



Minutes

Council Meeting

Tuesday 28 January 2025, 7:00 pm

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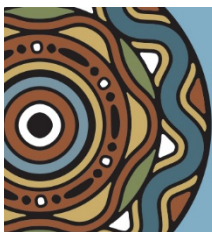
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COUNCIL OBLIGATIONS AND AGENDA REPORTS

Council has several obligations in relation to its Community Vision, Council Plan, Instruments of Legislation and Council policy. These are summarily considered in each Agenda report and further details are added as required. The obligations are as follows:

Community Vision 2040 (Community Vision | Greater Dandenong Council)

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

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

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.

The Council Plan 2021-25 (Council Plan 2021-25 | Greater Dandenong Council)

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. The Council Plan has the following key 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.*

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.

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 are:

- a) Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- c) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
- d) the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
- e) innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued;
- f) collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- g) the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
- h) regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
- i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

Also, in giving effect to the overarching governance principles above, a Council must take into account the following supporting principles:

- a) the community engagement principles (section 56);
- b) the public transparency principles (section 58);
- c) the strategic planning principles (section 89);
- d) the financial management principles (section 101);
- e) the service performance principles (section 106).

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.



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. The objects of the Act are as follows:

- a) to promote, encourage and facilitate the achievement of gender equality and improvement in the status of women; and
- b) to support the identification and elimination of systemic causes of gender inequality in policy, programs and delivery of services in workplaces and communities; and
- c) to recognise that gender inequality may be compounded by other forms of disadvantage or discrimination that a person may experience on the basis of Aboriginality, age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation and other attributes; and
- d) to redress disadvantage, address stigma, stereotyping, prejudice and violence, and accommodate persons of different genders by way of structural change; and
- e) to enhance economic and social participation by persons of different genders; and
- f) to further promote the right to equality set out in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Council is obligated to think about how its programs and services affect different people and different communities and how we can avoid reinforcing unintentional inequalities. Reports authors must consider the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020* and Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy when asking Council to consider or review any issues which have a direct or significant impact on members of the Greater Dandenong 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). The Charter is founded on the following principles:

- human rights are essential in a democratic and inclusive society that respects the rule of law, human dignity, equality and freedom;
- human rights belong to all people without discrimination, and the diversity of the people of Victoria enhances our community;
- human rights come with responsibilities and must be exercised in a way that respects the human rights of others;
- human rights have a special importance for the Aboriginal people of Victoria, as descendants of Australia's first people, with their diverse spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters.

Given this municipality's diversity and inclusiveness, when developing or preparing a report for Council consideration, report authors are required to ensure their report is consistent with the standards set by the Charter.



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.

When developing or preparing a report for Council consideration, report authors are required to consider what impacts their issue has on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching principle on climate change and sustainability.

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Report authors will consider how their report aligns with existing Council policies, strategies, frameworks or other documents, how they may affect the decision of this report or are relevant to this process.



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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIR

Cr Jim Memeti opened the Meeting at 7.00pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Sophie Tan, Deputy Mayor, Cr Alice Phuong Le, Cr Bob Milkovic,
Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Loi Truong,

Councillors Present

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor (Chair)
Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Melinda Yim.

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer (Chair); Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures; Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening; Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development; Yuri Guzman, Chief Information Officer; Dani Trimble, Coordinator Governance, Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy.



1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respect and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.

1.4 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

All remained standing as Mehtap Williams, president of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, read the following:

" In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

O Allah, Lord of all creation,

We gather here today in service to our community, seeking Your guidance, wisdom, and blessings.

*Grant us clarity in our decisions, humility in our actions, and sincerity in our intentions.
Help us to serve with justice, compassion, and integrity, ensuring the welfare of all people,
regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs.*

*Unite our hearts in understanding and cooperation, and allow us to be a source of peace and
progress for our community.*

*Let us remember the importance of justice, compassion, and unity, as emphasized in the teachings
of many faiths. The principle of standing firm for what is right and ensuring fairness resonates
deeply with the values we uphold in our service to the community.*

*We ask You to bless this council, its members, and the people we serve. Guide us to uphold the
principles of fairness and respect, and to act in ways that reflect Your mercy and kindness.*

*O Allah, protect us from division and grant us the strength to face challenges with patience and
perseverance.*

*Let our work today and every day be a means of fostering harmony, equity, and the betterment of
society.*

Ameen."



1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 9 December 2024.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 9 December 2024 be confirmed.

MINUTE No.40

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 9 December 2024 be confirmed.

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1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.



1.7 ADOPTION OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Audit and Risk Committee held a meeting on 13 December 2024 and Minutes of this meeting, as summarised in the following table, are presented to Council for adoption.

Item	Topic
1.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed actions arising from previous meetings.
2.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed, discussed and noted the following reports with Council officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executive Officer's Report• Risk Management Update• Penetration test results• Quarterly Financial and Performance Report - Q1 2024-25• Procurement Exemptions• Audit & Risk Committee Self-Assessment• Executive Briefing - Strategic Growth & Advocacy
3.	The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed, discussed and noted the following reports with Council officers and the internal auditor (HLB Mann Judd): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HLB Mann Judd - Internal Audit Status Report• Council Status of Internal Audit Actions• Integrity Body Reports

Officer Recommendation

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be adopted.

MINUTE No.41

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Melinda Yim

That the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 13 December 2024 be adopted.

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2 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 1

2.1 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. Petitions & Joint Letters [2.1.1.1 - 7 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

Executive Summary

1. 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.
2. Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.
3. A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:
 - a) the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
 - b) petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
 - c) 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.

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

4. Council received one (1) new petition and one (1) joint letter prior to the Council Meeting of 28 January 2025.
 - Council has received a petition signed by 25 residents requesting residential parking permits on Bassett Street, Dandenong. This petition has been referred to the appropriate Council Business unit for further action.
 - Council has received a joint letter signed by 12 proponents regarding amenity concerns relating to a property in Keysborough. This joint letter has been referred to the appropriate Council Business unit for further action.

MINUTE No.42

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED 6 / 0

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
16/10/2024	<p>Complaint Regarding Parking recently added to Church Road creating hazards</p> <p>I am writing to formally lodge a complaint regarding the parking of cars and trucks in the designated parking areas on Church Road, specifically in the marked section in the attached graphic where visibility for passing vehicles is significantly reduced.</p> <p>I would like to outline the following key reasons why this issue requires immediate attention and action by the Council:</p> <p>Increased risk of accidents: The presence of large trucks (and cars to a slightly lesser degree), in this area obstructs sightlines for drivers, creating a substantial hazard for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.</p> <p>The limited visibility significantly increases the risk of accidents, particularly at intersections and pedestrian crossings, where quick reactions and clear visibility are critical for safety.</p> <p>Due to the number of car parks created, it's very difficult to see when turning into Church road exactly how many spots are being utilised and therefore hard to time when drivers can safely pull out to drive on the wrong side of the road to pass the parking bays, this is exacerbated when trucks park in the closest spots to the intersection.</p> <p>Traffic congestion and accessibility issues: Church Road serves as a vital thoroughfare for local traffic, including the 100+ homes in and connecting to Bentley Park Estate.</p>	72 Residents 2 Proponents	Completed	<p>Responsible Officer: Chief Engineer and Major Projects</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent 22/10/2024 to the head petitioner.</p> <p>Outcome letter sent 6/12/2024 to the head petitioner:</p> <p><i>“Council officers have reviewed this location and undertaken an assessment of road safety risks associated with cars parking on this section of Church Road. As the permitted parking areas are located a significant distance from the intersection with Chandler Road, no safety issues at the intersection have been identified (essentially vehicle entering Church Road from Chander are able to do so safely). Visibility of oncoming traffic for vehicles travelling in both directions is sufficient, particularly given the relatively low approach speeds to locations where cars are parked. As a result, no alterations to the parking arrangements are proposed at this time.</i></p> <p><i>I appreciate that visibility is limited to a greater extent when larger trucks are parked on this stretch. It is illegal for larger trucks to park on street for more than 1 hour in built up areas, including this location. If regular/ prolonged parking by trucks is observed, please do not hesitate to contact Council via 8571 1000, council@cgd.vic.gov.au or using SnapSendSolve.</i></p>

