



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 11 APRIL 2022
Commencing at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Loi Truong

Councillors Present

Cr Jim Memeti (Chairperson)

Cr Tim Dark, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Eden Foster, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Richard Lim OAM, Cr Angela Long, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan

Officers Present

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

1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, the Bunurong people and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging while also recognising their deep and continuing connections to climate, culture and country.

We also pay our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders and acknowledge their journey.

1.3 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

All present remained standing as Venerable Bandaraulpatha Gnanawimala Thero from Dhamma Sarana Buddhist Temple Keysborough, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network read the opening prayer:

" May every good blessing come your way. May all the deities protect you. By the power of the qualities of the Buddha, Dhamma, and Sangha, may you always be well. May all calamities be avoided. May all illness pass away. May no dangers threaten you. May you be happy and long-lived. Greeted kindly and welcome everywhere. May four things accrue to you. Long life, beauty, happiness and strength. May you be free from sickness, may you be able to experience dive pleasure and finally the great bliss of Nibbana."

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting of Council held 28 March 2022.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 28 March 2022 be confirmed.

MINUTE 425

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 28 March 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

1.5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

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 eleven [11] items being presented to Council's meeting of 11 April 2022 for signing and sealing as follows:

1. A letter of recognition to Arlene Dickson, Community Services for 30 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
2. A letter of recognition to Elizabeth Pasitchnyj, Community Services for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
3. A letter of recognition to Leah You, Community Services for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
4. A letter of recognition to Lauren Emond, Community Services for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
5. A letter of recognition to Angelica Ramirez, Community Services for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
6. A letter of recognition to Mirjana Kraguljac-Zec, Community Services for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
7. A letter of recognition to Robert Taylor, Business, Engineering and Major Projects for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
8. A letter of recognition to Zachary Smart, Business, Engineering and Major Projects for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
9. A letter of recognition to Andrew Bray, Community Services for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council; and
10. A letter of recognition to Debbie Ristevska, Community Services for 20 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council; and

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing (Cont.)

11. An amended instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Heritage Act 2017*, the *Infringements Act 2006*, the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Road Management Act 2004*, the *Road Safety Act 1986*, the *Sex Work Act 1994*, the *Subdivision 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 the *Local Government Act 2020*; 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 amended instrument enables the following Council officers to carry out the statutory responsibilities of the above Acts and is subject to policy and delegations previously adopted by Council:

- Amy Robie.

Recommendation

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

MINUTE 426

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

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:	Manager Governance
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.

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received two petition updates, no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 11 April 2022.

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 427

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

That this report and Attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

ATTACHMENT 1

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

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If the details of the attachment are unclear please contact Governance on 8571 1000.

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
22/02/22	<p>PETITION: CONCEPT DESIGN OF THE DANDENONG COMMUNITY HUB</p> <p>So that the Dandenong Community Hub is successful and well used, Dandenong residents request Greater Dandenong Council to revise the concept design that has been exhibited to:</p> <p>a) put children's services including children's services playgrounds on the ground floor so children can experience the earth and so that it is a facility that parents want to send their children to</p> <p>b) expand the public playground to be at least the same size as the Keysborough South Community Hub and Springvale Community Hub playgrounds so it is a successful drawcard for visitors to the Dandenong Community Hub and Dandenong Market</p> <p>c) leave the cafe and community lounge on the ground floor so it interfaces with the public playground and to achieve this by using more of the publicly owned land available on the site bordered by Clow St, Stuart St, King St and Sleeth Avenue.</p> <p>It should be noted that this petition was previously tabled at the 29 November 2021 Council Meeting with 238 signatures. A detailed response was sent from the relevant business unit to the head petitioner on 16 December 2021.</p> <p>Petition Re-tabled 28/2022. A further response included in this attachment was sent to the head petitioner on 2/03/2022.</p> <p>Petition Re-tabled 28/03/2022 A response was sent to the head petitioner on 16/03/2022, a copy of which is available upon request.</p>	<p>238 (as at 14/12/21)</p> <p>Further 70 (as at 22/02/22)</p> <p>Further 108 (as at 10/03/22)</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Tabled at CM 29/11/21</p> <p>Responsible Officer: Director Community Services</p> <p>Response sent: 16/12/21</p> <p>(Re)Tabled at CM 28/02/22</p> <p>Responsible Officer: Director Community Services</p> <p>Response sent to the head petitioner 20/3/22 RE: Petition regarding revision of the Dandenong Community Hub Concept Design</p> <p>I write to acknowledge receipt of a petition from a further 70 proponents requesting the Greater Dandenong Council to revise the concept design that has been exhibited to:</p> <p>(a) put children's services including children's services playgrounds on the ground floor so children can experience the earth and so that it is a facility that parents want to send their children to.</p> <p>(b) expand the public playground to be at least the same size as the Keysborough South Community Hub and Springvale Community Hub playgrounds so it is a successful drawcard for visitors to the Dandenong Community Hub and Dandenong Market</p> <p>(c) leave the cafe and community lounge on the ground floor so it interfaces with the public playground; and</p> <p>(d) to achieve this by using more of the publicly owned land available on the site bordered by Clow St, Stuart St, King St and Sleeth Avenue.</p>

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	• Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
				<p>The petition's additional proponents were tabled at the Council Meeting on Monday 28 February 2022.</p> <p>Consultation and engagement concerning the draft Dandenong Community Hub concept design was undertaken from Monday 27 September to Monday 25 October 2021 to seek feedback on the draft concept plans. During this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's online 'Have your say' consultation portal received 49 respondents • 140 submissions were received via email. • Three community workshops were held online involving 17 participants. • Our consultation conducted 16 interviews. • And met with 2 Advisory Committees of Council. <p>Based on this consultation feedback, amendments were made to the concept designs and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enlarging the proposed community kitchen on the ground floor. • Provision of storage in community meeting rooms. • Relocation of Maternal and Child Health to the ground floor – to improve childcare and kindergarten facilities on the first floor. • Relocation of early years kitchen and support facilities on the first floor. • Provision of an internal upstairs foyer for traffic control for arriving and departing parents.

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of existing lift within the building. • The inclusion of a raised platform/stage in the active studio. • Reduction of the administrative space occupied by centre management. • Removal of the 'gallery space' in the Hub foyer. • Relocation of central stairwell to improve traffic control and security. • Enlargement of childcare/kindergarten facilities and integration of licensed outdoor space. <p>The results of consultation: amended concept plans and draft business case were presented to Council for their review at a Councillor briefing session on Monday 6 December 2021.</p> <p>As an action from the Monday 6 December 2021 CBS, Council requested additional work be undertaken to further test alternative building layouts. Alternative layouts would ensure that final concept plans reflect the best possible outcomes for the Dandenong community.</p> <p>The alternative layouts requested that the consultants consider spatial allocation requirements for a one-level building on the identified site, and also revisit a double story building with early years services on the ground floor.</p> <p>The alternative layouts, draft concept plans and business case for Dandenong Community hub are currently due to be presented again at a Councillor briefing session in March of 2022.</p>

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
11/03/22	<p>• PETITION TO HAVE BETTER DRAINAGE/SEWERAGE SYSTEMS</p> <p>Due to heavy rain, we of Royal Avenue, Springvale 3171 request to have better drainage system for our street. The heavy rain has caused flooding to all the addresses mentioned below. The current drainage system cannot cope with heavy rain and we wish to have some action to be taken by the council.</p> <p>We the undersigned are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to provide better sewage/drainage for Royal Avenue residents. Thanks.</p>	10	In progress	<p>Tabled at CM 28/03/2022</p> <p>Responsible Officer: Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects.</p> <p>Acknowledgement letter sent 15/03/2022 to Mr R Nguyen, the first signatory.</p> <p>Update provided 29/03/22</p> <p>An interim response has been sent to the head petitioner advising officers will conduct an investigation into their request.</p>

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

An Immediate action in the current Springvale Community Hub Action Plan 2020-22 was to install a display to provide green star information about the building (ie. water and solar usage) and increase awareness. When I last asked about this my memory was that the implementation would be completed by February this year. What are the current timeframes for installation?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

Completion of this project has unfortunately been delayed. The digital information that was provided from the building system specialists and architects was very technical and when tested with members of the community it was found to be non-user-friendly and a bit difficult to understand. This information is currently being reviewed and redrafted to ensure it can be communicated in a user-friendly manner for the community and in the interim Council's Sustainability Officers have prepared a range of videos that stream on the digital screens frequently to provide educational information on the Hub, the green star program and house sustainable operations are happening on the site.

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

As a regular visitor to the Springvale Community Hub since the relaxation of restrictions I have had conversations with other residents who are unaware that individuals and community groups can hire the community rooms in the Hub. While that information is on the website there is no signage in the Hub itself that hiring the community rooms is possible. Can flyers please be put in various places around the Hub with that information?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

During the last two COVID-19 impacted years, promotion of venue hire has primarily occurred digitally. Council officers are currently developing a new hard copy flyer that will incorporate venue hire information and encourage the community to book and use the spaces of the Community Hub along with other key information. In the interest of sustainability this information will also be displayed on posters and via digital signage.

Question

Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park

When is there going to be community consultation on the next Springvale Community Hub Action Plan given the current one ends in June this year?

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

The Springvale Community Hub Action Plan comes to a close in June 2022. A review is currently underway to establish what has been achieved, what is in progress and what might have been delayed due to COVID or for other reasons. Subsequently, community feedback will be sought to inform the development of the next Action Plan for the Community Hub, taking into consideration what the current priorities are for the local community and what might need to be progressed from the current Action Plan. The community engagement plan for this project is currently being developed in consultation with the Springvale Community Hub Committee and is planned to occur in mid-2022.

Comment

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

We have eight questions that are all connected to the Capital Alliance Project in Central Dandenong. They are all different questions but they all relate to a similar matter and there is a similar theme that runs through them all. I will read each question. There are two where the questioners have asked to address their question to the Council and I will allow those to be asked. In response the Director of Business, Engineering and Major Projects is not here tonight but in his stead the Director of City Planning, Design and Amenity, Mr Bosman who works closely on Planning matters is best placed to provide an overall response to all questions. If after that there are any outstanding aspects to any of the questions, we would certainly be more than happy to address them.

Question

Sabrina Mileto, Dandenong

In relation to my answer at the last Council meeting, when is the response referred to regarding the inadequacy of the Capital Alliance consultation process going to be made?

Question

Sabrina Mileto, Dandenong

Going back to my question about parking with the Capital Alliance at the last Council meeting I was not asking about the parking requirements site by site, I was asking why is Council not objecting to the feasibility of the parking approach overall or are they saying that they agree with it? I am wanting to know what Council's view on the parking approach is.

Question

Sabrina Mileto, Dandenong

I am confused regarding the answer to my question at the last meeting regarding the traffic approach for the Capital Alliance development. The answer was that there were experts that would help inform the development of this plan. Which plan? I thought this "Master Plan" was the finished plan that would provide the answers regarding the traffic approach.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question

Nick Jansen, Dandenong

The response to my cycling question did not really answer anything. Council needs to organise a meeting of residents to answer their questions about this half-baked proposal to develop the Sites 11-15 in central Dandenong. When can that be done?

Question

Clotilde Castro, Dandenong

When will the Council convene a meeting of Dandenong residents regarding the redevelopment of Little India? Many are confused about the project which has no token consultation.

Question

Tina Congues, Dandenong

During the so-called consultation for RCD sites 11-15, is Council making a submission on the proposal for RCD Sites 11-15 and if not, why not, and if so, when and how will it be made publicly available?

Question

Tina Congues, Dandenong

The Capital Alliance proposal Revitalising Central Dandenong sites 11-15 consultation has been terrible. Hardly any Dandenong residents know about it and for those that did attend it left a lot of unanswered questions, particularly in relation to next steps. When will Council organise a meeting with the State Government and Capital Alliance to clear up resident concerns?

Question

Teresa Zerger, Dandenong

The Dandenong Journal said this week the consultation on the Capital Alliance development was still open but they seem to have removed the feedback form on the website. Has the consultation closed now and why, given it has been so ridiculously short? If it is still open, how do you submit and when is the closing date?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

In response to all of the questions I think there is a common theme and hopefully in this we will address them all.

It is important to appreciate the roles of the parties involved, the processes involved as well as where documents such as the Master Plan sits in the planning and decision-making hierarchy. The developments being envisaged by Capital Alliance is on land owned by the State Government's development agency, Development Victoria. The land is not owned or controlled by Council. Capital Alliance was chosen by Development Victoria as their preferred developer after they had been through a public process of calling for expressions of interest for the development of the subject land.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

I am now addressing that part of the question which said, "I thought the master plan was the final plan". A Master Plan is a high-level strategic planning document and it is this plan of theirs, that Development Victoria and Capital Alliance took to the community to seek feedback on. A Master Plan is a long-term plan that provides a high-level vision and framework for how an area can grow and develop. The Master Plan outlines several principles regarding precinct traffic, transport, movement and access. The future detail planning framework is expected to provide in greater detail further traffic urban design and other planning detail on how these principles will be addressed at each of the development stages so your Master Plan sets the higher vision. It sets the principles for development. The later development stage is the actual development themselves, will go and give effect to those principles in greater detail.

Council notes the questions and concerns raised by residents and will take these concerns up with Development Victoria and seek their participation in a process of revisiting a community engagement and consultation process in which these and other questions can be fully canvassed as part of this proposed development process. If there are further questions that need to be addressed, we can take those on notice and deal with those subsequently.

Question

Shivi Sinha, Dandenong

I read the answer for the question about the Dandenong Community Hub. Why is the detail cost analysis expected to take another two months? If Council hires an architect or a quantity surveyor it would be ready by the end of April.

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

Councillors have requested additional alternative layouts and draft concept plans for the Dandenong Community Hub, including a detailed cost analysis of all alternative layouts and concept plans in order to gain an understanding of the expected costs of all options being considered. The timeframe for delivery of the detailed cost analysis has therefore been adjusted accordingly.

Question

Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong

It is good that there will be another Hemmings Street Precinct Forum in May 2022. Where can the minutes or at least discussion summary of the previous Hemmings Street Forums held in March be found?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

Council's website states that the Forum report will be available shortly. The draft report is currently with the Department of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria and will be included on Council's website when released.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question

Heather Louis, Keysborough

Referring to the article in the Dandenong Journal website yesterday, "Members speak on the South East" on the GSEM election platform Launch, were candidates from all parties for the electorates of Bruce, Hotham and Isaacs invited to the Launch by Greater Dandenong City Council? And if not, why not? The article says that GSEM left this matter to individual Councils. One would hope the Greater Dandenong Council would want all political parties advocating for the interests of Greater Dandenong residents.

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

I have read that newspaper article and I do not see where there is any mention that the invitation was left to individual Councils. Individual Councils were requested to contact a wide range of community groups. This Council did that and I think Greater Dandenong was very well represented at the Launch by community and business groups alike. The matter of representation by Members of Parliament or candidates was left with the Greater South East Melbourne secretariat.

I can say in relation to the City of Greater Dandenong's position we have gone to appropriate lengths to advise all candidates and we are monitoring that through the Australian Electoral Commission website in the forthcoming Federal Election that they can access. We will provide to candidates a copy of Council's comprehensive election advocacy document and also offer any candidate at any time, the opportunity to come to Council and meet with the Mayor and myself at which time we will hear anything they have to say and/or provide answers to any questions. We think in that way Greater Dandenong's position can be made clear to any candidate that has an interest in the needs of Greater Dandenong.

