms which sees the combining of all the existing in home support programs (including CHSP and Home Care Packages) into one new program called 'Support at Home' as of July 2027.

As part of Council's continuing commitment to our older residents Council has also directed officers to monitor the development of the local competitive market of alternate service providers and report back to Council for consideration of whether to seek approval as a provider under the competitive market-based Support at Home Program.

The Commonwealth have a nationally consistent aged care system that assesses older people over the age of 65 eligibility for services based on their needs through 'My Aged Care'. Once an older person has been assessed as eligible for services the Commonwealth funding allocated based on their level of need stays with the older person regardless of who their service provider is. Therefore, if Council or another provider decides to no longer provide aged care services the older person would then just need to choose a new approved provider to continue to deliver their approved level of services.

Council also directed officers to prepare a business case and cost modelling for a new 'Navigation and Support' system that was identified as a top priority through our community consultation process undertaken during 2023 which aims to assist our older residents navigate the complex Aged Care system over the next few months.

There will be regular updates posted to the Aged Services Page on the Council's website on the progress of our continuing review of our aged and disability services once we have further details from the Commonwealth as the final details of the new Support at Home program, including the funding model so that we can make a decision whether it is viable for Council to seek approval to become a Support at Home Provider from 2027.



## 4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

### 4.1 CONTRACTS

#### 4.1.1 Contract 2324-12 Reconstruction of Ordish Rd, Dandenong South (Stage2)

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director City Futures

**Attachments:** 1. CONFIDENTIAL - 2324 12 Confidential Attachment  
[4.1.1.1 - 2 pages]

#### Executive Summary

1. This report outlines the tender process undertaken to select a suitably qualified and experienced contractor for the provision of **Reconstruction of Ordish Rd, Dandenong South (Stage 2)** for the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD). This is a Schedule of Rates based contract.
2. This report recommends that Council awards **Contract 2324-12 to Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd & ABN 54 000 538 689** for a fixed lump sum price of Two Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred & Eighty Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$2,288,180.51), including GST of \$208,016.41 for Option 3C - Deep Strength Asphalt Pavement with Subgrade Stabilisation Improvement.
3. This is a Lump Sum Contract and not subject to rise and fall.
4. Please note that confidential information is contained in the attachments, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda attachments, in accordance with Section 66(2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2022, as the information relates to contractual matters and premature disclosure may be prejudicial to the interests of Council or other persons. This item has been included in the public agenda to facilitate transparency and accountability in Council's decision making. If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required in order for the Council to make a decision, this item will be deferred to the confidential section of the agenda.



## Background

5. This Contract is for the full reconstruction of Ordish Road, Dandenong South between Bessemer Drive and South Park Drive. Ordish Road is a typical urban arterial road located in a commercial and industrial area of Dandenong South. The road is sealed with kerbs, grassed nature strips and trees on both sides of the road.
6. Council carried out a geotechnical investigation of Ordish Road to analyse the condition of the existing pavement and found that the existing pavement surface and subgrade found to be in a poor condition with crocodile cracking and patching which necessitate full-depth reconstruction for the section of Ordish Road.
7. Amongst several proposed options for pavement designs, two (2) options were deemed equally suitable for the location and tenderers were requested to provide pricing for those two (2) options as below.
  - **Option – 2C – Foam Bitumen Stabilisation with Subgrade Stabilisation Improvement.**
  - **Option – 3C – Deep Strength Asphalt Pavement with Subgrade Stabilisation Improvement.**

## Tender Process

8. This tender was advertised in The Age Newspaper and on Council's website on Saturday 14 October 2023 and at the close of tenders at 2.00PM Thursday 9 November 2023 two (2) tender submissions were received as follows:
  - **Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd – ABN 54 000 538 689**
  - **Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd as Trustee for the CENTOFANTI UNIT TRUST –**
  - **ABN 27 593 149 786**
9. Tenderers were requested to provide a lump sum price breakdown on the separate Schedule of Items form for each option that was provided with the tender documents.
10. Tenderers were also required to be registered with Rapid Global (Council's Workforce Management Software – Health and Safety Compliance) prior to the tender closing date.

## Tender Evaluation

11. The evaluation panel consisted of Coordinator Civil Projects, Project Engineer (Civil), Strategic Infrastructure Planning Engineer and Contracts / Procurement officer from Council.
12. The Tenders were evaluated using Council's Weighted Attributed Value Selection Method. The advertised evaluation criteria and the allocated weightings for evaluation are as follows:

	<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
1	Price	40%
2	Relevant Experience (including past performance & similar work)	25%
3	Capability (including methodology, works program & resources)	20%
4	Social Procurement	5%
5	Local Industry	5%
6	Environmental	5%
7	OH&S Systems (Pass / Fail)	Pass / Fail
8	Environmental System (Pass / Fail)	Pass / Fail



13. The Evaluation Criteria 1- 6 are given a point score between 0 (Not Acceptable) and 5 (Excellent) as detailed in the following table.
14. Evaluation Criteria 7 and 8 are given a Pass or Fail via Rapid Global (Council's Workforce Management Software – Health and Safety Compliance).
15. Tenders were ranked by panel members against each criteria. Points were awarded on a scale 0 to 5 based on the score parameters listed below.

Score	Description
5	Excellent
4	Very Good
3	Good, better than average
2	Acceptable
1	Marginally acceptable (Success not assured)
0	Not Acceptable

16. Each submission was assessed against all evaluation criteria, to ensure that the tenderers met the standards required for Council contractors. A fail in any criterion would automatically exclude tenderers from further consideration for this contract.
17. All submissions were assessed against all the evaluation criteria to ensure that the tenderers met the standards required for Council contractors. The weighted attribute points scores resulting from the assessment are shown in the following table:

Price Points	Price Points	Non-Price Points	Total Score	OH&S	EMS	Rapid Global
Fulton Hogan Industries	1.24	2.40	3.64	PASS	PASS	Registered & Compliant in Rapid Global
Metro Asphalt	0.76	1.63	2.39	PASS	PASS	Registered & Compliant in Rapid Global

18. At the completion of the tender evaluation process described above, the Evaluation Panel agreed that the tender submission from **Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd – ABN 54 000 538 689** would provide the best value for money outcome to Council for the works.
19. The evaluation matrix and other supporting documents have been placed on the relevant tender file.

**Note:**

***The higher the price score – lower the tendered price.***

***The higher the non-price score – represents better capability and capacity to undertake the service.***

### Financial Implications

20. This is a Lump Sum Contract.
21. The contract price of \$2,288,180.51 including GST (\$2,080,164.10) excluding GST) is within the approved budget allocation of \$3,000,000.00 for the Road Reconstruction Program in the Financial Year 2023/24 and there is sufficient fund is available within the program to deliver this project.