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	<p>The road provides access to several main roads and acts as a key connection point for the surrounding neighbourhoods. The issue is the demand of this road is high, as a major side street, with no traffic lights, many cars choose this route as opposed to any alternative route.</p> <p>The parking of trucks and cars in this area impedes the smooth flow of traffic, creating congestion and making it difficult for vehicles, including emergency services, to pass through.</p> <p>Passing motorists are forced to drive on the wrong side of the road, preventing traffic which belongs on that side from passing until the traffic has cleared. The sightlines are also poor due to the car parks, so moving onto the wrong side of the road is dangerous.</p> <p>As there are only one or two alternate routes, which are less direct or logical for locals, it means adding time to the commute due to several traffic lights at the alternative route, this exacerbates the problem and further increases the likelihood of delays and accidents on Church Road.</p> <p>Lack of logic in current parking arrangements: I find it difficult to understand the rationale behind allowing trucks and cars to park in this section, particularly when considering the significant safety risks and the limited road space, and the clear alternative to use the very wide nature strip slightly further along the same road on the opposite side to the car parks, or having residents use their driveways which are more than ample to fit 2 cars. The current parking layout, with marked car park lines in an area where visibility is compromised, seems to contradict</p>			<p><i>We understand that the travel time delays caused by on street parking at this location can cause frustration. However, such scenarios where drivers are required to give way to oncoming traffic are common throughout the estate and across Metropolitan Melbourne on roads carrying similar volumes of traffic. Removal of on street parking would have a detrimental impact on nearby properties who utilise the parking.</i></p> <p>Martin Halden, Manager -Transport & Civil Development”</p>

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	<p>the intent of creating a safe and accessible roadway for all users.</p> <p>Given the severity of the issue and its impact on the safety and functionality of this major thoroughfare, I respectfully urge the Council to take prompt action by enforcing stricter parking restrictions or revising the parking layout in this area. A restriction could be added with signage preventing trucks to park here, or a time limit sign only allowing cars and trucks to park at particular hours of the day which (like not having cars there in peak hours 8-11 am and 3-6pm - or similar).</p> <p>Preventing cars and especially trucks from parking in the marked section would greatly enhance visibility, reduce traffic congestion, and improve overall safety for everyone using this road.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and the Council's timely action to address this concern.</p> <p>I have canvassed the local residents of the Bentley Park Estate and attach the confirmation and details of the 70 residents who have agreed to co-sign this complaint letter urging action, as they feel just as concerned about this area as I do. I also attach some photos of the issue as well as the above mentioned graphic.</p>			

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
22/11/2024	<p>Parking on Raymond Street, Noble Park</p> <p>With recently being notified that a planning permit is in place to build three [3] two storey units at 20 Raymond Street, not only will the street be congested during the building of the units but also once built this will increase the number of cars being parked in an already overcrowded street making it more difficult for the flow of cars up and down the street as well as for people backing out of their driveways which on many days is a nightmare.</p> <p>Also adding to the congestion is that there are two schools, Noble Park Primary School and St Anthony's with parents parking to pick up their children.</p> <p>A proposal to be sent to the Council to have parking permanently only on one side of the street in the hope that will make traffic flow more manageable as well as for people trying to get out of their driveways.</p>	20 Residents	Completed	<p>Responsible Officer: Chief Engineer and Major Projects</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent 26/11/2024 to the head petitioner.</p> <p>Outcome letter sent 2/1/2025 to the head petitioner:</p> <p><i>"Please note we have undertaken a site inspection and note that Raymond Street is approximately 7 metres wide. This width is consistent with other residential roads within our municipality and allows for vehicles to be parked on both sides of the road and still maintain the legal requirement of 3.0m for a trafficable lane. I also note that entire south side of Raymond Street has existing 'No Stopping' parking restrictions during the school peak periods (8-9:30am & 2:30-4pm).</i></p> <p><i>Please understand that although on-street parking can make entering and exiting properties more difficult, it is there to provide necessary parking for users whilst also having the effect of reducing vehicle speeds and increasing driver awareness. For residents facing concerns when exiting their driveway, we recommend exiting in a forward direction as this often allows for increased manoeuvrability.</i></p>

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
				<p><i>On-street parking is available to all drivers provided that drivers park their vehicle legally (in accordance to the Victorian Road Rules), suitable access should be achieved for all properties.</i></p> <p><i>In general, vehicles must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide 3 metres clearance opposite a crossover, parked vehicle and solid white line.</i> • <i>Remain clear of vehicle crossovers (acknowledging vehicles can temporarily stop over a crossover for 2 minutes to drop off / pick up).</i> • <i>Park as close to the kerb as reasonably possible.</i> <p><i>If you find that motorists are not adhering to the above rules please contact Council on 8571 1000 whilst the offense is occurring so Parking Management can attend as soon as possible to rectify any parking issues. When considering the above, we do not support additional parking restrictions at this location.</i></p> <p><i>Martin Halden, Manager -Transport & Civil Development</i></p>
10/01/2025	<p>Complaint regarding a house in Keysborough</p> <p>Council has received a joint letter signed by 12 proponents regarding amenity concerns relating to a property in Keysborough.</p>	12 Proponents	In Progress	Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures

<p>22/01/2025</p>	<p>Residential permit parking Bassett Street, Dandenong</p> <p>We, the undersigned residents of Bassett Street Dandenong, respectfully petition the City of Greater Dandenong Council to implement a residential parking Permit system in our Street.</p> <p>Reason for Request: Our street is currently being used as a car park by individuals who do not reside in the area. This has created significant difficulties for local residents, as we are often unable to find available parking near our homes. This situation is causing:</p> <p>1: Inconvenience: Residents struggle to parks their vehicles near their homes.</p> <p>2: Stress: The lack of parking availability impacts our daily lives.</p> <p>3. Safety Concerns: Some residents have to park far away, increasing the risk to personal safety during late hours.</p> <p>Proposed Solution: We request the Council to introduce a Residential Parking Permit System for Bassett Street which conclude:</p> <p>Issuing permits to residents for their vehicles</p> <p>Clear signage indicating permit parking only- zone (or will result in a Tow away)</p> <p>We believe this system will ensure that the residents have priority access to parking and improve the overall liveability of our street.</p> <p>Your Support Matters:</p>	<p>25 Residents</p>	<p>In Progress</p>	<p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures</p>
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	<p>By signing this petition, you are expressing your support and asking the Council to take action to address this issue.</p> <p>Note to people signing this petition:</p> <p>Please include your name, address and signature when signing the petition, to ensure the petition is able to be accepted by Council.</p> <p>Thank you for Your Support:</p>			
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2.2 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.2.1 Town Planning Application - No. 11-55 Waterview Close, Dandenong South (Planning Application No. PLA24/0097)

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures
Attachments: 1. Assessed Plans [2.2.1.1 - 16 pages]

Application Summary

Applicant: Le Mans Grand Prix Circuits Pty Ltd, Lopet Pty Lpd
Proposal: Amendment to planning permit PLA23/0025 (PLN04/0682) which allows for use of the land for the purpose of a Motor racing track (Go Kart Complex), Indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf, and VR arena), amusement parlour, a food and drink premise, a licensed premise and associated buildings and works.

The amendment seeks to:

- Include Property Address No. 59 Waterview Close Dandenong South;
- Include the additional use of the land for a bowling alley;
- Amendment to the plans to include an additional amusement parlour area and function room areas;
- Increase the red line plan area (area in which liquor can be sold and consumed); and
- The construction of an internal mezzanine floor.

