

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 26 JULY 2021 Commencing at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERSVirtual Council Meeting

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 INTRODUCTION - OPENING STATEMENT BY MAYOR

Welcome everyone to this remote Council Meeting. While the CEO and I are located in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre, the remainder of your Councillors are coming to you live from their homes and other places of work.

This meeting is being held remotely because COVID-19 restrictions are still in place. Council is under advice from the State Government and the Chief Health Officer to conduct Council Meetings online.

We will try to mimic our normal live webcast as much as possible, but because this is a remote meeting there may be a few technical issues. I ask that you be patient with us. If, for some reason, the webcast drops out, remember that the meeting will be placed on our website afterwards so that you can watch it at your leisure.

On that note, let's get started.

1.2 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

Officers Present

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity, Martin Fidler, Director Community Services, Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects, Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications and Customer Service, Michelle Hansen, Executive Manager Finance and Information Technology, Lisa Roberts, Manager Governance.

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

1.4 OFFERING OF PRAYER

Deputy Mayor, Cr Sophie Tan read the following prayer provided prior to the meeting by Reverend Graeme Peters from the Saint James Anglican Church, Dandenong:

"God of all creation, we pray tonight for our Mayor and for our City Councillors as they meet together. We pray that you would grant to our leaders and to all who serve in public life wisdom and skill, imagination and energy and protect them from the temptation of self-serving. Guide them in all their decision making so that our city might truly be a city of opportunity for all its residents. We pray that you would bless our Councillors with insight and with wisdom and we pray that they might work together in harmony for the common good. We pray that you would prosper our city and its businesses and that our City Council and its officers might be agents of growth and of blessing for this community. We pray for new projects that are in planning, that they would come to fruition in good time. We pray for our community during this COVID pandemic, for the health and welfare of our residents and especially for the most vulnerable. We commend to you our Councillors here in tonight's meeting and we seek your blessing on all its proceedings. In the name of God, Amen."

1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting of Council held 12 July 2021.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 12 July 2021 be confirmed.

MINUTE 220

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 12 July 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

1.7 ADOPTION OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Audit and Risk Committee held a meeting on 18 June 2021. Minutes of this meeting are presented to Council for adoption.

Recommendation

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 June 2021 be adopted.

MINUTE 221

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 18 June 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

1.7 ADOPTION OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Item	Topic
1	The Risk Management report was tabled to the Committee providing an update on several aspects of risk, including the status of Council's insurances and claims.
2	Reports were provided to the Audit and Risk Committee on Risk Management Strategy and Fraud & Corruption control.
3	Council tabled to the Committee its Council Financial Performance Report to the period ending 31 March 2021.
4	An update was provided to the Audit and Risk Committee on the Industrial Manslaughter legislation and Council's Hazard Register.
5	Councils Internal Auditor Crowe presented a status update on the Internal Audit program, which included a progress report and a summary of recent reports and publications which may have an impact on local government. Crowe tabled an Internal Audit Report on a review of Risk Management and Various Financial Controls.
6	The Audit and Risk Committee received a further update on the recent audit carried out on Councils storage of hazardous chemicals.
7	The Audit and Risk Committee considered the recent VAGO report into Sexual Harassment in Local Government.
8	The Committee received and noted the Audit & Risk Committee Recruitment Plan, the Audit & Risk Self-Assessment and the Audit & Risk Committee Charter Review.
9	The Audit and Risk Committee considered an annual report on Council's Gift and Travel Registers and Council's Leave liability report.

2 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART ONE

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

File Id: A2683601

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

Report Summary

Under the Victorian Local Government Act, each Council is a body corporate and a legal entity in its own right. Each Council must therefore have a common seal (like any corporate entity) that is an official sanction of that Council.

Sealing a document makes it an official document of Council as a corporate body. Documents that require sealing include agreements, contracts, leases or any other contractual or legally binding document that binds Council to another party.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the listed documents be signed and sealed.

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing (Cont.)

Item Summary

There are two [2] items being presented to Council's meeting of 26 July 2021 for signing and sealing as follows:

- 1. A letter of recognition to Kylie Stevenson, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong; and
- 2. An Instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officer under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2020, the Environment Protection Act 1970, the Heritage Act 2017, the Infringements Act 2006, the Land Acquisitions and Compensation Act 1986, the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Sex Work Act 1994, the Subdivisions Act 1988, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 and the Regulations made under each of those Acts; the Local Laws made under the Local Government Act 1989; and any other Act, Regulation or delegated legislation (including the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme) which relates to the powers of the Council made under the provisions and enactments described. This instrument enables the following Council officer to carry out the statutory responsibilities of the above Acts and is subject to policy and delegations previously adopted by Council:
 - Zachary Ryan.

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

MINUTE 222

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

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

CARRIED

2.2 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

2.2.1 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 Governance Rules. These are also tabled.

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received one (1) new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 26 July 2021.

 A petition was received from 92 proponents for Dandenong Council to lift parking restrictions on Allan Street, Dandenong to allow people to shop. 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 this report and Attachment be received and noted.

MINUTE 223

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim

That this report and Attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

ATTACHMENT 1

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

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Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioner s	Status	Responsible Officer Response
16/07/21	Dandenong Council to lift parking restrictions on Allan Street, Dandenong to allow people to shop.	92	New	Tabled at Council Meeting 26 July 2021
	On April 28, you replied to my email. Since then we have been hoping that restrictions on the parking will be removed as soon as the front of the construction building is closed and no further truck entry is possible to the construction site. The entry of the construction has been closed for a while now. However, we did not see any change to our parking			16/07/2021 Responsible Officer – Senior Engineer, Transport Services
	resurgions. All trucks or other vehicles now only work in parallel to the construction buildings and no turning is possible so we are not sure why there is still restriction on our side.			Acknowledgement Email sent to the head petitioner by Governance.
	We request you again to remove the restriction on our side as this has no impact on the construction now.			16/07/2021 Response to the head petitioner:
	This is of great trouble to us as indicated to you earlier. 1. Our customer can not park at all. They have to park further away. 2. Our sales have drastically reduced as lots of our customers beyond Allan St. creek bridee come via car.			HIThanks for your e-mail.I have arranged for these signs to be switched back to the 1P restrictions that
	3. Our supplier has to park a block away (if they get the parking) and they struggle to deliver 100s of cases to our store. 4. Some of the suppliers have refused to deliver to our store now as it takes much longer than their allocated time.			were in place prior to the works. I anticipate that this will happen next week.
	Most of our customers/suppliers and neighbouring business owners are utterly frustrated with this and when I put out a petition for their support, 200 of them have signed the petition within day, by day, I have the control will consider this control of the cont			signatures on your petition, this will be tabled at the next Council meeting. I fully expect the signs to have been changed by then.
	The list is growing day by day. I hope the council will conside this request as a finater of urgency. Attachment: copy of 200 customers and suppliers putting their name to request parking restrictions.			Please feel free to contact me directly to discuss further. Regards.

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2.3 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.3.1 Planning Decisions Issued by Planning Minister's Delegate - June 2021

File Id: qA280444

Responsible Officer: Director City Planning Design & Amenity

Report Summary

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

No decisions were reported for the month of June 2021.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

MINUTE 224

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

That the report be noted.

CARRIED

2.3.2 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued - June 2021

File Id: qA280

Responsible Officer: Director City Planning Design & Amenity

Attachments: Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – June

2021

Report Summary

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

It provides a listing of Town Planning applications that were either decided or closed under delegation or withdrawn by applicants in June 2021.

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

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

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

Recommendation

That the items be received and noted.

MINUTE 225

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

That the items be received and noted.

CARRIED

STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PLANNING DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED - JUNE 2021

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PLANNING DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED JUNE 2021

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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLA20/0291	PinAppAmd	9 2	1/31 Dandenong Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Hussain Bakhtiari	AMENDMENT TO: Use of the land for Car Sales and Motor Repairs and a reduction of the car parking requirement for Motor Repairs	Amend permit to allow motor Delegate repair service) elegate	AmendPerm	03/06/2021	Dandenong
PLA20/0307	РігАррАтд	2	77.79 Princes Highway DANDENCNG SOUTH VIC 3175	C.M.V Wholesale Pry Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Use of the site for a Truck Sales and classes and classes and classes with variations to clause 156 of the Planning Scheme and Motor Repairs). Construct buildings and works in excesse of 7 metres in excesse of 7 metres in height, to use for the purpose of planning search of the landscape selback under the Planning Scheme; Construct buildings and works (access way will will be selback under the Planning Scheme; Construct buildings and works (access way) within 9 metres of the Main Road Reservation (98/628).	Amend permit preamble and Delegate conditions to align with current planning scheme		AmendPerm	07/06/2021	Dandenong
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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLA200313	PinAppAmd	Ž	199-209 Chapel Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	209 Land Z Pty Ltd & Forest FGF Pty Ltd cof Human Habitats	AMENDMENT TO: planning pennit PLNJ 200631, which allowed for "Subdivision and development of the land for development of the land for development of the land for developments, removal of native vegetation and to display internally illuminated promotion sign." The amendment seeks to amend the preamble, conditions and endrosed plans to allow the subdivision and development subdivision and development ob e completed in stages and add retaining wills.	Amend permit to allow staging of subdivision and development	Delegate	Amend Perm	10/06/2021	Keysborough South
PLA21/0003	PinAppAmd	ž	26-28 Souff Place DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	REMONDIS Australia Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT RECEIVED: Amendment to planning permit PLN 10/0347, which allowed for developing and using the Ind for Industry (Liquid Vasie Treatment Eaclilly), with a Treatment Eaclilly, with a reduction of the car parking requirement of Clause 52.06 of the planning scheme. The amendment seeks to amend the endorsed plans and permit. (PLN 10/0347)	AMENDMENT RECEIVED: Amend permit to allow demonstrate planning permit changes to plans and PLN100347, which allowed conditions including deletion for developing and using the conditions including deletion for developing and using the condition 10 and 11 Treatment Facility; with a reduction of the car parking requirement of Clause \$2,06 of the planning scheme.' The amendment desks to amend the endorsed plans and permit. (PLN1000347)	Delegate	Amend Perm	24/06/2021	Dandenong
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PLA21/0029	PlnAppAmd	ž	Factory 4/10-36 Abbotts Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Goodman Property Services (Aust) Pry Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Bevelopment of the land for earthworks, three (3) warehouses, use and welevolpment of the land for a flood and drink premises and flood and drink premises and flood and drink premises and septiation, reduction to the car parking requirements of cast parking requirements of restrictive covenants, removal of assessments, creation of drainage and sewer easements and associated works (PLN20/0141)	Amend permit conditions to include South East Water conditions and deletion of condition 1.14 stormwater drainage	Delegate	AmendPerm	29/06/2021	Dandenong
PLA21/0038	PinAppAmd	ON N	58 Leonard Avenue NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	ABS Design & Construction	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for three (3) dwellings comprising two (2) double storey two (2) double storey storelings and one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear (PLN18/0191)	Amend endorsed plans gegarding Unit 1 living room windows. Unit 2 relocation of entry door and Unit 3 windows in living area	Delegate	AmendPerm	25/06/2021	Noble Park
PLA21/0070	PinAppAmd	2	48 Windsor Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	EGBC Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for sty (6) double storey dwellings, reduction of a visitor car space and varying (re-align) a sewerage/drainage easement (PLNZ1/0Z13)	Amend permit to allow addition of a condition relating to the easement	Delegate	AmendPerm	30/06/2021	Springvale Central
PLN20/0256	PinApp	Š	81 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Chung Minh Ngo	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings and to alter access to a Road Zone, Category 1	General Residential 1 Zone, 722sqm	Delegate	QON	25/06/2021	Springvale North
PLN20/0301	PinApp	Š	9 Backous Way NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	SOarc Freelance Designer	Development of the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling, and construct and carry out works to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 821sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/06/2021	Noble Park
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PLN20/0356	PinApp	o Z	1/23 Egan Road DANDENONG VIC 3175	Bespoke Foods Pty Ltd	Use and development of the land for Industry (food manufacturing) and a reduction in car parking requirements	Industrial 1 Zone, frozen food products	Delegate	QON	23/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN20/0411	PinApp	o Z	22 Clive Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Abacus Design & Planning	Development of the land for four (4) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 963.4sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/06/2021	Springvale North
PLN20/0436	PlnApp	o N	49-57 Cahill Street DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Controltech Solutions Pty Ltd	Use and development of the land for the purpose of Materials Recycling	Industrial 2 Zone, materials recycling to produce crushed rock and sand	Delegate	PlanPermit	29/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN20/0508	PinApp	ON N	1/28-30 Ardgower Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	SDS Developments Pty Ltd	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 514sqm	Delegate	NOD	25/06/2021	Springvale North
PLN20/0516	PinApp	o Z	12 Mama Court NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Planning & Design	Development of the land for three (3) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 751sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN20/0529	PinApp	ON N	37 Ellendale Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Architekton Ltd	Development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings on a lot	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	10/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN20/0530	PlnApp	0 N	36 Edward Avenue DANDENONG VIC 3175	Clement Stone Town Planners	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 631sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/06/2021	Cleeland
PLN20/0539	PinApp	o _N	86 Hemmings Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Christopher Chatgoglou	Buildings and works (alterations to the existing building façades and internal rearrangements)	Commercial 1 Zone, cafe	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN20/0541	PlnApp	°Z	18 Wallace Avenue DANDENONG VIC 3175	Ario Arc Pty Ltd	Development of the land for nor (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling and additions and alterations to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 673sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN20/0556	PinApp	Š	1/13 Kitchen Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Slyvester Kroyherr	Use the land for the purpose of Materials Recycling and a reduction in the car parking requirement associated with Materials Recycling	Industrial 1 Zone, 6068sqm, car dismantling facility	Delegate	QO	08/06/2021	Dandenong
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PLN20/0557	PlnApp	o N	10 Jeffrey Street DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Archiden Design & Consultancy	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 663sqm	Delegate	PlanPemit	22/06/2021	Cleeland
PLN20/0566	PlnApp	o Z	26-30 Parsons Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Development of the land for two (2) warehouse buildings	Industrial 1 Zone, 624sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	29/06/2021	Springvale North
PLN20/0580	PlnApp	o Z	20 Lawn Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	WiLLiV Architecture	Development of the land for one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 631sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/06/2021	Springvale Central
PLN20/0583	PlnApp	o Z	25 Henry Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	SLBD Homes	The development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings	General Residential 3 Zone, 984sqm	Delegate	NOD	28/06/2021	Noble Park
PLN21/0007	PlnApp	o Z	15 Aegean Court KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Bayside Architects	The development of the land for a building with a reduction of the car parking requirement	Industrial 1 Zone, 1766sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/06/2021	Keysborough South
PLN21/0011	PlnApp	o Z	1/22-24 Regent Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	TD Total Smash Repairs	Use of the land for panel beating and a reduction in car parking requirements	Industrial 1 Zone, panel beating	Applicant	Withdrawn	04/06/2021	Springvale Central
PLN21/0027	PinApp	2	17-19 Herbert Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Greek Orthodox Community of Dandenong & Districts	Development of the land to construct and carry out works frow (2) stage stoy portable buildings and the use associated with the existing place of worship.	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	24/06/2021	Cleeland
PLN21/0038	РіпАрр	°Z	33 Alexander Avenue DANDENONG VIC 3175	UXD Group	Development of the land for two (2) dwellings (comprising one double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling)	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	25/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN21/0064	РілАрр	⁰ Z	3141 National Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Bill Jacobs Pry Ltd	Buildings and Works (Warehouse Extersion)	Industrial 1 Zone, 6330sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/06/2021	Dandenong
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PLN21/0082	PlnApp	o Z	49 James Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	ARPC Pty Ltd	Development of the land for three (3) dwellings (two double storey dwellings and one single storey dwelling to the rear)	General Residential 1 Zone, 741sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	24/06/2021	Cleeland
PLN21/0101	РіпАрр	°Z	34 Stephenson Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	ABS Design & Construction Services	Development of the land for two (2) dwellings on a lot (one (1) double storey dwelling to the front and one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear)	General Residential 1 Zone, 585sqm	Delegate	QON	24/06/2021	Springvale North
PLN21/0103	РІпАрр	2	24-30 Bend Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Cadence Property Group Pty Ltd	Use and development of the and for warehouses, Signage (Business Identification). Reduction in Car Parking Requirements and Removal of Native Vegetation	Industrial 1 Zone, 37890sqm Delegate	Delegate	PlanPermit	24/06/2021	Keysborough South
PLN21/0124	PlnApp	o Z	32 Red Gum Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Kashmir Gogon	Use of the land for a Transfer Station with a reduction of the car parking requirement	Industrial 1 Zone, transfer station and reduction in car parking requirements	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN21/0137	PlnApp	o Z	4-6 Clarke Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Troy Anderson	To display business identification signage	General Residential 1 Zone, business identification signage	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/06/2021	Springvale South
PLN21/0140	PlnApp	o Z	111 Indian Drive KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Plenty Valley Drafting	Buildings and Works (Office, Lab Area & Showroom)	Industrial 1 Zone, 572sqm (within existing building footprint)	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/06/2021	Keysborough South
PLN21/0143	PlnApp	o N	393-399 South Gippsland Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Melboume Marine	Signage (Business Identification)	Commercial 2 Zone, business identification	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN21/0147	PlnApp	o N	18 Heritage Drive SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Abacus Design & Planning	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	07/06/2021	Springvale Central
PLN21/0148	PlnApp	o Z	128-130 Hallam Valley Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Change Of Plan	Construction of buildings and works	Commercial 2 Zone, 455.37sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN21/0166	PlnApp	o Z	58 Ellen Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	AMS Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	03/06/2021	Springvale Central
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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN21/0169	PlnAppVic	Yes	40 Sharon Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	VicSurvey	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (VICSMART)	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/06/2021	Springvale South
PLN21/0183	PlnApp	°Z	150-180 Greens Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	CS Town Planning Services	Buildings and works (store)	Industrial 1 Zone, 522sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	04/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN21/0189	PlnApp	Š.	14 Wilma Avenue DANDENONG VIC 3175	Ali Madad Mokhtari	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	07/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN21/0192	PinApp	S N	3 Hughes Crescent DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	M J Reddie Surveys Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/06/2021	Cleeland
PLN21/0195	PlnAppVic	Yes	1/3 Tower Court NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Bamamotive Car Care	Display business identification signs VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, business identification signage	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/06/2021	Noble Park
PLN21/0196	PlnApp	o N	18 Oak Grove SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	AMS Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into four (4) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/06/2021	Springvale Central
PLN21/0206	PinApp	S N	74 Dunblane Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Tripartite Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into nine (9) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPemit	22/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN21/0210	PinAppVic	Yes	3 Commercial Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Quality First Designs Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a warehouse building VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, 1024sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	08/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN21/0213	PinApp	o Z	48 Windsor Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Studio A2 Architects	AMENDMENT RECEIVED: Development of the land for six (6) double storey dwellings, reduction of a visitor car space and varying (realign) a seweragedrainage easement. SEE PLA21/0070	General Residential 1 Zone, 1392.sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/06/2021	Springvale Central
PLN21/0217	PlnAppVic	Yes	15 Aspen Circuit SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Centre Road Factory Pty Ltd	Buildings and works to construct a mezzanine floor and to reduce the car parking requirements VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone & Urban Floodway Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	02/06/2021	Springvale North
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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN21/0219	РілАрр	o Z	7 Bass Court KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Crarwest Pty Ltd & Limone F Blue Pty Ltd c/- Steve Palmer Surveys Pty Ltd	Re-subdivision of existing lots Industrial SPEAR	Industrial	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/06/2021	Keysborough South
PLN21/0226	PinAppVic	Yes	20 Bass Court KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	The development of the land for a building VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, 1100sqm and warehouse	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/06/2021	Keysborough South
PLN21/0240	PlnAppVic	Yes	53-55 Rodeo Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	SD Planning	Development of the land for a mezzanine and to reduce the car parking requirements VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone, construction of mezzanine and reduction in car parking requirements	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/06/2021	Dandenong
PLN21/0252	PinApp	o N	180 Railway Parade NOBLI PARK VIC 3174	180 Railway Parade NOBLE Michael & Natalia Samosir PARK VIC 3174	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/06/2021	Yarraman
PLN21/0258	PinApp	o Z	56 Noble Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Ken Su Kiam Lay & Anna Lay	Subdivision of the land into five (5) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/06/2021	Noble Park
PLN21/0261	PInAppVic	Yes	1/18 Crawford Avenue DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Slavka Radovanovic	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (VICSMART)	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	11/06/2021	Noble Park North
PLN21/0297	PlnAppVic	Yes	427-441 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Greenline Group Pty Ltd	Buildings and works to construct a shade sail VICSMART	General Residential 1 Zone, 246sqm, construction of a shade sail at secondary school	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/06/2021	Springvale Central
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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Comment

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

Mayor and Councillors, there are 19 public questions this evening. The first four of these are very similar in their thrust and purpose, so what I propose to do is to read the first four questions and then I believe Mr Bosman can provide a comprehensive response to them all.

Question

Brian Congues, Dandenong

I read in the Minutes of the last Council meeting the answer to the public question about the proposed adoption of the Greater Dandenong Urban Forest Strategy at a September Council meeting. If the most effective thing Greater Dandenong Council can do to increase canopy cover on private land is to put controls on the removal of large canopy trees on private land, why would this matter not be decided on first before the Greater Dandenong Urban Forest Strategy is finalised, rather than revise the content of the Greater Dandenong Urban Forest Strategy only months after if the local law is adopted?