**Note:**

**Lump Sum**      ***A lump sum contract or a stipulated sum contract will require that the supplier agree to provide specified services for a stipulated or fixed price.***

**Social Procurement*****Fulton Hogan Industries***

22. Fulton Hogan Industries are a local City of Greater Dandenong business and they have an office in Noble Park North and an asphalt plant located in Dandenong South where they employ ten (10) apprentices and four (4) trainees.
23. They state that if successful they would commit to exploring candidates from within the municipality for any vacant roles required to deliver these services and any suitable vacant roles, they may have within their organisation to facilitate ongoing social employment opportunities.
24. Fulton Hogan is an active member of Social Traders and have founding partnerships with Cowboy House, Supply Nation, Kinaway and the Clontarf Foundation.
25. They state that key initiatives related to gaining this contract will allow them the best possible chance of the recruitment of disadvantaged people through their founding partnerships with social enterprises like Brotherhood of St Lawrence and Social Traders.
26. They have submitted a table that shows Fulton Hogan's annual spend with Indigenous businesses over the last five (5) financial years, and they have a Sustainability Policy.

**Local Industry**

27. Fulton Hogan Industries have provided the following estimates for local expenditure. Fulton Hogan Industries has an office located in Noble Park North and an Asphalt plant located in Dandenong South. They have twelve (12) staff members who reside within the Greater Dandenong boundary.

	LOCAL CONTENT				
Contractor	Labour	Materials	Plant	Supervision	Other
<b>Fulton Hogan Industries</b>	(8%) \$118K	(12%) \$135K	(19%) \$179K	(3%) \$37K	Fulton Hogan Industries are a local Greater Dandenong company. Their office and Materials Recyclables Facility (MRF) are located in Dandenong South.

28. Fulton Hogan has estimated that the organisation will purchase the following major items at businesses within Greater Dandenong;
- Supply & Lay of Foam Bitumen - Fulton Hogan Industries, Dandenong South - \$594,825; and
  - Supply Asphalt - Fulton Hogan Asphalt Plant, Dandenong South - \$538,511.00.





## Community and Stakeholder Consultation

29. During the tender evaluation process and in preparation of this report, relevant Council Officers from Council's Operations Centre and Council's Occupational Health & Safety and Environmental Planning were consulted.
30. This matter is not subject to Council's Community Engagement Policy under the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Planning Framework.

## Legislative and Policy Obligations

31. 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*.
  - Climate Change and Sustainability.

## Conclusion

32. At the conclusion of the tender evaluation process, the evaluation panel agreed that the tender submission from Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd – ABN 54 000 538 689 represented the best value outcome for Council and should be accepted due to:
  - their conforming and lowest priced tender submission;
  - their relevant experience working with Victorian government authorities including Greater Dandenong and they are a current panel contractor for Contract 2223-06 Road Resurfacing & Associated Works;
  - their level of experience, staff resources and sub-contractor selection;
  - they are registered and compliant with Rapid Global (Council's Contractor Risk Management Compliance database);
  - receiving a Pass for their Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Environmental Management Systems;
  - receiving a strong result for the Standard Financial & Performance Assessment (Procurement) Company Check undertaken by Corporate Scorecard;
  - Fulton Hogan Industries are a triple certified company with Jas-Anz Certification (Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand, commonly known as JASANZ);
  - Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd is a Vic Roads pre-qualified contractor for Road Construction, Pavement Rehabilitation & Maintenance and General Works; and many other relevant work categories; and
  - Fulton Hogan recently concluded the reconstruction of Ordish Rd (Stage 1), encompassing the successful execution of deep lift asphalt pavement works. Their on-site workmanship and implementation of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures were commendable. In summary, their performance was deemed acceptable, delivering a satisfactory and value-for-money outcome.



## Recommendation

That Council resolves to:

1. **AWARDS Contract No. 2324-12 for the Reconstruction of Ordish Rd, Dandenong South (Stage 2) to Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd (ABN 54 000 538 689) for a fixed lump sum price of Two Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred & Eighty Dollars and Fifty-One Cents. (\$2,288,180.51), including GST of \$208,016.41 for Option 3C Deep Strength Asphalt Pavement with Subgrade Stabilisation Improvement; and**
2. **AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreements and any associated documentation with the successful contractor.**

### MINUTE No.1027

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council resolves to:

1. **AWARDS Contract No. 2324-12 for the Reconstruction of Ordish Rd, Dandenong South (Stage 2) to Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd (ABN 54 000 538 689) for a fixed lump sum price of Two Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred & Eighty Dollars and Fifty-One Cents. (\$2,288,180.51), including GST of \$208,016.41 for Option 3C Deep Strength Asphalt Pavement with Subgrade Stabilisation Improvement; and**
2. **AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreements and any associated documentation with the successful contractor.**

**CARRIED 10 / 0**



## 4.2 OTHER

### 4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 8 February 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Community Strengthening  
**Attachments:** 1. Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting 8 February 2024 [4.2.1.1 - 2 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 8 February 2024 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 Positive Ageing Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.**

#### **MINUTE No.1028**

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly**

**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**

**Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:** Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (PAAC)

**Date of Meeting:** 8 February 2024

**Time of Meeting:** 4pm–5.30pm

**Meeting Location:** Springvale Community Hub  
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale  
Community Room 1

Also via Microsoft Teams

**Attendees:** Lauris Attard, Carol Drummond, Maria Erdeg, Christine Green, Jeanette Keane, Julie Klok (Chair), Erica Moulang, Manager Community Care (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Coordinator Community Access (CGD), Positive Ageing Team Leader (CGD)

**Apologies:**

**Minutes:** Positive Ageing Support Officer (CGD)

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> <i>We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past and present.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.</i></p> <p>The chair welcomed all present and apologies noted.</p>		
2.	<p><b>Previous Minutes and Business Arising</b> December 2023 minutes were accepted – moved Carol Drummond and seconded Lauris Attard.</p>		
3.	<p><b>Health and Wellbeing for Older People</b> The Committee participated in a discussion about the importance of exercise in older adults and some of the barriers that might prevent this. The Committee shared ideas for activities and for connections with groups across CGD.</p> <p>The Coordinator Community Access promoted websites and programs that support health and wellbeing for older people and gave a demonstration of simple movements and exercises that Seniors could do to stay active, illustrating that these exercises would not be strenuous or hard for most older adults to be able to practice.</p> <p>Current CGD Positive Ageing programs including hydrotherapy and physio-led exercise programs are well attended. Community Care conducts the</p>	<p>Provide suggestions and promote programs and information.</p> <p>Provide updates on new initiatives.</p>	<p>Committee members</p> <p>Coordinator Community Access</p>

*If the details of the attachment are unclear please contact Governance on 8571 5235.*

