



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 08 AUGUST 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 Angela Long - Leave of Absence

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

As part of Council's commitment to recognising the cultural and spiritual diversity of our community, the prayer, reflection or affirmation this evening will be offered by Mr Bikramjit Singh from the Sikh Community, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network.

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting of Council held 25 July 2022.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 25 July 2022 be confirmed.

1.5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Any interest that a Councillor or staff member has deemed to be significant and has disclosed as either a material or general interest is now considered to be a conflict of interest. Conflict of Interest legislation is detailed in Division 2 – Conflicts of Interest: sections 126, 127, 128, 129 & 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. This legislation can be obtained by contacting the Greater Dandenong Governance Unit on 8571 5216 or by accessing the Victorian Legislation and Parliamentary Documents website at www.legislation.vic.gov.au.

If a Councillor discloses any interest in an item discussed at any Council Meeting (whether they attend or not) they must:

- complete a disclosure of interest form prior to the meeting.
- advise the chairperson of the interest immediately before the particular item is considered (if attending the meeting).
- leave the chamber while the item is being discussed and during any vote taken (if attending the meeting).

The Councillor will be advised to return to the chamber or meeting room immediately after the item has been considered and the vote is complete.

2 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART ONE

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

2.1.1 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.

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 25 July 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.

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

ATTACHMENT 1

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

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2.2 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre

File Id:	A8834564
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Attachments:	Amendment C224gdan Explanatory Report Summary of submissions and officer response

Report Summary

Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan applies to the Noble Park Major Activity Centre and proposes to revise the existing planning controls to provide clearer guidance regarding the built form and urban design outcomes in the Activity Centre.

Amendment C224gdan seeks to implement the recommendations of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)* adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 May 2021.

The amendment proposes preferred built form outcomes to achieve high amenity and design standards to accommodate the expected population and employment growth over the next twenty (20) years.

The statutory exhibition of Amendment C224gdan was undertaken in May and June 2022. This report includes an officer response to the eleven (11) submissions received during this time and seeks a Council resolution to note the above and refer all submissions to an independent Planning Panel.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council receives the submissions in relation to Amendment C224gdan and resolves to continue the statutory process of the Amendment by requesting the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Planning Panel and refer all submissions to a Planning Panel.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

Background

At its ordinary meeting on 24 May 2021 a resolution was passed by Council to adopt the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*; and commence the statutory process for Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan by seeking Ministerial authorisation to prepare and exhibit the amendment in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

The adopted Structure Plan sets out, among other elements, the preferred heights and setbacks for development throughout the activity centre over the next twenty (20) years. To achieve these heights and setbacks, a revised Design & Development Overlay – Schedule 5 (DDO5) and a revised Noble Park Activity Centre Local Policy (Clause 22.08) are proposed to be gazetted into the planning scheme through this amendment. The Structure Plan will also become a Background Document in the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

Council Officers prepared the Planning Scheme Amendment documentation and requested Authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare a Planning Scheme Amendment under section 8A (3) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* on 20 October 2021.

Authorisation was granted subject to conditions on 27 April 2022. These conditions were as follows, with an officer response provided below each:

1. *Update the explanatory report, instruction sheet and DDO5 as circulated on 27 April 2022.*

Completed.

Essentially, these updates reflect the conditions below.

2. *Delete the application of DDO5 to the GRZ1 land along Heatherton Road or increase the preferred discretionary height limit for this land to three (3) storeys to comply with Planning Practice Note 91 (Using the residential zones). Please ensure the provisions are amended to reflect the selected option.*

Council was given a choice to either increase the preferred discretionary height limits from two (2) to three (3) storeys or delete the application of the DDO5 from the GRZ1 land along Heatherton Road.

Clause 22.09 is very clear that the preferred heights for development on GRZ1 land is two (2) storeys, so it would be contradictory to seek three (3) storeys for this limited number of properties as part of this amendment.

For this reason, it was decided that it was more beneficial to simply remove the application of the DDO5 from these GRZ1 sites. These properties remain part of the Activity Centre boundary, which is important from a traffic flow perspective along Heatherton Road, and their development is adequately controlled by the existing GRZ1 zoning.

3. *Delete the wind requirements from DDO5 and any associated documents.*

Deleted.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

Amendment VC174 came into effect on 20 December 2021 and provides guidance in the planning scheme regarding (amongst other things) wind impact standards for development at five (5) storeys and above.

The *Apartment Design Guidelines for Victoria (2017)* and updated in 2021, state that buildings that are typically no more than twice the height of their surroundings benefit from wind shielding, depending on the wind direction. The wind speed guidelines illustrate how a building no more than twice the height of surrounding buildings creates low-speed winds in surrounding outdoor areas. Therefore, 3-4 storey buildings will have a minimal wind impact on two (2) storey buildings.

DELWP are satisfied that in the context of Noble Park, the proposed height limits demonstrate a transition down in building scale with a limited number of sites identified for four (4) storeys (which are concentrated to the east), with building height limits surrounding the centre up to three (3) storeys in height. For this reason, the guidance set out in the guidelines is clear and it is therefore not appropriate for wind requirements to be included in DDO5 for four (4) storey buildings.

Buildings above five (5) storeys will have their wind impacts assessed against the state standards in the planning scheme.

4. *Delete the decision guideline from DDO5 'whether the development incorporates best practice environmentally sustainable principles into the decide, including climate change and mitigation measures'.*

Deleted.

Council officers were extremely reluctant to do this, but it is a condition of receiving authorisation. DELWP state that the DDO is not the appropriate tool to test whether ESD requirements are met and that Council's existing policy at Clause 22.06 requires an ESD assessment.

5. *Delete DDO5 from PPRZ land.*

Deleted.

As the PPRZ land in Council ownership, it is not necessary to apply the DDO as the primary purpose of the PPRZ is 'to recognise areas for public recreation and open space.'

6. *Duplicate the permit exemptions listed in TRZ1 in DDO5.*

Duplicated.

This is to ensure the exemptions in the zone are not constrained by the DDO. This exemption is:

A permit is not required in the Transport Zone for:

- Navigational beacons and aids.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

As detailed in the Explanatory Report (at Attachment 1), Amendment C224gdan proposes to implement the recommendations of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*. This includes to improve the operation of planning policy and controls within the Activity Centre to ensure they achieve preferred built form outcomes that meet the high amenity and design standards and accommodate forecast population growth.

Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)

The revised Structure Plan for Noble Park has a series of objectives, strategies and actions that have been identified under four key headings to assist in achieving the shared vision of the centre through land use and economic activity, built form and urban design, access and movement and public realm.

The Structure Plan is proposed to be included as a background document in the planning scheme as it provides the strategic basis to guide future growth, provision of infrastructure and public and private investment within the centre.

It has directly informed the revised Clause 22.08 Noble Park Activity Centre Local Policy and the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5) as part of Amendment C224gdan.

Clause 22.08 Noble Park Activity Centre Local Policy and Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5)

The proposed Clause 22.08 Noble Park Activity Centre Local Policy encourages development that enhances the fine grain, pedestrian scale 'village' characteristics of the centre. It also provides direction to Council in considering future land use and development applications within the centre.

The strategies of Clause 22.08 and objectives of DDO5 seek to concentrate higher levels of development on land in Precinct 2 (Core) and on Key Redevelopment Blocks, to maintain the fine grain rhythm at street level, ensure high quality development and a permeable and pedestrian friendly centre.

The DDO5 has identified three (3) precincts within the centre which have specific site responsive built form controls to guide high quality medium to high density development that will accommodate future population growth.

The application of discretionary built form provisions is considered an appropriate approach which will ensure that valued attributes of the centre are maintained which facilitating ongoing development.