Question

Pam Naylor, Noble Park

Has Council asked DELWP what sort of planning panel will hear the rezoning application for the proposed development in the Dandenong floodplains and if not, why has Council not asked and if Council has asked what was the type of planning panel DELWP said would be used?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Recent enquiries at DELWP confirm that no application has been lodged with them. Should an application for a planning scheme amendment be lodged with either DELWP or Council, further information will become clear and available at that time.

Question

Pam Naylor, Noble Park

What is the status and timeframes of a proposed local law for trees on private land? There was a story in the Dandenong Journal in December saying it was going ahead but there has been no news since then.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Council is aiming for a report on the proposed tree protection local law to come forward to Council at the end of June or beginning of July of this year.

Question

Peter O'Loughlin, Dandenong

All three questions relate to the removal of the 71 street trees on Hemmings and Weller Street:

- 1) How can the removal of a significant amount of canopy coverage occur, when it is in direct contradiction to the Council's own Greening Our City Strategy 2018 – 2022, specifically, in relation to the Tree Removal, Retention Criteria?
- 2) What is the total cost of these works?
- 3) Are the funds coming from the State Government grant recently given to Council for the Hemmings Street area improvements? If so, were there any conditions placed on the grant to ensure that it is spent appropriately and not used in ways that do not improve the amenity or safety of the area?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

To the first part of your question, the Hemmings Street trees have been identified as part of the city-wide Street Tree Replacement Plan after assessment under the Greening Our City Urban Tree Strategy.

In response to part two of your question, the total estimated cost of these works and landscaping is \$160,000.

In response to part three of your question, a grant of \$80,000 has been received from the Department of Justice and Community Safety with a matching co-contribution from Council.

Should the scope of works approved through the grant be changed, Council officers would need to negotiate a variation with the Department of Justice and Community Safety. No trees have been removed at this time and based on feedback received, Council is currently reviewing options for the replacement of all trees and progressing community engagement.

Question

Mirko Velic, Dandenong

A letter dated 29 March 2022 (REF:A8593728) informed the residents of Hemmings Street that all the trees are to be cut down. This is supposedly in accordance with the Hemmings Street Precinct Action Plan. It is not. In December 2020 a survey was undertaken to comment on the plan. People responded with their own suggestions like:

- (1) More police patrols;

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

(2) Less rooming houses in vacant properties as well as the improvement of lighting. There was never any mention of trees. The new plan appears to contradict the Council's Greening our City Strategy document. The Greening document which has dozens of citations to academic literature indicates that keeping mature trees is better in many, many ways, including safety. This is based on existing studies. Note that the action plan has no references at all. How was the leap made from a suggestion of improving lighting for the drastic measure of cutting every tree down? There appears to be no literature supporting this.

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

The Hemmings Street Precinct action plan resulted from a six-week engagement and consultation period. The plan's objectives are deliberately void and non-descriptive to allow scope to tailor actions through co-design with community that meet local needs. Consequently, specifics such as the Tree Replacement Project is not detailed in the plan but are a result of determining best strategies to address perceptions of local safety. No single intervention has proved a cure all in eliminating crime and antisocial behaviour. Based on crime prevention through environment design considerations the replacement of the large paperbark trees was proposed due to the impact of trees on the following: on site lines, blocking views along the street and footpaths compounded by parked cars and the narrowness of the street; nature strip growth and structure creating a barren, scorched earth appearance. Trip hazards due to steep and uneven inclines where roots have lifted and public lighting which is greatly reduced due to the width, height and density of the trees, reducing visibility at night and creating entrapment zones. The Hemmings Street trees have been identified as part of the city-wide Tree Replacement Plan after assessment under the Greening our City Urban Tree Strategy. Council sought support and received \$80,000 for this proposal from the Department of Justice and Community Safety with a matching co-contribution from Council to replace the trees. No trees have been removed at this time and based on feedback received, Council is reviewing options for the removal of the trees and progressing engagement with the community on this matter.

Question

Earle Misso, Dandenong

Cr Lana Formoso stated that she had a bad experience which almost took her life. One could feel the anxiety and pain in her voice. She was traumatised by the experience and requested help. The help she received was none, the response by the Council officer Craig Cinquegrana was totally unacceptable. He spoke about the after-hours service which does not exist within the traffic department. He gave an incorrect answer. In fact, he had to be prompted by the officer next to him to have some action taken. At the best of times, it takes two days for an officer to attend. My question is, if these officers give incorrect answers on camera what would they do and say off camera?

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

In response I can advise that I have not had the opportunity to speak to Mr Cinquegrana about this matter. He was not in the office today and I was not aware until this afternoon that this was an issue to you or to anyone else. My preference would clearly be to speak to him to review the notation or the minutes of his answer at the last meeting and to comprehensively assess what has been answered,

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

including speaking to Mr Cinquegrana about I believe a conversation he may have had with Mr Misso after the meeting and try and come to an understanding about what information was provided and the accuracy and veracity of that information.

Question

Leah Anderson, Dandenong

I hear that there is going to be a large number of mature trees removed by Council at the corner of Hemmings Street and Robinson Street to build a car park. Even if new trees are planted they may take 20 years to undo the damage. Can you please explain what, where and why is this occurring given Council's objectives to increase tree canopy cover?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

Council's proposing a number of initiatives to improve perceptions of safety in this precinct as part of the implementation of the Hemmings Street Precinct Action Plan. Further detail on the plan is publicly available on Council's website. These works are not related to a car park but seek to improve sight lines, public lighting, amenity and allow for use of CCTV.

Community notification for the proposed tree planning works was communicated to local residents in late March and this notification outlined the project inclusion on Hemmings Street, the removal and replacement of 61 trees and planting of 25 additional trees resulting in a total of 86 new trees between Robinson Street and Bulong Street.

On Weller Street the planning of 16 new trees, including the removal and replacement of 10 trees and planning of six additional trees. That would see a total of 71 trees removed and 102 new trees planted in that area. No trees have been removed in the area at this time and based on feedback received so far Council is currently reviewing options for removal of those trees and progressing with further engagement with the community on this matter.

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer tabled a listing of responses to questions taken on notice/requiring further action at the previous Council meeting. A copy of the responses is provided as an attachment.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
28/03/22 CQT4	Melinda Puglisi, Dandenong	Reopening of Basement carpark COVID-19 restrictions have now been removed but Council still has not opened the public carpark underneath. What is the delay now? When will the carpark reopen to the public?	Chief Executive Officer	8/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: I can respond by advising Ms Puglisi that we will take that question on notice. I would prefer to give proper consideration to the matter and give formal advice to her and the community. One of the reasons that the carpark has been closed is that at each point of access to this building Council needs to have safety marshals on attendance and the carpark adds another layer of complexity in that if the public were entering the elevator lift shaft from below then we need more marshals at that point. However, we are now moving to a state where marshals are less likely to be required and I feel more certain that as that requirement disappears the carpark could well be considered to be reopened. Councillors have also been involved in previous discussions and I would also like to discuss with them but we will have a close look at that as quickly as we can and advise the question around others accordingly.</p> <p>Final response provided 8/4/22: After considering the rising cases in</p>

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					CGD, the internal COVID19 Response Working Group recommend the car park remain closed for at least the next 2 weeks. 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.

4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

4.1 POLICY AND STRATEGY

4.1.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C234 Rezoning of residential land in Dandenong North around Cardinia Close and part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street) - Consideration of Submissions

File Id:	A8481450
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Attachments:	Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme Amendment C234 – Explanatory Report

1. Report Summary

Planning Scheme Amendment C234 proposes to rezone land from the General Residential Zone Schedule 1 (GRZ1) in and around Cardinia Close, Dandenong North, to Neighbourhood Residential Zone Schedule 2 (NRZ2) and rezone part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street), Dandenong North to Neighbourhood Residential Zone Schedule 1 (NRZ1).

This report considers the 45 submissions received to the statutory exhibition of Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme Amendment C234, including an officer response to the submissions for Council's consideration.

Each submission received is in support of the amendment without changes, as such an independent Planning Panel is not required. This report seeks a Council resolution to adopt the amendment and refer it to the Minister for Planning for approval.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council receives the submissions in relation to Amendment C234 and resolve to continue the statutory process by adopting the amendment and seek approval from the Minister for Planning.

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3. Background

In response to a planning application for the construction of 20 dwellings (18 triple storey and two double storey) at 11 Cardinia Close, Dandenong North (PLN18/0667) and the associated VCAT decision, Council carried Notice of Motion No. 7 on 12 April 2021 which required that:

Council officers investigate the options for rezoning the land bounded by Stud Road to the west, Brady Road to the south, and Cardinia Close to the east and north to the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, with a report to be tabled at a Council meeting by the end of September 2021 outlining the options available, and recommending a way forward.

At its meeting of 27 September 2021 Council considered the Dandenong North Precinct Zone Review (Ethos Urban, August 2021) and resolved to proceed with Planning Scheme Amendment C234 to rezone land from the General Residential Zone Schedule 1 (GRZ1) in and around Cardinia Close, Dandenong North, to Neighbourhood Residential Zone Schedule 2 (NRZ2) and rezone part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street), Dandenong North to Neighbourhood Residential Zone Schedule 1 (NRZ1). The rezoning of part of the western side of Stud Road reflects that these properties do not front the Principal Public Transport Network and are a considerable distance from the nearest Activity Centre.

The amendment seeks to align the preferred policy outcomes with the appropriate zone to minimise ambiguity about the preferred built form outcomes for this area. While the GRZ allows for development up to 11 metres (3 storeys), Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Character Policy) specifies a preferred 2-storey building height limit for Incremental Change Areas. Therefore, the amendment is required to rezone land in and around Cardinia Close, Dandenong North to NRZ2 and part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street), Dandenong North from the GRZ1 to NRZ1. The NRZ2 is required to introduce site coverage and permeability variations to reflect the existing spacious garden character.

Amendment C234 (as exhibited) proposes to implement the key recommendations of the *Dandenong North Precinct Zone Review* (Ethos Urban, August 2021).

More specifically, as detailed in the Explanatory Report (Attachment 1) the Amendment proposes to:

- Rezone land from GRZ1 to NRZ1 (see map in Explanatory Report at Attachment 1 for land affected).
- Introduce a new Schedule 2 to Clause 32.09 (Neighbourhood Residential Zone) and rezone land from GRZ1 to NRZ2 (see map in Explanatory Report at Attachment 1 for land affected).
- Amend Clause 21.04 (Land Use) by updating the Strategic Residential Framework Map.
- Amend Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy) by updating the Future Change Areas map and the Relationship of Future Change Area and preferred housing types table.
- Amend Planning Scheme Map Nos. 3 and 6.

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4. Discussion

A total of 45 submissions were received in response to Amendment C234. All of the submissions are identical and support the amendment without change, as shown in italics below:

“I/We support the proposed decision to Rezone the following land from Schedule 1 to Clause 32.08 (General Residential Zone) to Schedule 2 to Clause 32.09 (Neighbourhood Residential Zone 2):

- *147-157 Brady Rd, Dandenong North*
- *2-26 Cardinia Close, Dandenong North*
- *1-13 Sylvan Crt, Dandenong North*

I/We support this decision as I/we believe this will:

- *assist to maintain and be respectful to the existing neighbourhood character*
- *protect the area from inappropriate development - dense intensification of dwellings which is out of character with the rest of the estate and does not compliment or respect the neighbourhood policy*
- *contribute to the Councils Climate Change Emergency Strategy by increasing the space to be dedicated for landscaping and permeable surfaces, leading to a greater ability to reduce the urban heat island effect*
- *ensure consistency with the surrounding area of Dandenong North”*

The community support enables Council to consider the amendment without change.

5. Proposal

Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* governs the process for a planning authority to progress a planning scheme amendment.

After considering submissions which request a change to the amendment, the planning authority (Council) has the option to:

- change the amendment in the manner requested; or
- refer the submission to a panel appointed by the Minister for Planning; or
- abandon the amendment or part of the amendment.

In this instance, none of the submissions requested a change to the amendment so there are no unresolved submissions for Council to consider. Therefore, it is appropriate for Council to adopt the amendment as exhibited and to seek approval from the Minister for Planning in its current form.

6. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report. The budgetary implications of this planning scheme amendment are accommodated within existing operational budgets.

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7. Consultation

Notification of the amendment was given in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Amendment C234 was formally exhibited and submissions sought from the public for a period of four weeks from 3 February 2022 to 4 March 2022.

Letters were sent to owners and occupiers as well as prescribed Ministers. In addition, the amendment was advertised to the broader community through:

- Formal notice in the local newspaper (Dandenong Journal) and Government Gazette;
- Notice on Council's website; and
- Explanatory folders at all Council Customer Service Centres.

8. Community Vision 2040 and Council Plan 2021-25 – Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Plans

After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted for themselves and our city, the Greater Dandenong People's Panel developed a new Community Vision for 2040:

The City of Greater Dandenong is a home to all.
It's a city where you can enjoy and embrace life through celebration and equal opportunity.
We harmonise the community by valuing multiculturalism and the individual.
Our community is healthy, vibrant, innovative and creative.
Our growing city is committed to environmental sustainability.
Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.

8.1 Community Vision 2040

This report is consistent with the Community Vision 2040 and its accompanying principles:

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Sustainable environment.

8.2 Council Plan 2021-25

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 strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods.
- A green city committed to a sustainable future.

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

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

The overarching governance principles of the *Local Government Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of Amendment C234gdan to the *Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme* by meeting the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* in the following regard:

- Engaging the community in strategic planning and strategic decision making by inviting submissions to the amendment;
- Ensuring the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information by reporting to Council at each stage of the planning scheme amendment process.

10. 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. In particular the planning scheme amendment public exhibition and panel hearing processes ensure Section 18 – Right to have the opportunity to take part in public life and to vote and Section 24 – Right to a fair hearing are met.

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 but are not relevant to its contents because the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* requires Council to adhere to a statutory process that does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles. All affected parties had the opportunity to make a submission to the Planning Scheme Amendment.

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.

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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 report. Planning Scheme Amendment C234 recognises the importance of the local landscape while balancing the need for housing growth.

13. Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

The strategies and plans that contribute to this report are as follows:

- *Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme*
- *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- *Community Engagement Policy and Framework*

14. Conclusion

Planning Scheme Amendment C234 will align the preferred policy outcomes with the appropriate zone to minimise ambiguity about the preferred built form outcomes for this area.

Council exhibited Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme Amendment C234 in accordance with the statutory process of the *Act*.

A total of 45 submissions in support of the Amendment were received. It is now considered appropriate for Council to adopt Planning Scheme Amendment C234 and to request approval from the Minister for Planning.

15. Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. receives all submissions made in response to the statutory exhibition of Amendment C234 to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme;**
- 2. adopts the amendment with no changes;**
- 3. requests the Minister for Planning to approve Amendment C234; and**
- 4. advise all submitters accordingly.**

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

That Council:

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- 3. requests the Minister for Planning to approve Amendment C234; and**
- 4. advise all submitters accordingly.**

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POLICY & STRATEGY

**PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C234 REZONING OF RESIDENTIAL
LAND IN DANDENONG NORTH AROUND CARDINIA CLOSE AND PART OF
THE WESTERN SIDE OF STUD ROAD (SOUTH OF BRADY ROAD TO
CHEAM STREET) - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS**

ATTACHMENT 1

**PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C234 –
EXPLANATORY REPORT**

PAGES 10 (including cover)

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

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Planning and Environment Act 1987

GREATER DANDENONG PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C234gdan EXPLANATORY REPORT

Who is the planning authority?

This amendment has been prepared by Greater Dandenong City Council, which is the planning authority for this amendment.

The amendment has been made at the request of Greater Dandenong City Council.

