



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 09 MARCH 2021
Commencing at 7:07 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Nil.

Councillors Present

Cr Angela Long (Chairperson)

Cr Tim Dark, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Eden Foster, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Richard Lim, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong.

Officer Present

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services, Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity, Martin Fidler, Director Community Services, Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting 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.

Cr Richard Lim entered the Chamber at 7.08pm.

1.3 OFFERING OF PRAYER

Cr Richard Lim read the following prayer provided prior to the meeting by Mr Jasbir Singh Suropada from the Sikh Community, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network.

" The Remembrance of God is the highest and the most exalted of all. In the remembrance of God, many are saved, thirst is quenched, all things are known, there is no fear of death, hopes are fulfilled and the filth of the mind is removed."

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS UNDER SEAL TO FORMER COUNCILLORS.

The Mayor, Cr Angela Long presented letters under seal to the following former in recognition of their services to the City of Greater Dandenong:

- Youhorn Chea;
- Matthew Kirwan; and
- Zaynoun Melhem.

VALE MARGARET NICHOLLS, CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG COMMISSIONER & FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OAKLEIGH.

On behalf of Greater Dandenong Councillors and staff, I offer our sincere condolences to the Nicholls family as they reflect on and celebrate the life of Margaret.

Margaret Nicholls was one of three Commissioners appointed to oversee the amalgamation of the former City of Springvale with the then City of Dandenong which become known as the City of Greater Dandenong. This amalgamation in 1994 was a significant event in our municipal history.

Being a former Mayor of the City of Oakleigh, Margaret's sense of community, local government knowledge, experience and tenacity held her in good stead for the role of Commissioner. In particular, she was a key contributor to the strong foundation principles being established for the future governance of the Greater Dandenong City Council.

As a very well respected and admired friend of our city, we proudly acknowledge Margaret's contribution to, and the influence she had, on the formation of our City Council.

We share our gratitude for Margaret's leadership and send our sincere condolences and thoughts to her family and friends during this sad time.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting of Council held 22 February 2021.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 22 February 2021 be confirmed.

MINUTE 100

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

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 22 February 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

1.5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a GENERAL Conflict of Interest (s.127) in Item No. 2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02), as he is a member of the mosque which is the subject of this town planning application. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber prior to discussion and voting on this item.

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

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.

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received one (1) new petition and no joint letter prior to the Council Meeting of 9 March 2021.

- A petition was received from 406 proponents regarding the concept design and location survey for the Dandenong Community Hub in 2020/21; that Council will progress immediately the resolution of the Council meeting on 14 September 2020. This petition has been forwarded to the relevant Council Business Unit/s for action.

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 101

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

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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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
2/03/21	<p>• Petition Text (Prayer)</p> <p>Petition regarding progressing concept design and location survey for the Dandenong Community Hub in 2020/21.</p> <p>To the Greater Dandenong Council.</p> <p>That the petitioner below request Council progress immediately the resolution of the Council Meeting of the 14th September 2020; namely that:</p> <p>(1) in the 2020/21 financial year, concept designs for an integrated, intergenerational Dandenong Community Hub with capacity for children services and formal and informal meeting and activity spaces be drawn up and exhibited; and</p> <p>(2) in tandem there be community consultation on the location which will include a range of options including the Clow Street (ie Market) precinct.</p>	406	New	<p>Tabled at Council Meeting 9 March 2021</p> <p>2/03/2021 Responsible Officer – Director Community Services</p> <p>2/03/2021 Acknowledgement Email sent to the head petitioner by Governance.</p>

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2.2 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02)

File Id:	A7242600
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Attachments:	Submitted Plans Location of Objectors

Application Summary

Applicant:	Pro Home Builders Pty Ltd
Proposal:	AMENDMENT TO: Planning Permit PLN11/0866.01 and associated endorsed plans which allows for 'alterations and additions to a place of worship'.
Zone:	General Residential Zone, Schedule 1.
Overlay:	N/A
Ward:	Dandenong

This application is brought before the Council because it has received three (3) objections.

Planning permit PLN11/0866.01, issued by Council on 24 July 2012, allows for *alterations and additions to a place of worship*.

The applicant has applied for an amendment to Planning Permit PLN11/0866.01 under Section 72 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Pursuant to Section 72(1) *a person who is entitled to use or develop land in accordance with a permit may apply to the responsible authority for an amendment to the permit*.

The changes sought to the endorsed plans involve:

- Relocation of the previously approved 21.4 metre high minaret from the southern elevation to the northern elevation;
- The construction of a first-floor extension to the single storey domed building;
- Design modification to the approved ground floor extension including the addition of a verandah;
- Internal layout modifications; and
- Fenestration changes.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Pursuant to Section 72 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the ambit of discretion is limited to the proposed changes sought by the applicant. Consideration cannot be given to elements already approved as part of the original application that are not sought to be amended.

In summary, Councils assessment is limited to the changes sought through this application.

Objectors Summary

The application was advertised to the surrounding area through the erection of four (4) on-site notices and the mailing of notices to adjoining and surrounding owners and occupiers. Three (3) objections were received to the application.

Issues raised generally relate to matters of:

- Minaret height
- Neighbourhood character
- Requirement for a minaret
- Precedence
- Increase in patronage
- Traffic and car parking congestion
- Privacy
- Overshadowing
- Loss of natural sunlight
- Impact to enjoyment of property

Assessment Summary

The key issues in relation to this application are the increase in building footprint associated with the first-floor extension and the management of any offsite amenity impacts.

It is considered that the proposed amendments as listed above are appropriate, in that the proposed building and works are not a significant departure from the previously approved plans.

As the application does not seek to amend the maximum number of people on the subject site which remains at 150 people, the application does not trigger a statutory requirement for the provision of additional car spaces pursuant to Clause 52.06 – Car parking. Nevertheless, the application indicates an additional two (2) spaces above what was previously approved.

Moreover, it is not considered that the proposal will increase car parking congestion, or unreasonably impact on the car parking network in the street and consenting to this amendment will increase the functionality and useability of the place of worship for current and future patrons.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)**Recommendation Summary**

As assessed, the proposal is consistent with and appropriately responds to the provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. The proposal appropriately responds to strategic policy for non-residential land uses within residential areas, with this report recommending that the application be supported, and a **Notice of Decision** (which provides appeal rights to objectors) to grant a permit be issued containing the conditions as set out in the recommendation.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Subject Site and Surrounds

Subject Site

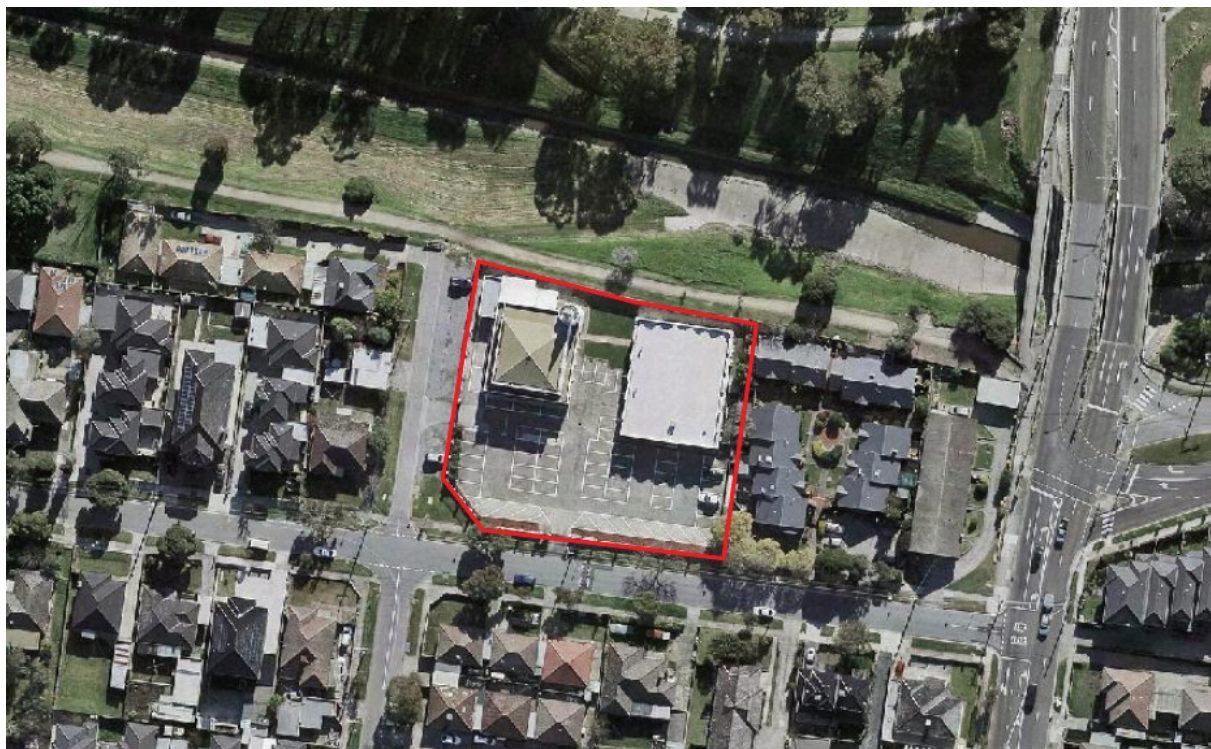
- A Place of Worship currently operates from the subject site.
- The subject site is a flat, square shaped allotment with a site area of ~ 3350 m², and is located on the periphery of the General Residential Zone.
- The site has a dual frontage - Canberra Avenue (Sideage - Western title boundary) and Dalgety Street (Frontage - Southern title boundary).
- The rear northern boundary abuts Dandenong Creek.
- The site is currently developed with one double storey building featuring a minaret and one single storey building. Both buildings are sited to the northern title boundary.
- Vehicle access is provided via a crossover to Canberra Avenue (a no through road) and the Dalgety Street frontage.
- Fifty-one (51) existing car spaces and four (4) bicycle spaces are concentrated to frontage.
- Solid white render and black metal open style fencing extends across both corner lot.
- There are two large Council street tree assets to Dalgety Street.
- The site is devoid of any significant vegetation.

Surrounding Area

- The Urban Flood Zone (UFZ) and Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) associated with the Dandenong Creek abuts the subject sites rear northern boundary.
- The balance of the subject sites surrounding area is residentially zoned.
- The subject site is located approximately 75 metres south of the Central Dandenong Comprehensive Development Zone.
- Residential multi-unit development is contained within the allotments immediately adjoining the sites side boundaries.
- The predominant neighbourhood character consists of single storey brick post-war dwellings with low brick front fences.
- The emerging housing stock comprises of double storey dwellings.
- Pitched tile roofs and Council street tree assets are the unifying features between the existing and emerging neighbour character.
- A major gas pipeline extends across Canberra Avenue.
- There are No Standing restrictions to Canberra Avenue and timed restrictions to Dalgety Road (9 am to 6 pm).
- Hamond Road, a Category 2 Road Zone is located approximately 60 metres east of the site and distributes traffic to Central Dandenong and Cheltenham Road.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Locality Plan



Background

Permit History

Planning Permit PLN11/0866 was issued on 24 July 2012 and allowed for *'alterations and additions to a place of worship'*.

The application for primary consent was not advertised as it was considered that the proposed buildings and works were setback substantially from the surrounding properties and that the proposal would not result in any material detriment.

As detailed in the original delegate report, the following additions and alterations to the place of worship were approved;

- *Enclosing the area located between the two existing buildings. This area will be completely covered and used as a foyer.*
- *The foyer will be covered by a "dome" roof element.*
- *A small kitchen and ablutions area is to be located towards the rear (north) of the enclosed area.*
- *Construction of a minaret located towards the south east corner of the existing western prayer hall. The minaret will have a maximum height of 21 metres and dimensions of 2 metres x 2 metres.*
- *The floor area will be increased by 289 square metres, from 970 square metres to 1259 square metres.*

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

A Section 72 amendment to Condition 1.1 of Planning Permit PLN11/0866 was approved on 12 April 2013 and Condition 1 Plans were endorsed by Council on 12 April 2013.

Four (4) extension of times have been subsequently granted to the permits' commencement and completion times in 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

As it now stands, the Planning Permit will expire if:

- the development is not started by 24 July 2022; or
- the development is not completed by 24 July 2024.

Previous Applications

A search of Council records revealed that Council has previously considered the following Planning applications for the site:

Planning Permit PLN03/0502 was issued for buildings and works to construct a fence and garage on 1 August 2003.

Planning Permit PLN01/0004 was issued for a store for deceased persons on 10 April 2002.

Planning Permit PLN97/0160 was issued to construct alterations and additions to the proposed Place of assembly consisting of a prayer teaching room, administration and residential facility approved under Permit No. 96/208 on 29 May 1997.

Planning Permit No. MM82 was issued to extend an existing factory on 5 October 1987.

Planning Permit No. 1682- planning permit for buildings and works in accordance with the endorsed plans to be used for the purpose of a Mosque (Place of worship) and Car Park was issued on 25 July 1983.

Proposal

Proposed buildings and works

Key details of the proposed amendments are as follows:

- The relocation of the 21.4-metre-high minaret from the southern frontage to the northern rear elevation;
- The construction of a first-floor extension to the single storey domed extension sited between the two existing buildings;
- Design modification to the approved ground floor extension including the addition of a verandah;
- Internal layout modifications; and
- Fenestration changes.

Image 1 below, details the frontage (southern) elevation associated with the endorsed Condition 1 plans to Planning Permit PLN11/0866.01. The approved (unshaded) elements have not yet been constructed.

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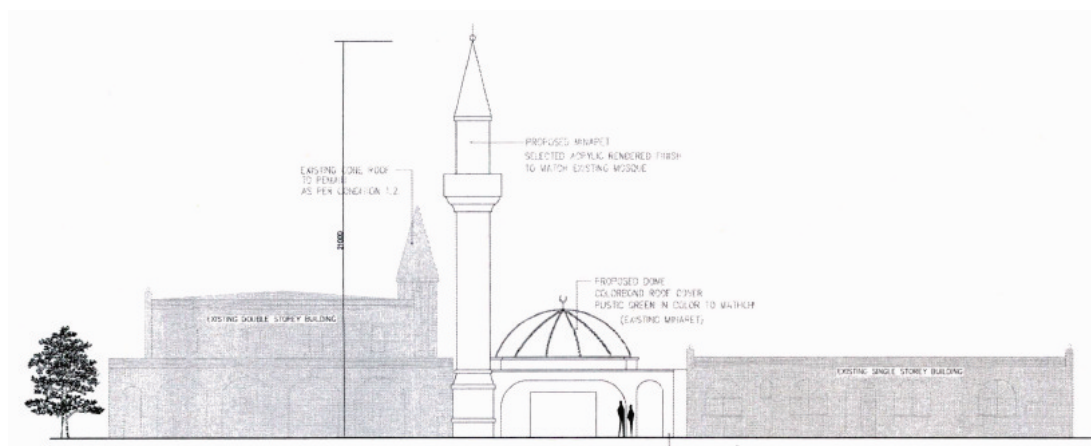
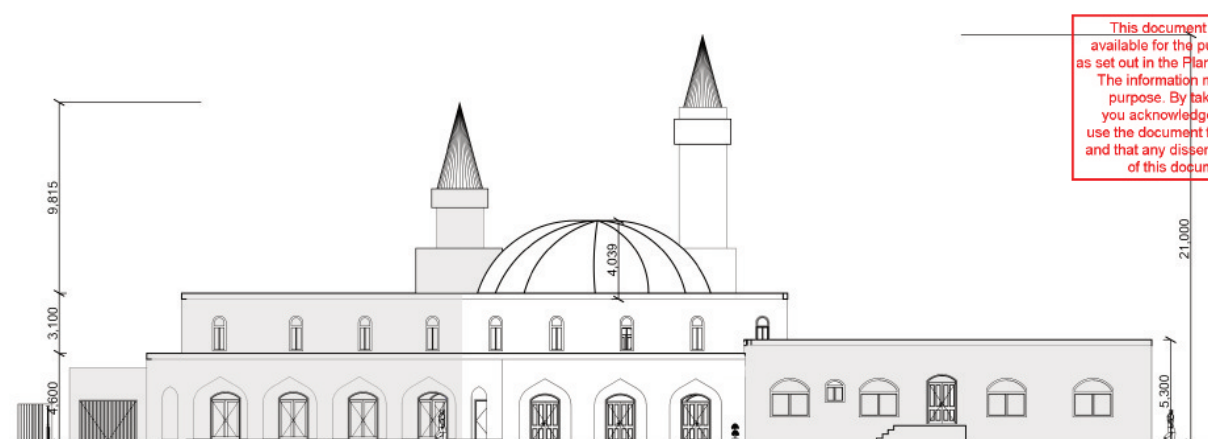


Image 1: The approved development as seen from the Dalgety Street Southern frontage.

Image 2 below details the same elevation of the proposed building and works (unshaded) subject to this application with existing elements shaded in grey.

Image 2: The application showing the proposed building and works (unshaded) with existing elements shaded in grey as seen from the Dalgety Street Southern frontage.



- As outlined on page 4 and 5 of this report, a single-story domed extension to connect the two detached buildings and a minaret with a maximum height of 21 metres has been previously approved.
- The applicant has deleted the applications request for the provision of signage on the site.

A copy of the submitted plans is included as Attachment 1.

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.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Financial Implications

No financial resources are impacted by this report.

Planning Scheme and Policy Frameworks

The applicant has applied for an amendment to Planning Permit PLN17/0106 under Section 72 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Pursuant to Section 72(1) *a person who is entitled to use or develop land in accordance with a permit may apply to the responsible authority for an amendment to the permit.*

The ambit of discretion is limited to the proposed changes sought by the applicant. Consideration cannot be given to elements already approved as part of the original application but not sought to be amended.

In this regard, Councils assessment is limited to the relocation of the minaret, the first-floor extension to the domed foyer, a design modification to the approved ground floor extension including the addition of a verandah, internal layout modifications and fenestration changes

The applications relevant controls and policies are as follows:

Zoning Controls

The subject site is located in the General Residential Zone (Schedule 1).

The relevant purposes of the General Residential Zone outlined at Clause 32.08 is:

- *To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*
- *To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.*
- *To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.*

The primary consent for the use of the land as place of worship was granted in Planning Permit No. 1682 issued on 25 July 1983 for *'buildings and works in accordance with the endorsed plans to be used for the purpose of a Mosque (Place of worship) and Car Park'*.

Approximately sixty metres east of the subject site is Hammond Road, a Category 2 Road Zone.

