



**GREATER  
DANDENONG**  
*City of Opportunity*

# **MINUTES**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
Commencing at 7:00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
Virtual Council Meeting

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## 1 MEETING OPENING

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Cr Peter Brown joined the meeting visually at 7.49pm (video capability was turned on).  
Cr Peter Brown left the meeting visually at 7.50pm (video capability was turned off).

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### 1.1 ATTENDANCE

#### Apologies

Nil.

#### Councillors Present

Cr Jim Memeti (Chairperson)

Cr Peter Brown, Cr Youhorn Chea, Cr Tim Dark, Cr Matthew Kirwan, Cr Angela Long, Cr Zaynoun Melhem, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Maria Sampey, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong.

#### Officers Present

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services, Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity, Martin Fidler, Director Community Services, Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects.

### 1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

Council acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### **1.3 OFFERING OF PRAYER**

Cr Sean O'Reilly read the opening prayer provided prior to the meeting by Pastor David Owen from the Dandenong Ministers' Fellowship.

*"Ezra 7:25 And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may be over the people.*

Dear Lord, we thank you for Your provision and sustenance through this difficult time and ask for Your protection on our city of Greater Dandenong and its inhabitants. Thank you for the men and women who strive to make this a better, more benevolent and safer city. We ask you for wisdom and understanding for our Councillors and officers as they plan for immediate concerns and also future development of this wonderful city. In Jesus name, Amen."

### **1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 September 2020.

#### **Recommendation**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 September 2020 be confirmed.**

#### **MINUTE 1606**

Moved by: Cr Youhorn Chea

Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 14 September 2020 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

## 1.5 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

The following assemblies of Council occurred in the period 28 August & 14 September to 21 September 2020:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Councillors Attending</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>	<b>Topics Discussed &amp; Disclosures of Conflict of Interest</b>
20/08/20	Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Maria Sampey		- Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting (via Zoom).

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**1.5 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL (Cont.)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Councillors Attending</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>	<b>Topics Discussed &amp; Disclosures of Conflict of Interest</b>
14/09/2020	Pre-Council Meeting	Peter Brown (part), Youhorn Chea, Tim Dark, Matthew Kirwan, Angela Long, Zaynoun Melhem, Jim Memeti, Sean O'Reilly, Maria Sampey (part), Sophie Tan, Loi Truong		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Current status of COVID-19 and Council's material aid provisions.</li><li>- Open space acquisition update (CONFIDENTIAL). Cr Tim Dark disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the meeting during its discussion.</li><li>- Springvale Community Hub opening details.</li><li>- Noble Park health and wellbeing gymnasium update.</li><li>- Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 14 September 2020.</li></ul>

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**1.5 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL (Cont.)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Councillors Attending</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>	<b>Topics Discussed &amp; Disclosures of Conflict of Interest</b>
21/09/2020	Councillor Briefing Session	Peter Brown (part), Youhorn Chea, Tim Dark, Matthew Kirwan, Angela Long, Zaynoun Melhem, Jim Memeti, Sean O'Reilly, Sophie Tan	Maria Sampey, Loi Truong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Current status of COVID-19 in Greater Dandenong.</li><li>- Naming of Thomas Carroll Reserve and results of community consultation.</li><li>- Arts Advisory Board annual update and proposed changes to its Terms of Reference.</li><li>- Update on matters pertaining to planning application for 70 Ordish Road, Dandenong South.</li><li>- Informal opening of the Springvale Community Hub and Library over the weekend.</li><li>- Scheduled meeting with State Members in relation to anti-social behaviours in the Dandenong West area.</li><li>- Past and present Springvale Benevolent Society funding.</li><li>- Strategic land purchases across Greater Dandenong. (Cr Tim Dark and Cr Zaynoun Melhem disclosed conflicts of interest in this item and left the meeting during its discussion.)</li><li>- Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 28 September 2020.</li><li>- CEO/Councillors only session to discuss Integrity Governance report on management of Dandenong Market (CONFIDENTIAL). (Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the meeting during its discussion.)</li></ul>

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**Recommendation**

**That the assemblies of Council listed above be noted.**

**MINUTE 1607**

Moved by: Cr Youhorn Chea  
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

**That the assemblies of Council listed above be noted.**

**CARRIED**

**1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## 1.7 ADOPTION OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Audit and Risk Committee held a meeting on 28 August 2020. Minutes of this meeting are presented to Council for adoption.

### Recommendation

**That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 August 2020 be adopted.**

### MINUTE 1608

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

**That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 August 2020 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

Item	Topic
1	The outcomes of the 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 management financial report were tabled.
2	The Audit and Risk Committee received a presentation on Councils results for the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework for 2019-20
3	The results of the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd financial statements were tabled to the committee.
4	The Committee received a presentation on the formal 2019-20 Annual Financial Statements and discussed the outcomes with the external audit. The VAGO Draft Closing Report was tabled. The Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the financial statements
5	The quarterly Risk Management Report was presented to the Committee.
6	Councils Internal Auditor Crowe presented a status update on the Internal Audit program, which included a progress report and a summary of recent reports and publications which may have an impact on local government. Crowe tabled an Internal Audit Report on a review of the Dandenong Basketball Stadium, Records Management, Road Management Plan Compliance and Statutory Planning Processes for the Audit and Risk Committees consideration.
7	A report was presented to the Committee on the Annual Freedom of Information Report. A report was also presented on a review of CEO and Councillor Credit Card Expenditure to the Audit and Risk Committee.
8	The Audit and Risk Committee received a follow up report in respect of Internal Audit Risk Recommendations.
9	The Committee considered and endorsed the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report.

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## 2 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART ONE

### 2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

#### 2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

File Id:	qA228025
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Petitions and Joint Letters

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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#### Report Summary

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.

Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.

A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:

1. the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
2. petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
3. 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.

**Note: On occasions, submissions are received that are addressed to Councillors which do not qualify as petitions or joint letters under Council's current Meeting Procedure Local Law. These are also tabled.**

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**2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)**

**Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled**

Council received one new (online) petition and one petition update prior to the Council Meeting of 28 September 2020 as follows:

- A new petition has been received via change.org from 152 signatories (at time of printing) – “Save the Springvale Trees.” This petition has been forwarded to the relevant Council Business Unit/s for consideration.

***N.B: 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 the listed items detailed in Attachment 1 and the current status of each, be received and noted.**

**MINUTE 1609**

Moved by: Cr Loi Truong  
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

**That the listed items detailed in Attachment 1 and the current status of each, be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

**2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)**

**DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING**

**PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

**PAGES 4 (including cover)**

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**2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)**

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
14/09/20	<p>• <b>Save the Springvale Trees.</b></p> <p>There is a proposal before council to investigate ripping out the few trees and bicycle racks in Buckingham Ave, Springvale and replace them with cars.</p> <p>Do you agree they should be saved?</p> <p><i>NB: This petition was submitted online via Change.org</i></p>	152 signatures as at 23/9/2020	New	<p>Tabled at Council Meeting 28 September 2020</p> <p>14/9/20                      Responsible Officer – Director Business, Engineering &amp; Major Projects.</p> <p>14/9/20                      Acknowledgement Email sent to the head petitioner by Governance.</p>

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2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
4/09/20	<p><b>Build a 6 GREEN STAR GENUINELY SUSTAINABLE Community Hub.</b></p> <p>As a resident of the new estates of Keysborough, I think now that Greater Dandenong City Council has declared a climate emergency it also needs to show leadership and build a 6 Green Star Keysborough South Community Hub. Not one that just attempts to cover up sustainability weaknesses with solar panels, or starts off with 6 Green Stars but then degrades in sustainability performance over time, but one that has the proper design and construction to be genuinely the best it can be in sustainable design and materials in order to keep performing to it's original rating.</p> <p>To achieve 6 Green Star for the Hub the following sustainable practices also needs to be implemented: minimising of glass walls and installing triple glazing where glass walls and windows are used; using recycled materials; using grey water where suitable.</p> <p><i>NB: This petition was submitted online via Change.org</i></p>	115 signatures as at 9/9/2020	Completed	<p>Tabled at Council Meeting 14 September 2020</p> <p>4/9/20 Responsible Officer – Director Business, Engineering &amp; Major Projects.</p> <p>4/9/20 Acknowledgement Email sent to the head petitioner by Governance.</p> <p>15/09/20 This matter was considered as part of the consultation process undertaken for the design of the KSCH. The following response was included in the Council Report dated 10 August:</p> <p><i>Council is committed to developing the Hub as a 'minimum' certified 5 Star Green Star facility with net zero emissions.</i></p> <p><i>This commitment is made in accordance with Council's Sustainable Buildings policy which calls for a minimum of 5 Stars Green Star, (design, as built and performance) and a target for net zero emissions.</i></p> <p><i>A broad range of sustainability initiatives have and will continue to be considered during the detailed design process (including the use of solar panels) in order to achieve the target.</i></p> <p><i>The potential for additional credits above the 5 star green star target will be considered during the detailed design process, including the potential to achieve a 6 star green star rating, which will be based on a detailed cost benefit analysis.</i></p>

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**2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)**

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## 2.2 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020

File Id:	qA280
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Attachments:	Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – August 2020

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council’s Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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#### Report Summary

This report provides Council with an update on the exercise of delegation by Council officers.

It provides a listing of Town Planning applications that were either decided or closed under delegation or withdrawn by applicants in August 2020.

It should be noted that where permits and notices of decision to grant permits have been issued, these applications have been assessed as being generally consistent with the Planning Scheme and Council’s policies.

Application numbers with a PLN#.01 or similar, are applications making amendments to previously approved planning permits.

The annotation ‘SPEAR’ (Streamlined Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals) identifies where an application has been submitted electronically. SPEAR allows users to process planning permits and subdivision applications online.

#### **Recommendation**

**That the items be received and noted.**

#### **MINUTE 1610**

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark  
Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

**That the items be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

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**2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)**

**STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**PLANNING DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED – AUGUST 2020**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PLANNING DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED  
AUGUST 2020**

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2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)

City of Greater Dandenong

Planning Delegated Decisions Issued from 01/08/2020 to 31/08/2020

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLN13/0723.02	No	398-418 Hammond Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Creative Living Innovations Pty Ltd	Amendment to Planning Permit PLN130723.01 issued for the use and development of the land for materials recycling and a car parking reduction, to allow changes to the Permit preamble to delete reference to the reduction in the car parking requirements and to include the use of the land as a transfer station; and Endorsed plans and documents as a result of proposed buildings and works, provision of car parking and modifications to the quantity of goods processed and collected	Amend endorsed plans to conduct additional buildings and works with addition of office and canopy.	Delegate	AmendPerm	31/08/2020	RedGum
PLN17/0224.02	No	61-63 Licola Crescent DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Glass Recycling (VIC) Pty Ltd c/- KLM Spatial	Amendment to Permit PLN17/0224.01 which allows for the use the site for the purpose of an Industry (Transfer Station) and Materials Recycling with a reduction in the car parking requirements. Amendments include: Amending address of the land to include 65 Licola Crescent DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175 (Lot 2 PSS08245N). Amending Permit preamble to include the variation of restriction on Title (Instrument AB477142L)	Amend permit preamble to include variation of restriction on title and add another address	Delegate	AmendPerm	27/08/2020	RedGum
PLN17/0359.01	No	5, Trevelthick Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	AS Cota Builders	AMENDMENT TO Development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings, by way of Change to ground and first floor windows, Amendment to setbacks, increase to west wall on boundary for dwelling 5	Amend endorsed plans to reflect what was constructed on site	Delegate	AmendPerm	17/08/2020	Lightwood
PLN17/0502.01	No	6 Monterey Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Eurofins Scientific Pty Ltd C/- Tract Consultants Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Buildings and Works (Warehouse) and Reduction in Car Parking Requirements	Amend permit to allow amendment to endorsed plans and condition 10.3	Delegate	AmendPerm	19/08/2020	RedGum
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2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLN18/0394	No	578 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Domenico Amato	Development of the land for seven (7) double storey dwellings and alteration to access to a Road Zone Category 1	General Residential 1 Zone, 1790sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	24/08/2020	Lightwood
PLN18/0485.01	No	1 Norris Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Tim Stickley	AMENDMENT TO: To develop the land for three (3) double storey dwellings and one (1) single storey dwelling	Amend permit Condition 2.6 to remove reference to retention of existing canopy tree at the front yard of dwelling 1	Delegate	AmendPermit	28/08/2020	Paperbark
PLN18/0551.01	No	757 Taylors Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Mainfreight Logistics Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Use and development of the land for warehouse and transport terminal and reduction to the number of car spaces required. The amendment seeks to amend the address and conditions of the permit and amend the plans.	Amend permit to reflect new address, modify the layout of the plans and amend conditions 1 & 2 and add any additional conditions	Delegate	AmendPermit	12/08/2020	RedGum
PLN18/0556.01	No	185 Chapel Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Daseel Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: planning permit PLN18/0556 which allowed for the subdivision of the land. The amendment seeks to alter the preamble, permit conditions and endorsed plans to allow for the subdivision of the land in stages.	Amend permit preamble, conditions and endorsed plans to allow staged development	Delegate	AmendPermit	17/08/2020	RedGum
PLN19/0210	No	74 Assembly Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Quality First Designs Pty Ltd	Variation to Item (b) of Covenant V151731B and development of the land for industry together a reduction in the car parking requirement associated with an industry under Clause 52.06 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.	Commercial 2 Zone, transfer station	Delegate	PlanPermit	31/08/2020	RedGum
PLN19/0467	No	16 Balmoral Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Strength Group	Development of the land for a four (4) storey plus basement level building containing six (6) medical suites and eleven (11) apartment dwellings and to reduce the car parking requirements	The proposal fails to comply with Clause 71.02 (Planning Policy), Clause 11.02 (Urban Land), Clause 15 (Built Environment), Clause 16 (Housing), Clause 21.05 (Built Form), Clause 43.01 (Design & Development Overlay), Clause 58 (Objectives & Standards) and Clause 52.06 (Parking & Design Standard)	Delegate	Refusal	26/08/2020	Lightwood

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**2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)**

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLIN19/0548	No	3 Yemora Court KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Yun Lou	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 553sqm	Delegate	NOD	12/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN19/0594	No	1/73-81 Bessemer Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Moonarra Cheese Pty Ltd	Use of the land for an Industry (Manufacture Dairy Products) and to reduce the car parking requirements	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	26/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN19/0603	No	4/13-15 Brough Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Builders Academy Australia	Use of the land for an education centre and to reduce the car parking requirement	The proposal fails to comply with various clauses of the Planning Policy Framework, Clause 21.07 (Infrastructure and Transportation), 21.04-3 (Land Use), Clause 52.06 (Car Parking), Clause 34.02 (Commercial 2 Zone) and Clauses 65 and 71.02-3	Delegate	Refusal	28/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN19/0614.01	No	131-149 National Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Pellicano Investments Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Buildings and Works (Warehouse) and Reduction in Car Parking Requirements	Amend endorsed plans to add additional floor area	Delegate	AmendPermit	19/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0002	No	27 Podmore Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Kandy Auto Holdings Pty Ltd	Change of Use (Car Dealership)	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	05/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0021	No	81 Chandler Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Strait-Line Builders & Drafters Pty Ltd	Development of the land for three (3) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 685sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	19/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0024	No	13 Ann Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Strait-Line Builders & Drafters Pty Ltd	Development of the land for four (4) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 1068sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0041	No	25 Hammond Road DANDENONG VIC 3175	Sharifi Partners Pty Ltd	The use of the land for an Industry (Motor Repairs) and Retail Premises (Car Sales) and to reduce the car parking requirements DECLARED AREA	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	24/08/2020	RedGum