Land affected by the amendment

The amendment affects residential land in and around Cardinia Close, Dandenong North and part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street, Dandenong North) (see Figure 1 below).

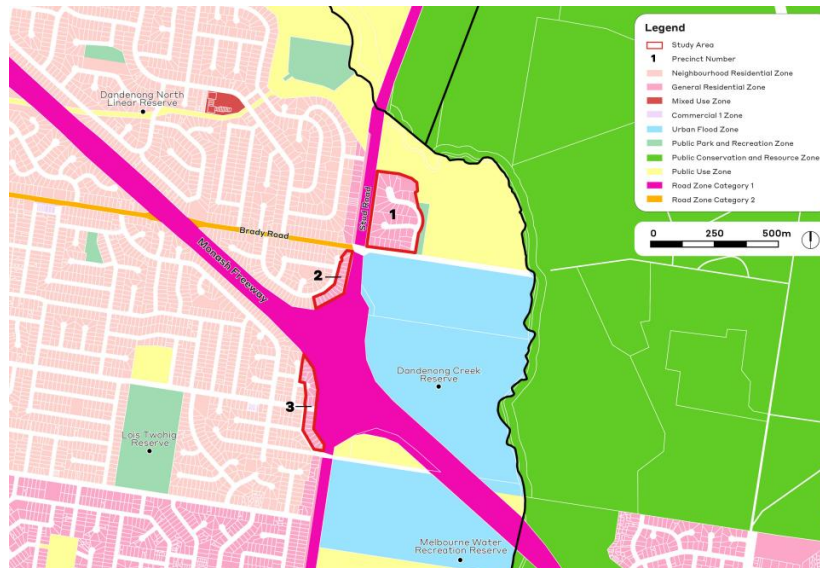


Figure 1 - The land affected by the amendment shown within the red boundary in Precinct 1, 2 & 3.

What the amendment does

The amendment proposes to rezone land from the General Residential Zone Schedule 1 (GRZ1) in and around Cardinia Close, Dandenong North, to Neighbourhood Residential Zone Schedule 2 (NRZ2) and rezone part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street), Dandenong North to Neighbourhood Residential Zone Schedule 1 (NRZ1).

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Specifically, the amendment proposes to:

- Rezone land from GRZ1 to NRZ1 (see Attachment 1 to this explanatory report for land affected).
- Introduce a new Schedule 2 to Clause 32.09 (Neighbourhood Residential Zone) and rezone land from GRZ1 to NRZ2 (see Attachment 1 to this explanatory report for land affected).
- Amend Clause 21.04 (Land Use) by updating the Strategic Residential Framework Map.
- Amend Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy) by updating the Future Change Areas map and the Relationship of Future Change Area and preferred housing types table.
- Amend Planning Scheme Map Nos. 3 and 6.

Strategic assessment of the amendment

Why is the amendment required?

The amendment seeks to align the preferred policy outcomes with the appropriate zone to minimise ambiguity about the preferred built form outcomes for this area. While the GRZ allows for development up to 11 metres (3 storeys), Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Character Policy) specifies a preferred 2-storey building height limit for Incremental Change Areas. Therefore, the amendment is required to rezone land in and around Cardinia Close, Dandenong North to NRZ2 and part of the western side of Stud Road (south of Brady Road to Cheam Street), Dandenong North from the GRZ1 to NRZ1. The NRZ2 is required to introduce site coverage and permeability variations which is supported by the Dandenong North Precinct Zone Review (Ethos Urban, August 2021).

Neighbourhood Character Study (2007)

The Neighbourhood Character Study (NCS) identifies character types throughout Greater Dandenong to guide future residential development which is listed as a background document in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. The NCS provides guidance for future character which is based on three development types: Substantial Change, Incremental Change and Limited Change. A distinguishing feature between the level of change is the accessibility and proximity to activity centres and the Principle Public Transport Network (PPTN). Areas that are not located close to activity centres are nominated as being appropriate for lower scale development.

The NCS identifies the area proposed to be rezoned within Existing Character Area 1 (Incremental Change Area) which is located on the edge of Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary and borders the Green Wedge, featuring areas of open space and the Dandenong Creek. In accordance with Planning Practice Note 91 (Using the residential zones), the NRZ is the most appropriate zone due to the neighbourhood and landscape character of the area. The introduction of the NRZ2 is required to ensure new development within the Cardinia Close area (Precinct 1) reflects the existing neighbourhood character, in particular the generous setbacks that give a spacious garden setting that is different to surrounding areas.

Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy (2014 – 2024)

The strategy was adopted by Council in 2014 and is listed as a background document to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme which provides an evidence base for Council to plan for future housing development. The strategy is underpinned by four key themes that relate to housing growth and liveability, design and diversity, revitalisation and investment and housing affordability. An objective of the strategy is to facilitate housing in appropriate locations in accordance with Clause 22.09 and the identified housing types. The amendment implements the strategic intent of the strategy by ensuring future housing growth aligns with local and state policy.

How does the amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?

The amendment implements the objectives in section 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* by providing fair, orderly, economic, and sustainable use and development of land and by balancing the present and future interests of all Victorians.

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How does the amendment address any environmental, social and economic effects?

The amendment will ensure the continued provision of a variety of housing types that meet high design and amenity standards, in appropriate locations to accommodate expected population growth.

The amendment will generate positive environmental, social and economic effects by providing clarity and certainty to the community and development industry about expected and desired outcomes for the subject area.

The amendment will facilitate appropriate zoning of land to be consistent with the surrounding area and to better reflect the limited access to the PPTN.

Does the amendment address relevant bushfire risk?

The amendment is unlikely to result in any significant increase to the risk to life, property, community, infrastructure, or the natural environment from bushfire.

Does the amendment comply with the requirements of any Minister's Direction applicable to the amendment?

The amendment complies with all Ministerial Directions issued under section 12 of the Act, including Ministerial Direction No. 9. The amendment is also consistent with the Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes issued under section 7(5) of the Act.

Ministerial Direction -The Form and Content of Planning Schemes.

The NRZ Schedule and consequential changes to local planning provisions in the amendment have been prepared in accordance with applicable style guides, formatting and layout as specified in the Ministerial Direction the Form and Content of Planning Schemes.

Ministerial Direction No. 9 – Metropolitan Planning Strategy

The amendment has had regard to Ministerial Direction No. 9 as the reformed residential zones were influenced by consideration from *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* relating to providing housing choice in locations close to jobs and services including:

- Managing the supply of new housing in the right locations to meet population growth and create a sustainable city
- Delivering more housing closer to jobs and public transport
- Increasing the supply of social and affordable housing
- Facilitating decision-making processes for housing in the right locations; and
- Providing greater choice and diversity of housing

How does the amendment support or implement the Planning Policy Framework and any adopted State policy?

The amendment is consistent with, and gives effect to, the following clauses forming part of the State Planning Policy Framework.

Clause 11 – Settlement

Clause 11.02-1S (Supply of urban land) seeks to ensure a sufficient supply of land is available to meet housing demand by ensuring opportunities for the consolidation, redevelopment and intensification of existing urban areas can occur having regard to neighbourhood character and landscape considerations. The amendment ensures that there are sufficient opportunities to meet housing demand while continuing to protect and respect existing neighbourhood character, environment and landscape considerations, where appropriate.

Clause 15 – Built Environment and Heritage

Clause 15.01-5S (Neighbourhood character) seeks to recognise, support and protect neighbourhood character and sense of place. The amendment seeks to support development that respects the existing neighbourhood character and responds to its context by providing better alignment with the

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preferred neighbourhood character outcomes.

Clause 16 – Housing

Clause 16.01-1R (Housing supply – Metropolitan Melbourne) seeks to manage the supply of new housing by providing certainty about the scale of growth by prescribing appropriate height and site coverage provisions for different areas. In addition, it seeks to allow for a range of minimal, incremental and high change residential areas that balance the need to protect valued areas with the need to ensure choice and growth in housing. The amendment supports these strategies.

Clause 18 – Transport

The amendment will facilitate appropriate zoning of land to be consistent with the surrounding area and to better reflect the limited access to the PPTN.

How does the amendment support or implement the Local Planning Policy Framework, and specifically the Municipal Strategic Statement?

The amendment is consistent with and gives effect to the Local Planning Policy Framework of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

Clause 21.04 – Land Use

Clause 21.04-1 (Housing and Community) seeks to encourage a wide range of housing types and styles and to respect the valued existing neighbourhood character. The Strategic Residential Framework Map of the Municipal Strategic Statement identifies the preferred Future Change Areas (Limited, Incremental and Substantial). The amendment will ensure residential development in the subject area is consistent with the identified future character and preferred Future Change area.

Clause 21.05 – Built Form

Clause 21.05-1 (Urban design, character, streetscapes and landscapes) seeks to facilitate high quality development, which has regard for the surrounding environment and built form. The amendment recognises the importance of generous setbacks and landscaping which seek to protect the spacious garden setting of Precinct 1.

Clause 22.09 – Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character

Clause 22.09-2 (Objectives) seeks to guide the location and design of different types of residential development within Greater Dandenong, while respecting the valued characteristics and identified future character of residential neighbourhoods. The amendment supports this policy as the subject area is suitable for low density housing due to its limited proximity and access to Activity Centres and the PPTN. The amendment will ensure future development responds to the landscape context and neighbourhood character.

Does the amendment make proper use of the Victoria Planning Provisions?

The amendment makes proper use of the Victoria Planning Provisions by applying controls consistent with the form and content of the VPPs to facilitate appropriate residential zoning and policy.

How does the amendment address the views of any relevant agency?

The views of relevant agencies will be sought as part of the public exhibition of this amendment.

Does the amendment address relevant requirements of the Transport Integration Act 2010?

This amendment does not have any significant impacts on the objectives and decision-making principles set out in the Transport Integration Act 2010.

The amendment supports the principles of integrated land use and transport planning by recognising that transport plays an important role in developing social and economic inclusion.

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Resource and administrative costs

- **What impact will the new planning provisions have on the resource and administrative costs of the responsible authority?**

The amendment will not have a significant impact on the resource and administrative costs of responsible authority as the rezoning will not introduce additional permit triggers.

Where you may inspect this amendment

The amendment is available for public inspection, free of charge, during office hours at the following places:

- City of Greater Dandenong Customer Service located at 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong
- City of Greater Dandenong, Springvale Customer Service located at 5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale
- Keysborough Customer Service Centre, located at Shop A7, Parkmore Shopping Centre, Cheltenham Road, Keysborough

The amendment can also be inspected free of charge at:

- Greater Dandenong City Council's website www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au
- The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's website www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection

Submissions

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority. Submissions about the amendment must be received by Friday 4 March 2022.

A submission must be sent to council@cgd.vic.gov.au

or

Strategic Planning Amendment C234gdan
City of Greater Dandenong
PO Box 200
DANDENONG VIC 3175

Panel hearing dates

In accordance with clause 4(2) of Ministerial Direction No.15 the following panel hearing dates have been set for this amendment:

- Directions hearing: week of 6 June 2022
- Panel hearing: week of 4 July 2022

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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

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Attachment 1 - Mapping reference table

Land Affected	Mapping Reference	Proposed zone
147 Brady Road, Dandenong North	Greater Dandenong C234gdan 001znMaps03_06 Exhibition	NRZ2
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151 Brady Road, Dandenong North	Greater Dandenong C234gdan 001znMaps03_06 Exhibition	NRZ2
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4.2 OTHER

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022

File Id:	A8601086
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee on 1 February 2022

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 Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee meeting provided in the Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

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.

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After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted for themselves and our city, the Greater Dandenong People's Panel developed a new Community Vision for 2040:

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Our growing city is committed to environmental sustainability.
Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.

4.1 Community Vision 2040

This report is consistent with the Community Vision 2040 and its accompanying principles:

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.

4.2 Council Plan 2021-25

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 strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

5. 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 Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum 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).

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

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.

9. Recommendation

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

MINUTE 429

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

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

CARRIED

4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**MULTICULTURAL AND PEOPLE
SEEKING ASYLUM ON
1 FEBRUARY 2022**

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4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name: Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC)
Date of Meeting: 1 February 2022
Time of Meeting: 3-5pm
Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Kylie Reid (Chisholm Institute) – Chairperson, Cr Eden Foster (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Cr Rhonda Garad (CGD), Community Development Coordinator (CGD), Sri Samy (Friends of Refugees [FOR]), Qutbiallam Timor (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre [ASRC]), Peter McNamara (South East Community Links [SECL]).

Apologies:

Nagamuthu R. Wickiramasingham (Community Member), Kadira Pethiyagoda (Community Member), Binita Maskey (Women’s Association South East Melbourne Australia (WASEMA), Sean Quigley (WAYSS), Sarita Kulkarni (Community Member), Siv Yoganathan (Life Without Barriers [LWB]), Jacquie McBride (Monash Health).

Minutes:

Community Advocacy Officer (CGD).

Guests:

Mohammad Tariq Zia (WithYouWithMe).

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	Welcome and Introductions Chair welcomed Committee Members and acknowledged Traditional Owners.		
2.	Endorsement of Previous Meeting Minutes Previous minutes endorsed by Committee and noted by Council.		
3.	Review of Outstanding Action Items No outstanding action items		
4.	WithYouWithMe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Afghan training program. - Organisation provides training in UK, Canada, US and Australia to help communities who are underemployed, such as serving military and veterans, neurodiverse individuals, Indigenous communities, and Afghan refugees. - Program is currently supporting Afghan refugees, to train them in information technology. - The goal of the program is to empower Afghan individuals and find them long-term, sustainable employment. - One of the biggest challenges facing Afghan refugees is unemployment. The free training offered by the program seeks to increase IT literacy amongst Afghan refugees and link 		

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4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

	<p>them to employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Translators are available to assist participants. - Goal is to train 2,000 Afghan refugees in Australia. - It takes about 100 hours for an individual to develop skills in a particular pathway offered by the course. Individuals without any IT skills are also invited to study in the program. - The program is offered online. Individuals require an internet connection and laptop. - ASRC and WithYouWithMe to discuss potential collaboration going forward. - Tariq Zia contact details: tariq.zia@withyouwithme.com 		
<p>5.</p>	<p>Part B Action Plan Progress Report Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Beginnings - Afghan Welcome Event - Greater Dandenong Council will be hosting a welcome event for recently arrived community members from Afghanistan at Harmony Square, Dandenong on Sunday 20 February from 11am – 4pm. - <i>New Beginnings</i> will seek to connect the Afghan community in the south east region to local arts and culture, and provide opportunities for them to learn more about a range of available services, including education and employment, food and material aid, and health and youth services. - The event will include children’s activities, a Welcome to Country, live performances by Afghan cultural groups and artists, a Halal BBQ, library tours and information from service providers. - The event is also proudly supported by the Board of Imams Victoria, the Drum Theatre, Multicultural Arts Victoria, South East Community Links and Uniting Victoria and Tasmania. - Back Your Neighbour Phase 4 - Back Your Neighbour Federal Election Advocacy Campaign Launch scheduled to take place online at 10am, Wednesday 16 February. - Mayor Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Rhonda Garad, Rebecca Langton (Refugee Council of Australia) and people seeking asylum with lived experience to speak at the launch. - Back Your Neighbour will be advocating for the Federal Government to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace the existing system with a single Refugee Status Determination process and an independent, timely and fair merits review. 2. Replace Temporary Protection Visas with a permanent humanitarian visa. 3. Increase funding to urgently clear the backlog of asylum applications and appeals. 4. Provide access to Centrelink, Medicare and other support services for applicants. - And, advocating for state and territory governments to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Provide funding to local services who are supporting individuals and families 		

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4.2.1 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 February 2022 (Cont.)