In summary the Amendment proposes to:

- Replace Clause 22.08 with a revised Noble Park Activity Centre Local Policy.
- Replace Clause 43.03 Schedule 5 with a revised Design and Development Schedule 5.
- Include the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)* as a reference document.
- Make consequential changes to Clauses 21.04 and 22.09 to reflect the revised boundary of the activity centre.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

- Rezone land in Noble Park from the Residential Growth Zone Schedule 2 (GRZ2) to the Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) to reflect the directions of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*.
- Expand the boundary of the existing DDO5 to land in Noble Park to generally reflect the directions of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*.
- Delete a small section of the DDO5 to correct a mapping anomaly.

Discussion

A total of eleven (11) submissions were received in response to the exhibition period for Amendment C224gdan.

From the officers' analysis, two (2) supported the amendment with changes, four (4) objected to the amendment, three (3) had no objection to the amendment and one (1) was unclear.

A further submission (Submission 10) was written on the Council supplied Submission Form for this amendment, however, it does not appear to relate to the amendment in any way. It has been included as part of this process for completeness.

The following specific changes were requested:

- That further land currently sitting outside the Activity Centre boundary to the east be included and rezoned to extend the commercial area.
- That a public toilet be incorporated into the Structure Plan to serve the new development at Key Redevelopment Block 1 (KRB1).
- Development should be scaled back from six (6) to four (4) storeys, with the remainder of the centre not being higher than three (3) storeys.
- Does not want property rezoned from the Residential Growth Zone 2 to the Commercial 1 Zone.
- Development should be scaled back to four (4) storeys along Douglas Street, with all surrounding streets having a maximum height of two (2) storeys.
- Development should be restricted to four (4) storeys only in centre areas.

Attachment 2 summarises each submission received and details the recommended Council approach and response.

Council is unable to resolve these submissions as several request different height outcomes, and others make no mention of height being a concern. It is not recommended that the rezoning not proceed or that further rezoning is required.

It is therefore considered appropriate to proceed with the Amendment and request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent Planning Panel and refer all the submissions to the Planning Panel.

Subsequently, all of the submissions are recommended to be referred to a Planning Panel.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

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 the submissions which request a change to the Amendment, the planning authority (Council) has the following options:

1. Ask the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent panel to review the submissions, conduct a public hearing, consider the Amendment, and prepare an independent report with recommendations about the Amendment for Council to consider;
2. Make changes to the Amendment in response to the submissions and proceed to ask the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent panel to review the submissions, conduct a public hearing, consider the Amendment, and prepare an independent report with recommendations about the Amendment for Council to consider;
3. Make changes to the Amendment as requested in the submissions and proceed to ask the Minister for Planning to approve it in a modified form; or
4. Abandon the Amendment.

Officers are recommending Option 1 as being most appropriate as the submissions cannot be resolved, or the Amendment changed to satisfy all of them.

Further, it is not recommended that Council abandon the Amendment as a great deal of strategic work has been undertaken and the Amendment implements the recommendations of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)* adopted by Council in 2021.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of this report and the associated planning panel process are accommodated within the adopted Council budget.

Consultation

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

Planning Scheme Amendment C224 was publicly exhibited from 23 May to 24 June 2022.

Letters were sent to owners, occupiers, Prescribed Ministers, and referral authorities.

In addition, the Amendment was advertised to the broader community through:

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

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

Should Council determine to refer the submissions to a Planning Panel, submitters will be invited to participate in the Panel process by Planning Panels Victoria.

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:

*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
- Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities
- Sustainable environment
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism
- Art and Culture.

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 that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods
- A green city committed to a sustainable future
- A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes
- A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.

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.

Amendment C224gdan is governed by Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* which administers the process for a planning authority (Council) to progress a planning scheme amendment.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

All relevant Sections of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been adhered to in the preparation of Amendment C224gdan and this report, including through the statutory exhibition of the Amendment to the community.

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, particularly in relations to the right to privacy, freedom of expression and the right to a fair hearing.

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.

The content (of this report) is purely administrative in its nature and does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles.

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.

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 but are not relevant to its contents.

The content of this report is purely administrative in its nature and does not have the potential to impact on Council's broader climate change and sustainability goals.

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

- *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan, 2021.*
- Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

Conclusion

Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan was publicly exhibited from 23 May to 24 June 2022. During this period, eleven (11) submissions were received.

Council is unable to resolve these submissions and it is therefore considered appropriate to proceed with the Amendment and request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent Planning Panel and refer all the submissions to the Planning Panel.

Recommendation

That:

1. **Council receives all submissions made in response to the statutory exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.**
2. **Council adopts the position on the submissions, as set out in the report and detailed in Attachment 2.**
3. **Council requests the Minister for Planning appoint a Panel pursuant to Section 153 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to consider all the submissions received in response to the exhibition; and**
4. **Council advises all submitters accordingly.**

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C224GDAN
NOBLE PARK MAJOR ACTIVITY CENTRE**

ATTACHMENT 1

**AMENDMENT C224GDAN
EXPLANATORY REPORT**

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2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

Planning and Environment Act 1987

**GREATER DANDENONG PLANNING SCHEME
 AMENDMENT C224gdan
 EXPLANATORY REPORT**

Who is the planning authority?

This amendment has been prepared by Greater Dandenong City Council, who 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 applies to all land within the designated Noble Park Major Activity Centre boundary as per the Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan, as shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Noble Park Major Activity Centre boundary

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2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

What the amendment does

The amendment proposes to implement the recommendations of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)* to improve the operation of planning policy and controls within the Major Activity Centre. The amendment proposes preferred built form outcomes to achieve high amenity and design standards to accommodate the expected population and employment growth.

Specifically, the amendment proposes to change the following in the ordinance:

- Amend Clause 21.04 (Land Use) to update the Strategic Residential Framework and Strategic Retail/Commercial Framework maps which reflect the expanded boundary of the Noble Park Major Activity Centre.
- Amend Clause 21.08 (Reference Documents) to remove reference to the *Noble Park Activity Centre Structure Plan, 2009*.
- Replace Clause 22.08 (Noble Park Activity Centre Local Policy) with a new policy which reflects the revised *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*.
- Amend Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy) to update the Future Change Areas map which reflects the expanded boundary of the Noble Park Major Activity Centre.
- Replace Schedule 5 to Clause 43.02 (Design and Development Overlay) (DDO5) with a new Schedule that applies preferred maximum building heights, street wall height, setbacks (to the street and to neighbouring boundaries), overshadowing and amenity requirements.
- Amend the Schedule to Clause 72.08 (Schedule to Background Documents) to introduce the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*.

The amendment proposes to change the following maps:

- Amends map no. 05ZN to rezone land in Noble Park to reflect the directions of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*.
- Amends map no. 05DDO to apply the Design and Development Overlay (DDO5) to land in Noble Park to generally reflect the directions of the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*.
- Amends map no. 05DDO to delete the Design and Development Overlay (DDO5) from a small section of land to correct a mapping anomaly.

Strategic assessment of the amendment

Why is the amendment required?

The amendment is required to manage and respond to development activity in the Noble Park Activity Centre area. As a designated Major Activity Centre, Noble Park is required to play a significant role in achieving the directions of *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050*, in relation to both housing and employment. Council's adopted Housing Strategy 2014-2024 also seeks to direct new housing to areas within or close to activity areas that have good access to public transport, open space, and other services and limit housing growth in established residential areas, consistent with *Plan Melbourne*, state, and regional policy.

Noble Park Structure Plan

The existing Noble Park Activity Centre Structure Plan was adopted by Council in 2009 and implemented through Amendment C098 which introduced a new local policy at Clause 22.08, the

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2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

Schedule to the Design and Development Overlay (DDO5), and rezoned land to the now Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z).