	<p>“Make Your Move” program where they assess and assist clients with exercises in their homes. The Positive Ageing team also support various community led health and wellbeing activities including mall walking and seniors groups including the extensive U3A exercise programs.</p> <p>Suggestions for promoting exercise options for older people include utilising the Living Well Newsletter, sharing information through seniors groups and developing a come and try model for various group activities.</p>		
4.	<p><b>Elder Abuse</b> The Committee discussed the prevalence and forms of elder abuse and suggestions for how to share information and resources within our diverse community.</p> <p>The Committee also discussed the level of community understanding related to power of attorney and other opportunities for people to prepare for the future. Following the discussion, the Positive Ageing Team are planning a series of information sessions including Advanced Care Planning, Dying to Know and Power of Attorney.</p> <p>A Committee member shared a kit available through Justice Connect called “Get ePrepared” focused on storing important personal documents electronically for easy access during an emergency or crisis.</p>	<p>Provide updates on programs and strategies related to elder abuse.</p> <p>Provide updates on information sessions.</p> <p>Provide Committee with a link for Get ePrepared</p>	<p>Coordinator Community Access</p> <p>Positive Ageing Team Leader</p> <p>Positive Ageing Support Officer</p>
5.	<p><b>Update on Aged Care Reforms</b> The Manager Community Care confirmed the date of the Council meeting (Monday 26 February) where a report will be tabled to consider Council’s future role in Aged and Disability Services following the extensive review that occurred in 2023.</p>	<p>Provide Committee with result of Council decision.</p>	<p>Manager Community Care</p>
6.	<p><b>Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Membership</b> There are five vacancies on the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee. Committee members were requested to share the opportunity with their networks. Information will also be published in the Positive Ageing Living Well newsletter.</p>	<p>Promote Membership opportunity.</p>	<p>Committee Members</p>
7.	<p><b>Other Business</b> <b>Use of Community Bus for Seniors Event</b> A Committee member enquired about the use of the Council bus for an event.</p> <p><b>Customer Service Centre accessibility</b> Access issued raised by committee member and awaiting response.</p>	<p>Consider possible partnership.</p> <p>Update Committee with response.</p>	<p>Positive Aging Team Leader</p> <p>Manager Community Care</p>
Meeting Closed 5.38pm			

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## 4.2.2 Draft Minutes for Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 13 Feb 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Community Strengthening  
**Attachments:** 1. Draft Minutes for Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting 13 Feb [4.2.2.1 - 4 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 Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024 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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6. There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

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  - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006*.



### **Recommendation**

**That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.**

#### **MINUTE No.1029**

**Moved by: Cr Phillip Danh**

**Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.**

**CARRIED 10 / 0**

**Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:** Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC)

**Date of Meeting:** 13 February 2024

**Time of Meeting:** 9.30am-11.25am

**Meeting Location:** Refugee Resource Hub, 205 Thomas Street Dandenong, VIC 3175

**Chairperson:** Kylie Reid (Chisholm Institute – Foundation College)

**Attendees:**

Mayor Cr Lana Formoso (Greater Dandenong City Council [CGD]), Ifrin Fitlock (Sisterworks), Chaw Po (Community Member), Qutbiallam Timor (Refugee Resource Hub - Asylum Seeker Resource Centre), Aran Mylvaganam (South East Monash Legal Service), Lauren Riddle (Life Without Barriers), Liz Mulqueeny (Life Without Barriers), Coordinator Community Advocacy (CGD), Diversity and Literacy Librarian (CGD), Community Advocacy Officer (CGD), Community Development Support Officer (CGD), Peter McNamara (South East Community Links [SECL]), Adwin Town (Voice of Outer South East), Jacquie McBride (Monash Health), Salima (Victorian Afghan Association Network [VAAN]).

**Apologies:**

Roz Blades AM (Community Member), Sri Samy (Friends of Refugees), Lauren Blanch (Australian Red Cross), Ali Al Lawati (Community Member), Hamed Saberi (VAAN)

**Minutes:**

Community Development Support Officer (CGD)

Item No.	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</b> Chair welcomed new members and acknowledged Country.</p> <p><i>We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past and present.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.</i></p>	
2.	<p><b>Roundtable Introductions</b> All attendees provided a brief self-introduction.</p>	
3.	<p><b>MAPSAAC Housekeeping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communications via WhatsApp discussed: WhatsApp allows Committee members to join and post relevant information, including initiatives, questions, suggestions or anything to share with the community network.</li> <li>The Chair emphasized that if anyone requires assistance with managing WhatsApp, they can contact Community Development Support Officer (CGD).</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Chisholm Collaborations relevant to MAPSAAC Thematic Plan: Employment Education Pillars – Kylie Reid (Chisholm)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair discussed the initiatives and connections facilitated by Chisholm Institute within the community, relating to the Skills and Job Centre, highlighting workshops for various organizations, addressing visa</li> </ul>	Further details about the Chisholm initiatives to be shared with

	<p>eligibility, including Bridging Visa holders and offering free support services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre offers free employment support for Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) students, including workshops on resume writing, interview skills, and job search. info:[<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chisholm-sjc-interview-skills-job-search-workshop-tickets-25635468376?aff=ebdssbdestsearch">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chisholm-sjc-interview-skills-job-search-workshop-tickets-25635468376?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</a>]</li> <li>- The Jobs Victoria Engineering Project provides paid training at Chisholm, followed by full-time employment in manufacturing with mentor support. Open to all eligible community members. info: [<a href="https://www.chisholm.edu.au/free-tafe-for-priority-courses/engineering-project">https://www.chisholm.edu.au/free-tafe-for-priority-courses/engineering-project</a> ]</li> <li>- Free accredited construction training via Victorian Skills Gateway, available at all TAFEs in 2024. Chisholm offers 5 courses in Dandenong, Cranbourne, and Mornington Peninsula. [Info: <a href="https://www.chisholm.edu.au/free-tafe-for-priority-courses/construction-industry-skill-sets">https://www.chisholm.edu.au/free-tafe-for-priority-courses/construction-industry-skill-sets</a> ]</li> </ul> <p><b>Subsequent discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Committee member requested advocacy regarding unlawful citizens residing in the community for over 40 years. He inquired about mechanisms to facilitate their participation in training programs.</li> <li>• The South East Monash Legal Service representative responded and agreed to work with Voice of Outer South East representative to prepare a report on the topic for the next meeting.</li> <li>• A committee member recommended RefugeesCode, an organization that could assist with education and skill development aimed at finding employment opportunities outside of Australia. [Info: <a href="https://refugeescode.com/">https://refugeescode.com/</a> ]</li> </ul>	<p>members – Kylie Reid (Chisholm)</p> <p>Prepare a report on unlawful residents for discussion at the next meeting – Aran (South East Monash Legal Service) and Adwin (Voice of Outer South East)</p>
5.	<p><b>South East Monash Legal Service Advocacy and Anti-Sexual Harassment Program- Aran Mylvaganam (South East Monash Legal Service)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aran highlighted the Advocacy Against Sexual Harassment (AASH) Program at Dandenong Library, aimed at aiding individuals navigating legal challenges, specifically concerning sexual harassment in the workplace.</li> <li>• The legal service is scheduled every Monday from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Dandenong Library to support vulnerable populations experiencing sexual harassment. Access to the service is ensured without barriers, however appointments need to be booked prior through South East Monash Legal Service.</li> <li>• Aran emphasized the importance of educating refugees and migrant women about their rights, internal reporting mechanisms and available compensation options to effectively address workplace harassment. Reference made to the research conducted by Griffith University.</li> <li>• Aran is available to conduct workshops at local organizations on sexual harassment awareness, providing comprehensive information and legal support, with a lawyer available for attendee questions.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Refugee Resource Hub Collaboration Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Refugee Resource Hub in Dandenong provides essential services for refugees and asylum seekers. Co-locating partners can deliver core services from the Refugee Resource Hub facilities, enhancing accessibility for those in need.</li> <li>• Operating Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Closed on Wednesdays.</li> <li>• Available spaces include training room, workstations, community kitchen and intake rooms.</li> </ul>	