	<p>seeking asylum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Minister Hawke - In late 2021, Mayor Cr Jim Memeti (CGD) and CGD officers met with Minister Alex Hawke to discuss some aspects regarding policies affecting newly arrived Afghan refugees. - Asks included increasing Australia's intake of Afghan refugees to 20,000 and permitting family reunification. Several Back Your Neighbour asks were also discussed in the meeting. - Minister Hawke was non-committal towards changing any current policies regarding intake of refugees and providing people on Temporary Protection Visas with a pathway to permanency. 		
6.	<p>Discussion – working group and strategic focus going forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions were had at the previous MAPSAAC Meeting to simplify the People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Action Plan to focus on five overarching domains going forward. These domains would include, Employment, Education, Health, Food and Material Aid, and Legal. - Suggestion was made to strategically align with the new ASRC Hub and for Council to act in a supporting role to achieve overarching goals regarding people seeking asylum. - Council would continue working in the advocacy space, with much more detailed data and evidence sourced from ASRC. - Council's Anti-Poverty Strategy will also encompass the needs of people seeking asylum and refugees in its actions and policies. - PSAARD Network will also act as a supporting mechanism to achieve wider goals of the five domains. - Employment and Education Working Group could also act as a supporting mechanism to deliver on wider domain goals. Working Group could be rebooted after the federal election, once there is a clearer idea of the people seeking asylum and refugee space. - Concerns were raised regarding discontinuation of the People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Action Plan. - It was agreed by the Advisory Committee to hold a meeting to discuss in greater detail the way to move forward regarding the People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Action Plan. 	<p>Organise meeting before next MAPSAAC meeting to discuss the People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Action Plan.</p>	<p>Community Advocacy Officer.</p>
7.	<p>Information Sharing</p> <p>SECL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SECL has allocated funding for critical support for people seeking asylum. - Funding will cover rental, medical bills and car repairs. - Conversations being had with State Government as to how much funding can be reallocated towards covering these emergency payments. Around \$20,000 should be allocated. 	<p>Circulate information.</p>	<p>Peter McNamara.</p>

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	<p>ASRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Government has approved 449 visa holders to have access to the ASVET (Asylum Seeker VET) Program. <p>FOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All programs have been delayed until daily COVID cases fall under 2000. - Continue to support individuals with one-on-one consultations. <p>Chisholm TAFE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chisholm has returned for the year with online classes until the end of February. - Currently biggest challenge has been providing students with access to laptops during online learning periods. - Deakin Create hosted an information session about its Career Clinics. Session was well received with a number of interested individuals to engage in further study. - Careers Clinics – Centre for Refugee Employment, Advocacy, Training and Education (deakincreate.org.au) 		
8.	Other Business N/A		
9.	Meeting closed 5:02pm.		
10.	Next Meeting Tuesday 5 April 2022, 3-5pm.		

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 9 February 2022

File Id:	A8537681
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee on 9 February 2022

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 9 February 2022 (Cont.)

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9. Recommendation

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MINUTE 430

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

That Council notes the draft Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED

4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 9 February 2022 (Cont.)

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING ON
9 FEBRUARY 2022**

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 9 February 2022 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name: Community Safety Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: 9 February 2022

Time of Meeting: 3-4.22pm

Meeting Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Mayor Cr Jim Memeti (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Cr Angela Long (CGD), Manager Community Development Sport and Recreation (CGD), Executive Manager Communications and Customer Service (CGD), Coordinator Community Advocacy (CGD), Place Manager Activity Centre's Revitalisation (CGD), Youth Engagement and Participation Team Leader (CGD), Manager Regulatory Services (CGD), Emergency Management Coordinator (CGD), Strategic Transport Engineer (CGD), Debra Alexander (Monash Health Drug and Alcohol Services [MHD&AS]), Christopher Cornish-Raley (MH D&AS), Yvette Shaw (Department of Families, Fairness and Housing [DFFH]), Louise Cristofaro (DFFH), Wendy Tran, (Department of Justice and Community Safety [DJCS]), Inspector Peter Koger (Victoria Police [VicPol]), Senior Sergeant Kent Standish (VicPol), Timothy Howell (VicPol), Fiona Jacobi (Launch Housing [Launch]), Charmaine Jewell (Launch), Zoe Francis (Women's Health in the South East [WHISE]), Katrina Bould (YSAS).

Apologies:

Cr Sophie Tan (CGD), Sue Bumpstead (Monash Health Accident and Emergency [MH A&E]), Senior Sergeant Brett Skurka (VicPol), Derlie Mateo-Babiano (Melbourne University), Dawn Vernon Neighbourhood Watch Greater Dandenong [NHW].

Minutes:

Community Advocacy Officer (CGD).

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	Welcome and Introductions The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land, welcomed attendees, and noted apologies.		
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting and Business Arising		
a.	Update on Community Safety Night 2022 Councillors and Victoria Police Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council and Victoria Police forum happens every year – COVID permitting. This year the forum will be held 19 April. 	Further planning arrangements to be made with Insp. Peter Koger.	Council and VicPol.
b.	CAV/DJCS to distribute 'Tenants Rights' information Monash Health/CGD to distribute 'QR codes and vaccination bookings' posters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further feedback provided. QR Codes and vaccination bookings posters have been distributed. 		
c.	Coffee with a Cop and a Councillor – street pop-ups planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will provide update on this under the discussion for grants. 		

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Community Safety Advisory Committee Meeting - 9 February 2022 (Cont.)

<p>d.</p>	<p>Update on anti-social behaviour in Council Carpark, Springvale. VicPol response.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VicPol received several complaints regarding anti-social behaviour during last year in the Buckingham Street Car Park. Police have been patrolling the area during the last 12 months but have not identified any ongoing issues. • Reports of begging - increase since last month of beggars in the Springvale shopping precincts particularly near some of the pharmacies and coffee shops. There is a link between available housing and anti-social behaviour and Police are aware and have been tasking to resolve these issues. • Police report some resourcing issues during the last six months re COVID deployments, but things now beginning to return to normal. • VicPol have Operation Reconnect, which is a focus on reconnecting with the community, shopkeepers. • Noble Park area reported some issues six months ago but no reports of any anti-social issues there recently. • VicPol open to receiving any intel so they can act on it. 		
<p>e.</p>	<p>Update on Robinson Street Carpark, Dandenong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV Camera installed in the Car Park area and now operational. 		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Safety Plan 2015-22 End-of-Plan 2019-22 Reporting Template</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting template has been distributed to those who are responsible for reporting against the 18 objective areas. • 2018 Report sent as an example of the types of things to be reported on. 	<p>Council officer will be in contact one on one with members who are new to their organisation or this committee.</p>	<p>Council.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>General Safety Grants' Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has three DJCS community safety grants projects currently in operation. They are \$400,000 Community Safety Infrastructure grant project, \$219,000 Building Safer Communities grant project and an \$700,000 Empowering Community grant initiative. There is overlap and interconnectedness within these grants with some planned events, community trails and walks reinforcing outcomes across all three. Ongoing meetings with DJCS representatives to keep things on track. <p>Community Safety Infrastructure Grant update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A substantial amount of work already completed in the Springvale Community Hub including installation of CCTV hub. Grant also provides for some equipment upgrades for the Walker Street Car Park, CCTV for Boyd Lane and Hemmings Street periphery. Note. An 	<p>All grants progress reporting will become a standing CSAC agenda item.</p>	<p>Council/Other stakeholders as required.</p>

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	<p>allocation for CCTV for Hemmings St area also occurs in Building Safer Communities Grant provisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding also included for installation of six syringe disposal bins for Hemmings Street Precinct. Council will also work with Monash's Needle Syringes program and Drug and Alcohol Service on the design and size. One bin to be installed in the lane way rear of Hemmings Street shops with other five locations to be decided after consultation with community. • Some funds from the Walker Street Car Park work will be reallocated to cover additional costs associated with the installation of the Boyd Lane cameras. These are currently planned under the Safe City Program. <p>Building Safer Communities Grant Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure build for replacement of trees, improved lighting and community activation/community art projects. Planning for at least three CCTV cameras in the Hemmings Street periphery to be focused on public space but most likely adjacent to residential areas because these have been identified as zones hotspot activity. Looking at options and how these can be linked into the Safe City system with due considerations made for provisions of the Privacy Act. <p>Empowering Communities Grant Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent grant approved by DJCS for empowering communities within the Hemmings Street precinct area. • The Empowering Communities Ministerial Forum is planned for 17 March 2022 with a suggested time from 9am to 2pm. Mayor and councillors to be provided further information in due course. An Action Group is to be established which is to include a diverse group of local community representatives to guide the initiative and make decisions on suggested projects and monitor the initiative overall. • As part of the community engagement for the project an appointed Council officer will also work with Louise Cristofaro (DFFH) on the Dandenong West School Community Shed project with a variety of stakeholders. • Approximately 70 previously surveyed residents who expressed interest to be involved / informed will be re-engaged. <p>Question from Cr Angela Long:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is extra CCTVs going into Hemmings Street – how many will that add up to now? <p>Council Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exact number not to hand. The shopping centre end of Hemmings Street, that was a Councillor led initiative, has good coverage of 	<p>Taken on notice: Council to confirm exact number of CCTV cameras</p>	<p>Council.</p>
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	<p>the area. It covers the entry way to the lane that goes back to the rear of the shops. Exact assessment of future camera locations has not been finalised and will be done in collaboration with VicPol. Some safety issues have been identified at the rear of the shops and it is proposed a camera be installed in the vicinity to address this with potentially other cameras covering the Jones Road corner to pick up the school crossing. Other areas with safety concerns are Hemmings Park and Potter Street. There are at least two or three cameras proposed for the residential end and the DJCS has agreed to these broad locations and a decision is yet to be finalised.</p> <p>Other questions re CCTV dealt with under agenda item 6 Council Safe City CCTV Overview.</p>	<p>at next meeting.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Homelessness Sector Updates</p> <p>WAYSS – Kevin Heckler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not accommodating people in emergency accommodation to the same extent as when the lockdowns occurred. • A larger number of people within CGD now looking for other accommodation options which is very scarce. Rooming houses or caravan parks are often the only exit option for some people, particularly singles. • A major area of concern is new families presenting for emergency accommodation. As at 8 February, data over three weeks shows an upward trending of families in housing distress with nowhere to go. Estimate of 42 families with 100 accompanying children being currently housed in hotel accommodation. Highlighting there is no significance lens over the needs of these children. It is a body of work to find reasonable accommodation in a tight housing market and identify where to find the resources to support the needs of these children. • This data excludes family violence clients which are serviced under the Orange Door service initiative. <p>Launch Housing – Fiona Jacobi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-person team and new referrals daily. • Increase in the number of rough sleepers in the last couple of weeks with majority of the entry points having started exiting people from hotel accommodation. • Noted increase in drinking in the local area but most people engaged are not rough sleepers but people who congregate for social reasons. • Noted increase in substance use with at least 98 percent of rough sleepers heavily affected. Difficult to engage with those clients as they lack the capacity (while substance affected) 	<p>Information to be shared with DFFH Southern Melbourne Area Director Jenny Litsas with feedback back to WAYSS.</p> <p>Connection to be made</p>	<p>Louise Cristofaro (DFFH).</p> <p>Fiona Jacobi</p>

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	<p>meeting is to take place in Dandenong on Friday 11 February with Public Drunkenness Reform Committee to view camera recordings to highlight this particular issue.</p> <p>Launch Housing Response – Fiona Jacobi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Team did response to incident where the tent was erected in the Park adjacent to the former Bendigo Bank. A number of people using the site moved on prior to any formal engagement by Launch. <p>Youth Sector Updates</p> <p>YSAS – Katrina Bould</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a restructure within the YSAS – Katrina currently overseeing the crime prevention programs both in the south and east. • Business as usual – back to doing outreach with young people. Transporting to detox and using rapid antigen tests. Day program commenced with BBQ at Dandenong Park. • Presentation of young people with mental health concerns following lockdown restrictions are driving YSAS to make face to face contact as soon as possible within their programming. <p>Questions from Cr Long - Do YSAS still have the option for youth having a shower and washing their clothes at your facility?</p> <p>YSAS Response – Katrina Bould</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to COVID restrictions more checks and balances have been required and YSAS have not had people showering at the facility for some time. <p>Other responses re shower facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornerstone Contact Centre and St James Church provide it through Orange Sky with a drop-in service usually on a Friday. • One Voice also provides a mobile washing service at St James Church. • Council Aquatic Centres also provide free showers in Dandenong and Noble Park. 	<p>Council Safety Grant Officer to catch up with Katrina re youth focus activities.</p>	<p>Council Safety Grant Officer.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Council Safe City CCTV Overview – TL Public Safety and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few installation projects still rolling on, notably Ross Reserve All Ability Playground and Springvale Community Hub. Some cameras will come on board in the next couple of months. • No significant downtime from the CCTV perspective everything is running smoothly. <p>Question from Timothy Howell (VicPol Dandenong) re some CCTV feeds into Dandenong Station looking grainy/out of focus. Query re cameras needing a wash or refocus.</p>		

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	<p>Response from Team Leader Public Safety and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council schedules periodic CCTV glass clean and one will take place soon. VicPol to provide specific camera numbers if things need to be double checked. <p>Question from Mayor Cr Jim Memeti: Greater Dandenong municipality has the most CCTVs after the City of Melbourne - are these cameras working and are they helping police to deter crime?</p> <p>Council Response – Manager Regulatory Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently spent time in the control room within the Dandenong Police station. The cameras can follow people who are causing issues. VicPol officers explained these cameras are extremely effective in solving crime. Council working with Police to identify the gaps where some camera coverage is missing and then looking at funding options within the grant space to install. <p>Vic Pol Response – Inspector Peter Koger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained that Council cameras have the capability to be linked to VicPol Airwing to and VicPol Monitoring Assessment Centre (VPMAC). CCTV provide great value in terms of crime prevention and the safety of the community. It is the best use of resources. • A recent example was shared of how cameras enabled the tracking and speedy arrest of an offender tracked from the Dandenong Market to Dandenong Station. <p>Question from Mayor Jim Memeti re a \$200,000 feasibility study being conducted by the State Government on improving safety at the Dandenong Station. Is Council or any other partners having any input into this feasibility study?</p> <p>Council Response – Strategic Transport Engineer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study is sitting with the Department of Transport. Some preliminary discussions have been had with Council's Coordinator Strategic Transport and Department will be looking to identify other Council departments to have input. 	<p>Council to provide update on input at next CSAC meeting.</p>	<p>Coordinator Community Advocacy.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Roundtable Updates</p> <p>Monash Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dandenong is going to be Public Intoxication Reform Trial site. • Monash Health has been successful as the lead agency and looking at getting the model of care up and running. • Very open to ongoing consultation with a range of stakeholders. A 24/7 model is proposed. • Looking at a detox unit in Cleeland Street. <p>Council - Place Manager Activity Centre's</p>		

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<p>Revitalisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be submitting a funding application to the Creating Safer Spaces Program for funding for Vanity Lane’s lighting, electrical and CCTV assets. The laneway design proposes six CCTV cameras and lighting that will link the space into Lonsdale St. <p>VicPol – Inspector Peter Koger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouragement to Councillors if they become aware of any community safety issues to contact himself or Sen Sgt Kent Standish by email and they are happy to task directly to address the issue. <p>Council – Emergency Management Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new staff member has joined Council as Municipal Recovery Manager (MRM). • Noted the compounding accommodation challenges that Ways is experiencing will also put stress on the Emergency Management Team if they have a crisis requiring a need to accommodate people. • Overall general trend of reduction of COVID cases. Council is supporting DFFH and Department of Health (DH) with an ongoing operation underway at Mayfair Lodge, the Supported Residential Services (SRS) at Stud Road re positive cases. • Council is supporting the Community Mobiliser Support Program in partnership with the South East Public Health Unit (SEPHU) and Department of Health (DH). Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) were delivered to SEPHU and SEPHU distributed to vulnerable Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) groups across the whole south east catchment. It will be an ongoing program at least until the end of February. • Community or CALD groups can apply through SEPHU website for listing in the triage and can collect RATs at Springvale from Monash Health. <p>Council - Youth Engagement and Participation Team Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many families isolating and young people not at the age to receive vaccination. • More concern around mental health with young people preferring to have face to face contact with the worker. • Teachers commenting that there are more behavioural issues with many young people particularly when transitioning from primary to secondary school or those transferring from middle school to the high school. • Many single mothers have been impacted by COVID as some have lost jobs and many 	
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	cannot access support.		
	Council - Community Advocacy Officer Safety Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee with a COP and councillors – each ward councillor to be invited to attend with VicPol – approximately eight events planned April, May June.• Community trail Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) events also being planned – some in central Dandenong around Walker Street, Thomas Street, Boyd Lane, Palm Plaza and the Station.		
	Meeting closed: 4.22pm Next meeting: 11 May 2022 Time: 3-4.30pm Location: Microsoft Teams Online		

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4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 15 February 2022

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Community Services

Attachments:

Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub
Committee on 15 February 2022

1. Report Summary

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2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the draft Minutes of the Springvale Community Hub Committee meeting provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted and endorsed by Council.