The *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)* was adopted by Council on 24 May 2021. It sets out the long-term vision, planning, and design framework for Noble Park for the next 20 years and generally recommends:

- Rezoning additional land to C1Z to facilitate development and extend the commercial core of the centre.
- Introducing discretionary preferred built form controls (including building height and setback guidance) through an update of the existing DDO5 (including expansion to additional sites).
- Expanding the boundary of the Activity Centre to include the Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC), Mills Reserve and additional RGZ2, GRZ1 and GRZ3 residential land to the north, west and south and to one MUZ site.

Rezoning land to C1Z

The rezoning affects 9 properties across the centre (two to the north-east, two to the east and five to the west) which are explained below:

- 1100-1106 Heatherton Road, Noble Park requires the Residential Growth Zone (Schedule 2) to be rezoned to C1Z which will correct an anomaly and improve operation of the planning scheme as the land is used as petrol station.
- 1 Frank Street, Noble Park is occupied by a single dwelling and 3-5 Frank Street, Noble Park is used as an existing council car park which adjoins land in the C1Z. The rezoning of these sites to C1Z is a logical extension to the commercial core of the centre.
- 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Mons Parade, Noble Park are proposed to be rezoned from RGZ2 to C1Z. The rezoning will extend the commercial spine of the centre further east to improve access created from the Level Crossing Removal project.

Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5)

The existing DDO5 includes a range of general design objectives for the centre, however it does not provide specific guidance regarding built form scale (height and setbacks) for the centre.

DDO5 is proposed to be expanded across the centre, generally in line with the expanded boundary of the Activity Centre which is divided into three sub-precincts (Gateway, Core and Transition) with each having specific discretionary built form controls to guide high quality development and urban design outcomes. The application of discretionary controls combined with clear design objectives and decision guidelines is an appropriate approach that will ensure the valued attributes of Noble Park are maintained, while facilitating ongoing development. The height limits proposed range from 3 storeys (11 metres) to 6 storeys (21.5 metres).

Expansion of the boundary of the Activity Centre

The existing boundary of the centre has been expanded to the:

- North-west to include the Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC), a significant community facility.
- North to include properties fronting Heatherton Road as a result of the elevation of the railway line which provides this section of Heatherton Road direct access to the core of the centre.
- East to include the open space asset of Mills Reserve.
- South within the GRZ3 to establish a clear boundary along Kirk Street and to establish a definition to Copas Park on all sides.
- West to include a large, consolidated site in close proximity to the core of the centre.

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2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre (Cont.)

The boundary has been defined through detailed consideration of the existing land use zoning of the centre and is based around several large (or large if consolidated) sites which are currently underutilised throughout the centre. These sites will provide major mixed-use opportunities near shops and public transport. The boundary also includes significant community facilities such as NPAC, the skate park and the Paddy O'Donoghue Centre.

Update of Local Planning Policies

The updated local policy at Clause 22.08 (Noble Park Major Activity Centre) will provide clarity and certainty in considering future land use and development applications within the centre with an updated policy objective and strategies which reflects the outcomes sought from the Structure Plan (2021).

To reflect the expanded boundary of the centre, mapping changes are proposed at Clause 21.04 (Land Use) and Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy).

The Structure Plan (2021) is included as a background document in the Schedule to Clause 72.08 (Schedule to Background Documents).

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

The amendment implements the objectives in section 4(1) and 12(1)(a) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*), in particular:

- a) *to provide for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use, and development of land;*
- c) *to secure a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment for all Victorians and visitors to Victoria;*
- d) *to conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value;*
- g) *to balance the present and future interests of all Victorians.*

The amendment facilitates housing growth as well as economic growth and creates a more economically viable mixed-use activity centre that has economic benefits for the local area.

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

The amendment seeks to integrate relevant environmental, social and economic factors in the interests of net community benefit and sustainable development.

Generally, the amendment is expected to generate positive social and economic benefits as it will facilitate development within a major activity centre, providing opportunities for economic development and housing growth. The amendment will also respond to the local demand for housing and provide housing and employment in a location, which has strong access to public transport infrastructure and social services.

The amendment introduces urban design principles which seek to achieve high quality urban design outcomes and improve the attractiveness and amenity of the centre. This will result in improved economic well-being for the community through improved investment in the area.

Does the amendment address relevant bushfire risk?

The land affected by the amendment is not located within an area of identified bushfire risk.

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

Unofficial

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The amendment is consistent with the Ministerial Direction on the Form and Content of Planning Schemes under section 7(5) of the Act, Direction No. 9 – Metropolitan Strategy and Direction 11 – Strategic Assessment under Section 12(2) of the Act.

During the amendment process, Direction No. 15 – The Planning Scheme Amendment Process, which sets times for completing steps in the amendment process, will also be followed.

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

Settlement provides context and implements the key principles of *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050*, which include providing for housing choice by planning for expected housing needs and providing for reduced ongoing living costs by increasing housing supply near public transport and services. It also encourages the consolidation of residential activities within existing urban areas and development in existing residential areas. The amendment provides a framework for the orderly planning and high-quality development of the Noble Park Activity Centre in a manner consistent with the directions of *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050*.

- Clause 15 - Built Environment and Heritage

Built Environment and Heritage seeks to create urban environments that are safe, functional and provide good quality environments with a sense of place and cultural identity. This Clause also sets out the importance of ensuring the conservation of places, which have identified heritage significance. The amendment supports this clause by providing appropriate built form guidance to ensure that development is site responsive and appropriate in the context of heritage places.

- Clause 16 - Housing

Housing emphasises the importance of providing enough quality and diverse housing that meets the growing diverse needs of Victorians in locations in or close to activity centres and sites that offer good access to jobs, services and transport. It requires councils to identify areas that offer opportunities for more medium and high-density housing near employment and transport in Metropolitan Melbourne. The amendment provides strategic guidance on the appropriate scale of development in the Activity Centre.

- Clause 17 - Economic Development

Economic Development seeks to encourage development which meets the community's needs for retail, entertainment, office, and other commercial services and provides a net community benefit in relation to accessibility, efficient infrastructure use and the aggregation and sustainability of commercial facilities. The amendment supports this clause by facilitating opportunities for a mix of office, retail, and residential uses throughout the centre.

- Clause 18 - Transport

Transport promotes the creation of a safe and sustainable transport system and promotes the use of sustainable transport. The amendment implements the objectives of this clause by facilitating development in an Activity Centre, which is well serviced by public transport.

Plan Melbourne

The Noble Park Major Activity Centre is identified and designated as one of the 121 Major Activity Centres in *Plan Melbourne 2017 - 2050* which are defined as "suburban centres that provide access to a wide range of goods and services. They have different attributes and provide different functions, with some serving larger subregional catchments."

The provisions introduced by the amendment are consistent with the relevant objectives of the State Planning Policy Framework and *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050*.

Unofficial

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The following directions from *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050* will be supported as part of the future development of the centre through this amendment:

- *Direction 2.1 - Manage the supply of new housing in the right locations to meet population growth and create a sustainable city*
- *Direction 2.2 - Deliver more housing closer to jobs and public transport*
- *Direction 3.2 - Improve transport in Melbourne's outer suburbs*
- *Direction 4.3 - Achieve and promote design excellence*
- *Direction 5.1 - Create a city of 20-minute neighbourhoods*
- *Direction 5.2 - Create neighbourhoods that support safe communities and healthy lifestyles*
- *Direction 6.2 - Reduce the likelihood and consequences of natural hazard events and adapt to climate change*

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.

The provisions provided by the amendment generally support the Local Planning Policy Framework and Municipal Strategic Statement of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. Specifically, the amendment supports Clause 21.04 (Land Use), Clause 21.05 (Built Form) and Clause 22.04 (Urban Design in Activity and Neighbourhood Centres).

