Local Government General Election 2024

**Candidate Information Register**

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|  | **Enquiry** | **Information Provided** | **Date Provided** |
| 1 | Can you please tell me how quickly the decision is made for the short turnaround grants such as the category two $1500 grants? | A group can submit an application, but the outcome of the grant will not be known until after the Election Period.  The Small Grants Program assessment process generally takes up to four weeks for a decision on the application. Should additional information be required, this time period may extend. | 20 September 2024 |
| 2 | There are concerns of a is a safety issue with the Sangarag Pitch, the fence at one end of the pitch needs to be made higher because the footpath runs right next to the fence and they have had some rocks go over the fence. Temporary Fencing has been put up to rectify this but a more permanent structure needs to be in place. | Council will arrange for an Officer to visit the site and review the concerns raised from a safety perspective. | 20 September 2024 |
| 3 | Can I please be direct to information about when the shade sails will be installed at pencil Park in Keysborough South | Council is expecting the installation to be complete by the end of March 2025. | 1 October 2024 |
| 4 | Feedback received from residents around the blocks of Sutherland Rd, Lexton Ave and Benga Ave about traffic safety says that many cars attempt to go from Sutherland Rd into Benga Ave as if it was a straight line, often not stopping at the intersection with Lexton Ave and that that this has been the spot of several car accidents. Risks of accidents are aggravated given there is a park just around the corner.  A common solution offered by residents were to install traffic signs warning drivers to slow down or to give way at the intersection.  Another was increased lighting around this intersection - however, this feedback was also extended to further along Sutherland Road as well and not just the intersection | Council’s traffic engineers have undertaken an initial assessment of this location.   In response to these concerns, we will be installing ‘Give Way’ line marking at the intersections to highlight to drivers which movements are required to give way.  Counicl’s latest traffic data on Sutherland Road, Rylands Road and Benga Avenue is relatively old, and at the time, traffic volumes and speeds were relatively low.  This suggests most users of the street are residents (with some school traffic using Benga).  As a result, Council would anticipate these drivers would be familiar with the environment and the that additional line marking would be sufficient to provide the clarity needed.   However, due to the age of our traffic data, our officers will also arrange for new traffic data to be collected to determine if any further measures may be required.  Street lighting around the intersections appears to be provided to a good level, and there are regular street lights provided on Sutherland Road to the south of Ray Street.  Due to the longer spacing between lights to the north of Ray Street, Council will arrange for some lighting assessment at this location.  If any residents would like to discuss the location in further detail with our traffic engineers, they would be welcome to do so.  Our traffic engineers can be contacted directly at [RoadSafety@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:RoadSafety@cgd.vic.gov.au). | 3 October 2024 |
| 5 | What happens to Election Signs that are removed from Public Land and not collected by the Candidate | Where the release fee of $97 per impounded sign is not paid and the sign is not collected the boards will be disposed of as Council decides as advised on the Notice of Impounded Property.   |  | | --- | | **Unless the sign owner or his/her agent claims the sign within 7 days of this notice and pays the release scheduled release fee, the sign may be disposed off as Council decides** |   The Notice of Impounded Property is not an infringement so there is no ongoing charge, if signs are not collected, they will be destroyed.  It is important to note that compliant election signage is not without restrictions. These restrictions include the removal of all election signage within 14 days of the election being held.  Where Election signage is not removed with in 14 days of the Election a planning infringement notice and fine will be issued to candidates, in accordance with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. | 11 October 2024 |
| 6 | Further response to Sangarag Pitch question 2. | Officers have inspected the site and note that there is a potential risk at the southern end of the court as there is a pedestrian access pathway in close proximity. Therefore, we have arranged to have the fence height raised by 1.5 metres behind the area that they throw too, the work should be completed by the end of this month. | 14 October 2024 |
| 7 | A large tree broke down overnight, covering half the road on Ellendale Rd in Noble Park.    It's quite a busy road, connecting the Princess Hwy to Heatherton Rd, with Parkdale Reserve in between.    Could the broken branches please be removed as soon as possible? Several residents are concerned about potential safety problems if this isn't dealt with ASAP. | Council’s Parks team have arrange contractors to attended the site, and the area has been made safe and the branch will be collected and disposed of. | 15 October 2024 |
| 8 | Seed pods from a tree in Sunnyside Avenue, Dandenong are causing people to lose their footing and fall over. Elderly residents are afraid to get in their cars around the area of the trees. Could Council please have some urgent attention to this issue. It is a public health risk. | The area has been inspected, upon inspection Council’s Arborist found a semi mature Sweetgum.  The Sweetgum is a large, ornamental deciduous tree, with an upright canopy, producing rounded fruit in Summer and Autumn. The overall size of the Sweetgum is more suited to planting in large parks, reserves and open spaces.  Given the problematic nature of the fruit fall, the suitability of the species as a street tree long term, including the size and the impact on surrounding infrastructure, the tree has been scheduled for removal.  Tree removal will be undertaken within the next 4-6 weeks. A suitable replacement will be planted during winter in 2025. | 21 October 2024 |