Question

Judith Sise, Dingley Village

In the Council report from 24 February 2020 meeting, officers wrote that without increasing canopy cover on private land, Greater Dandenong canopy cover will stay around the current low level of 9.9%. The Greater Dandenong Urban Forest Strategy has set a goal of 15% tree canopy by 2028. More than halfway through 2021 it is almost certainly still under 10%. Can the Council give a credible strategy on how it will achieve its own goal without a local law?

Question

Louisa Willoughby, Springvale

The draft Greater Dandenong Urban Forest Strategy makes a good case for a large increase of Council education activities across all demographics, for education in the value of large canopy trees for addressing climate change. However, it also indicates no extra resourcing for this activity. How will a large education program be funded, if there is no education budget for it?

Question

Pam Naylor, Noble Park

The draft Greater Dandenong Urban Forest Strategy contains no proposal for a significant tree register on private land unlike other councils have. Why not?

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Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

The Urban Forest Strategy documents will establish Council's future strategic direction for increasing canopy coverage on private land. As such it is important that this Strategy is adopted first to set the direction. Once the position on the Urban Forest Strategy is established, Council will then consider whether to further pursue a local law for the protection of certain trees on private land. In terms of potentially having to amend the Urban Forest Strategy document shortly after its adoption of the local laws pursued, this will not be required, as the local law implementation will run as a separate process that will ultimately sit within the Council's local laws and not within the Urban Forest Strategy itself.

With regards to meeting the goal of 15 percent canopy coverage by 2028, officers remain of the view that the Urban Forest Strategy and potential local law along with the existing Greening Our City Strategy that continues to result in significant tree plantings, as well as considerable plantings in Council reserves and other Council-owned land, will see Council well-placed to achieve the goal of 15 percent coverage by 2028.

With regards to the issue of a significant tree register as posed within the question, officers have proposed not to pursue this as part of this Strategy as a register such as this has no statutory weight, meaning it provides no protection to the tree other than highlighting that it exists. It does not prevent the removal. Officers are of the view that there are more effective ways of protecting vegetation through education and a potential local law which would provide a level of protection for certain trees.

Finally, with regards to funding the Urban Forest Strategy, the associated action plan sets out some projects that are proposed as part of ongoing operational budgets and others will be subject to annual budget bids at the proposed time of their implementation. This is similar to the process followed for the implementation of almost all strategies across Council.

Question

Brian Conques, Dandenong

In light of Knox City Council's recent adoption of a day and night cat curfew, is the City of Greater Dandenong going to do anything of substance to address the problem of cats roaming day and night here in Dandenong?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

The issue of cat curfews is something our Animal Management Team is exploring as part of the work in its preparation of Council's new Domestic Animal Management Plan. It is currently proposed that a draft discussion plan will be going out for community consultation and feedback towards the end of next month and I am envisaging that we will be in a position to present the outcomes of that consultation and feedback to Council early in October 2021 at a Councillor Briefing Session. As a side note though, I should add that the introduction of cat curfews, by their nature, will only impact on our owned population of cats, in other words those that are owned and registered but will not address the larger problem we see from the unowned, semi-owned or feral cat population.

Question

Tina Congues, Dandenong

At the last Council meeting the Director of Community Services, Martin Fidler, said that an endorsement of Council's position regarding the scope of the Dandenong Community Hub is planned to be presented to a Council meeting in August 2021. How can the Council be locking in the scope of the new Dandenong Community Hub before any concept designs are shown to the public? The scope of the new Dandenong Aquatic Centre was first set at a Council meeting, only after a concept design was shown to the public. The scope of the Keysborough South Community Hub was only set in 2020 after two rounds of concept designs were put to the public. Residents respond to visuals. How can the Council be seen to be sincerely consulting, if they make the key decisions before the public see any concept designs?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

As outlined on Council's website project page, Council's consultant has commenced the development of a concept plan, site option analysis and a business case. Stage work on these items are being regularly presented to Council for review throughout their development. Part of this process is an endorsement of a preferred site and also service inclusions. This endorsement is necessary to provide the consultants with clear guidance for the development of the concept plan and business case. Once completed, the draft concept plan and site analysis results will be exhibited through an extensive round of community engagement and consultation. Having then considered and incorporated community feedback, only then will the business case and concept design be finalised. Information is provided on Council's website and contact details are there if yourself or any resident has any questions about the Dandenong Community Hub or would like to see any further clarification.

Question

Dom Boccari, Keysborough

Firstly, I would like to thank Mr Bennie for making the time for visiting the building site at 448 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough. Will Mr Bennie please give us an update into his findings as reported last week and what corrective action plans will be implemented at this building site, in particular Lot 1 with all the safety concerns publicly reported in many media outlets?

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

I can advise Mr Boccari in response that there are no particular findings at this point in time; there are numerous observations. And that in conjunction with a number of officers who are now engaged in this project there have been eight key issue areas identified to be reviewed. These include the location of a power pole adjacent to a particular dwelling; a particular dwelling itself being Lot 1; the front setbacks of Lot 1; pedestrian paths in a number of different directions into the residential subdivision and also into the adjacent mixed-use development; easements in the multi-unit development site; and easements in the multi-unit development site that are alleged to have arisen from the loss of public open space; and parking provided on both sites, multi-unit development and the mixed-use development. The matter as I have indicated, is now being investigated by a joint

group of town planning engineering, building, and traffic safety officers, to look at all of the issues that have been highlighted. Council has also engaged external third party specialists in each of the specialist disciplines to potentially provide a peer review of work that has been undertaken and also to report on options that aim to address or re-address, matters that have come to our attention. In some cases, due to the need to engage peer review consultants, that would take up to four weeks for that work to be done so that in itself defines the period of the outcome. I should emphasise as well that there are two key areas of focus, one being the current construction period, when there have been identified some potential hazards on site arising out of the construction zones; and post-construction, that is when the development is planned to be completed and what will then present as a permanent development for public use. Having considered all of these matters, we hope to be in a position by the end of August 2021 to be submitting a report to Council on our findings in relation to this particular matter.

Question

Dom Boccari, Keysborough

When will a traffic study be conducted on Chapel Road, Keysborough, between Cheltenham Road and Hutton Road? This question has been raised before, with no feedback on a planned date.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

With regards to the question, there are two parts that I would like to answer. The first, I am presuming from Mr Boccari's question that the study that he is referring to relates to the matter of the intersection of Villiers and Chapel Roads with regards to the introduction of the new Keysborough South Community Hub. As previously advised, if it is regarding that matter, once the construction is completed, we will undertake further assessment with regards to the particular traffic movements in that particular precinct. If it is regarding a broader aspect of traffic review, then that matter I think, is also to be undertaken with regards to what we have previously done in that area, which is the Keysborough South Area Traffic Management Plan. I would be happy to share that particular document with Mr Boccari, to see if that is what he is also referring to otherwise, I would be happy to get an email directly from Mr Boccari with regards to the broader reference that he has made of Chapel Road between Cheltenham Road and the road furthest to the south of that matter which I cannot remember right now. That is something that again I can talk to Mr Boccari about to get confirmation of the specifics of the study that he is referring to.

Question

Dom Boccari, Keysborough

I have been contacted by many local residents and dog park users expressing safety concerns we all see with the new extension of Villiers Road, Keysborough, which is soon to be open to the public. There are no speed signs in place, as well as there are not enough speed calming devices. There is one long stretch of road that runs beside the Bypass that could become the new Sandown drag strip. To avoid any rat race, can Council address this safety concern?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

We are hoping that the new extension to Villiers Road will be open in mid-August 2021. Further to this, there have been five platform humps positioned along the length of Villiers Road to assist with controlling vehicle speeds. The maximum spacing between these speed humps is only 200 metres, which we believe should discourage most drivers from attempting to accelerate to inappropriate speeds before the next speed hump. Traffic Engineers will monitor the volumes and speeds once the road has been opened for several months and new travel patterns are established to determine if any future actions may be necessary. With regards to posted speed limit signs, that is something we can certainly look into, however the default speed limit for built-up areas within Victoria is 50 kilometres an hour. However, there are yellow precautionary safety advisory signs located at each speed hump, advising people to travel at 20 kilometres an hour and we would hope of course that the majority of people would adhere to at least that advisory speed limit.

Question

Heather Louis, Keysborough

Council is responsible for street lighting on Chapel Road, Keysborough. The distance between light poles between Donnici Drive and Keylana Drive do not meet community safety standards. A large dark section needs another one or two lights on the poles to ensure community safety standards are met. Department of Transport spokesman confirmed the lamp post legislation exists in s.82 of the *Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984*. The actual words are, "Street lighting furnished by means of lamps, placed not more than 200 yards apart", 7 June 2007. More lighting for added safety is required, please.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Council officers have been out today to investigate and inspect the issues that have been raised and we can advise that the furthest distance between any two of the four lights installed along this section of road is approximately 180 metres with all other separating distances being much less than that. Council officers have scheduled a lux reading along this section of Chapel Road to occur within the next exercise which typically occurs once a month, to verify that the level of lighting meets community safety standards. Any deficiency that might be identified as part of that verification process will be followed by a wider community consultation exercise to help determine whether new lighting will be required and also then subsequently installed.

Question

Zen Djonlagic, Dandenong

As a resident, a nurse and a mother of two young boys, I have concerns about Council's proposal to build a Dandenong Community Hub without children's services. People have been forced to separate and distanced from one another already for far too long, so I find it difficult to believe that our Council is prepared to further isolate our community by considering such a nonsense plan. I understand the children can come to your hub but best to remind their carers to bring iPads and chargers. A successful community hub should be a vibrant space and that is inclusive and welcoming to all. Why do you

believe it is a good plan to segregate our community in such a way? This would be discriminating against everyone that would benefit from using the service a hub can offer. Does this Council believe Dandenong residents deserve less from a community hub than the residents of our neighbouring suburbs? Do you want Dandenong to have a thriving community centre? My family does.

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

Council has not yet made a final determination regarding the scope of services and facilities for inclusion in the Dandenong Hub. A range of information is being provided to Councillors on population demographics and data on current and future projected kindergarten enrolments as outlined in the Department of Education Kindergarten Infrastructure Plan. This information, together with feedback from the recent community consultation and the review of the 2020 Dandenong Hub Needs Analysis is being provided to Councillors for further consideration. An endorsement of Council's position regarding the scope of the Dandenong Community Hub is currently planned to be presented to a Council meeting in late August 2021, or early September 2021. Information is provided on Council's website and contact details are provided for yourself or any residents who have any questions or who would like further clarification on the Dandenong Community Hub.

Question

Gave Guest, Keysborough

After weeks of denial, the City of Greater Dandenong has conceded that there are questions, issues and concerns over a controversial townhouse project in Keysborough. PLN14/0721 is another dense build on the corner of Noble Street and Corrigan Road. Seven units on a 1,522 square metre block with three dwelling driveways between the existing milk bar premises and a busy intersection with pedestrian crossings and a common driveway metres from the corner in Corrigan Road, for the other four units on this block. Council has been asked to review this build while it was progressing and it ignored resident objections and concerns. Where will these residents park including overflow cars? How will the extra bins impact passing traffic on collection day? Where will visitors to this complex park? Now that residents can see the built form of these seven dwellings it is being compared to the Cheltenham Road complex and questions are being asked. Why would Council have even recklessly stamped this application when there are no setbacks or open space. Two units have fenced off areas to give them privacy yet this narrows the tiny common driveway. A number of questions to the Council have been ignored by Council departments who have recently resisted public concerns about the current construction phase and the planned future phase. Councillors and officers face the risk of criminal negligence and civil lawsuits if a resident or pedestrian was killed or injured at the intersection because of this build. This is a classic example of Council failure and it is not too late to remedy any defects before occupancy. This needs a review ASAP.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

This planning permit for seven dwellings was approved on 11 April 2016 at the Council meeting. As part of the assessment of this application, it was assessed against the planning scheme at that time including the provisions of ResCode and Council's Residential Development and Neighbourhood Policy and was considered to be compliant. Issues regarding this development have been raised

previously and after review at that time the proposal was found to be compliant with the required level of parking being provided including a visitor space and the required setbacks and secluded private open space being provided. I might also mention, that there is a mechanism available to all people that find or are aggrieved by the decision of Council at the time that those decisions are made to take the matter on appeal to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) as an independent arbiter in these matters. This is a different type of housing to the traditional single dwelling on a lot. However, the Victorian Planning Provisions which make up the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme encourages a mix of housing types to amongst other reasons, assist in providing housing for Melbourne's ongoing population growth and help with housing affordability, which reduces other significant social issues, such as financial stress and homelessness.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Footprint Melbourne 2015 is a Year 9 topic this term which focuses on increasing fresh foods for all amongst our city fringe farms to preserve future perishable food production. Surprisingly, a wide variety of our food source comes from neighbouring LGAs, including Casey and Cardinia but sadly there is no mention of our own Green Wedge. Why? 14 to 19 percent of valuable perishable food crops are grown in these areas. It adds \$2.45 billion to our economy and 21,000 jobs. The idea is also to allow young farmers to be mentored by experienced landowners to carry on the tradition. Councils buy this food for Meals on Wheels, childcare centres and hospitals. In Canada they have the golden horseshoe and a local green belt fresh label to encourage purchasing locally produced food along cycling and walking tracks. The stresses on fresh food products is pandemic. Demands for food, fire, drought, climate change and how food passed its used by date is disposed of, e.g. landfill or Food Organic Garden Organics (FOGO). It was highlighted yesterday when a Gippsland producer sold their produce to locals in several municipalities in a drive-through so their stock was purchased and not destroyed. Like Canada we have our own permanent agricultural land reserve in the Green Wedge but instead Council is allowing this to be land banked. Why is Council not proactively protecting our Green Wedge from land banking and encouraging pride in our local food production with a food label to help residents to seek and purchase locally produced food. This should be married with any community garden policy as well as our food security is finite and population is growing.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

In answer to Ms Guest, Council's Green Wedge Management Plan contains a key objective to, and I quote, 'Support the expansion and diversification of agricultural activity'. With this objective being supported by a number of actions which include, and I quote, 'Actively encourage the establishment of niche and specialised agricultural activities in the Green Wedge, particularly those supporting food security', and to, 'Support the growth of Dandenong Regional Food Strategy initiatives in the Green Wedge'. The Policy regarding this has been included in the planning scheme and work continues across Council to further implement the food strategy to encourage greater use of Green Wedge land for local food production. Council has also sought to further protect this land by retaining the minimum lot sizes in the Green Wedge and maintaining its clear position of preserving the Green Wedge. However, as the vast majority of Green Wedge land is in private ownership, it is ultimately up to the landowners as to whether they use the land for food production or not. In terms of land banking, Council does not have any powers to prevent this potentially occurring in the Green Wedge, as is the

case in any other land owned. However, it does continue to lobby the State Government to consider options to address this, given that many Councils on the urban fringe of Melbourne that have Green Wedge land face similar challenges to those that we do.

Question

Maria Sampey, Dandenong North

When is the Market Audit report that was done before the Council election 2020 going to be made public to the residents? What has Council got to hide?

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

In response, I can advise Mrs Sampey that Council was fully briefed on all aspects of that independent and confidential report when it was completed. The need and circumstances have not changed and the report remains confidential to Council under s.3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. All learnings from the report are being progressively implemented.

Question

Maria Sampey, Dandenong North

In June 2019, the neighbours living next to 17 Leman Crescent, Noble Park complained about their next door neighbour building a three metre high dividing fence. What has Council done about it?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I can update Mrs Sampey that the matter has been dealt with by the Magistrates' Court in the first instance and that Council officers are taking the further appropriate action in accordance with the *Building Act 1993* to further resolve the matter. I do not think there is much more that I can say other than court action has been taken and officers are following up in terms of the *Building Act*.

Question

Maria Sampey, Dandenong North

How much has been spent so far of ratepayers' money in the Dandenong Council defending slug gate against iCook Foods?

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

In response, I can advise Mrs Sampey that Council has expended and will continue to expend funds only where determined necessary to respond to any allegations in the referenced matter. As a substantive matter is listed for hearing in the Supreme Court, no aspect of Council's response or defence will be shared until that matter is heard.

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

There are a number of safety and amenity issues that parents have been telling me regarding the playground at the Springvale Community Hub:

- (a) the gates on the Grace Park Avenue fence do not have child-proof locks so children can easily get out;
- (b) the gates previously promised on the Springvale roadside have not been installed yet;
- (c) the toilets particularly the family change rooms are frequently unavailable or unclean.

Can these please be addressed or if they are in the process of being addressed, what is the current status and timeframes for resolution?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

In relation to part (a) about the gates on Grace Park Avenue, the gates onto Grace Park Avenue do meet playground standards, therefore no child-safe locks were fitted.

With regard to part (b), why the gates previously promised on the Springvale roadside have not been installed yet, gates were not requested for Springvale Road. Although the design was already compliant at handover, a fence has been installed to stop children running directly onto Springvale Road, should they be in the vicinity of the playground area. Gates have not been installed as they might impose an issue for universal access and are not required for the space to be compliant.

In relation to part (c), when the toilets and particularly family changing rooms, toilets are cleaned daily and staff are on site to receive resident feedback. We have not received any complaints about the cleanliness of the family change rooms. Some of the rooms have been unavailable due to the scheduling of some minor repairs but we will take extra efforts at making sure that these rooms are observed and to ensure their cleanliness.

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

The commercial development between 411 and 417 Princes Highway, Noble Park is set right up against the street, i.e. without any setback and has no landscaping. How was that allowed under the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

A planning permit to develop the use of the land at the address 409-415 Princes Highway, Noble Park for warehouses and showrooms was approved in October 2013. The site is located in the mixed-use zone and the proposal was compliant with the planning scheme at that time. It is noted that the development abuts the boundary with the service road to the Princes Highway and Fintonia

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Road and the reason for this was to provide a high quality urban design outcome with an active frontage as with many of the commercial developments fronting major roads. In this instance, significant glazing is provided to the frontage to provide high levels of activation. This arrangement also results in the carpark being hidden from the Princes Highway and matches the built form setback on the opposite corner of Fintonia Road. In addition, consideration was given to the residential development to the rear of the site and by having the development abut Princes Highway, a buffer was able to be provided between the development and the adjoining residential development. It is also noted that landscaping is required along the western, southern and part of the eastern boundaries.

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

There has been a number of wattles planted along Railway Parade, between Belfort Street and Jones Road, Dandenong. Some of them have died. Can the dead ones please be replaced?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

The simple answer is that the dead trees will be removed; and replacement trees will be planted and completed hopefully by the end of September 2021.

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.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible	Date of	Summary of Response
Meeting 12/07/21 PQT6	Gaye Guest, Keysborough	Council's position post-COVID & Utilisation of Council Facilities	Director Community	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: In response, I can advise Ms Guest
		Residents know that CGD is COVID	Services		that there is some complexity to the question that she asks and Mr Fidler's
		broke. Residents expect Council to be			team have taken those elements of the
		fiscal in their approach to spending our			question on notice and will provide
		post-COVID and do not respect the			more detail around the utilisation of
		decision to sell off our assets to make			COVID, but I do not want to let the
		way for expensive infrastructure. Public			opportunity pass with comments being
		question time with many questions in			made such as residents know the CGD
		regard to the Dandenong Community			is COVID broke. Council is not broke
		nub has yet to determine whether they presently use the existing facilities and			by any definition. Council is in an
		how many people in this particular group			that is evidenced by the recently
		are actually using meeting rooms. Do			adopted budget that included
		they belong to user groups? Presently			projections for the year ahead that
		Council manages about 18 community			would generate an operating surplus as
		facilities that are all in the red. This does			I recall, the 14 th operating surplus in a
		not give residents a clear picture of the			row for Council and also, their year-end
		debt that we are incurring to maintain			financial position for this year, which
		these facilities, nor the losses from			again results in an operating surplus for
		sporting facilities or the four sporting			Council, all of which considers the
		assets triat will be part of trie SEL inrisdiction. These losses are an eve			impacts of COVID over a long period of
		watering amount and attendance is well			פווום.
		down since lockdowns when the facilities			The other evidence in relation to
		were not generating enough income to			Council's sound financial position is the
		cover overheads. 85 percent has been			Long-Term Financial Strategy which is
		quoted as the downturn in usage of all			due to go through a public exhibition
		these spaces, so what are the usage			process in the not-too-distant future
		figures pre- and post-COVID of all our			and we will come back and give
		Council run and managed facilities			appropriate projections of the way
		including sporting venues? What is the			forward in terms of ongoing operating
		breakdown of users that fit into the four			surpluses for this council.
		categories - residents, community			

Question Time Public - Questions Taken on Notice & Requiring Further Action

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		groups, not for profit and commercial? Why are we considering building more facilities when we first have to reinvigorate all the community spaces we			Furthermore, I would add that Council's independent auditor general will report on Council's financial position in the next couple of months and we expect
		have and make them affordable and user-friendly? Council appears to be spending money that we do not have at			that that will confirm exactly what I have said about Council's sound financial bosition. None of that savs
		present. Have the loans being repaid? The chasm is vexatious, sadly idle			that this Council has done any of those things with great ease. This Council
		promises are being thrown around as election sweeteners.			nas laboured extremely nard over its decision making and the prudence of managing its services facilities and
					assets, but it has done so in a very sound way and I say again, does not in
					any way indicate that the Council is in a dire financial position much to the
					contrary.
					I will also add that that comment is
					made just as one example to SEL being South Fast Leisure, South Fast
					Leisure is one prudent decision this
					Council took to try and gain greater control over the management and
					operation of its leisure facilities and we
					Council can arrest ongoing subsidies
					that apply to facilities of that type and
					around but we thank Gaye Guest for
					her question and we assure her that
					there will be a more comprehensive response around utilisation coming to
					her in the not-too-distant future.
					Further response provided 22/07/21:
					To support the implementation of key
					strategic documents sucn as the Make Your Move Strategy, Council Wellbeing
Question T	ime Public – Questic	Question Time Public - Questions Taken on Notice & Requiring Further Action			2/3

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					Plan etc, Council provides a diverse
					range of community facilities for active
					and passive participation. Facilities
					available for use are listed on the
					Council website.Covid-19 has had a
					community to access these facilities.
					Pleasingly community participation post
					COVID for Springers, NPAC and Oasis
					was positive, whilst the Dandenong
					Stadium has had challenges returning
					to full operation, given the restrictions
					for return to play in place from the Chief
					Health Officer. Summer competition at
					Council's active recreation reserves
					was largely uninterrupted and all but
					one winter tenant club returned for the
					2021 winter season, with all facilities
					allocated. Some clubs have
					experienced a slight reduction in their
					numbers while others have gained
					members for this season after missing
					out in 2020, which is an excellent return
					rate post COVID.
					COMPLETED

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.