7.	<p><b>Back Your Neighbour – Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Advocacy Officer (CGD) discussed the Back Your Neighbour campaign, outlining six priority asks directed towards the Federal Government. The primary focus is on ensuring valid work, study and travel rights for all people seeking asylum within the community.</li> <li>MAPSAAC Members were encouraged to sign the petition using the provided QR code, which was included in the flyer distributed during the meeting [Sign: <a href="https://backyourneighbour.com.au/petition/">https://backyourneighbour.com.au/petition/</a>].</li> <li>The Campaign is looking to develop video stories of people's refugee journeys to permanent residency and/or citizenship and what it means to have found safety and freedom in Australia. The aim is to develop locally relevant narratives, which can highlight the parallel experiences and aspirations of people seeking asylum in Australia. Stories would be developed for social media in a video format and participants would be reimbursed accordingly. Interested participants are welcomed to contact Community Advocacy Officer (CGD).</li> <li>Refugee Council of Australia and Mayoral Taskforce plan to collaborate with Tanck consultancy to enhance Federal-level advocacy for people seeking asylum. It will support a refugee sector-wide steering committee to coordinate efforts and upskill refugee advocacy organisations for engagement with Government stakeholders ahead of the 2025 Federal Election.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Refugee Week 2024</b></p> <p>Refugee Week 2024 is to be held from 17 to 23 June. The theme is 'Finding Freedom: Family.'</p> <p>A community event is proposed at Springvale Community Hub for Refugee Week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Date: Saturday 22 June 2024</li> <li>- Time: 12.00pm – 3.00pm.</li> <li>Committee members expressed interest in participating for the event and shared ideas.</li> <li>The event will have speakers, performances, and community stalls.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Other Business Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Cr Formoso (CGD) shared details about upcoming meetings with Federal ministers in Canberra prior to the Australian Local Government Association Assembly, highlighting the importance of this timing for the engagements.</li> <li>An update was provided on the Big Walk 4 Refugees campaign led by various refugee groups. The campaign aims to achieve 10,000 kilometres by 26 March. Participants can register their walks on the website and contribute to the cause [<a href="https://www.bigwalk4refugees.au/">https://www.bigwalk4refugees.au/</a>].</li> <li>Peter McNamara (SECL), announced that the 'BRING YOUR BILLS' program will be held in Springvale Community hub on Tuesday 30 April 2024 and will focus on addressing issues such as waived fees, concessions, and grants. It will involve representatives from regulators, energy companies, legal entities, and other stakeholders. The focus will be on access and awareness, with particular emphasis on telecommunications.</li> <li>Victorian Afghan Association Network representative shared information regarding their settlement project, including cultural outings to familiarise refugees with Australian culture and community. Additionally, a practical</li> </ul>	

	<p>driving program is scheduled for February 19, with high demand as 40 people can participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter McNamara (SECL) announced collaboration with the Department of Transport and Metro Trains on public transport education, prioritising language barriers for Afghan women.</li> <li>• Diversity and Literacy Librarian (CGD) emphasised the forthcoming Cultural Diversity Week (18-24 March 2024) programs at Springvale Library, which will include Conversation Circle sessions held every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm during school terms. Additionally, it was highlighted that support for citizenship applications and practice will be available soon.</li> </ul>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Meeting closed 11.25am</b></p> <p>Next Meeting is Tuesday 14 May 2024, in person at Springvale Community Hub Room 2 &amp; 3 Time 9:30am – 11:30am</p> <p>Speakers will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sisterworks - Ifrin Fitlock</li> <li>2. Australian Red Cross – Lauren Blanch</li> <li>3. VAAN – Hamed Saberi</li> <li>4. Refugee Resource Hub – Qutbiallyam</li> <li>5. South East Monash Legal Service - Aran Mylvaganam</li> <li>6. Community Engagement Lead presentation (CGD)</li> </ol>	



### 4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting - 19 February 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Community Strengthening

**Attachments:** 1. Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 19 February 2024 [4.2.3.1 - 4 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 19 February 2024 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.



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### **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.1030**

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Angela Long**

**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**

**Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:** Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** Monday 19 February 2024

**Time of Meeting:** 4pm–5.30pm

**Meeting Location:** Dandenong Civic Centre - 225 Lonsdale St, Dandenong  
Meeting Rooms 2NW/2NE  
Microsoft Teams

**Attendees:** Frank Cutuli (Chair), Catherine Rampant, Deborah Lee, Norma Seip, Pradeep Hewavitharana, Imran Maniar, Lionel Gee, Tam Nguyen, Manager Community Care (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Cr Angela Long (CGD), Coordinator Community Access (CGD), Disability Planning Officer (CGD), Community Inclusion Officer (CGD), Organisational Development Consultant (CGD)

**Apologies:** Lyn Bates, Lisa Ashton, Kristina Drmic

**Minutes:** Business Support Officer (CGD)

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2.	<p><b>Previous Minutes and Business Arising</b>                      No outstanding items.</p>		
3.	<p><b>Update on Sunflower Program</b>                      The Coordinator Community Access and the Organisational Development Consultant confirmed Council has proudly become a corporate member of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program, which is a vital tool, aiming to support those living with non-visible disabilities within our communities.</p> <p>A presentation of Council’s Sunflower Awareness Training video to was made to the Committee with the module already been accessed by staff and enquiries made since the program launched this week.</p> <p>The Sunflower lanyard, badge or wristband is a simple way to share that you have a hidden disability voluntarily. Wearing the Sunflower serves as a visual indicator, prompting others to recognise and acknowledge potential challenges faced by those with invisible disabilities.</p>	<p>Provide an update on the program and prepare some Sunflower merchandise at the next Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Coordinator Community Access</p>