The amendment supports the objective outlined under Clause 21.04-1 (Housing and Community) "to protect the amenity of existing neighbourhoods and significant residential precincts within activity centres from the impact of new commercial development". This is achieved via the proposed local policy and Schedule 5 of the DDO which places emphasis on specific building heights and setbacks which are adjoining more sensitive land uses such as residential.

The amendment gives effect to the *Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)*. The Structure Plan clearly sets out the objectives and design principles that will help facilitate high quality urban design outcomes in the centre. This supports the Clause 21.05-1 (Urban design, character, streetscapes and landscapes) objective "to facilitate high quality development, which has regard for the surrounding environment and built form".

The amendment is consistent with the objectives and policy as set out in Clause 22.04 (Urban Design in Activity and Neighbourhood Centres) which refers to the urban design guidance regarding Activity Centres.

The updated Clause 22.08 (Noble Park Activity Centre Policy) provides guidance which will assist with improving the quality of development in the centre.

How does the amendment support or implement the Municipal Planning Strategy?

This strategic consideration does not apply to this amendment.

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

The amendment has been prepared in accordance with State Government Practice Notes – *Writing a Local Planning Policy and Strategic Assessment Guidelines: for planning scheme amendments*.

The amendment makes proper use of the Victoria Planning provisions as:

- The MSS includes broad strategic support for the local policy position
- Local planning policies are appropriate tools to guide decision making in relation to a specific discretion.
- Applying a Schedule to the Design and Development Overlay provides guidance regarding built form outcomes within the Noble Park Major Activity Centre.

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

The amendment will be referred to any relevant agencies as part of the statutory exhibition and notice of the Amendment.

Does the amendment address relevant requirements of 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.

The amendment seeks to continue to encourage low, medium and higher density development within the centre, where people have good access to public transport and services.

Resource and administrative costs

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

The amendment is unlikely to have an adverse impact on resource and administrative costs to the responsible authority.

Where you may inspect this amendment

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

- Dandenong Customer Service located at 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong.
- Springvale Customer Service located at 397-405 Springvale Road, Springvale.
- Parkmore Customer Service located at Shop A7, Parkmore Shopping Centre, 317 Cheltenham Rd, Keysborough.

The amendment can also be inspected free of charge at:

- City of Greater Dandenong website at www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au

The amendment can also be inspected free of charge at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at 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 24 June 2022.

A submission must be sent to:

Preferred method: Email submission sent to: council@cqd.vic.gov.au
or
Strategic Planning – C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre
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 commencing 12 September 2022.

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- panel hearing: week commencing 17 October 2022.

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ATTACHMENT 2

**SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS AND OFFICER
RESPONSE**

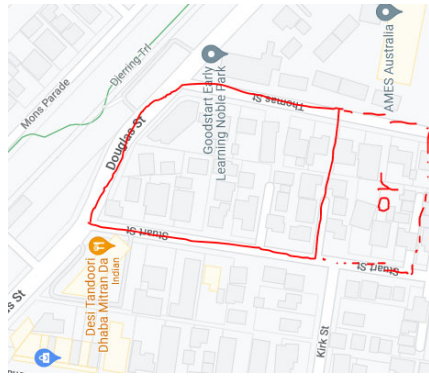
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No.	Summary of Submission	Officer Response	Officer Recommendation
1	<p>Supports the rezoning of land from the Residential Growth Zone Schedule 2 to the Commercial 1 Zone.</p> <p>Suggests that further land currently sitting outside of the Activity Centre boundary to the east is included and rezoned to extend the commercial area.</p> <p>This would include extending the boundary from Stuart Street to Thomas Street along Douglas Street and south to Kirk Street as below.</p>	<p>The boundary of the activity centre has been defined through detailed consideration of the existing land use zoning of the centre.</p> <p>The land identified in the submission is in a General Residential Zone Schedule 3, which are defined as 'Residential Transition Areas' with the following neighbourhood character objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a transition in building height and density between residential development in Substantial Change Areas or Activity Centres and other Incremental Change or Limited Change Areas. To ensure the scale, built form and setbacks of residential developments respond to the existing site circumstances by respecting the predominant built form, façade and street patterns. To provide appropriate front, side and rear setbacks to allow for substantial high quality landscaping and canopy trees and maximise planting opportunities through minimal paving and hard surfaces within front setbacks. To ensure vehicle accessways and storage facilities do not visually dominate the streetscape. To ensure that residential development achieves high quality useable private open space outcomes for future residents. <p>The existing subdivision pattern of the nominated area contains many unit/townhouse type</p>	<p>No change to amendment.</p> <p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>



Source: Map provided as part of Submission 1.

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		<p>developments on smaller lots, and it would be difficult to facilitate commercial demand on these lots unless consolidated.</p> <p>It is also starting to be at some distance from the core of the centre, where Council wants to see most consolidated growth to ensure a vibrant retail strip.</p> <p>The commercial floorspace supply that this area would provide the centre (of some 20,000sqm approximately) far exceeds the demand expected over the next 20 years for Noble Park and is over double what is proposed by this amendment (of some 8380sqm of additional commercial land).</p>	
2	<p>South East Water has no objection to the amendment.</p> <p>South East Water will investigate the impact on our assets, including any system augmentation works when more detailed information is available.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>No change to amendment.</p> <p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>
3	<p>The Noble Park Public Hall trust object to the proposed changes to the planning rules for the centre.</p> <p>The Public Hall will be swamped by 5-6 storey buildings.</p> <p>Noble Park is already short of parking and to build 100s of apartments with few parking spaces will create more problems.</p>	<p>Presently, Noble Park is low rise in nature (at one to two storeys). However, the construction of the Noble Park Train Station (at 20m/six storeys) has made this the focal point for the centre. The elevated rail bridge is the basis upon which the preferred maximum building heights for the centre have been derived.</p>	<p>The proposed built form controls have sound strategic justification and rationale and therefore it is not proposed to change the proposed Amendment as exhibited.</p> <p>No change to amendment.</p>