4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 15 February 2022 (Cont.)

3. Background and Proposal

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4. Community Vision 2040 and Council Plan 2021-25 – Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Plans

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Our community is healthy, vibrant, innovative and creative.
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4.1 Community Vision 2040

This report is consistent with the Community Vision 2040 and its accompanying principles:

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.

4.2 Council Plan 2021-25

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 strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods.

5. 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.

4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 15 February 2022 (Cont.)

The establishment of the Springvale Community Hub 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);
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- 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).

6. 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.

7. 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.

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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.

8. 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.

4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 15 February 2022 (Cont.)

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.

9. Recommendation

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Springvale Community Hub Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

MINUTE 431

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

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Springvale Community Hub Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

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4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 15 February 2022 (Cont.)

OTHER

**DRAFT MINUTES OF SPRINGVALE COMMUNITY HUB
COMMITTEE MEETING**

ATTACHMENT 1

**SPRINGVALE COMMUNITY HUB
COMMITTEE MEETING ON 15
FEBRUARY 2022**

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4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 15 February 2022 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name: *Springvale Community Hub Committee*

Date of Meeting: *15 February 2022*

Time of Meeting: *5.30pm – 7pm*

Meeting Location: *Online*

Attendees:

Cr Richard Lim (RL), Dani Holl (DH) (Chair), Lissette Brearley (LB), Melanie Virtue (MV), Vivienne Fernandes (VF), Sarita Kulkarni (SK), Chris Keys (CK), Director of Community Services (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Acting Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD), and Community Development Officer (CGD), Coordinator Community Partnerships & Volunteers (CGD)

Apologies:

Cr Loi Truong, Anna Leticia Demuth, Heather Duggan, Mmaskepe Sejoie, Acting Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD), Manager Community Arts, Culture & Libraries (CGD),

Minutes:

Community Development Officer (CGD)

Item No.	Item	Action	Action by
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the Land, welcomed attendees, and noted the apologies.</p>		
2.	<p>Endorsement of Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Committee endorsed the previous meeting minutes.</p> <p>Committee requested further information in future minutes, including a summary of key points.</p>	<p>Summary of key points to be included in minutes going forward.</p> <p>Additional information request to be further discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Community Development Officer (CGD)</p>
3.	<p>Springvale Community Hub report and action plan review</p> <p>Council officers provided a report on activities and usage of the Springvale Community Hub (SCH) and an update on selected actions in the SCH Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Key items in the report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - impact COVID lockdowns and increases in infection 		

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	<p>numbers have had on the community visiting SCH. - However, with numbers stabilising, there are a number of upcoming events and activations including the SCH Celebration, the resumption of in-person Library programs and the Open Air Cinema series.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledges the impact COVID has had on programming and activation of the space. The Committee also acknowledged the wonderful work from the Digital Certificate Help desk in supporting the community and it a highly valued service for the community.</p> <p>The Committee requested further detail in the update on SCH Action.</p> <p>The SCH committee report tabled and read.</p>	<p>Additional information request to be further discussed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Acting Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD)</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>City of Greater Dandenong Community Grants Program</p> <p>Information was provided to the Committee on CGD Community Grant opportunities including information sessions, application process and the allocation of funds to COVID support and emergency relief.</p> <p>The committee had some comments on accessibility of funding to unincorporated groups and what support is offered to groups after funding has been awarded.</p> <p>The Chair proposed a working group to discuss the possibility of mentoring emerging community groups – mentoring, funds management, information sessions to target needs of new committees.</p>	<p>Extra information to be provided to the Committee about CGD Community Grants.</p> <p>Formation of a working group.</p>	<p>Community Development Officer (CGD)</p> <p>DH (Chair)</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Upcoming events and activations at SCH</p> <p>List of upcoming events and activations was included in the report to Committee members (Appendix 1).</p> <p>The Committee requested an additional column to include estimated numbers of participants.</p>	<p>Add estimated number of participants to upcoming events and activations.</p>	<p>Community Development Officer (CGD)</p>

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6.	Community Celebration – 5 March 2022 Council provided an update on the expression of interest applications and proposed activities for the event. Promotion of the event has commenced with posters and postcards.	Promotional collateral to be shared with Committee to help promote event.	Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD), and Community Development Officer (CGD), All committee members
Next meeting date: 5 April 2022			

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4.2.4 Draft Minutes of Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 February 2022

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Responsible Officer:

Director Community Services

Attachments:

Draft Minutes of Cultural Heritage Advisory
Committee Meeting on 17 February 2022

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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.

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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.

9. Recommendation

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

MINUTE 432

Moved by: Cr Angela Long

Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

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

CARRIED

4.2.4 Draft Minutes of Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 February 2022 (Cont.)

OTHER

**DRAFT MINUTES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING – 17 FEBRUARY 2022**

ATTACHMENT 1

**CULTURAL HERITAGE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17
FEBRUARY 2022**

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4.2.4 Draft Minutes of Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 February 2022 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name: *Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee*

Date of Meeting: *17 February 2022*

Time of Meeting: *4.00pm – 5.30pm*

Meeting Location: *Online via Microsoft TEAMS*

Attendees: *Chris Keys (Chair), Cnr Angela Long, Tilla Buden, Monique Godbehere, Brad Cooper, Jenny Pemberton-Webb, Robyn Robie, Gaye Guest*

Apologies: *Maryanne McCubbin, Bill Warner, Alison Key, Prue Hawkey*

Minutes: *Vanessa Jefferson – The meeting will be recorded to assist with minute taking.*

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1	<p>Acknowledgement of country</p> <p><i>"We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise and respect their continuing connections to Climate, Culture and Country and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey."</i></p>		
2	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Introductions made by Officer – Tilla Buden for new Library Services Senior Coordinator – Monique Godbehere, replacing Natalie Brown and Business Support Officer – Vanessa Jefferson.</p>		
3	<p>Review of minutes from meeting held 21 October 2021</p> <p>Chair noted an edit to the previous minutes. Agenda item 8: <i>"CoGD reported they are continuing to monitor the state roadmap..."</i></p>	Minutes moved and seconded.	Moved: CK Seconded: AL
4	<p>Matters arising from minutes</p>		
5	<p>Objectives of the Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee</p> <p>Chair spoke to the list of objectives presented on the agenda and asked all CHAC members to review.</p> <p>No additional comments or recommendations noted.</p>		

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4.2.4 Draft Minutes of Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 February 2022 (Cont.)

<p>6</p>	<p>Vanity Lane update</p> <p>Officer – Brad Cooper presented update and confirmed the inclusion of heritage interpretive signs at Vanity Lane, Dandenong (Adjacent to the Chemist Warehouse building/Pedestrian laneway development).</p> <p>Three heritage interpretive signs have been designed. 1. Couve Pharmacy 2. McKeon Pharmacy and 3. Timeline/evolution of pharmacy families in the area. All signs will be wall mounted, feature a black and white design with inclusion of story and pictures.</p> <p>In addition to the signage, the redeveloped laneway will feature three steel panels with an artist interpretation of the stories from the area.</p> <p>Funding for project to fall over 21-22 and 22-23 financial year budgets. Further soil testing to be completed at site. Application for CCTV funding has been made through Crime Prevention, Officers awaiting outcome.</p> <p>Anticipated project completion early 2023.</p>	<p>Image of signage design and map to be shared with committee</p>	<p>Business Support Officer</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Arts and Cultural Heritage Strategy update</p> <p>Officer – Tilla Buden thanked CHAC members for contribution to strategy and provided an update.</p> <p>Strategy in draft stage and undergoing stress testing.</p> <p>Strategy to go out for public consultation in April. Final Council review and endorsement scheduled for 27 June 2022.</p>		
<p>8</p>	<p>Historical Society Update</p> <p>Chair provided update on DDHS and SDHS. Both groups experiencing ongoing NBN/connectivity issues. Resolution expected by March.</p> <p>Noted volunteers have been reluctant to return due to COVID-19. Societies seeking to replace volunteers by engaging with volunteer services and University/TAFE students studying history.</p> <p>GG noted good use of marketing and advertising to volunteers at other places as well as ability to provide work from home/research options for volunteers. Chair called for CHAC members to promote Historical societies to boost volunteer numbers.</p> <p>SDHS currently sorting collections before relocation to Springvale Community Hub.</p> <p>Springvale Community Hub event on Saturday 5 March as part of the SDHS are planning an "Antiques Roadshow" program in collaboration with CoGD. Details to be finalised. Promotion of societies with use of pull up banners and publications.</p> <p>Annual general meeting for SDHS on Saturday 26 February and DDHS in March.</p>		

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<p>9</p>	<p>City of Greater Dandenong 25th anniversary publication update</p> <p>Officer – Brad Cooper spoke to promotional opportunities for the sale of the book. Noted promotion in Dandenong news and on social media lead to increased awareness of the publication. Upcoming event at Springvale Community Hub identified as a promotion/sale opportunity. Will continue to look at appropriate events/programs to promote.</p> <p>Councillor noted local community member and Indigenous Elder, Pat Orwell, currently selling her memoir. Chair agreed to purchase a copy for SDHS and DDHS.</p>		
<p>10</p>	<p>Acquisitions/Collection policies</p> <p>Officer – Brad Cooper noted the Terms of Reference for the Acquisition and Deaccession working group had been updated to include feedback from advisory committee. Working group to be formed.</p> <p>Seeking services from external consultant to assist with finalisation of the recommended documents. First working group to be scheduled first half of 2022.</p>		
<p>11</p>	<p>Update on changing the History and Heritage website</p> <p>Officer – Brad Cooper spoke to the ongoing review of Council heritage digital content and advised of planning towards 'Heritage' branding for exhibition and online content. Design brief has commenced with a focus on raising heritage awareness and consistent branding across CGD.</p> <p>Committee details to be added to website with accompanying background information.</p> <p>"Reading, Writing and Arithmetic" display currently at Heritage Hill with digital elements available via YouTube. https://youtu.be/n7OmFXeLoPk</p>	<p>Website update</p>	<p>CGD Officers</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Hammond Road Archive, feasibility extension study</p> <p>Currently awaiting outcome of budget bid for long-term storage feasibility study. Capital budget bid also being considered for toilet block conversion for a small multipurpose space and to explore changes to existing racking to improve storage efficiencies.</p> <p>Officers will provide further updates to committee as process progresses. Noted phased return to onsite work for staff by early March.</p>		
<p>13</p>	<p>Approaching Multicultural Committee to discuss how the Cultural Heritage and Advisory Committee could more effectively engage with migrant communities/capturing</p>		

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	<p>small collections</p> <p>Chair requested this item is included on future agendas for the committee to consider.</p> <p>Expression of preference for a face-to-face approach, now possible post COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>GG – Requested Library Services evaluate “Princess eats with a fork” by Sumayya for collections. Taken on notice.</p>		
14	<p>Greater Dandenong Gallery of Art/Masonic Hall Time Capsule Project</p> <p>Officer talked to the status of the project, which is on hold due to delays in the gallery redevelopment. Contents of capsule are ready, awaiting installation on building completion.</p> <p>Officers and committee gave thanks to Cnr Long for her time and effort contributed to the project, including social media promotional video.</p>	<p>Itemised list of capsule contents to be circulated to committee members with accompanying location details for placement of capsule for future record.</p>	<p>CGD Officers</p>
15	<p>Update on Noble Park Hall Trust</p> <p>GG – Proposed selling copies of book written by Dawn to be sold at the Springvale Community Hub Event on Saturday 5 March.</p> <p>GG talked to email circulated to all committee members and CGD staff in relation to the feasibility study for the Paddy O’Donoghue Centre.</p> <p>Raised concerns in relation to security/COVID marshals not present at the site.</p>		
16	<p>Review of the Greater Dandenong Heritage Study 1999</p> <p>Item to remain on agenda until budget becomes available to complete another study.</p>		
17	<p>Friends of Historic Keysborough Chapel</p> <p>Application currently under review by Charities commission to determine charitable association and what will happen to the property. Outcome to be determined soon.</p>		
18	<p>CoGD Reserves Video Project</p> <p>Chair completing research for Fred Watcher and Springers in the coming week. Roley Allen reserve research complete.</p> <p>Project is progressing.</p>		
20	<p>Grant updates</p> <p>Grant applications open – Chair to complete for SDHS and DDHS by 14 March 2022.</p> <p>Chair advised DDHS are seeking funding for staffing to provide support for ehive.</p> <p>Applications for Springvale to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>Officer updated committee on Heritage grants</p>		

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	<p>received by CGD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$15000 from Public records office "We built this city" interpretation project – works currently underway - \$1800 from National Libraries of Australia for training focused on caring for heritage items and collections. Training to be scheduled with local collecting institutions later in 2022. 		
21	<p>Current heritage projects/upcoming events</p> <p>Officer – Brad Cooper provided an update on current projects – ehive/Digitisation project, PROV project "We Built this City", Australian History Festival, Children's Forum, ongoing research requests, Heritage Hill education program and tours, SDHS pull up banners.</p> <p>Heritage staff are working with a volunteer in relation to a remote project with a focus on Flashback Friday social media posts and the use of eHive.</p> <p>Australian History Festival – May 2022 will include a selection of short films and archived documents for use in the local area. Officers to provide update as project progresses. Request from committee to remind ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image) to engage with SDHS and DDHS.</p>		
22	<p>Other business</p> <p>SDHS Moving date and update:</p> <p>Council officers are still working with SDHS on their planned move into the Springvale Community Hub. Chair advised that SDHS are currently working through the areas of their collection to establish what items are to be moved and further follow up on other items to be determined. This work is to be undertaken prior to the move. Council officers to provide advice/support to SDHS where required.</p> <p>Promotion of Noble Park Community centre Art trail in March 2022.</p>		Chair/CoGD
<p>Meeting closed at: 5.20pm</p> <p>Next Meeting: Thursday 12 May 2022</p>			

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4.2.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id:	qA283304
Responsible Officer:	Manager Governance
Attachments:	Correspondence Received 21 March – 1 April 2022

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 21 March – 1 April 2022.

Recommendation

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 21 March – 1 April 2022 be received and noted.