With the exception of the land to the north that is encumbered by the Urban Flood Zone (UFZ) and Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) associated with Dandenong Creek, the surrounding area is zoned the General Residential Zone (GRZ).

Overlay Controls

No overlays affect the subject site or surrounding area.

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State Planning Policy Framework

The **Operation of the State Planning Policy Framework** outlined at Clause 10 seeks to ensure that the objectives of planning in Victoria are fostered through appropriate land use and development planning policies and practices which integrate relevant environmental, social and economic factors in the interests of net community benefit and sustainable development.

The objectives of Planning in Victoria are noted as:

- (a) To provide for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use, and development of land.*
- (b) To provide for the protection of natural and man-made resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.*
- (c) To secure a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment for all Victorians and visitors to Victoria.*
- (d) To conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value.*
- (e) To protect public utilities and other facilities for the benefit of the community.*
- (f) To facilitate development in accordance with the objectives set out in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).*
- (g) To balance the present and future interests of all Victorians.*

In order to achieve those objectives, there are a number of more specific objectives contained within the State Planning Policy Framework that need to be considered under this application.

Clause 15 - Built Environment and Heritage promotes excellence in the built environment, by seeking development to appropriately respond to its surrounding landscape and character, valued built form and cultural context.

Planning should promote and create places that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.

In addition to matters of cultural identity and sense of place, policy at **Clause 15.01-1S - Urban design**, outlines the nexus between recognising, supporting and protecting neighbourhood character and contextual design responses in terms of character, cultural identity, natural features, surrounding landscape and climate.

Critically, State Policy recognises that development has the potential to improve the quality of living and working environments, contributing to community inclusiveness and cultural life when accessibility is improved and facilitated.

A relevant objective outlined at **Clause 19.02-3 for Cultural facilitates** seeks to promote strong cultural environments whilst increasing access to arts, recreation and other cultural facilities.

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Local Planning Policy Framework

The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) includes the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and Local Policies.

The MSS is contained within Clause 21 of the Scheme.

The objectives and strategies of the MSS are outlined under four (4) main themes including: land use; built form; open space and natural environment; and, infrastructure and transportation (considered individually under Clauses 21.04 to 21.07).

At **Clause 21.02**, the MSS focuses on the **Municipal Profile**, within which the following is noted:

- **Cultural and Linguistic Diversity** - Greater Dandenong is the most culturally diverse locality in Victoria, with residents from over 150 different birthplaces. Over half of its population were born overseas, and nearly half in nations where English is not the main spoken language.

A **Vision for Greater Dandenong** is outlined at **Clause 21.03** and details the city's reputation for its inclusiveness, cosmopolitan and multicultural lifestyle; and its status as a city where a range of arts activities are promoted, and different cultures are celebrated as much as tradition and history are celebrated.

The vision further details strategies that recognise and celebrate diversity as a significant strength of Greater Dandenong. These strategies promote opportunities for inclusion, participation and involvement of all citizens in the social, civic, economic life of our communities.

Of particular relevance to this application is Clauses **21.05**.

Clause 21.05-1 Urban design, character, streetscapes and landscapes seeks to facilitate the following relevant strategies to this application, that being;

- 1. To facilitate high quality building design and architecture.*
- 2. To facilitate high quality development, which has regard for the surrounding environment and built form; and*
- 7. To protect and improve streetscapes.*

Lastly, specific regard to the City of Greater Dandenongs Policy to Places of Worship is expressly considered within **Clause 22.07- Central Dandenong Local Planning Policy**.

Clause 22.07-5 Community services directs that it is policy to:

- *'Support the retention and enhancement of both public and private community service facilities such as administrative, vocational, health, welfare and places of worship in Central Dandenong and adjacent areas.'*

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Particular Provisions

The relevant purposes of **Clause 52.06 (Car Parking)** is to ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality.

To encourage cycling as a mode of transport, **Clause 52.34 (Bicycle facilities)** promotes the provision of secure, accessible and convenient bicycle parking spaces and associated shower and change facilities to certain developments.

General Provisions

Clause 65 – Decision Guidelines needs to be considered, as is the case with all applications. For this application the requirements of Clause 65.01 for the approval of an application or plan is of relevance. This Clause outlines the requirements that the responsible authority must consider when determining the application.

Operational Provisions

The City of Greater Dandenongs Planning Schemes operational provisions as set out in Clauses 70 to 74. These clauses detail the operation, administration and enforcement of the Greater Dandenong planning scheme.

Notably, **Clause 71.02-3 - Integrated decision making**, stipulates society's various needs and expectations by addressing aspects of economic, environmental and social wellbeing affected by land use and development.

Planning and responsible authorities should endeavour to integrate the range of planning policies relevant to the issues to be determined and balance conflicting objectives in favour of net community benefit and sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations.

Considerations

In considering this application, regard has been given to the State and Local Planning Policy Frameworks, the provisions of the Greater Dandenongs Planning Scheme, objections received and the individual merits of the application.

There are no primary Council policy matters to consider as part of the request to amend the plans.

Proposed Planning Scheme Amendments

There are no Planning Scheme Amendments relevant to this application.

Council Plan 2017-2021 – Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Plans

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. In accordance with the commitment in Council's Annual Plan, all applications are considered on their merits.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Diversity (Access & Equity)

It is not considered that the proposal raises any diversity issues affecting the planning assessment of this application.

Community Safety

It is considered that there would be no adverse community safety implications in permitting the proposal subject to strict conditions on any planning permit issued.

Referrals

External

The application was not required to be referred to any external referral authorities pursuant to Section 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Internal

The application has been sent to the following internal referrals:

Department	Response
Asset Planning	No objection, subject to standard condition. See condition 1.6
Civil Development	No objection, standard conditions existing on permit.

Advertising

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of adjoining land.
- Placing four (4) signs on site facing, two (2) facing Dalgety Street, one (1) facing Canberra Avenue and one (1) facing the rear public footpath to Dandenong Creek.

The notification has been carried out correctly.

Council has received three (3) objections to date.

The location of the objectors / submitters is shown in Attachment 2.

Consultation

At the time of the report, consultation meetings were not offered as a result of State-wide restrictions of gatherings due to Covid-19.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Summary of Grounds of Submissions/Objections

The objections are summarised below (**bold**), followed by the Town Planner's Response (in *italics*).

- **Minaret height**

The amendment does not seek to change the height of the previously approved minaret. The minaret is proposed to be relocated to the rear of the site.

The relocation of the minaret away from the residential interfaces will further reduce any visual impacts when viewed from the street and from any adjoining properties.

- **Requirement for a minaret**

Minarets are a feature of Islamic religious architecture and in the context of a Place of Worship is an appropriate feature.

The objectors' concerns regarding the tower visibility is acknowledged, however the fact that the tower and extension will be visible does not mean it would have an unacceptable visual impact.

Having regard to the site's context and existing conditions, the approved minaret is been relocated further away from the residential interface and the objectors properties.

In fact, the construction of the proposed first floor extension will further deviate lines of site away from the minaret and assist in diminishing any visual impacts.

Any visual impact is deemed acceptable.

- **Neighbourhood character**

Whilst it is noted there are no other places of worship in the immediate surrounds, an increase in height of one storey is not unacceptable or unreasonable in this residential setting where the development of social and cultural infrastructure is supported by State and Local Planning policy.

The relocation of the minaret away from the southern boundary and residentially zoned Dalgety Road frontage to the rear of the site and edge of the Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) decreases any further perception of impacts to neighbourhood character.

The first-floor extension remains generously setback from the subject sites frontage and behind the line of the single storey primary façade.

- **Precedence**

Future planning permit applications on this site or neighbouring and nearby land will be assessed against relevant planning policy and site conditions, based on their own merits at the time of assessment.

The possibility of setting an undesirable precedent cannot be substantiated and is not a relevant planning consideration.

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- **Increase in patronage**

There is no increase in patronage proposed, noting that the maximum number of people on the subject site at any time is 150 people, which accords with the previously issued planning permit 2001/0004 for the subject site.

- **Traffic and car parking congestion**

The proposed development does not seek to decrease the existing car parking numbers (and in fact proposes two additional spaces), and nor does the proposal generate a requirement for additional statutory car spaces.

Any potential increase in traffic or car parking movement associated with the first-floor extension will continue to be managed by the existing conditions of planning permit 2001/0004 that restrict the maximum number of people on the subject site at any time to 150 people.

- **Privacy**

The extension is located in excess of 45 metres from the edge of the closest objector. While not strictly relevant to an application relating to a place of worship, if the overlooking provisions of ResCode that are required of residential properties were to be applied to this application, the realm of consideration extends only to within nine metres of the boundary of a private lot.

In addition, the closest objectors primary secluded private open space is located within the dwelling's frontage. Given that this area is screened by existing high solid fencing, is separated from the subject site by a road, and the use of the first-floor extension is confined to storage and a library and falls outside the scope of overlooking considerations, the proposal is considered to be acceptable.

- **Overshadowing**

Shadows cast by the development will be largely contained within the development site itself or are cast onto adjoining existing boundary walls and fencing.

Shadowing to the properties abutting the eastern title boundary will not increase beyond the existing overshadowing associated with the existing buildings.

- **Loss of natural sunlight**

The submitted shadow diagrams demonstrate that there will be no overshadowing or loss of natural sunlight to the closest objectors' property as a result of this proposal.

- **Impact to enjoyment of property**

The proposal will not change the ambience of the immediate area through the built form.

The proposed changes are not significant departure from what was previously approved and there will be no additional overshadowing or daylight impacts generated as a result of the changes sought through this application.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)

Assessment

Built Form

The General Residential Zone contains a number of decision guidelines that Council must consider, as appropriate at Clause 32.08-13 - Non-residential use and development.

Critically, the amendment does not result in a transformation of the proposal and does not authorise any new primary consents required under the Planning Scheme.

The first-floor extension is commensurate to the height of the existing building and the minaret height remains in accordance with the previously approved plans.

When regard is given to the relocation of the minaret from the residential frontage to the rear boundary immediately adjacent to the UFZ and PPRZ associated with Dandenong Creek, it is considered that visual impacts resulting from the height of the tower are further diminished from what was originally approved.

In fact, the relocation of the minaret to the rear is an improved response to the sensitive residential interface and the first-floor addition will result in one cohesive building with an acceptable horizontal form that the dome will offset.

The design, height, setback and appearance of the proposed buildings and works involving the 289m² first-floor extension are considered to be appropriate given the substantial setbacks and siting of the proposal located central to the two existing buildings and sited to the rear of the site. The extensions remain contained within the existing buildings setbacks and do not project beyond any existing building lines to any boundaries.

Whilst the dome has increased in size, it has been designed to remain in proportion to the entire building. Moreover, the first-floor extension will assist in softening the views of the tower to the naked eye.

The overall maximum height of the proposed two storey building resulting from the first-floor extension is eleven (11) metres. This aligns with the allowable height of eleven (11) metres for the residentially zoned land surrounding the subject site.

Whilst there is no maximum height applicable for a Place of Worship, given that this is the expected development pattern of residential buildings in this area, it is anticipated that overtime, the overall height of the Place of Worship will further recede into the background.

The extent and merit of the proposed changes relating to the design and modifications to the internal layout and fenestration changes are also an inconsequential by-product of the proposal.

The proposed materials and colours remain unchanged and do not contravene or conflict with any specific requirements or permit conditions of permit PLN11/0866.01.

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Having regard to the development and the purpose of the planning controls under which the permit was granted, the proposed amendment is considered inconsequential as there has been no material change to the nature of the planning controls and policies affecting the land.

The scale and intensity of the use remains unchanged and the development remains by and large similar to what was previously approved.

The proposal will not cause any unacceptable material detriment or generate any additional third party or off-site amenity impacts.

Car Parking

Clause 52.06 applies to a new use; or an increase in the floor area or site area of an existing use.

Table 1 at Clause 52.06-5 sets out the car parking requirement that applies to the use of the land for a Place of Assembly (a Place of Worship is included within the Place of Assembly definition). The statutory requirement is 0.3 to each patron permitted.

Importantly, the statutory requirements for car parking are based on the number of people on the site, not floor area.

As there is no proposed increase in the actual number of worshippers associated with this proposal, the application is not required to provide any additional car spaces associated with the 289 m² first floor storage/library area.

The application does not seek to amend the maximum number of people on the subject site which remains at one hundred and fifty (150) people and in which primary consent in Planning Permit PLN11/0866.01 approved with the provision of fifty-one (51) car spaces.

Moreover, it is not considered that the proposal will increase car parking congestion; or unreasonably impact on the car parking network in the street. Notwithstanding, the development plans demonstrate the provision of fifty-three (53) car spaces for a total surplus of two (2).

Bicycle Facilities

Pursuant to Clause 52.34 – Bicycle facilities, a new use or an increase in the floor area of an existing use must not commence until the required bicycle facilities and associated signage has been provided on the land.

Table 1 to Clause 52.34-5 outlines that a Place of Assembly generates a statutory requirement of:

- 1 Bicycle space to each 1500 m² of net floor area for each Employee/Resident; and
- 2 Bicycle space plus 1 to each 1500 m² of net floor area to Visitor/Shopper/Student.

The proposed extension of 289 m² results in a total of 1468 m².

Accordingly, the amendment does not trigger any statutory requirements for bicycle spaces.

Notwithstanding, the application has provided 4 bicycle spaces at the Dalgety street entrance.

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Other

Environmentally Sustainable Development

Clause 22.06 - Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, contains specific policies to encourage sustainable development. These policies apply to residential and non-residential development within the Municipality.

The submission of an ESD report is required in a number of instances, including for alterations and additions to existing non-residential buildings with a gross floor area of 1,000m² to 2,499m².

As the building footprint of the proposed first floor construction is 289 m², the policy does not apply, and the application is exempt from the requirements of the submission of a Sustainable Design Assessment or Sustainable Management Plan.

Amended plans

Amended plans are required to be submitted, correcting the mislabelling of the elevations.

It is further noted that the plans lack sufficient design detail. A condition requiring all architectural detailing including roof forms, fenestration and parapet detailing are to be accurately depicted on the plans.

Should a permit issue, Condition 1.4 to 1.6 are recommended to be added to the permit.

Conclusion

As detailed within this report, the proposal appropriately responds to strategic policy for non-residential land uses within residential areas and is consistent with the provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

The proposal will result in a satisfactory built form outcome and will not generate any unacceptable amenity impacts to the surrounding area or to any persons.

As such, it is recommended that the application be supported subject to the additional conditions contained within the recommendation section of this report.

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong (Planning Application Number PLN11/0866.02) (Cont.)**Recommendation**

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a permit in respect of the land known and described as 8-12 Dalgety Street, Dandenong, for the purpose of alterations and additions to a place of worship in accordance with the plans submitted with the application subject to the following conditions:

1. Before the development starts, two (2) copies of amended plans drawn to scale and dimensioned, must be submitted to the Responsible Authority for approval. No buildings or works must be commenced until the plans have been approved and endorsed by the Responsible Authority. The endorsed copy of the plans forms part of this permit. The plans must be in accordance with the plans submitted with the application, but modified to show:
 - 1.1. Move the proposed new kitchen and ablution area approximately one metre towards the south.
 - 1.2. Retain the existing 'cone' roof on the lower cylindrical minaret.
 - 1.3. Materials and finishes for the roof dome and the new minaret. The roof material and colour of the new dome and the new minaret must match with the roof of the existing lower minaret.
 - 1.4. *The elevations correctly notated.*
 - 1.5. *All architectural detailing including roof forms, fenestration and parapet detailing to be accurately depicted on the plans.*
 - 1.6. *The minimum finished floor level of all building and works at ground floor to be set no lower than the existing building's finished floor level.*

To the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

2. The layout of the site, and the size of the proposed buildings and works as shown on the endorsed plan, shall not be altered or modified (whether or not in order to comply with any Statute, Statutory Rule or Local Law or for any other reason) without the prior consent of the Responsible Authority.
3. Provision must be made for the drainage of the site including landscaped and pavement areas, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
4. Stormwater discharge is to be retained on site to the pre-development level of peak stormwater discharge, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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5. All piping and ducting above the ground floor storey of the building, except for downpipes and spouting, shall be concealed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
6. This permit will expire if:-
 - 6.1. The development does not start within two (2) years of the date of this permit, or
 - 6.2. The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of this permit.

Before the permit expires or within three (3) months afterwards the owner or occupier of the land may in writing request the Responsible Authority to extend the expiry date.

Notes

A Building Approval is required prior to the commencement of the approved development. This planning permit does not constitute any building approval.

Approval of any retention system within the property boundary is required by the relevant building surveyor.

Before commencement of the development occurs, the applicant should contact the City of Greater Dandenong's Civil Development and Design Unit regarding legal point of discharge, new crossings, building over easements, etc.

As this is an established site, the proposed internal drainage should be connected to the existing legal point of discharge. The applicant may apply for local drainage information, if available; otherwise on-site verification should be undertaken by the applicant.

No buildings or works shall be constructed over any easement without the written consent of the relevant authorities.

This planning permit does not permit an increase in the number of persons on the site. The maximum number of persons on site must still comply with all previous permits, including 97/160 which sets out the east building must only contain a maximum of 40 people, and 2001/0004 which specifies no more than 150 people are permitted on site during funeral services. The maximum number of persons on site should not exceed 150 people.

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Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a GENERAL Conflict of Interest (s.127) in this item, as he is a member of the mosque which is the subject of this town planning application. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber at 7.21pm prior to discussion and voting on this item.

MINUTE 102

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark
Seconded by: Cr Eden Foster

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CARRIED

Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber at 7.23pm.