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	A rollout of the program is underway with training sessions initially set to commence in community facing roles across Council including customer service, festival and events and library teams.		
4.	<p><b>Update on Aged and Disability Review</b></p> <p>The Manager Community Care advised since December 2023, two Councillor Briefing Sessions (CBS) were held to share the consultation findings ahead of the scheduled Council Meeting on Monday 12 February.</p> <p>Through the CBS meetings, it was determined another CBS is required with the final report rescheduled to be presented to Council on Monday 26 February.</p>	Provide an update on Council's decision in the future on aged and disability services.	Manager Community Care
5.	<p><b>Update on Disability Action Plan (DAP) Review</b></p> <p>A copy of the '<i>Seven Principles of Universal Design</i>' by Michael Walker and a summary research report by the University of New South Wales and Flinders University – Adelaide on '<i>Changing community attitudes to improve inclusion of people with disability</i>' was distributed to the Committee.</p> <p>The Disability Planning Officer provided an update on priorities to consider in the development of the next Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Universal Access</b> Ensuring policies, buildings, environment, programs and services are accessible to as many people as possible, inclusive of age, level of ability or any other differentiating factors.</li> <li>• <b>Information/ Communication</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- VALID has an accessibility tool on their website such as adjustable font size, changing the contrast and screen reader assistance.</li> <li>- What information do you obtain from Council and how should these be presented?</li> <li>- Is Council's website and social media easy to navigate and printable material easy to read?</li> <li>- Disability Access and Inclusion newsletter distributed four times a year has inclusive programs.</li> <li>- Access to information what is in larger print, easy to understand and accessible in numerous platforms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attitudinal Change</b> The research report '<i>Changing community attitudes to improve inclusion of people with disability</i>' emphasises the importance of a comprehensive and multi-faceted approach to changing community attitudes towards people with a disability.</li> </ul>	<p>Email information discussed to the Committee.</p> <p>Provided feedback on features or functions that could improve accessibility to Council's website and printed material.</p>	<p>Business Support Officer</p> <p>Committee Members</p>

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<p>6.</p>	<p><b>National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Review</b>                  Discussion was held on members experiences in renewing their NDIS plans with discussion with their local area coordinator and NDIS coordinator.</p> <p>Committee member advised a delay in approvals of plans from 4 weeks to now up to three months for both existing clients and new clients.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Pierre Gorman Employment Project</b>                  The Pierre Gorman Award is awarded biennially by the Library Board of Victoria to Victorian public libraries for service development and delivery to people with a disability.</p> <p>Tam advised the Committee that in partnership with Greater Dandenong Libraries, Burke &amp; Beyond and The Bridge have been successful in the 2024 Pierre Gorman Award valued at \$25,000 to help develop a self-employment program for people with a disability.</p> <p>The program aims to develop a comprehensive training program to explore opportunities for self-employment and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Participants from Burke &amp; Beyond and The Bridge will participate in co-design sessions with a facilitator to deliver the training program one day a week over ten weeks from October-December.</p> <p>The project will add to the existing programs offered by the City of Greater Dandenong in the access and inclusion and business development spaces and will fill a community need not currently addressed.</p>	<p>Email a copy of the Expression of Interest – Facilitator to the Committee.</p>	<p>Tam Nguyen</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Other Business</b>  <b>Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP) Review Update</b>                  The Department of Health has commissioned an external review of the HACC-PYP to understand how the program can be best placed to meet community need and complement Victoria’s health, mental health and community care systems.</p> <p>The project will focus on identifying opportunities to improve program delivery within existing program resourcing, to ensure the best outcomes for all Victorians.</p> <p>The Coordinator Community Access is one of three Local Government representatives on the advisory group with a final report due in early 2024.</p> <p><b>HACC-PYP Service Development Funding</b>                  Council have been successful in attaining funding to support individuals to complete National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) paperwork and action their plan.</p>	<p>Provide further updates to the Committee.</p> <p>Contact Coordinator Community Access for more information.</p>	<p>Coordinator Community Access</p> <p>Committee Members</p>

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	<p><b>Dandenong Station Disability Toilet</b> Members raised some issues with the accessible toilet and lift sizing at Dandenong Station. The Disability Planner advised that a review to consider access related matters had been undertaken by Victorian State Government on the Dandenong Station.</p> <p><b>Mission Australia Victorian State Office Opening</b> A Committee member advised that the Mission Australia Victorian State office opening event will be held on Tuesday 20 February from 3pm-5pm.</p> <p><b>International Airline Disability Access Incident</b> A Committee member who uses a wheelchair advised of a recent issue when travelling on an international airline when they were asked to wait for the captain to determine if they were allowed to board the aircraft due to their wheelchair.</p> <p>Support was offered to the Committee Member to follow up the matter.</p> <p><b>Noble Park Community Centre (NPCC) Toilets</b> The Chair advised of an issue with access to the disabled toilet at the NPCC with the current floor surface which creates issues for some people transferring to and from the toilet.</p>	<p>Investigate Dandenong Station upgrades and provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>Send invitation to Committee members.</p> <p>Support Committee Member to make complaint.</p> <p>Undertake further investigation of the access issues including seeking expert advice from Disability Access Consultant to ensure whatever outcome agreed to is DDA compliant.</p>	<p>Disability Planning Officer</p> <p>Business Support Officer</p> <p>Disability Planning Officer</p> <p>Manager Community Care</p>
<p><b>Meeting Closed at 5:16pm</b></p>			

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## 4.2.4 Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly, Canberra ACT

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Corporate Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

### Executive Summary

1. This report seeks approval for up to four (4) nominated Councillors plus the Chief Executive Officer (or their nominated delegate) to attend the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 2 – 5 July 2024.



## Background

2. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national peak advocacy body for Local Government. The ALGA's work includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of national policy and extensive liaison and lobbying with departments, Ministers and other parliamentarians at the Commonwealth level to achieve better outcomes for local communities.
3. Council has been represented at previous National General Assemblies (NGA) in Canberra. Previous attendees have found the conference insightful and value the networking with national inner-city municipalities and access to Federal members and Ministers.
4. Given the current and forecast financial challenges for the City of Greater Dandenong, it is considered to limit the number of council representatives at the conference.

## Key Points / Issues / Discussion

5. The NGA presents an opportunity to learn and share experiences from Local Governments across Australia. The focus for the 2024 NGA is Building Community Trust. This theme acknowledges the critical importance of trust in democracy's different levels of government, its institutions, and amongst its citizens. The conference program features a range of high profile and engaging speakers who will explore ideas about what creates trust, and how trust can be nurtured.
6. Further information can be found at [NGA24 \(eventsair.com\)](https://eventsair.com)

## Financial Implications

7. The estimated cost per delegate is \$3,320, consisting of
  - a. Early Bird Registration (by 31 May 2024): \$945
  - b. Attendance at General Assembly Dinner: \$175
  - c. Accommodation for 3 nights (4 star): \$1000
  - d. Flights (economy): \$700
  - e. Incidentals (taxi/meals): \$500

## Community and Stakeholder Consultation

8. No community or stakeholder consultation is required.

## Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

9. This report is consistent with the principles in the Community Vision 2040.
10. This report is consistent with the Council Plan 2021-25 strategic objective of "A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community."