MINUTE 433

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

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 21 March – 1 April 2022 be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
21 MARCH – 1 APRIL 2022**

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



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 21/03/22 & 01/04/22 - for officer action - total = 0

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
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Nothing to report.

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

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



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 21/03/22 & 01/04/22- for information only - total = 3

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
A letter of acknowledgement from the office of the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care in relation to the Mayor's request for funding for the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre.	22-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	A8618666	Mayor and Councillors EA
A letter of acknowledgement from the Minister for Water in relation to the Mayor's letter objecting to the proposal for a cemetery in Heatherton Road, Dandenong.	23-Mar-22	25-Mar-22	A8618688	Mayor and Councillors EA
Advice from the Minister for Local Government regarding the new Victorian Aboriginal and Local Government Strategy.	23-Mar-22	29-Mar-22	A8625794	Mayor and Councillors EA

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso

It has been a jam-packed couple of weeks in Dandenong. We have had an abundance of festivals which has been fantastic. I personally attended the Keysborough Picnic Sunday 3 April and of course the Sustainability Festival on Saturday 9 April 2022. I was not able to get my kids away from the animal enclosure that we had there so they definitely got their money's worth having my kids attend, it was a really good day with beautiful weather. They probably wanted a few more in attendance so that is something to investigate for future events.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Cambodian New Year celebration at Burden Park in Springvale which was hosted by the Youth Cambodian Group. It was wonderful and I attended with my colleagues Cr Sophie Tan and Cr Richard Lim. Thank you for having me, it was a lovely day and a lovely event and I did learn how to say 'Happy New Year' in Cambodian but I have now forgotten that of course so I will have to work on that for next year.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

I have a question regarding Heritage Preschool. I had a meeting with them last week and they are extremely grateful for the crossing implemented there in February of this year. However, there seems to be some unfinished works because there is no signage. There is confusion with drivers not knowing whether to stop or go through and the school are getting complaints. They are very uncertain about what is meant to be happening there. Can we increase the awareness of the crossing in front of the preschool?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

This has come to my notice for the first time so we shall monitor the situation and assess the problems and investigate.

Comment

Cr Eden Foster

There have been many events in the past couple of weeks. The Keysborough Big Picnic was great to attend given that last year's was cancelled. The weather unfortunately was not so great but we made it and the crowds were big so that was fantastic to see many families out there and the community being able to celebrate.

I also attended the Sustainability Festival which was another great festival. It would be good to see more numbers out there in the Springvale Community Hub and the Sustainability Festival to take off again. I look forward to next year and hopefully we will see increased numbers.

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

I also attended the Vaisakhi Sikh New Year Festival just this weekend and what a wonderful Sikh community we have. It was so vibrant, so colourful, just an amazing event.

I also attended the Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees with the Back Your Neighbour Banner with the Mayor Cr Memeti, Cr Garad and Cr Lim. Another fantastic event to be able to be a strong voice for our community given that many in our community do come from a refugee background or an asylum seeker background. I think it is important that we voice our concerns and voice our opinions about being able to free the refugees and it is fantastic that those refugees that were in The Park Hotel have since been freed. Again, I would like to thank both Mr Mayor and Cr Garad for representing us in Canberra a couple of weeks ago.

Question

Cr Eden Foster

A question in terms of the Hemmings Street Precinct tree removals. With regards to the decision to investigate removing the trees on account of safety, what evidence and research is this based on?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

The advice was based on looking at our existing strategy which is significant evidence base behind it but any further details on that, I will take on notice.

Question

Cr Eden Foster

Following on from the relevant officer's comments about reviewing the options and consulting with the community, will this be open to the public? How will Council reach out to perhaps the relevant community members to be able to consult adequately on this decision?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

Community engagement planning is still in development but we will advise.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

My colleagues have already talked about the tremendous events that we have all attended, the Keysborough Big Picnic was a fantastic event and the weather almost held out for that one.

The Sikh event at Dandenong Park yesterday was a fabulous and colourful event.

The refugee march yesterday, with the Mayor and a number of our fellow Councillors and also our fellow Councils representing the Mayoral Taskforce attended. It was great to see people out in force standing up for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers. Whilst we are pleased that most of them have been released, the issue of support once they are in the community is still a critical issue and we will continue to advocate on their behalf.

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

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

The City of Glen Eira has diverted 62% of its waste from landfill through Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) and a recent review of our own FOGO has shown that we have diverted 35% away from landfill. If we combine that to what we recycle and glass diversion, we have diverted almost half of our waste away from landfill. My question is, if fully rolled out, FOGO including to residential apartments, what is the estimated amount of waste that we can divert from landfill?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

To determine this we would need to do an audit of the garbage bin to determine what percentage of the bin still contains food and organic matter. The sample size would need to be large enough to gather sufficient data required to project an estimate for the diversion rates. Along with this, there needs to be strong community education programs to help inform the community around what can and cannot be placed in the bin. The biggest problem Council faces in terms of rolling out bins to multi-unit developments is the shared bin situation which results in a lot of contamination. If everything was rolled out smoothly, a higher diversion rate could be achieved similar to what we have seen in Glen Eira with 65%. The owners are currently conducting an audit of Council's FOGO material and we should receive the result on that in the coming weeks.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Thank you for that response and it is good to know we have further to go and that we can achieve much higher rates in our diversion.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Is it correct that we have reduced our tonnage over a five year period from around about 31,000 tonnes to closer to 230 and therefore is our waste tonnage, despite growth in population, trending down?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Waste tonnage in 17-18 was 31,018 tonnes which averaged out to 2,584 tonnes per month. For 2021-22, we have projected an estimated tonnage of 30,500 tonnes, averaging at 2,500 tonnes per month. This is a decrease of approximately 500 tonnes.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

It is good to know we are trending down.

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

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

My next question is a follow up to the Hemmings Street question. Just regarding the meeting on Wednesday night, I understand there is a consultation meeting on this Wednesday night. Is that open to the public? How will the public be made aware and where will that take place?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

I will take that question on notice to confirm. I believe it is a working group meeting but I am not sure if it is open broadly to the public as well.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Given it is Monday night, if it is open to the public, how will we know?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

If it is open to the public I would expect that would already be advertised unless there is a new one being called but I will have to check the details. I just do not know them tonight myself.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

My next question is regarding a couple of new traffic accidents around the Keysborough Gardens Primary School. To reduce the risk to the students attending primary school will the Council put in flashing speed limits in Chapel and Homeleigh Road in Keysborough South?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

Current speed zoning guidelines recommend the use of electronic flashing speed signs on roads where traffic volumes exceed 10,000 vehicles per day past the school frontage. Whilst not quite at these traffic volume levels yet, Chapel Road is currently close to meeting this requirement. However, Homeleigh Road is quite far away. Council's Traffic Engineers will continue to monitor Chapel Road and will submit a request to the Department of Transport for electronic speed signs near the school once the traffic volume requirement is satisfied.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

I would ask if it is close enough, could we not go there? Chapel Road is a dangerous road, there are lots of children crossing. We have had one incident go into the school and another near incident. I think on that basis, if it is close enough, could we not go there?

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

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will explore that with the team and direct your request to the State department.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Regarding our conversion to renewal energy. Last year we signed up to the Collaborative Wind Contract where most of our energy is now from renewable sources. What has been the economic savings to the Council from the conversation to renewable energy?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

There is quite a lot of information and data that needs to be collected to answer your question. We will gather that hopefully over the next fortnight and as soon as that information has been brought together and we are able to present it in a form that gives us what our savings are against the categories in which we have signed up then I will bring that back to yourself and the rest of Council.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

The residents of my Ward have been asking why the Council cannot create Facebook events for all our major events particularly relating to the Keysborough Big Picnic Facebook event. This allows residents to share the event and it also provides a reminder. Why is it not possible for us to create Facebook events for our large events such as the Picnic?

Response

Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager, Communications and Customer Service

We do create Facebook events for certain events. With our larger events, I guess there are a couple of reasons why we do not do it for everything. Mainly resources and focussing on having most of our content on our website. If details change, we need to update that in two places. The other thing is that if somebody shares an event and it only shows that a couple of people are going, it does not look great for that event. We are looking at doing that more and more and certainly we do it for our larger events.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Could I suggest that the look of the page is not the issue but if it increases residents' likelihood of attending events and the Keysborough Big Picnic was a major event, I suggest that we do it. If it is a resourcing issue, can we be let known about that? I think, being concerned that there are not enough numbers, I think that is a very minor issue.

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

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

When will the Keysborough Hub contract go out to tender?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice.

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

I do not know either. My understanding from Mr Kearsley he reported a couple of weeks ago that there have been some difficulties experienced by the architectural firm and that has contributed to a brief delay. It will be six to eight weeks before that matter will go out to tender.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

When will the Greater Dandenong Mobile Environment Centre contract be awarded?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I will follow up and provide an answer to yourself and Councillors.

Comment

Cr Angela Long

These are some of the events that I have attended since my last formal meeting.

On 29 March 2022, I attended the online meeting with the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL).

On 31 March 2022, I attended the 32nd Anniversary lunch for the Napoli Family Club at Menzies Avenue Hall in Dandenong North.

On 7 April 2022, I attended a toast to Phil Robinson's retirement at the Operations Centre.

On 9 March 2022, I attended the Sustainability Festival at the Springvale Community Hub.

Comment

Cr Richard Lim OAM

These are some of the events that I attended in the last fortnight.

On Thursday 31 March 2022, I had a meeting with Warren Elliott from the Salvation Army and Miss Leanne Wong, Relationship Manager of the Multicultural Community. The meeting was to raise awareness in our Multicultural Community especially during these hard times. Many people are

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

suffering from the flooding in NSW and QLD and up till now I have personally raised \$5,000 and a temple raised about \$4,000 plus. I would like to remind all the Councillors to let them know if you receive an email from Salvation Army and you would like to attend the Red Shield Appeal 2022 at Glen Waverley. The Salvation Army has done a great job over many years. Last year itself they assisted more than 319,000 people right across Australia. They want to hold another appeal in winter but from now until the end of the year hopefully we will raise more money for all the flood victims in NSW and QLD.

On Sunday 3 April 2022, in the morning I attended the Cambodian Association of Victoria celebration of Cambodian New Year. That was quite successful and I attended with Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Lana Formoso and Cr Sean O'Reilly. It was a great night and we had a few MPs attend.

On Wednesday 6 April 2022, I attended the Citizenship ceremony with the Mayor and Julian Hill MP.

On Thursday 7 April 2022, Mr Lucas Sikiotis and Martin Halden came to Springvale to meet me and two business owners who are really concerned about traffic problems in Springvale especially at the crossing. I thank both of you for meeting with us. We received feedback and you gave us a clear picture of the problem. The other two gentlemen that joined with Lucas and Martin advised they receive many complaints from the Springvale residents and community.

On Saturday 9 April 2022, I attended the Springvale Community Hub with Mayor Cr Jim Memeti, and a few Councillors which was great. After lunch, we attended the Cambodian Youth Group celebrating the Cambodian New Year which was also a great event as Cr Lana Formoso has already mentioned.

On Saturday 10 April 2022, I attended with Mayor Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Rhonda Garad and Cr Eden Foster the Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees 2022. We had a very impressive key speaker, Mr Tim Costello.

Question

Cr Richard Lim OAM

Regarding No. 8 Balmoral Avenue multi-storey carpark in Springvale, we are having some issues with the signage. I mentioned to Paul Kearsley many times about upgrading the signage especially the one displaying car spaces. It has been out of order for many years and the reason that we discovered in the first place is the signage did not provide accurate figures. Now that it is back on, they are arguing that if a sign is on it will probably attract visitors and people can see where the multilevel carpark is. We should also add more signage across the Springvale Activity Centre.

According to Paul Kearsley, I will need to submit it as a CIP bid but this sort of signage should not be in CIP bids, it should be part of the Council budget. It is very hard for visitors to come looking for a carpark, many people still do not know where the carpark is. If you can see the sign from far away, the digital signage can attract people to use that multi-level carpark.

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

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

With regards to the signage Cr Lim did raise it with us onsite and we have undertaken to do another assessment of the static signs directing people to the carpark. The LED sign or the live sign was working reasonably well when we had the boom gate because it was a definitive trigger and as people came in, it was easy to count and when they went out, it was a trigger again to count the vehicles. It had an absolute knowledge of what was happening but with the current system, I understand that there are some difficulties to get it working. We will take the question on notice because it falls within my colleague's area and I do not know a lot more about that but what I do know is that the changeover to pay and display has made it quite awkward.

Question

Cr Richard Lim OAM

The next question is regarding the pedestrian crossings. The petition is still with me and I always get people asking me what is going on. They submitted their petition before 30 November 2016 and the department replied to them on 30 November 2016 and said that they would look into it. People keep complaining about these sorts of problems and I discussed with Mr Sikiotis who said that his department does not have the funds to fix or install the traffic lights at that crossing. Also in that petition he was concerned about all the other zebra crossings that were not painted properly and he wants us to do something about it. Can the Council use money from Council budget rather than CIP bids because as everyone is aware there is not much money for CIP bids? As a Councillor, if we can use the budget to fix all of those problems, it is probably better. The traffic issue is not to do with my Ward as such because this is really part of our city upgrade for Greater Dandenong.

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice because it does involve the CIP budget. The first opportunity may well be at the mid-year review however I am acutely aware of budget pressures and the crossing in the format that was put forward by Cr Lim is in the CIP.

Question

Cr Richard Lim OAM

Back to the streetlights at the Springvale Activity Centre especially Buckingham Avenue and other streets. People still come to complain to me that it is really dark but one of the Council officers said that the light is enough according to their study. If they wish they can come with me after 6.30 or 7pm to have a look at the streetlights. It is very dim and the colour is yellowish so if you can change it to an LED light, it will probably look brighter. If there is anything you can do about that, it would be very helpful for our Springvale Activity Centre where a lot of youngsters hang around regularly until 7.30-8pm at night because of the bubble tea and they love to meet each other there for supper at the Springvale Activity Centre.

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Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I know my colleague has people who do the testing at night. We measure the density of light and we have standards. Again, like all infrastructure projects, it competes across the board and it is not the only place where we are investigating street lighting but we will take it as an assessment that needs to be done and put it on the list.

Question

Cr Richard Lim OAM

Almost every Monday that I attend Council meetings, at the corner of Lonsdale Street and Princes Highway and the corner of Clow Street, the traffic light cycle is so fast only one or two cars can get through or sometimes three cars at the most. Sometimes, like today, it was very congested. There may have been a truck trying to turn into Thomas Street which held up the traffic flow through Princes Highway and totally blocking Lonsdale Street. Drivers were beeping their horns at each other, screaming at each other and we were stuck there for quite a while. Can you do something to make it easier for drivers to turn right into Clow Street and therefore less congestion and less trouble to all the drivers?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

That intersection falls in the management domain of what was VicRoads, the Department of Transport. They have hardware and software that monitors the traffic volumes under the mounds in each of the turning directions so we can direct your specific issue to them as a question and I am happy to do that. I shall direct my officers to get the details from you and we will pass that onto the Department of Transport.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

I would like to report a few events that I attended since the last Council meeting.

On 26 March 2022, I attended the Noble Park Big Day Out. It was a great turnout. It was the first major event that we organised since COVID-19 and there were many people. There were families and kids enjoying the performances and outdoor activities which is great to see. I just want to congratulate the Greater Dandenong Youth Services for their outstanding work and thanks to Noble Park Revitalisation Board for contributing funding for this event.