Question Time Public - Questions Taken on Notice & Requiring Further Action

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4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

4.1 CONTRACTS

4.1.1 Contract No. 2021-38 Capital Works Annual Supply Contract (Schedule of Rates)

File Id: qA434097

Responsible Officer: Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Attachments: TENDER INFORMATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. Report Summary

This report outlines the tender process undertaken to select a panel of suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the provision of the Capital Works Annual Supply Contract within the City of Greater Dandenong. This is a Schedule of Rates based contract.

The initial contract term is three (3) years from the date of commencement, with an option to extend the contract by (2) two twelve-month extensions at the sole and absolute discretion of Council.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council awards Contract 2021-38 to a panel of twelve (12) contractors comprising; Ace Infrastructure Pty Ltd, APS Drainage and Civil, Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd, Comar Constructions Pty Ltd, Delfino Paving Co Pty Ltd, Entracon Civil Pty Ltd, Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd, Gondola Paving Pty Ltd, InfraFirst Pty Ltd, Linct Group Pty Ltd, Morisons Concreting Pty Ltd and Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd.

The estimated budget expenditure for this contract over the initial three year term is \$6,000,000 excluding GST. Services provided under this contract will be subject to Council's annual budget allocation for the projects and the grant funds (Local Roads Community Infrastructure, Roads to Recovery, Black Spot etc) receiving from other sources.

3. Background

The purpose of this contract is to create a panel of civil contractors who are suitable for small to medium sized civil projects or major works up to \$500,000 in value which are regularly completed by the City Improvement Department. This panel of contractors allows the process of delivering civil projects to be streamlined using pre-approved contractors and the rates provided in this contract. This can be especially useful for reactive or urgent works.

The scope of this contract covers 19 different components of civil work, all of which are regularly completed by Council. The successful contractors have included pricing for most of these schedules which allows Council to award projects involving a range of civil work to a single principal contractor.

The following schedules are included in this contract:

- Cold Planning
- Permanent Signs
- Line Marking
- Raised Reflective Pavement Markers
- Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
- Landscaping
- Surcharges
- Plant Hire
- Traffic & Other
- Drainage Pipes
- Drainage Pits
- A.G's & Conduits
- Excavations
- Pavements
- Kerbs and Edging
- Asphalt Works
- Spray Sealing
- Concrete Paving
- Saw Cutting

4. Tender Process

This tender was advertised in the Age Newspaper and on Council's website on Saturday 16 January 2021 and at the close of tenders at 2:00PM Tuesday 16 February 2021 nineteen (19) tender submissions were received as follows:

- 1. Accomplished Plumbing Services Pty Ltd (APS Drainage and Civil)
- 2. Ace Landscape Services Pty Ltd

- 3. Ace Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- 4. All Waste Solutions Pty Ltd t/as AWS Civil
- 5. Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd
- 6. Comar Constructions Pty Ltd
- 7. Delfino Paving Company Pty Ltd
- 8. Entracon Civil Pty Ltd
- 9. Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
- 10. Gondola Paving Pty Ltd
- 11. InfraFirst Pty Ltd
- 12. KPC Plumbing and Drainage
- 13. Linct Group Pty Ltd
- 14. LJM Construction Pty Ltd
- 15. MACA Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- 16. Morisons Concreting Pty Ltd
- 17. Streetworks Pty Ltd
- 18. Ultimate Civil
- 19. Urban Civil Constructions Pty Ltd

Tenderers were requested to submit a separate rate per item for the services specified in **Schedule 2 – Schedule of Rates**, of the tender documents. The Schedule of Rates prices specified are not subject to cost adjustment (rise and fall) in the first year of the contract term. Thereafter, the specified unit rate/prices shall be subject to cost adjustment in accordance with the Services General Conditions – Short Form and the Australian Bureau of Statistics Consumer Price Index.

5. Tender Evaluation

The evaluation panel consisted of Council's Coordinator Civil Projects, Senior Project Manager, Project Engineer, Contracts Officer and Senior Contracts Officer, with Occupational Health & Safety and Environmental Management consultants providing specialist advice.

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	Price	30%
2	Relevant Experience	30%
3	Capability	25%
4	Social Procurement	5%
5	Local Content	5%

6	Environmental	5%
7	OH&S Systems (Pass / Fail)	Pass / Fail
8	Environmental System (Pass / Fail)	Pass / Fail

The Evaluation Criteria 4 and 5 are given a Pass or Fail. The Evaluation Criteria 1 – 3 are given a point score between 0 and 5 as detailed in the following table.

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

Each submission was assessed against all evaluation criteria, to ensure that the tenderers met the standards required for Council contractors. A fail in any criterion would automatically exclude tenderers from further consideration for this contract.

The tender submissions from the following tenderers were set aside as they did not complete all requested schedules and were therefore deemed non-conforming.

- Ace Landscape Services Pty Ltd
- All Waste Solutions Pty Ltd t/as AWS Civil
- KPC Plumbing and Drainage
- LJM Construction Pty Ltd
- Streetworks Pty Ltd
- Ultimate Civil

The tender submission from the following tenderer was set aside and deemed non-conforming as they listed 11 areas of clarification/non-conformance where they sought changes to the contract conditions.

MACA Infrastructure Pty Ltd

The weighted attribute points scores resulting from the assessment are shown in the following table:

Tenderer	Price Points	Non-Price Points	OH&S	EMS	Total Score
Comar Constructions	0.73	2.74	PASS	PASS	3.47
Blue Peak Construct	0.77	2.67	PASS	PASS	3.44
APS Drainage & Civil	1.09	2.34	PASS	PASS	3.43
Morisons Concreting	0.74	2.59	PASS	PASS	3.33
Entracon Civil	0.58	2.74	PASS	PASS	3.32
Urban Civil	0.77	2.48	PASS	PASS	3.25
Delfino Paving	0.81	2.39	PASS	PASS	3.20
Gondola Paving	0.78	2.41	PASS	PASS	3.19
ACE Infrastructure	0.49	2.58	PASS	PASS	3.07
Fulton Hogan Industries	0.24	2.80	PASS	PASS	3.04
Infrafirst	0.89	1.95	PASS	PASS	2.84
Linct Group	1.15	1.48	PASS	PASS	2.63

Based on the above point scores the evaluation panel agreed that Contracts should be awarded to the above twelve contractors in the following work categories:

Major Works:

- Blue Peak Constructions
- Entracon Civil
- Delfino Paving
- ACE Infrastructure
- Fulton Hogan Industries

Drainage Works:

- Comar Constructions
- APS Drainage & Civil
- Entracon Civil
- Fulton Hogan Industries

Minor Works:

- Blue Peak Constructions
- Morisons Concreting
- Urban Civil
- Gondola Paving
- InfraFirst
- Linct Group

Note:

The higher the price score – lower the tendered price.

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

6. Financial Implications

As this is a schedule of rates contract which is not directly linked to any project, there are no immediate financial implications. Projects awarded under this contract will need to be assessed on a case by case basis using the tendered rates and the approved budget for each project.

Schedule of A schedule of rates contract is one under which the amount that is payable to the contractor is calculated by applying an agreed schedule of rates to the quantity of work that is performed.

7. Social Procurement

ACE Infrastructure

ACE commits that (unless a specialist skill or the capacity is not available locally), all works will be undertaken by a local labourer and direct employees residing in the region. This project will create employment opportunities for both skilled and unskilled construction workers to deliver the scope. Based on their program for this project, they anticipate that the onsite labour force will be approximately 5 at its peak.

Anticipated positions created within the project will involve:

- · Labourers (2)
- · Operators (2)
- · Project Manager (1)
- · Supervisor (1)

ACE is committed to continuously building long-term business throughout Victoria, and they have provided both direct and indirect employment for hundreds of local people since establishment in 1971. As a long-term member of the Victorian community and industry, ACE actively engages with a number of Victorian businesses to foster relations and identify how they can provide further opportunities to support growth in the region.

ACE focusses on hiring direct employees as part of their business operations, looking at current and future needs, not on a project-by-project basis. They invest significant time in training new engineers on our systems, with the view that their skills and knowledge will grow as they stay with the company.

The financial benefit to their approach will also filter down to the suppliers, contractors and employees employed in the supply chain.

APS Drainage & Civil

APS aims within being awarded this contract to employ more people within diverse communities, including from ethnic cultural backgrounds, provide employment to more females in the civil work space and an older demographic where they can contribute to a safe working environment.

Blue Peak Construction

Blue Peak Constructions will achieve greater value for money for ratepayers. They aim to work closely with local business. Furthermore, they are open to hire locals to stimulate the local economy.

Comar Constructions

The social outcomes will be defined by the scope of the works listed in the tender.

Delfino Paving

Being awarded this contract will allow them to continue to be part of the City of Greater Dandenong, the businesses and the local people. A relationship that has been developed over many years.

Entracon Civil

On gaining this contract, Entracon sees a mutually beneficial social outcome for both employer and employee.

Entracon gains a valuable employee and in turn provides work and income for a member of the municipality who may or may not for whatever reason have found employment difficult to obtain.

If this is the case, such employment can have a ripple effect throughout the person's life, affecting not only their life but also their family and community.

Fulton Hogan Industries

The social outcomes Fulton Hogan will deliver from gaining this contract is to work with their specialist partners and through the supply chain to create opportunities for employment and training for marginalised and/or economically disadvantaged groups, and actively promote the participation of social enterprises in the provision of goods and services for the contract.

Gondola Paving

Gondola Paving gives preference where possible to suppliers that are inclusive employers of disabled, long term unemployed and disadvantaged minority groups regardless of ethnicity and age. Gondola Paving pledges where possible to purchase from suppliers that are owned by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Gondola Paving demonstrates corporal responsibility and follows Council's objectives of ensuring procurement practises are sustainable but providing social benefit to the wider local community. Gondola Paving employs staff regardless of ethnicity and age and provides opportunity to the long term unemployed, indigenous and those with a disability.

InfraFirst

This is a project that will benefit the broader community. To deliver an outstanding and sustainable product for our community completely resonates with our tag line 'We Deliver for the Community.'

They will provide employment opportunities for a graduate engineer and a casual labourer for the duration of the project, we look to resource these positions from within the community.

In addition to these roles, they will provide opportunities for local suppliers, plant operators and sub-contractors to engage in this contract.

They aim to ensure our social responsibilities to the environment by minimising waste through careful and efficient planning and use of all materials and energy.

Furthermore, they will purchase sustainable products wherever feasible. These include recycled or low environmental impact products and energy from renewable sources.

Linct Group

No response provided.

Morisons Concreting

Our company will provide concreting services which enhances the pedestrian and safety aspects for persons residing in the City of Greater Dandenong. They support local businesses and provide employment to local persons, including over 50's and disabled, where they can while ensuring the safety aspects required for our works.

As a large percentage of their work group reside in the City of Greater Dandenong, they therefore bring extensive local knowledge of environment, working locations and local businesses and their ability to provide quality materials on time.

Urban Civil

The anticipated social outcomes that our enterprise will deliver from gaining this contract are:

- Returning profits into the local community as much as possible, by supporting local retailers and suppliers in many different ways, some of which include purchasing our plant, equipment, vehicles, consumables from local suppliers.
- Continuing to financially support a charity which provides support to marginalised groups within the Dandenong community, Southern Migrant & Refugee Centre.
- Hiring marginalised locals.
- Improving community spaces through the work that we do for council.

8. Local Industry

The recommended contractors have indicated the percentage estimates shown below that they intend to spend at Greater Dandenong businesses in the form of labour, materials, plant, supervision, and subcontracts.

	PE	RCENTAGE OF LO	CAL CONTENT	(%)
Contractor	Labour	Materials	Plant	Supervision
ACE Infrastructure	60	40	60	30
APS Drainage & Civil	50	90	90	50
Blue Peak Construction	80	90	100	80
Comar Constructions	100	TBD by extent of works	TBD by extent of works	100
Delfino Paving	50	50	80	20
Entracon Civil	80	70	100	80

	PE	RCENTAGE OF LC	CAL CONTENT	(%)
Fulton Hogan Industries	100	85	90	100
Gondola Paving	100	100	100	100
InfraFirst	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided	Not provided
Linct Group	60	50	80	60
Morisons Concreting	100	100	100	100
Urban Civil	40	25	20	15

9. Consultation

Contract 2021-38 Capital Works Annual Supply was a publicly advertised contract. In compliance with the Local Government Act 2020 (VIC) and Local Government Regulations 2015, Council has advertised this tender in the relevant newspapers (The Age), Council's website and via VendorPanel.

10. The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the LGA 2020) states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles. When a

tender process is undertaken it is fundamentally underpinned by the following overarching governance principles:

- Section 9(a) of the LGA2020 Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- Section 9(b) of the LGA2020 Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- Section 9(c) of the LGA2020 the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
- Section 9(e)of the LGA 2020 innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued:
- Section 9(f) of the LGA 2020 collaboration with other councils and governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- Section 9(g) of the LGA2020 the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured; and
- Section 9(i) of the LGA2020 the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In giving effect to the overarching governance principles above, the following supporting principles are also considered throughout any tender process:

- Section 89 of the LGA2020 the strategic planning principles; and
- Section 1010 of the LGA 2020 the financial management principles.

11. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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

All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

Included in the tender submissions, successful contractors have completed the Modern Slavery Questionnaire, Questionnaire for Potential Contractors (Fair work) and the Victorian Child Safe Standards Questionnaire (Schedule 9).

The responses provided to these statements by all successful contractors were assessed and determined to be satisfactory in the context of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

12. The Gender Equality Act 2020

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

Included in the submission for this tender, contractors were required to address Councils Social Employment opportunities (Schedule 7B). This includes questions to address Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy.

The responses provided to these statements by all successful contractors were assessed and determined to be satisfactory in the context of the Gender Equality Act.

13. Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

Included in the submission for this tender, contractors were required to address Councils Statement of Environmental (Schedule 7C). This includes questions to assess if the contractors' attitude towards sustainability is in line with Councils Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 and the requirements of the *Local Government Act* 2020

The responses provided by all successful contractors were assessed and determined to be a satisfactory in the context of Climate change and Sustainability.

14. Conclusion

At the conclusion of the tender evaluation process, which included a range of internal assessments and public tender clarifications, the evaluation panel agreed to appoint the following contractors onto the 2021-38 Capital Works Annual Supply Contract. These contractors represent a mix of small medium and large civil contractors with a range of preferred projects (mixed civil, road reconstruction, drainage etc.)

Successful Contractors:

- Ace Infrastructure
- APS Drainage & Civil
- Blue Peak Constructions
- Comar Constructions
- Delfino Paving
- Entracon Civil
- Fulton Hogan Industries
- Gondola Paving
- InfraFirst
- Linct Group
- Morisons Concreting
- Urban Civil

The successful contractors represented the best value outcome for Council and should be accepted for the following reasons.

- 1) Successful tenderers were conforming and provided fair and reasonable contract rates.
- 2) Contractors have experience working with Victorian government authorities and private organisations on similar construction projects.
- 3) All contractors level of experience, staff resources and sub-contractor selection was determined to be appropriate.
- 4) Received a Pass for their Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Environmental Management Systems.
- 5) Contractors are registered and pre-qualified with Rapid Global (Council's Contractor Risk Management Compliance database).
- 6) Reference checks for unknown companies were undertaken receiving positive recommendations.

15. Recommendation

That Council:

1. awards Contract 2021-38 to a panel of twelve (12) contractors comprising; Ace Infrastructure Pty Ltd, APS Drainage and Civil, Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd, Comar Constructions Pty Ltd, Delfino Paving Co Pty Ltd, Entracon Civil Pty Ltd, Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd, Gondola Paving Pty Ltd, InfraFirst Pty Ltd, Linct Group Pty Ltd, Morisons Concreting Pty Ltd and Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd for a schedule of rates; and

2. signs and seals the contract documents when prepared.

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Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That Council:

- 1. awards Contract 2021-38 to a panel of twelve (12) contractors comprising; Ace Infrastructure Pty Ltd, APS Drainage and Civil, Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd, Comar Constructions Pty Ltd, Delfino Paving Co Pty Ltd, Entracon Civil Pty Ltd, Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd, Gondola Paving Pty Ltd, InfraFirst Pty Ltd, Linct Group Pty Ltd, Morisons Concreting Pty Ltd and Urban Civil Construction Group Pty Ltd for a schedule of rates; and
- 2. signs and seals the contract documents when prepared.

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Contract No. 2021-38 Capital Works Annual Supply Contract (Schedule of Rates) - UPDATED (Cont.)

CONTRACTS

CONTRACT NO. 2021-38 CAPITAL WORKS ANNUAL SUPPLY CONTRACT (SCHEDULE OF RATES)

ATTACHMENT 1

TENDER INFORMATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

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

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4.2 POLICY AND STRATEGY

4.2.1 Legislative Compliance Policy

File Id: A7639358

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

Attachments: Draft Legislative Compliance Policy

1. Report Summary

Council's internal auditor Crowe Horwath audited Council's legislative compliance in July 2019. At the time, the auditor recommended that a both legislative compliance policy and a delegations policy be developed to formalise and represent Council's existing legislative compliance and delegation practices and processes. A policy has now been developed to address these recommendations, incorporating the auditor's recommendations into one policy - the Legislative Compliance Policy.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council adopts the proposed Legislative Compliance Policy as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

3. Background and Discussion

In 2019, Council's internal auditor, Crowe Horwath, conducted a review of Council's legislative compliance and noted the absence of an overall legislative framework to address compliance across the organisation and subsequently recommended that officers develop both a legislative compliance policy and a delegations policy.

Greater Dandenong City Council is, and has always been, committed to conducting its business and activities lawfully and in a manner that will enhance the core values defined by its REACH principles. Council's REACH principles outline how we interact with our community. They are Respectful, Engaged, Accountable, Creative and Honest. These particularly embody Council's willingness to be seen as an organisation of integrity, fairness and excellence. All members of staff are expected to adhere to high ethical standards when acting on behalf of Council and to strictly comply with all relevant legislation. Legislative and governance processes and systems can ensure this compliance and in turn assist the community to understand that the organisation always acts in accordance with its REACH principles.

The proposed Legislative Compliance Policy provided in Attachment 1 to this report formalises Council's approach to legislative compliance and the responsibilities that attach to various levels within the organisation. It also satisfies the recommendations of the internal auditor. The proposed policy focuses on two major areas of risk for Council in legislative compliance. These are:

- compliance with all laws and regulations relevant to Council and which impact the day-to-day activities of Council; and
- the consistent administration of delegations and authorisations for staff within the organisation who are responsible for undertaking powers, duties and functions on behalf of Council or the Chief Executive Officer.

4. Proposal

The proposed policy will apply predominantly to the Chief Executive Officer and all staff of the Greater Dandenong City Council.

However, the role of a Council is to provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community and must, in the performance of its role, give effect to the overarching governance principles outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. As elected representatives, Councillors are required to act in accordance with the Councillor Code of Conduct, the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government Act 2020*. This proposed policy therefore provides the elected representatives of Council with an assurance that the organisation's legislative requirements are being met with a coordinated, consistent and considered approach.

The proposed policy primarily covers the major instruments of legislation that Council operates under. Appendices 1 and 2 within the proposed policy list the wide range of legislative instruments and regulatory statutes that Council must comply with. This list is subject to change as instruments of legislation are continually developed, updated and amended.

Council's Compliance Register sets obligations for many instruments of legislation across Council particularly those in areas of higher risk such as the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020*. (Note: At the time the policy was developed the Compliance Register does not cover the *Building Act 1993* or the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.) The number of legislative compliance obligations is currently determined by resources available.