Zone: Clause 34.02 Commercial 2 Zone
Clause 37.01 Special Use Zone
Clause 37.02 Urban Floodway Zone
Overlay: Clause 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay
Ward: Dandenong

1. The application is brought before the Council as Council's Instrument of Delegation requires all applications for a liquor licence (where not associated with a food and drink premise) to be determined by Council at a Council Meeting.
2. The application proposes to amend Planning Permit PLA23/0025 (PLN04/0682) to include the adjacent property address of No. 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South and allow it to be used for the purposes of a bowling alley, function room areas, and expand the area of the existing amusement parlour.
3. The proposal also includes the construction of an internal mezzanine level at No. 59 Waterview Close to provide additional function rooms and seeks to amend the previously endorsed red line plan to allow for the sale and consumption of liquor to include the expanded premises.
4. A permit is required pursuant to:
5. Clause 34.02-1 (Commercial 2 Zone) - a permit is required to use the land for leisure and recreation (indoor recreation facility)



6. Clause 34.02-1 (Commercial 2 Zone) - a permit is required to use the land as an amusement parlour.
7. Clause 34.02-4 (Commercial 2 Zone) - a permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works (mezzanine).
8. Clause 52.27 (Licensed Premises) - a permit is required if the area that liquor is allowed to be consumed or supplied under a license is to be increased.
9. Clause 52.34 (Bicycle Parking) - a permit is required to waive the bicycle parking requirements.
10. This report recommends to grant an amended planning permit for the purpose of '*Amendment to Planning Permit PLA23/0025 (PLN04/0682) issued for the use of the land for the purpose of a Motor racing track (Go Kart Complex), Indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf, and VR arena), amusement parlour, a food and drink premise, a licensed premise and associated buildings and works*', to now also allow a bowling alley, function room areas, an increase in the area that liquor is allowed to be supplied under a licence, and include the adjacent property address of No. 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South.

Objectors Summary

11. The application was advertised to the surrounding area through the erection of a notice on-site and the mailing of notices to adjoining and surrounding owners and occupiers. No objections were received to the application.

Recommendation Summary

12. As assessed, officers consider this proposal to be generally compliant with all of the relevant provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. Council officers are of the view that on balance, the proposal's degree of compliance with the Planning Scheme justifies that the application should be supported. Therefore, it is recommended that an amended permit be issued subject to the conditions as set out in the recommendation.
13. If the application was to be appealed to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) it is the officer's view that it is highly likely that VCAT would also issue a planning permit for this proposal. The cost to Council to defend the application if council officers recommendation is not carried would start at approximately \$25,000.



Subject Site and Surrounds

Subject Site

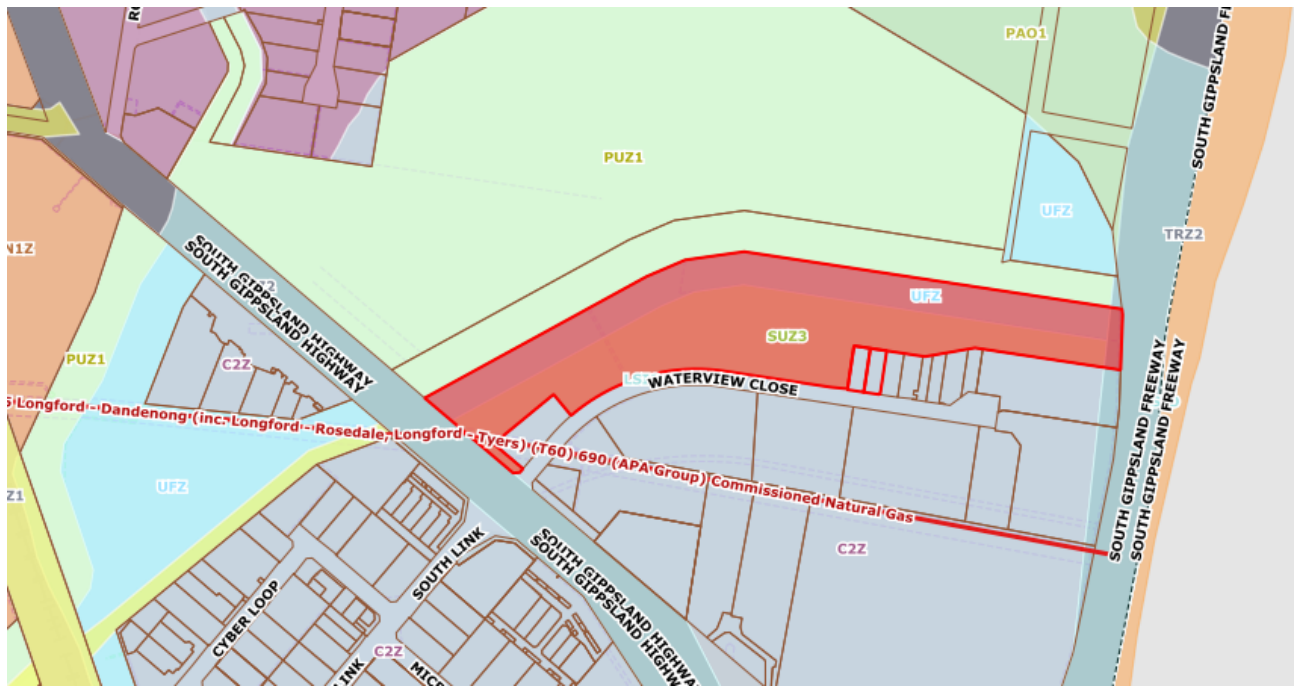
14. The subject land covers four (4) sites, those being No. 11-53, No. 55, No. 57 and No. 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South.
15. The site contains an existing business known as Le Mans Entertainment, originally approved under the parent planning permit PLN04/0682 and previously amended twice under PLA22/0069 and PLA23/0025.
16. The site is currently used for the purpose of a motor racing track (go kart complex), an indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf, VR arena), amusement parlour, a food and drink premise, a licensed premise and associated buildings.
17. The warehouse at 59 Waterview Close is currently being used as a paintball facility associated with Le Mans.
18. Development on site includes the external go-karting track to the west and north-east, as well as a series of three warehouse buildings constructed in 2005 that are now included in the wider Le Mans Entertainment operations. The current liquor license red line area on site covers the food and drink premises, go karting reception area, function room areas and amusement parlour area.
19. The go karting track, virtual reality and laser tag areas are not included in the red line plan area and will continue to not be included within the red line plan area if the subject amended permit is to be granted.
20. The subject site has a total of one hundred and three (103) car parking spaces accessible from the southern frontage connecting to Waterview Close via four (4) double crossovers. This proposal includes the addition of eleven (11) car parking spaces associated with the 59 Waterview Close property.

Surrounding Area

21. The subject site is surrounded by industrial and warehouse uses within a Commercial 2 Zone bounded by a Melbourne Water retarding basin to the north and South Gippsland Highway to the eastern and south-western sides respectively.
22. The nearest residential zone is located 750 meters to the east (Casey Council).
23. The nearest bus stop is approximately 420 metres to the south-west, near the corner of South Gippsland Highway and Waterview Close.

Locality Plan

24. A zoning map of the subject site and the surrounding area is provided below.



25. An aerial photograph of the subject site and the surrounding area, with the site highlighted in red, is located below (Nearmap October 2024).



Previous Applications

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

27. The most relevant planning application is Planning Permit PLA23/0025, which was issued on 28 August 2023 for the 'use of the land for the purpose of a Motor racing track (Go Kart Complex), Indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf, and VR arena), amusement parlour, a food and drink premise, a licensed premises and associated buildings and works'.