On 3 April 2022, I attended the Cambodian New Year Celebration hosted by the Cambodian Association Victoria and that evening they also held their 33rd Anniversary which was on hold two years due to COVID-19. I want to congratulate the Cambodian Association of Victoria for their services. This year will be their 37th year of providing exceptional support and service to our residents, by increasing and strengthening cultural awareness to our Greater Dandenong Council and the whole community.

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On 9 April 2022, I attended the Cambodian Youth's New Year Celebration hosted by the Cambodian Youth Group. They also raised funds to support the NSW and QLD Flood Appeals. They raised \$1,400 on the day. The money will be contributed to the Australian Red Cross that will help people that were affected by the recent floods. On the same day, I attended the Sustainability Festival which was at Springvale Community Hub. There was a great turnout compared to last year as we know, due to COVID-19. Thanks to the Environmental Sustainability Group for all their outstanding work.

Question
Cr Sophie Tan

My question is regarding the Federal Black Spot Program funded from last year's projects 2021. I know there has been a lot of congestion work on Corrigan Road so firstly regarding the installation of traffic lights on Corrigan Road and Harold Road. I would like an update on the completion date of the project?

Response
Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I think there is a delay in the delivery but that has been approved and I will take the question on notice to establish exactly what has happened there.

Question
Cr Sophie Tan

Regarding the installation of raised platform treatment on Bloomfield Road, Noble Park and Keysborough, could you please provide an update? Also, the raised safety platform and intersections and modified intersection on Joy Parade and Henry Street in Noble Park.

Response
Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take these questions on notice.

Question
Cr Sophie Tan

Regarding Road Safety, one of the major projects in Noble Park that is part of the Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan that we completed since we passed it in 2019 was to remove the roundabout at Heatherton Road and Douglas Street and replace it with traffic lights. The project has been deferred due to funding but recently there have been many accidents caused on Heatherton Road. At the roundabout, there is no pedestrian crossing. People have to walk all the way towards Noble Park RSL to wait for the traffic light to cross over to the skate park and the park. That is one of the main concerns for pedestrians and cyclists. Could the relevant officer please investigate what we can do in the meantime, in terms of the pedestrian crossing? Could you please investigate how much it will cost to get done?

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Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take the question on notice.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

Cr Tan, I can write a letter to the Department of Transport and the Federal Government for some funding.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

A resident contacted me who is a pensioner. The cost of living has gone up due to COVID-19. Our elderly pensioner wants to be out socialising however, some of the activities they find are a bit more costly. Could we please investigate or discuss with the Noble Park Community Centre or any other group that can help with pensioners to at least pay for their activities, because they want to be out socialising but they cannot afford it?

Response

Tilla Buden, Acting Director Community Services

I will ask the Development Officer to follow that up directly with you.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

In the Keysborough Ward and Cr Dark would probably know about this, a gentleman called me regarding the College Crescent pocket park. Can I have an update on the College Crescent pocket park? There is exercise equipment and the playground installed last year but is not used yet. I am not sure whether it is due to the CIP bid or if this project has been requested before so could you please provide an update on that?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take the question on notice.

Comment

Cr Tim Dark

Just supplementary to Cr Tan's last question, that has to do with the Parkland Reserve, the one near Yaralla Court in Keysborough. It has been on the Council submission bid for a couple of years and I believe Mr Cinquegrana is currently chasing that up as well but I will forward some correspondence to Mr Sikiotis and cc Cr Tan.

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What a very busy fortnight it has been. Certainly, as the City of Greater Dandenong kicks back into life again we have been certainly suffering through COVID in the last couple of years and it is good to see so many of the community groups now getting restarted. In particular, our sports clubs getting kids back out and getting people to start coming and playing sport again after the last couple of years where they have not been able to and getting back into shape. I had the fortunate opportunity of attending quite a few events and I will run through them first.

The first event I attended was the Keysborough Big Picnic in the Keysborough Ward. That was a well-attended event where there was a big crowd. It seems to me every year Noble Park Big Day Out has fantastic weather and massive crowds and the next week is Keysborough's Big Picnic and it is wet and washed out but certainly the weather held off for as long as it could and there were some good stalls from local community groups that attended.

I also had an opportunity to attend the Springvale and Greater Dandenong Scout Camp at Gilwell Park in Gembrook. I drove up there and had a look and to see what they were doing and the activities they were doing to celebrate the 50th birthday of one of the Scout leaders, Daryl Morgan.

I also attended the Noble Park Drina Soccer Club's cocktail party. That was a fundraiser that they held to raise money for the club now that they are coming out of COVID. Every local soccer club and sports clubs' finances have been substantially eroded and clubs have come up with ingenious ways of being able to raise money for the clubs. That was a very, very well attended event and it was good to see that they are having a lot more of their women's sports teams which will shortly be commencing their season just after Easter and the amount of young people and kids getting involved is always a good thing to see.

I attended the Launch of the Springvale Football Club. Springvale versus Cranbourne with Cr Sean O'Reilly who is the Ward Councillor and it was good to head down. I do have questions following on from that.

I attended the Noble Park Football Club Launch and that was held on Saturday last week at Rowville's home ground. Very shortly there will be that first match being held at Club Noble in Noble Park. From the correspondence that I have and through having conversations, Noble Park is very keen to come back to their home given the shape of the facilities at Rowville.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

I have received a request from a couple of the tenant clubs at the Rowley Allan Reserve with the oval there. There have been people with dogs on the oval, throwing balls and the grass is being dug up and breaking down quite quickly. At the very front entrance to the gate, there is a sign 'You must have your dog on a leash'. There was a request whether it is possible for signage as you enter the oval and enter the grass to say there should be either no dogs allowed or dogs on leash so dogs are not running around tearing up the grass when the football season is starting.

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Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Yes, we can make those arrangements. I will liaise with Mr Sikiotis and we will put some appropriate signage up. Obviously, it is just about raising the level of awareness opposite to the reserve so you can leave that with us.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

With regards to the Wachter Reserve Playground which is currently undertaking a new playground, it was funded in the previous budget and stage one has been conducted. What is Council doing with the original playground that is there? What is Council's policy? Does it get scrapped or relocated or what happens with our old playgrounds as they become rejuvenated?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

I will take that question on notice.

Response

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

Can I give a very general response but we will look specifically at that reserve but most playgrounds are replaced because they are out of date and are potentially unsafe. There are very high standards for playgrounds and once they reach the end of their specified life or they show any signs that they present as a risk to children then we do not hesitate to close them or change or replace them. Whilst we may be replacing it, the redundant equipment I suspect, needs to be scrapped. Having said that, we will look at that site but that is the general response.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

My next question was from the Springvale Football Club when I attended with Cr O'Reilly. Springvale Football Club is the biggest football club in our municipality in terms of membership. It is incredibly large, they now have over 400 registered players and the football and netball team, particularly the netball, they are fielding approximately eight to ten rounds of female teams in netball. The facilities there have been undergoing renovation for quite some time within the budget and I noticed when I was there that no works have commenced. The fence has been erected which obscures a lot of the view of the members who attend and from that, there has been queries and concerns. There has been almost a portable village been constructed on the complete opposite side of the reserve which some commentary was made from the Cranbourne Football Club that the facilities were very, very small.

Cranbourne Football Club was basically forced to operate and get changed in one shipping container on one reserve and the hot water was not going into the facility so they had no provision for showers and it was quite embarrassing given that they are now a Division 1 club playing in the highest ranking within the Southern Football Netball League. We are having clubs attending our municipality and

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attending our grounds to find that the services are in very, very poor state. Can we please contact the Football Club and find out exactly what is happening with the current changerooms being converted? I understand there is a heritage overlay; and given that the reserve and the facilities that are there are really lacking in terms of supply, what options are available to either get that work done or to provide additional supplies so that when clubs do come, they at least have the basics of being able to have a hot shower after running around the field in the rain?

Response

Lucas Sikiotis, Acting Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects

We will certainly take that as a request and process.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

How could I forget that we attended one of the best events I have had so far this year and certainly in the last couple of years with the second Springvale Scouts Debutante Ball held at The Grand on Princes Reception Centre. It was a well attended event. I am told that there were over 280 people that attended. We were very fortunate to have had a special guest in Peter Hitchener, the Channel Nine News host, the Mayor and Gary Steinhardt of Scouts in Victoria. It was a very good event to have so many young people get involved and celebrate and be able to perform and to show off where they are going. The ambition of many of the kids is phenomenal and they have a lot of life goals. The organisers, Kristen Clark and Leanne Morgan, the hours that were put in to organise a deb ball for a local scout group, to sell the tickets, to get it organised is a phenomenal achievement. Can Council write a letter thanking both Kristen and Leanne for holding a deb ball and inviting us to it and then also providing support to the local community?

Response

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

Happy to do that Cr Dark and I concur it was a great evening.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

Here are some of the events I attended.

I attended the Vietnamese Australian Senior Association of Victoria Certificate Presentation. The president Nancy Scouren and the team have done a fantastic job. It was the first meeting that they had face to face due to COVID and my understanding is that they have had over 1,000 hours on Zoom with their members so very well done for a senior organisation and great to keep the community close together over that time.

I also attended the Dandenong South Primary School Magical Getaway Foundation and also Dandenong Council staff have contributed funds for five families to attend a weekend in Phillip Island. These kids came from a very low socio-economic background so they paid for five of those families with their children to attend a weekend in Phillip Island. I had a photo with those kids before they

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were leaving and the smile on their faces was so big and if it was not for the Magical Getaway Foundation and Dandenong Council staff they would not have had the opportunity. A great initiative and it was great to be part of it.

We also hosted the Ministerial Forum Empowering Communities in Dandenong hearing the voices of the Hemmings Street Precinct community with the Hon Natalie Hutchins MP in this room with many, many activists and community groups. I think there were probably over 50 people and I have got to commend the Minister. She arrived here at 9am and did not leave till it was finished at 1.30pm so nearly five hours we had the ear of the Minister and the community to advocate and empowering communities, Dandenong, is a great initiative.

I also met with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly. Interesting to hear of what is happening over there and also understanding the community that they have in Greater Dandenong.

I also attended the Bakhtar Women of the Year Award Dinner. The Bakhtar women is an Afghanistan group but a very progressive group. They have been in Australia for a long time and one of the first Afghanistan groups to be in Greater Dandenong. They are the Bakhtar group and fantastic to hear the stories of the women in our community.

I also attended the Children's Advisory Group meeting, election of the Junior Mayor who was Mya Durakovic from the Keysborough Gardens Primary School. It was great to have the Children's Advisory Committee come together and elect a Junior Mayor. I think there were over 20 schools participating and the Junior Mayor was elected by their peers. I would like to congratulate Mya Durakovic who will do a splendid job as Junior Mayor in 2022. She also attended a function with me on the weekend and made a lovely speech and I am looking forward to working very closely with the Junior Mayor and to hear about the Children's Advisory Group. They will have four meetings this year and they will share their work and knowledge with us in Council because we need to learn not only from the older people but also from the younger people in our community. I can say that the future is looking very bright with our younger generation.

I also attended the Staff Memorial Day which Council holds on an annual basis to remember the staff of the City of Greater Dandenong who have passed away and it was a lovely ceremony where many staff attended.

I attended the Media Photo for Take a Swing Handover of the Keys to a Car. For the first time ever, somebody hit a hole in one and won a car and it was great to be at the presentation and the winner was excited. The money raised this year was \$35,000 and Wellsprings for Women were very appreciative of that \$35,000 which they want to have a caravan where they can visit around the city and sell food at different festivals or functions so these women who gather at Wellsprings will benefit from the fundraiser.

I also attended the Dandenong Thunder and Dandenong City local derby which is the Jim Memeti Cup which was a 1:1 draw and I think Dandenong Thunder hold the cup as they were the previous winner in the previous year. We look forward to the match again later on this year between the two biggest clubs in our city, Dandenong Thunder and Dandenong City. It was great to be there amongst other Councillors and over 3,000 people in attendance.

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I also attended the Noble Park Big Day Out. As some Councillors said, the sunshine was out, the community was out, it was one of the biggest events for 2022 to see so much happening in Ross Reserve. It was fantastic and we have to be thankful to the Noble Park Advisory Board who have done a great job with many of the projects with over \$2m contributed from the Victorian Government and also to our Youth Services who solely looked after the event. They had the opportunity to do whatever they want, they had a free rein and I tell you what they probably run it better than what we would have so congratulations to the Youth Services who did a fantastic job.

I also attended the Narwoz Festival which is the Afghan new year where approximately 10,000 people attended Ross Reserve. It was great to see the Afghani community come together and celebrate after their horrendous six to eight months they have had in their own country to come out and share with the local community the event seems to be getting bigger and bigger and 10,000 people was a great turnout so it was great to be with them.

I also attended that evening the Melbourne Afghan Soccer Association Gala Dinner. This is the Afghan League. They have about 18 male teams, four female teams and they normally play an Easter and Christmas competition at Tatterson Park where they attract 7 to 8,000 people on those tournaments. It was great to catch up on their annual dinner that they have and speak to all the players in attendance. It was great to be there.

I also attended the Canberra Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum - Back Your Neighbour campaign with Cr Garad and other Mayors and Councillors of other Municipalities. We met with about 13 Members of Parliament over two days. We had Amnesty Australia which we bumped into and there was a young man who joined us. His name was Sigit, who was very beneficial to have at our meetings with the MPs. We would explain why we were there but we had somebody who lived it here in Australia. He arrived two weeks before his brother only within six months of him being in Australia he got his permanent visa while his brother who arrived two weeks after him, it has been eight or nine years and he still does not have a visa. He is still on a protection visa and to hear his story firsthand brought tears to our eyes and also the MPs so we continue to do the good work of Back Your Neighbour with approximately 48 councils nationwide and we will continue to do that work and not stop.

Also, we attended the Keysborough Big Picnic. Unfortunately, once again the weather seems to be bad every time we have the Keysborough Big Picnic and maybe it is Cr Dark's fault I think but we will have to probably pick another day and make sure we do not let Tim know which day we are going to pick and hopefully the sun will come out and we will all have a great time. Honestly it was a fantastic day even though it was very cloudy but the community, it did not phase them, they stayed out, danced, jumped around, enjoyed themselves, the music was great and the one-man band, the Mexican, he told some jokes, I am not going to tell you his jokes but I will tell you after the meeting if anybody wants to hear. He was quite funny, one-man Mexican band.

Also, I had the opportunity to do the sod turning ceremony at the Woolworths Dandenong Junction Neighbourhood Shopping Centre which is on the corner of Gladstone Road and Princes Highway. We are looking forward to Woolworths, one of the best in the state and it is going to be right here in Greater Dandenong. It is going to be the gateway to Princes Highway coming into Dandenong and

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they were telling me that turning the sod only on Monday that they are expecting to deliver this project by Christmas. If they can do that, it is going to be unbelievable because to build what they are going to be building in such a short time is fantastic.

I also attended the Ultimate Bowls Championship tournament at the Dandenong Club. If you have never been to the Dandenong Club, the bowling club there, it is at the back of the restaurant you will be amazed, it is all undercover. It was the first time I had been there. They told me it was built in 2017 and it was undercover. I just felt like having a go myself but they were having a competition and there were people from not only Australia but also all the way from the USA and New Zealand. It was a huge competition and I was not even aware that was held in our own city so it was great to be in attendance there.

I also attended a citizenship ceremony with Cr Richard Lim and Mr Julian Hill, the Federal member for Bruce. Great to always be in attendance when I hand over their citizenship to our new Australians. They told me the stories some have been here for 10 years, 15 years, 20 years. Some people are here as refugees, some people come here for love like Mr Julian Hill always says, who is here for love and he gets them to put up their hand, they have migrated to Australia and become permanent Australians. It was just a lovely evening and I always look forward to holding those citizenship ceremonies.