5. Financial Implications

The digital management systems utilised in managing obligations (RelianSys) and the subscription to the Maddocks Delegations and Authorisation Service is a Governance cost that is budgeted for annually. Both systems ensure that Council is kept informed of any legislative updates and that changes can be made immediately when they are required so that Council is not exposed to any legislative or compliance risk.

6. Consultation

The proposed policy is essentially administrative in nature and is for internal use only. As such, there is no requirement to consult with the community in relation to its content prior to Council adoption. It will, however, be placed on Council's website to give a level of assurance to the community that the organisation's legislative requirements are being met with a coordinated, consistent and considered approach.

The proposed policy was presented to, and endorsed by, Council's Audit and Risk Committee on Friday 5 March 2021.

Council's Staff Consultative Committee has also provided input to the proposed policy.

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

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

Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'

People

Pride – Best place best people

Opportunity

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

8. Council Plan 2017-21

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

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Opportunity

• An open and effective Council

9. The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states that a Council must, in the performance of its role, give effect to the overarching governance principles. The proposed policy gives effect to the overarching governance principles by:

- complying with the relevant law (section 9(a) of the Act);
- giving priority to achieving the best outcomes for the municipality, including future generations (section 9b of the Act). The proposed policy ensures that in relation to the *Local Government* Act 1989 and Local Government Act 2020 and other instruments of legislation, Councillors and Council officers are continually made aware of their legislative obligations. Council's internal audit program ensures an organisation-wide mechanism for the continued improvement of Council's programs and services.
- the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is promoted (section 9(c) of the Act). The proposed policy has no impact on the economic and social sustainability of the municipal district as it is essentially an organisation operational policy but has considered climate change and sustainability in its preparation;
- innovation and continuous improvement has been pursued (section 9(e) of the Act). The proposed
 policy incorporates monitoring and tracking of Council's internal audit program which specifically
 looks to review and improve Council services, processes and programs. It has also made
 provision for evaluation, monitoring and review of the policy;
- collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies has been sought (section 9(f) of the Act). A number of best practice model policies were consulted in developing the proposed policy along with Australian Standards as referenced in section 12 of the proposed policy; and
- transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is ensured by the enactment of this
 policy (section 9(i) of the Act). The proposed policy will be made available to the public on
 Council's website once adopted by Council.

In giving effect to the overarching governance principles, a Council must also take into account the community engagement principles (section 56 of the Act), the public transparency principles (section 58 of the Act), the strategic planning principles (section 89 of the Act), the financial management principles (section 101 of the Act), and the service performance principles (section 106 of the Act).

The proposed policy is essentially operational and discretionary and responds to internal audit recommendations. While it is crucial that Council decisions are transparent and open to scrutiny, there is no legal requirement for consultation with the community, however under Council's Public Transparency Policy, it will be published on Council's website once it is adopted. This policy has no new financial impact on Council and the resources required to manage and administer it are allocated from existing resource budgets.

10. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights and Responsibilities Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

11. The Gender Equality Act 2020

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

Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report. The proposed policy does not have a direct and significant impact on members of the Greater Dandenong community therefore a gender impact assessment is not required.

The proposed policy is purely administrative in its nature and does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles nor does not benefit any one gender group over any other.

12. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

This proposed policy has no impact on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability. It is essentially administrative in nature and the systems used to monitor compliance and delegations are digital with minimal hard copy requirements.

13. Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

There are several Council documents that are related to the proposed policy as follows:

- Greater Dandenong City Council Staff Code of Conduct;
- Greater Dandenong City Council Instruments of Delegation; and
- Greater Dandenong City Council Public Transparency Policy.

14. Recommendation

That the Legislative Compliance Policy as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be adopted.

MINUTE 227

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad Seconded by: Cr Eden Foster

That the Legislative Compliance Policy as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be adopted.

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POLICY AND STRATEGY

LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE POLICY

ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE POLICY

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POLICY PURPOSE

This policy:

- responds to an internal audit recommendation to formalise existing Council processes and practices in legislative compliance and the administration of delegations;
- provides a uniform framework approach to ensure compliance with all laws, regulations, industry
 and internal codes of conduct relevant to Council and which impact on the day-to-day activities of
 Council:
- promotes a functional compliance culture at Council by outlining the compliance responsibilities of those within the organisation;
- upholds and promotes best practice governance practices within Council; and
- provides assurance to Council and the wider community that the organisation is actively attentive to
 its legislative compliance obligations, considers impacts of changes and ensures that these are
 embedded in practice and procedures across the organisation.

2. BACKGROUND

Greater Dandenong City Council has a responsibility to identify and comply with a range of legislative and regulatory requirements.

The Australian Standard ISO 19600:2015 (Compliance Management Systems) states that:

"An effective, organisation-wide compliance management system enables an organisation to demonstrate its commitment to compliance with relevant laws, including legislative requirements, industry codes and organisational standards, as well as standards of good corporate governance, best practices, ethics and community expectations."

Council's internal auditor reviewed Council's legislative compliance practices and processes in July 2019 and recommended that both a legislative compliance policy and delegation policy be developed and implemented to formalise and represent Council's existing legislative compliance and delegation practices and processes. This policy responds to those internal audit recommendations by incorporating the two policy requirements into one holistic policy.

Council is committed to conducting its business and activities lawfully and in a manner that will enhance the core values defined by its REACH principles. Council's REACH principles outline how we interact with our community. They are Respectful, Engaged, Accountable, Creative and Honest. These particularly embody Council's willingness to be seen as an organisation of integrity, fairness and excellence. All members of staff are expected to adhere to high ethical standards when acting on behalf of Council and to strictly comply with all relevant legislation. Legislative and governance processes and systems can ensure this compliance and in turn assist the community to understand that the organisation always acts in accordance with its REACH principles.

Council's legislative compliance framework consists of:

 this policy (Legislative Compliance Policy) which outlines the scope and objective of the legislative requirements and compliance management framework, accountabilities and responsibilities to maintain that framework and the management process of reviewing and updating Council's Instruments of Delegation;

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- supporting procedures, forms and registers that are a legislative requirement for Council and complement management and administrative governance functions;
- responsibilities for ensuring compliance with particular legislative obligations; and
- responsibilities for ensuring compliance with internal audit recommendations to ensure best practice and continuous improvement.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies predominantly to the Chief Executive Officer and all staff of Greater Dandenong City Council

The role of a Council is to provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community and must, in the performance of its role, give effect to the overarching governance principles outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. As elected representatives, Councillors are required to act in accordance with the Councillor Code of Conduct and the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government Act 2020*. This policy therefore provides the elected representatives of Council with an assurance that the organisation's legislative requirements are being met with a coordinated, consistent and considered approach.

This policy primarily covers the major instruments of legislation that Council operates under. Appendix 1 lists the wide range of legislative instruments and regulatory statutes that Council must comply with. This list is subject to change as instruments of legislation are developed, updated and amended regularly.

Council's Compliance Register sets obligations for many instruments of legislation across Council particularly those in areas of higher risk such as the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020*. At the time of this policy development the Compliance Register does not cover the *Building Act 1993* or the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The number of legislative compliance obligations is currently determined by resources available.

4. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified within this policy, the following words and phrases are defined to mean the following in terms of this policy.

Authorisation A member of staff is appointed to a particular statutory position and then has

certain powers by virtue of that position. They are then an "authorised" officer for the purposes of carrying out certain powers under a particular instrument of

legislation.

Council The 11 elected councillors representing the City of Greater Dandenong.

Delegation A member of Council staff is empowered to take action on Council's behalf. The

decision of the delegate is "deemed" to be a decision of Council.

Compliance Register RelianSys software utilised to monitor Council's compliance with relevant

instruments of legislation, monitor compliance with internal audit obligations, track

updated required delegations and track updated required authorisations.

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Obligation An action within the Compliance Register that is allocated to a Responsible Officer

for action and sign off attestation about how it has been completed (if an actual obligation) or understood (if an awareness obligation). Note that some obligations are only for the **awareness** of Responsible Officers and do not require any action. Obligations are repeated on a regular cycle (developed in accordance with the risk and requirements of the obligation by the Governance Unit) so that sign off

attestations are required on a cyclical basis.

Responsible Officer A member of Council staff who has been allocated an obligation from the

Compliance Register.

Sign Off Attestation Clear, articulate and meaningful details about how an obligation has been

completed (complies) so that the Executive Management Team and Audit and Risk Committee will understand and be assured that the Responsible Officer has

undertaken their responsibilities in relation to the obligation.

5. POLICY

5.1 LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATION MANAGEMENT

As a large and complex statutory authority, Council has a significant number of compliance obligations. Council must comply with over 100 statutory acts and their associated regulations. The *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020* and associated regulations are the principal governing instruments of legislation relevant to Council.

To ensure that Council can comply with its obligations, it is important to identify all the legislative instruments which impose a legislative obligation. Compliance obligations may require, but are not limited to, reporting, accreditation, registration, licensing, compliance with deadlines, provision of services, restrictions, limitations or financial obligations. Council's obligations are maintained in an on-line Compliance Register with each obligation allocated to the responsible officer. The Compliance Register maps Council's obligations to Responsible Officers, maps changes or amendments in the legislation, provides a sign-off attestation process for Responsible Officers and also provides a complete audit trail for each obligation.

The register is reviewed quarterly to:

- monitor substantive changes in legislative requirements;
- assess time frames for signing off obligations;
- allocate new obligations; and
- follow-up overdue obligations, particularly those in areas of potential risk.

5.2 INTERNAL AUDIT OBLIGATION MANAGEMENT

Council has a structured internal audit program undertaken by an independent auditor which regularly reviews and audits Council's services, programs and processes in line with a strategic continuous improvement plan set by the Executive Management team in conjunction with the Audit and Risk Committee.

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For each audit, Council's internal auditor makes a number of recommendations that are added to the Compliance Register as internal audit obligations. The Compliance Register maps these internal audit actions to each Responsible Officer, provides a quarterly sign off attestation for Responsible Officers and provides a complete audit trail for each obligation until it is completed (complies).

5.3 MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPLIANCE REGISTER

The Compliance Register is managed, administered and maintained by Council's Governance Unit on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer.

5.4 MANAGEMENT OF OTHER REGISTERS

In conjunction with the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Governance Unit manages, administers and maintains statutory registers or summaries, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Authorisations Register;
- Conflicts of Interest Register;
- Councillor Gift Register;
- Delegations Register;
- Inspection of Documents Register;
- Staff Gift Register;
- Summary of Personal Interest Returns; and
- Travel Register.

Public access to these documents is prescribed under the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Public Transparency Policy.

5.5 DELEGATIONS AND AUTHORISATIONS

Council is responsible for carrying out various duties, functions and powers under a range of State legislation and Council's Local Laws. The practice of delegation originates in the need to remove formal Council consideration of matters that are essentially of a routine nature or of such a nature that a professionally qualified person must undertake them. As such, delegation is an important administrative tool which allows for the efficient and effective function of the organisation.

Section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides for Council, by Instrument of Delegation to delegate to the CEO or members of a delegated committee and power, duty or function under this Act or any other Act (other than certain powers, duties and functions as specified in the Act). Council therefore delegates many duties, functions and powers to the CEO.

Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides for the CEO to then delegate, by Instrument of Delegation, any power, duty or function conferred by this Act or any other Act that has been delegated to the CEO by Council, to a member of Council staff. (This action was previously called sub-delegation.)

In conjunction with, but not the same as, delegations, authorisations are also required so that professional council officers can be appointed to particular statutory positions and are "authorised" with certain powers by virtue of that position.

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Council engages two external services on a biannual basis to provide updated advice on legislation affecting Council's various Instruments of Delegation and Authorisation. Legal advice ensures that all acts that are relevant to Council's operations are covered regularly and RelianSys software provides a management tool and templates for the Instruments to be generated in different formats and as required.

Council keeps updated Instruments of Delegation (Delegations Register) and makes them available to all staff on its Intranet. The Governance Unit monitors legislation for any changes to ensure all areas of Council are not exposed to any risk.

RESPONSE TO THE OVERARCHING GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020

Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) states that Council must, in the performance of its role, give effect to the overarching governance principles. This policy gives effect to these principles by:

- complying with the relevant law (section 9(a) of the Act);
- giving priority to achieving the best outcomes for the municipality, including future generations (section 9b of the Act). This policy ensures that in relation to the *Local Government Act 1989* and *Local Government Act 2020* and other instruments of legislation, Councillors and Council officers are continually made aware of their legislative obligations and Council's internal audit program ensures an organisation-wide mechanism for the continued improvement of Council's programs and services;
- the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation
 and planning for climate change risks, is promoted (section 9(c) of the Act). This policy has no
 impact on the economic and social sustainability of the municipal district as it is essentially an
 organisation operational policy but has considered climate change and sustainability in its
 preparation (see section 9 of this policy);
- innovation and continuous improvement has been pursued (section 9(e) of the Act). This policy
 incorporates monitoring and tracking of Council's internal audit program which specifically looks to
 review and improve Council services, processes and programs. It has also made provision for
 evaluation, monitoring and review of the policy (see section 11 of this policy);
- collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies has been sought (section 9(f) of the Act). A number of best practice model policies were consulted in developing this policy along with Australian Standards as referenced in section 12 of this policy; and
- transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is ensured by the enactment of this
 policy (section 9(i) of the Act). The policy will be made available to the public on Council's website
 once endorsed by Council.

In giving effect to the overarching governance principles, a Council must also take into account the community engagement principles (section 56 of the Act), the public transparency principles (section 58 of the Act), the strategic planning principles (section 89 of the Act), the financial management principles (section 101 of the Act), and the service performance principles (section 106 of the Act).

This policy is essentially operational and discretionary and responds to an internal audit recommendation. While it is crucial that Council decisions are transparent and open to scrutiny, there is no legal requirement for consultation with the community, however under Council's Public Transparency Policy, it will be published on Council's website once it is endorsed. This policy has no financial impact on Council and the resources required to manage and administer it are allocated from existing resource budgets.

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7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ACT 2006 – COMPATIBILITY STATEMENT

The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 has been considered in relation to whether any human right under the Charter is restricted or interfered with in any way by enacting any part of this policy. It is considered that this policy is consistent with the rights outlined in the Charter.

8. RESPONSE TO THE GENDER EQUALITY ACT 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* and Council's Diversity, Action and Inclusion Policy have been considered in the preparation of this policy but are not relevant to its contents as it is purely administrative in nature. No particular groups that are based on gender are considered to be impacted either positively or negatively by this policy.

9. CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability have been considered in the preparation of this policy but are not relevant to its contents. The policy is purely administrative in nature and the methods by which this policy is implemented are purely driven by electronic means. No paper needs to be generated to action any of the reporting requirements within this policy.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES

The following details the key actions, reviews and reports required by Council's Legislative Compliance Framework. It details who is responsible for each activity and the required timing. Independent review may be sought from time to time to confirm that Council's approach to compliance is consistent with best practice.

10.1 COUNCILLORS

As elected representatives, Councillors are required to act in accordance with the Councillor Code of Conduct and the *Local Government Acts 1989 and 2020*. The role of a Council is to provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community and must, in the performance of its role, give effect to the overarching governance principles outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. This policy provides Council with assurance that the organisation's legislative requirements are being met.

10.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has the ultimate delegated responsibility for legislative compliance across and within the organisation. The CEO is responsible for leading a compliance culture across the organisation through promoting and supporting the Legislative Compliance Policy. In order to efficiently discharge these responsibilities, the CEO delegates some of the powers, duties and functions required to other staff within

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the organisation. The CEO and Executive Management Team will annually review compliance activities for the coming year and identify any key risk management issues.

10.3 MANAGER GOVERNANCE

The Manager Governance, on behalf of the CEO, has overall responsibility for the control and coordination of the Compliance Register and coordinating the broad and general legislative compliance framework across the organisation. Specifically the Manager Governance is responsible for:

- managing and maintaining Council's Compliance Register and Instruments of Delegation;
- managing and maintaining Council's statutory registers referred to in this policy;
- developing and implementing Council's Legislative Compliance Framework under this policy;
- identifying, in conjunction with Managers and Responsible Officers, compliance requirements and training needs and promoting awareness of compliance obligations;
- providing advice to relevant staff and Responsible Officers about new or changed legislation, its
 content and application to Council where appropriate;
- · identifying and reviewing legislative obligations and the nomination of Responsible Officers;
- reporting compliance breaches to the Chief Executive Officer and ensuring that appropriate and timely corrective actions are undertaken;
- reviewing the currency and effectiveness of this policy;
- reviewing the current status of compliance actions, potential or actual breaches of legislation or this
 policy and other relevant issues of high risk;
- ensure staff are aware of Council's Legislative Compliance Policy and their obligations under this
 policy;
- conducting regular compliance audits as required by the CEO; and
- reporting to the Chief Executive Officer and Audit & Risk Committee in the manner outlined within this policy or in any manner requested.

10.4 Manager People and Procurement Services

The Manager People and Procurement Services has responsibility for ensuring that Council's position descriptions refer to a role's legislative requirements, compliance obligations and any delegated powers, duties or functions relevant to a particular role.

10.5 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Under the Local Government Act 2020, the Audit and Risk Committee must monitor the compliance of Council policies, monitor Council financial and performance reporting, monitor and provide advice on risk management and fraud prevention systems and controls and oversee internal and external audit functions.

10.6 DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS

Directors and senior managers are responsible for ensuring that appropriate resources, systems and processes are in place to implement this policy across the organisation, comply with legislative and regulatory requirements within their specific areas of operational responsibility and ensure that any potential or actual legislative non-compliance has been identified and is being managed appropriately. Specifically they are responsible for:

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- promoting an ethical and positive compliance culture in relation to the organisation's legislative responsibilities and encouraging behaviours that create and support Council's Legislative Compliance Policy:
- ensuring those in their directorate and/or unit are made aware that they are expected to comply with this policy, are aware of its existence and understand what is required of them:
- remaining aware of the compliance obligations (including monitoring for changes in legislation and regulation) within their areas of control;
- ensuring that compliance continues to be maintained, including providing advice to other staff within their units as required;
- ensuring appropriate education and training for those required to implement, oversee and comply with legislative compliance;
- reporting non-compliance or potential non-compliance to the Manager Governance;
- developing specific controls and strategies or corrective actions to manage significant risks of noncompliance or breaches in their unit in a timely manner;
- certifying compliance for their area of control if and when required;
- identifying and reviewing legislative obligations and nomination of Responsible Officers when requested to do so by the CEO or Manager Governance;
- monitoring legislative compliance responsibilities in position descriptions and in relevant discussions at performance reviews; and
- monitoring compliance with the relevant legislation and related Council policies.

Commitment must be demonstrated by all senior officers by making themselves fully aware of the organisation's legislative obligations within their area of accountability or span of control.

10.7 RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS

In addition to the above responsibilities, Responsible Officers will work closely with the Manager Governance and have direct responsibility for responding to legislative obligations within the Compliance Register. Specifically they will:

- monitor identified legislation and regulations for change and ensure that compliance continues to be maintained, including providing advice to other staff within their units as required;
- signing-off on all obligations (both legislative and internal audit) allocated to them in a timely manner
 and seeking assistance and guidance from their direct manager when needed to ensure they
 understand the requirements and legislation they must comply with to undertake their duties;
- remaining aware of the compliance obligations (including monitoring for changes in legislation and regulation) within their areas of control;
- assisting the Manager Governance to allocate any obligations and advise on appropriate timeline and frequency of those obligations; and
- assisting to promote an ethical and positive compliance culture in relation to the organisation's legislative responsibilities and encourage behaviours that create and support Council's Legislative Compliance Policy.

10.8 ALL STAFF

All staff generally have a responsibility to ensure that their activities on behalf of Council comply with all applicable laws. All staff are responsible for:

- compliance with all relevant legislation;
- adherence to the compliance obligations relevant to their position;

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- performing their duties in a lawful and safe manner;
- undertaking training as required on compliance activities and initiatives;
- undertaking corrective actions to compliance breaches in a timely manner;
- reporting and escalating compliance concerns, issues, complaints and failures;
- referring to relevant Council policies or having a discussion with their manager before acting if they
 are uncertain as to what is legally compliant behaviour in a given situation; and
- familiarising themselves with Council policies concerning compliance within specific areas of legislation that affect their workplace and activities.

11. REPORTING, MONITORING AND REVIEW

11.1 REPORTING

The Compliance Register monitors all major legislative obligations as outlined in this policy and a compliance report will be submitted to the Executive Management Team and the Audit and Risk Committee annually.

The Compliance Register monitors and manages all internal audit obligations until they are completed and a progress report against all internal audit obligations is provided to the Executive Management Team and the Audit and Risk Committee quarterly.

11.2 MONITORING AND REVIEW

Regular reporting to both the Executive Management Team and Audit and Risk Committee will provide regular indicators of the effectiveness of this policy in raising awareness levels and developing a functional compliance culture across the organisation. The policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure it remains current with any legislative requirements and a survey will be undertaken of staff prior to review so that any improvements or adaptations can be incorporated.

12. REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

12.1 LEGISLATION

- Local Government Act 1989
- Local Government Act 2020

12.2 RELATED COUNCIL AND OTHER POLICIES, PROCEDURES, STRATEGIES, PROTOCOLS, GUIDELINES

- AS ISO 19600:2015 Compliance Management Systems
- Crowe Horwath Legislative Compliance Review, July 2019
- Greater Dandenong City Council Staff Code of Conduct
- Greater Dandenong City Council Instruments of Delegation
- Greater Dandenong City Council Public Transparency Policy
- Greater Dandenong Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

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13. APPENDIX 1 - MAJOR INSTRUMENTS OF STATE LEGISLATION **RELEVANT TO COUNCIL**

The major instruments of State legislation that Council operates under are listed, but are not limited to, the below. Instruments of legislation are updated from time to time, names may change and requirements may be altered. New legislation may also be developed that becomes relevant to Council.

- Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006
- Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
- Building Act 1993
- **Building Interim Regulations 2017**
- **Building Regulations 2018**
- Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994
- Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006
- Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005
- Children Youth and Families Act 2005
- Climate Change Act 2010
- Climate Change Act 2017
- Conservations, Forest and Lands Act 1987
- Country Fire Authority Act 1958
- Country Fire Authority Regulations 2014
- Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963
- Dangerous Goods Act 1985
- Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011
- Development Victoria Act 2003
- Disability Act 2006
- Domestic Animals Act 1994
- Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995
- Drugs Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017
- Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
- Educations and Training Reform Act 2006
- Electoral Act 2002
- Electrical Safety Act 1998
- Emergency Management Act 1986
- Emergency Management Act 2013
- **Environment Protection Act 1970**
- Equal Opportunity Act 2010
- Estate Agents Act 1980
- Family Violence Protection Act 2008
- Fences Act 1968
- Filming Approval Act 2014
- Fines Reform Act 2014
- Fires Services Property Levy Act 2012
- Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1984
- Food Act 1984
- Freedom of Information Act 1982
- Gambling Regulation Act 2003
- Gender Equality Act 2020 Graffiti Prevention Act 2007
- Health Records Act 2001
- Heavy Vehicle National Law Application Act 2013
- Heritage Act 1995
- Housing Act 1983

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- Impounding of Livestock Act 1994
- Independent Broad-Based Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2011
- Infringements Act 2006
- Infringement Regulations 2016
- Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986
- Land Acquisition and Compensation Regulations 2010
- Land Act 1958
- Liquor Control Reform Act 1998
- Local Government Act 1989
- Local Government Act 2020
- Local Government (General) Regulations 2015
- Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020
- Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 2012
- Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014
- Magistrates Court Act 1989
- Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act 2009
- Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990
- National Parks Act 1975
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017
- Pipelines Act 2005
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016
- Planning and Environment Regulations 2015
- Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014
- Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012
- Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2009
- Public Health and Wellbeing Regulation 2009
- Public Records Act 1973
- Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001
- Rail Safety Act 2006
- Residential Tenancies Act 1997
- Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Moveable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2010
- Road Management Act 2004
- Road Management (General) Regulations 2016
- Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2015
- Road Safety Act 1986
- Road Safety Road Rules 2009
- Road Safety Road Rules 2017
- Road Safety (General) Regulations 2009
- Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009
- Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009
- Rooming House Operators Act 2016
- Second-Hand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 1989
- Sex Work Act 1994
- Sheriff Act 2009
- Sport and Recreation Act 1972
- Subdivision Act 1986
- Subdivision (Fees) Regulations 2016
- Subdivision (Procedures) Regulations 2011
- Subdivisions (Registrar's Requirements) Regulations 2011
- Summary Offences Act 1966
- Taxation Administration Act 1997

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- Transfer of Land Act 1958
- Transport (Safety Schemes Compliance and Enforcement) Act 2014
- Urban Renewal Authority Victoria Act 2003
- Valuation of Land Act 1960
- Victoria Grants Commission Act 1976
- Victorian Data Sharing Act 2017
- Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (Project-Based Activities) Regulations 2017
- Victorian Environmental Assessment Council Act 2001
- Victorian Inspectorate Act 2011
- Victorian Planning Authority Act 2017
- Victorian State Emergency Service Act 2005
- Water Act 1989

14. APPENDIX 2 – MAJOR INSTRUMENTS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO COUNCIL

The major instruments of Federal legislation that Council operates under are listed, but are not limited to, the below. Instruments of legislation are updated from time to time, names may change and requirements may be altered. New legislation may also be developed that becomes relevant to Council.

- Age Discrimination Act 2004
- Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Fair Work Act 2009
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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Policies, codes, processes and procedures Continuous improvement culture Strategic internal audit program Controls Environment Reporting and review of compliance risks Monitoring 15. APPENDIX 3 – IMPLEMENTING COUNCIL'S LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK **Fraining and awareness** Manager Governance Manager People and Procurement Services Directors and Managers Council has a comprehensive Internal Audit program The Legislative Compliance Policy will be reviewed every two years Compliance high risks flagged Responsible officer's attestation in sign-off process Key Legislative Obligations Common Law Federal and State Legislation Standards, Local Laws, Policies **Regular Reviews** Reporting Identifying high risk legislative compliance and internal obligations Key compliance roles and responsibilities Manager Governance
Manager Deole and Procuremt Services
Audit and Bisk Committee
Directors and Managers
Responsible Officers
Staff Identification Management accountability Commitment Governance & Culture Identify compliance obligations Continued Improvement Implementation Assign responsibility Assess high risks Report compliance Regular reviews Monitoring Reporting

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4.3 OTHER

4.3.1 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 10 June 2021

File Id:

Responsible Officer: Director Community Services

Attachments: Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory

Committee Meeting on 10 June 2021

1. 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 also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the draft Minutes of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee meeting provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted and endorsed by Council.

3. Background and Proposal

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 Annual meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor 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 information purposes, for noting and for endorsement (not adoption).

As such, the draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

4. 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 1

- Pride Best place best people
- Cultural Diversity Model multicultural community
- Outdoor Activity and Sports Recreation for everyone
- Lifecycle and Social Support The generations supported

Place

- Sense of Place One city many neighbourhoods
- Safety in Streets and Places Feeling and being safe
- Appearance of Places Places and buildings
- Travel and Transport Easy to get around

Opportunity

- Education, Learning and Information Knowledge
- Jobs and Business Opportunities Prosperous and affordable
- Tourism and visitors Diverse and interesting experiences
- Leadership by the Council The leading Council

5. Council Plan 2017-21

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

People

- A vibrant, connected and safe community
- A creative city that respects and embraces diversity

Place

- A healthy, liveable and sustainable city
- A city planned for the future

Opportunity

- A diverse and growing economy
- An open and effective Council

6. The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA2020) states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles.

The establishment of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee and the work that it undertakes gives particular consideration to the following overarching governance principles:

- priority is given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations (section 9(b) of the LGA2020);
- the municipal community is engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making many advisory committees and reference groups have community members as participants (section 9(d) of the LGA2020):
- innovation and continuous improvement is pursued (section 9(e) of the LGA2020);
- collaboration with other councils, governments and statutory bodies is sought many advisory committees and reference groups have representatives attending from these organisations (section 9(f) of the LGA2020);
- the ongoing financial viability of Council is ensured (section 9(g) of the LGA2020);
- regional, state and national plans and policies are taken into account in strategic planning and decision making – diverse representation within these groups ensures this occurs (section 9(h) of the LGA2020); and
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is ensured by this regular reporting mechanism (section 9(i) of the LGA2020).

7. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

All matters relevant to the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities have been considered in the preparation and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

8. The Gender Equality Act 2020

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

Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents because it is a reporting mechanism only.

The report does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles nor does it benefit any one gender group over any other.

9. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

This report has no impact on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability because it is purely administrative in nature and is a reporting mechanism only.

10. Recommendation

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

MINUTE 228

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso Seconded by: Cr Eden Foster

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

CARRIED

OTHER

DRAFT MINUTES OF POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

ATTACHMENT 1

POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2021

PAGES 4 (including cover)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:

Positive Ageing Advisory Committee

Reference Group Name

10 June 2021

Date of Meeting: Time of Meeting:

1.30-3.30pm

Meeting Location:

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Committee: Julie Klok, Maria Erdeg, Morrie Hartman (part), Shirley Constantine, Milena France, Christine Green, Merle Mitchell, Erica Moulang

Council Officers: Mandy Gatliff (Chair), Tracey Macleod, Jenny Vong (minute taker)

Apologies: Carol Drummond, Jayne Kierce, Deputy Mayor Cr Sophie Tan

Guest speaker: Wendy Dunstan (Outside the Square Creative Consulting)

Minutes:

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	Welcome and Introductions Welcome from the Chair		
2.	Previous Minutes & Business Arising Draft February 2021 minutes were accepted – moved Maria Erdeg and seconded Erica Moulang Apologies noted		
3.	Consultation for the Proposed Dandenong Community Hub The Consultant provide background on the Dandenong Community Hub project in central Dandenong. The proposed multi-purpose community hub will provide a range of complementary services in a single accessible location with a range of shared facilities and functions for the community, groups and organisation. The Committee contributed feedback on what the facility should include such as: A venue where you can access local services, activities and information about other services Community focused for social connections and interactions A safe, open, welcoming and accessible	Provide any further ideas to the Manager Community Care	Committee Members
	A saic, open, we coming and accessible environment for all Community garden and open greenery space Ample carpark space Multicultural as well as multigenerational		

	Multipurposed to accommodate a range of activities such as crafts, exercise classes, cooking and eating spaces A celebration of central Dandenong	
	The Committee emphasised the proposed hub should not replicate what is offered at the Dandenong Library and the Dandenong Neighbourhood House and similar facilities but compliment and offer a diverse range of facilities.	
	The Consultant advised at this stage the proposed location is at the back of the market area near Pioneer Memorial Gardens. The Committee discussed the need to retain the open space but develop the area with better lighting, seating and improve safety within the area. One suggestion for location is the park under the bridge.	
4.	Federal Budget response to Aged Care Royal	
	Commission	
	A factsheet on the Government's aged care	
	reform plan had been distributed to PAAC	
	members prior to the meeting.	
	Discussion was held on several of the reform plan including:	
	- Assistance to simplify the process to	
	empower senior Australians to navigate	
	and make informed decisions	
	 Value and grow the aged care workforce 	
	- In residential care the average care	
	minutes will be mandated to 200 minutes per day including 40 minutes of a	
	registered nurse time by 2022. This will	
	require a significant increase to the	
	present Aged Care workforce. The	
	Committee is interested on how this will	
	be achieved and accountable. It has been	
	noted that there was no staff care ratio in	
	this reform plan The Committee acknowledged the	
	importance of obtaining information and	
	resources for individuals to make an	
	informed decision. It was considered that	
	as our community is culturally diverse and	
	socio-economically disadvantaged,	
	access to information may be difficult. - One of the key issues across all aged	
	care services is the current lack of	
	adequately qualified staff. The sector is	
	perceived to have poor pay and conditions	
	and demanding workloads which could	
	indicate to prospective staff that working	
	in the aged care sector is not a valued occupation.	
	The Committee recognised that the reform	
	plan addressed some of the issues within	

	the aged care sector, however detailed information on how these plans will be implemented are required to ascertain how these will be achieved.		
6.	Other business: Discussion was held on how the process on QR check ins is working for older residents. The Committee was advised it has now been simplified with having only one app- Services Victoria with the app remembering your details and in many venues having a staff member at the front to assist individuals check in. However, there is still a level of difficulty in checking in with individuals not having a smart phone. Whilst there are pen and paper sign in options available at some venues the information on the paper sign in still needs to be electronically inputted into the Services Victoria app.		
	The Committee recommended simple information sessions would greatly assist. Seniors Festival week will be held in October. This year it is anticipated that events will be held both virtually and face to face. The Committee has been asked to consider possible activities to discuss at the next meeting. Day trips will commence again once restrictions allow. The Positive Ageing Team Leader advised a new record was set with an outing being sold out in 23 minutes after it was advertised.	Investigations into possible information sessions Add to next meeting agenda Noted	Manager Community Care Coordinator Community Access
7.	Next Meeting Thursday 12 August		

File Id: fA25545

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

1. 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 Council meetings.

The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings in June and July 2021.

2. Recommendation Summary

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

3. Background

The Executive Management Team and associated staff at Greater Dandenong City Council host Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meeting on a regular basis (weekly) to inform Councillors about the work officers are undertaking, share information, obtain feedback and discuss strategies and options for current and future work.

To ensure transparency in this process matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be confidential under the *Local Government Act 2020*) are reported on at Council meetings. This report represents matters discussed at the Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings in June and July 2021.

4. Matters Presented for Discussion

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1	General Discussion Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: a) Future of Aldi site adjacent to Dandenong Market. b) Upcoming ALGA National Conference. c) Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 15 June 2021.	15 June 2021
2	General Discussion Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 28 June 2021.	28 June 2021
3	Engineering 101 – Tree Management This information session provided Councillors with an overview on how Council's Parks team manage the public realm of Council's urban forests. Councillors were informed about key processes related to the management of street and park trees.	5 July 2021

4	Children's Plan (2021-2026)	5 July 2021
	Councillors were presented with details regarding the development of the draft Children's Plan 2021-2026 which was informed by an extensive evidence-base study, including, but not limited to, consultations with children and families, benchmarking of local service providers, consultation with internal Council departments and review of other strategic plans, strategies and policy frameworks at a local, state and federal level to align activities for children (0-13 years) and their families. This plan is intended to proceed to a future Council meeting for endorsement.	
5	Draft Biodiversity Action Plan	5 July 2021
	Councillors were presented with the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2021 - 2026 prior to it undergoing community consultation.	
6	General Discussion	5 July 2021
	Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: a) Proposal to sell land in Dandenong (Cr Dark declared a Conflict of Interest in this item and left the room during its discussion). b) Opening of the Springvale & District Historical Society. c) Possible future land purchase by Council (Cr Dark declared a Conflict of Interest in this item and left the room during its discussion). d) Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 15 June 2021. e) A CEO/Councillors only session was conducted (CONFIDENTIAL).	

5. Apologies

- Cr Loi Truong submitted an apology to the Pre-Council Meeting on 15 June 2021.
- Cr Jim Memeti and Cr Loi Truong submitted apologies to the Councillor Briefing Session on 5 July 2021.

6. 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'

Opportunity

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

Council Plan 2017-21

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Opportunity

An open and effective Council

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Reporting on matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings gives effect to the overarching governance principles (in particular, section 9(i) of the *Local Government Act 2020*) in that the transparency of Council actions and information is ensured.

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11. Recommendation

That:

- 1. the information contained in this report be received and noted; and
- 2. the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session that was declared confidential in Item 6(e) under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act* 2020 remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

MINUTE 229

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

That:

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4.3.3 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id: qA283304

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

Attachments: Correspondence Received 5-16 July 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 5-16 July 2021.

Recommendation

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 5-16 July 2021 be received and noted.

MINUTE 230

Moved by: Cr Richard Lim Seconded by: Cr Jim Memeti

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 5-16 July 2021 be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

OTHER

LIST OF REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

ATTACHMENT 1

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 5-16 JULY 2021

PAGES 3 (including cover)

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

Objective

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Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
A letter from a Springvale resident regarding several issues that need attention in the Springvale area.	12-Jul-21	13-Jul-21	fA221791	Mayor & Councillors EA
A letter from an Endeavour Hills resident to Councillor Milkovic regarding 12-Jul-21 a barkino infinoement incurred at Dandenono Baskerball Stadium	12-Jul-21	13-Jul-21	fA221793	Mayor & Councillors EA

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Mayor & Councillors EA

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14-Jul-21

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



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Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created Objective ID User Assigned	Objective ID	User Assigned
A letter from a Liberty Swing Sales Company regarding the installation of	08-Jul-21	08-Jul-21	A7864716	A7864716 Mayor & Councillors EA
liberty swings in Council parks.				

A letter from the Minister for Planning advising of approval of the Car 30-Jun-21 Parks for Commuters Project - Designation of Project Area under Section 95 of the Major Transport Projects Act 2009.

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

Question Cr Tim Dark

My first question to the relevant officer is regarding the Rowley Allan Reserve in Keysborough. I raised this at the last Council meeting and it has to do with the raised pavement which had caused injury to a resident and required medical advice. I also raised an issue to do with the light poles which is not urgent during lockdown nonetheless, they need investigating regarding the shadowing effect of the lights. I would like an update on both issues, whether they have been repaired and fixed or nearly fixed.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I believe the matter of the uneven paving or footpath was fixed late last week. The issue of the floodlights or the lighting is due to the extensive wait time for parts coming from overseas. Unfortunately, there are significant delays due to COVID with regards to parts coming from overseas but we are hopeful that we could provide clarity of that advice in the coming week.

Question Cr Tim Dark

I have a question from a resident who lives in Goodman Drive, Noble Park. They commute down the end of Goodman Drive through a very narrow walkway through Tower Court and Mile Creek through the housing complex at the Yarraman Railway Station. Many residents from Noble Park commute that way. They have reported that the alleyways and laneways are quite dark and there has been an increase in graffiti and unsocial behaviour occurring as people walk through that area. Apparently, it happens mainly when crossing over the Mile Creek bridge and in the small alleyway between Goodman Drive and the Creek. Can officers investigate additional lighting to brighten up the area?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Officers will undertake a light assessment to determine whether or not it needs to be brightened or some action taken with further light installation. Once we have determined that, we are then in the hands of some of the lighting companies to undertake that work. Firstly we will undertake the assessment and provide you and the resident of that outcome.

Question Cr Tim Dark

My final question tonight is to the Director of Planning. I believe there was a recent update on the planning process and how quickly Dandenong Council is currently processing planning applications compared to other Councils. I would like an update on how Council is tracking.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I always like to be the bearer of good news. It is true to say that all Councils as you well know are required to report on a monthly basis to the State Government in terms of a number of metrics, amongst them being that of planning applications that are completed within the statutory timeframe. For the financial year that has just ended, it is really pleasing to say that this Council has ended second in the State in terms of the number of applications completed within the statutory timeframe, something that I think you as Councillors and certainly I am proud of in terms of the Statutory Planning staff. It is a consistently high performance and not just a monthly blip. I would like to go on and explain a bit more because it is such good news but indeed, the Statutory Planning department have really done the Council proud in their ability to consistently perform at this level.

Comment

Cr Tim Dark

That is phenomenal news, given that the City of Greater Dandenong is one of the most intense Councils in terms of the planning schemes that we have. Everything from mixed-use zones to high-growth residential to general residential and to come second in the State is phenomenal work. I wish to congratulate your department.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

I would like to discuss an issue that has been raised and one I have observed myself. I often use the Dandenong Creek Trail, to walk and ride when I take my children to Jells Park. What I and other have noticed is there are pockets of the Trail where the path is too narrow to be able to handle both pedestrians and cyclists. I have observed there are areas where we could possibly widen the path. Could we please investigate this because there has been a huge amount of accidents that have occurred and collisions particularly in the past year. Obviously with COVID, many people are exercising which has probably been a positive thing but the incidences are obviously a concern.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

We will investigate. The only issue I will raise and it is not necessarily an impediment but something that we would need to consider is that, some of those reserves are not owned by Council but are owned by Melbourne Water or Parks Victoria. We would bring that to their attention and they would act on our request. Firstly, we will identify those sections that you have referred to that are narrower than they should be and where required pursue the relevant authorities.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

A resident has advised that some trees in Ivan Court, Noble Park North, have died. If they could please be removed and replaced. I have not had a chance to personally investigate due to the lockdown but if that could be assessed that would be great.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Yes, if the trees are dead we can send officers to investigate and schedule replanting.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

Unfortunately, as I was travelling to Dandenong Market yesterday and I might add, Dandenong Market was booming which is good news for the traders, I noticed there is still rubbish along there Mr Kearsley and all of the appropriate officers. It is so disappointing to see. Much of the rubbish that I had mentioned at previous Council meetings has not been removed at 40-42 Stud Road. It is just awful and every time I use Stud Road, I am so disappointed to see the amount of rubbish that is constantly being dumped there. I do not know what else we can do but can it please be removed in the interim and if we can investigate and try to rectify this situation please?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I do know that Mr Kearsley's staff and mine have worked together in the area. We have had some success but as you mentioned Cr Formoso, this is recidivist behaviour. How do we stop it happening? The officers have devoted a fair degree of time to it and we will continue to do so until we get a change in behaviour in the area. I will take note of it and Mr Kearsley, myself and our staff will reconvene to see what else we can do in that area._

Comment

Cr Eden Foster

I want to start by giving my condolences to the Leonard Street, Dandenong family for the loss of their little one just today. It is devastating to hear on the news about a little boy losing his life and the family are in hospital too so I would like to send my condolences.

Question

Cr Eden Foster

It has come to my attention and other residents have also expressed concern to me. I know that this may not be Council property but I would like it brought to the attention of the owners of the block of shops on 330 Cheltenham Road, Keysborough. There is, as you drive out onto Cheltenham Road, quite a big pothole and it is not well lit. I along with some residents have been caught up in that pothole by surprise. Can the relevant officer bring that to the attention of the owners as there is no room to avoid this pothole?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

We are very familiar with this pothole. Many residents have previously raised it with us and we continue to raise it with the property owner. I will check the last time that we did that and will follow up with that property owner to remind them of that fact but we are aware of it.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Firstly, I too would like to pass on my sincere condolences to the family affected in the house fire last night in Dandenong. The loss of a child in any family is an enormous tragedy and in this case the family were already facing great challenges and had just recently arrived in Dandenong. I would also like to sincerely thank the many, many people and groups who have come forward today with offers of help which is a testament to the supportive and compassionate community that Dandenong is. I particularly want to thank the Tamil community for coming forward so quickly to offer support. Finally, I just want to say that the Council will do all it can to support this family in this very, very sad time. Thank you.