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	<p>We would never agree to any part of our property at 18-34 Buckley Street being overdeveloped.</p>	<p>To achieve a height of 6 storeys, sites must be at least 2000sqm in size, which will allow for adequate setbacks and landscaping.</p> <p>Due to the fine grain nature of much of the centre, many sites will need to consolidate (in both the commercial core and on Key Redevelopment Blocks) to reach the preferred heights of five or six storeys.</p> <p>All heights and setbacks proposed have been carefully considered and are based on location, orientation, zoning, and landscaping opportunities.</p> <p>These heights strike the right balance between the centre's 'Major Activity Centre' status as defined by the State Government and the 'village' feel of the centre.</p> <p>The issue of bulk was considered when developing the preferred heights and setbacks for the centre. Further work will be required as part of any future planning applications.</p> <p>It is important to note that the heights and setbacks were subject to extensive consultation and assessment during the development of the Structure Plan, and that they have been adopted by Council.</p> <p>All new development must respond to the preferred built form as detailed in the DD05 and local policy</p>	<p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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		<p>Clause 22.08 Noble Park Major Activity Centre. This will achieve high quality buildings with good internal and external amenity and with height and setbacks consistent with the Structure Plan.</p> <p>Overall, Noble Park's traffic and parking are extremely efficient, and this is expected to continue. Any future development will have to either meet the required parking requirements on site or provide a strong justification for why this is not required. This will be determined at planning permit stage.</p> <p>The development of any site in the centre, including the Noble Park Public Hall, is determined by the owner and no one will be 'forced' to develop.</p> <p>The proposed built form controls have sound strategic justification and rationale and therefore it is not proposed to change the proposed Amendment as exhibited, this submission will be referred to Panel.</p>	
4	<p>Raised safety concerns with the proposed open space opportunity identified around the Coles supermarket and car park.</p> <p>Suggests a toilet be incorporated into the Structure Plan so that it can service the new open space opportunity identified around the Coles supermarket and car park.</p>	<p>The proposed open space referred to in the submission relates to Key Redevelopment Block 1 (KRB1) where, when developed, has a future public open space opportunity identified. This could take the form of a plaza, laneway or small park and would allow for a new pedestrian connection through the block.</p> <p>As part of the redevelopment, it is highly likely that the current supermarket and car parking</p>	<p>No change to amendment.</p> <p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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5	<p>There is great emphasis placed on maintaining the 'village character' of Noble Park. To keep that character it is necessary for a scaling back from six to four storeys, with the remainder being nothing above three storeys.</p> <p>Concern that when the adjoining properties along lan Street are developed (to five storeys) submitters property will have no afternoon sun.</p> <p>The scale of a five storey building will also be overpowering.</p>	<p>configuration would change, and safety concerns would have to be addressed regardless.</p> <p>Detailed design such as the requirement for a toilet either in the space, or publicly available within the development will be determined at design stage.</p> <p>To achieve a height of 6 storeys, sites must be at least 2000sqm in size, which will allow for adequate setbacks and landscaping.</p> <p>Due to the fine grain nature of much of the centre, many sites will need to consolidate (in both the commercial core and on Key Redevelopment Blocks) to reach the preferred heights of five or six storeys.</p> <p>All heights and setbacks proposed have been carefully considered and are based on location, orientation, zoning, and landscaping opportunities.</p> <p>These heights strike the right balance between the centre's 'Major Activity Centre' status as defined by the State Government and the 'village' feel of the centre.</p>	<p>No change to amendment.</p> <p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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		<p>Currently, there is no height guidance for Commercial 1 Zoned sites, so developers can propose greater heights than these.</p> <p>All new development must respond to the preferred built form as detailed in the DD05 and local policy Clause 22.08 Noble Park Major Activity Centre. This will achieve high quality buildings with good internal and external amenity and with height and setbacks consistent with the Structure Plan.</p> <p>In addition, an objective of the DD05 is to <i>'ensure a transition down in scale to reduce amenity impacts to the surrounding residential areas, including visual bulk, overlooking, and overshadowing.'</i></p> <p>Issues of bulk and overshadowing were considered when developing the preferred heights and setbacks for the centre. Further work will be required as part of any future planning applications.</p> <p>It is important to note that the heights and setbacks were subject to extensive consultation and assessment during the development of the Structure Plan, and that they have been adopted by Council.</p>	
6	<p>Concerned that property is to be rezoned from the Residential Growth Zone to the Commercial 1 Zone and being forced to move or relocate due to this.</p>	<p>Enquiries with Council's Rates and Revenue Department regarding land valuations and rates based on this proposed rezoning were made.</p>	<p>No change to amendment. Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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	<p>Concern that there will be potential rate increases as a result of the rezoning.</p> <p>Parking is a big problem in the area.</p>	<p>It was advised that there was likely to be a negligible change in the value of the land and if the property was to remain as a residential dwelling, there would be little change to how the rates are calculated.</p> <p>Overall, Noble Park's traffic and parking are extremely efficient, and this is expected to continue. Any future development will have to either meet the required parking requirements on site or provide a strong justification for why this is not required. This will be determined at planning permit stage.</p>	
7	<p>There are street parking issues in the centre. Most residents will have 2 or more cars.</p> <p>There is limited open space for residential use, with no future availability planned.</p> <p>Urges Council to reduce building heights to 4 storeys along Douglas Street with all other surrounding streets limited to 2 storeys maximum.</p>	<p>Overall, Noble Park's traffic and parking are extremely efficient, and this is expected to continue. Any future development will have to either meet the required parking requirements on site or provide a strong justification for why this is not required. This will be determined at planning permit stage.</p> <p>The centre has significant open space facilities – with Ross Reserve, the Noble Park Aquatic Centre and Skate Park, Mills Reserve and Copas Park all located within the boundary. A pocket park at 2A Frank Street is also due to commence construction shortly.</p> <p>The Structure Plan proposes an open space connection from Copas Park travelling north along the widened Buckleys Lane to the station civic space, continuing north-east to Mills Reserve via Pau Street and north-west along Mons Parade to Ross Reserve. (Refer to Map 20 on page 67).</p>	<p>No change to amendment.</p> <p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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		<p>Key Redevelopment Block 1 (KRB1) and Key Redevelopment Block 2 (KRB2) are sites where, when developed, a future public open space opportunity has been identified. This could take the form of a plaza, laneway or small park and would allow for a new pedestrian connection through the block. A further mid-block connection from Douglas Street through to Buckley Street and Buckleys Lane is also encouraged through any redevelopment of these sites.</p> <p>Noble Park is designated as a Major Activity Centre by the State Government and due to this, an increase in density is both expected and supported. The centre is well served by public transport and has significant community and open space facilities.</p> <p>All heights and setbacks proposed have been carefully considered and are based on location, orientation, zoning, and landscaping opportunities.</p> <p>These heights strike the right balance between the centre's 'Major Activity Centre' status as defined by the State Government and the 'village' feel of the centre.</p> <p>Currently, there is no height guidance for Commercial 1 Zoned sites (such as along Douglas Street), so developers can propose greater heights than these.</p>	

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8	<p>It is important to highlight the heritage of Noble Park Public Hall and also list the heritage James building and Wachter building and the heritage Police station.</p> <p>This strip is unique in its appearance and should be maintained with its period features.</p> <p>State Government needs to first fine tune rules around Heritage 'to protect our village atmosphere' and not assume that the Noble Park Public Hall Trustees who are bound by a 'set in concrete' deed will even give</p>	<p>All new development must respond to the preferred built form as detailed in the DDOS and local policy Clause 22.08 Noble Park Major Activity Centre. This will achieve high quality buildings with good internal and external amenity and with height and setbacks consistent with the Structure Plan.</p> <p>In addition, an objective of the DDOS is to 'ensure a transition down in scale to reduce amenity impacts to the surrounding residential areas, including visual bulk, overlooking, and overshadowing.'</p> <p>Issues of bulk and overshadowing were considered when developing the preferred heights and setbacks for the centre. Further work will be required as part of any future planning applications.</p> <p>It is important to note that the heights and setbacks were subject to extensive consultation and assessment during the development of the Structure Plan, and that they have been adopted by Council.</p> <p>There are 2 sites in the activity centre covered by a Heritage Overlay. These are the Noble Park Public Hall (HO3) and the Shops and offices at 49-54 Douglas Street (HO13). These have been depicted on Map 7 on page 27 of the Structure Plan.</p> <p>The development of any site in the centre, including the Noble Park Public Hall, is determined by the owner and no one will be 'forced' to develop. (Refer</p>	<p>No change to amendment.</p> <p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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	<p>permission for any such development, because they won't and have not even been consulted.</p> <p>We need structure plans that argue the content and put restriction on developers.</p> <p>This proposal will create wind tunnels through lane ways and roads if building heights are increased.</p> <p>We don't need more shops, we need to have vibrant existing shops offering an attractive variety of options, that enhance our heritage precinct of the NP Public Hall, James and Wachter buildings and not tower over them.</p> <p>Areas to argue</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overshadowing 2. Privacy / Overlooking Windows 3. Noise impacts associated with the proposed use 4. Removal of Significant Trees from the neighbourhood 5. Neighbourhood Character 6. Visual Bulk. Your build appearance is out of character with the existing properties <p>A more sensitive approach to any future developments, where heights should be restricted to 4 storeys only in certain areas only not the whole 'activity centre' precinct.</p>	<p>to Submission 3 for a response to the Noble Park Public Hall submission).</p> <p>It appears the submission also refers to a specific development application and separate Planning Scheme Amendment process currently being overseen by DELWP (Amendment C233gdan).</p> <p>All heights and setbacks proposed have been carefully considered and are based on location, orientation, zoning, and landscaping opportunities.</p> <p>The impacts of wind from a development will be determined at planning permit stage and is a key consideration of any taller development.</p> <p>The Structure Plan is a 20 year plan for Noble Park and in that time there will be a need for the centre to provide more commercial floorspace. This could be in the form of 'shops' or any other use permitted by the Commercial 1 Zone. The Structure Plan and amendment propose a modest increase in the amount of commercial zoned properties in several areas across the centre which will cater for this floorspace demand over the life of the Structure Plan.</p> <p>Noble Park is designated as a Major Activity Centre by the State Government and due to this, an increase in density is both expected and supported. The centre is well served by public transport and has significant community and open space facilities.</p>	