Councillors also mentioned the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Festival which was held at the Springvale Community Hub. This year the attendances were a bit low. Normally we would have that festival at Dandenong Market on a Sunday which has thousands of people attend and I think Councillors will review where we have the next Greater Dandenong Sustainability Festival once receive a report from our Council officers.

I attended the Walker Street Exhibition Opening - Seen. Seen was open to our community to draw portraits of people within our community. There was a portrait of me, an 11-year-old student drew my portrait. I am not sure why she did not win but if I was on the voting panel I would have made her win. Unfortunately, she did not win and I felt sorry for her because the painting/portrait was pretty good. I would like to acknowledge the winner. There was a painting called Gora. Gora was a South Sudan man who was living in our community for over 20 years and that was the winner and it was a good painting I have got to admit. It was painted by an adult but if you compare the ages I reckon the 11 year old would have won, that is just what I thought.

Another function that I attended was the Willara Venturers Scout Debutante Ball. As Cr Dark said it was a fantastic event and Kristen and Leanne did a fantastic job and I got my first scarf so I have never received a scarf from the scouts before but this is a scarf that they gave to me and I am very appreciative. I learned a lot from those kids and they are doing a great job and to see a debutante ball is not always easy but the ladies really looked beautiful and spectacular while the young gentlemen were very stylish.

I attended the Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan organised by the Keysborough Sikh Gurudwara at Dandenong Park and there would have easily been about another 7-8,000 people and I was told to wear my Mayoral robes and chains. I did not stand out because the colours at Dandenong Park were so bright and I blended in and I was given this trophy on behalf of the Council which we will put it in our cabinet for celebrating the Vaisakhi 2022 year.

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The Mayor, Cr Jim Memeti tabled a trophy presented to Council for supporting the celebrations of the Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan 2022.

I attended with my colleague Councillors the Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees 2022 as this Council is a welcome refugee city since 2002 so it is over 20 years, we are standing up for the rights of refugees and asylum seekers and also under the banner of Back Your Neighbour and we were there in support of their cause.

I attended a function for one of our staff members, Phil Robertson who served 40 years for this Council through the City of Springvale then the City of Greater Dandenong. Phil's going to be a valuable big loss for our staff in Dandenong in Bennet Street where he has been working for the last 20 years and before that at the Springvale depot. Phil's knowledge through gardening and then to waste is just huge and in one way I was happy for Phil that he is going to retire and he is going to play more golf and go to the footy clubs which is what he wanted to do but in another way it is going to be a big loss. I wish Phil and his family all the best and hopefully we do see him around.

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer tabled a listing of responses to questions taken on notice/requiring further action at the previous Council meeting. A copy of the responses is provided as an attachment.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
28/03/22 CQT1	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Access issues at Bloomfield Road & Kendra Place, Keysborough I have received correspondence from a resident which I will pass onto the relevant Director with regards to the access path between Bloomfield Road and Kendra Place in Keysborough. A pedestrian in an electric scooter got stuck and could not get through to the other side or reverse. Luckily a resident was nearby and was able to assist. Can officers investigate as a matter of priority regarding access?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	7/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: Yes, our Traffic Engineers will assess the site.</p> <p>Further response provided 7/04/22: I refer to the question you raised at the Council Meeting on 28 March 2022 regarding access for mobility impaired pedestrians using the right-of-way (R.O.W) linking Bloomfield Rd and Kendra Place, Keysborough. As I am sure you are aware the existing barriers are installed to firstly prevent motor vehicle access and secondly to prevent the occurrence of users, specifically cyclists, from being able to exit the R.O.W at speed. This is particularly important at the Bloomfield Road end where we want to ensure users do not overshoot the exit and end up in the traffic lanes on Bloomfield Road. However, whilst the barriers are spaced in accordance with relevant standards, pedestrians requiring use of a wheelchair or motorised mobility scooter would likely find it difficult to navigate between them. Therefore, we have submitted a works request to widen the spacing of the barriers at the Bloomfield Road end and remove the barriers at the Kendra Place end and replace with a single central</p>

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
28/03/22 CQT2	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Signage regarding works at Rowley Allan Reserve, Keysborough Regarding the Rowley Allan Reserve works on the Master Plan. The fence is up, the old netball courts have been removed and new netball courts installed as part of a CIP budget. It was mentioned to me on the weekend that there is no signage and people do not know what is going on. Can signage be installed regarding the new netball courts and the fact that there are upgrades happening to the Reserve?</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	11/04/22	<p>Completed</p> <p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: We will certainly arrange for some signage and it is probably a very good opportunity to arrange for some signage out there promoting the things that we are doing in the area for the community safety that we do.</p> <p>Further response provided 11/04/22: A community notification poster will be prepared and installed at the Rowley Allan Reserve advising of the construction works. The poster is anticipated to be installed by early this week.</p> <p>Completed</p>
28/03/22 CQT3	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Ramp repair at 2nd Springvale Scout Hall in Springvale South My next question is from the 2nd Springvale Scout Group in Springvale South on Springvale Road next to the Coocinda Centre. The</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	11/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: Yes. We will investigate to ensure the appropriate standards and installation are operating to the safety rules of Council.</p>

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		disabled ramp that accesses the building is starting to fail and there have been some issues when people walk up the ramp, it wobbles quite a bit. Can we investigate to ensure it is safe?			<p>Further response provided 11/04/22: In relation to this property, Council owns the land and the Scouts own the building. Under the lease agreement for the use of this property, Scouts are required to maintain and repair the building at their cost. Our Facilities and Property Team will contact Scouts and remind them of the agreement in place and provide them with any advice they need to rectify the ramp.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
28/03/22 CQT4	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Issues with scoreboard at Keyborough Cricket Club I attended on the weekend the Keyborough Cricket Club Presentation Night. On the night, there was a conversation that the boards and electrics which I know historically we have had issues with at the Reserve, have been failing. It was fortunate that one of the members is an electrician by trade and had a general master key that could open the back so that one of the players ended up accessing the rear part of that box and fixed the fuses. It has been a pre-existing issue for some time so can Council electricians investigate to determine exactly what the issue is? There were also issues with the wiring of the scoreboard lights and that some lights were out and some were on alternating.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	4/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: Council contractors will investigate.</p> <p>Further response provided 4/04/22: I understand from your attendance at the Keyborough Cricket Club Presentation Night that you would like some more background on the scoreboard issues. I can advise that the operation of this equipment has been a subject of discussion for some time but that there have been limited opportunities to meet with the club to explore options. These onsite meetings are now underway and alternatives to address the operation of the scoreboard by the club are being canvassed with them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>

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28/03/22 CQT5	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Business support and promotion of food business on Chandler Road, Parkmore</p> <p>I also attended the opening of the Street Food Turkey which is a new business in Chandler Road near the Parkmore Road shops in Keysborough. This is a small row of shops which for a long time has not had a whole lot of life. It has been a topic of conversation for local residents along with Railway Parade. The Street Food Turkey is operated by a gentleman who lives out north and has returned to the south east. His parents live in my Ward and he has just opened a business which is doing a roaring trade. He wanted to know whether we could pass on some information to the Business team and consult to see what ways that this Council could support him in terms of growing his business and obtaining further name recognition.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	6/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: Officers will investigate.</p> <p>Further response provided 6/04/22: Our Economic Development Unit will reach out to Street Food Turkey and discuss the business support available through Council and recommend any programs that may be able to assist the business with their growth, marketing and promotion.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
28/03/22 CQT6	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Letter of support for Pastor (German Lutheran Church)</p> <p>I attended on the weekend, the Springvale German Lutheran Church's 60th Anniversary with Cr O'Reilly and Cr Lim. It was interesting and it was something that I was not completely aware of but in 1962 when the German Lutheran Church opened, it was opened because of the Robert Bosch enterprises located at the corner of Centre Road. Also nearby were Volkswagen and other German industries which were a significant part of what happened here in Melbourne.</p>	MAYOR	11/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: Yes.</p> <p>Further response provided 11/04/22: Letter in progress.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

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28/03/22 CQT7	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>As a result of that, there was a mass migration and the church rapidly went from a small group operating out of a house to 220 members. 60 years later we are celebrating their 60th Anniversary together with the opening of a brand new part of the building. They received a certificate of appreciation but they have another request as well. They are having issues with the Department of Immigration regarding their new pastor's application so the church is currently without a pastor. They have been struggling to assist and have not heard anything back from the Department. I do have some information that I can forward on but if we could please write a letter of support and an update on where the matter is. Many people, particularly older residents who speak German are attending the services online via Microsoft Teams at 12.15am making it difficult to deliver the service to the elderly via Microsoft Teams at that time. Can Council please write to the Department of Immigration and the relevant Ministers for an update on the pastor's application?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	6/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: Officers will provide an update.</p> <p>Further response provided 6/04/22: Two Venues on Brady Road, <i>Chooks on Brady and Baladi Products</i> are expected to receive installation of outdoor dining infrastructure prior to</p>

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28/03/22 CQT8	Cr Bob Milkovic	Update on installation of public toilets on Brady Road, Dandenong North Can I have an update on the Brady Road public toilets design and the progress on that project?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	1/04/22	COMPLETED Initial response provided 28/03/22: I will provide an update on that. Further response provided 1/04/22: Just by way of update the tender for this project closes on 6 April 2022 after which the evaluation process will commence.
28/03/22 CQT9	Cr Richard Lim OAM	Use of food preservatives & increased food safety inspections in Springvale I have been asked about food safety in Springvale and how often the Council officers inspect the butcher and the fish shops. Initially the food shops were checked frequently but they are now concerned that the butcher and the fish shop owners are not using the right amount of food preservatives according to the Health Department standards. Can the relevant officer investigate for safety reasons and maybe increase inspections in the area?	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	11/04/22	COMPLETED Initial response provided 28/03/22: The Public Health Officers within Council have no role to play in monitoring how much preservatives go into products. We do obviously have a role to play in checking the hygiene of premises, of equipment, of the food manufacturing processes under the Food Act but in terms of butcheries, that is dealt with by a separate estate agency outside of Council. I can provide those details to you but it will be a little bit of both. If it is really around the butchery itself and the quality of the meat and what might be going into that meat, that is not a matter that Council can deal with but I am happy to provide the information as to where those enquiries or those complaints can be made.

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					<p>11/04/22: I can confirm that PrimeSafe is the Statutory Authority responsible for regulating meat, poultry, seafood and pet food in Victoria, Australia. In response to the enquiries you have received, Council Officers have passed this on to PrimeSafe to investigate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLETED</p>
28/03/22 CQT10	Cr Rhonda Garad	<p>Event Infrastructure regarding Greaves Reserves Master Plan Greaves Reserve will be needed more than ever for events once Sandown Park is no longer available for events. In the Master Plan out for consultation, what event infrastructure elements have been left out like the proposed second family toilet on the western side of the reserve and the concurrent question to that is, the consultation site says the Greaves Reserve Master Plan has been formed by a 1997 plan and a 2017/18 events plan. Can these please be put on the website?</p>	Director City Planning, Design & Amenity	11/04/22	<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: I think there is quite a lot in what Cr Garad asked more than I can give you answers on tonight. I will take those questions on notice and provide a fully detailed answer.</p> <p>Further response provided 11/04/22: The draft Greaves Reserve Master Plan is currently out for community consultation. As part of this process, we are engaging broadly with the community and key stakeholders at the reserve which includes the sports clubs and event users. We are very keen to ensure that we receive feedback from a broad spectrum of the community. An important consideration of the draft Greaves Reserve Master Plan has been ensuring that the Events infrastructure requirements (upgrades, services and power supply) are integrated with the overall park planning so that they benefit all reserve users.</p>

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28/03/22 CQT14	Cr Lana Formoso	<p>Request for urgent Council re-assessment and action Unfortunately, I am not really satisfied with that response and the fact that you are saying we have after hours officers is incorrect because we have officers up until 7pm. This a Victoria Police issue, but what are we doing as a Council to assist this issue in terms of putting keep clear zoning lines onto the road markings? Anything that is going to be a fix for the safety of all volunteers?</p> <p>Comment Cr Lana Formoso Yes, I have an email here stating that they did not feel that the line markings were appropriate or necessary. Once again, I urge Council to have that happen as soon as possible, please. Thank you for your response and I look forward to seeing that happen.</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	7/04/22	<p>Consideration should be given to submitting a formal response to the draft master. All feedback will be considered at the conclusion of the consultation period and assessed against a range of adopted strategies, policies and opportunities for the park.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
					<p>Initial response provided 28/03/22: There is the hooning so the driver's behaviour we cannot control with line marking. As I said, with the parking issue we can look at that but we really need to record it when the issue occurs so we can observe it first-hand. We do have our officers drop-in and look in that area, but because it is not occurring all the time it is hard to catch as it is. We will look at the line marking to see if there is something we can do. I think our Traffic Officers have investigated it in the past but I will remind them of that.</p> <p>Further response provided 7/04/22: As you will be aware, Council Officers have previously reviewed the issues regarding heavy vehicles parking on-street, which results in sight distance difficulties as drivers attempt to exit adjacent properties. Whilst I am aware you have requested 'Keep Clear' markings to be installed at the SES crossover,</p>

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					<p>such markings are not used to address sight distance matters. These markings are predominantly used at locations where queueing vehicles may restrict access for oncoming, right turning vehicles into a side road. A senior Council Officer met onsite with a representative from the SES in early December 2021 to discuss the issue in greater detail. Whilst larger, heavy vehicles are permitted to park on-street, they may do so for only up to one hour in built-up areas (such as Mills Road). Therefore, it was agreed the way forward in the short-term would be for the public and/or SES members to report incidents of illegal parking or heavy vehicles overstaying the one-hour limit to Council. When such reports are received, our Parking Management Officers (PMOs) will attend when available, to undertake enforcement activities. For your information, to date no reports have been made regarding illegal parking in Mills Road (as logged within Council's customer correspondence (Merit) system). Keeping in mind there are many other locations across the municipality which have numerous parking complaints logged requiring attention, Council's PMOs will try to monitor for heavy vehicle overstays and issue warnings and/or infringements along Mills Road as necessary. Reducing the amount of overstays by larger vehicles should assist with the sight distance issues.</p>

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28/03/22 CQT15	Cr Richard Lim OAM	<p>Request to assist communication regarding a reunion of Vietnamese Boat people between 1970-80</p> <p>Yesterday morning I had a good discussion with Mr Michael Pearce SC, Honorary Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Melbourne. He requested I speak to Councillors, Council officers and especially the Vietnamese community for any information or contact details of all the Vietnamese people that escaped by boat between 1970-1980. The German gentleman who helped rescue</p>	Director Community Services	5/04/22	<p>With regards to the anti-social intentional high risk (hoon) driving behaviours you have witnessed, as previously identified through various discussions and correspondence, this is something which is best addressed through enforcement by the Victorian Police. Council Officers have forwarded the video footage you obtained, directly on to their contacts with the Police for review and any further actions VicPol may deem necessary. Having such footage which includes details regarding the vehicle's make, colour and registration, will assist the Police to identify the vehicles (and potentially drivers) involved and target their actions accordingly. Again, thank you for raising these matters and I trust the above information assists.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
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		<p>all the boat people in that 10year period has recently passed. Mir Pearce hopes to invite all these Vietnamese people to a reunion to celebrate and acknowledge the great work this gentleman had done, his sacrifice, kindness and generosity towards the Vietnamese boat people. If anybody can assist with this that would be great.</p> <p><i>This question was noted for further action.</i></p>			

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

7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.

The meeting closed at 8.38PM.

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