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**2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)**

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLIN20/0060	No	152 Buckley Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Mehdi Sayed	Development of the land for four (4) dwellings (three (3) double storey dwellings and one (1) single storey dwelling)	General Residential 1 Zone, 868sqm	Delegate	NOD	14/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0077	No	47 Hudson Court KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Concept Y Architecture	Development of the land for fourteen (14) warehouses and to reduce the car parking requirements	Industrial 1 Zone, 3597sqm & reduction in car parking requirements	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0084	No	1-2/27 Langhorne Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Ali Noori	Display of one (1) internally electronic sign on the land DECLARED AREA	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	21/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0097	No	498-523 Frankston Dandenong Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	South Eastern Prosperities Group Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land adjacent to a Road Zone Category 1 (Creation of a Road) and to create a reserve	Industrial	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0101	No	1080 Heatherton Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Abacus Designs & Planning	Development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings and to create or alter access to a road in a Road Zone, Category 1.	Residential Growth 1 Zone, 873sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	19/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0126	No	1/137 Lightwood Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	MJJ Design & Drafting	Extension to an existing dwelling on a lot less than 300 square metres	General Residential 1 Zone, 280sqm, demolition of existing carport and construction of garage	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0133	No	1/19 Cheltenham Road DANDENONG VIC 3175	Rodan Rodan	Change of Use (Food and Drink (Cafe)) DECLARED AREA	Comprehensive Development 2 Zone, Shisha Lounge and Cafe	Delegate	PlanPermit	14/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0152	No	35 Shepreth Avenue NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Daniel Rae Aniki Shaw	Development of the land for four (4) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 843sqm	Delegate	NOD	25/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0153	No	First Floor 343-345 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	TQH Lawyers and Consultants	To display business identification signage	Commercial 1 Zone business identification signage	Delegate	PlanPermit	27/08/2020	Lightwood

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**2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)**

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLIN20/0161	No	6 Johnson Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Sasa Bozickovic	Development of the land for one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling alterations and additions to the existing dwelling and construction of a front fence exceeding 1.2 metres in height	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 749sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0184	No	2 Ashdale Court SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	A Line Surveying	Subdivision x 4 SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	21/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0186	No	530-534 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Nacha Moore Land Surveyors Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into forty (40) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0189	No	5/2 John Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	EJC Academy Dandenong Pty Ltd	Use of the land for a restricted recreation facility (Gym)	Industrial 1 Zone, change to a 24/7 gym	Delegate	NOD	31/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0208	No	16 Henry Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	AMS Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into ten (10) lots SPEAR	Residential	Applicant	Withdrawn	27/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0212	No	353 Cheltenham Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Cultured House Pty Ltd	Use of the land for a Medical Centre	Under Clause 32.08-2, a permit is not required for the proposed use	Delegate	NotRequire	11/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0219	No	67-75 Princes Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	EM Signs (Vic) Pty Limited	Display of five (5) signs, comprising business identification signs and three (3) internally illuminated signs	Commercial 2 Zone, Business identification	Applicant	Withdrawn	03/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0228	No	8 Dandenong Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Brad Gill	Development of the land for a warehouse	Industrial 1 Zone, 351.8sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	24/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0231	No	Eastern Treatment Plant 275 Thompson Road BANGHOLME VIC 3175	Safety Focused Performance Joint Venture	Removal of Native Vegetation	Public Use 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	21/08/2020	RedGum
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2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLIN20/0245	No	269-271 Frankston Dandenong Road DANENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Tycab Australia	Construct buildings and works and creation of a road in a Road Zone, Category 1	Industrial 1 Zone, crossover, sealed driveway and creation of access to a Road Zone Category 1	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0262	No	1626-1638 Centre Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Speedie Development Consultants Pty Ltd	Staged subdivision of the land SPEAR	Industrial	Delegate	PlanPermit	07/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0268	Yes	56A Princess Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	TSG Australia Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into (2) lots SPEAR VICSMART	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	03/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0279	No	93 Cheltenham Road DANENONG VIC 3175	VKAS Design Group Pty Ltd	Buildings and Works (Canopy) DECLARED AREA	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	21/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0302	Yes	94 Fox Drive DANENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a warehouse VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, 1104sqm, construction of a warehouse with ancillary office	Delegate	PlanPermit	06/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0309	No	12 Mons Parade NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Nobelius Land Surveyors Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/08/2020	PaperBark
PLIN20/0315	No	35 Union Grove SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Nobelius Land Surveyors Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into (4) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0320	Yes	8 Baltic Way KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Phil Bernardo Drafting Pty Ltd	Construction of a mezzanine VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, 73sqm, construction of a mezzanine	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0322	No	24 Logis Boulevard DANENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Signed On (Aust) Pty Ltd	Signage (Business Identification)	Industrial 3 Zone, illuminated signage	Delegate	PlanPermit	31/08/2020	RedGum

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## 2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLIN20/0323	Yes	32B Edison Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Coomiella Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a mezzanine and to reduce the car parking requirement VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, mezzanine	Delegate	PlanPermit	14/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0324	Yes	19 Aegean Court KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	PDT Property Developments Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into (2) lots SPEAR VICSMART	Industrial	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0328	No	1/28 Gray Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Linear Land Surveying Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0330	No	42 Hosken Street SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Smit Piyush Shah	Subdivision of the land into (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/08/2020	Lightwood
PLIN20/0331	No	237 Gladstone Road DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Jayashree Dinesh & Dines Karta	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/08/2020	Silverleaf
PLIN20/0352	Yes	16 Vincent Crescent NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Rakshit Uppal	Subdivision of the land for two (2) lots SPEAR VICSMART	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/08/2020	Paperbark
PLIN20/0353	No	241 Perry Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Construction of two (2) warehouses	Industrial 1 Zone, 639sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0354	No	241 Perry Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Construction of two (2) warehouses	Industrial 1 Zone, 639sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0357	No	241 Perry Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Construction of a warehouse	Industrial 1 Zone, 704sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/08/2020	RedGum

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**2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - August 2020 (Cont.)**

Application ID	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Date	Ward
PLIN20/0359	No	241 Perry Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Construction of a warehouse	Industrial 1 Zone, 728sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0361	No	241 Perry Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Construction of two (2) warehouses	Industrial 1 Zone, 639sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0363	Yes	241 Perry Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Construction of a warehouse VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, 780sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/08/2020	RedGum
PLIN20/0364	Yes	17 Eagle Drive NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	P M Kennedy Land Surveyor	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR VICSMART	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/08/2020	Silverleaf

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## 2.2.2 Planning Decisions Issued by Planning Minister's Delegate - August 2020

File Id:	qA280444
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Attachments:	Planning Declared Area Delegated Decisions - August 2020

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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### Report Summary

This report provides Council with an update on the exercise of delegation by Planning Minister's delegate.

It provides a listing of Town Planning applications that were either decided or closed under delegation or withdrawn by applicants in August 2020.

It should be noted that where permits and notices of decision to grant permits have been issued, these applications have been assessed as being generally consistent with the Planning Scheme and Council's policies.

Application numbers with a PDA#.01 or similar, are applications making amendments to previously approved planning permits.

### Recommendation

**That the items be received and noted.**

### MINUTE 1611

Moved by: Cr Angela Long  
Seconded by: Cr Youhorn Chea

**That the items be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

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**2.2.2 Planning Decisions Issued by Planning Minister's Delegate - August 2020 (Cont.)**

**STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**PLANNING DECISIONS ISSUED BY PLANNING MINISTER'S DELEGATE –  
AUGUST 2020**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PDA DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED  
AUGUST 2020**

**PAGES 2 (including cover)**

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

**2.2.2 Planning Decisions Issued by Planning Minister's Delegate - August 2020 (Cont.)**

City of Greater Dandenong

PDA Delegated Decisions Issued 01/08/2020 to 31/08/2020

Application ID	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Notified	Ward
PDA16/0002.01	5 Stud Road DANENONG VIC 3175	T3-Architecture	AMENDMENT TO: Buildings and Works (4 storey plus basement car parking), Change of Use - Child Care Centre, Signage	Amend permit condition 16 to increase maximum patron numbers from 136 to 158 on site at any one time	Applicant	Withdrawn	13/08/2020	RedGum
PDA18/0003	1/31-33 Pickett Street DANENONG VIC 3175	SHK Dandenong 01 Pty Ltd	Multi Dwelling Development x 43 (3 storey plus 2 basement levels)	Residential Growth 1 Zone, 1937/sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/08/2020	RedGum
<b>Total :</b>							<b>2</b>	

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### **3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC**

#### **Question**

**Heather Louis, Keysborough**

Keysborough residents who are against the Ordish Road Waste to Energy plant want to know how Council's fight against the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) decision is going.

#### **Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

Council has engaged an expert team to assist with the preparation and presentation of its argument for the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) appeal regarding the EPA works approval for the proposed Waste to Energy facility at 70 Ordish Road, Dandenong South. This team includes Council officers, lawyers, barristers and technical experts in the field of air quality, noise and vibration, human health and environmental risk and waste classification and handling of fly ash. The team is continuing to work towards putting forward the best argument possible in relation to this matter.

#### **Question**

**Heather Louis, Keysborough**

I have been Googling and sharing lots of local history on our community Facebook page and there appears to be an amazing amount of interest in the community as I have had hundreds of comments. Could we ask to have a reprint of this book, "A History of the City of Springvale: Constellation of Communities" by GM Hibbins? I am sure our diverse community members would be interested in seeing this again.

#### **Response**

**Martin Fidler, Director Community Services**

"The History of the City of Springvale: Constellation of Communities" by GM Hibbins is unfortunately out of print and there are currently no plans to reprint this book but it is available at our library's collection. Another book will soon be available that also covers the more recent history as well as references to the early days of the City. This book is titled 'City of Opportunity: A Making of the City of Greater Dandenong'. The book will be available for borrowing from our libraries. We are also hoping it will be available digitally and available for purchase from historical societies in the coming weeks.

#### **Comment**

**John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer**

The next question is from Don Boccari of Keysborough. I will say this at the outset that Mr Boccari submitted a number of questions, three I believe to the last Council meeting but a glitch in the system caused us to overlook those questions and we apologise for that. Given that Mr Boccari missed out his opportunity to ask questions at the last meeting, we have allowed him to ask the additional questions under the Governance Rules to cover two meetings.

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

**Question**

**Don Boccari, Keysborough**

What tree safety checks have been done or will be done to ensure the 35+ metre tall gum trees at the site of the community hub in Keysborough are safe? As we have all seen after recent events of large trees and limbs falling, would it be more cost effective to top the trees before the building commences to ensure our Community Hub and the community are safe when using the building and the outdoor open space?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects**

The design of the Community Hub and surrounds was informed by an arboriculture assessment and report and that was undertaken prior to the commencement of the design process. Careful consideration of tree protection zones has also been incorporated into the design process. Additionally, a proactive annual inspection regime will be implemented to manage the risk of the trees to an acceptable level. This will allow any hazards to be identified and mitigation works programmed and where required, pruning works will be programmed before the commencement of the building works on site. These works will be sensitive to the shape of the tree and will comply with the Australian Standards for tree pruning.

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**Cr Zaynoun Melhem left the Meeting at 7.10pm.**

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**Question**

**Don Boccari, Keysborough**

Many nature strips and Council owned land in the City of Greater Dandenong municipality have large towering trees in excess of 25 metres. How often does Council check the safe condition of these trees and the condition of the footpaths? Has the community got access to such reports if they exist?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects**

The City of Greater Dandenong maintains public safety through the use of professional tree evaluation and treatment in order to reduce the risk associated with trees. The City's street trees are assessed at least once every two years as part of cyclic pruning program and the electric line clearance management plan. Some street trees of high risk potential are assessed on an annual inspection cycle. Trees in kindergartens, surrounding public buildings and within the vicinity of playgrounds are also inspected annually. Trees in Council reserves and other Council trees are inspected according to the tree risk category that they are allocated. Trees in high use parks are on a bi-annual inspection cycle, whilst trees of low use parks are on a four year inspection cycle. The tree assessments are carried out by qualified arborists with a minimum Level 5 qualification. Visual tree assessments are also undertaken reactively as a result of resident requests or after storm events with assessment outcomes captured in Council's customer request system.

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

With regards to footpath assessments, Council has two separate but related proactive inspection programs for footpaths throughout the municipality. They are called hazard inspections and condition audits. Hazard inspections are completed as part of the Council's road management plan responsibilities to identify the hazard and act accordingly in the interest of public safety. Hazard inspections are completed on a four year rolling program throughout the municipality. Approximately 25 percent of the total footpath network is inspected each year, along with 100 percent of all areas identified as special risk zones which are those mainly in close proximity or within activity centres, close proximity of elderly facilities and shopping strips. Condition audits of the entire footpath network are also completed every four years. The purpose of these audits is to assess the overall condition of the network to assist with long term financial planning and renewal programs. In addition to both these programs, residents can also report any faults they see in the footpath network directly to Council by calling our customer service number or via apps such as Snap Send Solve. These enquiries are inspected quickly and action is taken where necessary.

**Question**

**Don Boccari, Keysborough**

The Keysborough South maintenance levy of \$350 was introduced in 2006 for Stage 1 of the development of our area; then Stage 2 and finally Stage 3 as an added cost to our rates way back in 2006 to cover the cost of the open parkland space. In 2020, there has been a massive development of homes and townhouses in the designated area as per the policy on Council's website. Why are Stage 1 and 2 residents still paying such a high amount for the levy? The funds collected from the \$350 levy have been spent on things that other parts of our municipality are getting the same services e.g. planning and playground repairs and many other services as per the list on the website yet, those duties are coming out of the combined rates collected. Why is this? Our rates are too high as they are.

**Response**

**Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services**

I will note at the outset that a further meeting has been scheduled with Mr Boccari to discuss the maintenance levy in more detail next week. I will be reasonably brief in my answer tonight. The estates within Keysborough South that pay this levy, were developed with 20 percent open space amounts as compared to normal estates throughout Council that are typically based on five percent. This means that the cost to Council to maintain this open space is four times that of other estates throughout Council. In truth, the costs are probably even higher than that due to the quality of open space within the Keysborough South area which is generally of a higher standard than what we have throughout the Council. The maintenance levy was therefore, put in place to offset these costs. All income received from the levy is transferred to a reserve fund and all costs associated with maintaining the open space are correctly captured. Council then funds 75 percent of these costs from the reserve fund in recognition of the increased open space maintenance. Normal Council rate funding does cover the remaining 25 percent. In 2019/20 the income to the reserve fund was \$1.55m and the expenditure that was drawn from the reserve fund was \$1.442m. The balance of the reserve fund was \$1.72. It is expected over the coming years that with the \$350 levy not increasing and Council's costs continuing to rise, the balance of that reserve fund will slowly erode over the future years. Hence, the need that we maintain the \$350 levy at this point in time.