Just prior to lockdown, the Mayor Cr Long, Deputy Mayor Cr Tan and Cr Memeti had the honour of attending the opening of the new facility housing the Australian Animal Protection Society in Keysborough. I wanted to congratulate all those who have worked for so long to bring this into life. It is a fantastic, purpose-built facility and will provide high level care to the animals in need. Hopefully, following lockdown, the official opening will take place very soon and everybody can see this great centre.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

If I can direct a question to Mr Bosman regarding the Urban Forest Strategy. Mr Bosman your optimism tonight that a six percent increase in tree canopy in six and a half years without a local law, appears to contradict what you said on 24 February 2021, in which you said it was not achievable without a local law. Can I have your response to that please?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

It is going to be significantly more difficult to achieve that target if we do not have a way of bringing about the participation of private landowners and the protection of some of the trees on private land. If we are unable to achieve a local law and I do not want to say all is lost, or all is won at this stage, obviously that is part of going forward, but if we do not proceed with a local law that does not mean that I do not look at other ways of trying to achieve that same outcome. It is as I have just mentioned, going to be just that much more difficult to do so.

The other thing of course is that when one is trying to create a canopy especially in areas where the population either works or residents, it is almost like trying to have an umbrella for the protection of rain where you allow holes in that umbrella. You know you want to have as even a coverage and as complete a coverage as possible to provide that protection so I do not know if they are in fact in contradiction with each other but it is just that it does become that much more difficult. It does not mean we throw in the towel if we do not get a local law.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Thank you, Mr Bosman so I am assuming that you are standing by your February 24 comments.

Question Cr Rhonda Garad

I would just like to have two follow up questions with Mr Kearsley regarding the traffic issues in Keysborough South on Chapel Road. The traffic management plan you refer to I believe, was conducted in 2019. There has been significant development in Chapel Road subsequently and I am wondering if this therefore warrants increased monitoring of the traffic on Chapel Road. I am also curious about a term that I have never heard before regarding the traffic limits in the new road being the extension of Villiers Road, where you said they were 'advisory traffic limits'. I have never actually heard the term 'advisory traffic limits' and would this be confusing to people.

Cr Lana Formoso left the meeting at 8.05pm.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will answer the last part of the question first. Within Victoria there are statutory road signs. The ones I am referring to are the yellow ones so if you are approaching a curve or intersection, they are used as advisory and they are not enforceable. The enforceable road limits are those signs in red and white. That is the terminology I was using. The roundabouts and the speed humps throughout the municipality and throughout Melbourne, you will often find them with a yellow sign next to them. That is an advisory sign saying that you should go around the roundabout or over the speed hump at 20kms. If you attempt it at 50kms, in some ways good luck to you and your car but they are purely advisory.

With regards to the other matter you raised, the Keysborough South traffic management work that is being done by the traffic management team and Council, I am happy to revisit that and have another look at the timing of that. I think the reference that Mr Boccari and others are looking at, are some of the questions that were around the use of Chapel Road by heavy trucks and possibly there was a claim that B-Doubles were using them. I am expecting a fairly comprehensive response to that by the Transport Team using data to outline how best or how those B-Doubles actually do not use that road and what the actual truck traffic movements are. I am happy to then engage directly with you and the local residents with those findings. We have not just left that question alone. It is something that we have continued to work behind the scenes on and will advise on that with an update to the Keysborough South traffic management study, in a more up to date response.

Cr Lana Formoso returned to the meeting at 8.06pm.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

My next question relates to the HomeCo Centre development and my question is around the timelines to conduct the two independent reviews.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

I note that Mr Bennie has responded to that and we can expect something in around about four weeks which was very pleasing.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

We are seeing a lot particularly in Keysborough South, more high-density developments that have exploited the mixed-use development zoning. The community are rightly asking how this can happen. Can the Council advocate to the State Planning Minister to have this loophole closed?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I have noted your question but I am not sure what loophole you are referring to or how this has been exploited and thus what advocacy platform there is to be taken forward. I will take the question on notice tonight and arrange a meeting with you to get a better understanding of what is being sought and then how we take that forward. The mixed-use zone has been part of the suite of the Victoria planning provisions for a long time and I am not aware that there are any loopholes in it. Obviously there is something more behind this so if you and I can arrange a time to get together, I am happy to discuss that with you further.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Yes, it is in relation particularly to the HomeCo Centre which was originally designed I believe, for commercial development. When that commercial development did not come to fruition, the housing development was then allowed in a mixed-use zone, allowing a greater density because of that particular zoning. If it is housing that is now being proposed, it should in fact revert to residential zoning so I am happy to have that further discussion with you.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

I have had many questions from Keysborough South residents on the management of the Keysborough South Community Hub. At the last meeting I was told there would be consultation on the Keysborough South Community Hub management model later this year. Will various models be put to the public or just one? Keysborough South residents have been told that there would be a number of options.

Cr Bob Milkovic left the meeting at 8.10pm.

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

The Keysborough South Community Hub will have a unique mix of services, including the early years, maternal and child health, library services, community meeting spaces and outdoor recreation spaces. Some of these functions are functions and services that are provided and managed directly by Council. The management of early years functions are still yet to be determined. The management model for this new facility, including the management of the early years' component is currently being prepared for review and is due to be presented to a Councillor Briefing Session on 18 October 2021. At this Briefing Session, a community engagement plan for the Hub will also be presented and discussed. Once the engagement plan is agreed to, the community consultation will commence within the following month.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

We are now into the 2021-22 Financial Year but the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Report for the financial year ending 2020 has not been made public. When will this be made public?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

The 2020 Sustainability Report will be part of the five-year review. It will form part of the five-year review of the Sustainability Strategy and we are attending to table this at a Council meeting in October 2021 for adoption. Thereafter of course, it becomes a public document.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

- (a) I have recently asked if we could have something on the Council webpage about the open spaces purchased in the last couple of years. This was done thank you and there has been a very positive reaction to this on Council's social media. However, my proposal was really more around promoting these public spaces. Can this be done?
- (b) Also, the Noble Park residents have been asking why the property purchased at the corner of Railway Parade and Pamela Street was not included. Is there a reason why it was not included as that part of Noble Park is short on open space and what are the timelines for the development of this site, to allow public access?

Response

Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications & Customer Service

We have been and are happy to continue, actively promoting these sites. Rather than do it all at once, we are promoting them as they are developed and ready for use as public open space. This way, we are able to highlight the specific and benefits of each new park as they come online. Some recent examples for you are the promotion of the Clow Street, Dandenong site in the February Council newsletter; the Herbert Street, Dandenong site in the May Council newsletter; and the Gove Street, Springvale in the June Council newsletter. Some of these have also been featured in the local newspaper so as they become available and ready for the public we will continue to promote them.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

The information on the website was an initial list of sites purchased for open space and will be updated shortly to include 218 Railway Parade, Noble Park. In terms of your question on the development of this land as open space, this is intended to occur in the 2022/2023 Financial Year and will be subject to a budget bid at that time.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Just a follow up question to Ms Sprague. In relation to the website, I understand it is currently a temporary and transient website. Will the future plans have permanent links to the website?

Response

Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications & Customer Service

Yes, that will certainly be available on our website in the future.

Cr Bob Milkovic returned to the meeting at 8.14pm.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

What is the status of the Greater Dandenong Zero Emission Council Vehicle Fleet Plan and when is it expected to be finished and made public? There is much interest from members of the public for Greater Dandenong Council to become a role model in the use of electric vehicles.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

The Electric Vehicle Transition Plan (EVTP) is currently being finalised and we are hoping that a draft report will be with us within the next week or two. It is anticipated that the final report will then be completed within the next two to four weeks. The EVTP is a detailed operational document to guide Council's internal fleet purchases over the next 10 years and the key findings and outcomes will be provided to both THE Executive Management Team and Councillors.

One of the main challenges which we believe will be highlighted in this plan, is the current significant cost of EV vehicles in this country. We are paying substantially more than many other countries but we are hoping that the introduction of a greater variety of vehicles in the next couple of years will allow Council to plan appropriately over a five and 10 year period, to ensure that we have a good supply of EV vehicles as well as hybrid vehicles. We hope this work can be completed within the next month or so and then we will certainly bring that to Council for consideration.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

I will table the rest of my questions.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

In the northern hemisphere we are seeing devastating climate related events such as unprecedented floods, fires and a new phenomenon called heat domes. Heat domes are breaking record temperatures causing hundreds of deaths from heat stress.

- (a) Do we are emergency plans for heat waves for the coming summer (with particular focus on vulnerable groups such older persons)?
- (b) Are these plans being reviewed on light of the rapidly increasing frequency and severity of heat waves due to climate change and if not, why not?

These questions were tabled and taken on notice.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

When is the draft Greater Dandenong Biodiversity Action Plan going to be publicly exhibited?

This question was tabled and taken on notice.

Question

Cr Richard Lim

My first question is regarding Victoria Avenue Reserve in Springvale. Would it be possible for the relevant officer to tell me what the surface area is of that park? According to an email from Mr Jackson, 10 percent of the size of the park or 400 square metre whichever is less can be used so does that mean it is compliant to establish a community garden at the Victoria Avenue Reserve?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I will have to check for you what the area of the site is and the correspondence from Mr Jackson that you are referring to I will take that question on notice and reply in the next few days.

Question

Cr Richard Lim

Almost every week people complain about the crossing at the roundabout of Balmoral Avenue and Buckingham Avenue in Springvale. When are we going to install a zebra crossing or traffic lights there and have we heard anything from VicRoads regarding this matter?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

At this point, the preference is to have a look at appropriate use of zebra crossings at that location and that is a matter I can take up with the Transport Team, to see how they are progressing with that. There is a matter of pedestrian safety and the use of vehicles with regards to the introduction of zebra crossings on a roundabout and that is something that we need to evaluate.

With regards to traffic lights, that is currently something that is not supported by officers due to the fact that the introduction of the traffic lights would add a significant cost to Council and we would still need to seek the approval from VicRoads. If Cr Lim wishes to discuss the issue of traffic lights, that is something that would have to be put through as a CIP budget bid for ongoing financial years.

Question

Cr Richard Lim

Regarding the lighting in Buckingham Avenue, between Queens Avenue and Windsor Avenue, the street is a very busy avenue. Is there any possibility that Council can add more light along that road because it is a very busy street?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Officers would need to undertake investigation with regards to the relevant lux lightings. My understanding is having been there at nighttime, that it is lit to be appropriate to a pedestrianised area as compared with many residential streets which it would not have the same level of lighting. That is something that if you wish to, we could have a look at that in terms of whether or not it does meet the standards for what you would call a commercial street or a retail street.

Comment

Cr Richard Lim

A business owner complained to me that the street is very dark and it is not suitable for commercial activity at all. That is my understanding, I think that it is not suitable for the Springvale Activity Centre because that is a place where many people come to dine and shop.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the South East Albanian ladies for organising a ladies' night for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. They raised \$38,000 - \$38,785 which was a fantastic effort. It was their inaugural fundraiser and I am sure next year will be bigger and better as they hope to raise a lot more money. Four ladies came up with the idea after they lost one of their friends a few years ago to breast cancer and it has touched many families so it was a great night and a great fundraising event as well.

Also, we had a business roundtable event with the Melbourne City Football Club in Dandenong attended by many local businesses. We had the pleasure of meeting and hearing from Mr Brad Rowse who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Melbourne City Football Club. He brought in the championship plate and trophy and we discussed what their future is going to be in the South-East. Many of the those who attended were people who were part of the Team 11 project so it was good to catch up with them and hear them say they want to get onboard with the Melbourne City Football Club.

I also would like to also acknowledge the Australian Animal Protection Society and their work. The Councillors attended a tour of the facility. They were originally where the Keysborough South Primary was located then to a temporary facility at Dandenong South for a couple of years and finally moved into their new home in Keysborough. The facility looks magnificent and I am looking forward to their opening when the local community can go and celebrate the wonderful job they have done. The Society has a large group of dedicated volunteers and it is a really nice place where you can go and see all those cats. Cr Tan spent a bit of time with about 10 cats around her as she was patting them. It was just lovely to see so many animals being cared for by the Animal Protection Society, providing them with better homes, nurturing the sick and the lost back to life and returning them to their owners so it was great to be part of that tour which occurred just before lockdown.

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

I would like to find out about the human health study for the Dandenong South and Keysborough South area. We were going to write to the Department of Health and Environment Protection Authority, Members of Parliament for the State and Federal Governments. Have we had any response to that Notice of Motion?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

No, I am still working on your Notice of Motion and it is about time that I provided an update on that. It is certainly work that we are still progressing through the State Government. There are two notices of motion and we are looking at progressing both notices of motion, one with regards to the health study per se, and the other with regards to the industrial two zoning.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti

I look forward to that.

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

I read in the Journal newspaper today about the building concerns for Cheltenham Road where Unit 1 is. It says here, 'The Chief Executive Officer, John Bennie, made the concessions after visiting the 452 Cheltenham Road'. I understand that he now has Mr Kearsley and Mr Bosman working on that to come back to Council in late August. My concern is, why can we not issue a stop work on that site if we have concerns over that site?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

There is no basis for a stop work. In our view, all of the planning permits that have been issued as well as the building permits which were not issued by Council but were issued by a private building surveyor, have all been appropriately and lawfully issued in compliance with the various legislations that apply to those approvals. As Mr Bennie had outlined in a response to a public question earlier tonight, we are having all of those reviewed and on the basis of that review, if there is anything to be done, we will take it forward but at this stage there would be nothing in which we could issue a stop work on so I think we need to just await the outcome of the peer review on these matters.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

May I have an update on a proposal and investigation about the rezoning of the Cardinia Close, Dandenong North, that we were going to compile and send off to the Planning Minister?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I am pleased to say that that is progressing very well and we hope to see that out in the public domain as an exhibition fairly soon so that has progressed quite quickly and without any complications to date.

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

Thank you, Mr Bosman. The residents will be very pleased to hear that sort of news. Thank you very much and thanks for all your hard work.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

In Dandenong North on Gladstone Road where the Faith Church is, at one of our parks, Manks Reserve, there is a half-basketball court which is sitting within a reserve and within a playground area. I understand from previous conversations that this is part of the water retarding basin. When there is even a little bit of rain, it is a concreted surface but it stays underwater for a good four to five days, not entirely covered but with large puddles. Can officers investigate and see if there is a way to inexpensively raise the surface or do something to improve the drainage around that basketball court. It is a very well used court with many locals who live around that area where Brady Road is and even further up in Dandenong North love to go there because there is a kids' playground as well and the older kids use the court. Can we investigate how to stop the water coming onto the court and staying there for days on end?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

The main determinant of this will be whether or not it is a Melbourne Water retarding basin. They control all use within and around basins such as that. We can certainly ask the question but I would not be too positive about it at this stage. They tend to use those for the purpose of storage of water and if the water takes a little bit longer to clear, they will probably say that it is just the natural nature of the water collection in that location. However, now that you have raised it, we will see whether it is ours or Melbourne Water's and then we can take the appropriate action and provide you with information at that time.

Question

Cr Sean O'Reilly

I have just one question tonight to the Director of Engineering. It has been raised by residents to me that along Corrigan Road approaching Princes Highway, the lines have been repainted which is really good but for some reason the arrows were not. For my own edification, if the Director could find out why that might be and get back to me, I would appreciate it.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Yes, we will investigate and find out the reasons behind that.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

On 14 July 2021, I attended the Frederick Wachter Reserve District Playground Final Design for the construction. I also attended the Ignite Program Start Up program which is for Entrepreneurs. I just want to congratulate our Council staff who have done great work since 2019. We have around 24 Entrepreneurs this year.

On 15 July 2021, I too attended the Australian Animal Protection Society Corporate night which was a tour of the new facility. We learned a bit about their work and their vision. I just want to congratulate their team for their great work.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

On 22 July 2021, I attended the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre which is the new Oasis, the Introduction and Workshop. Just a question regarding that. I know we did the feasibility study about the table tennis building that we are going to move out from the old facility. Do we have any update on the new location yet?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Yes, that matter will be coming to Council in the coming months but what I can inform the Council on is that we have undertaken a significant consultation process and survey, with the users of the current facility and there are a significant number of those and I have tried to find out whether any of them are Performing in Japan at the moment.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

Yes, there is one person at the Olympics.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Yes, the club does have a very good reputation with creating Olympians for table tennis. At the moment the sites for consideration really are coming down to possibly Springers Leisure, Tatterson Park in Keysborough, the Dandenong Basketball Stadium which is also the Volleyball Centre on Stud Road so we are doing a piece of evaluation work on both of those options and we are in discussions with those associations. We will be bringing that back to Council for some further consideration and based on that probably some further consideration in future budgets ongoing. They will be able to use the current building they are in until very early 2025. We do have a number of years where Council will be able to consider where they are relocated to if that is the decision Council wishes to make.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

My next question is regarding to the COVID restrictions. How are we going with our Capital Works because the Ross Reserve All Ability Playground plus the changing rooms were meant to be completed by August. What is the status of that?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Whilst the lockdowns are not necessarily having an immediate impact on construction sites not being able to continue, we do know that there are a significant number of issues related to the supply of materials. Any materials that essentially have to come from overseas are being delayed, generally due to the COVID impacts that are taking place in the countries where we are trying to source these products. That is adding to a few delays with regards to the completion of the projects but not to a point where we are getting too worried about it. It is just something that has to be considered as each project goes through its construction phase. We are still pretty much on target with most of the capital works. I think we are hitting a target for last year's capital works at or above the 93 percent completion at this stage so we are doing what we can. We are also having to of course consider, very successfully mind you, a considerable increase in funding from both State and Federal Governments to ignite and promote the opportunity to rebound from COVID. With the Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC) building, we are and have been successful in getting substantial grants to essentially add to new projects that are above and beyond what we would have normally done this financial year and also for this coming financial year. Whilst COVID is a concern, I think we are trying to manage it as best we can and our construction companies are doing the right thing by us, by also trying to manage the impact related to the sourcing of materials and supplies.

Question Cr Sophie Tan

About the Noble Park Streetscape works, they have installed speed humps but that is it. Are they stopping work because of the COVID restrictions or what is going on?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

No, not as far as I am aware. I will follow that up. We are not sensing any stopping of works based on COVID. That is the advice I have but I will investigate that project and provide you with some advice.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

Regarding our roadworks especially with potholes, I am now sure how our program works. Is it once every financial year or is it in late July? There are many potholes from Douglas Street on Heatherton Road towards Springvale and it is causing issues with people's cars and tyres. I have also been informed there is a pothole at Railway Parade as well so there are a few here and there. What is happening with our program and roadworks?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

We have an annual program that is based on fixing issues related to potholes. Again, all I could advise if Councillors see or come across a pothole or unfortunately their car may come across a pothole, certainly to let us know and we will do our best. There are service levels depending on the size and depth of the pothole that in some cases requires almost immediate surfacing. There are others that may take a bit longer, based on the fact that they might not be as deep. However, I will say that if there are potholes on Heatherton Road, or any road under the ownership and control of VicRoads or the Department of Transport, then the wait will be much longer. We are continually informing VicRoads and we have sent letters recently with regards to Heatherton Road. We are trying to get that road up the ladder which from the VicRoads' point of view can be considerably difficult when they are also dealing with a whole range of other issues that have similar issues and potholes. If Councillors do come across them, please do go through the merit system and bring it to our attention and we will do our best when it comes to informing VicRoads that they have an obligation to improve the treatment of their roads.

Question

Cr Loi Truong

A resident wants to know how to apply for a replacement bin from Council and whether there is a charge?

Cr	Bob	Milkovic	left the	meeting	at	8.38pn	n.
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Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Please forward the details of that resident and the address directly to me so we may replace the bin. The other option if the resident wishes to but it might be more complex, is to visit Council's website to go through the process. If you send me the details, I can forward those directly onto the Waste Unit at the Operations Centre and the team will deliver a bin promptly.

Question

Cr Loi Truong

Is there a cost?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I would not think so if it is the standard bins, unless it was an additional bin, but if it is the standard one of the three, then it will be replaced for no cost.

Cr Bob Milkovic returned to the meeting at 8.40pm.

Comment

Cr Angela Long, Mayor

I would like to pass on my sincere condolences to the family that lost their little boy in the house fire last night. I also wish the family members who are in hospital, a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday 14 July 2021, I attended the Rainbow Network online meeting. Later that morning, I attended the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum online meeting. I also attended a Councillor Briefing at the Frederick Wachter Reserve district playground design update and the Launch of the Ignite Program: Start Up Program for Entrepreneurs.

On Thursday 15 July 2021, I attended the Melbourne City Football Club business roundtable. That afternoon, I attended the Australian Animal Protection Society (AAPS) Corporate Night, a tour of their new facility to learn more about the work and vision of AAPS. As was mentioned before, that facility is fantastic and they do fantastic work in rescuing animals that have been disowned or dumped. That night I attended the Lions Club of Dandenong Changeover meeting.