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DANDENONG (PLANNING APPLICATION PLN11/0866.02)**

ATTACHMENT 1

SUBMITTED PLANS

PAGES 10 (including cover)

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- 52.97m Total site area
- 3350 sqm
- EXISTING - BUILDING AREA**
970m² approx.
- PROPOSED - BUILDING AREA**
488m² approx.
- PROPOSED**
 - Foyer
 - Reception
 - Ablutions
 - Kitchen
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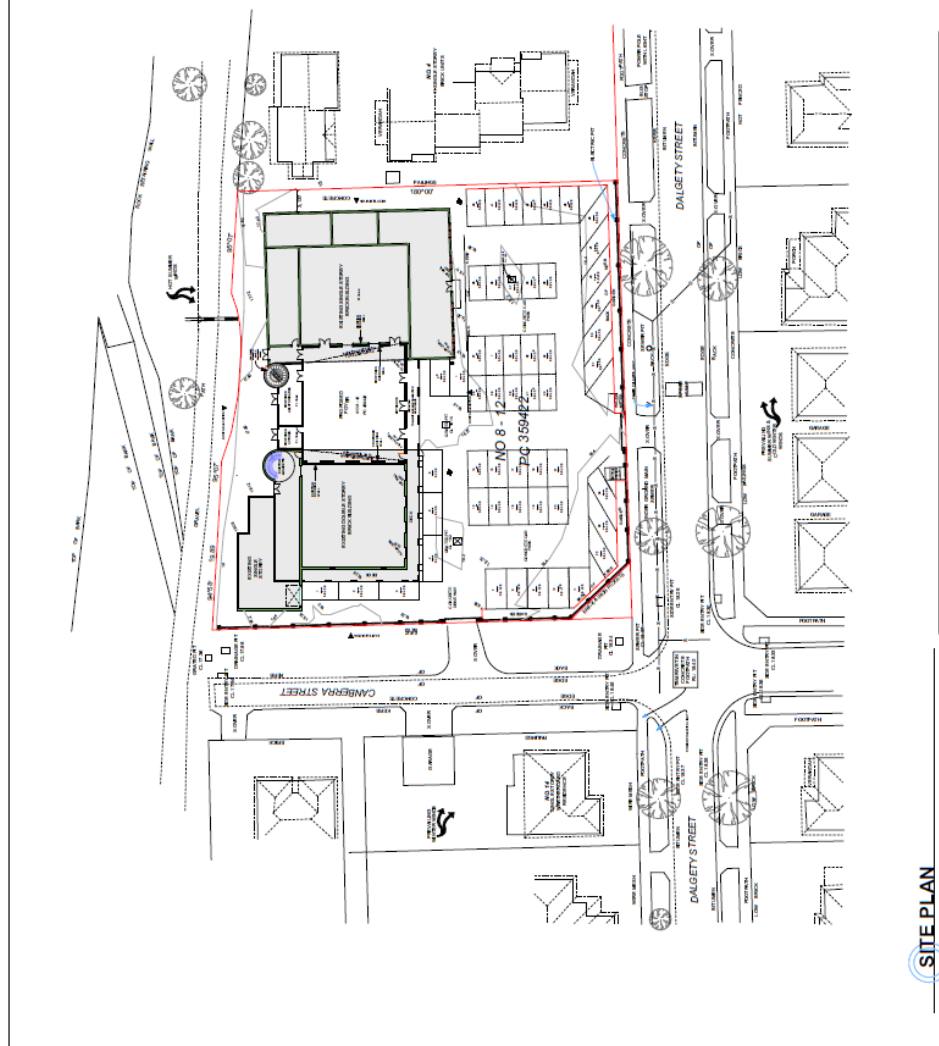
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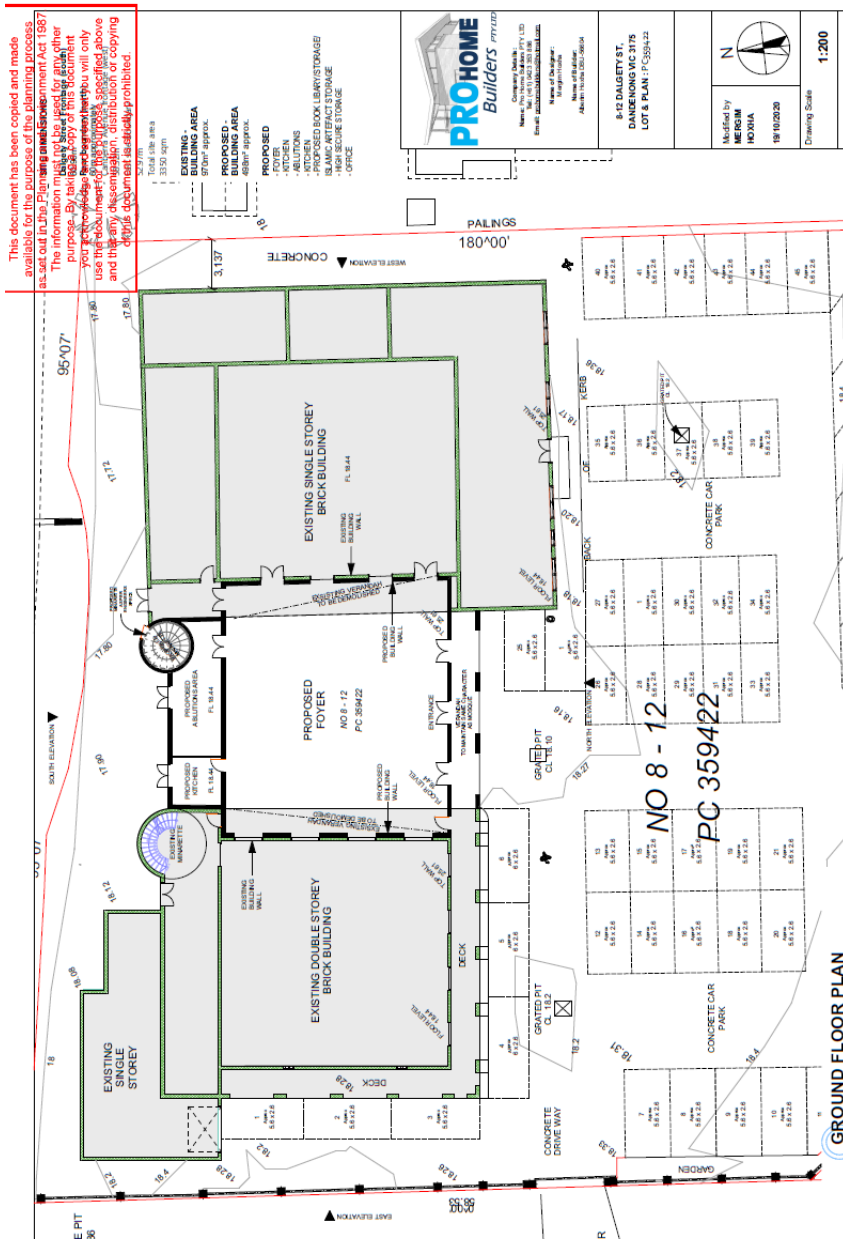
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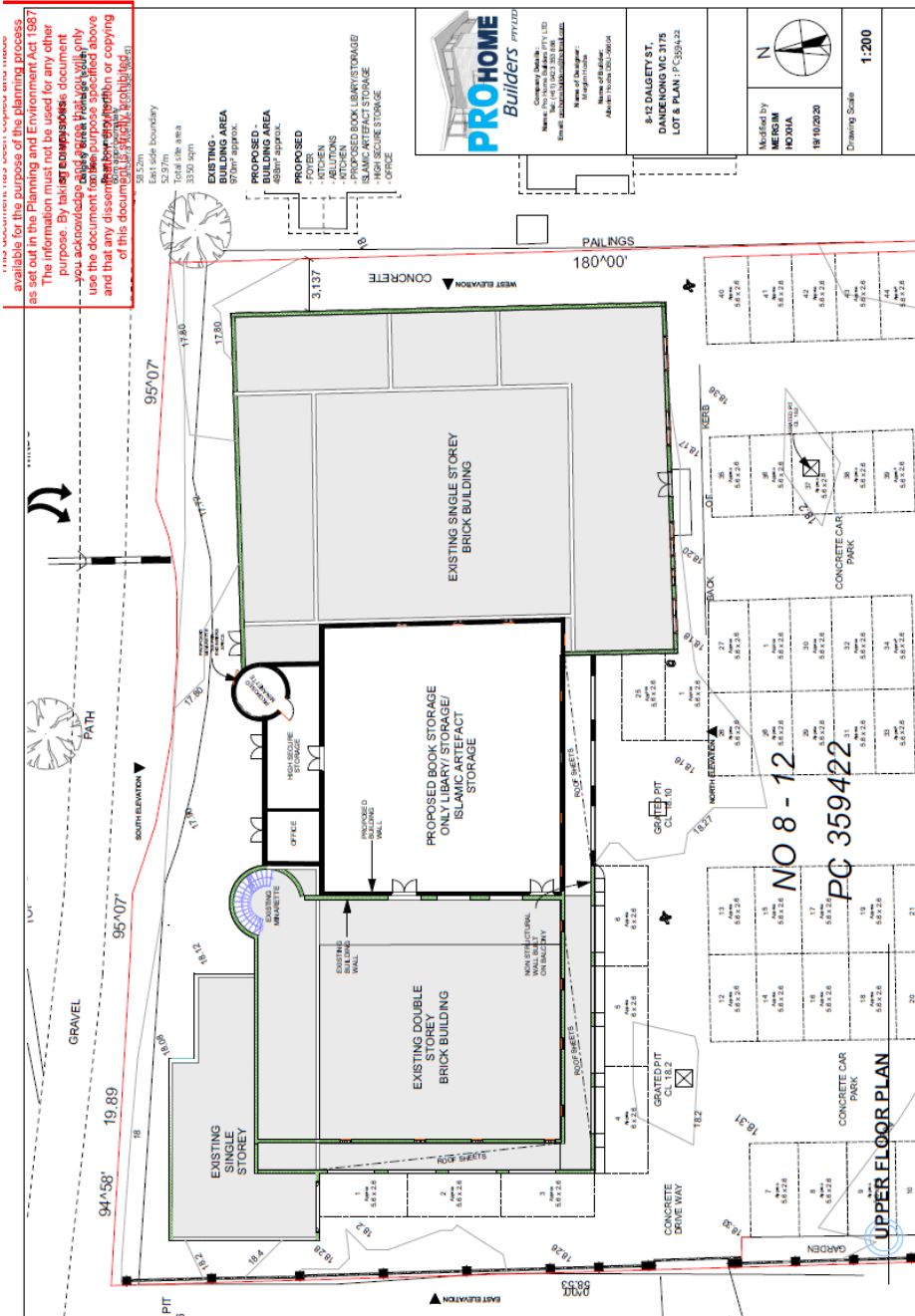
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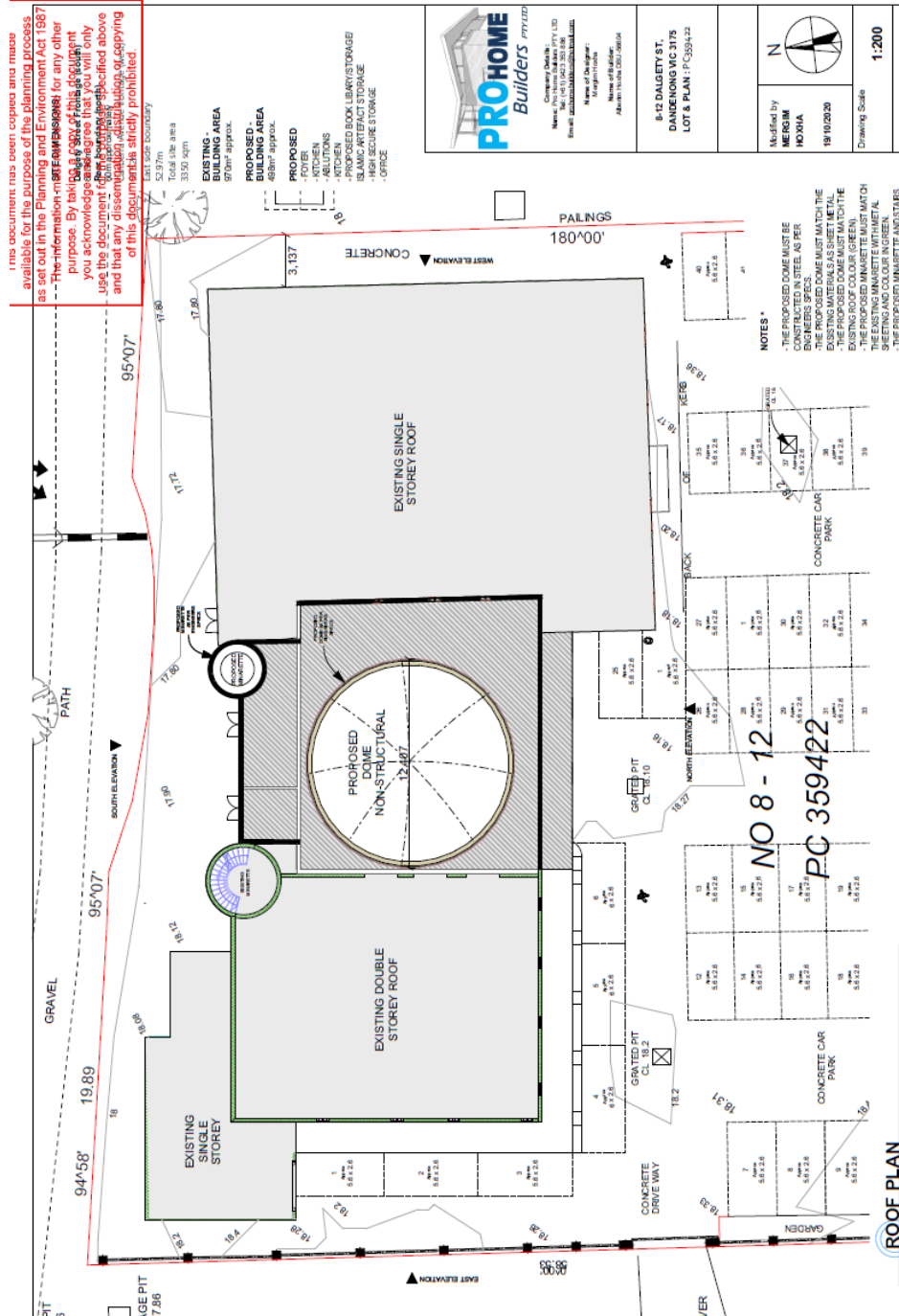


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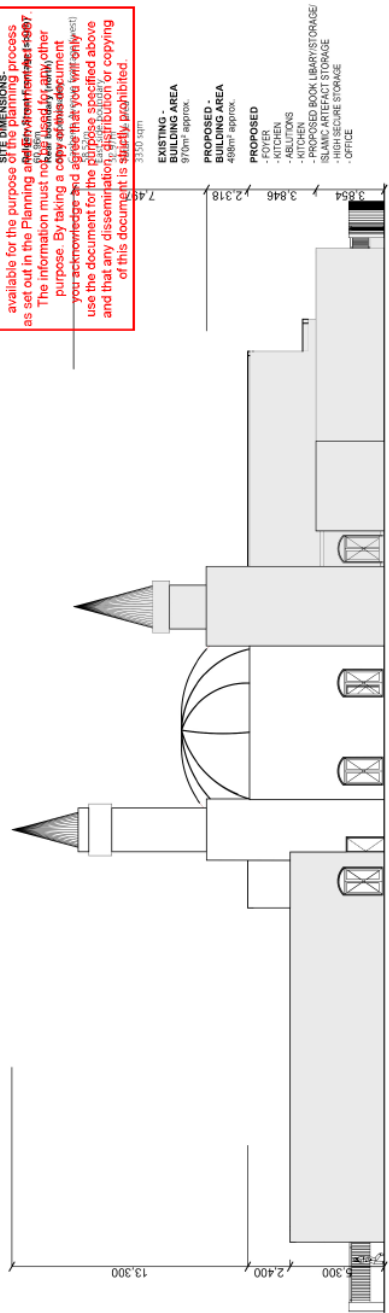
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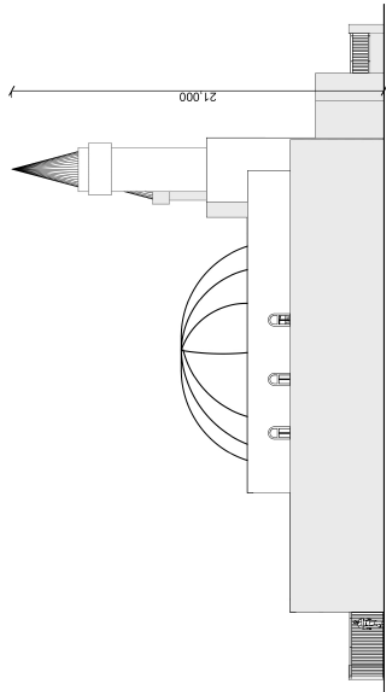
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- PROPOSED FOR ELECT STORAGE
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52.97m
 Total site area
 3350 sqm

EXISTING - BUILDING AREA
 970m² approx.

PROPOSED - BUILDING AREA
 480m² approx.

PROPOSED

- OFFICE
- KITCHEN
- KITCHEN BENCH / BENCH STORAGE
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SHADOW PLAN - 9AM & 3PM

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1. Proposed boundary
 2. Existing building
 Total site area
 33.59 sqm
EXISTING BUILDING AREA
 97sqm approx.
PROPOSED BUILDING AREA
 49sqm approx.