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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

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**Cr Zaynoun Melhem returned to the meeting at 7.15pm.**

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**Question**

**Gaye Guest, Keysborough**

Before I ask my question, I just want to acknowledge the present 11 Councillors who have collectively served CGD for a total of 130 years in their time on Council. That is a long time for service. It is a pity that under the pandemic conditions that you cannot share a meal and raise a glass to your four year term face to face. Bravely, two Councillors have decided it is time to retire so enjoy your new pursuits. Thank you for your continued interest in local issues and for making way for new blood. As the Council goes into Caretaker mode and a Council election like no other, notwithstanding the many twists and turns, I hope all the incumbents if elected again, have the energy and passion to serve the residents and are prepared to listen as there will be more challenging issues raising their heads. Moving forward, Council meetings will never be the same without the later Colin Riddiford watching from the Chamber. Vale Colin.

My question is at the weekend, a neighbouring Council publicly acknowledged they would not be holding Christmas Carols. Myer Christmas windows will not happen this year either. As both Christmas Carols and New Year's Eve celebrations draw large crowds to Harmony Square annually, can we assume these events will indeed be cancelled? As I have shared, Geelong Arts Centre held a YouTube concert recently and the City of Glen Eira have held two Zoom melody sessions. Would it be possible to organise a celebrity musical recital like this? Several local entertainers now stream concerts from the comfort of their homes to anyone who tunes in weekly so it is indeed possible. In relation to the Zoom concerts, two artists tag team from their respective locations, adding to the breadth and entertainment and the together at home concert and music from the homefront demonstrate that a variety of performances can be looped successfully together.

**Response**

**John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer**

Gaye Guest requested a response by email. Given the nature of the statement and the question, it was felt that it would have been an ideal matter for our Mayor or a Councillor to respond to but given the Caretaker situation, that would be equally inappropriate. The Mayor has structured a comprehensive response by email to the questioner and that will be also be made available. I should say in response to one of the key questions which was 'Can we assume these Christmas events will indeed be cancelled? No, I do not think we can assume that would be the case. This Council is very committed to celebrating Christmas. We are already making plans to display the Christmas tree and other decorations that the Council has in its ownership. Of course, with COVID, it maybe too early to precisely determine what and how Christmas Carols and other similar events will be held but it is as I said a minute ago, appropriate to say that Council is very committed to these events and activities and I feel sure that if COVID restrictions are lifted, Christmas will be celebrated to the fullest extent in Greater Dandenong.

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

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**Cr Sophie Tan left the meeting at 7.18pm.**

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**Question**

**Isabelle Nash, Keysborough**

Is Council trying to make a Keysborough South Community Hub that is as sustainable as possible?  
In particular:

(a) What sort of heating, ventilation and air conditioning system is going to be used and what different systems have been evaluated? In particular,

- (i) have heat pumps been considered?
- (ii) have geothermal HVAC been considered?

(b) What sort of refrigerants are being used? Are we using natural ones like CO2 and if not, why not? It would be the least toxic and best performance. Other alternatives like R32 are being phased out.

(c) Is the number of glass walls going to be reduced to prevent energy loss?

(d) How can timber be used? Ideally it would be recycled timber but timber being used in the construction would make it more sustainable in general.

(e) How are the rooms going to be sealed?

(f) How are the window frames to be sealed? Is UPVC going to be used?

(g) Is triple glazing being used and if not why is it not being used?

(h) Is Argon going to be used between the glass panes and what will be done to prevent Argon or other gases leaking?

(i) Is greywater going to be used? If so from what source and how?

(j) Is the amount of solar panels on the roof going to be minimised to the smallest extent possible so zero net emissions can be achieved by other more sustainable means?

(k) What will be the building environmental management system and will there be real time monitoring to rectify sustainable issues?

(l) Will it be six star green star to show that Greater Dandenong will be leading by example in line with us being in a climate emergency?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects**

These matters will be considered as part of the detailed design process? I am not in a position to advise on any of those particular points in a detailed sense because the architects and our design consultants, including our ESD consultant are actually going through that process as we speak. Council is committed to developing the Keysborough South Community Hub as a minimum certified five star green star facility with a target of zero nett emissions as recently adopted by Council with its updated Sustainable Buildings Policy. A broad range of sustainability initiatives have and will continue to be considered, including probably a range of those that are on Ms Nash's email or question, to be considered during the design process in order to achieve that target. The potential for additional

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

credits above the five star green star target are being considered during the detailed design process, including the potential to achieve a six star green star rating, which will be based on a detailed cost benefit analysis.

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**Cr Sophie Tan returned to the meeting at 7.20pm.**

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**Question**

**Susan Halliwell, Dandenong**

With the Notice of Motion having been passed, what will be the timeline to completion please? When will the plans/design of the new Dandenong Hub be available for the public to see?  
Is the size large enough to service the future and the location?

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**Cr Zaynoun & Cr Loi Truong left the meeting at 7.25pm.**

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**Question**

**Susan Halliwell, Dandenong**

In regards to the safety of Hemmings Street shopping precinct, within the shopping precinct is there either a space in one of the trading outlets or a mobile booth/caravan serviced by two Council representatives or locals to approach and give their points of view or concerns, obtain information or accept payments by card such as rates or pet licence? Also, the Council representatives can unbiasedly observe the location and the happenings first-hand, fill in a checklist or survey.

**Response**

**Martin Fidler, Director Community Services**

As a result of the Notice of Motion passed at the Council meeting on 14 September 2020, Council will now progress with the development of a business case and concept plans for a community hub for Central Dandenong. This work will involve consultation and engagement with the Dandenong community on the preferred site for such a facility and will be due for completion by the end of the 20/21 financial year. The consultation will be advertised on Council's website on our social media and we will also contact residents who have previously participated in the Dandenong Hub Needs Analysis Project and also those who have provided their contact details.

In relation to question 2 and the Hemmings Street shopping precinct, in the coming weeks following the Caretaker period, Council will be consulting with the community to develop a plan to address perceptions of safety and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour. Council officers will be available to assist residents if they require support in answering surveys or questions or would like to even call

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

us on the telephone. Council does not have a mobile booth or caravan as suggested but our Council officers are very experienced in community engagement and will ensure the consultation is visible and accessible. A detailed report will be provided to Council following the community consultation.

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**Cr Zaynoun Melhem and Cr Loi Truong returned to the meeting at 7.26pm.**

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**Question**

**Susan Halliwell, Dandenong**

The former kindergarten site at Fifth Avenue, Dandenong West. Could this new parkland be named after Gwyneth Matthews? Gwen was the kindergarten assistant for in excess of 30 years and lovingly gave our children a great educational start.

**Response**

**Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services**

Council will consider a naming process for this site during 2021. The process that Council must follow is established by the Geographical Place Names Committee and is quite extensive. We will make contact with the questioner prior to commencing that process to get their input and to provide them advice about what that process looks like.

**Question**

**Gaye Guest, Keysborough**

Springvale Community Hub playground is open for business. Lovely to see families using it. Disappointed to see the abuse that is already happening to the new area. The gates are not signposted so can they please be highlighted so families do not jump the low-lying fences to get to Grace Park Avenue or to get into the park? The fence line will not withstand the treatment and will look dilapidated soon. Small shrubs will be trampled on in the garden beds as the pathways do not actually take you where you want to go. People trample on the plants, cutting across to the grassed areas which is a pity. The cut staggered stumps as an art installation are great but small plants are too close to them and are getting trampled as children climb on the staggered heights. Can young plants be moved away from them so that they are not damaged? They will flourish and will not be broken if there is some room between them. Sand being taken out of the sand pit to be placed in the wooden table at the end of the water feature. Is this meant to happen? Playground designers need to rethink some of their designs to make it user friendly. I am surprised that there is no gateway to Springvale Road as there is some play equipment close to the corner of Grace Park and Springvale Road. Is this deliberate?

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects**

Signage is going to be reviewed in the coming weeks with the intent to improve pedestrian flow entering the site. With regards to small shrubs being trampled on, designated paths have been allowed for pedestrian traffic to access new amenities without the need to cut across planted areas. To avoid the trampling of plants, Council officers will explore temporary measures that could be applied, i.e. temporary signage or some of the physical barriers such as webbing until such time as the landscaping establishes and is larger and more visible. With regards to the cut stumps as an art installation, we will investigate that and make changes if required. With regards to sand being taken out, as we would know playground experience is a creative and interactive opportunity for kids, there are no set rules on how these new features should really be used. However, operational maintenance will ensure that these features are returned to the original site on an as needed basis. With regards to the point about playground designers needing to rethink, we will continue to engage with the community in the coming weeks and months as the playground gets greater use and if it means we need to tweak or change a few things along the way, we will certainly look at doing that. With regards to the gateway to Springvale Road, the design intentionally did not include gating to Springvale Road to ensure easy access into the new precinct. Playground equipment closer to Springvale Road has its own fencing. However, we will investigate this. The issue with the fencing in close proximity to Springvale Road is that there are no Australian Standards that reference major roads or distances from playground fencing requirements. However, Council has developed an internal standard with regards to be 30 metres from the road. These standards have been developed in association with Casey Council and the Municipal Association of Victoria. However, again, as the use of the facility is very new and has only been open a few weeks, we will continue to monitor and have a look at that particular issue as well.

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**Cr Sophie Tan left the meeting at 7.37pm.**

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**Question**

**Julie Sheppard**

I am writing to you regarding the matter pertaining to visibility access to the shopping centre located on the corner of Springvale Road and Princes Highway, Springvale Junction and more specifically to the non-access to the centre via Springvale Road entrance. My son is a 32-year old with cerebral palsy. He lives in nearby Blissington Street in a shared home which has been modified to accommodate people with disabilities. He is confined to an electric wheelchair full-time and is required to access this shopping centre as part of his daily life skills and shopping requirements. The other residents have both a manual wheelchair and a mobility scooter. You will note that Blissington Street is located to the west of Springvale Road, running parallel to it and access to the shopping centre is via the traffic intersection located between Fairview and Whiteside Streets. It has come to our attention that when entering the shopping centre from Springvale Road there is no continued access for people with a disability without them being forced onto the road to compete with vehicular traffic moving in

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

both directions. The only footpath with best functionality ends at the Hungry Jack's crossing. The road being the only option as the other side is a raised kerb on both sides that accesses the rear of Spotlight.

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**Cr Sophie Tan returned to the meeting at 7.38pm.**

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**Comment**

**John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer**

I should add that Julie Sheppard has included a number of very helpful photos for our staff to review when considering this matter.

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**Cr Youhorn Chea and Loi Truong and Cr left the meeting at 7.39pm.**

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**Question**

**Julie Sheppard**

As such, it is impossible for my son, his housemate and the others we have observed getting to these shops without being forced to compete with trucks and cars on the road which is extremely dangerous. Drivers are constantly entering and leaving the fast food drive-through(s) as well as reversing in and out of parking spaces and hence the reason for writing. This is an urgent request that this matter of wheelchair access to the shopping centre be raised at the next Council meeting for urgent attention and correction. From the images provided, 70 percent is done as highlighted in those photos. As a final point, even when trying to access the shopping centre via the Springvale Road Junction crossing (a more dangerous area for the disabled) and entering from Princes Highway using mobility aids, you are still forced to compete with traffic. I thank you for taking the time to read and understand our concerns and in anticipation of raising this matter at the next Council meeting of the Greater Dandenong City Council.

*NB: The questioner included images to support her concerns and were handed to the relevant department to assist in their investigations and their response.*

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**Cr Loi Truong returned to the meeting at 7.41pm.**

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects**

I would like to thank Ms Sheppard for the information and I certainly share her concerns. I must say though, the path network between the shops in this area is not an area that is managed by Council. These areas are part of the private shopping complex. There have been no significant planning or building permit applications for that site for at least 20 years. These are typically the only occasions where Council would get the chance to review disability access that would be required under the Disability and Discrimination Act. The best course of action at this time would be to do two things.

(1) The resident to directly contact the shopping centre management.

(2) We can also write to the shopping centre owner on the questioner's behalf, highlighting these areas of concern and hoping that the matters will be rectified. However, without the legislative backing through a planning or building application process, we are somewhat hampered to require them to do those particular works. We will write to them and I would recommend that Ms Sheppard does the same.

**Question**

**Don Boccari, Keysborough**

On 15 September 2020, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal decided to grant a company to build and operate an incinerator to burn municipal, industrial and commercial waste at 70 Ordish Road, Dandenong South. Has the City of Greater Dandenong Council lawyers appealed to the Supreme Court on any technicality possible and if not, why not? The end date to appeal the VCAT decision is 11 October 2020.

**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

We are aware that there is a great deal of interest from our community on this matter and I thank you again, Mr Boccari for raising this question. In relation to the Supreme Court, Council can only appeal the planning permit decision issued by VCAT to the Supreme Court on a point of law or if the decision itself was unlawful. These concerns have not been raised or identified by Council's lawyers and no further action can be taken on VCAT's decision regarding the planning permit. However, Council's lawyers have advised Council to appeal the EPA's works approval to VCAT. This proceeding has been lodged with VCAT and Council has until 5 October 2020, to provide our statement of contention documentation to VCAT. Council's team of experts as mentioned earlier, continues to build as strong a case as it can arguing the works approval to be set aside by VCAT. For a more in depth update on this matter, I encourage Mr Boccari to visit our website under the latest news tab.

**Question**

**Loredana Ember, Keysborough**

(1) When will the revised concept plans for the Westwood Boulevard Park be exhibited to the public?

(2) When will the park at Westwood Boulevard have a proper name?



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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

The Notice of Motion No.78 Report online community survey reserve at the corner of Westwood Boulevard and Stanley Road, was adopted at the 27 July 2020 Council meeting. As per the Council reports recommendations, Council officers will now commence the process of undertaking a revised draft concept plan in accordance with the framework provided by Council's strategies and policies. These will provide guidance on what facilities and improvements may be accommodated including their locations and that the concept plan is used as a basis for consideration for future capital work budgets. As it is early in the process, the timeframe for notifying the community of the revised concept plan for the Westwood Boulevard Park has not yet been determined.

In relation to the park name, Council has previously considered names for this park and will commence a formal process in early 2021 to seek to name the park after the late Stuart Mariner. This will involve a further round of community engagement on the name at that time.

**Question**

**Gaye Guest, Keysborough**

There are many toddler children who have spent one-third of their life in lockdown. With a lift in the restrictions people are now using our local pocket and district parks within their five kilometre radius for entertainment. Parents of a toddler have noticed that the play equipment at Fotheringham Reserve is really dirty and dusty because they need to be close to the child using the equipment instead of when the child is older and being able to go and have fun. My questions are:

- (1) Does the Council clean play equipment periodically in all pocket and neighbourhood parks or allow the weather and children's bodies to clean off dust and dirt? Post-COVID, parents are going to be more conscious of a clean environment to relax in so if this is not part of a Council cleaning schedule, can it be introduced?
- (2) In a personal audit, this family is reviewing local parks. Their observation is that under the Skyrail, the equipment is not suitable for toddlers or young children except the slide and that in Ross Reserve, the bridge across for one apparatus to another. The guard rails are too high for a toddler to hold on and it is dangerous. However, the one at Greaves Reserve is fine for a younger child. Can a description be added to your Council document describing age appropriate play conditions so that enquiring parents have a better idea of what each park offers before they go exploring?
- (3) There always needs to be a point of difference between these parks and not all parks have to have the same equipment. Not every park needs fitness equipment or barbecues or exactly the same play equipment as other open space areas. We get that but each Council space needs to be appealing to all age groups. However, most parents are now looking for shelters to be installed in all parks. The select dog parks have shelters but again, shelters are not in all dog parks and not all play equipment playgrounds. Some Ward areas have been better served with infrastructure provisions and some areas have been sorely neglected. Why is this so?