## Legislative and Policy Obligations

11. 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:
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## Conclusion

- Attendance at the ALGA NGA 2024 by up to four (4) Councillors and the CEO (or their nominated delegate) is considered consistent with relevant policies, provides a significant opportunity for valuable insights and networking and an appropriate and is a prudent use of Council's financial resources.

## Officer's Recommendation

### That Council:

- approves the attendance of up to four (4) Councillors, to be determined by Council, at the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 2 to 5 July 2024;
- approves the attendance of the Chief Executive Officer (or her nominated delegate) at the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 2 to 5 July 2024; and
- receives a report from the Councillor delegates on their attendance at the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly.

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Cr Loi Truong left the Chamber at 7.35 pm and returned at 7.44 pm prior to voting on this item.

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## MINUTE No.1031

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

### That Council:

- approves Mayor Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor Richard Lim and Councillors Tim Dark, Angela Long, Bob Milkovic, Sean O'Reilly, Sophie Tan and Loi Truong attending the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 2 to 5 July 2024;
- approves the attendance of the Chief Executive Officer (or their nominated delegate) at the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly;
- receives a report from the Councillor delegates on their attendance at the Australian Local Government Association 2024 National General Assembly; and
- officers review associated policies in line with best practice in early 2025 after a new Council term commences.

**CARRIED 9 / 1**

**For - Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Richard Lim OAM, Cr Angela Long, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan and Cr Loi Truong.**

**Against - Cr Rhonda Garad**





## 4.2.6 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Corporate Development

**Proposed Meeting Date:** 8 April 2024

**Attachments:** 1. Correspondence Received 18-28 March 2024 [4.2.6.1 - 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 8-28 March 2024.

### Recommendation

**That the listed items for the period 8-28 March 2024 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.**

#### **MINUTE No.1032**

**Moved by: Cr Loi Truong**

**Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim OAM**

**That the listed items for the period 8-28 March 2024 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED 10 / 0**

# Objective

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## Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 18/03/24 & 29/03/24 - for officer action - total = 3

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
Urgent advice from NBN Co regarding a Student Broadband Initiative Campaign event planned for the City of Greater Dandenong from 22-26 April 2024.	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	fA312352	CEO/Mayor & Councillors
Concern from a Dandenong resident regarding Council recently removing the fencing that was around the land at 14 Sleeth Avenue, Dandenong.	22-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	fA312351	CEO/Mayor & Councillors
A suggestion from a Springvale resident to create a pool from ground water at Virginia Street, Springvale.	23-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	fA312418	Mayor & Councillors

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# Objective

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## Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 18/03/24 & 29/03/24 - for information only - total = 5

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
An invitation to the Mayor from Lighthouse Foundation to the opening of its new Southern Hub Home on 28 March 2024.	18-Mar-24	18-Mar-24	A10752690	Mayor & Councillors
A response to the Mayor's letter of 22 January 2024 from the Minister for Planning in relation to the recent planning permits granted for the landfill site on Taylors Road, Dandenong South.	20-Mar-24	21-Mar-24	A10764501	Mayor & Councillors
A letter to the Mayor from Winston Churchill Trust advising that applications for Churchill Fellowships are now open till 1 May 2024.	15-Mar-24	22-Mar-24	A10769019	Mayor & Councillors
An invitation to the Mayor from St Johns Regional College to its Gala Soccer Day Event on 6 May 2024.	25-Mar-24	25-Mar-24	A10778270	Mayor & Councillors
An invitation to Councillors from Burden Park Bowling Club Inc to its Annual General Meeting on 2 May 2024.	26-Mar-24	27-Mar-24	A10784935	Mayor & Councillors

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## 4.2.7 Keysborough South Community Hub (CONFIDENTIAL)

- Responsible Officer:** Executive Director City Futures  
Deputy Director Chief Engineer & Major Projects
- Attachments:**
1. CONFIDENTIAL - Report Body [4.2.7.1 - 3 pages]
  2. CONFIDENTIAL - Funding Summary [4.2.7.2 - 1 page]
  3. CONFIDENTIAL - Variation Summary [4.2.7.3 - 1 page]
- This report contains an attachment which is deemed confidential under s 3(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. It contains council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- This report contains an attachment which is deemed confidential under s 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. It contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets; or, if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

### Officer Recommendation

That, under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) Council:

1. resolves to hear this item in camera on the grounds that the information contained within the report is deemed confidential under section 3(1)(a) and (g) of the Act; and
2. notes that the information is deemed confidential because it contains financial and business information that would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations, and unreasonably expose third parties to disadvantage, if prematurely released.

**The meeting will be closed to the public.**

### MINUTE No.1033

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

That, under section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) Council:

1. resolves to hear this item in camera on the grounds that the information contained within the report is deemed confidential under section 3(1)(a) and (g) of the Act; and
2. notes that the information is deemed confidential because it contains financial and business information that would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations, and unreasonably expose third parties to disadvantage, if prematurely released.

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*The meeting moved in camera at 7.48 pm. The public gallery was cleared and the webcast paused at this time. The meeting moved out of camera at 7.52 pm at which time the public gallery reopened and the webcast resumed.*

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**Cr Bob Milkovic left the Chamber at 7.49 pm.**

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## 5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.



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## 6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

### Comment

#### Cr Rhonda Garad

Eid Mubarak to those celebrating it in two (2) days.

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**Bob Milkovic returned to the Chamber at 7.53 pm.**

**Cr Tim Dark returned to the Chamber at 7.54 pm.**

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### Question

#### Cr Rhonda Garad

The ongoing conflict in Gaza, spanning six (6) months, has resulted in tragic casualties on a significant scale. Approximately 1,200 Israelis and over 40,000 Palestinians, including more than 15,000 children and 11,000 women, have lost their lives. Additionally, millions have been displaced, and a distressing strategy of starvation is being employed.

Adding to the concern is the revelation that the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) plays a significant role as a supplier of components and parts to Israel, particularly for the F35 aircraft, which have inflicted devastation equivalent to almost three (3) atomic bombs in weight and impact.

Recent UN resolutions and legal advice received by the UK Government indicating that Israel has violated international humanitarian law in its current war on Gaza raise critical questions. Additionally, Australia's obligations as a signatory under the Geneva Convention further heightens the urgency of the situation.

In this context, it is imperative to address the potential legal liability faced by this Council.

Will Council take proactive steps to seek legal counsel and evaluate the ramifications of granting permits to manufacturers for the production of military parts and components that may contribute to the ongoing conflict and plausible genocide in Gaza?

### Response

#### Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

In the processing and issuing of planning permits by Council, only matters contained within the planning scheme and *Planning and Environment Act 1987* can be considered. These include the requirements of the zone and any overlay controls, comments and conditions from any external referral authority agencies such as the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), carparking and access, and off site amenity impacts, as well as additional permit triggers such as vegetation removal, and signage if required. The question is outside of the scope of what planning could consider in the decision making process.