28. All other past permits are tabled below:

Property Address:	Permit Number:	Permit details:
No. 11-53 Waterview Close	PLN04/0682 (Amended three times under reference numbers PLN04/0682.01, PLA22/0069 and PLA23/0025)	<i>Use and development of the land for the purpose of a motor racing track (go kart complex) and associated buildings and works</i> PLA22/0069 Amendment issued to combine PLN06/028 (food and drink and liquor) and PLN11/0485.01 (laser tag) and the additional land uses of mini golf, virtual reality arena, an amusement parlour to operate in conjunction with each other. PLA23/0025 Amendment issued to increase red line area to include existing mini golf area.
	No. 55 Waterview Close	PLN06/0628 PLN09/0158 PLN11/0779 PLN18/0690 PLN19/0055
No. 57 Waterview Close	PLN15/0145	<i>Development and display of signage</i>
	PLN11/0485.01	<i>Use and develop the land for the purpose of an indoor recreation facility (laser tag).</i>
No. 59 Waterview Close	PLN09/0514	<i>Indoor Recreation Facility & Buildings and Works (Internal Layout)</i>
	PLN15/0008	<i>Indoor Recreation Facility and Signage</i>



Proposal

29. The application proposes to amend planning PLA23/0025 to:

- Include the adjacent property address of No. 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South, as part of the wider subject site;
- Include the additional use of the land for a bowling alley;
- Include an additional amusement parlour area;
- Increase the red line area (area where liquor can be sold and consumed);
- Construct an internal mezzanine floor to be used for function rooms and amenities;
- Convert the existing office space into a function room;

30. No external buildings and works are proposed; and

31. No tree removal is proposed

32. There are no other changes proposed as part of this application.

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

Financial Implications

34. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Planning Scheme and Policy Frameworks

35. Pursuant to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. A planning permit is required:

36. Clause 34.02-1 (Commercial 2 Zone) - a permit is required to use the land for leisure and recreation (indoor recreation facility).

37. Clause 34.02-1 (Commercial 2 Zone) - a permit is required to use the land as an amusement parlour.

38. Clause 34.02-4 (Commercial 2 Zone) - a permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works (mezzanine).

39. Clause 52.27 (Licensed Premises) - a permit is required if the area that liquor is allowed to be consumed or supplied under a license is to be increased.

40. Clause 52.34 (Bicycle Parking) - a permit is required to waive the bicycle parking requirements.

41. The relevant controls and policies are as follows:

Zoning Controls

42. Part of the subject site is located in a **Special Use Zone, Schedule 3**

43. The purpose of the Special use outlined at Clause 37.01 is:

- To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- To recognise or provide for the use and development of the land for specific purposes as identified in a schedule to this zone.



44. Schedule 3 to the Special use Zone specifically relates to 11-53 and part of 55-59 Waterview Close Dandenong South for the following purpose:
- To provide land for the purpose of a motor racing track (Go-Kart Complex) and support facilities and for other recreational uses which protect the function of the land as a drainage reserve.
45. Part of the subject site is located in a **Commercial 2 Zone**, as is the surrounding area to the east and south.
46. The purpose of the Commercial 2 Zone outlined at Clause 34.02 is:
- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - To encourage commercial areas for offices, appropriate manufacturing and commercial services.
 - To ensure that uses do not affect the safety and amenity of adjacent, more sensitive uses.
47. Part of the subject site is located in an **Urban Floodway Zone**, as is the surrounding area to the north.
48. The purpose of the Urban Floodway Zone, outlined at Clause 37.03 is:
- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - To identify waterways, major flood paths, drainage depressions and high hazard areas within urban areas which have the greatest risk and frequency of being affected by flooding.
 - To ensure that any development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwater, minimises flood damage and is compatible with flood hazard, local drainage conditions and the minimisation of soil erosion, sedimentation and silting.
 - To reflect any declarations under Division 4 of Part 10 of the Water Act, 1989.
 - To protect water quality and waterways as natural resources by managing urban stormwater, protecting water supply catchment areas and managing saline discharges to minimise the risks to the environmental quality of water and groundwater.
49. The subject site is located connecting to a **Transport Zone 2** (South Gippsland Highway).
50. The purpose of the Transport Zone outlined at Clause 36.04 is:
- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - To provide for an integrated and sustainable transport system.
 - To identify transport land use and land required for transport services and facilities
 - To provide for the use and development of the land that complements, or is consistent with, the transport system or public land reservation.
 - To ensure the efficient and safe use of transport infrastructure and land comprising the transport system.



Overlay Controls

51. Part of the subject site is located in a **Land Subject to Inundation Overlay**, as is the surrounding area to the north.
52. The purpose of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, outlined Clause 37.03 is:
- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - To identify flood prone land in a riverine or coastal area affected by the 1 in 100 (1 per cent Annual Exceedance Probability) year flood or any other area determined by the floodplain management authority.
 - To ensure that development maintains the free passage and temporary storage of floodwaters, minimises flood damage, responds to the flood hazard and local drainage conditions and will not cause any significant rise in floor level or flow velocity.
 - To minimise the potential flood risk to life, health and safety associated with development.
 - To reflect a declaration under Division 4 of Part 10 of the Water Act, 1989.
 - To protect water quality and waterways as natural resources by managing urban stormwater, protecting water supply catchment areas, and managing saline discharges to minimise the risks to the environmental quality of water and groundwater.
 - To ensure that development maintains or improves river, marine, coastal and wetland health, waterway protection and floodplain health.

Planning Policy Framework

53. The **Operation of the Planning Policy Framework** outlined at Clause 10 seeks to ensure that the objectives of planning in Victoria are fostered through appropriate land use and development planning policies and practices which integrate relevant environmental, social and economic factors in the interests of net community benefit and sustainable development. The objectives of Planning in Victoria are noted as:
- a) To provide for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use, and development of land.
 - b) To provide for the protection of natural and man-made resources and the maintenance of ecological processes and genetic diversity.
 - c) To secure a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment for all Victorians and visitors to Victoria.
 - d) To conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value.
 - e) To protect public utilities and other facilities for the benefit of the community.
 - f) To facilitate development in accordance with the objectives set out in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).
 - g) To balance the present and future interests of all Victorians.
54. In order to achieve those objectives, there are a number of more specific objectives contained within the Planning Policy Framework that need to be considered under this application.
55. Clause 11 (Settlement) states that planning is to anticipate and respond to the needs of existing and future communities through provision of zoned and serviced land for housing, employment, recreation and open space, commercial and community facilities and infrastructure.



56. Clause 15 (Built Environment and Heritage) states that planning should ensure that all land use and development appropriately responds to its surrounding landscape and character, valued built form and cultural context.
57. Clause 17 (Economic Development) contains two (2) key objectives and can be summarised in emphasising the need for planning to provide for a strong and innovative economy, and to contribute to the economic wellbeing of the state to allow for municipalities to build upon regional strengths and economic potential.
58. These objectives are further explored within the following subclauses under Clause 17 Economic Development. Clause 17.02-1S (Business) seeks to encourage development that meets the community's needs for retail, entertainment, office and other commercial services.

Local Planning Policy Framework

59. The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) includes the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and Local Policies.
60. The MSS is contained within Clause 21 of the Scheme. The MSS at Clause 21.04 focuses on the Land Use, within which the following subclause is noted:
- To encourage a mix of complimentary land uses that increase an activity centre's commercial variety without compromising its core commercial strengths.
 - To create positive social, cultural and economic perceptions of all activity centres. transport.
61. A Vision for Greater Dandenong is outlined at Clause 21.03, within which the following is noted:
- A nationally and internationally competitive city; a pre-eminent industrial centre for Melbourne's south-east with a significant high-tech/knowledge industrial component; a centre for government, multi-national investment and employment; vibrant commercial and retail sector and a state of the art inter-modal transport interchange for south eastern Victoria.
62. Under **Clause 21.07 – Infrastructure and Transportation** matters of: physical, community and cultural infrastructure; public transport; walking and cycling; cars and parking; and, transport services are covered.
63. Within Clause 21.07-2 where the matter of public transport is considered, the following relevant objective and strategies are noted:
- To integrate transport and land use.
 - Ensure residential, commercial and industrial development provides for safe and accessible pedestrian/bicycle movement to the public transport network.
64. The objectives and strategies of Clause 21.07-3 which relate to the matter of walking and cycling should also be considered.