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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects**

Council proactively pressure washes all of its playground equipment but we do have a category of playgrounds. District playgrounds are cleaned on an annual basis while neighbourhood and local playgrounds are cleaned every few years. For the last 10 years plus, that program has been running, the level of service we believe, has been suffice with very few if any, complaints. What we do believe though is due to the lack of use and the recent closure of playgrounds along with wet and windy weather in the last six months or so, we believe that this has allowed dust to settle on the surface of the equipment which may need to be cleaned off. With regards to Fotheringham and Reserve playground, this will be cleaned tomorrow and we are happy to receive any further issues raised by residents through the Snap Send Solve or the customer service line.

With regards to the second point with the variation of the playground equipment under Skyrail. The Level Crossing Removal Authority undertook this particular project which included the recreational precinct below Skyrail adjacent to Ross Reserve. The area beneath Skyrail was not designed to be a playground but rather, to offer diverse recreation and social gathering opportunities such as fitness equipment, table tennis tables and seating that tied in the existing youth and skate park precinct within Ross Reserve. With regards to the description on Council's website regarding appropriate play conditions, Council's website already has a dedicated page that outlines the types of playgrounds, district, neighbourhood and local and the typical characteristics in terms of size, suitability for age ranges and playground equipment.

With regards to the third point, the provision of infrastructure in Council's parks is developed around various frameworks that have been developed through Council's adopted strategies, policies and Master Plans all involving a level of community consultation. The Open Space Strategy 2020-2030, which was adopted at the last Council meeting, provides the park development standards and what is appropriate for consideration for each hierarchy of park across the municipality. The Dog Off-leash Strategy 2019 also prioritises the expansion of the dog off-leash network and the provision for infrastructure in existing and proposed dog off-leash areas. With regards to the specific question on ward areas, we would be happy to obtain some further information from Ms Guest to further examine the Ward areas or park examples to provide a response to this part of the question.

**Comment**

**John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer**

The final question this evening is from Gaye Guest of Keysborough and I should add that, like Mr Boccari that I mentioned earlier in the evening, Ms Guest was also the victim of a system glitch a couple of meetings ago, so we have allowed her to include some additional questions tonight.

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**Cr Sophie Tan left the meeting at 7.45pm.**

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**3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)**

**Question**

**Gaye Guest, Keysborough**

(1) Has Council allowed 452 Cheltenham Road to construct dense apartment blocks without green community space? Is this the same conditions for the Everlea construction site in Keysborough? If this is the case, why has this been allowed to happen? All apartment complexes need adequate green open community space on their parcel of land as reflective areas for their residents, as this particular development is landlocked between two major highways and is just wall to wall concrete with no direct route to open space.

(2) The factory complex on the corner of Kirkham Road West and Chapel Road is a relatively new development. Once again, it has been built without any green open space, just yards of concrete car parking. Kirkham Road West is exactly the same. No green spaces for workers to retire to in lunch hours and especially now that the State Government insists that workers do not congregate in lunchrooms together. Why has this been allowed? Why does Council bow to these revolting planning permits? The contrast is the Five Ways industrial site with factory setbacks and gardens in the front of most if not all factories. This is a better example of how we want to see industrial builds and is actually older than the former egg factory site build. The question is, why can we not have better controls over future builds and why is green open community spaces not a priority to add reflective areas to help mental health and lift working conditions? We must do better than what we have been dealt in the past otherwise, COVID has taught us nothing.

**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

In relation to question 1, I wish to clarify that the development at 452 Cheltenham Road is only a townhouse development. No apartments are proposed. As part of the development, there is a central area of communal space to be used by the residents. The site is also within 300 metres of Tatterson Park, which is considered to be within reasonable walking distance of the development. Additionally, each townhouse will have their own area of ground floor private open space or a first floor balcony, both of which meet the planning scheme requirements for an outdoor space for a dwelling. Those with a balcony only are located next to the central area of communal open space in the development for easy access by the residents.

In relation to questions 2 and 3, I would like to answer them both together. Greater Dandenong does have standards that are greater than the planning scheme standards and State standards for industrial buildings and we have implemented these into our industrial estates. The development at the corner of Kirkham Road is for a business park with smaller format warehouses to cater a variety of smaller business types. This in-fill development meets the state-wide standards set for industrial or commercial development of this type in relation to communal open space provisions. There are currently no State requirements in the planning scheme for the provision of communal open space associated with industrial developments like the development at the corner of Kirkham and Chapel Roads.

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**Cr Youhorn Chea and Cr Sophie Tan returned to the meeting at 7.47pm.**

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## 4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

### 4.1 OTHER

#### 4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020

File Id:	A6788984
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting on 4 August 2020

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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#### Report Summary

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 was in relation to allowing interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.

#### Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the draft Minutes of the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee meeting provided in the attachment to this report be noted by Council.

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#### **4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

### **Background**

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The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for noting and endorsing.

As such, the draft Minutes are provided in the attachment to this report.

### **Proposal**

#### **Community Plan 'Imagine 2030' and Council Plan 2017-2021 – Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Plans**

After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted to see for themselves and the City in 2030, the result was the Greater Dandenong Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'. This report is consistent with the following community visions:

#### **Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'**

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##### Opportunity

- An open and effective Council

**4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

**Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities**

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to its contents.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**Consultation**

Advisory Committees and Reference Groups have been advised of the need to submit minutes of meetings to Council for noting and endorsement.

**Recommendation**

**That Council notes the draft minutes of the 4 August meeting of the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in the attachment to this report.**

**MINUTE 1612**

Moved by: Cr Matthew Kirwan

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

**That Council notes the draft minutes of the 4 August meeting of the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in the attachment to this report.**

**CARRIED**

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**4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

**OTHER**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MULTICULTURAL AND PEOPLE SEEKING  
ASYLUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MULTICULTURAL  
AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON  
4 AUGUST 2020**

**PAGES 5 (including cover)**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

<b>Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:</b>	Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	4 August 2020
<b>Time of Meeting:</b>	3pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Online via Team Meeting

**Attendees:**

Kylie Reid (Chisholm Institute) – Chairperson, Sarita Kulkarni (Community Member), Jacquie McBride (Monash Health), Chris Pierson (South East Community Links [SECL]), Community Development Coordinator (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Binita Maskey (Women's Association South East Melbourne Australia [WASEMA]), Siv Yoganathan (Life Without Barriers [LWB]), Kadira Pethiyagoda (Community Member), Sri Samy (Friends of Refugees [FOR]).

**Apologies:**

Kudzayi Nhatarikwa (Red Cross), Sean Quigley (WAYSS), Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti (CGD), Nabila Marzouk (Multicultural Muslim Women's Network), Minwen Wu (Community Member), Nagamuthu R. Wickramasingham (Community Member), Chaw Po (Burmese Women's Alliance [BWA]), Cr Matthew Kirwan (CGD).

**Minutes:**

Community Advocacy Officer (CGD)

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> Chair welcomed Committee Members and acknowledged Traditional Owners.		
2.	<b>Previous meeting minutes and actions</b> Minutes endorsed by MAPSAAC prior to meeting. No actions arising.		
3.	<b>Information sharing / COVID-19 impact and responses</b> <b>WASEMA</b> Online classes and programs continue to be delivered to people experiencing isolation – yoga, salsa dance classes, financial literacy.  Within Greater Dandenong there are residents facing challenges to participate online due to lack of technical skills/devices.  Victorian Government is addressing this issue through its 'Let's Stay Connected Fund' with grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$200,000 for community initiatives aimed at alleviating social isolation.  Congratulations to Binita Maskey for her successful nomination for the board of WASEMA.		

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

<p><b>LWB</b> No waiting list for Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) applications. Adequate levels of staffing have met the increased demand in the number of new applicants.</p> <p>LWB advocating to Federal Government to modify the eligibility criteria for SRSS in light of the current Victorian shutdowns and restrictions.</p> <p>Undertaken recruitment of an Employment Mentor, focusing on building employment skills and capabilities, as well as developing English literacy amongst clients. Part-time role.</p> <p>LWB Team available to provide SRSS information to local organisations. Virtual meetings can be facilitated by the LWB Team for individual organisations. Please email Siv Yoganathan to arrange session.</p> <p>Suggestion was also made for LWB to run an online information session inviting multiple agencies.</p> <p><b>Kadira Pethiyagoda</b> Highlighted the need to circulate accurate information amongst the local community about COVID-19.</p> <p><b>FOR</b> Currently only providing emergency relief, material aid and food aid. Anticipating further increase in demand for such assistance due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Children’s programs continue to be delivered online.</p> <p>Sewing machines have been provided to some clients to sew face masks.</p> <p><b>SECL</b> Extreme hardship grants have been released by the Victorian Government who do not have access to JobSeeker due to their particular visa. Applicants can apply twice over the 6-month duration the grant is available. SECL assisting their clients to register for the grant.</p> <p>Significant decrease in demand for material aid program amongst clients who periodically relied on the service. SECL has attributed this decrease due to the doubling of the JobSeeker payment. Concerned that demand will increase as early as September when JobSeeker payment reductions take place. Estimated increase in demand for material aid could be around 43 per cent.</p> <p>Important to identify which service providers are still operating during Stage 4 restrictions.</p> <p>SECL also supporting people with registering for the State Government ‘Working for Victoria’ initiative.</p> <p>Advice is to refer people to SECL’s financial counselling service as soon as problems are being experienced by the individual. It is projected that growing personal debt will become even more</p>	<p>Community Advocacy Officer (CGD) to discuss with LWB possible arrangements.</p>	<p>CGD – Community Advocacy Officer</p>
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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

	<p>problematic early next year as welfare payments wind back.</p> <p><b>MONASH HEALTH</b>          COVID-19 transmission has increased in the south-east region.</p> <p>Increase in screening clinics. Drive thru clinics include Casey Fields, Pakenham, Carroll Lane Car Park, Dandenong, and Springers Leisure Centre in Keysborough.</p> <p>Monash Health's Emergency Response team is also undertaking home visits for COVID-19 testing for community members unable to visit a screening clinic.</p> <p>Tracing teams are under immense stress. DHHS has encouraged Monash Health to independently follow up with COVID-19 positive clients.</p> <p>Increase in the number of individuals who have lost employment and are now unable to manage their own healthcare. Around 10 individuals a week.</p> <p>Enliven providing valuable assistance in translating State Government messages into different languages.</p> <p><b>CHISHOLM TAFE</b>          Continuing to deliver courses online, including English classes.</p> <p>Students who deferred earlier this year are now re-enrolling. Positive signs that students are engaging with Chisholm.</p> <p>Many students work in construction and there is a potential increase in unemployment amongst this cohort.</p> <p>Financial, career, and personal counselling available to students.</p> <p><b>CGD</b>          Recent advocacy efforts between the Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Council of Australia ensured that 39 mayors across Australia signed on to an open letter to the Federal Government asking that people seeking asylum be provided with access to Medicare and a liveable safety-net.          Campaign secured media coverage by ABC Radio National, Sydney Morning Herald, and a number of local newspapers.</p> <p>The Victorian Government's new <b>Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI)</b> initiative helps people who might be feeling lonely or have lost their regular networks during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>There are two parts to the initiative:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People can now call the <b>COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398</b> to receive emotional support if they are feeling lonely or</li> </ol>		
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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 4 August 2020 (Cont.)**

	<p>disconnected as a result of COVID-19. The Australian Red Cross is the Victorian Government's partner in providing this support.</p> <p>2. If they are interested, people can also be linked into a <b>community connector</b> in their local government area. This person will help connect them with local organisations who can provide ongoing emotional, practical or social support.</p> <p>A community connector at CGD has been assigned and is actively liaising with local support organisations.</p>		
4.	<p><b>Multicultural Communities Network – Expression of Interest (EOI)</b></p> <p>EOI workshopped by MAPSAAC members.</p>		
	<p><b>Part B Action Plan – Action 3.3 – EOI</b></p> <p>EOI workshopped by committee members.</p>		
8.	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p><b>PART B Action Plan – Mid-point review</b> Committee members were provided with a progress update on the People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Part B Action Plan. The members were advised that a total of eight actions had now been completed/ongoing, fifteen actions have been commenced, and seven actions have not yet been commenced. An additional two actions are on track for completion within the next two months, these include 'Action 1.3 - Establishment of a Multicultural Communities Network' and 'Action 3.3 - Promote the Springvale Library and Hub as a resource for people seeking asylum and refugees'. The Committee also agreed that incomplete actions will rollover to the current financial year 2020-21, with a focus on completing actions which address COVID-19 related gaps currently experienced by people seeking asylum and refugees.</p> <p><b>Employment &amp; Education Working Group</b> The Advisory Committee agreed that a Terms of Reference be developed for the Employment &amp; Education Working Group.</p>	<p>Develop Terms of Reference for the Employment &amp; Education Working Group</p>	<p>CGD – Community Advocacy Officer</p>
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 5:10PM.</b></p>		

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#### **4.1.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 12 August 2020**

File Id:	A6805766
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting on 12 August 2020

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**4.1.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 12 August 2020 (Cont.)**

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**Consultation**

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**Recommendation**

**That Council notes the draft Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 August 2020 as provided in the attachment to this report.**

**MINUTE 1613**

Moved by: Cr Matthew Kirwan  
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

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**CARRIED**

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**4.1.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 12 August 2020 (Cont.)**

**OTHER**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING ON  
12 AUGUST 2020**

**PAGES 7 (including cover)**

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

**4.1.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 12 August 2020 (Cont.)**

<b>Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:</b>	Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 August 2020
<b>Time of Meeting:</b>	3pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams Dial-in

**Attendees:**

Cr Angela Long (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Cr Matthew Kirwan (CGD), Acting Inspector Dean Grande (Victoria Police [VicPol]), Acting Senior Sergeant Will Harvey (VicPol), Catherine McGrath (Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS]), Sean Quigley (Wayss), Codie Schaefer (Launch Housing), Toshi Mochida (Launch Housing), Sarah Lalley (Youth Advocacy and Support Service [YSAS]), Derlie Mateo-Babiano (Melbourne University), Manager – Community Development, Sport and Recreation (CGD), Coordinator – Community Development – Chairperson (CGD), Manager – Communications and Customer Service (CGD), Coordinator – Youth and Family Services (CGD), Manager – Business and Revitalisation (CGD), Emergency Management Officer (CGD), Team Leader – Public Safety and Security (CGD), Team Leader – Community Advocacy (CGD), Community Advocacy Officer (CGD), Business Support Officer (CGD).

**Apologies:**

Cr Maria Sampey (CGD), Cr Sophie Tan (CGD), Inspector Mark Langhorn (VicPol), Senior Sergeant Brett Skurka (VicPol), Dawn Vernon (Greater Dandenong Neighbourhood Watch [NHW]), Deb Pugsley (WHISE), Andrew D'Arcy (Launch Housing), Yvette Shaw (DHHS), Suzanne Bumpstead (Monash Health Accident and Emergency), Jessica Elsworth (Women's Health In South East [WHISE]), Director – Community Services (CGD), Place Manager – Activity Centres Revitalisation (CGD), Manager – Communications and Customer Service (CGD), Team Leader – Transport (CGD).