On 22 July 2021, I attended the Noble Park Revitalisation Board online meeting. That night I attended a Councillor Briefing on the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre (New Oasis) Introduction and Workshop which was held online.

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.

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsibl e Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
28/06/21 CQT4	Cr Tim Dark	Smell from factories backing onto Popes Road & Festival Crescent, Keysborough My next question is from residents near Popes Road in Keysborough which borders on the Noble Park Ward. There have also been complaints from residents in Festival Crescent. On the weekends and late at night, there has been a very strong smell of what resonates similar to burnt butter that keeps flowing over the top of residents' houses. Apparently, the smell is quite strong and it has become quite nauseating. They believe that there are some food factories in the vicinity. Can we please have the relevant officer investigate? I will forward some correspondence that I have received to assist with investigating available options.	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	19/07/21	Initial response provided 28/06/21: I will take that question on notice if you will send me some of the details. Festival Crescent, as you know, backs on to industrially zoned land so what is happening there might well be within the provisions of the scheme. Nonetheless, if you send me the details, we will investigate and report back to you and Councillors. Further response provided 9/07/21: Following up with Cr Dark to obtain information to action. Further response provided 19/07/21: Followed up and will investigate once correspondence is provided.
12/07/21 CQT1	Cr Sean O'Reilly	Hooning around Plaza (precinct) at 754 Princes Hwy, Springvale A resident has contacted me regarding hooning at Ouson Plaza at 754-768 Princes Highway Springvale which is a relatively new development shopping complex that includes The Good Guys, a 24-hour McDonalds, a sports gym and a few eateries. It has been reported to this resident by a group of local residents that hooning and the associated noise from hooning is occurring on Thursday, Friday	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I think these ideas are all good ideas. There is a very specific taskforce program that Victoria Police in fact have specifically with regards to that complex 'Operation Sumatra'. I think the starting point would probably be to contact Victoria Police in the first instance. One does not want to be crossing over work that they are currently doing with other parties within that complex.
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		and Saturday nights. On top of that is the noise emanating from Sandown Receptives on many Saturdays and			There is no harm in following that through as requested by Cr O'Reilly but certainly
		apparently this activity is growing. This residents' orong has contacted the Police			there is a very specific operation as I said Operation Sumatra being
		but the level of action that has been			conducted by Victoria Police with
		taken has not met the expectations or			regards to that specific site so that
		activity much at all. It is obvious that this			
		activity is impacting these local residents'			Further response provided
		quiet enjoyment, the residential amenity			21/07/21: Following a positively received
		their mental health through lack of sleep.			conversation with officers at Victoria
		with that much noise for that period of			Police, a letter under the hand of the
		time during the week. Can I suggest a			mayor has been sent to the
		solution that might be a bit novel			appropriate Victoria Police officer/s
		because I have never done it this way. I			to arrange the suggested meeting to
		think, the best way for us to proceed is if			be chaired by the Mayor.
		I can ask yourself as Mayor to convene a			Representatives of Ouson Plaza
		meeting. It would probably be a remote			(amongst others) are to be invited to
		meeting due to COVID but a meeting			that meeting. Councillors will be
		specifically focused on hooning at Ouson			updated in due course on the
		Plaza and that we would invite to that			outcomes of that meeting.
		meeting yourseif as the Mayor, myseif as Ward Councillor, Victoria Police			
		representatives and the management of			
		Ouson Plaza. The hoon behaviour			
		seems to be around the 24-hour			COMPLETED
		McDonalds so if we could get a			
		representative from McDonalds			
		meeting with a focus on the mitigation or			
		elimination of the hoon and associated			
		noise because from what I have			
		gathered, all the elements are there. The			
		CCTV would be there either outside of			
		McDonalds or the actual Plaza			
		Management so it is just linking that up with the Police and action from the Police			
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		and some sort of regular enforcement activity, to let the hoons know that this sort of behaviour around there is not on because the residents are not happy with all the noise from it so I would need your support Mayor.				
		Comment Cr Angela Long, Mayor Yes.				
		Comment Cr Tim Dark Supplementary to what Cr O'Reilly is speaking about with regards to Ouson Plaza it is used on Friday nights for the Melbourne Muscle Car Meet. These are car enthusiasts and there are several I know who attend those. It is being used because of the carpark where social media is openly available and is easily found. I believe the behaviour is accepted by some groups there and they do it to bring people to the area as well as showing off their cars before engaging on the Princes Highway burnouts. It might be worthwhile also having a conversation with the Ouson Group themselves and then have a look and see what is available events on a Friday night.				
		Comment Cr Angela Long, Mayor We will contact Victoria Police first and then set up a meeting if they have an operation going already.				
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6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsibl e Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		Cr Sean O'Reilly Yes, thank you. That was information I did not know so thanks to Cr Dark and the Director for that information. We can talk about it offline but from the information I am receiving, it appears that the operation does not seem to be having the intended impact. Before we convene that meeting, we will do some further research and information gathering and go from there.			
12/07/21 CQT2	Cr Lana Formoso	Loose parking pole within (Menzies Avenue) activity centre I have had local business owners along Menzies Avenue contact me about a couple of issues. A few of these issues have raised as merits through the Snap Send Solve system and they have not been resolved through that way, so I was really hoping to bring it to the officer's attention this evening. One of them is that there is a loose parking pole that has just been erected recently. It has just been erected recently. It has just been drilled into the concrete however it is extremely loose. A child or an elderly person could just lean on it very briefly and have some serious damage so I would like that investigated. I did not know how to put that through as a merit request to be honest because I just thought it would take too long knowing how serious the issue is and it was only brought to my attention yesterday.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	16/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: We will follow up on all four of those items so as I understood them, a loose parking pole, the lights not working at the Senior Citizens Centre, the road surface and also the lights at the pedestrian crossings. I will get onto all of those matters first thing in the morning and try and address them as quickly and promptly as possible. Further response provided I 6/07/21: Sign truck has removed the current sign and reinstall with a concrete footing.

Reports from Councillors/Delegates & Councillors' Questions - Questions Taken on Notice

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsibl e Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
12/07/21 CQT3	Or Lana Formoso	Lights not working at Latham Senior Citizens centre (Menzies Avenue) I have also flagged some of the lights that are not working at the Latham Crescent Senior Citizens Centre in Dandenong North. Three lights in fact are not working at all, two of which I think are new and have not yet started to operate if officers could investigate.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	16/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: We will follow up on all four of those items so as I understood them, a loose parking pole, the lights not working at the Senior Citizens Centre, the road surface and also the lights at the pedestrian crossings. I will get onto all of those matters first thing in the morning and try and address them as quickly and promptly as possible. Further response provided 16/07/21:
					and around the old Meals on Wheels and Hall buildings including the Park and found 5 lights out: 3 building and 2 United Energy lights. All are being reported to the appropriate departments.
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12/07/21 CQT4	Or Lana Formoso	Road paving quality (Menzies Avenue) Businesses are also complaining about the road surface along Menzies Avenue in Dandenong North and that it is in really dismal shape so if that could also be assessed.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	16/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: We will follow up on all four of those items so as I understood them, a loose parking pole, the lights not working at the Senior Citizens Centre, the road surface and also the lights at the pedestrian crossings. I will get onto all of those matters first thing in the morning and try and address them as quickly and promptly as possible.
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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsibl e Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					The road surface has been programmed for minor patching repairs with our contractor
					COMPLETED
CQT5	Cr Lana Formoso	Lights at pedestrian crossings (Menzies Avenue) The lights at the two pedestrian crossings that I have raised through Snap Send Solve and they have not yet been corrected so to not have lights at two pedestrian crossings I think is extremely dangerous. Could I have the appropriate officer respond please? Comment Cor Lana Formoso I think the lights at the pedestrian crossing is a VicRoads issue but if we could still follow that up, I would greatly appreciate that.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	16/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: We will follow up on all four of those items so as I understood them, a loose parking pole, the lights not working at the Senior Citizens Centre, the road surface and also the lights at the pedestrian crossings. I will get onto all of those matters first thing in the morning and try and address them as quickly and promptly as possible. Further response provided 16/07/21: Our signal maintenance Contractor has been informed and currently looking into the overhead flood lights at this pedestrian crossing We like to encourage residents to use the Snap Send Solve app or to call customer service to ensure that any issues that they observe are sent to the correct department and actioned in a timely manner. This also ensures that all requests are tracked and are covered by the agreed timeframes. Items that do not come through the Customer Request system are only subject to those timeframe from when they are logged and therefore may be
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					actioned not as quickly as if reported while the resident is onsite. If you do happen to speak to any of the residents or shopkeepers in this area and they do notice an issue, please encourage them to contact customer service.
					COMPLETED
12/07/21 CQT6	Or Lana Formoso	Service provision at Jan Wilson Centre The other issue relates to the Jan Wilson Centre in Noble Park North. I have had a couple of residents contact me trying to make enquiries for mothers' groups. This is an issue that I have raised in the past in regards to the website not being up and running or effective enough in a way for people in the area to ascertain information regarding these services at this amazing community centre, yet we have got no way of accessing what actually goes on there. I have looked for several things myself and not been able to find it. I know we were in the process of maybe revamping that but I would really like that addressed as soon as possible. The other issue in regards to that was that we do have a phone that is manned there throughout the day until about 2.30pm, however on Friday 9 July 2021, the phone line was busy the entire day. Can the appropriate officer explain to me why that occurred?	Executive Manager, Communica tions & Customer Service	19/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I am not aware of what the phone issue was but I will certainly follow up and find out what is going on there. With regards to what is on at the centre, there is a whole host of activities on at that centre, many are private groups, some of them are activities and things that we put on as Council and we get facilitators in to host those. I can certainly provide you with the information. Post-COVID groups are starting to come back a lot more than what they were previously so that is happening gradually and within all the restrictions that we have in place. Some have decided not to return at all but a number of them are coming back so I can certainly track down exactly who is using the facility when and provide that information to you. Further response provided 19/07/21: I can now confirm that we do appear
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		Cr Lana Formoso The issue is also that if you relay that information to me, it still needs to be relayed to the community so if we could publish that on the website to ensure that the rest of the public is provided that information.			advertised. This has long been updated on all our materials however was still appearing under the Google search. That has been reported this morning and will hopefully be removed soon. That said, when we decommission a number in these circumstance the old one should still divert to the new. We are investigating to make sure that's still the case. All queries relating to our facilities for hire are answered between 8.30am-5pm weekdays, even though the Jan Wilson centre is only accessible in person until 2pm unless there is a booking.
					All the events at the centre are included in the events listing on our website. In addition to that I've organised for these to be added to the centre page as soon as the current lockdown ends. I've also attached the flyer detailing activities at the centre for your information.
					We look forward to welcoming yourself and any other interested councillors to a meet and greet at the centre as soon as COVID restrictions are relaxed and we are able to do so.
					COMPLETED
12/07/21 CQT7	Cr Eden Foster	Dumped rubbish at Cyril Grove, Noble Park	Director Business,	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: Yes, we can investigate. The
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		Just a couple of things, I can deal with global issues as well as local ones.	Engineering & Major Projects		Eastlink Trail runs for quite a distance so is there an intersection at all?
		It has been brought to my attention over			We will follow that up.
		the weekend that there are bags of dumped rubbish on Cyril Grove in Noble Park, from the site adjacent to the			Further response provided 22/07/21:
		Eastlink Trail. Could the relevant officers please investigate and clear this please?			Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Your report of the
					dumped rubbish on Cyril Grove in Noble Park was subsequently
		Comment Cr Eden Foster Ovel Crown is really a uite short so if			entered into council's customer request system, Merit, delegated to
		Council officers just drive through it, they will see it.			actioned the requested and arranged for the dumped rubbish to be
		***************************************			collected.
		Comment John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive			COMPLETED
		<u>Officer</u>			
		Yes, could I just take the opportunity, I was concerned to hear Cr Formoso			
		indicate that she had registered a			
		number of concerns on snap send solve and they had not been addressed or			
		responded to. I have made a note of that and we will follow up in relation to that.			
		As far as I am concerned, Snap Send			
		Solve continues to be a very reliable			
		Cr Foster raised. I think it is an ideal			
		situation because you are in a park environment. It will give you the			
		coordinates for the location which in turn			
		tells us precisely where it is without			
		knowing a street address so, I would notwithstanding Cr Formoso's recent			
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		experiences, encourage all Councillors to continue to use and advocate Snap Send Solve and we will certainly get to the bottom of any current issues if they appear.			
12/07/21 CQT8	Cr Eden Foster	Parking times in Hemmings Street, Dandenong (IGA) Back in January I brought to Council's attention the parking situation on Hemmings Street in Dandenong just outside the IGA. The owner of the IGA has mentioned some issues with the parking there of 2 hours and has wanted to look at perhaps 15 minutes parking to allow for more customers to flow through and I hank also to Cr Memeti for also bringing that to my attention. Can I just have an update on what the situation is with the parking because I drove through the other day and it is still two hours along there.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I will take that question on notice. I will take that question on notice. I will take that question on notice. I will follow up and get an update from our Projects and Parking teams. Further response provided 21/07/21: This matter was referred to the Parking Review Committee and it was noted that the same request has been previously consulted upon several times. Whilst one trader would like shorter term parking bays, the consultation has continuously identified the other traders in the area are not supportive of the proposal. Additionally, Council's Coordinator Transport met several weeks ago onsite with some of the traders and raised the option of introducing some shorter-term parking. However, this was again not supported by those in attendance, which included the owner from the IGA. Further to the above, recent consultations on other parking matters around the municipality have resulted in extremely poor response rates. This is likely due to many factors, including the community's focus on other parking the community of the compunity of the community of
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					times with regards to Covid19 and associated restrictions. As such, in the short term, the Transport team will refrain from undertaking consultation on all but the most urgent issues until conditions have somewhat settled.
					COMPLETED
12/07/21 CQT13	Garad Garad	Footpath access for people with mobility issues at HomeCo Will persons with mobility issues have footpath access from the bus stop to the east of the HomeCo Shopping Centre, to the medical centre inside the shopping centre, not the one directly in front of the centre? Comment or the one directly in front of the centre? Comment that has been mentioned today. I also urge that you know, local residents with mobility issues are also consulted to see if it is to their satisfaction as well. There are many stakeholders in this change and we would urge that they are consulted in this process as well.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: Bus passengers including those with mobility issues will be able to access the medical centre via an appropriate pedestrian pathway network. Options available include either traversing along Cheltenham Road to the path that aligns with the main entry to the shopping complex, or internally through the footpath network that is under construction as part of the housing development. They will not be required to traverse along the main roadway. We will be arranging an independent assessment of this intersection and the location including liaising with the adjacent private landowners to determine what additional measures can be put in place to improve pedestrian way finding illegibility at this location. Further response provided 21/07/21: Officers are arranging for independent assessments of the various issues and are hoping to
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					have outcomes reported by the Friday 30 July. I anticipate an update will be provided at the following Council briefing session/meeting.
12/07/21 CQT15	Cr Jim Memeti	Location of Dandenong Stingray games I have received a few questions from our community regarding the Dandenong Stingrays Football team that they do not appear to be playing at Shepley Oval anymore and have gone to Frankston. Can we get an answer to that whether the Dandenong Stingrays are still using Shepley Oval for their matches? Comment Can you please confirm in the next few days with me because I would really love to know? A resident who lives nearby says he has not seen them there for a while and he believes they are playing in Frankston. We have a fantastic facility there and if it is not getting used, we have many clubs in our community who desperately need sporting fields.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: To the best of my knowledge yes, they are. Further response provided 22/07/21: The Dandenong Stingrays have temporarily reallocated their games from Shepley Oval to Frankston whilst essential resurfacing and repair works are undertaken across the ground. The window to complete these types of works can be limited due to the tight timeframes between the cricket and football seasons. Shepley Oval will be fit for purpose before the end of the week.
12/07/21 CQT16& CQT17	Cr Jim Memeti	Seagull issues & measures to reduce population Many businesses are complaining about the seagulls. This is creating a big problem for them because they are spending tens of thousands of dollars on trying to secure their roofs and box	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity/ Mayor		Initial response provided 12/07/21: This has been an issue that is the poisoned chalice. We have tried everything that we are legally allowed to try; and we are only going to try the things that we are legally allowed to try. You will have seen
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		gutters. Is there anything else we can do from Council's point of view to try and get rid of these seagulls once and for all?			the reflectors that we have got on building roofs and the nets that we have put up. These are things that we can put on our structures however, the solution is not one that Council alone can be responsible for it short room to connect the council alone can be responsible
		Question Cr Angela Long, Mayor			participating in it. The seagulls are a protected species, one may not disturb their
		Are we also making look operators within the City secure their rubbish as well because some of them do not have big enough bins to put their rubbish in and that is how the seagulls are actually			nests, one may not temove their nest, one may not take any action to physically eradicate them. We have had experts out and had a look at it and we have tried everything from
		feeding off the rubbish that is hanging out of bins?			flying falcons to the reflectors. Seagulls are attracted to food and we have had our Local Laws Officers go out and try to educate members
					within the community against putting food out for the birds. We have seen and some of the Councillors here have also raised it with me, it may have been Cr Tan who attended an event at one of the parks in Noble
					Park and saw a lady who goes out and she thinks she is doing a good deed by feeding the seagulls. These are the things that we have got to try and its part of trying to move them
					unfortunately there is no real solution to them. As I say, they are not a pest, they are not feral, they are a protected species and the only way you are going to stop them roosting in guitter boxes is if nooth occurs.
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		Cr Jim Memeti Clearly that is not working. We have a problem and we need a new idea. I am a little bit upset that these businesses are losing tens of thousands of dollars through repairing their roofs during COVID so we need to take this to the next level. I think we need to write to the Minister and let her or him know of our problem and maybe we can have a one off clean up and move these nests properly but we need to do something because what has been done is not working so can we write to the Minister?			doing what it can in respect of its roofs. A couple of years ago I think, we had an arrangement with some suppliers where property owners or building owners could access their services at a discounted rate. The best time to do this is not during winter but again as I say, it is that poisoned chalice. There is no actual solution to the issue other than trying to assist and do things like education and community participation and securing those places.	i .
		<u>Comment</u> <u>Cr Angela Long, Mayor</u> Yes.			have done that as well and it is not just the seagulls. The ones that are making the biggest mess in that regard are those very, very clever black crows who open the bins but that is all part of that education process.	
					Further response provided 26/07/21: Letter is being drafted when all the required information is to hand and will provide further update at the next meeting.	
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12/07/21 CQT20	Cr Sophie Tan		Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	26/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I think this is the question that you had emailed through earlier and to which our Coordinator Urban Design provided a response. I cannot	
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		Club. I know we have not looked at a Master Plan or any Concept Plans for a long, long time and the clubs have been successfully managed so far. However many facilities and hildings are proposed.			response but I did know that she provided some timelines and some indicative costs. I will go back to those emails and will look into it furbor of will 190k in or it furbor of will 190k in or it furbor of will 190k in or
		inary racinities and ballonings are ageing including the Noble Park Bowls Club, Noble Community Tennis courts and the Noble Scort Hall 1 for remember from			notice. Yes, the start of the process for Mactor Diaming is to broke a
		Master Plan at the time but this is certainly part of the requirements for a			successful CIP bid in which will kick off the process in terms of doing the design and the cost of what that
		Master Plan. We need a Concept Plan for this park as part of the Open Space Strategy 2020-2030. My question to the relevant officer, when can we proceed			a relationship between the size of the Master Plan, what it is intended to do and the actual cost of
		with the Concept Plan and Master Plan for this Reserve and also the costs of these plans?			producing that Master Plan. It also gives an indication of the times that will be involved with the design.
		Comment Cr Sophie Tan The reply I received had to do with the CIP bids.			construction and time periods. I think that those were generally covered but I must go back and see if there was anything more I can add to the answer that was given by the Coordinator.
					All of our tasks will have been referenced in that Open Space Strategy, it is about when they come up for their turn and how it relates to the CIP. At the end of the day, any design work becomes capitalised as part of the work that is done in the
					development or the re-development of the park if the actual expenditure of money, the money that we spend in doing the design is taken out of a successful CIP budget item. That is where the CIP part comes into it. I
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		Cr Sophie Tan			something in the question and
		The officer said that it is one of the			answer but it is not a separate operational fund when you are doing
		recommendations for a Concept Plan to be produced as this is part of our Open			a park re-development and
		Space Strategy 2020 and 2030, so why			designs are part of the capital cost
		is that related to the CIP budget?			and not a separate operational cost.
					Further response provided
					26/07/21:
					Further to the responses provided at
					had the opportunity to review earlier
					email advices and confirm below the
					following advice: There is currently
					no master plan in place for Noble
					Park Reserve. One of the
					recommendations in the Open
					Space Strategy 2020-2030 requires
					a master plan/concept plan to be
					developed for this Reserve. The
					Tuture planning of Noble Park
					Reserve would be subject to all
					overall concept plan exercise for the
					whole park. This would allow us to
					their function, location/co-location
					and expansion (eg - bowls pavilion,
					scout hall), sports fields, bowls
					greens and recreation uses,
					carparks and landscape etc in the
					park and develop a park concept
					plan that facilitates staged future
					capital improvements to the reserve.
					The Noble Park Reserve
					master/concept plan will need to be
					submitted as a CIP budget bid for
					consideration in the annual budget
					process. Once it is approved as a
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					budgeted project then we can start the project. The CIP bid process for 2022/23 will be commencing later this year and an exact amount of how much the exercise could cost is a component of we would do as part of a CIP bid scoping exercise.
					COMPLETED
12/07/21 CQT21	Cr Richard Lim	Number 8 Balmoral Car Park Yesterday afternoon about 2.15pm, a gentleman rang me and was very unhappy and stressed. He wanted to know when the multi-level carpark is going to get fixed because currently it is very congested. Can the relevant officer please tell me roughly when it is going to happen?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I will take that question on notice. I know the funds were allocated in the budget that was adopted at the end of June 2021 for improvement works on the carpark and I understand a project delivery team is working to progress that but I will have to provide that update for you on the actual date.
					Eurther response provided 22/07/21: I understand that you wanted to know when this multi-level carpark is going to get fixed because currently it is very congested. I can advise that preliminary planning is underway which will lead to a detailed design for the construction of additional ramps for some of the levels. Due to the complexity of the design and the impact on relocating building services it is expected that work would commence towards the end of the financial year, possibly around May 2022.
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12/07/21 CQT22	Gr Bob Milkovic	Reserve I had the pleasure last week on Wednesday of meeting some great local residents who are also members of a Pétanque Club at the Lois Twohig Reserve in Dandenong North. I was welcomed with a real enthusiasm on a rather cold and miserable night by a large group of enthusiastic Pétanque players. Council does a really good job in maintaining the facilities at Lois Twohig Reserve. however, there are a few shortfalls one of them being the club facilities where they meet and greet although it is immaculately dean and everything seems to be in functioning order, there was absolutely no heating and cooling at that place. I was wondering if I can ask the relevant of a split system reverse cycle air conditioner can be installed prior to the hot summer days and nights as well and they also play at night.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: We can investigate reverse cycle heating and cooling in the building and provide further advice. Further response provided 22/07/21: I understand that you would like the relevant officers to have a look whether some sort of a split system reverse cycle air conditioner can be installed prior to the hot summer days and nights and also for miserable and cold winter nights as well, as the club members also play at night. I can confirm that I have arranged an inspection of the building which houses the Petanque Club with you and the relevant Sport and Recreation officers so we can discuss your proposal. As discussed the date of the inspection is dependent on the lifting of the current COVID 19 lockdown restrictions.
12/07/21 CQT23	Or Bob Milkovic	Benches attracting inappropriate behaviour outside liquor shop on Brady Road, Dandenong North There is an issue on Brady Road and that is that the bench in front of the liquor shop and the hairdresser's salon is quite often seated by unsavoury characters quite boozed up. The female workers of	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: We will have to inspect that so I will take that question on notice. Further response provided 22/07/21: Council's operational staff have worked closely with our Community