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9	Melbourne Water offer the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mile Creek channel is located adjacent to the Structure Plan precinct to the north-east. 	<p>These heights strike the right balance between the centre's 'Major Activity Centre' status as defined by the State Government and the 'village' feel of the centre.</p> <p>Currently, there is no height guidance for Commercial 1 Zoned sites (such as along Douglas Street), so developers can propose greater heights than these.</p> <p>All new development must respond to the preferred built form as detailed in the DDO5 and local policy Clause 22.08 Noble Park Major Activity Centre. This will achieve high quality buildings with good internal and external amenity and with height and setbacks consistent with the Structure Plan.</p> <p>In addition, an objective of the DDO5 is to <i>'ensure a transition down in scale to reduce amenity impacts to the surrounding residential areas, including visual bulk, overlooking, and overshadowing.'</i></p> <p>It is important to note that the heights and setbacks were subject to extensive consultation and assessment during the development of the Structure Plan, and that they have been adopted by Council.</p>	No change to amendment.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills Reserve is proposed to remain for open space / reserve purposes. • Melbourne Water has no concerns and provide our in principle support. 		Refer submission to a Planning Panel.
10	Apart from the submission being written on the Council C224gdan submission form, it does not appear to relate to the amendment.	As the submission was written on the Council C224gdan submission form, this submission has been included for completeness. However, it does not appear to relate to the amendment in any way.	No change to amendment. Refer submission to a Planning Panel.
11	The Department of Transport has reviewed the Structure Plan and has no objections or concerns.	Noted.	No change to amendment. Refer submission to a Planning Panel.

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Question Time at Council meetings provides an opportunity for members of the public in the gallery to address questions to the Councillors, Delegates and/or officers of the Greater Dandenong City Council. Questions must comply with s. 4.5.8 of Council's Governance Rules.

QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Questions are limited to a maximum of three (3) questions per individual. Where time constraints deem it likely that not all questions can be answered within the time allowed for Question Time, the Mayor at his/her discretion may determine only the first question may be presented verbally with others deferred to be managed in the same manner as public questions not verbally presented. Priority will be given to questions that relate to items on the Council Agenda for that meeting. Questions including any preamble should not exceed 300 words.

a) All such questions must be received in writing on the prescribed form or as provided for on Council's website and at Council Meetings of Council. Where there are more than three (3) questions received from any one individual person, the Chief Executive Officer will determine the three (3) questions to be considered at the meeting.

b) All such questions must clearly note a request to verbally present the question and must be received by the Chief Executive Officer or other person authorised for this purpose by the Chief Executive Officer no later than:

- i) the commencement time (7.00pm) of the Council Meeting if questions are submitted in person; or
- ii) noon on the day of the Council Meeting if questions are submitted by electronic medium.

c) A question can only be presented to the meeting if the Chairperson and/or Chief Executive Officer has determined that the question:

- i) does not relate to a matter of the type described in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (confidential information);
- ii) does not relate to a matter in respect of which Council or a Delegated Committee has no power to act;
- iii) is not defamatory, indecent, abusive or objectionable in language or substance, and is not asked to embarrass a Councillor, Delegated Member or Council officer; and
- iv) is not repetitive of a question already asked or answered (whether at the same or an earlier meeting).

d) If the Chairperson and/or Chief Executive Officer has determined that the question may not be presented to the Council Meeting or Delegated Committee, then the Chairperson and/or Chief Executive Officer:

- i) must advise the Meeting accordingly; and
- ii) will make the question available to Councillors or Members upon request.

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- e) The Chairperson shall call on members of the gallery who have submitted an accepted question to ask their question verbally if they wish.
- f) The Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer or delegate may then direct that question to be answered by a nominated Councillor or member of Council staff.
- g) No debate on, or discussion of, a question or an answer will be permitted other than for the purposes of clarification.
- i) A Councillor, Delegated Committee Member or member of Council staff nominated to answer a question may:
 - i) seek clarification of the question from the person who submitted it;
 - ii) seek the assistance of another person in answering the question; and
 - iii) defer answering the question, so that the answer may be researched and a written response be provided within ten (10) working days following the Meeting (the question thereby being taken on notice).
- h) Question time for verbal presentations is limited in duration to not more than twenty (20) minutes. If it appears likely that this time is to be exceeded then a resolution from Council will be required to extend that time if it is deemed appropriate to complete this item.
- i) The text of each question asked and the response will be recorded in the minutes of the Meeting.

4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

4.1 OTHER

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Community Services

Attachments:

Recommended Applicants for the Disability
Advisory Committee – Attachment 1

Report Summary

Council endorsed the establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee and Disability Community Reference Group in 2013 for an initial two-year period 2014-16. In 2015 these committees were merged into a single Disability Advisory Committee with revised terms of reference and the provision of up to 12 appointed members plus Councillor representation and the Manager Community Care. The initial committee's term was extended to finalise the Disability Action Plan 2017-23. In 2017 the terms of reference were again revised with the appointment of a new committee for a period of four (4) years.

The Disability Advisory Committee continues to play a key role in the implementation of the Disability Action Plan 2017-23 and will significantly contribute to a new Disability Action Plan beyond 2023.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends Council endorsement of the two (2) proposed candidates outlined in 'Attachment 1' of this report as independent members for the Disability Advisory Committee.

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee (Cont.)

Background

The establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee and the Disability Community Reference Group was endorsed by Council on 25 November 2013 and they commenced meeting in 2014 following a selection process aligned with the Terms of Reference.

The Disability Advisory Committee provides advice to Council in relation to access and inclusion for people with disabilities in the community at a broad policy and strategic level. The Committee also provides an important forum for identifying current and future issues and advising Council about effective policy and longer-term strategic direction regarding people with disabilities in the City of Greater Dandenong.

The Disability Advisory Committee provided significant input into the development of the Disability Action Plan 2017-23. They continue to have a key role in the implementation of the Action Plan providing an ongoing connection to the community and service providers.

Applications were sought late in 2021 from the public for appointment as independent members of the Disability Advisory Committee 2022 to 2026. Ten (10) applications were received with current committee members re-applying and new prospective members applying. All applicants were considered, and nine (9) applicants were endorsed by Council on 24 January 2022 as members of the Disability Advisory Committee. Council then received a resignation from one (1) member, leaving up to four (4) vacancies so new Committee members were sought again in April 2022.

Proposal

Advertising for new Committee members commenced in April 2022 with promotion through local newspapers, social media and through networks including the e-news. Two (2) written applications were received for up to four (4) vacant positions. The selection process was undertaken in accordance with the Terms of Reference and two (2) applicants are recommended for Council endorsement.