**Minutes:**

Community Advocacy Officer (CGD).

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> The Chair welcomed attendees, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land, and noted apologies.		
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Business Arising</b> The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were adopted.  <b>Membership Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sarah Lalley was welcomed back to the CSAC after re-establishing YSAS' membership.</li> <li>The potential Country Fire Authority representative for the CSAC was recontacted and has informed Council that the organisation will defer their decision for several months due to their recent amalgamation with the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade. There are new planning priorities, staff changes that includes changes to their own role, and now Covid considerations.</li> </ul> <p>They requested the CSAC re-contact them in November to allow them the time to determine if the new structure allows for representation on the CSAC and who may be suitable.</p>	<p>Re-contact the CFA/FRV and PTV/DOT in November to obtain their final decisions regarding joining the CSAC.</p> <p>Metro Trains and Monash Health Alcohol and Drug Services representatives to be invited to join prior to the November meeting.</p>	Council to report back at the November CSAC meeting.

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## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

## 4.1.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 12 August 2020 (Cont.)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential Public Transport Victoria (PTV)/VicRoads representative for the CSAC was re-contacted and has also asked for more time to consider the offer to join the Committee.</li> <li>Contact was made with Metro Trains at Dandenong Station, and it was requested that a senior community liaison officer at head office be first offered the opportunity to join the Committee. The long-term officer at the Station who provided the contact details stated they themselves were very interested in joining the CSAC.</li> <li>Inspector Langhorn has liaised with a Team Leader of Monash Health Alcohol and Drug Services, who has previously expressed an interest to Council to join the CSAC as the service's representative. This will be arranged for the next CSAC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Safety Plan Year 4-5 Reporting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Safety Plan's Years 4-5 Reporting Tables, covering January-June 2019 and July 2019-June 2020 will be distributed to stakeholders responsible for actioning Plan objectives by the end of August, with previous reports to assist with responses.</li> <li>Both current reporters and CSAC members that are not listed to deliver reports on objectives were requested to also provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commentary about COVID-19 impacts on their agencies, service delivery and clients</li> <li>Responses to these impacts and outcomes</li> <li>Identified service gaps and resource needs that the CSAC could collectively assist to advocate for.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Notice of Motion No.81: Hemmings Street and Precinct (refer Item 3)</b></p> <p><b>Mobile CCTV System Proposal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A grant application discussed at the previous meeting was submitted with CCTV proposals, including for Boyd Lane in central Dandenong. Components required to implement a mobile CCTV system were included in the grant, whilst a full mobile system has been included as a strategy requiring Council funding in the Notice of Motion report on the Hemming Street Precinct crime and anti-social behaviour.</li> </ul>	<p>Council to distribute Years 4-5 Reporting Tables by end-August and assist members to provide response</p>	<p>Council to report back to the November CSAC meeting.</p>
3.	<p><b>Notice of Motion No.81: Hemmings Street and Precinct</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A report is being developed in response to the Notice of Motion discussed at the previous CSAC meeting, regarding crime and anti-social behaviour in the Hemmings Street Precinct in Dandenong West.</li> <li>The report is based on findings from crime data analysis, and from consultation, interviews, and meetings with Precinct stakeholders, residents and business providers.</li> <li>Proposed actions focus on developing further stakeholder partnerships, promotion about the need and benefits of calling Triple Zero, and sourcing security infrastructure.</li> <li>Other actions will aim to increase community</li> </ul>	<p>Council to report on progress of the Hemmings St Precinct Action Plan.</p>	<p>Council at the November CSAC meeting.</p>

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	<p>engagement through arts and cultural events to build community connections and improve perceptions of safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan implementation will also consider the social and cultural influences that shape the Precinct, and there is the potential for a research partnership project with Deakin University to inform planning.</li> <li>The Notice of Motion report will go before Council for a briefing on 24 August with a report to be submitted for endorsement on 14 September.</li> </ul>		
4.	<b>Abandoned/Derelict Houses [Confidential]</b>		
5.	<p><b>Community Safety Plan 2019-22 18 Reporters Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific updates were raised, and related Plan actions were discussed in Roundtable Updates below.</li> </ul>		
6.	<p><b>Roundtable Updates</b></p> <p><b>YSAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YSAS gave an overview of client issues brought about by COVID-19:</li> <li>There has been a rise in youth homelessness, with noticeable numbers of young people reporting they are couch surfing, eg, at friends' places.</li> <li>YSAS is also working to support some street-based young people and their families, who are not homeless but instead refusing to return home for a variety of reasons, such as family conflict and/or violence, or disliking household rules.</li> <li>State Government COVID-19 funding has assisted YSAS greatly to provide crisis accommodation in local hotels, though services are concerned about housing availability when funding ceases.</li> <li>YSAS is collaborating with other services such as Wayss, to advocate for housing that meets the needs of vulnerable and homeless youth.</li> <li>Other COVID-19 impacts that YSAS has noted is a likely increase in harmful substance use, particularly adulterated barbiturates that is leading to a rise in accidental, or potential deliberate overdoses.</li> <li>There is also a rise in mental health issues reported in young people, including a noticeable increase in self-harm and suicide attempts. Mental health and other health providers are finding it challenging to meet the need.</li> <li>As a result of the above, YSAS staff are carrying a much higher case load than normally allocated, whilst also working further to educate young people and families to recognise and manage risky behaviours.</li> <li>Another trend being noted is a reluctance by young people to be tested for COVID-19. Some believe that Police or the army will be informed of who has been tested and will visit people's homes. Many local youths come from refugee backgrounds and have had negative experiences with authorities from a young age, and such visits would bring shame on their parent/s or carer.</li> <li>Being tested also requires self-isolation afterwards, and if results come back positive, this is seen as a disincentive that compromises their ability to work or</li> </ul>		

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	<p>socialise.</p> <p><b>Launch Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch Housing is working in collaboration with the DHHS Hotel Response Team to ensure there is an effective crisis response for persons who are homeless during COVID-19 restrictions.</li> <li>• Launch is supporting clients in a hotel, providing 24-hour security and support workers. A model being implemented across Melbourne.</li> <li>• Launch is also collaborating with Wayss, YSAS and other services to advocate for increased social housing options, through the HART consortium of 15 services based in the Bayside and southeast region.</li> <li>• Launch's Assertive Outreach Worker is actively in the field, and visiting squats to leave information, linking rough sleepers and persons in squats with Wayss for accommodation and support.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wayss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wayss has now completed the transition to their new offices on the Princes Highway with no disruption to service delivery through the varying levels of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.</li> <li>• Clients continue to be supported either in person or via phone. There is limited office structure with ninety per cent of staff working remotely or from home. This still allows for some face-to-face contact as needed.</li> <li>• Mobile phones are still being made available to clients, as well as maps and access to a free call 1800 referral support line. This is to increase the likelihood clients can contact services during COVID-19 restrictions.</li> <li>• COVID-19 has seen Wayss receive an average 100 calls per day, compared to 70-80 before the pandemic commenced. There has been an increase in requests for assistance with rent arrears and income loss.</li> <li>• Wayss are now providing approximately 40 COVID-funded crisis accommodation beds per night, and informed attendees that State Government funding has been extended until April 2021.</li> <li>• Wayss is collaborating in the HART project, which has established a central registration database for service to locate available hotel beds.</li> <li>• Whilst funding has been extended to support crisis accommodation until April 2021, Wayss' collaborative advocacy goal is to ensure that 1,100 rental and 1,000 social housing properties are created in the region to go towards meeting regional needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>DHHS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DHHS continues to implement the State response and funding for dealing with COVID-19 impacts. It is working collaboratively with local services to provide accommodation through the Hotels Response Team.</li> <li>• Agencies are facing difficulty with the logistics of delivering perishable food items to these hotels and noted that rooms do not have fridges or cooking facilities to prepare meals. Many do not have microwaves to heat pre-prepared meals that can be delivered.</li> </ul>	<p>Council to distribute PPE</p>	<p>DHHS and</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The key local hotel providing crisis accommodation is being supported with daily food drop-offs by a café and Launch Housing is providing food vouchers for those who are not self-isolating and can shop.</li> <li>• DHHS has a separate protocol that outlines standards for personal protective equipment use (PPE) by people in contact with or providing meal deliveries to persons that are self-isolating.</li> <li>• Many services providing food/meals are enquiring about PPE standards and use, and the DHHS protocols will be made available to support them to work safely when visiting hotels.</li> </ul> <p><b>Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pandemic has seen VicPol take on another layer of complex duties involving managing compliance of persons' testing positive and their contacts with COVID-19 directions and restrictions.</li> <li>• VicPol continues to monitor public order during COVID-19 restrictions in locations where public could gather, such as Ouson Plaza on Princes Highway, central Dandenong and the Hemmings Street Precinct.</li> </ul> <p><b>Council</b> <b>Councillors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillors requested VicPol, Local Laws and/or Launch Housing visit Dandenong Park where a person is camping, and Hemmings Street shopping zone where another person is begging.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Youth Services have noted a significant increase in mental health impacts and disengagement from learning amongst youth due to COVID-19. Youth workers are finding that young people are expressing they want to be connected and engaged with others.</li> <li>• There is a noticeable emergence amongst young people of what has been termed 'COVID fatigue', where youth are known to breach isolation to be with peers and are being fined as a result.</li> <li>• It is understood the increase in self-harm and suicide attempts has led to a thirty-three per cent increase in presentations of young people under 18 years of age to hospital Emergency Departments since COVID-19 commenced.</li> <li>• The mental health system has received a funding boost that includes addressing youth needs. It is hoped this will provide a model that complements Youth Services' psychosocial support approach and provide a telehealth service.</li> <li>• Numbers and groups of young people socialising around Youth Services' offices at 39A Clow St during summer, have markedly decreased. It is thought to be due to a combination of COVID-19 restrictions, cold weather and the assertive engagement undertaken to encourage the young people to be more respectful of others and their surrounds.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities Centres Revitalisation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council has received a grant from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions to assist in the revitalisation of the Noble Park activities centre. Ongoing discussions will determine what</li> </ul>	<p>protocols to services.</p>	<p>Council.</p>
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	<p>infrastructure will be agreed to.</p> <p><b>Public Safety and Security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's CCTV system has had minimal disruptions since last meeting. An upgrade to the system's monitoring capabilities was one of the proposals included in a recently submitted grant application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is partnering in the DHHS Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative which includes referrals from the COVID-19 Support Hotline. The CASI initiative provide support for community connection, material aid and food items, and referral linkages for community members under stress and/or self-isolating.</li> <li>• Council units are working together to provide ongoing on-line and phone-based support and a referral system to better identify the needs of community members and provide support options.</li> </ul> <p><b>Emergency Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Emergency Management Team has been focussed on coordinating Council's responsibilities in responding to COVID-19 impacts and implementing associated legislative requirements.</li> <li>• Current issues include collaborating with DHHS to manage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COVID-19 outbreaks amongst staff at a local meatworks, aged care facilities, supermarket and factory. Work being done to ensure hygienic practices, compliance, and referral to appropriate services.</li> <li>○ Supporting Council units to source and distribute 15,000 purchased and donated face masks to vulnerable members of the community.</li> <li>○ An ongoing concern with factories overstockpiling recycled goods and rubbish. The Fire Planning Sub-committee is working with a variety of State authorities to address this.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Melbourne University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After delaying the start of Semester Two for as long as possible due to COVID-19, Melbourne University has commenced programs on-line. COVID-19 has impacted enrolments due to students returning home overseas and some research has been put on hold.</li> </ul> <p>The meeting closed at 4.10pm.</p>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dandenong Civic Centre</b>	
25 Nov (post local election)	3-4.30pm	To be confirmed, dependent on COVID restrictions: Microsoft Teams Dial In or Dandenong Civic Centre Meeting Room	

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#### 4.1.3 Change to Scheduled 2020 Council Meeting Dates

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Corporate Services

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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#### Report Summary

Council adopted a schedule for its 2020 Council Meeting dates on 14 November 2019. Council has now received advice from the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) regarding the conduct of the 2020 Council elections and subsequently needs to make some changes to its 2020 schedule of Council Meeting dates.

#### Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council reschedules the Council Meetings for November 2020 to allow for the anticipated declaration of the Greater Dandenong 2020 election results by the VEC.

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#### 4.1.3 Change to Scheduled 2020 Council Meeting Dates (Cont.)

### Background

The adopted Council Meeting Schedule for 2020 lists the following Council Meetings for the remainder of 2020.

Monday 12 October 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday 5 November 2020	Annual Statutory Meeting
Monday 9 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday 23 November 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting
Monday 14 December 2020	Ordinary Council Meeting

*Note: the terms "Ordinary Council Meeting" and "Annual Statutory Meeting" are no longer used under the Local Government Act 2020.*

The VEC has advised Councils across Victoria which are having elections in October 2020 that it is unlikely that results will be declared prior to 13 November 2020. Council will therefore need to cancel the meetings scheduled for the 5, 9 and 23 November 2020 (as listed above). At this stage, there is no need to cancel the meetings already scheduled for 12 October and 14 December 2020.

At this stage it is difficult to confirm when the declaration of the results of the Greater Dandenong Council elections will be made, however it is proposed to work to the date anticipated by the VEC and schedule new Council Meeting dates as follows for the month of November 2020:

6.00pm, Thursday 19 November 2020	Swearing in of Councillors and Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
7.00pm, Monday 30 November 2020	Council Meeting

These proposed Council Meeting dates allow for enough notification and consultation with the incoming Council and the public to prepare for the Council Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. They also allow for some time for induction to be provided to new Councillors (who have never been in office before) prior to the first Council Meeting of the new term.

If the VEC declares the results of the elections sooner than anticipated, every attempt will be made to hold the Council Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at an earlier time.

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#### **4.1.3 Change to Scheduled 2020 Council Meeting Dates (Cont.)**

### **Proposal**

#### **Community Plan 'Imagine 2030' and Council Plan 2017-21 – Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Plans**

After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted to see for themselves and the City in 2030, the result was the Greater Dandenong Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'. This report is consistent with the following community visions:

#### **Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'**

##### People

- *Pride* – Best place best people

##### Opportunity

- *Leadership by the Council* – The leading Council

#### **Council Plan 2017-21**

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. This report is consistent with the following goals:

##### Opportunity

- An open and effective Council

#### **Related Council Policies**

This report is consistent with Council's Governance Rules adopted on 24 August 2020 under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

#### **Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities**

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to its contents.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **Consultation**

Council's Governance Rules state that reasonable notice of Council Meetings must be given and the Agenda for a public Council Meeting must be made available to the public via Council's website three business days before that meeting.

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#### **4.1.3 Change to Scheduled 2020 Council Meeting Dates (Cont.)**

### **Conclusion**

It is proposed that Council cancels the scheduled Council Meetings of 5, 9 and 23 November 2020 and schedules new meetings for 19 and 30 November 2020 as outlined in this report.