Particular Provisions

Clause 52.06 Car Parking

65. Clause 52.06 Car Parking needs to be considered to determine the appropriateness of the car parking provision of the development. The purpose of this Clause is:
- To ensure that car parking is provided in accordance with the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - To ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality.
 - To support sustainable transport alternatives to the motor car.
 - To promote the efficient use of car parking spaces through the consolidation of car parking facilities.
 - To ensure that car parking does not adversely affect the amenity of the locality.



- To ensure that the design and location of car parking is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.
66. The following car parking rates apply to the site:
- Motor racing track (go kart) = no rate specified (discretionary to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority)
 - Indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf and virtual reality) = no rate specified (discretionary to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority)
 - Amusement Parlour = 4 spaces to each 100 sqm of net floor area
 - Food and Drink Premise = 4 spaces to each 100 sqm of net floor area
67. The subject site has a total of one hundred and three (103) car parking spaces accessible from the southern frontage connecting the Waterview Close via four (4) double crossovers. This includes the addition of eleven (11) car parking spaces associated with the 59 Waterview Close property.

Clause 52.27 Licensed Premises

68. The purpose of Clause 52.27 Licensed Premises needs to be considered to determine the appropriateness of the proposal to use the land for a licensed premises.
69. The purpose of Clause 52.27 Licensed Premises is as follows:
- To ensure that licensed premises are situated in appropriate locations.
 - To ensure that the impact of the licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area is considered.
 - The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
 - The impact of the sale or consumption of liquor permitted by the liquor licence on the amenity of the surrounding area.
 - The impact of the hours of operation on the amenity of the surrounding area.
 - The impact of the number of patrons on the amenity of the surrounding area.
 - The cumulative impact of any existing licensed premises and the proposed licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area.

Clause 52.34 Bicycle Facilities

70. The purpose of Clause 52.34 Bicycle Facilities is:
- To encourage cycling as a mode of transport.
 - To provide secure, accessible and convenient bicycle parking spaces and associated shower and change facilities.
71. Clause 52.34-1 states that a new use must not commence or the floor area of an existing use must not be increased until the required bicycle facilities and associated signage has been provided on the land.
72. Under Clause 52.34-2 states that a permit may be granted to vary, reduce or waive the requirements of Clause 52.34-3 and Clause 52.34-4. An application is exempt from the notice and decision requirements and appeal rights of some sections of the Act.
73. Under the table to Clause 52.34-3, a motor racing track (go kart) and indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf and virtual reality) are not listed in this Clause.
74. An amusement parlour is listed with the rate of two (2) plus one (1) to each 50 sqm of net floor area.
75. A Retail Premise (food and drink) is listed with the rate of one (1) to each 300 sqm of leasable floor area for employees plus one (1) to each 500 sqm of leasable floor area for visitors/shoppers.



76. This amendment seeks a full waiver of the bicycle parking requirements. There are no bicycle parking spaces existing on site.

General Provisions

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

Diversity, Access and Equity

78. It is not considered that the planning assessment of this application raises any diversity issues. The application itself does not have a direct and significant impact on the wider Greater Dandenong community.

Community Safety

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

Safe Design Guidelines

80. Consideration of the relevant requirements of these Guidelines has been undertaken within the Assessment of this application.

Referrals

81. The application was externally referred to:

External Authority	Response
Liquor Commission Victoria (S55)	No comment.
Victoria Police (S52)	No objection.

82. The amendment was internally referred to the following Council Departments for their consideration (summarised):

Council Referrals	Response
Community Services	No objection.
Transport Planning	No objection.
Waste Services	No objection.

Advertising

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

- sending notices to the owners and occupiers of adjoining land; and
- placing a sign on site facing Waterview Close.



84. The notification has been carried out correctly. Council has received no objections to date.

Assessment

Use

85. The proposed amendment has been assessed against the relevant provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, including the Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Policy Framework, the Commercial 2 Zone and the Particular Provision for Liquor Licensing at Clause 52.27.
86. The amendment is in part seeking to expand the site to include the adjacent property of 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South and use it for indoor recreation (ten pin bowling), an expanded amusement parlour area and first floor function rooms.
87. Council officers have no concerns regarding the above use of the land, noting that 59 Waterview Close was previously granted planning permits for indoor recreation (laser tag) in 2009 and 2015. It is also noted that 59 Waterview Close will not operate as a stand-alone use and that it will be connected to and associated with the existing venue currently operating under the existing subject permit proposed to be amended, which includes go-karts, laser tag, mini golf, VR arena, amusement parlour and a food and drink premises.
88. Given the existing scale of operations on site, and noting that the patrons numbers are not proposed to be increased from the maximum six hundred and fifty (650) currently permitted under Condition 53 on the existing planning permit, it is considered unlikely that this relatively small (in comparison to existing operations) intensification of the use of the land would result in additional adverse impacts to third parties.
89. Existing conditions on permit will also ensure effective planning compliance can be taken, if required.
90. The amendment also seeks to increase the area of which liquor can be sold and consumed by amending the existing red line plan area to include the proposed bowling alley, expanded amusement parlour area and first floor function rooms at 59 Waterview Close. Alcohol will continue to not be sold or consumed within the Go Kart Track area, the Virtual Reality and Laser Tag areas in accordance with previous approvals.
91. Licensed ten pin bowling is a common leisure activity, with existing venues including Kingpin at Crown Melbourne, Strike Bowling Docklands, Colac Tenpin Bowl and Strike Bowling Frankston. It is considered that this inclusion will offer economic benefits and consumer choice within the area and will support the subject business' ongoing viability, whilst enabling the enhanced vitality of the areas for uses operating after normal business hours with no additional social or amenity impacts.
92. The existing amusement parlour and existing function room areas are already included within the existing red line plan area. Therefore, Council officers raise no concern regarding the new amusement parlour and function room areas also being included within the expanded red line plan area.
93. It is noted that the existing operating hours and maximum patron numbers will not be amended, and that the operator has a current five (5) star rating with the Victorian Liquor Commission under their liquor license which has been operating with no non-compliance incidents within the last 52 months.



Clause 52.27 (Licensed Premises)

94. Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider as appropriate, the decision guidelines to Clause 52.27 (Licensed Premises). These are detailed as follows:
95. The proposal meets the objectives of Clause 17 (Economic Development) and Clause 17.02-1S (Business) of the Planning Policy Framework in that it is considered to meet the community's needs to accessible facilities located within the municipality.
96. In accordance with the decision guidelines and Planning Practice Note 61 'Licenced Premises: Assessing Cumulative Impact', a Cumulative Impact Assessment is required if both the clustering and hours of operation tests are met. Specifically, if the premises trades after 11pm, and in an area where there is a 'cluster' of licenced premises. The Practice Note defines a cluster as:
 - 3 or more licensed premises (including the proposed premises) within a radius of 100 metres from the subject land; or
 - 20 or more licenced premises (including the proposed premises) within a radius of 500 metres from the subject land.
97. The proposed hours exceed 11pm every day of the week however there are not 3 or more licensed premises within a 100 metre radius of the subject land. Therefore, there is no cumulative impact within the area to consider and a Cumulative Impact Assessment is not required in this instance.
98. The current endorsed Venue Management Plan continues to apply to the subject proposal and includes noise management procedures demonstrating a high level of compliance with Clause 13.05-1S Noise Abatement, reducing the potential for third part amenity impacts. The plan also details how the operators will ensure that patrons consuming alcohol behave in an appropriate manner, and what actions they will undertake if patrons do not behave appropriately.
99. The proposal would not result in adverse detriment to the surrounding uses which are general industrial and warehouse uses. There are no sensitive uses around the immediate site and the surrounding commercial precinct.
100. The hours of operation and patron numbers are not changing with this application.
101. The licensed premise will continue to comply with the noise and amenity conditions endorsed on its Liquor Licence under Planning Application PLA23/0025, with appropriate management strategies in place to ensure minimum disturbance or nuisance is caused to the neighbouring commercial properties.
102. Overall, the cumulative impact of the existing licensed premises and the proposed licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area is considered to be consistent with the existing operations on site, a relatively minor increased and acceptable for the site.