If I am advised by Council to seek legal advice in regard to these matters, I am able to do that.



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## **Comment**

### **Cr Rhonda Garad**

Thank you for your response. We are living in unprecedented times, and I think that we are now going to see State, Federal and Local Government scrambling for legal advice in relation to this unprecedented situation.

## **Question**

### **Cr Rhonda Garad**

Can I be given an update on when we can expect the report on the local traffic impacts following the opening of the Villiers Road, Keysborough extension?

Can I be given an update on the traffic report on improvements of traffic flow around the Keysborough Gardens Primary School?

## **Response**

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

Due to the current construction of the Keysborough South Community Hub and the associated construction traffic, impacts from the extension alone are not able to be accurately recorded or observed at this time.

However, traffic speed and volume data was recently collected from Grevillea Street, Keysborough and we anticipate the results being supplied within the next fortnight. This data should assist with informing traffic movements in the surrounding local streets.

In response to recent enquiries regarding various safety concerns around several schools across the municipality, Council officers are engaging an independent traffic engineering consultancy to undertake road safety risk assessments at five (5) locations, including Keysborough Gardens Primary School. This investigation is scheduled to commence early during Term 2, with the report anticipated to be provided mid-May 2024.

## **Comment**

### **Cr Sophie Tan**

On Thursday 4 April 2024, I attended the opening of the Synthetic Pitch at Ross Reserve, Noble Park. It was a large project that cost 1.7 million dollars. Thank you to the State Government for contributing to the funding of this project, to our Council staff, all the sport clubs and volunteers for their great efforts.

On Sunday 7 April 2024, I attended the Cambodian New Year celebration. Happy New Year to everyone in Southeast Asia celebrating the New Year. Later that day, I attended the Cambodian Association of Victoria's (CAV) singing competition with Mayor, Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor, Cr Richard Lim OAM and MP's. Congratulations to the CAV, this year is their 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

I also attended the Sri Lanka and Tamanna New Year celebration hosted by the Sri Lanka German Technical Training Institute Old Boys Association Australia Inc. There were approximately 15,000 people in attendance. Australian Prime minister, Anthony Albanese also attended this event.



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**Question****Cr Sophie Tan**

I have been advised that at the Noble Park Tennis club, Parkfield Reserve there is no disabled toilet and they are having court surface issues. Can this please be investigated?

**Response****Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening**

Question taken on notice.

**Question****Cr Sophie Tan**

Can I please have an update on the Black Spot program at Railway Parade, Noble Park and how that is progressing?

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

I will investigate and provide an update.

**Comment****Cr Loi Truong**

On Wednesday 3 April 2024, Cr Phillip Danh and I visited the Vietnamese Australian Seniors Association.

On Sunday 7 April 2024, I attended the Cambodian New Year's singing competition with Mayor, Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor, Cr Richard Lim OAM and Cr Sophie Tan.

**Comment****Cr Angela Long**

On Tuesday 26 March 2024, I attended the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd Audit and Risk Committee meeting and the board meeting.

On Wednesday 3 April 2024, I attended an online meeting for Roadsafe South East.

On Friday 5 April 2024, I attended the soccer match between Dandenong City and Green Gully the result was a draw 1:1.

**Question****Cr Angela Long**

The Secretary of the Dandenong Agricultural Society contacted me last Friday about the electrical problem they have experienced over the last couple of years. It seems to me that the whole system needs to be upgraded. Can I please have an update?

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

Staff have contacted the society and advised that we have identified the problem and will work to upgrade the facilities there.





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**Comment****Cr Angela Long**

They are grateful that you spoke to them, but the officer in attendance did not provide that information. Could you get someone to go and see them again as they feel like they have been left in the dark?

*This question was noted for further action.*

**Comment****Cr Phillip Danh**

I have continued my induction as a new Councillor and would like to thank the many officers that took time out of their busy schedules to meet with me to provide updates and briefings in relation to the City and the Yarraman Ward. This included a formal catch up with my predecessor, Eden Foster, MP, I would like to thank her for her tireless work as a former Councillor.

I attended the Noble Park Neighbourhood Watch and received updates from local police about their current operations in the area to ensure that our neighbourhoods and streets are safe. From speaking with attendees community safety remains a key priority, and I would like to thank the Neighbourhood Watch Community for inviting me to attend and listen to them.

I joined Cr Loi Truong and visited members of the local Vietnamese Australian Seniors Association. It was a fantastic event, and it really reminded me how poor my Vietnamese language skills have gotten over the years. I would like to congratulate them on their brilliant efforts in fundraising at the recent Good Friday Appeal.

It was also brilliant to join my fellow Council colleagues meeting volunteers of our local sporting clubs at the official opening of the Ross Reserve synthetic football pitch. As someone who grew up using this reserve, the new facilities are an excellent asset for our community, providing an opportunity for a new generation of local young, aspiring Matildas.

I would like to thank the Cambodian Association of Victoria for inviting me to the New Year celebrations yesterday alongside Cr Sophie Tan. I would like to wish the Cambodian community a Happy New Year. I would also like to extend the same wishes to the Sri Lankan community.

**Comment****Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor**

On Monday 25 March 2024, I had a long meeting with Kidsafe Australia at the Monash Medical Centre regarding advocacy and promotion. They want me to be their ambassador. Kidsafe was established in 1979 to prevent children's accidents.

On Tuesday 26 March 2024, I attended the Victorian Afghan Student's Association Annual General Meeting. It was a great event.

On Thursday 28 March 2024, I attended a special meeting with the Honorary Consulate, Kingdom of Thailand, Chief Commissioner Shane Patton, former Chief Commissioner, Australian-Thai Chamber of Commerce, MP and many distinguished guests.



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On Friday 29 March 2024, I attend Ramadan Iftar ay Yarraman Hall hosted by the Sudanese Islamic Community Australia.

On Saturday 30 March 2024, I attended the Chien Lien Association, Harmony Day, Lunar New Year at Maxim Restaurant, Springvale.

On Sunday 31 March 2024, I attended a meeting with the Monash Health Team regarding fundraising for kids with kidney diseases.

On Monday 1 April 2024, I attended the KALASANDHYA Cultural Night hosted by Victorian Knanaya Catholic Congress Inc with Mayor Lana Formoso. It was a great night.

On Thursday 4 April 2024, I attended the Advisory Committee meeting at the Springvale Community Hub. We discussed promoting and hiring.

On Saturday 6 April 2024, I attended the round 1 Match Day at Springvale Reserve. Mark Harvey was a special guest speaker. Later that day I had a meeting with Greg Scott President of Footy Netball Club regarding room for the club and safety of the players.

I also met with the RSL President and Committee Members regarding Fundraising for Monash Children's Hospital. They are going to be organising a fundraising even on 27 July 2024 at RSL Club Springvale. Later that day, I attended the Mannat's Collection EID CHAND RAAT Festival with Mayor Lana Formoso at Gloria Pyke Netball Complex.