### **Recommendation**

#### **That Council:**

- 1. cancels the scheduled Council Meetings for 5, 9 and 23 November 2020;**
- 2. schedules new Council Meetings for 6.00pm on Thursday 19 November 2020 (for swearing in of Councillors and election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) and 7.00pm on Monday 30 November 2020; and**
- 3. endorses any arrangements required for earlier meetings as in Point 2 above and as indicated in this report if the Victorian Electoral Commission declares the results of the 2020 Greater Dandenong Council elections earlier than the anticipated date of 13 November 2020.**

### **MINUTE 1614**

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan  
Seconded by: Cr Youhorn Chea

#### **That Council:**

- 1. cancels the scheduled Council Meetings for 5, 9 and 23 November 2020;**
- 2. schedules new Council Meetings for 6.00pm on Thursday 19 November 2020 (for swearing in of Councillors and election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) and 7.00pm on Monday 30 November 2020; and**
- 3. endorses any arrangements required for earlier meetings as in Point 2 above and as indicated in this report if the Victorian Electoral Commission declares the results of the 2020 Greater Dandenong Council elections earlier than the anticipated date of 13 November 2020.**

**CARRIED**



#### **4.1.4 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 7 September 2020**

File Id: fA25545  
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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#### **Report Summary**

As part of Council's ongoing efforts to improve transparency in Council processes, matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be of a confidential nature) are reported on at ordinary Council meetings.

The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings in September 2020

#### **Recommendation Summary**

This report recommends that the information contained within it be received and noted.

**4.1.4 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 7 September 2020 (Cont.)****Matters Presented for Discussion**

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1	<p><b><i>Drum COVID-19 Recovery Package and Schools Subsidy</i></b></p> <p>Councillors were briefed on a proposed Drum Theatre recovery package and school subsidy prior to a report being presented to the 14 September 2020 Council Meeting. The briefing outlined details of the package and subsidy and its value to community recovery.</p>	<b><i>7 September 2020</i></b>
2	<p><b><i>Public Open Space Acquisition – CONFIDENTIAL</i></b></p> <p>(Cr Tim Dark disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the meeting during its discussion).</p>	<b><i>7 September 2020</i></b>
3	<p><b><i>Dandenong Community Hub</i></b></p> <p>Councillors were presented with the findings of a Needs Analysis which has assessed the current and future demand for community infrastructure in the central Dandenong area.</p>	<b><i>7 September 2020</i></b>
4	<p><b><i>Audit &amp; Risk Committee Annual Report</i></b></p> <p>Councillors were provided with the Audit Committee Annual Report by the Committee Chair which will be tabled at the 14 September 2020 Council Meeting.</p>	<b><i>7 September 2020</i></b>
5	<p><b><i>Response to Notice of Motion No. 82 – Springvale Community Hub Action Plan</i></b></p> <p>Councillors were informed of the Springvale Community Hub Action Plan and Advisory Committee Terms of Reference prior to a report being presented to the 14 September 2020 Council Meeting.</p>	<b><i>7 September 2020</i></b>

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**4.1.4 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 7 September 2020 (Cont.)**

<b>6</b>	<b><i>General Discussion</i></b>  Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following topics: a) Caretaker period and restrictions on Council. b) Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 14 September 2020.	<b><i>7 September 2020</i></b>
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**Apologies**

Nil.

**Recommendation**

**That:**

1. the information contained in this report be received and noted; and
2. the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session that was declared confidential in item 2 by the Chief Executive Officer under sections 77(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

Item 2 was deemed confidential on the ground that is was council business information that would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

**MINUTE 1615**

Moved by: Cr Angela Long  
Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

**That:**

1. the information contained in this report be received and noted; and
2. the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session that was declared confidential in item 2 by the Chief Executive Officer under sections 77(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

**4.1.4 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 7 September 2020 (Cont.)**

**Item 2 was deemed confidential on the ground that it was council business information that would prejudice Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.**

**CARRIED**

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#### 4.1.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id:	qA283304
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Correspondence Received 7-18 September 2020

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***The recommendation for this report does not contravene section 69 of the Local Government Act 2020, nor does it represent a significant decision under Council's Election Period (Caretaker) Policy.***

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#### Report Summary

Subsequent to resolutions made by Council on 11 November 2013 and 25 February 2014 in relation to a listing of incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 provides a list of this correspondence for the period 7-18 September 2020.

#### Recommendation

**That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 7-18 September 2020 be received and noted. be received and noted.**

#### MINUTE 1616

Moved by: Cr Loi Truong  
Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

**That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 7-18 September 2020 be received and noted. be received and noted.**

**CARRIED**

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**4.1.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors (Cont.)**

**OTHER**

**LIST OF REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE TO  
MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED  
7-18 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**PAGES 3 (including cover)**

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**4.1.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors (Cont.)**



**Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 07/09/20 & 18/09/20 - for officer action - total = 5**

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
A request from a past resident to speak to the Mayor regarding a property in Alexander Avenue, Dandenong in which they lived and the problems they experienced while living in that property.	07-Sep-20	07-Sep-20	fA199139	Chief Executive Officer
A complaint from a resident to the Mayor regarding a person who was sleeping rough in Dandenong Park and dumping rubbish and displaying anti-social behaviours.	06-Sep-20	10-Sep-20	fA199291	Mayor & Councillors EA
A request from a Springvale South resident for a \$100 waiver from their rates.	07-Sep-20	17-Sep-20	fA199775	Rates & Revenue
A request from a resident to be involved via Zoom in the VCAT appeal process against EPA approval for the energy plant proposal at 70 Ordish Road, Dandenong South.	17-Sep-20	17-Sep-20	fA199818	Mayor & Councillors EA
A request from the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina to build a memorial plaque in Noble Park to mark 25 years since the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina.	08-Sep-20	11-Sep-20	A6846899	Community Services

NB: Users assigned may have changed by the time of the Council Meeting. Correct at time of report production only.

**4.1.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors (Cont.)**



**Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 07/09/20 & 18/09/20 - for information only - total = 3**

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
A letter of acknowledgement to the Mayor from the Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs regarding the fast track of the re-application process for SSRS for asylum seekers.	01-Sep-20	07-Sep-20	A6834532	Mayor & Councillors EA
Advice from the Minister for Planning regarding the adoption and approval of Amendment C228 to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme in relation to 27 Wilma Avenue, Dandenong.	06-Sep-20	10-Sep-20	A6844149	Mayor & Councillors EA
A letter to the Mayor from the National Australia Day Council advising of its grants program for local Australia Day 2021 activities.	16-Sep-20	16-Sep-20	A6859804	Mayor & Councillors EA

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## **5 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

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**Cr Peter Brown joined the meeting visually at 7.49pm.**  
**Cr Peter Brown left the meeting visually at 7.50pm.**

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## 6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

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Cr Youhorn Chea left the meeting at 7.50pm.

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### Comment

#### Cr Matthew Kirwan

I will table my Councillor report tonight and go straight to my questions.

### Report Tabled

#### Cr Matthew Kirwan

Since the last Council meeting on Monday 14 September 2020, these have been some of my activities.

On Tuesday 15 September 2020, I attended a Keysborough South Community Hub ESD Workshop.

On Wednesday 16 September 2020, the Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Long and I met regarding the Vanity Lane Design Concepts.

On Sunday 20 September 2020, along with other Councillors, we attended a photo shoot for the opening of the Springvale Community Hub.

On Tuesday 22 September 2020, I attended a Keysborough South Community Hub Community Kitchen Design workshop.

### Question

#### Cr Matthew Kirwan

I have heard from Greater Dandenong residents they have abandoned Facebook and are using Twitter instead because of data misuse issues with anything that is owned by Facebook including Instagram. When I checked the Greater Dandenong Twitter feed late this afternoon, I noticed the Greater Dandenong Twitter account had been deleted. My question tonight is why is that? I can see that surrounding Councils still use Twitter. In my mind, it is not only a matter of what our residents take from Twitter but Twitter also helps our Council's advocacy efforts. Journalists gather many stories from Twitter as I have found out in the past. Was that aspect considered before deleting the account?

### Response

#### Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services

I am very surprised at Councillor Kirwan's point that our Twitter account has been deleted. That would be news to me. I will take the question on notice and provide Councillor Kirwan with some advice tomorrow but I would be very surprised if Council does not have an official twitter account still in place.

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

There was a very interesting and detailed public question earlier from Isabelle Nash of Keysborough with many parts regarding sustainability relating to the Keysborough South Community Hub. Obviously, it is premature to answer those questions given that we are only in the detail design process now however, will those answers be publicly available at the end of the detail design process?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Reports**

Yes, they will. We are going to refer those questions to an ESD specialist to prepare the responses.

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**Cr Youhorn Chea returned to the meeting at 7.54pm.**

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**Cr Tim Dark left the meeting at 7.54pm.**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

I noticed in the Correspondence to the Mayor and Councillors report that there had been a Planning Scheme Amendment C226 to approve 27 Wilma Avenue, Dandenong. This development was rejected unanimously by this Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 10 March 2020, based on Council's assessment. I can recall eight different key deviances from the General Residential Zone Schedule 1. Most notably was the built form being inconsistent with the General Residential Zone Schedule 1 and the reduction in car parking requirements. As part of the Planning Minister's letter, it notes a specific overlays control has been applied. Furthermore, the Minister sought officers' opinions on the matter before doing so.

- (a) What were the officers' opinions, when were officers' opinions sought and were Councillors informed of this? If not, why not?
- (b) Were officers' opinions consistent with the Council resolution and if not, why not?
- (c) What is the nature of the Pacific Overlays Control?
- (d) What are the recommended changes that are noted in the letter? Does this mean the final development is changed from what was considered by Council on 10 March 2020 and if so how?
- (e) Have any of the deviances from the General Residential Zone Schedule 1 that were in the alternate motion which was passed that night not been addressed?

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**Cr Tim Dark returned to the meeting at 7.56pm.**

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

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**Cr Loi Truong left the meeting at 7.56pm**

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**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

I will endeavour to answer Cr Kirwan's questions in the same order that he has proposed them.

In relation to part (a), the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) wrote to Council on 6 August 2020 seeking Council's view on a proposed planning scheme amendment to introduce a special control overlay and insert an incorporated document to allow the development to occur. Council officers responded on behalf of Council to DELWP stating that Council had refused the planning permit application at 10 March 2020 Council meeting. A copy of the Council meeting Minutes was also provided to DELWP to assist them with our response. Council officers also highlighted two clerical errors within the wording of the proposed incorporated document.

In relation to part (b), Council officers' response was to advise DELWP that the Council refused the planning application at 10 March 2020, Council meeting. That was all that was provided.

In relation to the third question, the specific controls overlay proposed SC0011 and the incorporated document will allow the development of the land for 10 dwellings and a reduction in the car parking requirements to occur without the need for a planning permit subject to the conditions within the incorporated document.

In relation to question four, the recommended changes noted in the letter were in relation to clerical errors in the wording of the incorporated document and to provide a copy of our Council meeting Minutes. The final development is unchanged from what was considered by Council on 10 March 2020 Council meeting.

In relation to the last question, the special control overlay in the incorporated document will allow the development to occur as was shown on the plans considered by Council at 10 March 2020 Council meeting, subject to the same conditions set out in the Recommendation considered by Council at that meeting. Thank you.

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**Cr Loi Truong returned to the meeting at 7.58pm.**

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**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

A supplementary question, can I assume that a special controls overlay is a way of putting something into this planning scheme amendment to override where a development is inconsistent with the planning scheme?

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

That would be correct and how I understand it.

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

What is the status of the Community Garden Policy? What is the scope for the Policy and what is out of scope for the Policy? What is the consultation approach and timeframes?

**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

The Community Garden Policy is currently being scoped. When this scope has been completed, Council officers will be in a position to advise about the details of the draft proposed Policy including the consultation approach and the timeframes. At this stage, it cannot be confirmed.

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

What is our involvement in Jobs for Victoria? What kind of jobs will Council be offering and what are the timeframes for that program?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Reports**

The agreement has now been signed with Working for Victoria. I can outline that we have been allocated a total of 104 jobs to be employed via the Working for Victoria Project. The roles are spread over the following six main activity streams. The first one is cleaning and sanitation and that will be contracted to Citywide who assisted us a few months ago. The second is waste management bin audits. The third one is a range of outdoor work including land management and parks maintenance. That is followed by auditing for infrastructure and parks reserves. That is for them to audit a whole range of activities and other things that are happening in our parks.

Business auditing. We intend to use many Working for Victoria personnel for door knocking and walking through the Dandenong South industrial and commercial areas and also to undertake some project teamwork. The total grant amount is just under five million and the end date of the grant is 30 July 2021. We are still in the process of firming up dates for the first wave of recruitment and then onboarding through the Organisational Development (OD) department to take place in the next few weeks. The issue there is the ongoing COVID restrictions and how best we can operate in that environment so, it is taking longer than anticipated to bring people on.

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**Cr Youhorn Chea left the meeting at 7.59pm.**

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

My last substantive question relates to the Red Gum rest playground. I was at the Red Gum rest playground at Dandenong Park yesterday. I have asked twice before at Council meetings in the last two years about resident feedback, that we should have at least two park benches in the playground facing each other to support migrant mothers that bring multiple sets of children to play there. They can use that as an opportunity to socialise in their migrant community. Despite a positive reaction when I brought this up before, I could see that it has not yet been actioned. The seats would have to be 1.5 metres apart of course and they would need to for legroom anyway so COVID-19 would not be an issue. I am just wondering if this is still planned to be installed and if not, why not?

**Response**

**Jamie Thorley, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity**

The answer is yes. The opportunity for additional park benches within Red Gum rest playground will be undertaken in coordination with the shade sail project for the playground which is occurring later this year. It is best to wait until then when the playground zone requirements and the general functional layout of the playground area are finalised before placing the seats.

**Comment**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

I will table my remaining questions.

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

It has been reported to officers last night that we had another homeless encampment at Dandenong Park and this time in the Red Gum Rest area. There is a pattern of these happening in the new picnic areas we have created in the park as part of the Dandenong Park Master Plan. What is our strategy going forward to prevent these happening rather than being reactive? Homelessness is a real problem and we are deterring people using our enhanced park as well. At the moment the State Government is funding accommodation for the homeless.

**This question was tabled and taken on notice.**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

In a recent Facebook post, a resident noted that many areas of Spring Valley Reserve stay flooded for 11.5 months of the year becoming stagnant mozzie havens! Is this being rectified?

**This question was tabled and taken on notice.**

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

On a related matter a few years ago, the Spring Valley Reserve Master Plan got funded. I ask about this once a year and get told it has been deferred until the next financial year due to capping works? Will it be proceeding this financial year?

**This question was tabled and taken on notice.**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

On the topic of Master Plans, how is the Greaves Reserve Master Plan going and is there implementation works planned this year? I think I recall that we funded a new family toilet in the budget. When do we expect that to be implemented? Is there any additional tree planting planned to address the windswept nature of the Reserve?

**This question was tabled and taken on notice.**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

The new Springvale Community Hub playground and picnic area has been well received but I have had complaints regarding the lack of fences on the eastern and western ends of the playground and picnic area. The western end is not only somewhere where children can wander out but also leaves the barbeques and seatings close to the access road. I understand that the access road (which is front of the Dandenong Civic Centre) will be blocked for car use most of the time but that is not all of the time and there is still the matter of the experience of having a picnic/barbeque area so close to the road. Are there any changes being thought of?

**This question was tabled and taken on notice.**

**Question**

**Cr Matthew Kirwan**

Some environmental projects status questions put together.

- (a) What is the latest status with the Biodiversity Action Plan and what are the expected timeframes for early consultation?
- (b) What is the current status and timeframes of the Electric Vehicle Transition Plan?
- (c) What is the current status and timeframes of the Mobile Sustainability/Environment Centre?
- (d) What is the current status and timeframes for the Dandenong/Dandenong North Nature Sensory Trail?
- (e) What is the status and timeframes of the Regional Pest Strategy?