PROPOSED
 - FOYER
 - OFFICES
 - AUDITORIUM
 - KITCHEN
 - PROPOSED BOOK LIBRARY/STORAGE
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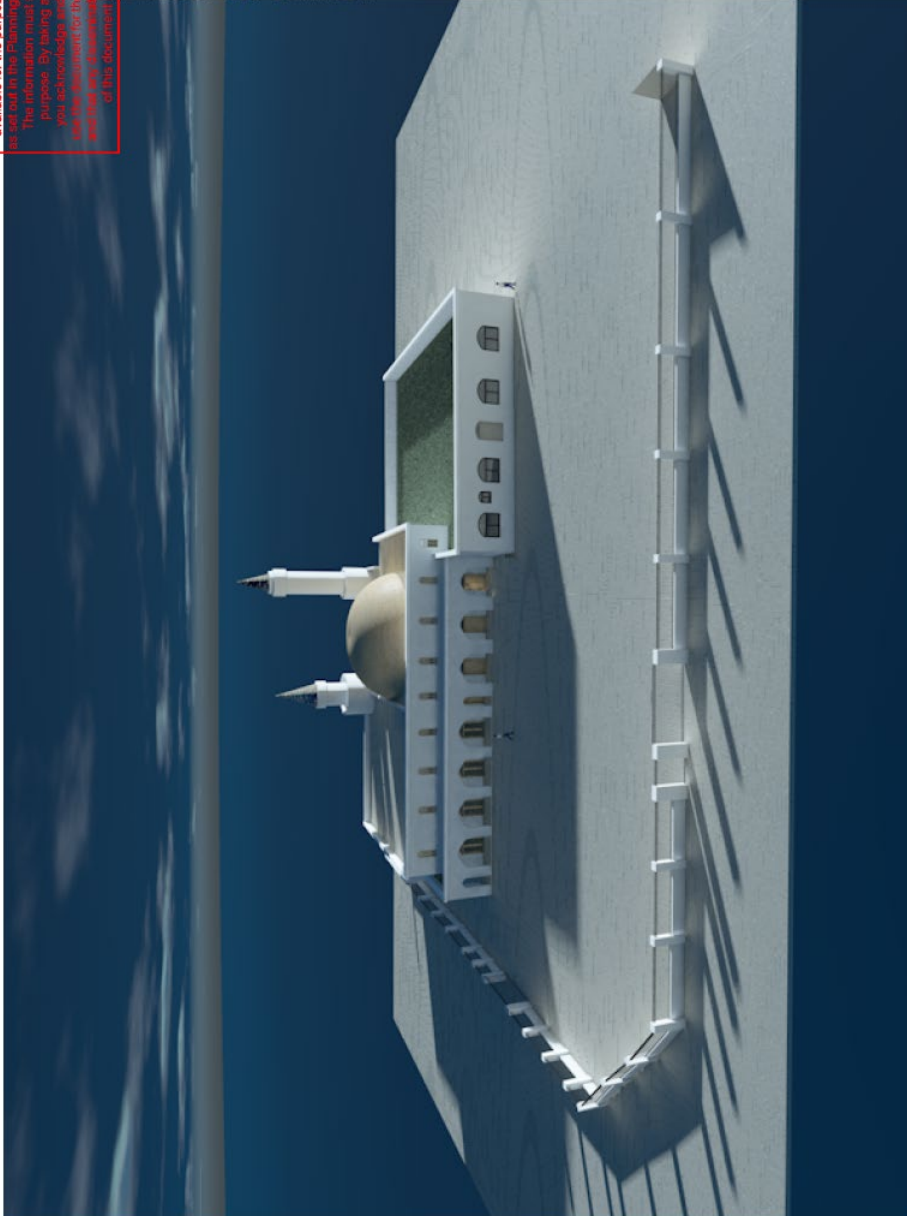




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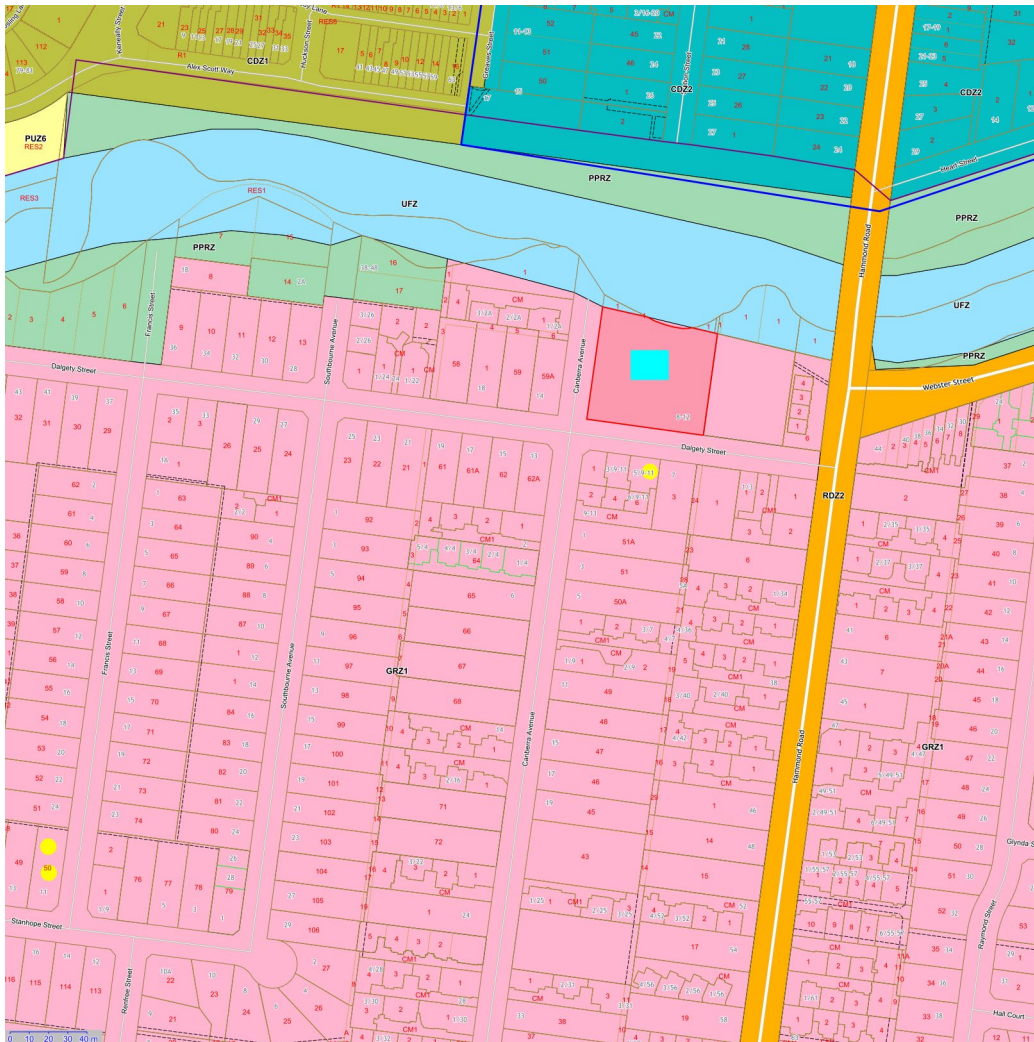
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LOCATION OF OBJECTORS



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LEGEND

-  Subject Site
-  Location of Objector

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Comment

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

The first question this evening is from Eric Chen. Eric asked to ask the question himself but I do not see him in the Gallery so I will ask it on his behalf.

Question

Eric Chen, Dandenong

Regarding the Hemmings Street Precinct Action Plan community consultation, I phoned and emailed Donna Macik from Council's Community Development Unit, asking for the community consultation survey findings on the draft Hemmings Street Precinct Action Plan. She did not want to release the community consultation results to the public prior to Council adopting it on 21 March 2021. My question is, can the public of the Hemmings Street precinct have the right to access the community consultation results? Does the Council want to consult with the public to amend the plan?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

The information we provided during the consultation period requested contact details of people in the residence who wanted to receive updates from the Plan, so it was always our intention to provide feedback. As we advised Mr Chen on 2 March 2021, a summary of the Hemming Street Community Consultation findings will be available to the public following the endorsement of the report at the 22 March 2021 Council meeting. We are extremely grateful for all the community feedback that we received on the consultation and we look forward to ongoing community engagements as we all work together in implementing the plan. The findings of the consultation after that Council meeting will also be publicised.

Cr Jim Memeti and Cr Lana Formoso left the Chamber at 7.24pm.

Question

Sabrina Mileto, Dandenong

I cannot find anything on the Greater Dandenong Council website about the redevelopment of Little India by Capital Alliance. When is the consultation and when will Council be assisting State Government promoting it, given its extensive links to the Dandenong residential community? What do Councillors think of the project? How is Council looking after our interests as Dandenong residents on this project?

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

In collaboration with Development Victoria, Capital Alliance will be undertaking community consultation on the proposed Master Plan during the current calendar year. Councillors are being briefed on this matter next month. Council's part in the partnership with Development Victoria is to advocate for appropriate engagement with our Greater Dandenong community and promote this accordingly. We thank you for your interest in this matter and confirm that our website will be updated shortly with official information.

Comment

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

The next three questions are from Dom Boccari of Keysborough.

Question

Dom Boccari, Keysborough

Late in 2020, Mr Kearsley stated our Council applied for a \$3M State Government grant for a shovel ready Childcare Centre at the Keysborough Community South Community Hub. This comment by Mr Kearsley was a major factor in not allowing this project to go back for more community consultation. If we were not successful, why not? If we were successful in the grant, well played.

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

I can confirm that Council received a \$3M State Government grant for the Keysborough South Community Hub.

Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber at 7.26pm.

Question

Dom Boccari, Keysborough

Late in 2020, then Councillor Maria Sampey had her Notice of Motion supported by the majority of Councillors to have the Fire Pit Policy re-written with public community input. Is this policy ready for community input and if not, why not?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I can advise that the matter of the Fire Pit issue that Mr Boccari refers to will have public community input as part of the review of the Local Law that is being drafted at the moment. We will have that community consultation in the course of this year which forms part of that provision.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question

Dom Boccari, Keysborough

In 2020, a local community member and I participated in a zoom meeting with Mr Jaensch, Mr Bosman and Councillor Memeti, to discuss the Keysborough South \$350 levy. After our meeting and email exchanges, we received in writing from Mr Bosman advice that there is an overlap of fees charged to the residents of Keysborough South on the levy of 20 percent of the 20 percent charged by our Council. Will Council amend the \$350 fee by 20 percent, i.e. \$75 and if not why not?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Discussions on this matter did indeed take place as mentioned by Mr Boccari however, there is no overlap of services provided and there is not an overlap of fees charged. On that basis, no change to the levy is proposed.

Cr Lana Formoso returned to the Chamber at 7.28pm.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

What a popular reserve Burden Park is which was absolutely packed to the gunnells on Saturday 6 March 2021. Every feature of the park was being well patronaged which was lovely to see having been on the community committee that built the Leather's playground. As I waited for the family to arrive, I took in all the sights until I noticed the overflowing bins filled to the brim with single-used plastic items and this distracted me from my experience and just made me feel sad. Am I right in thinking all the rubbish for our reserve bins end up in landfill rather than being sorted? Do we need to add extra bins at peak times in popular reserves like they do at the beach on warm days to take the excess rubbish or have no bins like Japan to encourage people to be responsible for their own waste? Why is the message not getting through to residents and visitors to take their rubbish home so it can be recycled? What can we do better to educate patrons that used items in our eskies were taken home to be washed and reused? Are the solar powered bins in Casey Council combating throw away rubbish or just compacting it to allow the bin to be filled more?

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Council has progressively rolled out public place recycling bins at several locations across the city where high volumes of litter are generated. We plan to extend the installation of these bins into our District Parks which have major playgrounds including Burden Park. Council's practice has been to provide bins for the disposal of litter at these sights and has supported community education and engagement to adopt public place recycling at numerous public events and other engagement avenues. The Burden Park public litter bins are emptied seven days a week and service levels are monitored on an ongoing basis.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

When is the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Report for 2019/20 going to be published? Given that the 2018/19 report was a year late and this one is running almost 9 months late so far, is there an underlying resource issue in the Sustainability Team in why these are no longer being published fairly promptly after the end of the respective financial year like they used to be?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

While the Annual Sustainability Report affects the financial year, to best align with Council's budgetary and operational processes, a portion of the data comprised within the Annual Report is available only on a calendar year basis due to a number of factors such as the utility billing periods and contractual agreements of data providers. Additionally, as the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Strategy 2016-2030 is currently undergoing its five-year review, the 2019-2020 Annual Sustainability Report will form a part of the broader Strategy refresh rather than being presented as a standalone document. This will be completed by the end of this financial year and will enable officers to provide the community with a greater level of detail and context with regards to sustainability achievements with the City of Greater Dandenong.

Cr Bob Milkovic left the Chamber at 7.31pm.

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

How is the action on Notice of Motion No. 87 - Advocacy for activation of, and public realm improvements to, the area of central Springvale between Queens Avenue, the railway line, Springvale Road and Buckingham Avenue of the Council meeting on 14 September 2020 progressing? Has there been any meetings with the Department of Transport and has there been a tangible way forward identified?

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Council has received a reply from the Minister for Transport Infrastructure, advising that the land is currently leased by Metro Trains Melbourne. Council has commenced discussions with Metro Trains Melbourne to determine if a sub-lease might be possible.

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.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

PUBLIC 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
22/02/21 PQT4(b)	Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park	Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance Report page 127. When is the Hemmings Street Action planned to come to a Council meeting for endorsement and what State Government departments have agreed to partner with Council on the plan? This question was taken on notice.	Director Community Services	26/02/21	Response provided 26/02/21: The report will be presented to the Council meeting on 22 March 2021. Council officers are continuing to work with State Government Departments and will formalise this with the adoption of the plan. COMPLETED
22/02/21 PQT4(c)	Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park	Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance Report page 134. The action progress is confusing. Is a new Children's plan being created or a new Children, Youth and Family Strategy? This question was taken on notice.	Director Community Services	26/02/21	Response provided 26/02/21: A draft Children's Plan and a Youth and Family Strategy have been completed. Dates for Community engagement on both documents are being finalised for the next couple of months and a report will then be provided for Council. COMPLETED
22/02/21 PQT4(d)	Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park	Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance Report page 136. It mentions that the Multicultural Communities Network is on track for completion for early 2021 with advertising already approved. Having a network where there could be systematic consultation for Council's plans, strategies, policies and initiatives has been long needed, when will advertising commence? This question was taken on notice.	Director Community Services	26/02/21	Response provided 26/02/21: New information has been received regarding the formation of another regional community network and the requirement under the new Local Government Act for the formation of community panels. In light of this new information, the need for a Multicultural Communities Network will be again discussed at the next Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee. COMPLETED
22/02/21	Matthew	Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance	Director City	3/03/21	Response provided 3/03/21: COMPLETED

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
PQT4(e)	Kirwan, Noble Park	<p>Report page 143. Of the biodiversity and environmental education related actions in the Green Wedge Management Plan, which particular ones were progressed in 2021 and which ones are yet to be started? This question was taken on notice.</p>	Planning, Design & Amenity		<p>A number of biodiversity and environmental education related activities in the Green Wedge Management Plan progressed in 2020, including the development of the Biodiversity Action Plan and Working for Victoria projects through both Council and Melbourne Water that had a focus on planning, litter collection and weed control along creeks and other green wedge areas of the municipality. Council's Bushland crew also continue to undertake various environmental education programs throughout the year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
22/02/21 PQT4(f)	Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park	<p>Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance Report page 145. Has the meeting of CASBE occurred and if so, what were the next steps and timeframes? This question was taken on notice.</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	3/03/21	<p>Response provided 3/03/21: The meeting of CASBE regarding ESDV2.0 was held in early February. Council officers have recently reviewed and provided comprehensive feedback on the draft objectives and standards, and CASBE is now compiling feedback from its member Councils and developing a second draft. A second meeting occurred on Wednesday 24 February 2021, with feedback from CASBE that the second draft will be available internally to members within the next six weeks. As the second draft will be far more comprehensive, we expect that the final draft version for public comment will be available in approximately May 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
22/02/21 PQT4(g)	Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park	Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance Report page 145. What public input is there going to be in the Electric Vehicle Plan and if not, why not? This question was taken on notice.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	Response provided 4/03/21: The development of an Electric Vehicle Transition Plan will consider the benefits (or otherwise) of this technology in the current marketplace for only Council's heavy plant, commercial vehicle and light vehicle inventory. As such, this document is considered an operational document that will guide Council's decision in the inclusion of such technology in Council's fleet; and will therefore not be distributed for public comment at this stage. This Plan is scheduled to be completed by the end June 2021. COMPLETED
22/02/21 PQT4(h)	Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park	Item 4.2.1 – Q2 Quarterly Performance Report page 149. In relation to the review of the Housing Strategy will this result in a publicly available direction regarding facilitation of social housing within the City of Greater Dandenong by Greater Dandenong Council to be available in 2021 and if not, why not? This question was taken on notice.	Director Community Services	3/03/21	Response provided on 03/03/2021: The Housing Strategy is currently being reviewed and will be presented to Councilors this year. While this review is being completed a number of social housing initiatives and opportunities are currently being discussed with Councilors. It is anticipated that the future Housing Strategy will provide clarity on Council's role relating to the different models of social, affordable, supported and public Housing. As is the case with the present Strategy, this will be a publicly available document. COMPLETED
22/02/21 PQT5	Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Keysborough	Damage to stormwater pipe on property by tree roots claim. I have sent a written complaint letter to Mr Bosman and also filed requests with	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	Initial response provided 22/02/21: The first thing I will say is that with regards to the issue of the tree, this will be reassessed and will be considered COMPLETED

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		<p>the Council. Request numbers are also included and including the dates that they were submitted. Councillor Rhonda Garad, Councillor for South Keysborough Ward visited us yesterday and we showed her the extensive damage done by the tree on the nature strip. We would request the following:</p> <p>(1) Remove the large tree next to the stormwater as these massive roots will damage the stormwater outlet pipe again in a few years' time; and</p> <p>(2) Provide compensation to me for the amount I have paid the plumber for the repair job. I have also attached a number of photographs in my complaint letter as evidence of the damage to the piping with the massive root system and the invoice for the extensive repair work that had to be undertaken. I have also retained physical evidence of the damaged pipe with the extensive roots inside the pipe for review if required. Thanks for your assistance.</p> <p>Comment <u>John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer</u></p> <p>I will hand over to Mr Kearsley but before I do so, there is a reference to a complaint letter being sent to Mr Bosman. If that was the case, Mr Bosman is not the appropriate Director to deal with such matters and I believe the letter would have been redirected internally to Mr Kearsley and/or Council's Claims Management area but over to Mr Kearsley to respond.</p>	Projects		<p>on its merits to remove or whether we can install a root barrier or similar to mitigate future risks of potential root movement. One of the criteria for removing a tree is the impact on not just Council assets but also the assets of any resident or business with regards to rain damage, etc. Our works officers are aware of this matter with regards to the drainage issue through the inquiry made regarding the blocked drains. The drainage referred to is their private system and this has been confirmed by their plumber.</p> <p>The plumber claims that the roots from the nature strip tree were the cause of this blockage and as such the next step in the process for the resident, is to essentially seek a refund through Council's Risk Management and Insurance section. What I can advise on behalf of that area governed by Mr Jaensch is that Council's Risk Management Consultant will contact Mr Dasgupta tomorrow and provide him with details about how to formally lodge a claim. The claim will then be assessed with regards to the impact of the tree on the drainage and certainly the plumber's advice will play a significant role in that.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21: A Council Arborist has inspected the tree at Fairview Close, Keysborough in response to your question and found semi mature Yellow Box (<i>Eucalyptus melliodora</i>) of good health, good</p>

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					<p>structure and a useful life of over 30 years. This tree is considered of high retention value. It was also observed that the soil near the tree had been disturbed where the pipe has been repaired. Unfortunately at the time of the inspection, our Arborist were not able to determine if the tree had been responsible for blocking your drainage system. As a result, a root investigation has been programmed this month (March 2021) along with other root pruning and investigative work that will determine the most appropriate remedial actions to be taken. Root pruning is a likely and favourable option. Tree roots are opportunistic seeking water and oxygen. Root intrusion often occurs through cracks in pipes and or faulty joints which provide the opportunity for the encroachment of fine roots. To limit roots from blocking pipes, Council recommends that residents proactively have their pipes cleaned out and tested by a licensed plumber.</p> <p>A "Request for Compensation" form has been sent to you by our Risk Management Officers who will assess your claim if you wish to submit one.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>

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.