Development

103. The proposal also seeks approval for a 331 square metre mezzanine to be located at the first floor of 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South. The mezzanine would be used to accommodate four function rooms and toilet facilities and is accessed via a stairwell located within the new ground floor bowling alley area.
104. The proposed mezzanine is considered to be appropriate in the content of this site and surrounding area, given the development would be entirely confined within the existing building and as such would not result in any adverse amenity impacts to third parties.
105. There are no flooding impacts as a result of works on site. All works are at first floor and any potential flooding issues were addressed when the subject warehouse was originally developed. Overall, it is considered that the proposed buildings and works are consistent with the objectives and strategies of Clause 15 Built Environment, the decision guidelines and requirements of Clause 34.01 Commercial 2 Zone and all other relevant provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, to Council's satisfaction.

Car-Parking

106. The real and substantial use of the land, if the subject amendment permit was to be approved, would remain the variety of recreational uses that are currently available on the land. These uses generally do not have specific car parking requirements listed in the table to Clause 52.06-5 (Car Parking). Therefore, the provision of parking on the land is to Council satisfaction.
107. The subject site has a total of one hundred and three (103) car parking spaces accessible from the southern frontage connecting the Waterview Close via four (4) double crossovers. This includes the addition of eleven (11) car parking spaces associated with the 59 Waterview Close property.

Car parking conditions before and after the subject proposal are laid out in the below table:

Amendment No.	Parking Provision	Total Patron Numbers
PLA23/0025 (previous amendment)	92 parking spaces	650
PLA24/0097 (current amendment)	103 parking spaces	650

108. Condition 53 on the existing permit limited the total number of patrons allowed to be present on the subject land at any one time to six hundred and fifty (650). This condition is proposed to remain as is. Council officers have no concerns in relation to car parking numbers, given the patron numbers across the site are not proposed to be increased as part of this amendment. The application has also been reviewed by Council's Transport Planning department, who have confirmed that the provision and layout of car parking is sufficient, and have not recommended any additional conditions to be included on the amended permit if issued.
109. A plan notation indicates that the car parking area in the front setback of 59 Waterview Close is to be reserved for staff only and that patrons should continue to use the main entry point to the west and not enter/exit 59 Waterview Close directly.
110. Overall, the car parking spaces provided on the site are considered adequate given the use of the land and are unlikely to be detrimental to the amenity, traffic flow and road safety of the site and surrounding industrial area.



Bicycle Facilities

111. Clause 52.34-5 (Bicycle Facilities) contains bicycle space requirements for different uses. The site currently does not contain any bicycle spaces, and no bicycle spaces are proposed to be added as a result of this amendment. As such, a full waiver of the all-bicycle space requirements pursuant to Clause 52.34-5 (Bicycle Facilities) is sought.
112. The full bicycle parking waiver is considered acceptable for the following reasons:
113. In the context of the wider site and the number of uses currently operating on the land, the proposed intensification to include a bowling alley and expanded amusement parlour is considered minor.
114. It is unlikely that site patrons would choose to cycle to the subject site, given its location within an industrial and warehousing setting and the associated typology of the surrounding road network.
115. There appears to be ample space internal to the site if the demand required to provide additional spaces.
116. The application was referred to Council's Transport team who had no objections to the reduction in the required number of bicycle parking spaces.

Conclusion

117. The application has been assessed against the relevant sections of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, including the Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Policy Framework, Municipal Strategic Statement, zones, overlays, Clause 52.06, Clause 52.34, Clause 52.27 and Clause 65.
118. Overall, it is considered that the relatively minor amendment is appropriate having regard to the existing operations on the site and the site's location within a Commercial 2 Zone.
119. The following amendments to the permit are recommended:
 - Update the subject property address to include No. 59 Waterview Close, Dandenong South
 - Allow for the additional use of the land for a bowling alley.
 - Amend the endorsed plans to include an additional amusement parlour area and first floor function room areas.
 - Increase the red line plan area; and
 - The construction of an internal mezzanine floor.
120. The existing conditions provided below remain and no additional conditions are required.



Officer Recommendation

That Council resolves to grant an amended planning permit in respect of the land known and described as 11-53, 55, 57 and 59 Waterview Close DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175 for the purpose of “AMENDMENT TO: Use of the land for the purpose of a Motor racing track (Go Kart Complex), Indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf, VR arena and bowling alley, amusement parlour, a food and drink premise, a licensed premise and associated buildings and works (PLA23/0025), subject to the following conditions:

Planning scheme clause	Matter for which the permit has been granted
Clause 34.02-1	Use the land for leisure and recreation (indoor recreation facility)
Clause 34.02-1	Use the land for an amusement parlour
Clause 34.02-4	Construct a building or construct or carry out works for an internal mezzanine
Clause 52.27	Increase the area that liquor is allowed to be consumed or supplied within
Clause 52.34-2	Reduce the number of bicycle spaces

Date of issue of amendment	Brief description of amendment	Name of responsible authority that approved the amendment	Section of the Act under which the permit has been amended
Application reference no. PLA23/0025			
28 August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delete Condition 1.1 to allow expansion of the red line area into the mini golf area. Addition of Condition 53 (patron numbers) and renumbered condition 54 (expiry). Amend the endorsed red line plan to include expansion of the red line area into the mini golf area. 	City of Greater Dandenong	Section 74 [no objectors]
Application reference no. PLA24/0097			
28 January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the property address to include No. 59 Waterview Close Dandenong South. Include the use of the land for a bowling alley. Amend the endorsed red line plan to include the expansion of the red line 	City of Greater Dandenong	Section 74 [no objectors]



	<p>area into 59 Waterview Close Dandenong South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow for a waiver of the bicycle parking requirements. • Subsequent renumbering and reformatting of conditions 		
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1. **The use and development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the responsible authority.**
 2. **Once the use and/or development has started, it must be continued and completed all to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.**
 3. **Before the use commences, areas set aside for parked vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must be:**
 - 3.1. **constructed.**
 - 3.2. **properly formed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans.**
 - 3.3. **surfaced with an all-weather seal coat**
 - 3.4. **drained to the legal point of discharge.**
 - 3.5. **Line-marked to indicate each car space and all access lanes**
 - 3.6. **Line-marked to indicate a minimum of two (2) disabled car parking spaces.**
 - 3.7. **Parking areas and access lanes must be kept available for these purposes at all times.**

All to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

4. **A continuous concrete raised kerb no less than 150 mm (or 75 mm) in height, or other measures approved by the responsible authority, must be provided adjacent to the landscaped areas as protective measures to the landscaping treatment to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**
5. **A sign(s) to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be provided directing drivers to the area set aside for car parking and must be located and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The sign must not exceed 0.3 square metres.**
6. **The operator under this permit must make all reasonable attempts to ensure that no vehicle under the operators control, or the operator's staff, are parked in the streets nearby.**
7. **The car parking provided on the land must always be made available for use by persons employed on or visiting the subject premises to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, and no measures restricting access by such persons to the car park may be taken without the prior permission of the responsible authority.**
8. **The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected by the use or development, through the:**



- 8.1. transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the site the appearance of any building, works or materials.
- 8.2. emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil; and.
- 8.3. adverse or unruly behaviour of patrons on, to or from the premises.