**This question was tabled and taken on notice.**

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Comment**

**Cr Sean O'Reilly**

I would like to advise the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is having a board meeting on Friday.

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**Cr Zaynoun Melhem left the meeting at 8.02pm.**

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**Question**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

With regards to the Silvertown Cricket Club, what is the progress on the cricket nets and the pitch?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Reports**

I will seek an update from the Manager of City Improvement Services and provide that back to Councillors. My understanding is that we are still on track pre-election as previous discussions.

**Question**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

What does Mr Kearsley mean by previous discussions? The season starts in October so would everything be ready for them to start their season if all goes well?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Reports**

I am not in a position to answer with regards to the COVID-19 restrictions. That would be a matter for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and any future announcements on sports being played. That is something that we would all be hearing from the relevant representatives and the Premier in the coming weeks. I will advise if the works that we were undertaking will be ready for the season and then we can keep an eye on whether COVID-19 will have a continued impact on the use of that ground.

**Comment**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

One of the things that we promised when the season started is that the cricket nets and facilities would be ready. I believe Councillor Long knows when the season will start.

**Comment**

**Cr Angela Long**

Due to COVID-19, the season will start later. I have heard it will not start until November.



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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Comment**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

Works should be underway so that it is all available for them when it starts even though there is a delay.

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**Cr Zaynoun Melhem returned to the meeting at 8.04pm.**

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**Question**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

I have been advised by many people mostly of ethnic backgrounds that they are not aware there is postal voting this year. They do not know what is going on even though we have advertised in the City magazine. What can we do to help them because community centres are not open? How do we communicate this to residents?

**Response**

**Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services**

It is really not Council's job to be promoting the electoral postal voting. We will help the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC); we will put it on our website; we will put it on our Facebook feed, we will do everything we can in that regard, but the real obligation in terms of any real promotion belongs to the Victorian Electoral Commission. We will do what we can but Cr Sampey's question really goes to the heart of what is the VEC doing rather than what is Council doing.

**Comment**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

Yes, because they think they will have to go to the schools to vote but I have told them that this time it is postal voting where they just fill in the form and post it.

**Comment**

**Cr Sophie Tan**

On the VEC website, there is a link people can click on to see the information in their own language.

**Comment**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

Cr Tan, we are talking about people that do not even know how to get onto a computer and look up a website. There are many people out there that do not have computers so, it is very hard.

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Question**

**Cr Sophie Tan**

With the current easing of restrictions what is the current progress on Council's City Improvement Program (CIP)?

**Response**

**Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Reports**

The good news is Cr Tan, there is greater relaxation now so construction sites can have 85 percent of their staff working on sites. We would expect that where we have had delays over the past couple of months, those would now be getting on track. However, changes were only implemented today otherwise, the CIP process has been ongoing. It really has not been greatly impacted by COVID-19 other than where we have had particular five-person restrictions on a number of sites. The Dandenong Art Gallery has had some issues with regards to numbers of employees allowed to work on it but we now are comfortable that with the relaxations that have been announced starting today, any CIP projects that were slightly delayed will quickly get back on track again.

**Question**

**Cr Sophie Tan**

Regarding Council's rate rebate program, for residents to apply, they have to log onto our website to apply online and most residents do not know how to do that. Also, for those people who do not qualify for JobSeeker or JobKeeper, do they qualify for a rate rebate?

**Response**

**Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services**

If you are not eligible for JobSeeker or JobKeeper, you can certainly still apply using our normal rates Hardship Policy. We have had many residents make those applications and we are typically providing them the same \$200 rebate as those people on JobSeeker as well. Just for the fact that you are not eligible for JobSeeker does not mean that you cannot apply for rate relief. We have processed quite a large number of applications from those people. Cr Tan's advice to those people would be to fill in the online form and if they cannot fill in the online form, I would encourage them to make contact with Council's Customer Service and we can assist them. I am also happy to provide updated advice to Councillors as at the end of September on how many ratepayers have accessed rate rebates during the past several months. It has been quite significant. I think the program has been very successful.

**Question**

**Cr Sophie Tan**

Is that under financial hardship?

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

**Response**

**Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services**

Yes. Under our Financial Hardship Policy, you have always been able to apply for rate waivers. If you are on JobSeeker, you receive an automatic rebate of \$200. If you are not on JobSeeker, we will still consider you for a rate waiver. Applicants just need to fill in the online form and if they are not able to access or complete the form online, please call Customer Service and we will help them through the process.

**Question**

**Cr Maria Sampey**

With regards to the rate waiver, I think there is a maximum of \$500. I do not think it is a waiver of the total amount of the rates, is it?

**Response**

**Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services**

Yes, Cr Sampey is right. The Policy does have a maximum of \$500.

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**Cr Sophie Tan left the meeting at 8.12pm.**

**Comment**

**Cr Loi Truong**

I have two things to report on tonight.

Firstly, I would like to thank the people from the Dandenong Star Journal local newspaper who published an article in June this year advising residents that cloth face masks are being distributed at my shop for free. I did a survey to let people know and it really helped especially the people in Springvale South. We have given out about 16,000 masks and there are still over 4,000 left. Our aim is to give out more cloth masks that people can re-use instead of using paper disposable masks because it has created a waste problem in several countries now. I would like to thank all these people who have provided over 20,000 masks for the community: Ms Tuyet Phan, Moi, Quyen, Sau, Tam thuan, Tina, Dong, Kymlee, Thuy Kim, Jenny, Liza, Mai, Phurong, Thuy Nga, Tran, Tuyet Huynh, Quang Minh Temple, Ms Phuong Huny and Mr Thanh from the West.

On Monday 21 September 2020, two staff from the Monash Children Hospital, Ms Danielle Clarke and Mr Basem Kerbage helped me distribute money tins to a number of shops in St Albans, Sunshine, Footscray, Richmond, Clayton and Springvale. Two days later, we raised \$14,583 which was donated to the new Monash Children Hospital. I would like to thank the hospital staff and all the shop owners who supported me to raise funds for this donation. Thank you.

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**6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

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**Cr Loi Truong left the meeting at 8.14pm.**

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**Comment**

**Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor**

I attended the last Mayoral Advisory Panel meeting with the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shaun Leane. It was our last meeting. He thanked the Mayors that participated for a difficult year. There normally would have only been four meetings but I think we have had about eight because of COVID-19. I was very pleased to be on that Committee. I had first-hand meetings with the Minister to help us through this COVID-19 process so I really thank the Minister, Shaun Leane for being able to be on the Mayoral Advisory Panel.

Mr Bennie and I attended a meeting with the Governor of Victoria, Ms Linda Dessau AC, who wanted to meet with us via Zoom to find out what is happening in Dandenong and our multicultural community. Over the years, the Governor has visited Dandenong on many occasions and she wanted to know how everybody was going. She is well aware that we do have a large number of people on asylum in our multicultural community. I told her about our Material Aid project, that we have been doing such a good job helping 14 different not for profit community groups. She was very surprised when I told her that we have given over 125,000 kilos of food which is huge. I thanked the Governor on behalf of all Councillors for showing interest in our municipality. I did say that the residents of the City of Greater Dandenong would love to see her after COVID-19 to which she replied she would definitely like to visit soon.

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**Cr Loi Truong returned to the meeting at 8.15pm.**

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**John Bennie PSM, 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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**COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION**

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
10/08/20 CQT9	C/r Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>Officers' responses to recommendations referred to in the inquiry by the Legal and Social Issues Committee of the Legislative Council of Victoria.</b></p> <p>Coming out of the report into the inquiry by the Legal and Social Issues Committee of the Legislative Council of Victoria published last week, there were a number of recommendations and findings directly relating to Greater Dandenong, I quote:</p> <p><i>"RECOMMENDATION 1: The City of Greater Dandenong implements all recommendations in the audit report, independent investigation into Council's regulation of iCook (sic), as a matter of priority."</i></p> <p><i>"RECOMMENDATION 2: The City of Greater Dandenong's three to four-yearly portfolio rotation policy for Environmental Health Officers was not followed in relation to I Cook Foods Pty Ltd."</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>FINDING 3: The scheduling and attendance practices of Environmental Health Officers at the City of Greater Dandenong do not reflect best practice in relation to food safety.</i></li> <li><i>FINDING 4: The City of Greater Dandenong did not adequately fulfil its role as the responsible food safety regulator in respect of its</i></li> </ul>	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	23/09/20	<p><b>Response provided 21/08/20:</b> Council's Executive and relevant officers are currently working through the detail of the Parliamentary Inquiry's findings and recommendations and will provide in due course a comprehensive update and response to Councillors.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 23/09/20:</b> Review work to date confirms that a number of the recommendations had already been implemented through work done internally over the preceding year prior to the Inquiry. Other work is in progress. I can advise that immediately following the Legal and Social Issues Committee's report a barrister has been engaged to work through the report together with the Management of the Public Health Team in assessing the findings and recommendations therein, with a view to providing a complete, detailed and comprehensive response. Answers in relation specifically to the above-mentioned Findings and Recommendations will form part of the comprehensive response as part of a report back to</p>

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## 6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		<p>management of I Cook Foods Pty Ltd, processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>FINDING 5:</i> The City of Greater Dandenong did not ensure that long-term food safety issues at I Cook Foods Pty Ltd were properly addressed in line with its food safety management processes and did not adequately communicate these issues to I Cook Foods as they arose.</li> <li><i>FINDING 6:</i> The abrupt nature of the escalation of known food safety issues at I Cook Foods Pty Ltd is concerning and points to deficiencies in process and access to procedural fairness.</li> <li><i>FINDING 7:</i> The City of Greater Dandenong had evidence of known non-compliant food safety practices at I Cook Foods Pty Ltd but did not effectively manage the rectification of these issues.</li> <li><i>FINDING 8:</i> The City of Greater Dandenong did not routinely review or refine its food safety processes to the standard expected of a food safety regulator.</li> <li><i>FINDING 10:</i> The absence of a litigation policy or any clear framework for balancing competing priorities of public safety and public expenditure at the City of Greater Dandenong is of concern.</li> <li><i>FINDING 13:</i> The classification of I Cook Foods Pty Ltd as a Category 2A business was problematic as the classification is not recognised under the Food Act 1984</li> </ul>			<p>Council. This work will also form part of the scope in engaging Council's Auditors to undertake a subsequent separate review of the aforementioned response to the Legal and Social Issues Committee's report. That Auditor's report will then be tabled before the Council's Audit and Risk Committee</p> <p><i>NOTE: Please refer to CQ715 (14/09/20).</i></p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

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		<p>and it enabled the business to operate in a high-risk area of service without the required regulatory oversight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>FINDING 14:</i> The City of Greater Dandenong failed to review annual food safety audits of I Cook Foods Pty Ltd to ensure that its classification accurately represented the practices of the business.</li> </ul> <p><i>RECOMMENDATION 8: That the City of Greater Dandenong undertake the corrective actions relating to classifications of premises as outlined in the audit report, independent investigation into Council's regulation of iCook (sic), including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conducting an audit of the classification of other food premises which Council regulates</li> <li>• reviewing and considering the rationale and risks associated with the additional sub-classifications of 2A and 2B, as introduced by the Council</li> <li>• reviewing the registration renewal process.</li> </ul> <p>What are officer's responses to each of those findings and recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) In terms of which ones we agree with?</li> <li>(2) Which ones we don't agree with and why?</li> <li>(3) Will this report be considered at our next Audit and Risk Committee meeting and if not, why not?</li> <li>(4) What findings and</li> </ol>			

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

## 6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
14/09/20 CQT11	Cr Matthew Kinwan	<p>recommendations are we taking proactive action on and what is the proactive action we are taking?</p> <p><b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p> <p><b>Melbourne Water's Enhancing Our Dandenong Project</b> Has Melbourne Water foreshadowed any Stage 3 or further stage where they believe parts of the Dandenong Creek that are within the City of Greater Dandenong will be included?</p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	24/09/20	<p><b>Initial response provided 14/09/20:</b> I will take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 24/09/20:</b> Council has followed up your inquiry with Melbourne Water around the Enhancing Our Dandenong Creek (EODC) project and was provided the following advice.</p> <p>The EODC is in its second, five-year project cycle with a third, proposed to be launched in a few years' time. EODC2 has completed its consideration of the project options, with the community and agency voting to focus on biodiversity projects at Koomba Park, Bushy Park and downstream of Colchester Road in Kilsyth. Although projects closer to the City of Greater Dandenong were proposed, they did not quite make the shortlist this time around. Additionally, the funds for the EODC are derived from the deferment of the Ringwood South Main Sewer Upgrade Project, so one of the leading principles for investment in EODC projects is a</p>

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
14/09/20 CQT14	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>CGD Disability Plan</b> Looking at our Greater Dandenong Disability Plan 2017-23 I have three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It has that there is meant to be a significant mid-point review. What is the status and timing of that?</li> <li>b) It says that there is meant to be an annual progress update and a more detailed action summary on our website. I recall there has been some annual updates to a Council meeting but I cannot find anything on our website</li> <li>c) How are we doing with short-term <i>Actions 1.3.2 Promote access rights and compliance issues to local businesses and Action 1.3.3 Develop a guide for local businesses to understand the</i></li> </ul>	Director Community Services	15/09/20	<p>preference that the adopted projects be closer to the areas and communities most likely to be impacted by the upgrade deferral. It is likely that as the EODC rounds progress, the number of projects in this area will diminish and projects further away from the core zone will have a higher priority, such as those in Greater Dandenong. On another positive note, improvements to the biodiversity values and creek ecological function upstream in Dandenong Creek will only have positive benefits for Greater Dandenong.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
<p><b>Response provided 15/09/20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Disability Action Plan 2017-23 adopted by Council in 2017 has now reached its halfway point and a midterm review of the outcomes from the plan is underway. At the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 August, the Committee agreed to provide feedback on the draft and discuss the findings further at the next meeting which will be held before the end of 2020. Once the midterm review has been completed it will be tabled at a Council meeting.</li> <li>b) The updates and detailed action summary have been completed and will be uploaded to the</li> </ul>					

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		<p><i>benefits of creating accessible environments for customers</i> which were meant to be completed in Year 1 and Year 2?  <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>			<p>website this week.</p> <p>c) As follows:  <b>Action 1.3.2</b>                      The 6th stepping into intern was placed with Greater Dandenong Business with the aim of raising awareness of all issues regarding disability in both employment and considering the needs of people with a disability as a customer.</p> <p>Plans are in place for Greater Dandenong Business to further promote the positive aspects of local business employing people with disabilities.</p> <p>The Talking Business Magazine August 2020 edition had articles on procurement, unconscious bias and the benefits of working from home for employees with disabilities.</p> <p>Council's School Based Traineeship program, is now in its second year, in partnership with the National Horticulture Institute (RTO) and Gr8 (employer and food distribution charity). This traineeship works with year 10 and 11 students with mild learning difficulties from local schools (in particular Emerson School), and they spend one day a week with us undertaking parks maintenance activities at local reserves, and one day in the classroom completing a certificate 2 in horticulture. The program has</p>