4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

4.1 CONTRACTS

4.1.1 Contract No 2021-05 Abbots Road Widening – Taylors Road to the Cranbourne Railway line.

File Id:	qA 424226
Responsible Officer:	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects
Attachment:	Tender Information (CONFIDENTIAL)

Report Summary

This report outlines the tender process undertaken to select a suitably qualified and experienced contractor for the **Abbots Road Widening – Taylors Road to the Cranbourne Railway line** project.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council awards **Contract 2021-05** for the **Abbots Road Widening – Taylors Road to the Cranbourne Railway line** to **Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd** for a fixed lump sum price of Six Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand, Fifty Four Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$6,438,054.77) including GST of \$585,277.71.

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Introduction/Background

This contract is for the construction of the Abbots Road widening project from Taylors Road to the Cranbourne Railway line, this will provide a four lane divided road. Works include the signalisation of the intersections of Abbots Road/Taylors Road and Abbots Road/National Drive, overhead powerline relocation, street lighting upgrade, pavement rehabilitation, drainage upgrade, footpath and shared use path upgrade.

The works to be performed under the contract include the supply of all materials, plant, labour and other resources necessary to complete the works as described within specification and in the drawings which underline the use of environmentally friendly and innovative construction materials.

The works are to be staged as follows:



Stage 1 – Taylors Road to West of National Drive (CH1000 – CH1500)

The extent of works under this Contract includes but is not limited to the following:

a)	Construction of the duplication of Abbots Road between Taylors Road and West of National Drive intersection to provide a minimum four lane divided cross section;
b)	Construction of the duplication of Abbots Road between Taylors Road and West of National Drive intersection to provide a minimum four lane divided cross section;
c)	Construction of new pavement and pavement rehabilitation including, deep lift asphalt, asphalt overlay and resurfacing works;

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d)	Signage and Line marking;
e)	Upgrade and extension of Footpath and SUPs within project area;
f)	Upgrade of piped drainage to suit new road alignment;
g)	Relocation of overhead powerlines, including undergrounding, provision of new substation kiosk and associated works;
h)	Installation of traffic barriers;
i)	Installation of pedestrian fencing;
j)	Construction of concrete barrier retaining wall;
k)	Construction of new traffic signals at Taylors Drive & Abbotts Road intersection;
l)	Street lighting;
m)	Landscaping;
n)	Preparation and implementation of an Occupational Health and Safety Plan;
o)	Preparation and implementation of an Environmental Management Plan;
p)	Community liaison including public transport;
q)	Traffic and Pedestrian Management;
r)	Maintain access to businesses all the time.

Stage 2 –West of National Drive to Cranbourne Railway Line (CH1500 – CH2000)

The extent of works under this Contract includes but is not limited to the following:

a)	Construction of the duplication of Abbotts Road between West of National Drive intersection and Cranbourne Railway Line to provide a minimum four lane divided cross section;
b)	Construction of new pavement and pavement rehabilitation including, deep lift asphalt, asphalt overlay, asphalt inlay and resurfacing works;
c)	Signage and Linemarking;
d)	Upgrade and extension of Footpath and SUPs within project area;
e)	Upgrade of piped drainage to suit new road alignment;
f)	Installation of traffic barriers;

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g)	Construction of TL4 concrete traffic barriers;
h)	Construction of concrete sleeper retaining wall;
i)	Installation of pedestrian / cycling fencing;
j)	Adjustment of existing signals at National Drive intersection with Abbotts Road;
k)	Landscaping;
l)	Preparation and implementation of an Occupational Health and Safety Plan;
m)	Preparation and implementation of an Environmental Management Plan;
n)	Community liaison including public transport and rail authorities;
o)	Traffic Management;
p)	Maintain access to businesses all the time.

Tender Process

This tender was advertised in The Age Newspaper and on Council's website on Saturday 28 November 2020, with a closing time and date of 2.00pm Tuesday 19 January 2021.

At the close of the tender advertising period, submissions were received from 5 contractors as indicated below:

1. **Bitu-mill (Civil) Pty Ltd**
2. **G & S Fortunato Group Pty Ltd**
3. **Maca Civil Pty Ltd**
4. **Negri Contractors (VIC) Pty Ltd**
5. **Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd**

Tenderers were requested to submit a lump sum price including a breakdown for all items listed in the Bill of Quantities (BOQ) for Stages One and Two and a Schedule of Rates for day works.

Tenderers were requested to provide their pricing in two stages to provide Council the flexibility to adjust the scope of works based on funding constraints

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

Tender Evaluation

The evaluation panel comprised of the Senior Project Manager, Acting Coordinator Civil Projects and Contracts Officer, with Occupational Health and Safety and Environmental Management consultants providing specialist advice.

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The Tenders were evaluated using Council's Weighted Attributed Value Selection Method.

The advertised evaluation criteria and the allocated weightings for evaluation are as follows:

	Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
1	Tendered Sum / Price	40%
2	Relevant Experience, Past Performance and Capability	25%
3	Project Plan, Program & Work Methodology	20%
4	Local Industry	7.5%
5	Social Procurement	7.5%
6	OHS Management System	Pass/Fail
7	Environmental Management System	Pass/Fail

Each criterion is ranked on a point score between 0 (fail) and 5 (excellent). These rankings are then multiplied by the weighting to give a weighted attribute ranking for each criterion and totalled to give an overall evaluation score for all criteria.

Score	Scoring Parameter Description
5	Excellent
4	Very Good
3	Good, Better than Average
2	Acceptable
1	Marginally Acceptable (Success Not Assured)
0	Not Acceptable

Each tender submission was evaluated against the advertised evaluation criteria and at the conclusion of this process, the evaluation panel agreed to invite Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd to a preselection interview based on their lowest price, relevant experience past performance and capability. The primary purpose of this meeting was to clarify their experience, availability, their program, the use / non-use of sub-contractors, their inclusions / exclusions and their acceptance of Council's Contract Conditions.

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Winslow’s representatives answered all questions to the satisfaction of the interview panel and were able to demonstrate a good understanding of the project, outline their construction methodology, name their proposed construction foreman and give the panel some additional information about the business and chosen sub-contractors for the various trades.

Following an evaluation of the tenders, the evaluation panel allocated the comparative point score based on the advertised evaluation criteria. See table below:

Tenderer	Price Points	Non-Price Points	OH&S	ENV	Total Score
Winslow Infrastructure	1.29	2.36	PASS	PASS	3.65
Maca Civil	0.99	2.27	PASS	PASS	3.26
Negri Contractors	0.85	2.19	Not Assessed	PASS	3.04
G & S Fortunato	1.19	1.77	PASS	PASS	2.96
Bitu-Mill (Civil)	1.00	1.91	PASS	PASS	2.91

Note 1: The higher the price score – lower the tendered price.

Note 2: The higher the non-price score – represents better capability and capacity to undertake the service.

At the conclusion of the tender evaluation process described above, the evaluation panel agreed that the tender submission from **Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd** would provide the Best Value outcome for Council.

Financial Implications

The resource requirements associated with this report are \$6,438,054.77 including GST compared to the available budget allocation of \$7,767,342.00 including GST.

The total project budget is made up of the following sources;

Internal funding of \$5,468,342.00 including GST plus external funding of \$2,299,000.00 including GST from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Note:

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

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Social Procurement

Winslow Infrastructure provided a good response for the Social Procurement section.

Winslow have outlined that they have made a strong commitment to engaging with the community through their social inclusion and diversity strategy. Winslow have indicated that they will work with several organisations to provide work opportunities to disadvantaged Victorians through roles, such as apprentices, trainees and cadets.

With the help of the following organisations they will source the local population to fulfil these roles:

- Job Active (a federal government programme)
- YMCA (Winslow participates in YMCA's bridge program)
- Jobs Vic Employment Network (JVEN)
- Goal Indigenous Service (An Indigenous owned Business)
- Zancott Recruitment (100% Indigenous Business)
- Transition to Work (TTW) providers
- Disability Employment Service.

They have a corporate social responsibility policy that requires their business to act in a responsible, ethical and sustainable manner. Winslow has provided a list of social enterprises they have and will engage with, including several Indigenous groups and disadvantaged Victorians, however none are specifically located within the Greater Dandenong Municipality.

Local Industry

Winslow Infrastructure provided a good response in their statement of Local Content.

Winslow has specified that they will purchase major items / materials from three Greater Dandenong businesses, they are;

1. Asphalt, estimated value \$2 million
2. Line marking – estimated value \$30,000
3. Electrical facility relocation – estimated value \$900,000.

Winslow also estimate that they will spend \$5,885,000 including GST with Greater Dandenong businesses in the area of Labour, Materials, Plant, Supervision and Subcontracts.

Consultation

During the tender evaluation process and in preparation of this report, relevant Council Officers from Engineering Services, Council's Occupational Health & Safety and Environmental Planning were all consulted.

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Conclusion

At the conclusion of the tender evaluation process, that included a preselection interview, the evaluation panel agreed that the tender submission from **Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd** represented the best value outcome for Council and should be accepted due to:

- 1) Their conforming and lowest priced tender submission.
- 2) Their relevant experience working with Victorian government authorities and private organisations on similar construction projects.
- 3) Their level of experience, staff resources and sub-contractor selection.
- 4) Receiving a Pass for their Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Environmental Management Systems.
- 5) Receiving a satisfactory result for the Standard Financial & Performance Assessment (Procurement) Company Check undertaken by Corporate Scorecard.
- 6) They are registered and pre-qualified with Rapid Global (Councils Contractor Risk Management Compliance database).
- 7) Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd is a Vic Roads pre-qualified contractor for Road and Bridge Construction.
- 8) Reference checks were undertaken on two similar road projects completed by Winslow for Victorian Government authorities receiving overall rankings of good and very good.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **accepts the tender submission from Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd for the Contract 2021-05 for the Abbotts Rd Widening – Taylors Rd to the Cranbourne Railway line to Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd for a fixed lump sum price of Six Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand, Fifty Four Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$6,438,054.77) including GST of \$585,277.71; and**
2. **signs and seals the contract documents when prepared.**

**4.1.1 Contract No 2021-05 Abbotts Road Widening – Taylors Road to the Cranbourne Railway line.
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Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

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2. **signs and seals the contract documents when prepared.**

CARRIED

Cr Bob Milkovic returned to the Chamber at 7.34pm.

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CONTRACTS

**CONTRACT NO. 2021-05 ABBOTTS ROAD WIDENING - TAYLORS ROAD
TO THE CRANBOURNE RAILWAY LINE**

ATTACHMENT 1

**TENDER INFORMATION
(CONFIDENTIAL)**

PAGES 2 (including cover)

This attachment has been deemed confidential by the Chief Executive Officer under section 77(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and has not been provided within the Public Agenda.

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

4.2 OTHER

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 February 2021

File Id:	A7292747
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Meeting on 2 February 2021

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.

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 February 2021 (Cont.)

Background

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

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 as 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'

People

- *Pride* – Best place best people
- *Cultural Diversity* – Model multicultural community
- *Lifecycle and Social Support* – The generations supported

Opportunity

- *Education, Learning and Information* – Knowledge
- *Leadership by the Council* – The leading Council

Council Plan 2017-2021

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:

People

- A creative city that respects and embraces diversity

Opportunity

- An open and effective Council

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 February 2021 (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 meeting for the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in the attachment to this report.

MINUTE 104

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in the attachment to this report.

CARRIED

Cr Loi Truong left the Chamber at 7.35pm.

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 February 2021 (Cont.)

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**MULTICULTURAL AND PEOPLE
SEEKING ASYLUM ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING ON
2 FEBRUARY 2021**

PAGES 3 (including cover)

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

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 February 2021 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:	Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee
Date of Meeting:	2 February 2021
Time of Meeting:	3.00pm-5.00pm
Meeting Location:	Online via Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Kylie Reid (Chisholm Institute) – Chairperson, Cr Eden Foster (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Sarita Kulkami (Community Member), Community Development Coordinator (CGD), Binita Maskey (Women's Association South East Melbourne Australia [WASEMA]), Sri Samy (Friends of Refugees [FOR]).

Apologies:

Kudzayi Nhatarikwa (Red Cross), Nabila Marzouk (Multicultural Muslim Women's Network), Minwen Wu (Community Member), Nagamuthu R. Wickiramasingham (Community Member), Chaw Po (Burmese Women's Alliance [BWA]), Jane Lazzari (Red Cross), Siv Yoganathan (Life Without Barriers [LWB]), Kadira Pethiyagoda (Community Member), Sarita Kulkami (Community Member), Jacquie McBride (Monash Health), Sean Quigley (WAYSS).

Minutes:

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	Welcome and apologies Chair welcomed Committee Members and acknowledged Traditional Owners.		
2.	Endorsement of previous meeting minutes Previous minutes moved by Sri Samy, seconded by Binita Maskey.		
3.	Review of outstanding action items Outstanding action – further investigate and circulate list of the 26 playgroups servicing families seeking asylum in Victoria.	Investigate and circulate list of the 26 playgroups	Community Advocacy Officer
4.	Greater Dandenong Gallery – opportunities for people seeking asylum Greater Dandenong Council Arts and Culture Team are investigating ways in which to engage with different communities to showcase their art within the Community Gallery Space to be included in the new Greater Dandenong Gallery. Public art installations are also to be included along Halpin Way. Collaboration between different communities is highly desired by Council, particularly those that have missed out on prior engagement. Ongoing engagement with MAPSAAC and Arts and Culture Team will continue throughout 2021.		

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 2 February 2021 (Cont.)

5.	<p>Part B Action Plan discussion</p> <p>Feedback provided by MAPSAAC at the December meeting has now been included in the most recent Part B Action Plan Progress Report.</p> <p>Greater Dandenong Gallery spaces to be further investigated in delivering and facilitating exhibitions to raise community awareness about people seeking asylum and refugees, in line with <i>'ACTION 1.1 Identify and where possible utilise opportunities to deliver interactive activities at various Council-led events (e.g. The Big Picnic, World Food Fare, Harmony Square Screen playing local content etc) to increase community understanding of the lives and experiences of people seeking asylum and people of refugee background.'</i></p>		
6.	<p>Information Sharing Update</p> <p>Cr Eden Foster Newly appointed Cr Eden Foster for the Yarraman Ward introduced herself to MAPSAAC.</p> <p>Recent work regarding people seeking asylum and refugees has included asking Mayor, Cr Angela Long to write to the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Migrant Services to reconsider the offshore detention of the Biloela family and welcome them back to Australia.</p> <p>Binita Maskey WASEMA continues to run online programs for community members. In March a hybrid delivery should take place with online and face-to-face programs to be provided.</p> <p>Binita is also delivering financial literacy programs at Living and Learning Pakenham. Is seeking to expand her services in financial management, banking, and budgeting within other organisations.</p> <p>Greater Dandenong Council Community Advocacy Officer to meet with Refugee Council of Australia to discuss advocacy campaigns for 2021. Will update MAPSAAC at April meeting with further information.</p> <p>COVID-19 relief support provided by Greater Dandenong Council to end 31 March 2021, however there is an option of further funding being considered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) that may extend the program to 30 June 2021.</p> <p>Chisholm TAFE Chisholm are providing a mixture of face-to-face and online learning.</p> <p>New legislation will lift 500-hour cap to unlimited English support for students undertaking Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP), providing people with a vocational level of English.</p> <p>Free childcare arrangements will also be offered for people undertaking AMEP.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 4:10pm</p>	Update at April meeting.	Community Advocacy Officer

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4.2.2 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15 February 2021

File Id: fA25545
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

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 February 2021.

Recommendation Summary

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

4.2.2 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15 February 2021 (Cont.)

Matters Presented for Discussion

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 8 February 2021.</p>	8 February 2021
2	<p>Landfill Services Tender Outcome & FOGO Implementation Update</p> <p>Councillors were provided with a progress update on the Landfill Services Tender outcome and discussed the implementation of food and garden organics (FOGO) into green waste bins across the municipality.</p>	15 February 2021
3	<p>Discussion RE: Polytrade</p> <p>Councillors discussed recent industrial relations issues at Polytrade.</p>	15 February 2021
4	<p>Hemmings Street Precinct Action Plan</p> <p>Councillors were presented with consultation findings to support draft action items. A Council report regarding consultation findings, other community and stakeholder input and a draft action plan will be presented for endorsement at the Council Meeting of 22 March 2021.</p>	15 February 2021
5	<p>COVID Events and Grants Update</p> <p>Councillor feedback was sought on a proposed event and grants process. Event funding, given the significant changes to events in line with changing COVID-19 safety requirements, was discussed.</p>	15 February 2021
6	<p>Sandown Masterplan Update</p> <p>The Masterplan was provided and discussed and Councillor feedback was sought prior to A council report being presented to Council for endorsement in April 2021.</p>	15 February 2021

4.2.2 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15 February 2021 (Cont.)

7	<i>General Discussion</i> Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following topics: (a) Hanna Street, Noble Park development update. (b) Maralinga Primary School (now closed) site rezoning update. (c) Material aid program update. (d) Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 22 February 21.	<i>15 February 2021</i>
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Apologies

- Cr Loi Troung submitted an apology to the Pre-Council Meeting of 8 February 2021.

Recommendation

That the information contained in this report be received and noted.

MINUTE 105

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan
Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim

That the information contained in this report be received and noted.

CARRIED

4.2.3 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id:	qA283304
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Correspondence Received 15-26 February 2021

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 15-26 February 2021.

Recommendation

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 15-26 February 2021 be received and noted. be received and noted.