All to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

9. The site must be landscaped with lawns, native trees and shrubs and thereafter maintained, all to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 10. Provision must be made for the drainage of the site including landscaped and pavement areas all to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 11. The boundaries of the land must be fenced to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and the fencing must be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 12. The uses allowed by this permit must only operate in accordance with the following
 - 13.1. On any day between 8.00 am and 11.30 pm.
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13. All sewerage and sullage waters not connected to an approved sewerage system must be treated in an all-wastes septic tank or treatment plant in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Act 1970, the Health Act 1958 and Council's Health Department, all to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
 14. Noise emitted from the land must not exceed the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 Part 5.3 (EPR 2021) and Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria Noise Limit and Assessment Protocol for the Control of Noise from Commercial, Industrial and Trade Premises and Entertainment Venues Publication 1826.4 (Publication 1826.4)
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Notes:

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Advice to Applicant

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MINUTE No.43

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That Council resolves to grant an amended planning permit in respect of the land known and described as 11-53, 55, 57 and 59 Waterview Close DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175 for the purpose of "AMEMDMENT TO: Use of the land for the purpose of a Motor racing track (Go Kart Complex), Indoor recreation facility (laser tag, mini golf, VR arena and bowling alley, amusement parlour, a food and drink premise, a licensed premise and associated budlings and works (PLA23/0025), subject to the following conditions:

Planning scheme clause	Matter for which the permit has been granted
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Clause 34.02-1	Use the land for an amusement parlour
Clause 34.02-4	Construct a building or construct or carry out works for an internal mezzanine
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Clause 52.34-2	Reduce the number of bicycle spaces
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Date of issue of amendment	Brief description of amendment	Name of responsible authority that approved the amendment	Section of the Act under which the permit has been amended
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- **Approval from Gasnet Australia must be obtained before commencing fencing or other works on the easement.**

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42. **Three (3) metres clearance between the pipeline and any vegetation greater than 0.5m in height must be maintained.**
 43. **No alteration of the surface level of the pipeline will be permitted without written approval.**
 44. **The requirement regarding the use of mechanical equipment within 1.0m of the pipeline as outlined in the attachment "CONDITIONS FOR WORKS NEAR GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINES" is adhered to.**
 45. **Final design drawings of the proposed development in the vicinity of the pipeline must be forwarded to the Pipelines Manager, attention Pipelines Superintendent, for approval and to ascertain compliance with the Pipelines Act.**
 46. **It is mandatory that, within the easement boundary, a minimum of 48 hours notice of intended provings and /or construction be given to the Pipelines Section, Freecall 1800 686 634, in order that arrangements can be made to have an inspector on site during work. Under normal circumstances, no charge is made for this service.**
 47. **The use as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered.**
 48. **An application to the relevant Liquor Licensing Authority must only be for an on-premises licence.**
 49. **The licensed area shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority..**
 50. **The operator shall install and maintain video surveillance cameras and recorders to monitor and record the main entrance, car parking areas and exits of the premises during operation hours and for half an hour after closure, irrespective of whether or not any activity is being conducted.**

Tapes shall be retained for at least three (3) months and made available for viewing and or removal at all times by a Police officer or authorised Council officer. The recorded video images must display the date and time of recording and images must be of such quality that any person may be identified in all lighting conditions.
 51. **The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Venue Management Plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction the Responsible Authority.**

Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, the venue management plan must not be modified.
 52. **Within three (3) months of the issue of this amended, an updated Waste Management Plan is required to be submitted for review by the Responsible Authority. The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Waste Management Plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction the Responsible Authority**

Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, the Waste Management Plan must not be modified.
 53. **The endorsed plans and documents are to be read in conjunction with the plans endorsed to Planning Permit PLN04/0682.**
 54. **No more than six hundred and fifty (650) patrons may be present on the premises at any one time unless with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.**



55. This permit will expire if:

55.1. The use does not start within two (2) years of the date of this permit; or

55.2. The use is discontinued for a period of two (2) years.

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

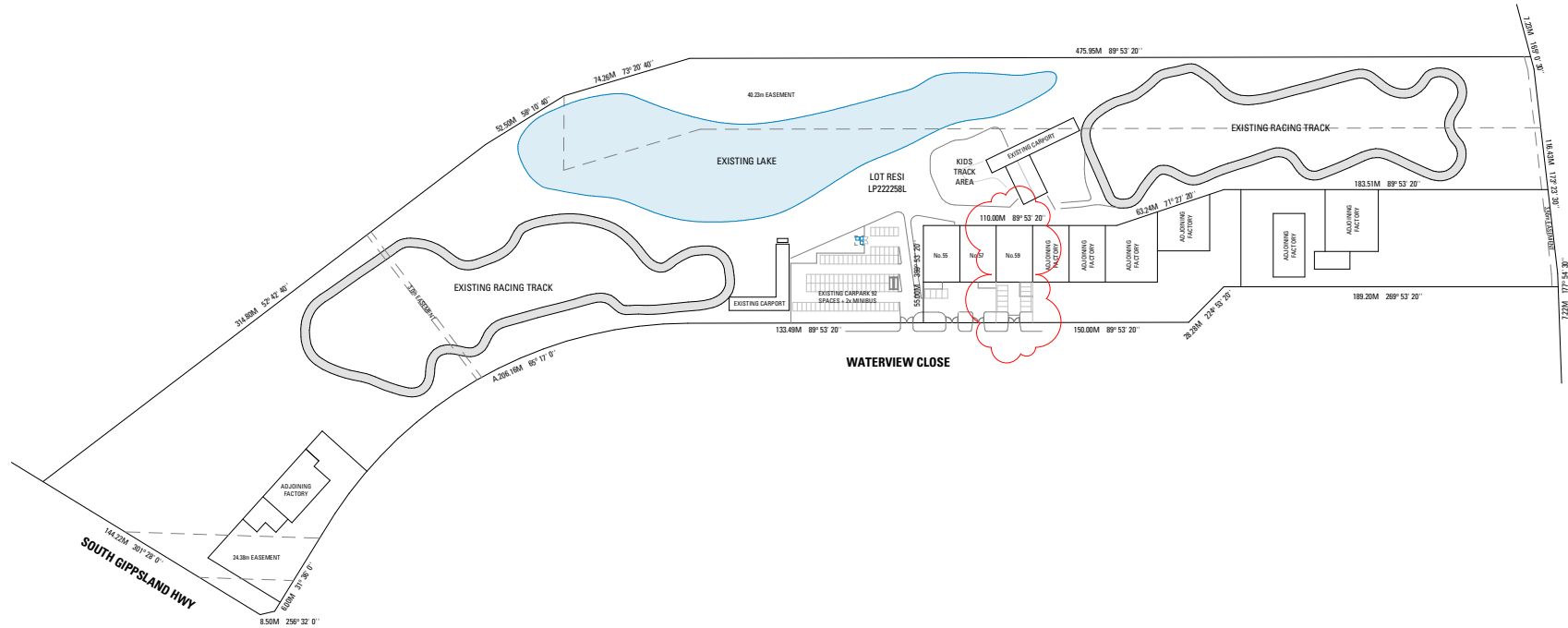
Notes:

- **If further information is required in relation to Melbourne Water's permit conditions shown above, please contact Darren McAdie on telephone 9235 2188 quoting Melbourne Water's reference 102451.**

Advice to Applicant

- **Acceptable methods for the design of treatment measures include the stormwater treatment modelling software package Model for urban Stormwater Improvement Conceptualisation (MUSIC) or the Water Sensitive Urban Design technical Manual available at <http://wsud.melbournewater.com.au> which provides the procedure for design of various treatment measures.**
- **Please contact George Tserntsidis on ph. 9235 7298 for Melbourne Water's connection requirements, including payment of applicable fees.**
- **The Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines for Urban Stormwater (The Stormwater Committee, 1999) may be used as a guide when developing site controls to minimise sediment laden runoff and stormwater pollution during construction. Section 6.3, titled Construction Activity, of these guidelines provides a useful checklist to develop a site management plan**
- **A referral must be made to the Department of Environment and Heritage, should it be considered that species listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 will be significantly impacted by the proposal.**