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					<p>been based at Keshava Reserve in Dandenong. Council also partnered with Citywide, and they ended up employing one of the students at the end of the year.</p> <p>Council continues to contract Waverly Industries to undertake works including hand weeding of our playgrounds and litter collection in parks.</p> <p>Council was also successful in late 2019 in receiving funding from the MAV for 2 programs focussed on encouraging local businesses to employ people with a disability. Due to COVID, implementation of these projects has been delayed but planning is now taking place to look at alternative options for implementing these projects.</p> <p><b>Action 1.3.3</b> As part of the YouMeUs project (achieving inclusion project) resources for Good Access Good Business have been developed. These resources have been approved by Council and a project plan is being developed for rollout of these resources to local businesses.</p> <p>Disability awareness training has been conducted with 8 staff from the Building Services area focussing on the built environment, unconscious bias, attitudinal change and the factors underpinning disability</p>

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14/09/20 CQT15	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>Update on responses to questions relating to Inquiry by Legal and Social Issues Committee of Victoria</b></p> <p>At the Council meeting on 10 August 2020, I asked a number of questions relating to matters coming out of the report into the inquiry by the Legal and Social Issues Committee of the Legislative Council of Victoria, specifically relating to RECOMMENDATION 1, 2, 8 and FINDING 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13 and 14.</p> <p>I asked for officer responses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) In terms of which ones we agree with?</li> <li>b) Which ones we don't agree with and why?</li> <li>c) Will this report be considered at</li> </ul>	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	23/09/20	<p>related building legislation. This training was conducted over 3 hours as a practical element for the Building Services team.</p> <p>Council conducted Disability Awareness communication training for 16 Drum Theatre front line staff. Previously 44 new staff were provided with face to face disability awareness training through Councils current induction program.</p> <p>It is hoped that these Council initiatives encourage other local businesses to consider how they make their workplaces and businesses more disability friendly.</p>
<p>COMPLETED</p> <p><b>Response provided 23/09/20:</b></p> <p>Review work to date confirms that a number of the recommendations had already been implemented through work done internally over the preceding year prior to the inquiry. Other work is in progress. I can advise that immediately following the Legal and Social Issues Committee's report a barrister has been engaged to work through the report together with the Management of the Public Health Team in assessing the findings and recommendations therein, with a view to providing a complete,</p>					

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14/09/20 CQT16		<p>our next Audit and Risk Committee meeting and if not, why not?</p> <p>d) What findings and recommendations are we taking proactive action on and what is the proactive action we are taking?</p> <p>What is the status of the answers to these questions and if they are not ready tonight, when can we expect them to be tabled in the Council Minutes?  <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>			<p>detailed and comprehensive response. Answers in relation specifically to the above-mentioned Findings and Recommendations will form part of the comprehensive response as part of a report back to Council. This work will also form part of the scope in engaging Council's Auditors to undertake a subsequent separate review of the aforementioned response to the Legal and Social Issues Committee's report. That Auditor's report will then be tabled before the Council's Audit and Risk Committee</p> <p><i>NOTE: Please refer to C.Q.T9 (10/08/20).</i></p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
14/09/20 CQT16	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>Status of South East Regional Cycling Strategy</b>            What is the status of the funding bid for the South East Regional Cycling Strategy?  <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>	Director Community Services	15/09/20	<p><b>Response provided 15/09/20:</b>            Council was recently advised by Sport and Recreation Victoria that Council was not successful with the funding application.</p> <p>Council officers are following up with councils in the region to discuss next steps and future options.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
14/09/20 CQT17	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>Status of Development Victoria EOI</b>            What is the latest status of the Development Victoria EOI for the area around Little India including the form and</p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major	21/09/20	<p><b>Response provided 21/09/20:</b>            Development Victoria has commenced contractual negotiations with the preferred</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

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14/09/20 CQT18	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p>timing of community engagement? <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p> <p><b>Micro-wind generators in some of our parks</b> A resident suggested the idea of having micro-wind generators in some of our parks as a way of showing the council supports sustainable energy and to educate the public that these generators are safe and effective way of fulfilling our energy needs. Could we consider this? <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>	Projects  Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	22/09/20	<p>bidder for Revitalising Central Dandenong Sites 11-15. They anticipate to enter into a finalised Development Agreement in late 2020 and subject to Board and Ministerial approval, commence community engagement in 2021.</p> <p>COMPLETED <b>Response provided 22/09/20:</b> Officers agree this would be an interesting project and great way of raising awareness, however solar arrays are still the most cost-effective option in the small-scale renewable space. Moving forward we will consider the potential cost to benefit outcomes of this type of technology in relevant projects.</p>
14/09/20 CQT19	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>Status of Biodiversity Action Plan</b> What is the status of the Biodiversity Action Plan and in particular the anticipated timeframes of the early, ideas focused public consultation? <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	15/09/20	<p>COMPLETED <b>Response provided 15/09/20:</b> Council has recently appointed a consultant, Ecology Australia, to develop the Biodiversity Action Plan. Council officers are meeting with the consultants this week to refine the work plan and staging, including the community consultation component. More information will be available in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/09/20:</b> Council has recently appointed a consultant, Ecology Australia, to develop the Biodiversity Action Plan. Council officers are meeting with the</p>

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14/09/20 CQT20	Cr Matthew Kinwan	<p><b>Traffic safety in the vicinity of the intersections of Hammond Road and Webster Street; and Hammond Road and Dalgety Street.</b></p> <p>Following on from what I mentioned earlier, the meeting Cr Long, Cr Memeti and I had with the Council Transport Team regarding traffic safety in the vicinity of the intersections of Hammond Rd and Webster St and Hammond Rd and Dalgety St, what are the next steps?</p> <p><b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	15/09/20	<p>consultants this week to refine the work plan and staging, including the community consultation component. Councillors will be advised as more information becomes available in the coming weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>Response provided 15/09/20:</b> Council's traffic engineers will be using some of the findings from the meeting to look at a number of things around the intersection, such as signage and speed. The most notable action will be to commence discussions with the Department of Transport regarding reducing the speed limit from 60km/h to 50km/h in the area, as well as improving the speed limit signage in general to encourage appropriate approach speeds.</p> <p>The issues identified will also be used to inform discussions regarding the Webster Street Level Crossing Removal. This is a major upcoming project in the area, which is likely to impact traffic flows at the intersections of Hammond Rd with Webster St and Dalgety St and potentially other intersections like Kirkham Rd/Frankston-Dandenong Rd.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/09/20:</b> Council's traffic engineers will be</p>

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14/09/20 CQT21	Cr Matthew Kinwan	<p><b>Installing more water fountains into our parks</b>                      A resident suggested to me to enable compliance by the community with our Plastics Policy, have we started yet installing more water fountains into our parks and also adding their installation into park masterplans and concept plans? I remember this was discussed as a good idea at the time of the endorsement of our Plastics Policy to achieve one of the policy requirements "Free access to drinking water must be</p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	28/09/20	<p>using some of the findings from the meeting to look at a number of things around the intersection, such as signage and speed. The most notable action will be to commence discussions with the Department of Transport regarding reducing the speed limit from 60km/h to 50km/h in the area, as well as improving the speed limit signage in general to encourage appropriate approach speeds.</p> <p>The issues identified will also be used to inform discussions regarding the Webster Street Level Crossing Removal. This is a major upcoming project in the area, which is likely to impact traffic flows at the intersections of Hammond Road with Webster Street and Dalgety Street and potentially other intersections like Kirkham Road/Frankston-Dandenong Road.</p>
<p><b>Response provided 28/09/20:</b>                      I can advise that Council's Open Space Strategy and endorsed masterplans each provide direction on drinking fountain installation. As funding becomes available additional drinking fountains are being installed in accordance with these documents.</p>			<p>COMPLETED</p>		

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14/09/20 CQT22	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p>provided”?</p> <p>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Status of the review of Greater Dandenong Sustainability Strategy 2016-2030.</b> What is the status of the review of Greater Dandenong Sustainability Strategy 2016-2030. If it hasn't started yet what will be the process and timeframes?</p> <p>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</p>	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	22/09/20	<p><b>Response provided 22/09/20:</b> The five-year review of the Sustainability Strategy is due to commence in the coming weeks, which will include establishing the timeframes and process for this review. It is intended to have the review completed in the first half of 2021.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
14/09/20 CQT23	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p><b>Update on responses on multiple outstanding questions on disability access.</b> Going back to the report from the Council meeting on 8 December 2014, namely 2.6.3 <i>Response to Notice of Motion No. 19 (2012-2016) - Disability Access Issues in Central Dandenong</i>, there was a number of outstanding actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Concerns with cobblestones</li> <li>b) Zebra crossing outside the Dandenong Station with static control</li> <li>d) Access to shops</li> <li>g) Lack of formal crossing at the intersection of Langhorne and Lonsdale Street</li> <li>h) Disabled Parking Bays</li> <li>k) Need for a AAA accessible Greater Dandenong</li> <li>m) Lack of direct access from Dandenong Railway Station to</li> </ul>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	16/09/20	<p><b>Response provided 16/09/20:</b> Below is an update on Council officers' actions over the last six years. We appreciate your enquiry regarding the 2014 report to Council dealing with Disability Access Issues in Central Dandenong. I have provided a short statement below on each of the actions within that report. Several of these were completed around that time, while other ongoing actions continue.</p> <p><b>(a) Concerns with cobblestones</b> This item referred to the cobblestones on Lonsdale Street impact the ability of Council to relocate disabled parking bays, as the cost of "flattening" an area to install a disabled bay is relatively high. The adopted action in 2014 was to</p>

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		<p>Government Agencies                      r) Concerns regarding Green Rooms.                      Any update on these?  <b>This question was tabled and taken on notice.</b></p>			<p>monitor usage of accessible car parks and should additional warrant demand, increase the number of spaces in consultation with stakeholders.                      The 2011 streetscape works installed a high level of disabled bays, and to date these are not heavily occupied.                      While the cobblestones do make it harder to relocate disabled parking on Lonsdale Street, this is having little/no impact on those accessing disabled parking due to the appropriate provision at the this point in time.</p> <p><b>(b) Zebra crossing outside the Dandenong Station with static control</b>                      The resolution here was to make no change to the crossing but advocate for reduced speed limits at the location. The speed limit here was reduced to 40km/h in 2018 following work between Council and the Victorian Government.</p> <p><b>(d) Access to shops</b>                      This relates to access to private property, so Council is only able to address this on a reactive basis, following complaints and other opportunities for building inspections. These actions were undertaken prior to 2014 and have continued since.</p> <p><b>(g) Lack of formal crossing at the</b></p>

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					<p><b>Intersection of Langhorne and Lonsdale St</b>                      The 2014 actions relating to this, focused around driver behaviour for buses. Discussions were held with bus operators in 2015. Some compliance issues from other drivers at this location have been raised with the police since and increased signage to deter illegal manoeuvres was installed in 2018 alongside an extension to the times of operation of the 40km/h speed zone covering the area, all of which should have some safety improvements for the community at the intersection.</p> <p><b>(h) Disabled Parking Bays</b>                      Several editions of the Disability Action Plan and various parking policies have been updated since 2014. These have considered disabled parking.                      Provision of disabled parking in our activity centres continues to be well in excess of recommended rates.</p> <p><b>(k) Need for a AAA accessible Greater Dandenong</b>                      No change in direction was proposed in 2014. Updates to Councils website continue to give consideration to accessibility directives.</p> <p><b>(m) Lack of direct access from Dandenong Railway Station to Government Agencies</b></p>

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14/09/20 CQT24	Cr Tim Dark	<p><b>Alcohol community consultation forums</b> Supplementary to Councillor Kinwan's question before the City of Casey conducted a positive alcohol community consultation where they held sessions people attended with an incentive at the end. It might be worthwhile having a conversation with the City of Casey about this and if they found it was a success, given that Dandenong and Casey are similar in terms of demographics. <b>This question was taken on notice.</b></p>	Director Community Services	22/09/20	<p>The key action in this was a low priority consideration as to the realignment of the Mason Street / Robinson Street intersection. This remains a CIP target, and was included within a design for a Robinson Street Streetscape upgrade. A concept design is in preparation and will be considered for staged implementation in upcoming budgets.</p> <p><b>(r) Concerns regarding Green Rooms</b> There was no action for Council identified here.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>Response provided 22/09/20:</b> Enquiries have been made with the Casey Council officers responsible for conducting the city's community consultation around solutions to alcohol harm across the municipality. Two research reports have been obtained:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Casey LDAT Stage 1 Research Report, which details the community survey which was undertaken in February/March this year.</li> <li>Stage 2 Research Report, which outlines the community engagement process that was undertaken to co-design local solutions to reduce alcohol related harm.</li> </ol> <p>Casey officers reported that the</p>

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14/09/20 CQT25	Cr Tim Dark	<p><b>Review of recent works on Chandler Road</b> I would like to thank the Engineering Directorate as the works on Chandler Road are now completed, asphalted and has reopened. Many people have called me about it. Some residents advised that the lip comes out quite far towards the road and a couple of people have swerved to avoid it. Can this be reviewed?</p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	23/09/20	<p>consultation was successful and they are about to commence a youth orientated 'Social Marketing' project aimed at shifting the focus of drinking when you turn 18.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>Initial response provided 14/09/20:</b> We will review this issue.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 23/09/20:</b> The project manager for these works has liaised with the traffic engineers to develop a solution which should address the resident concerns. The existing edge line on Chandler Road leading up to the new works is slightly worn and may be causing some drivers to sit far to the left of the traffic lane. Remarking this edge line should help drivers be well clear of the kerb outstand. Additionally we will arrange for a new chevron sign to be installed on the outstand. I should ensure drivers follow the proper alignment and have a smooth transition around the kerb outstand.</p>
14/09/20 CQT28	Cr Sophie Tan	<p><b>Bus shelter on Athol Road</b> A resident contacted me via Facebook regarding a bus shelter including the seat at Athol Road near Corrigan Road. The bus shelter was removed by Council a few years ago and it has not been replaced as yet?</p>	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	15/09/20	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>Initial response provided 14/09/20:</b> If Cr Tan could send the details through of the location we will investigate. It may not have been removed by Council. It might have been a Department of Transport issue in removing them so that is a</p>

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					<p>matter that we could take up with the State Government if it is one that they have removed and have not replaced.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/09/20:</b>                      The old shelter was a non-Adshel one installed a long time ago and as such it was removed as it created safety issues and was at the end of its useful life. Council is retiring these shelters as they come to the end of their asset lifespan. Council is not replacing shelters as it is the responsibility of the Department of Transport to provide shelters at bus stops for their patrons. They have a program in place that provides shelters which includes maintenance and cleaning. The customer should contact the Department of Transport and request a shelter at this location. It is likely then that a request will be forwarded to us, due to the current shelter arrangements with DoT which does not have them providing any shelters within CGD. We've developed a very clear approach to this issue over the last couple of years and attempted (unsuccessfully) to see if a compromise could be reached. Kindly contact Chris Marshall at email: <a href="mailto:christopher.marshall@cgd.vic.gov.au">christopher.marshall@cgd.vic.gov.au</a> should you wish to pursue further enquiry in this regard.</p>

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At the Ordinary meeting of Council on Monday, 24 March 2014, Council resolved to change the way Councillors and Public questions taken on notice are answered and recorded from 14 April 2014 meeting of Council onwards.

## **7 URGENT BUSINESS**

No urgent business was considered.

The meeting closed at 8.16PM.

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