MINUTE 106

Moved by: Cr Richard Lim
Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 15-26 February 2021 be received and noted. be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
15-26 FEBRUARY 2021**

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



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 15/02/21 & 26/02/21 - for officer action - total = 6

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Date	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
Developer contact with a number of Councillors regarding land in Fernside Drive, Bangholme.	16-Feb-21	16-Feb-21	fA210538	Mayor & Councillors EA
Letter from an Endeavour Hills resident urging Council to keep a number of open spaces and historic sites around Greater Dandenong.	17-Feb-21	18-Feb-21	fA210765	Mayor & Councillors EA
Complaint from a Dandenong resident regarding the constant dumping of rubbish and shopping trolleys along Stud Road and the state of nature strips and front yards between Heatherton Road and Clow Street.	21-Feb-21	22-Feb-21	fA210896	Mayor & Councillors EA
A complaint from a resident regarding the maintenance of nature strips and trees in Keylana Drive, Keysborough.	20-Feb-21	24-Feb-21	fA211016	Mayor & Councillors EA
A letter from a Dandenong resident regarding issues that needs to be considered in food and garden organics waste management.	24-Feb-21	25-Feb-21	fA211096	Mayor & Councillors EA
A complaint received by a resident in relation to Councillor conduct (CONFIDENTIAL).	21-Feb-21	26-Feb-21	fA211190	Mayor

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



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 15/02/21 & 26/02/21 - for information only - total = 4

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
A letter from a Yarraman Ward resident regarding a number of issues of concern including open space, hooning and residential development.	16-Feb-21	23-Feb-21	A7399869	Mayor & Councillors EA
Correspondence from the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change in relation to its Parks Revitalisation Grants Program.	24-Feb-21	24-Feb-21	A7407425	Mayor & Councillors EA
A response from the Governor of Victoria to the Mayor's invitation to attend the opening of the Springvale Community Hub.	04-Feb-21	25-Feb-21	A7411867	Mayor & Councillors EA
Alliance for Gambling Reform 2020 Annual Report.	16-Feb-21	26-Feb-21	A7419084	Mayor & Councillors EA

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Sean O'Reilly

I have attended quite a few events that will probably be mentioned by other Councillors so I will ask my question.

Question

Cr Sean O'Reilly

At the Clean Up Australia Day event, I was speaking with quite a few people, including one community leader in particular. They were in dismay because they could not find anyone to help them apply for a Council Community Grant using our online application system Smarty Grants. They could not get any assistance as far as language goes. As we know, being the most multicultural municipality in Australia, we have so many wonderful community leaders who have strong hearts and good organising capabilities but perhaps not the strongest English language proficiency. I think that was the case here. I then took note of that and checked our website and Smarty Grants webpage and I saw that while there is a general contact information for the Community Funding Support Officer, there was nothing specifically about language assistance. I think if there is any municipality that should have this sort of offer of assistance front and centre, the City of Greater Dandenong Council is where it should be. I have made the following suggestions to the Director of Community Services via email and I would like to hear his response:

- Clear wording such as "Language assistance is available";
- Could the number of these language-assistance requests please be reported along with the other community grant metrics already reported; and
- We have available on the site brief PDFs in the top five languages that explains the grants process and how to access language assistance. Inexpensive translation services are available.

Cr Loi Truong returned to the Chamber at 7.40pm.

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

We do appreciate these questions because they do assist us with looking at continuous improvement on our systems.

The website will be updated to highlight links to community funding and clarify available language assistance. Over the last year we have not received any negative feedback about the site, but we have had some older community members express frustration at not being able to meet in person

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during the COVID restrictions. Our team members have continued to provide support by telephone and via the Teams meetings or Zoom meetings but we do know that cultural and linguistically diverse people and those that have English as a second language do prefer to meet in person.

Officers to include reports on requests for language assistance with other grant matrix is one of the questions Cr O'Reilly has asked and we can capture this information through the application stage in the Smarty Grants Program in the software.

In terms of the third point, we will also be looking at the translation of key grants information and processes prepared in the top five languages, including a link to Council's Translation Service info, which is known as the TIS. That is a service that anybody can ring and for the hundred and sixty different nationalities in our municipality, their language will be available through that TIS service.

We are also developing a support application with language programs for people in groups that have low vision. The Smarty Grants Program through your prompting of the question, we investigated and have identified that people with low vision do have problems as well.

They are the areas that we will be looking at immediately.

Comment
Cr Loi Truong

Last week we worked on the Clean Up Australia Day which was very successful. It was good to see hundreds of people working together, collecting the rubbish at Burden Park and other places.

Comment
Cr Lana Formoso

It has been a busy couple of weeks so I will quickly outline some of the activities I attended over the past few weeks.

On Thursday 25 February 2021, I attended the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Annual General Meeting which was held online. If any of my colleagues want the Minutes I am happy to pass that on.

On Friday 26 February 2021, I was finally able to attend my first soccer match in a very, very long time. It was the Dandenong Thunders versus the Dandenong City game which ended in a draw 1:1. Luckily the Jim Memeti Cup got to stay where it belongs.

On Saturday 27 February 2021, I was invited with my family to attend the Sangam Performing Arts Festival of South Asia and the Diaspora presents EARTH MATTERS – a walking tour of Dandenong, held at the Drum Theatre, Harmony Square and Walker Street Theatre. It was great to be back at the Drum Theatre and attending events again so well done to the team for that. It was an excellent event.

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

On Sunday 7 March 2021, it was the Clean Up Australia Day and an exhausting day. I started at 8am and finished at 5.30pm. My children and I attended quite a few parks and reserves in the Noble Park North Ward and it was a really great event. I would really like more people to get involved next year. I think it is a really important event that we need to highlight in our community particularly in this municipality.

Yesterday was International Women's Day. Unfortunately, we did not get to have all the events that we would normally have each year for such an event but I was fortunate enough to be part of a photo shoot at the Greater Dandenong VICSES (Victoria State Emergency Service) Unit with six of my fellow volunteers. We did a great job with the photo shoot for SES which was excellent; and you can see that online.

Comment
Cr Eden Foster

Like my colleague Cr Formoso, I would like to recognise that yesterday was International Women's Day. I note that in the media in the past couple of weeks, it has probably been a very difficult time for many women who have perhaps experienced gender inequality, sexual assault, sexual abuse and issues of that nature. I think we need to remind our community about the benefits of what women have to offer.

Question
Cr Eden Foster

I have had an enquiry from a resident about the very low tree canopy cover on Carpenter Street in Noble Park. The resident notes that several of the trees on their street have died or are in poor condition. Several properties do not seem to have any nature strip trees and the few small trees that they do have on the street, appear to be damaged by severe pruning. The resident has requested to have their street added to Council's list for planting new trees if possible and given Council's Urban Tree Strategy, can I please ask that this street be considered for improvement of these?

Response
Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Yes, we do have a program for replanting in our streets so hopefully Carpenter Street is on the list but I will follow up and advise.

Comment
Cr Rhonda Garad

I attended the Audit and Risk Committee meeting this week with Madam Mayor and a progress report will come to Council soon on the critical important work of this Committee.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Sustainability Committee and I would really like to sincerely thank the staff that were involved in the Committee. They are doing tremendous work to improve the sustainability in the City of Dandenong and working very hard towards the Forever Fest which will be held on 22-30 May 2021. It will be a tremendous event.

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

I also attended the South East Council Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) meeting which works to progress the work of Councils in the south-east area towards zero omissions and climate resilience. There was recognition within that meeting of the concerning data around climate that has recently emerged showing that we are reaching an even more critical point around global warming.

I wish to congratulate all the residents that participated in the Clean Up Australia Day event on the weekend. There were thousands of residents that came not only from Dandenong but from outside the Dandenong area and worked tirelessly throughout the day to clean up this area. It was a tremendous event and I thank them very much for their time and their concern about the City of Dandenong.

I had the great pleasure today of attending the Keysborough Gardens Primary School and spoke to Grades 3 and 4 students around civics and concepts such as democracy. All I can say is, the kids of that age are much smarter than I was at that age. They kept me on my toes with the questions they asked. The great thing was, they had tremendous input and ideas about the playground for the Keysborough South Community Hub and the ways that the community can participate in it in a meaningful way. Council's Traffic officers were also present and they have put in some local solutions to try and address the traffic issues that occur after school around the Keysborough Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their quick response a couple of weeks ago, when we had a very concerning event in Keysborough South of dog baiting. We had three incidents of dog baiting at the Villiers Road Dog Park and in someone's yard. Within an hour of being alerted, the Council had a Ranger at the park who was patrolling the park to ensure it was safe. I would like the relevant manager to commend that Ranger's efforts. She has since attended almost every day to patrol that park and to make sure it is safe for residents. Victoria Police are investigating that incident. I think it is a tremendous example of how responsive the Council can be. I also commend the Council for their decision to use the dog registration process to create an alert system through SMS systems for critical issues that relate to dogs in the area.

I would also like to thank the residents of Keysborough South for the tremendous input we have had so far on the playground for the Keysborough South Community Hub. There have been some tremendous ideas and this playground will be a standout and will be a credit to the Keysborough South area.

I also attended the Arts Advisory Board and I would like to thank the outgoing members for their tremendous dedication and effort in the past few years including David Willersdorf who was the former Board Chair, Phillip Faulks who was recently awarded with a Dandenong Living Treasure status and Andrew Duong. I look forward to working with the Arts Advisory Board Committee over the next 12 months.

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

Why is it that the City of Greater Dandenong is one of the few Councils who does not require compulsory cat de-sexing?

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

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

This is a question that has recently come to me from one of the residents and I am in the process of formulating a response there. I will include everybody in that response. I would like to mention though that this year we are doing a complete review of our Domestic Animal Management Plan generally known as DAMP and that will be one of the issues that will be included.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Cr Formoso and I have just met with some concerned residents around the care of cats in the City of Greater Dandenong. With COVID, we do have a tremendous feral cat issue as do the rest of Australia so I look forward to the Director's response.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti

As other Councillors spoke about 8 March 2021 is International Women's Day and we have many special women in our lives. I have a beautiful mother, mother-in-law, wife, sister, two daughters, three grand-daughters and many, many female friends. It is fantastic that we recognise International Women's Day especially in the last decade where we can celebrate the women in our lives. I certainly rely on the women in my family so International Women's Day is a day worth celebrating.

About Clean Up Australia Day, what a sensational effort by Cr Formoso working from 8am to 5.30pm. I could probably only go out for an hour but hope to do a bit more next year. A very special thanks goes to everybody out in the community who were out there on Sunday throughout the whole day. A special shout out to the Albanian Australian Islamic Society. It was the first time they have participated in Clean Up Australia Day so I would like to thank Illi Alluil who came up with the initiative and hopefully that will get bigger and better each year.

The Dandenong Thunder and Dandenong City local derby at George Andrews Reserve in Dandenong is the biggest spectacle within this City when it comes to a sporting event. Approximately three to four thousand people attended which had not happened for a long time so it was great to have so many people at the George Andrews Reserve watching a very entertaining game. The A-League's all-time leading goal scorer in Australia's history, Besart Berisha was in attendance which provided a highlight for the event. Besart played for the Brisbane Roar, Melbourne Victory and now plays for Western United club. He quietly told me that there were more people at the event than at a game for Western United. For me, to witness those teams play for the Jim Memeti Cup at the Dandenong Derby was an honour and a privilege.

This afternoon, I visited CoCO's which is our local community commercial shop located at McCrae Street in Dandenong. The enterprise sells a wide range of goods and have worked really hard creating opportunities for the community during the pandemic. They need our support by donating more goods to sell at very cheap prices so others in need will benefit.

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

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

Facebook has become a phenomenal communication tool for everyone to express their concerns. Residents from Moomba Parade in Dandenong South posted via Facebook and Messenger that it gets quite congested on a Sunday morning along Moomba Parade. In other areas where there are temples, mosques and churches, there are 'no standing' signs on one side and parking on the other side. Currently there is parking on both sides of Moomba Parade. The concern is if something was to happen and there is a need to call emergency services these vehicles would not be able to go through. Can Council please investigate having one side of Moomba Parade as a 'no standing' area especially on a Sunday morning to make sure the entire street is accessible during any time of emergency?

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Yes, we can arrange for our Traffic Team investigate and see if parking restrictions are appropriate.

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

With regards to the petition for the Dandenong Community Hub discussed earlier tonight, I have just received another email from concerned residents. I would like to recommend that the Mayor, the relevant Director and other interested Councillors meet with a few people from the community and form a working group to keep them updated on the progress of this project. Even though we have our own Strategy meeting of Councillors and Directors on Friday and Saturday, this working group will give our residents confidence that our Council will deliver so can a meeting be arranged in the next week or so please?

Response

Cr Angela Long, Mayor

Yes.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

This is my report since our previous Council meeting.

On 25 February 2021, I attended the Child and Family Partnership and the Best Start Improvement meeting via Teams. Due to COVID restrictions, the group had difficulties finding some venues for their meetings but with the restrictions easing and COVID vaccines happening soon, hopefully everything will be better from here on.

On 3 March 2021, I had the privilege of taking a picture with one of our Yarraman Village residents at Hannah Street in Noble Park along with the Mayor, Cr Long and Cr Truong.

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

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

I wish to say thank you to the Council officers and staff for their months and months of negotiations with the developers at the Hanna Street development where Council has saved 26 River Red Gum trees. A resident has asked if we are going to keep that land as open space or are we going to turn it into a playground?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

At this stage, it is a big open space. It would be difficult to see it reconfigured as a playground given that it is a clump of trees but I think it is a bit early yet to look too far into the future. The main mission was to secure the land and the 26 trees on it; to ensure they are protected as Council's asset of public open space and that it gets employed and maintained as public open space. Any improvements that might be made to it down the line obviously, will be subject to considerations going forward.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

My other question relates to the same area is regarding parking issues. Some residents park their cars on the grassed area. Can we install bollards to prevent parking on the grass?

This question was noted for further action.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

On 3 March 2021, I attended the Citizenship ceremony with the Mayor and Cr Lim where we welcomed 80 new residents to our City.

On 7 March 2021, I participated in Clean Up Australia Day. I want to thank the Cambodian Association of Victoria (CAV). They organise this event every year for the last 35 years. There were more residents involved this year from the Cambodian Association of Victoria mentioned already, the Commonwealth Bank staff in Springvale, South East Melbourne Vietnamese Association Council (SEMVAC) and others. We could not all work together so we had to divide ourselves into groups. My group of about 12 people cleaned up in my Ward along Douglas Street in Noble Park while the other two groups lead by the Mayor and Cr Lim worked along Springvale Road and Buckingham Avenue in Springvale. It was a great day for everyone.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

On the same day, we had a few meetings with some small business owners along Douglas Street in Noble Park. The effects of COVID were clear from our discussions which was heartbreaking to see. I know that the State and the Federal Governments are offering funding through grants but what can Council do to help these small businesses? Some of them do not have online access because they do not have websites so if there is anything that we can do to help, that will be great.

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

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Council has previously had some fairly extensive programs that we have run on two occasions to try and assist businesses in the municipality. Obviously, there are ongoing challenges with COVID across the city so if I can get the details of that business, we are happy to provide them with some advice, to assist them with their current situation.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

I would like to wish a Happy International Women's Day to all the women in the world.

Comment

Cr Richard Lim

On Tuesday 23 February 2021, I attended the Committee meeting at the Springvale Community Hub in the afternoon where all the members expressed how passionate they are about the Hub. They have been promoting the Hub heavily through social media, in store and through various associations. Thank you to Mr Fidler for his support.

On Saturday 27 February 2021, I attended the Springvale & District Historical Society Annual General Meeting. I was asked to chair the election of the President and the Committee members such as treasurer. I expressed my goal to establish a small museum in Springvale by 2022 or 2023 to acknowledge the rich heritage of Springvale from a 1979 or 1980 South East Asian refugees' settlement. There was some concern about the budget due to the impact of COVID-19. However, I reminded everyone there that we can raise funds via the Local, State or Federal Governments as well as the various multicultural community groups who meet in Springvale and will most likely contribute as they make up a large part of Springvale history.

Question

Cr Richard Lim

Is there any possibility of Council helping to establish a Springvale Museum in the future? If we were to buy a property near the Springvale Town Hall for about \$800,000, we can raise these funds through various associations such as the Cambodian associations, the many Chinese associations and the various Vietnamese Associations. Is there anything that Council can do to help make it happen in the near future?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

I will take that question on notice. I do think we will need to look at a feasibility study initially to bring the key stakeholders together. That is something we can investigate and provide further information on.

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

Comment

Cr Richard Lim

On Wednesday 3 March 2021, Mr Bosman, Mr Van Boxtel and their teams visited the Springvale Activity Centre which I want to thank them for. They actively help and support my goal to turn Springvale into a tourist attraction. Thank you so much for your hard work that afternoon. Later that day, I attended the Citizenship ceremony with the Mayor, Cr Long and the Deputy Mayor, Cr Tan.

On Friday 5 March 2021, I visited the owner of Windows Club at Balmoral Avenue, Springvale. We thanked them for keeping down the noise because the residents nearby complained about the noise for many months. They expressed their thanks when they became aware that I had spoken to the Club about the noise.

On Saturday 6 March 2021, I received an email from a business owner who discovered a large amount of rubbish at the No.8 Balmoral Avenue carpark stairwell. When I went attended, I found out that the elevator at the carpark was not functioning. The phone number on the elevator button did not work. After many unsuccessful attempts to call, I decided I was going to email Mr Van Boxtel, Mr Bosman or Mr Kearsley. However, the next morning, I ran into the same business owner who emailed me about the rubbish. When we went to where the rubbish was near the staircase, it was cleared already. She was very thankful and so I want to thank Mr Van Boxtel for organising the clean-up promptly.

On Sunday 7 March 2021, I organised Clean Up Australia Day event in partnership with the Cambodian Association over many years. I am one of the major sponsors for the Clean Up Australia Day with my Lim's Pharmacy team, Commonwealth Bank, Springvale Indo-Chinese Mutual Assistance Association (SICMAA), the Wat Dhammarangsee Temple etc. We picked up trash along Balmoral Avenue, Buckingham Avenue, Windsor Avenue, Springvale Road, Springvale Rise Primary School and the Springvale Community Hub. Thank you to Cr Truong for providing gloves and trash pickers. We needed to buy more for the many volunteers who were working on the day.

This morning, I came across more dumped rubbish near the corner of Prince Street and also Buckingham Avenue in Springvale. I was even approached by a former veteran of the Vietnam war, who told me it is a very bad image with all the dumped rubbish. After I personally checked it out, I emailed the Mayor's Personal Assistant to forward my request to the right department.

Every year, I organise seminars on International Women's Day for elderly Cambodian Association members. Due to COVID, it did not happen last year but this year, it was such a success because they really want to understand about women's health, about COVID and how to look after themselves.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

I would like to start off by following up on some previously asked questions. Could I ask the relevant officer for an update on a possible re-installation of the bus shelter on Outlook Drive, Dandenong North, opposite the retirement village? Obviously, with the weather changing for the worse with winter coming, the residents would like to know if there has been any update or any progress with regards to having the bus shelter re-done.