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		the hairdresser shop do have an issue where they feel very unsafe so much so they have to lock their door. Also, as ladies walk past, they do on occasion get harassed with unsavoury comments getting thrown in their direction. I was wanting to ask if relevant officers can have a look or the department can have a look if that particular bench can either be relocated or taken down all together because there are about three or four other benches available for people to sit down further away from this particular shop.			Services Team is an effort to respond to this inquiry effectively, given their experience in this field. It has been recommended that the relocation of the seat immediately outside the liquor premises occur, as this combination is generally not desirable. As you have indicated, there are other seating opportunities located nearby that will continue to be made available to the broader community. As a result, this seat will be removed by the end of next week (30th July) and relocated to an alternative location that is yet to be determined.	
					As part of a broader approach, our Community Services Team have agreed to follow up with the licensee of the bottle shop about their responsibilities with regard to the sale of alcohol to particular individuals and the reporting of undesirable behaviour outside their premises to the Police.	
12/07/21 CQT24	Cr Bob Milkovic	Update on bus shelter MOU I remember at the last meeting Mr Kearley did mention with regards to the	Director Business, Engineering	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I will obtain an update on that. I am not up to speed on that particular including the provided that I am the provided the provided that I am the	1
		on the bus shelters, there had been a couple of different scenarios of MOUs offered and presented to us. Can I have	R major Projects		discussions happening between the different parties.	
		an update as this is something that is very close to my heart. There are			Further response provided 21/07/21:	
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		residents who desperately need these bus shelters so I am looking for solutions sooner rather than later. Has there been any progress or any movement as to which way we are going to go with MOUs, is there any news on the horizon, is there any progress being made whatsoever?			Discussions are proceeding well with regards to finalising a MoU between Council and the DoT. Further information sought regarding details of existing oOhMedia bus shelters has been sent for inclusion in the MOU. DoT are proceeding with preparatory arrangements for the first few shelters including the shelter near the Aged Care facility on Outlook Drive, Dandenong North. Councillors will be informed of further details in the coming weeks once matters are finalised.
12/07/21 CQT25	Gr Bob Milkovic	Reporting of illegally parked cars on clearways Is there any way that people and residents or even us for that matter can report illegally parked cars particularly in the clearway zones or no standing zones between the hours of 5.00pm and 6.00pm when the Council offices have closed? It seems to be a problem particularly at Clow Street where the KFC is and it seems to be an ongoing issue mostly in the afternoon hours which causes a lot of confusion and frustration for everyone involved. Can we look at a system where we can quickly capture the details of the car and driver and be able to report these offenders accurately to ensure traffic is flowing freely through the City of Greater Dandenong?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	23/07/21	As you say, you can make the phone call now and ten minutes later the vehicle is gone. To get an officer from one end of the activity centre to the other is just going to take that amount of time. The area that you spoke about outside KFC has been an area of high attention from us and in fact, recently probably about a month ago I sent around some statistics of the number of infringements that we had issued in the clearway and the no stopping on both sides of the road and they were quite substantial. There has been an improvement in behaviour in that area and so the constant or the high degree of vigilance and enforcement by the officers has seen an improvement in the area. Just like
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					have hot spot areas that are brought to our attention, we increase our parries for those areas which will
					then generally bring about an improvement in behaviour. Again it
					is a case of following the hot spot
					and if you want to give me some hot
					spots and if it is a case of revisiting the KFC, the Clow Street strip, we
					will do that. If there are others,
					happy to have that as part of the program.
					Eurthor reconnect provided
					23/07/21:
					To add some further clarity for the
					Councillor and community's benefit,
					the areas in question form part of our
					"Peak" patrol routine aimed at
					ensuring traffic can flow unimpeded
					by megally parked vernices. As an indication, the regular patrols for
					patrols of Clow Street, between
					Lonsdale and Thomas St the stats
					for January to March 2021 show that
					we have issued at least 115
					infringements for illegal stopping in
					that 'clearway' since the beginning of
					January. Our Parking Management Officers will continue to maintain a
					focus on that and other 'hot spot'
					strips for now. In non-COVID times,
					staff from our Parking Enforcement
					team are on duty until 9pm, so if an
					illegally parked vehicle is causing a
					salety issue, illelibers of the public
					call call our custoffler set vice
					connected to Council after hours
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					paging service, who will forward the request for service to the officers on duty. Outside of those hours the Victoria Police should be contacted, particularly if the matter is of a safety issue, as they are also able to enforce the State Road Rules.
12/07/21 CQT26	Or Bob Mikovic	Scrutiny of contractor works (Halton/Carlton Road, Dandenong North) Last week, I inspected some road resurfacing and the kerb and channel replacement on Gladstone Road between Halton Road and Carlton Road, Dandenong North. The kerb and channel were repaired two or three months prior. The road has been left in a bit of a disarray and I was told that the road will get resurfaced. Upon inspecting the surface and driving over the surface which I do on a daily basis probably about a dozen times, I have noticed that the surface is for lack of a better word, a disaster. It is not a resurface but more of a patch up job. Cr Formoso and I did meet onsite with Council officers last week. Cr Formoso left a little bit earlier and I stayed on to whinge and moan about it a bit longer. I was a little bit disappointed that we as a Council and safekeepers of ratepayers' money, are not taking a harder approach to controlling and scrutinising the quality of the work that is being performed. I was under the impression that the works had	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: Mr Van Boxtel may well have something to add but just wanted to contribute and say that I have an ability to stimulate a bit of passion for these sorts of things, they are unacceptable standards as far as we are concerned. I have had a look at the photographs and I have had quite extensive experience myself in lining asphalt so I do know both the pros and cons of laying asphalt at this time of year in very wintery conditions and cold conditions when I think sometimes, you are best to undertake rectification works. I have been around long enough to know in the bad old days when we had clerks of works on jobs, there were Council officers who stood there and monitored every aspect of it but that became very cost ineffective when contractors were signed up to contracts on the basis of quality assurance, they would give an assurance, they would deliver decrain qualities. It does not mean that they do always deliver those
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		that nobody notices what is going on and after the six-month period, this is going to			qualities, it just means that they back their work by an assurance that they	
		get redone again or after two years. I am under the impression that the road			either do the work well or they will correct the work well. It sounds like	
		surface was quite irregular, it was quite			we have a bit of work to do to review	
		bumpy for something that is called a new road surface and I was wondering if we			some of that, how it is effective and how it is operating I am not aware of	
		can maybe take a deeper look into that			any projects that we have accepted	
		as to what sort of mechanisms we do			and have turned a blind eye to. I also	_
		have in place. I do understand how it			know that there are some projects	
		works, it was explained to file but the lack of passion from I quess the			triat we'll down poorly after a couple of months of traffic and the kneading	
		department to actually pursue it and			effect that pneumatic tyres have on	
		chase it has surprised me a little bit. I			roads, that they can come good. It	
		would have thought that the response			does not mean that it would happen	
		would have been more vigilant. I would			in this occasion, but it is not an exact	
		like to see something more done about			science asphalt lining and it is	
		that. I am sure that Cr Memeti would			something that I am very happy to	
		agree when we had this issue on			take on board. I am monitoring that	
		Hammond Road in Dandenong South,			project from afar and I will have a	
		where it had to be done twice. Like I said,			closer look at it and a conversation	
		it was supposed to be a full resurfacing			with the officers. I know Mr	
		job that looked like a patch up job so l			Kearsley, who is also taking a direct	
		am not sure if we can do something			interest in that project and the two of	
		about that?			us together want to make sure that	
					we get that one right but we also get	
					any corrections made to our systems	
					and processes if that is what is	
		Comment Cr Bob Milkovic			required.	
		Thank you Mr Bennie and Mr Van Boxtel.			Additional response provided	
		I will be keeping a close eye on that one			12/07/21	
		as well. I have to say from the last email,			Yes, we want our contractors to be	
		the explanation and what has been			accountable at the end of the day	
		proposed to be done as a rectification			and if we are paying them to do a	
		measure I think is not what we actually			job, we want that job done properly	
		ordered as an original job so I think our			so we will follow up that matter and	
		ratepayers deserve nothing less than for			update accordingly.	
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		wisely but I will also be keeping a close eye on that.			Further response provided 22/07/21: I have read the background to your question you raised at the Council meeting as well as the CEO response you received at the time and understand your view that a full resurfacing job of a section of Gladstone Road was expected and your concern that the result looked like a patch up job. You have asked whether we can do something about that.
					I can advise that there has been an inspection of the asphalt work and it is accepted by all that the result from that very cold night was not acceptable. The contractor has been asked to rectify the works and it was agreed that this be done in the warmer weather around September. Laying asphalt in warm weather provides a greater chance of a smooth and durable outcome.
12/07/21 CQT27	Cr Tim Dark	Permit for kebab shop at United service station (near Springvale Police station) I have received an email and a phone call from a resident in my Ward with regards to a shop that he has at the United Service Station in Springvale just up from the Springvale Police Station. He has made an application through Town Planning to open a kebab shop	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: Certainly. I know exactly where you are referring to but if you have any other details to follow up, I will advise you and the applicant. Further response provided 21/07/21: Council issued an amended planning permit (PLN05/0403.01) on 29 June
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		through the information which I have only just received to the relevant officer so it can be taken on notice.			Springvale Road, Springvale, which permitted the additional use of food trailer. This was subject to amended plans being submitted, which are yet to be provided. The permit was sent to the planning consultant that was listed as the applicant. As such I would encourage the resident to contact their planning consultant regarding this permit.
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12/07/21 CQT28 Reports fro	Gr Tim Dark	Dire, Keysborough Drive, Keysborough Drive, Keysborough Drive, Reysborough Bus Drive, Reysborough Drive, Reysborough Drive, Reysborough Comment Drive in Keysborough. Reborts from Councillors' Questions - Questions Taken on Notice	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: Can I just get the street names again, sorry? We will follow that up. Further response provided 22/07/21: Council's Drainage Inspector checked all the drainage pits in Malmo Court & Cabinda Drive earlier this week. Of the 32 pits inspected, 5 pit mouths were cleared of leaves and other debris during the inspection and two pipes were inspection and two pipes were inspection and two pipes were identified with 'minor blockages' that have since been programmed for clearing within the next 30 days. Negligible material was observed in most of the pits, and we would expect minimal flooding or blockages due to the relatively large size of the pipes in these two streets (600mm and 750mm dia). Residents are encouraged to report any future incidents of flooding directly to

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12/07/21	Cr Tim Dark	Parking issues in Brett Drive,	Director	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21:
CQT29		Keysborough	Sity		think there might be two issues
		A couple of elderly residents in Brett	Planning,		here, whether there is any illegal
		Drive in Keysborough have raised some	Design &		parking taking place and whether it
		Child Care Centre at 362 Cheltenham	Amenity		is excessive of Just III the Wiorlg
		Road in Kevsborough, that the staff there			Management Officers look at that.
		have been parking in Brett Drive around			will also consult with Mr Van Boxtel
		the corner. When the Early Learning			from the point of view of engineering
		Centre is open as well as the Child Care			safety. The road would not be under
		Centre, there is a substantial backlog of			our jurisdiction from that point of
		cars very, very close to the bend. It has			view but I am sure we can have a
		been reported by some pensioners that			look into it and see if there is any
		there have been some very close near			improvement coming around the
		misses over the last few weeks with			corner and suddenly being
		people coming off Cheltenham Road in			presented with a change in speed so
		the 80-kilometre zone to quickly turn into			certainly the Parking Management
		Brett Drive in the off ramp and then slow			Officers will investigate.
		right down. Some big cars are now			
		parking further away from the kerb and			Further response provided
		channel which is causing an issue. Can			21/07/21:
		this be investigated by the relevant			As per the response provided at the
		officer?			meeting, this matter is being
					addressed from both a parking
		Comment			enforcement and traffic engineering
		Cr Tim Dark			perspective. Parking Management
		If you could, that would be great. I will			Officers are patrolling this location to
		send through some details as well as the			ensure drivers are parking legally.
		elderly residents' details.			Should it be observed that the issues
					are caused by illegally parking, the
					enforcement activities should
					address these concerns by
					encouraging appropriate parking
					behaviours and practices. However,
					should it not be an issue of illegal
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					parking, Council's Traffic Engineers will then consider appropriate interventions. This may include the possible introduction of parking restrictions to provide a safer road environment for all road users. As per our usual process for parking in residential areas, the local community will be consulted with regards to any proposed alterations to on-street parking.
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12/07/21 CQT30	Cr Tim Dark	Speeding along Bloomfield Road & Elmbank Drive, Keysborough Another concern which has been raised and this is definitely the night for the Planning Department is from a resident who lives in Elmbank Drive in Keysborough. There has been considerable speeding along Elmbank Drive as a shortcut through to Bloomfield Road onto Chandler Road. They were wondering whether there might be an option of installing speed humps in the surrounding streets to hopefully try and slow down the traffic there.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	21/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I will pass that information onto out Transport Team so they can look at these concerns about speeding vehicles in streets. We also have a program where we prioritise those through the CIP program in terms of implementing measures to reduce speed and improve safety in those local neighbourhoods so we will follow that up for you. Further response provided 21/07/21: Council does not have any recent traffic volume or speed data for this street. Therefore, the Transport team will add this location for future data collection once Covid19 restrictions have somewhat eased, which may not be for several weeks. Once we have collected the updated data, the location will be assessed within Council Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program to
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					determine its priority for funding to install traffic calming devices. We will provide you with an update once the above have been undertaken.
12/07/21 CQT31	Cr Tim Dark	Development of Day Hospital in Keysborough (South) I received two calls about this from some residents who live in Keysborough, one in Keysborough, one in Keysborough, one within my Ward. Behind Bunnings on Cheltenham Road, the Victorian Government Department of Health has approved I believe a fully functioning medical centre or a day hospital being built there. I am unaware of anything about that all, particularly given it is an industrial zone but they are felling me that apparently there has been an approved application for a day hospital. Do we have anything with regards to this such as a planning application or do we know if this is correct? Comment Cr Tim Dark It was raised with me by two residents independently. Apparently it is a medical business that is there at the moment and they have sought approval for permit and the Department of Health apparently has issued some sort of permit. I am not sure what it is but I will see if I can source further details as well and get that	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	19/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I am not aware of it but I am happy to follow it up. In fact, given that it is a State Government exercise as you say, it might not even be subject to any permits or referrals to us at all but that will come out in what I be following up on. That information certainly has not come across my desk but happy to check it out and come back to you all. Further response provided 19/07/21: Council is unable to locate any premises to the rear of Bunnings that appear to be used for a medical centre (or similar) or a planning permits for this. Will follow up with Cr Dark to obtain further details. COMPLETED
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12/07/21 CQT32	Cr Tim Dark	Lights out at Rowley Allan Reserve, Keysborough My last question has to do with the Rowley Allan Reserve. A few meetings ago, I raised that there was an issue with the lights. Given that they have got training during the week, there have been some issues with systemic blowouts of the fuses and issues with the cabling. This has now been going on for about three months. The club is getting incredibly frustrated and I am on the receiving end of their frustrations. They have been unable to have proper training because there are now significant dark patches in the middle of the reserve during night-time training and that is causing a lot of issues for the players and also in terms of injuries. Can we please urgently get an update on what is going on with the lights and why it has taken three months to figure out what is going on and why they have not been fixed?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I will take that question on notice. 22/07/21: Council officers first became aware of the issues with the Rowley Allan Reserve light towers back on 14 April 2021. Within 2 days of this inquiry, our lighting contractor was able to repair 3 of the 4 towers at the time, but had to order parts from overseas for the 4th tower which we were advised would take a number of weeks to arrive. As an interim solution, alternate lights were put in the 4th tower so some level of training could continue. During this time, Council officers have been providing ongoing communications with the club. Unfortunately, the current global pandemic resulted in significant delays with the arrival of replacement parts from overseas, which coincidentally finally arrived yesterday. Council's public lighting contractor is repairing the 4th tower today (22rd July) so the lights will be fully functional again when the club is able to resume training.
12/07/21 CQT33	Cr Tim Dark	Uneven pavement at Rowley Allan Reserve, Keysborough Recently a match played at Rowley Allan Reserve between Murrumbeena and Keysborough saw it was raised with me	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Response provided 22/07/21: Thanks for raising this matter again and apologies for the delay in undertaking these works. Root pruning and investigative works have
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		again by the son of one of the elderly residents that I also raised a few months ago in the Council meeting, about the uneven pavement sent via Snap Send Solve by the resident. On top of the Snap Send Solve, I followed up with an email and there were some photos as well. This resident had injured herself quite badily on the asphalt tripping and you can see it is visibly uneven. However, three months later it is still uneven and nothing has changed at all. I think after three months of raising it after somebody has been injured, after Snap Send and Solve, after emails and photos, hopefully we could get something going in terms of potentially grinding it back or breaking it, removing it and relaying it or something to stop anybody from getting injured in the future. It was incredibly embarrassing on the weekend when something that you raised three months prior has not been actioned and I think it reflects poorly upon not only myself but also the Council as to why that has not been fixed. If we could please get onto that as a matter of priority, that would be great thank you.			been completed on the tree root causing the uneven pavement and the asphalt surface was repaired yesterday (21st July). COMPLETED
12/07/21 CQT34	Cr Angela Long	Brown grass at Dandenong City Soccer ground At number one pitch at the Dandenong City soccer ground, the grass has a lot of brown in it. Is there a reason?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Initial response provided 12/07/21: I will have to follow that up. I know there were some repairs done as part of trying to get the pitch up and running for the Melbourne City Ribbons team games and we did eventually have games held there but I am not sure if that is continuing to be an issue. In terms of the
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					condition of the pitch there, we will follow that up. 22/07/21: The Dandenong City soccer pitch at Police Paddocks has been inspected. The discolouration of the turf is a result from a combination of high wear and the seasonal nature of the warm and cool season agrasses present in the pitch. There's no evidence of birds or pest contributing to the appearance of the pitch. We will continue to monitor the pitch in accordance with our current maintenance programs.
CQT35	Cr Angela Long	Lighting at gate at Dandenong City Soccer ground Also, there was a person doing an audit from Soccer Federation and the only thing that really falled them was there was no light at the gate. There is no electricity there. Can we consider a solar panel so we could have a light there at that gate? This question was noted for further action.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	22/07/21	Response provided 22/07/21: The request to install a new solar powered light at the gate to the Dandenong City Soccer Ground will be included in the upcoming midyear budget bid process. COMPLETED

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.

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The meeting closed at 8.42PM.

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