The two (2) recommended individuals for the Disability Advisory Committee (Attachment 1) represent widespread knowledge and strategic experience across the disability sector.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Consultation

A public request for nominations occurred. All applicants were assessed against the selection criteria for the Disability Advisory Committee.

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee (Cont.)

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:

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7.1 Community Vision 2040

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

- Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism
- Mind, Body and Spirit.

7.2 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
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods
- A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.

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.

These principles have been considered and are covered within this report.

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.

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee (Cont.)

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.

The content of this report is purely administrative in nature and does not benefit any one gender group over any other. However, this will be a significant focus in the development of a new Disability Action Plan which this Committee will be responsible for.

Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

This report has no impact on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability as it is administrative in nature. However, this will be considered in the development of a new Disability Action Plan which this Committee will be responsible for.

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks include:

- Greater Dandenong City Council's Disability Action Plan 2017-2023; and
- Greater Dandenong City Council's Disability Policy.

Conclusion

Applications were sought from the public for appointment as independent members of the Disability Advisory Committee. Two applications were received and are recommended as members of the Disability Advisory Committee 2022 to 2026 during which time they will contribute to the development of a new Disability Action Plan.

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee (Cont.)

Recommendation

That the:

- 1. recommended applicants outlined in 'Attachment 1' of this report be endorsed as independent members of the Disability Advisory Committee from 2022 to 2026; and**
- 2. Mayor writes to the proposed applicants to confirm their appointment to the Disability Advisory Committee from 2022 to 2026.**

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee (Cont.)

OTHER

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ATTACHMENT 1

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PAGES 2 (including cover)

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

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee (Cont.)

Tam Nguyen

Tam has worked for a local disability service since 2018 and has extensive disability experience more broadly. Tam's current role is focused on community engagement, connecting participants with community programs and employment options.

Kristina Drmic

Kristina works for a local disability service supporting NDIS participants to transition from a supported school environment to more independence through further studies or employment.

4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee

File Id:	A8884949
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee – Attachment 1

Report Summary

Council endorsed the establishment of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee for an initial two-year period of 2015-17. The initial committee's term was extended to finalise the Positive Ageing Strategy 2017-25. In 2018 the Terms of Reference were revised with the appointment of a new Committee for a period of four (4) years.

The Positive Ageing Advisory Committee continues to play a key role in the implementation of the Positive Ageing Strategy 2017-25 and will significantly contribute to the development of the next Positive Ageing Strategy.

Following a few resignations, and the completion the four-year term for the current Committee, new Committee members were sought in April 2022.

Recommendations for the membership of the Committee are now presented to Council for endorsement.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends Council endorsement of eight proposed candidates outlined in 'Attachment 1' of this report as independent members for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee.

4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (Cont.)

Background

The Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (PAAC) was established to provide advice to Council in relation to effective policy and service provision for older people in the community and issues regarding positive ageing. The establishment of the Advisory Committee provided an important forum for identifying current and future issues and advising Council about effective policy and longer-term strategic direction regarding older people in the City of Greater Dandenong. The Advisory Committee complements other forms of community engagement used by Council such as the newsletters, focus groups and invited consultations.

The PAAC provided significant input into the development of the Positive Ageing Strategy 2017-25. They have also had a key role in overseeing the implementation of the Action Plan providing an ongoing connection to the community and service providers. It should also be noted that the PAAC have provided feedback to Council on the Interim Report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety leading to the PAAC submitting a response to the Royal Commission recommendations. The PAAC have also provided feedback to Council staff throughout the pandemic as to the impacts of the pandemic on our older residents which has continued to inform our service delivery.

Proposal

Advertising for Committee members commenced in April 2022 with promotion through local newspapers, social media and through networks including the e-news. Eight (8) written applications were received for up to twelve (12) vacant positions. The selection process was undertaken in accordance with the Terms of Reference and eight (8) applicants are recommended for Council endorsement.

The eight (8) recommended individuals for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee outlined in 'Attachment 1' of this report represent widespread knowledge and strategic experience in positive ageing.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Consultation

A public request for nominations occurred. All applicants were assessed against the selection criteria for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee.

4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (Cont.)

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:

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4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (Cont.)

Specifically:

- Section 14 – Right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief;
- Section 15 – Right to freedom of expression;
- Section 16 – Right to peaceful assembly and freedom of association;
- Section 18 – Right to have the opportunity to take part in public life and to vote.

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.

The content of this report is purely administrative in nature and does not benefit any one gender group over any other. However, this will be a significant focus in the development of a new Positive Ageing Strategy which this Committee will be responsible for.

Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

This report has no impact on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability as it is administrative in nature. However, this will be considered in the development of a new Positive Ageing Strategy which this Committee will be responsible for.

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks include:

- Disability Action Plan 2017-2023

4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (Cont.)

Conclusion

Applications were sought from the public for appointment as independent members of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee. Eight (8) applications were received with current committee members re-applying and new prospective members applying. All applicants were considered, and all eight (8) applicants are recommended as members of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2022 to 2026 during which time they will contribute to the development of a new Positive Ageing Strategy.

Recommendation

That:

- 1. the eight recommended applicants outlined in 'Attachment 1' of this report be endorsed as independent members of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2022 to 2026; and**
- 2. the Mayor writes to the proposed applicants to confirm their appointment to the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee.**

4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (Cont.)

OTHER

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ATTACHMENT 1

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PAGES 2 (including cover)

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4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (Cont.)

<p>Julie Klok</p> <p>Julie, a local resident, has worked in the education sector, is an active volunteer in the local community, and with the City of Greater Dandenong's Home Library program.</p> <p>Member of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2015-2022.</p>
<p>Maria Erdeg</p> <p>Maria, a local resident, has extensive experience in aged services and volunteering in the community. She has served on many committees and was recognised as a "Living Treasure" by Council in 1999.</p> <p>Member of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2015-2022.</p>
<p>Lauris Attard</p> <p>Lauris, a local resident, is involved in seniors and community groups aimed at addressing the social needs of older people.</p>
<p>Betty Gracias</p> <p>Betty, a local resident, works as a Spanish interpreter and is focused on areas of social isolation due to language barriers.</p>
<p>Jeffrey Carlin</p> <p>Jeffrey, a local resident, currently works in aged care services and has had extensive work experience across many diverse industries.</p>
<p>Christine Green</p> <p>Christine, a local resident, has worked in aged care, as a telephone grief counsellor and in the employment industry.</p> <p>Member of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2015-2022.</p>
<p>Erica Moulang</p> <p>Erica, a local resident, has worked in the area of community development and community health. She has served on various local boards and school councils and has also been a trainer in a program for the over 50's in neighbourhood houses and learning centres.</p> <p>Member of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2015-2022.</p>
<p>Carol Drummond</p> <p>Carol, a local resident, has extensive experience in local community committees and is a past Manager of a local community service.</p> <p>Member of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2015-2022.</p>

4.1.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings 18-25 July 2022

File Id: fA25545
Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

1. Report Summary

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

The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings held 18-25 July 2022.

2. Recommendation Summary

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

4.1.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings 18-25 July 2022 (Cont.)

3. Background

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

To ensure transparency in this process matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be confidential under the *Local Government Act 2020*) are reported on at Council meetings. This report represents matters discussed at the Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings held 18-25 July 2022.