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Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will follow that up. Bus shelters are normally the responsibility of the State Government but I need to get the information on the progress of that request and report back to you.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

My next question is for Mr Bosman and it is regarding parking enforcements along Kriegel Way, Dandenong North. The lines have been painted. Residents are asking if this is being enforced now because there are quite a few cars still parking along the side of the road. They are worried that emergency services may not get through on a busy day if they need to. Has it been enforced? Can residents park along the road and if they do, are they going to get fined? I am referring to the Kriegel Way entrance to Tirhatuan Park.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Obviously, a solid yellow line is a 'no stopping zone'. I will take the points that have been raised. We will make sure that we increase the level of patrols in the area. It is a relatively new line that has been painted there, so enforcement generally takes a more understanding approach initially. It might be a case of issuing warnings before issuing fines but I will bring it to the attention of the Parking Management team and we will have more officers out there.

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

The residents were wanting to know as if one car parked there, others may park there as well. I think warnings would be appropriate so thank you very much for that Mr Bosman.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

The next question is about the ever-present issue in the City of Greater Dandenong which is rubbish. I was busy on Clean Up Australia Day, probably not as busy as Cr Formoso and credit to her for putting in a 10 hour day on a Sunday which was great to see. We have all contributed but unfortunately, we had a group of quite ungrateful residents/visitors to Tirhatuan Park and they left quite an unsightly scene for mums and dads and the local residents to pick up of their own accord. This was on Australia Day. I would like to ask the relevant officer if there is anything that can be done. It is a recurring issue in Springvale, Noble Park and all over the place but is there anything that we can do? The residents are getting a little bit desperate. They go there, clean up the park in their own time and get the rubbish bags and we are all happy to participate, but it is getting to the stage where they are fed up with people having parties and just leaving rubbish everywhere. Sometimes, the rubbish is in tied up black bags next to the bins and that is fine. Council officers come in and pick them up. Plastic plates are strewn around. Tirhatuan Park is quite unique in the fact that it does have a lot of wildlife. There is a creek that runs through it so plastic rubbish really does not help the general appearance, the wildlife and the environment.

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Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

There is currently a lot of pressure on parks. I think local communities are obviously for reasons around the pandemic, not travelling as much interstate and obviously not able to travel overseas. I think parks in general are getting a lot of use which is very welcoming. One of the negative effects of that is the amount of litter that gets created. I think Council does a fairly good job with litter collection. Our major parks are cleaned each morning. On weekends, we have been doing spot checks in the afternoons on Saturdays to keep an eye on things. The bins are emptied daily and any litter that is thrown around and is adjacent to the bins is picked up and collected at the same time. We also have a mobile crew that attend some of our parks to pick up loose items and litter that is blown away from where the bins are so I think we are doing a lot in that space and it is not to say that we cannot do more. Education is part of that as I mentioned tonight in responding to a public question on Burden Park where similar issues were observed recently. I think one of the things that may help to some extent will be to increase the bin capacity in the parks. We have also mentioned the rollout of the public recycling bins which would give us more capacity to hold litter at those locations. I think this would be of some assistance but we will investigate that matter further and get some more information to you.

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

My question was in no way a criticism of Council and the officers. I think they do a fantastic job. I have witnessed them first-hand on a Sunday morning scrubbing the barbecues which should not happen at all. Barbecues should be left as clean as we find them in the morning. Unfortunately, some people choose to abuse the system. Perhaps plenty of signage might strike a chord in their minds and remind users to either take their rubbish home or put it in or next to the bins. Officers deserve some praise as they always do a fantastic job but we need to look at ways of educating visitors to our parks and enforce those kinds of issues.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

Another question is regarding Brady Road shops. I have had a meeting with many of the shop owners there regarding some potential installation of public toilets and their desire for that to happen. In the course of the conversation, I was made aware of many complaints about the liquor shop with people congregating at the benches in front of the shops, drinking alcohol and even serving alcohol in the liquor shop to people who appear to be quite intoxicated already. I would like to ask a question to the relevant officer if there is anything that can be done to curb this anti-social behaviour. Right next to the liquor shop is the Awareness Hair Salon shop where the ladies who work there are quite afraid to walk out of the hair salon and at times have called their husbands to come and pick them up. It has been observed on many occasions that people walking in and out of the liquor store are quite drunk and incapacitated, get together at the seats consuming more alcohol and throwing obscenities at people. Can Council do something about it?

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Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Over the last while, we have had many questions generally around anti-social behaviour in different parts of the municipality. I know I have responded to a number of those by way of email. The one thing I think we need to understand is that the Council officers are not empowered in situations like you have just described where there has been this sale of alcohol in people who would not have had alcohol sold to them or where there is anti-social behaviour. This is within the jurisdiction of Victoria Police. My advice to those particular shop owners as to when this incident is occurring is to call 000 for Victoria Police to have a Police presence onsite and investigate. Having Council's Local Law officers patrolling the area is probably not the answer because they do not have the powers that you are seeking for that intervention. We certainly can have the officers in the area and do what they can within the Local Law provisions, but in terms of the anti-social behaviour, this is squarely within the jurisdiction of Victoria Police.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

Another question regarding Brady Road shops is that on the corner of Brady Road and Victor Avenue, there is about a 20 metre 'no standing zone' between Brady Road and the laneway behind the shops with parking on the other side of the road. That particular area is quite frequently occupied for long periods of time by delivery trucks instead of using the laneway at the back, which makes going up and down Victor Avenue physically impossible if there are cars parked on the other side. Could I please ask the relevant officer to have Parking Officers patrol the area frequently, particularly in the morning during delivery hours rather than the evening? Children are crossing the road for school, Mums and Dads stop to buy from the bakery so it becomes a real traffic hazard and extremely dangerous, especially when the big trucks pull up blocking the view on both sides.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

We certainly will have that put on the list as a hotspot and an area for increased patrols in the weeks ahead.

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

Regarding a question asked by one of my local residents relating to a café in Tirhatuan Park. There were many suggestions that Council should build a café which was not financially viable as confirmed by Mr Kearsley at the time. After bombarding the officers with questions and waiting for answers since I was elected, finally, I have words of praise for Mr Bosman who was intricately involved in this. I was advised that a compromise has been reached for a planning permit application to be considered and approved for a mobile coffee van. To those of you who are not aware, it was much more complex than it originally seemed because no such permit ever existed in the City of Greater Dandenong. I would like to thank Mr Bosman for his efforts and support in creating and then issuing a permit to one of our local residents to open and operate a mobile coffee van on the parking lot of the Rosswood

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Tennis Club at the entrance to Tirhatuan Park. Mums and Dads and everyone going for a morning walk will be happy to have a warm cup of hot chocolate if they choose to do so. The residents involved do thank you for your efforts as well.

Comment

Cr Tim Dark

Over the last couple of weeks, there are some events I intend to highlight.

The first was the Dandenong City versus Dandenong Thunder soccer match that Cr Memeti mentioned before. I was there with the Mayor, Cr Long and Mr Long. It was a very, very well attended event as Cr Memeti said. I believe there was security there. There would have been in excess of or very close to 10,000 people during the whole match on both sides and all around the field. As Cr Memeti touched on as well, it was one of the highest attended events. People from Melbourne City said the same thing.

I also attended the Coomoora Cricket Club's season finale at the recent long weekend which was another very well attended event. The Coomoora Cricket Club beat the Silvertown Cricket Club which was a good show for the Keysborough Ward. Keysborough Knights came close but lost to them. It was a great event having so many clubs come together.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

At that cricket game, some questions were raised about the Coomoora Reserve heading up to the Coomoora Wetlands. In that top corner, there is a gate that leads through and there have been complaints that there has been quite a bit of rubbish being dumped there including bags of dog waste that have been collected and it seems to be accumulating. One of the residents had discussed the issue with the person responsible in throwing the rubbish down there and they just said that the bin at the other end of the reserve was too far to get to. Would it be possible to have an additional bin in that corner? I am happy to send a map of where they want that to be placed.

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Yes. If you could send through the location to us, we can investigate that further.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

I have received some Facebook messages prior to the meeting from residents regarding a concern raised about the Keysborough Community Park on Loxwood Avenue, Keysborough relating to the amount of flooding occurring at the Reserve. There was a commitment from Council to undertake works on filling the tracks to boost it up and more gravel. That has not happened. I had a phone call and Facebook messages from the resident requesting an update on that and if it is ever going to happen because it has been quite some time. Can I please get that investigated by the relevant director?

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Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

My next question came from a couple of residents from College Crescent and Parkland Court in Keysborough. There were some issues about two years ago with people illegally riding motorbikes through the Reserve. The Council took a step of putting up some fencing to stop people from riding and it helped curtail the issue. Now there have been some conversations about some improvements including benches or a pergola where people would be able to sit. The turnover has led to many younger families moving into the area while the older generations move out. Can this be investigated as to whether we could add some improvements in the short-term pending a review?

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

My next question is for the Director of Planning and it is a question that I have raised with him already and he has taken it on notice. It relates to the provision and issuing of building orders to do with uses within premises that are not permitted. It is an issue we seem to be currently facing within the City of Greater Dandenong. I will ask and I wanted to make sure that this was noted on record that Mr Bosman will get back to me with information on what the provisions are around building orders, particularly with issues such as those happening in Robinson Street, Dandenong. I am aware that we have organised a meeting next week with the Mayor and the Director of Community Services to talk about these. This was brought to my attention, particularly around what our options are with that so could that be investigated please?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Cr Dark and I did discuss this prior to the meeting. I will have a look at what role if any, building orders can play as part of a solution for the situation described by Cr Dark.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

I received a phone call from the Noble Park United Football Club- Drinas who are currently based at the Parkfield Reserve in Noble Park. They have questions regarding the construction of the oval, getting the lights up and running at the Reserve, questions around the tender process for the carpark, when that is expected to come back and shaping up of the oval now that the velodrome has been

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removed from the site. If the relevant director/s could get in touch with the Club as their season is about to commence, to keep them in the loop on the improvements and when everything is expected to be fully completed by, that would be great.

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Yes, we will follow up on that matter.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

Some residents from Keys Road in Keysborough asked me some questions regarding the Perry Road upgrade. Apparently, there was an accident there about a week ago on the bend heading towards Pacific Drive. I was alerted that there was a funding commitment for the widening and duplication to occur on Perry Road, from River End Road all the way down to Greens Road. Do we have any update on that if it is still happening and if not, can we please investigate that bend on Pacific Drive with the collision that occurred?

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

I am aware that the local volunteer fire brigades in Keysborough, Springvale, Dandenong and Noble Park have had their brigade elections with quite a turnover of new captains taking on new positions and some leadership positions within the Country Fire Authority (CFA). Can the Mayor could please write to the people who have been elected to the various roles within the brigades such as managers, captains and lieutenants? I will source out the information as it comes to hand and send it on. I do believe that Keysborough's elections are coming up but Noble Park and Springvale have got new captains and new executives.

Response

Cr Angela Long, Mayor

If you can provide their names, I will prepare the letters for them.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

This is an issue that was raised with me in the weekend and I spoke to Cr O'Reilly regarding the Newcomen Reserve in Springvale where the Springvale Districts Football Club play. Sometime ago, there was some extensive media coverage around a corporate box on the site. The site does have a mismatch with a heritage listed stand on one side and on the other side are many old buildings which I believe have been scheduled to be demolished. That has not happened and there are some

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queries coming from many people who play at Springvale Districts and many local residents as to what is happening at the reserve. I am aware that Cr O'Reilly has a CIP bid for a minor amount but I believe Newcomen Reserve is in need of a significant boost of financial support. Could we have a conversation with Springvale Districts and Ward Councillors as well, to find out what the options are for that?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

I will take that question on notice. We will have to see where the Master Plan is and where that process is in the infrastructure planning but it is definitely something we can do to get the key stakeholders together to discuss it.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

My final question relates to a phone call I received from Cr Cameron Howe from the City of Kingston. I believe he sent an email to the majority if not all of the Councillors, to do with a footpath on River End Road, Bangholme from the private school there, up towards the Bypass and then underneath where the freeway is currently being built. It has become quite a hazard. When I personally went to check it out, there is no question that River End Road is starting to sink and it is not a very even road. There is no real area for kids to be able to walk home from the school without being trapped. I am aware that he did send an email with budget constraints that Council is facing at the moment but I just want to find out:

(1) if we have investigated it; and

(2) I believe it falls into the electorate of Mordialloc and there seems to be a surplus of funding available. Could we potentially also write to the State Government to see if we can source some funding from them also?

Response

Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice. Just confirming that the private school is Cornish College in Bangholme?

Comment

Cr Tim Dark

Yes, it is.

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Comment

Cr Angela Long, Mayor

Thank you very much.

On Wednesday 24 February 2021, I attended the 'Take A Swing for Charity' Golf Day. That afternoon, I attended the Dandenong North Senior Citizens Club meeting.

On Thursday 25 February 2021, I attended the 2021 Drum Theatre Program Launch. That afternoon, I attended the South East Community Links Annual General Meeting via Zoom.

On Friday 26 February 2021, I attended Dandenong High School Assembly presentation of leadership badges. That night, as other Councillors have stated already, I attended the Dandenong City and Dandenong Thunder Soccer Clubs match. It was a one all draw.

On Saturday 27 February 2021, I attended the Dandenong Cricket Club meeting. Later that afternoon, I attended the Sangam Performing Arts Festival of South Asia and the Diaspora presents Earth Matters – a walking tour of Dandenong.

On Monday 1 March 2021, I attended the tour of the construction site for the new Mason Street Gallery and vacant PEP building.

On Wednesday 3 March 2021, I had a photo shoot at the Hannah Street Development in the area that Council has just purchased to save 26 River Red Gum trees. I also attended the Dandenong and District Historical Society Annual General Meeting. That night I attended the citizenship ceremony of 82 new Australian citizens.

On Thursday 4 March 2021, I attended the Biodiversity Action Plan where I picked and announced the winner of the community consultation phase, Alex Wilkie Reserve.

On Friday 5 March 2021, I attended the Audit and Risk Committee meeting. That afternoon I attended the football game between Dandenong City and the St Albans All Saints Soccer ClubS. Dandenong City lost 2:1.

On Sunday 7 March 2021 I participated in the Clean Up Australia Day. I joined SEWA Australia at Greens Reserve.

On Monday 8 March 2021, we celebrated International Women's Day.

Today, Tuesday 9 March 2021, I attended the Challenged Forever Exhibition Closing event which was on World War I, World War II, Vietnam War and any other war that we were involved in. That was at the Walker Street Gallery. Due to COVID, Council was not able to celebrate International Women's Day with its normal event, but we did have a lucky draw where numbers were sent out to various clubs and organisations. It was drawn at 5.30pm.

- First prize: \$300 worth of vouchers from Dandenong Market went to Dandenong Arts Club with the winning number 343.

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- Second prize: \$200 worth of vouchers from Dandenong Market was won by Noble Park Legacy with the number 587.
- Third prize: \$100 worth of vouchers from Dandenong Markets was won by Dandenong Agricultural and Pastoral Society with the number 648.

Question

Cr Angela Long, Mayor

My question is very similar to that asked earlier by Cr Tan. Could Council work with the Hanna Street Body Corporate to install bollards along the driveway to stop tenants from parking illegally in the area that Council has just purchased with 26 River Red Gum trees? There was a car parked there for months unregistered. The residents thought Council had the ability to tow that car away. I advised them we need to work out whether it was on our property or the building's property. If it was on the building's property, we cannot tow it away because it is on private land.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

This is something I will discuss with Mr Van Boxtel. Determining the boundaries of the properties should not be too much of a problem. Whether we can install any bollards or some sort of mechanism, that can be a discussion between Mr Van Boxtel and myself. We will then report back to all Councillors.

Question

Cr Angela Long, Mayor

I think the boundary is going to be a little bit beyond that driveway and residents are asking if they could build it along the driveway. Can we work together with the Body Corporate to discuss boundary delineation?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Obviously, what happens along the driveway within the private property is the Body Corporate's responsibility but certainly, we will have a discussion with them as to what could and might happen within the public domain and see if there is some sort of integration of the two. Our involvement would end at the public boundary.