On a Sunday 7 April 2024, we had the Buddhist Flower Ceremony at Wat Buddharaigsai with the Minister for Home Affairs Clare O'Neil and other distinguished guests. Later that day, I attended the singing contest for the Cambodian New Year at Springvale City Hall. This was a great event.

#### **Question**

**Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor**

Can I please have an update on the Wayfinding signage at Springvale Activity Centre?

#### **Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

The traffic team are preparing and looking at the proposal, once that is finalised, I will meet with you to discuss.

#### **Question**

**Cr Bob Milkovic**

The laneway behind the Brady Road, Dandenong North shops is very overgrown with weeds, almost at waist height. It looks very untidy. People have been throwing rubbish which gets stuck in the grass. Can this please be investigated and cleaned up?



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

Yes, we will investigate. I will coordinate with our local teams to see whether we need to do any enforcement there also.

**Question****Cr Bob Milkovic**

Can parking officers and the cleansing team look at the rubbish that is accumulating on Boyd Lane, Dandenong? There always seems to be trolleys flipped upside down, clothing and other rubbish. Cars are also starting to park there frequently which blocks the lane, making it hard for people to use. It is unsightly and smells very bad.

**Response****Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

Yes, officers will investigate.

**Comment****Cr Bob Milkovic**

Discover Dandenong Creek Festival is on this Thursday 11 April 2024, 11am. I am not sure if the weather is going to be on our side, but the Mayor, Councillors and Council staff will be there. It is a great celebration of our waterways and nature. It is one of the biggest natural parks that we have and probably one of the best. There will be many fun and educational activities for kids. I encourage our residents to attend this event.

On Stud Road, between Heatherton Road and Chain Street, VicRoads is implementing a speed limit change from 8 April 2024, in response to the tragic events that have happened over the last couple of months. The speed limit is reducing from 80km to 60km per hour. Please be mindful. We do not want any fatalities, injuries or speeding fines.

I would like to thank Council staff for the new reflectors along Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, so now people can see where to park.

**Comment****Cr Sean O'Reilly**

I attended quite a few events that have already been mentioned. I also attended the Springvale District Football Netball Club Match Day luncheon. This club is kicking goals in more ways than one. They are excited about the new works that are happening at Springvale Reserve. One of them is benefiting women's participation with new netball courts, so that the already established netball scene at Springvale District Football Netball Club can train in Springvale rather than Dingley. The broader community will benefit with the establishment of a new playground at Springvale Reserve. It looks like these works are not far off completion. Not only is the club excited, but I am excited as well.

**Comment****Cr Tim Dark**

I had the opportunity of attending the South East United Soccer Club and Springvale City Iftars a couple of weeks ago. They were well attended events.



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**Question****Cr Tim Dark**

One (1) of the newly updated light towers at Wachter Reserve, Keysborough was not working when they attempted to turn it on. Have the lights been attended to and are now working?

**Response****Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening**

Question taken on notice.

**Question****Cr Tim Dark**

South East United inherited a lot of rubbish in the club rooms at Wachter Reserve, Keysborough, from previous sports clubs. They have had to remove and get rid of it at their own cost. On top of that, the pavilion requires upgrades. The club has asked for a contribution towards the cost of some cosmetic work to upgrade the pavilion?

**Response****Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening**

Yes, officers can investigate options through the funding program to help that club out with their current situation.

**Comment****Cr Jim Memeti**

I would like to congratulate Cr Phillip Danh on his election to the Yarraman Ward. I look forward to working with you for at least the next six (6) months.

Happy New Year to our community that are celebrating New Years in the coming days or weeks. Eid Mubarak to our Muslim community celebrating on Wednesday. Our prayers go out to the people in Gaza who are finding it very difficult at this point in time, Eid Mubarak to them. Also, our thoughts and prayers go to the Australian volunteer that was killed only a few days ago.

**Question****Cr Jim Memeti**

The first phone call I received this morning was from Dandenong Thunder requesting an update on the fryers that are due to be installed using the mid-year budget. The community love hot chips. Can we have an update on the fryers at George Andrews Reserve?

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

I will investigate and advise.

**Question****Cr Jim Memeti**

There are many people in our community that are homeless and as it approaches winter I wanted to know if Council is doing anything with our local partners, like Cornerstone, to help them? Will they be advertised to the community?



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## **Response**

### **Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening**

It is a difficult and important subject. We partner with many community groups within the organisation to help try to combat that. We can investigate what is happening in the immediate and explore ways to highlight those projects and spread the word.

## **Comment**

### **Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor**

This month has been very busy, with many events happening in our City. This highlights just how multicultural our City really is. There are numerous events and religious occasions that have taken place this month. I even had some beautiful henna work done at a Ramadan event last week. I have the honour of representing our Council as the most culturally diverse in all of Australia.

I want to bring to everyone's attention that the Dandy Cup is taking place this weekend, 13 and 14 April 2024 at 2 Baden Powell Drive, Endeavor Hills. It is a female only competition and at this stage, they have about 42 teams in attendance. I encourage anyone to attend either this Saturday or Sunday.

## **Comment tabled**

### **Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor**

On Tuesday 26 March 2024, I attended St Anthony's Primary School - Get Active Get Moving. Later that day, I attended a meeting with Dandenong City, Council and MP Belinda Wilson.

On Thursday 28 March 2024, I attended the opening of Lighthouse Foundation's Southern Hub home. Later that day, I attended the Iftar hosted by South East United Soccer Club.

On Saturday 30 March 2024, I attended the Ikanga Festival celebration hosted by the Lopit Community Association in Vic.

On Sunday 31 March 2024, I attended the ZIMPRIDE Easter Tournament event hosted by the Zimbabwe Community in Australia – Victoria.

On Monday 1 April 2024, I attended the KALASANDHYA (an annual event to celebrate Bharatiya art forms) hosted by the Victoria Knanaya Catholic Congress.

On Tuesday 2 April 2024, I attended a meeting with Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer.

On Wednesday 3 April 2024, I attended the Dandenong RSL plaque unveiling: Vivianne's Cafe (in recognition of Vivianne Bullwinkle's life of service).

On Thursday 4 April 2024, I attended the opening of the Ross Reserve Synthetic Pitch.



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On Friday 5 April 2024, I attended the Diversity & Inclusion Iftar Dinner hosted by the Massoud Foundation. Later that day, I attended the Ramadan Iftar hosted by the Taha Humanity Association of Vic.

On Saturday 6 April 2024, I attended the Chand Raat community event, Gloria Pyke Netball Complex.

On Sunday 7 April 2024, I attended the Buddhist Flower Ceremony (supporting Monash Health Foundation). I also attended the Sinhala & Tamil New Year celebration hosted by the Sri Lanka German Technical Training Institute Old Boys Association.

Later that day, I attended the Singing Contest for Cambodian New Year hosted by the Cambodian Association of Vic.

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**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.**

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## 7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.



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## 8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

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