4. Matters Presented for Discussion

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1.	<p>Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey</p> <p>Councillors and Council officers discussed the results of the recent survey on Council's performance conducted by JWS Research on behalf of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. Council continues to receive positive results across all categories.</p>	<p>Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 18 July 2022</p>
2.	<p>Greater Dandenong First Nations' Community Space Feasibility Report</p> <p>Councillors and Council officers discussed recommendations of a recent consultant's report into the feasibility of a First Nations' community space. Further work and consultation are required before proceeding on the matter.</p>	<p>CBS – 18 July 2022</p>
3.	<p>State Advocacy</p> <p>Councillors and Council officers discussed the lead up to the State elections and the matters of priority to advocate for across the Greater Dandenong municipality.</p>	<p>CBS – 18 July 2022</p>
4.	<p>Mandatory Changes to Governance Rules</p> <p>Councillors were provided with details of new legislation impacting Council's Governance Rules which must be in place prior to 2 September 2022.</p>	<p>CBS – 18 July 2022</p>

4.1.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings 18-25 July 2022 (Cont.)

<p>5.</p>	<p><i>Councillor and council officers briefly discussed the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the economic impact on Dandenong CBD traders; b. broadcasting and seating capabilities at Dandenong Basketball Stadium and the impacts on Dandenong's WNBL team; c. the status of recycling and advanced waste processing in the south-east region; d. the status of current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations (CONFIDENTIAL); and e. Agenda items for the 25 July 2022 Council Meeting. 	<p><i>CBS – 18 July 2022</i></p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><i>Councillor and council officers briefly discussed the following topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Refurbishment and repairs to the Dandy Pig located at the Dandenong Market; b. Success in obtaining grant funding to go towards the PEP building works in Dandenong; c. Agenda items for the 25 July 2022 Council Meeting. 	<p><i>Pre-Council Meeting – 25 July 2022</i></p>

5. Apologies

- Councillors Long, Memeti and Tan submitted apologies for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 18 July 2022.
- Councillors Long, Memeti and Tan submitted apologies for the Pre-Council Meeting held on 25 July 2022.

6. 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:

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4.1.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings 18-25 July 2022 (Cont.)

6.1 Community Vision 2040

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

- Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities
- Sustainable environment
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.

6.2 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

7. 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.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

4.1.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings 18-25 July 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.

11. Recommendation

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

4.1.4 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id:	qA283304
Responsible Officer:	Manager Governance
Attachments:	Correspondence Received 18-29 July 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 18-29 July 2022.

Recommendation

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 18-29 July 2022 be received and noted.

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

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
18-29 JULY 2022**

PAGES 3 (including cover)

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

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



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 18/07/22 & 29/07/22 - for officer action - total = 2

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
A letter from Make a Difference Dingley Village that it can no longer provide services to residents of Greater Dandenong.	20-Jul-22	25-Jul-22	fA251009	Mayor and Councillors EA
An email to the Mayor from the Commonwealth Games Team calling for community ideas for the 2026 Commonwealth Games with a deadline of 12 August 2022.	28-Jul-22	29-Jul-22	fA252577	Mayor and Councillors EA

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



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 18/07/22 & 29/07/22 - for information only - total = 4

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
A letter of concern from a Dandenong resident regarding trucks parking on Ann Street, Dandenong which cause safety issues.	19-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	A 8847194	Mayor and Councillors EA
A letter of thanks from an OAM recipient in the Queen's Birthday Honours after receiving a congratulatory letter from the Mayor.	19-Jul-22	22-Jul-22	A 8852532	Mayor and Councillors EA
An invitation to the Mayor from the Aurora Bengali Association to attend its Durga Puja event in September 2022.	28-Jul-22	28-Jul-22	A 8870524	Mayor and Councillors EA
An email from Homes for Homes asking Council to support its aim to end homelessness in Victoria.	28-Jul-22	29-Jul-22	A 8872027	Mayor and Councillors EA

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

A notice of motion is a notice setting out the text of a motion proposed to be moved at the next relevant meeting. It must be in writing, signed by a Councillor, and be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer in sufficient time for him or her to give each Councillor at least 72 hours notice of such notice.

The guidelines for submitting a notice of motion to a Council meeting are included in the current Governance Rules.

5.1 Notice of Motion No. 21 Resourcing Council's Environmental Responsibilities Going Forward

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director City Planning Design & Amenity

Preamble

a) State-wide

Responsibility for environmental sustainability was in the *Local Government Act 1989*, however this is now supplemented in the *Local Government Act 2020* by the additional and specific responsibility for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Furthermore in 2017, the Victorian State Government published "*Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037*", a strategy that identified local councils as a critical partner in protecting and enhancing Victoria's biodiversity, a happening that occurred in parallel with councils already increasingly discrete biodiversity strategies and action plans of their own.

Also, the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021* and associated implementation plans and advice highlight both a change in State Government's waste management policy direction towards a circular economy and Local Government's critical role in that.

Consequently, due to all of these developments and community desire, most local governments across Melbourne have been increasing staff resourcing towards environmental sustainability whether it be specifically climate change focussed, biodiversity focussed, circular economy focussed or general sustainability education and engagement related. They have also increasingly moved to integrated environment and sustainability teams, rather than different elements of environmental sustainability policy and implementation being in different areas of councils.

5.1 Notice of Motion No. 21 Resourcing Council's Environmental Responsibilities Going Forward (Cont.)

b) Greater Dandenong

Closer to home, Greater Dandenong staff have been faced with staff limitations impacting the completion of, implementation, monitoring and reporting of currently endorsed Greater Dandenong strategies and plans. In particular, actions in the Greater Dandenong Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2030 are well overdue and completion and endorsement of the Greater Dandenong Biodiversity Action Plan is running over a year late. There has not been any annual Sustainability Report since 2018-19 nor any annual reports for the Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan so far.

The community has highlighted this importance to Council. 78% of respondents to the Greater Dandenong City Council Community Satisfaction Survey 2021 identified environmental sustainability as an important responsibility of Council; higher than appearance of public areas, traffic management, parking facilities or recreational facilities. This was higher than the state-wide score of 74% and almost identical to the survey results in 2020, 2019 and 2018. With regards to climate change specifically, 86% of respondents thought Greater Dandenong City Council should treat is as an important responsibility.

Neither of these figures is surprising - after all it was resident requests which led to Council agreeing to declare a climate and ecological emergency in 2020, something that Council has frequently promoted since.

Arguably, it's time for Greater Dandenong to walk the talk.

MOTION

After first coming to a Councillor Briefing Session, that a report comes to Council with the results of a benchmarking survey of other Melbourne Councils with information on the:

- a) total number of environment and sustainability (including parks and waste) related FTE each Council has;**
- b) seniority, policy focuses and roles of each staff member in those Councils;**
- c) staff structure for those Councils' environment and sustainability (including parks and waste) responsibilities; and**
- d) options going forward for Greater Dandenong to better resource their environment and sustainability (including parks and waste) responsibilities.**

6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

The principle purpose of this item in the Council Meeting Agenda is for Councillors to report on their attendance, observations or important matters arising from their liaison or representation with groups for which the Councillor has been formally appointed by Council. In accordance with the documented 'protocol' that applies to either liaisons or representatives, Councillors should raise matters of importance during this item. Other matters may also be reported.

If a Councillor chooses to speak, the name of the conference/event and the Councillor will be noted in the Minutes for that meeting. If a Councillor requires additional information on the conference/event to be listed in the Minutes, they must submit it in writing to a Governance staff member by 12.00pm the day following this Council Meeting.

Question time is provided to enable Councillors to address questions to members of Council staff. The guidelines for asking questions at a Council meeting are included in the current Governance Rules.

Councillors have a total of 15 minutes each to report on their attendances at meetings, conferences or events and to ask questions of Council staff.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

No business may be admitted as urgent business unless it:

- a. Relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the Agenda.
- b. Cannot safely or conveniently be deferred until the next ordinary meeting and unless agreed to by a majority of those Councillors present at the meeting.