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
25/01/21 CQT17	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>Letter to Minister Merlino and Minister Williams regarding upgrading of Rosewood Downs Primary School.</p> <p>During the holidays, living in close vicinity of Rosewood Downs Primary School and Tirhatuan Park in Dandenong North, I have interactions with quite a few residents, neighbours, friends and family members. There seems to be a common question asked about the school. I know it is not a Council matter, but I would like to ask for a little bit of support and if we can possibly write a letter. The Rosewood Downs Primary School has been on the same grounds for 40 years and except for a sports hall that was built about 10 years ago, the school is pretty much in its original condition. They have added on a few rooms here and there, renovated, but it is mismatched at the best of times and it is not really a 21st century facility for our kids and residents and I think they deserve better. What I would like to ask with the Mayor's permission is that the Council writes a letter to the Honourable James Merlino, Minister for Education, and to our local member, the Honourable Gabrielle Williams MP, Minister for Women and for Aboriginal Affairs, asking for support and for our State Government to maybe look into redeveloping, basically rebuilding a new school on the Rosewood Downs grounds. We could possibly even seek the cooperation of Council, specifically Mr Fidler's department, in incorporating</p>	Mayor's Office		<p>Response provided 8/02/21: In progress.</p> <p>Further response provided 9/03/21: Based on the discussions from meetings that have already taken place, it was agreed that an advocacy letter from Council would be drafted when Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plans are finalised; and all relevant information is received. It is anticipated to be finalised in May if not earlier.</p> <p>FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED</p>

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
22/02/21 CQT1	Cr Lana Formoso	<p>Rosewood Kindergarten within the school grounds. I think that will be highly beneficial as the current facilities have reached the end of their useful life with repairs and patch-ups on the go for so long. I am not sure how it is going to work in practice but I would like to ask for that letter to be drafted if possible seeking support and maybe consideration towards the local residents there.</p> <p><i>This question was noted for further action.</i></p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>Initial response provided 22/02/21: I will take that question on notice for the Traffic Engineers to investigate.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21: As you may be aware, the Department of Transport (DoT) is the responsible road authority for Elonera Road, including the intersections between Princes Highway and Jacksons Road. As such, any requests for road safety improvements need to be forwarded to the DoT for their review.</p> <p>Council's Transport Engineers will contact the DoT requesting that they review this intersection and undertake actions necessary to improve safety at this location.</p>
		<p>Traffic issues at Elonera Road & Oakwood Avenue, Noble Park North</p> <p>An issue has been brought to my attention for quite some time now and that is accidents that are occurring on the corner of Elonera Road and Oakwood Avenue in Noble Park North. It has been brought to my attention on a few occasions and residents have also sent me photos of severe accidents that have occurred there. We do have some traffic mechanisms in place there but I think everyone is in agreement within that area that it is not sufficient so we would really like someone to have a look at that and see what could be done please.</p>			

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22/02/21 CQT2	Cr Lana Formoso	<p>Unsignightly substation at Gladstone & Halton Road, Dandenong North</p> <p>Another question from a local resident who lives in my Ward was relating to an electrical substation on the corner of Gladstone Road and Halton Road in Dandenong North. The resident has said that they are extremely sick of driving past the unsightly look of the substation and are wondering if we could do anything in terms of planting trees or something that will hinder the view because there are some barbed wires and the look of it is quite unsightly. Is there anything that Council can do? I understand that it is probably tricky being a substation but if there was something we could do to increase the look of it, it would be really appreciated especially since it is directly opposite Lyndale Secondary College.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	1/03/21	<p>We will provide an update on any outcomes from their review when it becomes available.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>Our officers have investigated and it is always difficult with substations due to the fact that they are not Council asset. They are owned by electrical companies and they are usually very sensitive about making too many improvements to what are generally, very ugly buildings. However, I can say that the Landscape Team have investigated and we hopefully be able minimise the impact of the building bulk by doing some further plantings. I will also be contacting an area that usually does not deal with areas outside of activity centres. We did a couple of years ago, have the opportunity of painting a substation in a carpark in Springvale under a small painting fund that we use. I will ask the question as to whether or not there is an opportunity to do that in this substation. It can be difficult with regards to the owners. The electrical companies usually say no they are not willing for that to occur, but we will ask the question and see what we can do.</p> <p>Further response provided 1/03/21:</p> <p>United Energy have a large 0.7</p>

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22/02/21 CQ16	Cr Rhonda Garad	<p>Keysborough South Levy – Costs to be broken down to monthly – easier for residents to follow</p> <p>The Keysborough South Levy covers 20 percent of the open space minus five percent which is covered by general rates so effectively 15 percent of open space. The cost to maintain the open</p>	Director City Planning, Density & Amenity		<p>hectare electricity substation/terminal located on the north west corner of Halton and Gladstone Roads. This site has two buildings (one is very large) and is fenced to both frontages. The Halton Road frontage is a brick wall approximately 60m in length with a steel gate at its midpoint, the Gladstone Road frontage has an open steel fence approximately 80m in length. The large scale and configuration of the facility would create significant complexity to implement a painted arts project to improve the amenity of the presentation of this site. As per the preliminary advise provided at the Council meeting, we are planning some landscaping improvements to enhance the surrounding edges to both street frontages. We are also preparing a letter for the Mayors signature addressed to United Energy requesting that they also consider improving the presentation of this asset as a good corporate citizen.</p>
		<p>Keysborough South Levy – Costs to be broken down to monthly – easier for residents to follow</p> <p>The Keysborough South Levy covers 20 percent of the open space minus five percent which is covered by general rates so effectively 15 percent of open space. The cost to maintain the open</p>			<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>This was a matter of much discussion at the time of campaigning during the recent Elections, much information was gathered. A lot of information was handed out or given to prospective candidates at that stage. Its</p>

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22/02/21 CQT8	Cr Jim Memeti	space which does not include mowing seems quite high. Can these costs be broken down in simple terms to perhaps monthly so that residents can see where this levy is being spent on?	Director City Planning, Density & Amenity	24/02/21	<p>information and its questions that in fact, go across three different directorates. I am going to take your question on notice so that I can pull together a comprehensive response that can then be put into the Council Minutes. It will be there for the public record. Your question might seem to be a simple one, but the answer is in fact, quite a detailed one. We will come back to Council with a response.</p> <p>Further response provided 9/03/21: The details for a comprehensive response are still being worked through and this is expected to be completed shortly.</p> <p>FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED</p>
22/02/21 CQT8	Cr Jim Memeti	<p>Tents in Dandenong Park Unfortunately, homelessness is growing. I hear that it happens in Springvale and in Noble Park and I see it in Dandenong every day. I had a call today and also received some messages regarding three new tents being put up within Dandenong Park. Can the relevant officer please look into that tomorrow morning because I know we will not only see three but more and more tents being put up at the Park? We have been really good at dealing with the homeless in Dandenong Park but I just want to make</p>	Director City Planning, Density & Amenity	24/02/21	<p>Initial response provided 22/02/21: We will have officers out there first thing in the morning.</p> <p>Further response provided 24/02/21: I can advise that on Tuesday night 23 February 2021 officers from Victoria Police attended the park and spoke with the persons involved, with those persons being removed. With the ongoing assistance of Victoria Police further inspections of</p>

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22/02/21 CQT14	Cr Sophie Tan	<p>sure we stay on top of it.</p> <p>Dumped rubbish issues My next question is regarding dumped rubbish. We know that this is one of the most common issues raised in Greater Dandenong. Every three months we get a request from the residents. Based on the reports we receive, the top service request is dumped rubbish bins removal in different suburbs. Dandenong, Noble Park, Springvale and probably Keysborough are the four suburbs so moving forward, what is Council's strategy to solve dumped rubbish removal from our City?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	3/03/21	<p>the park will be undertaken and action such as arrests, move-ons and confiscation of materials taken as required. Council officers have also assisted in the facilitation of outreach services to these affected persons. The situation is an unfortunate one and also that it is one which is likely to recur from time to time and one for which no permanent solution can be found.</p> <p>COMPLETED Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>That question will take some time to answer but what I can say is that we do have a hot spot program that deals with known areas where we have a high level of community response to dumping incidents. We do get a truck out sometimes daily, sometimes two or three times a week to tackle issues that are related to dumping areas that are more common and the current levels are an issue. One of the problems that we seem to be facing is that there is a time lag between when rubbish is dumped and then when it is sometimes collected. Part of the reason behind that is to allow Mr Bosman's area with regards to enforcement and local laws to undertake some investigations if we need to. Sometimes that can help in identifying who is doing the dumping. That can lead to a couple of days</p>

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					<p>delay in picking up dumped material. Sometimes it is also part of our formal waste collection that people have not put the sticker on it or they have not identified it properly. I would be happy to bring some further information back to Council at a briefing session to provide a greater level of comfort and seek some direction in terms of the dumping issues that we do face. It is an issue that most councils face and we have an area in Dandenong South and other parts of the industrial area where it is a bit easier to get away with some dumping so we do face that problem as well but that is something that we continue to manage through a hot spot program and other pick up programs. We do have to balance that with regards to the cost to Council as well. There are many times during the year when we will advocate with our other Councils in the region for greater assistance to deal with this as a dumping issue which is considerable. Again, I hope that provides some answers but we are happy to bring back at another time perhaps a more detailed discussion on how best to deal with dumped rubbish.</p> <p>Further response provided 3/03/21: As Mr Kearsley has indicated in his response to your question, Council officers will brief interested</p>

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22/02/21 CQT16	Cr Richard Lim	<p>Public toilet cleaning regime and provision within Springvale activity centre</p> <p>What can Council do to improve our public toilets and how can we work out the patron ratio if we want to put more public toilets in the Springvale Activity Centre?</p> <p>Comment Cr Richard Lim Thank you, Mr Kearsley. For Springvale Shopping Centre we can add some toilets where the loading zones or parking are a bit far from the shopping centre. It makes it easy for the Shopping Centre customers or patrons. I believe we can add more public toilets in Springvale. It will attract more visitors because that is the main problem within Springvale.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>Councillors on this subject that will include topics such as (and not limited to) statistics on dumped rubbish incidents over the past few years and a range of strategies that have been implemented to address this matter (one of which is the Hotspots Program). At this stage, the briefing session date is yet to be confirmed but will certainly be after Easter 2021.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>With regards to the issue of cleansing, the toilet in Balmoral Avenue carpark is cleaned three times a day. We have one of the highest standards of cleaning in this municipality. Depending on where the toilets are, how well they get used and how often they get used, we have a cleansing regime based on all of that. I can certainly provide some further information to Cr Lim on how we go about dealing with that and whether or not we have received issues of complaint over the last sort of six or 12 months.</p> <p>With regards to the provision of new toilet facilities in Springvale, we will be bringing to Council a Draft Toilet Strategy in the coming months, which will identify a whole range of suburbs and localities where we have identified a need for further facilities. They are usually based on distance that you have to travel to</p>

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					<p>another facility so there are some significant gaps that we have in our municipality and they will really be the priority for Council to make a decision through the capital works program to then build these new toilets. With the Balmoral Avenue carpark toilet already existing, it may not be a top priority for Springvale Shopping Centre to have more Council toilets but I would say that we can discuss that matter further when we bring the Draft Toilet Strategy for Council's consideration in the coming months.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21: At his meeting you asked what can Council do to improve our public toilets and how can we work out the patron ratio if we want to put more public toilets in the Springvale Activity Centre?</p> <p>This issue is best addressed by referring to our Draft Public Toilet Strategy. An update of the strategy is as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from the community consultation on the Draft Public Toilet Strategy is currently being reviewed incorporating your previous advice about toilet needs in the Springvale Activity Centre. - A formal update on the Draft

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22/02/21 CQT19	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>Extra bins within Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North</p> <p>In Dandenong North, relating to Councilor Miermet's issue with the tents in Dandenong Park, we do not have issues with people that have fallen on hard times and become homeless in Dandenong North. However, in our big</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>Public Toilet Strategy to Councillors is proposed for the end of April 2021 and this will allow for further discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note that the new Springvale Community Hub has 2 public toilet facilities – inside the building and in the open space area near the playground. - The Balmoral Avenue public toilet is also a well-used modern facility in good condition and has recently been refurbished. - The Draft Public Toilet Strategy does make a recommendation to monitor usage of existing public toilets to determine whether additional facilities are required. Whilst most of the assessments are made based on walking distance to a toilet the equivalent of patron ratios are taken into account through observed usage and nearby foot traffic data.
					<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>We have had many discussions on this one and I do know it is an issue. Unfortunately it is human nature. It would be great if people did the right thing and put the rubbish in the bin. I have asked the waste section to have a look at this problem. It is not</p>

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		<p>Tirhatuan Park we have a constant issue with rubbish being left strewn after long weekends and hot days. The question that I had asked by a couple of residents to the relevant officer, is it possible to organise some sort of extra dump bins - 240 litre bins maybe on long weekends as a one-off? Many residents are of an opinion that rubbish is left next to the rubbish bins. The birds come arrive even if rubbish is packed in bags and strewn all over the place. The wind throws the bags in the creek or on the trees. It literally looks like a tip site. If we could investigate extra bins or rubbish collection at the park for park visitors to deposit their rubbish.</p>			<p>a problem we are facing in many of our other parks. There is a traditional response that perhaps putting more bins out there does not necessarily solve the problem although I accept that in this case it may do on particular weekends and when the weather is good, the park is great so many people go there for that reason. That is something if you can just give my team and myself perhaps till the end of the week to come back to you with some other options. We are looking at signage as well as some further monitoring, recognising though that it can be tricky to catch people in those situations because it is the accumulation of people doing it over the whole day rather than someone just coming in and dumping in one instance. We certainly are very much aware of it. We have on occasion, as you know gone up there on a Monday morning to simply quickly tidy up as best we can. We are looking at perhaps bringing forward or changing our cleansing service model so that we are there all the time or first thing Monday morning. Then again, that does not stop people from dumping it. It just means we are picking it up. Again, it is a bit of a double-edged issue and we hope to have a better idea of how to deal with it more holistically and it could be that we add more bins in there.</p>

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22/02/21 CQT23	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Bergen Street, Keysborough noise from nearby steel factory I received correspondence from residents of Bergen Street, Keysborough. They back onto Chandler Road where we have completed recent upgrades. They have said to me there has been quite a lot of noise coming out of a steel factory there that manufactures some quite large steel; some yelling and banging going on until quite late in the night. There is also I believe another factory with vibrations coming from some air conditioning or cooling units. Apparently, it has been increasing quite</p>	Director City Planning, Density & Amenity	9/03/21	<p>Further response provided 4/03/21: Council officers are currently monitoring the level of littering that is occurring in Tirhatuan Park that will inform any changes to the litter bin provisions or an adjustment to the cleaning scheduling, noting that this matter is largely seasonal or at periods of the year that would attract higher usage than other periods. The monitoring exercise will extend until after Easter this year (including weekends), which will mark the end of the peak usage season of the Park. In the interim, signage is being arranged for the key congregation points to encourage patrons to use the existing facilities and not to litter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21: If Cr Dark could provide me the particulars, we will certainly follow that up and see if there is any way we can help in this situation.</p> <p>Further response provided 9/03/21: There are approximately 10 residential properties in Bergen Street backing onto Chandler Road, beyond which there are three large industrial sites. One of those sites is a single large food processing plant.</p>

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22/02/21 CQT24	Cr Tim Dark	<p>steadily over the last few months and it is getting to the point where I have had a few residents call me. Can Council investigate? I will forward the complainants to the relevant director.</p> <p>Traffic signal & pedestrian crossing at Cheltenham & Chapel Road, Keysborough</p> <p>My next question has to do with the intersection of Cheltenham and Chapel Road. I know there were some conversations on the Keysborough noticeboard about it. It is something that I have raised in the past and I am aware it is a VicRoads designated intersection, a VicRoads road and this Council has always had the best of luck dealing with the now Department of Transport (DoT). Can Council write another letter trying to push again for review of the traffic lights and the walking limits. It was raised at the Parkland Retirement Village residents meeting that they are finding it very difficult to be able to cross the road in one go and often there are people being stuck with their walkers in the middle of Cheltenham Road waiting for the next set of lights and that has become quite a hazard. I know as well that the residents of the new</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>All of these industrial premises are between 45m and 55m from the Bergen Street residential properties, with Chandler Road in that setback. At this stage nothing of concern appears to be apparent, but Compliance officers will monitor the situation. Residents may report to Council particular properties and particular instances when these occur and officers will be able to attend to these more specifically.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>Yes, we can certainly do that. I think the last piece of information we had which I can confirm is that we were waiting on DoT to undertake some further traffic assessments in terms of surveys and volumes. During 2020 they were not doing any of that because of COVID-19 but I will go back to the team and see if we can confirm that. If that is the case, I will come back to you first before we prepare a further letter.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21:</p> <p>In response to our request, both the pedestrian walk time and the flashing red clearance time have been slightly increased. Further to this, the DoT advised that they will continue to review the new timings at this site with a view of making further adjustments if necessary.</p>

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22/02/21 CQT25	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Keysborough estates have raised the issues trying to get through the lights in one go as well. If we could just write another letter just to advocate a bit more heavily on that.</p> <p>Camera at Perry & Chapel Road, Keysborough</p> <p>The next question from the same residents is at the intersection there have been the installation of quite a few cameras, also at Perry Road and Cheltenham Road, Cheltenham and Chapel and looks like a simple CCTV camera. Are they Council or VicRoads cameras as they have been popping up on quite a few intersections of late?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>We can get that checked. I did hear last year that VicRoads and DoT were installing some further measures to do some traffic counts and things of that nature. It might be related to that. We will ask and see if we can get some further clarification on that.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21:</p> <p>I can confirm that these are being installed by the DoT. These CCTV cameras are being installed in response to the anticipated increase in traffic due to a reduction in Public Transport usage as a result Covid-19. The CCTV cameras will provide the DoT with greater real time visual coverage of their road network, which will assist them to be more responsive to any traffic management issues, particularly during the busier peak periods.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided</p>
22/02/21 CQT26	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Meeting with Sporting Clubs at Rowley Allan Reserve, Keysborough regarding Pavilion progress</p> <p>My next question is to do with the</p>	Director Community Services	24/02/21	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided</p>

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22/02/21 CQT29	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Keysborough Football Club and the Keysborough Junior Football Club and Netball Club to do with the Rowley Allan Reserve. I am aware that there was a meeting with the Sports and Recreation team about the Pavilion and there were drawings which were provided in detail. There was a conversation that Council would get back to them and from that there was no further conversation that has taken place. The club has reached out to me on the weekend saying that they did not know what was going on, where the Pavilion is up to given that they are heading towards their football season with a Pavilion that is significantly small for what they need and they just want to chase up with me if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) we can get an update on it; and (2) if we can also organise a meeting with the clubs. 	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>24/02/21: Officers from Planning and Design and Sport and Recreation met with the Club as part of the development of the Draft Concept Plan for the Reserve. The Concept Plan is a long term strategic document and will have no impact on Clubs use of the pavilion for the upcoming season.</p> <p>The Draft Concept Plan is now completed and officers will arrange a meeting to update you on the progress of this next week. A subsequent meeting will then be arranged with the Clubs.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
22/02/21 CQT29	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Updates on bathroom improvements at Jan Wilson Centre</p> <p>On the weekend I had a conversation with Mrs Sampay who was formerly a councillor on this Council and she raised with me a couple of questions she wanted me to raise tonight. The first was with regards to the bathroom improvements at the Jan Wilson Community Centre. I believe Council were undertaking some improvements of that. I wanted an update on that because I believe the Jan Wilson Centre has not been open during that time.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>Initial response provided 22/02/21: Yes, late last year there were some removal of old toilets and old basins putting in new facilities to upgrade that centre. I will have to take the question on notice as I believe it would have been finished in the last couple of months but I will double-check.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21: I can confirm the Director's response on the night that yes there was a refurbishment of the toilets at the Jan Wilson centre which has now</p>

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22/02/21 CQT30	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Additional seating/taps within Joan B Sheen Reserve</p> <p>My final question which was another one from Mrs Sampey has to do with the Joan B Sheen Reserve which is located just behind Harrisfield Primary School on Princes Highway and Bowmore Road. There are many people particularly grandparents who are going to pick up their kids after school is finished. The reserve is at the back of where the school is and there have been many parents accumulating there lining up to see their kids. There has been a request of whether there is potential to have some additional seating installed so that when the people come to collect their children, they are able sit down and wait. In addition to that, there has been a request for some water taps so the kids have somewhere to drink after school while they are going around the playground.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/03/21	<p>been completed. This project was strongly supported by Mrs Sampey through significant consultation. The works included painting, new Italian floor and wall tiles, new toilets, new partitions, new stone vanities with modern basins and tapware, new wall mirrors and new wall and ceiling lights.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 22/02/21:</p> <p>We can investigate that. The water fountains tend to be a bit harder because of course, we need the appropriate water available to do that but we can certainly see whether or not it is possible.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/03/21:</p> <p>The installation of additional seating and drinking fountain will be subject to further assessment in accordance with Council's Open Space and Playground strategies.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

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7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.

The meeting closed at 8.36PM.

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