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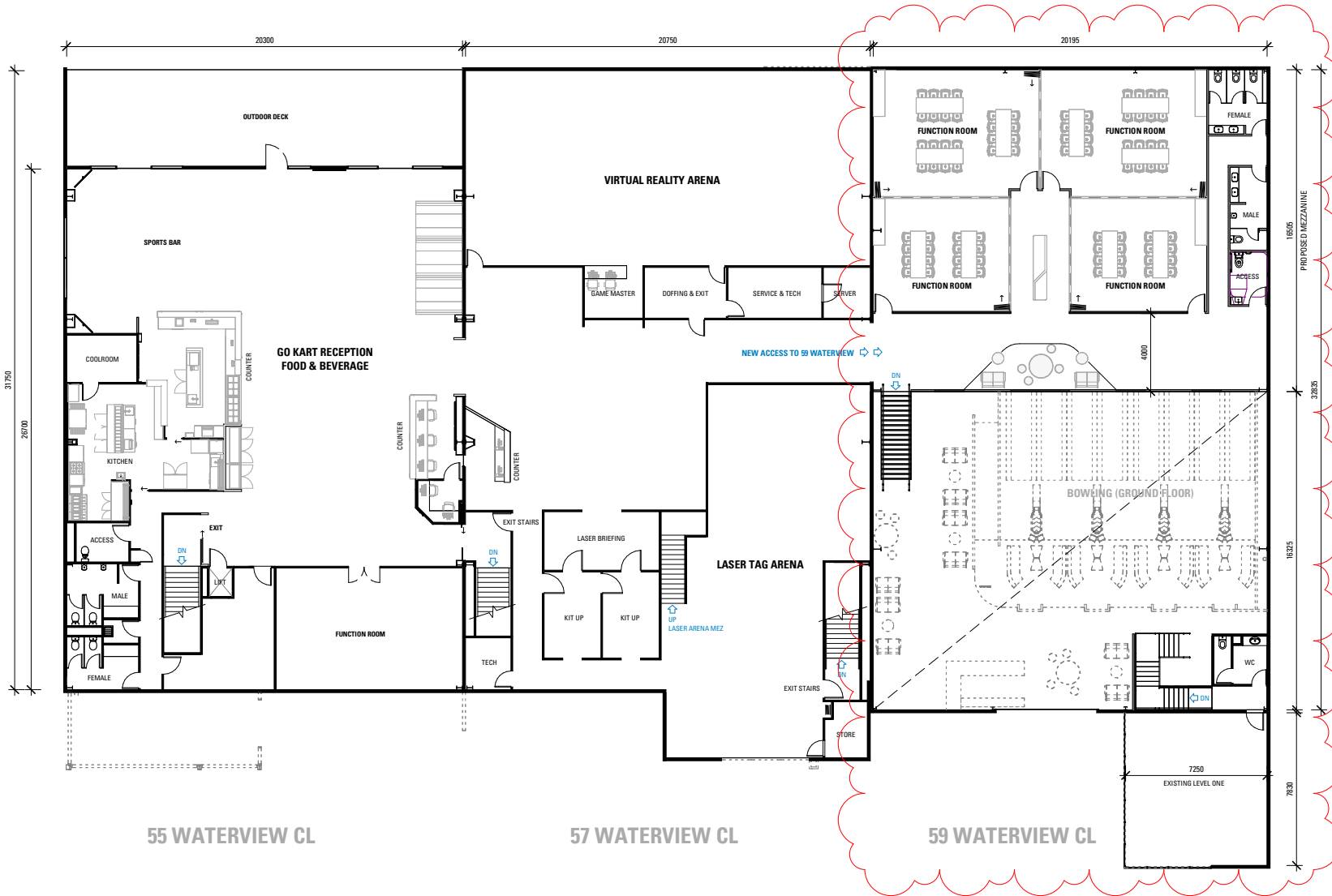
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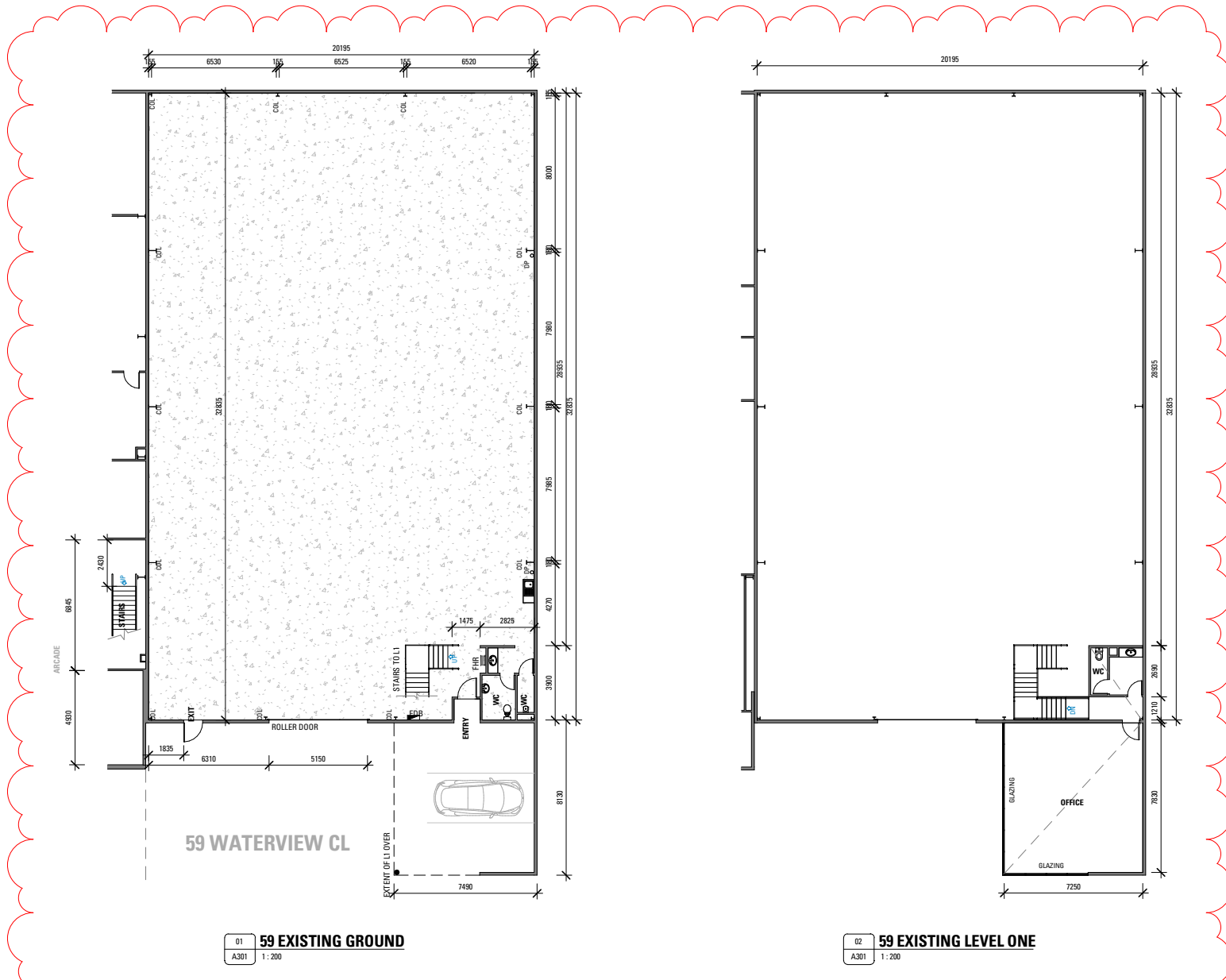
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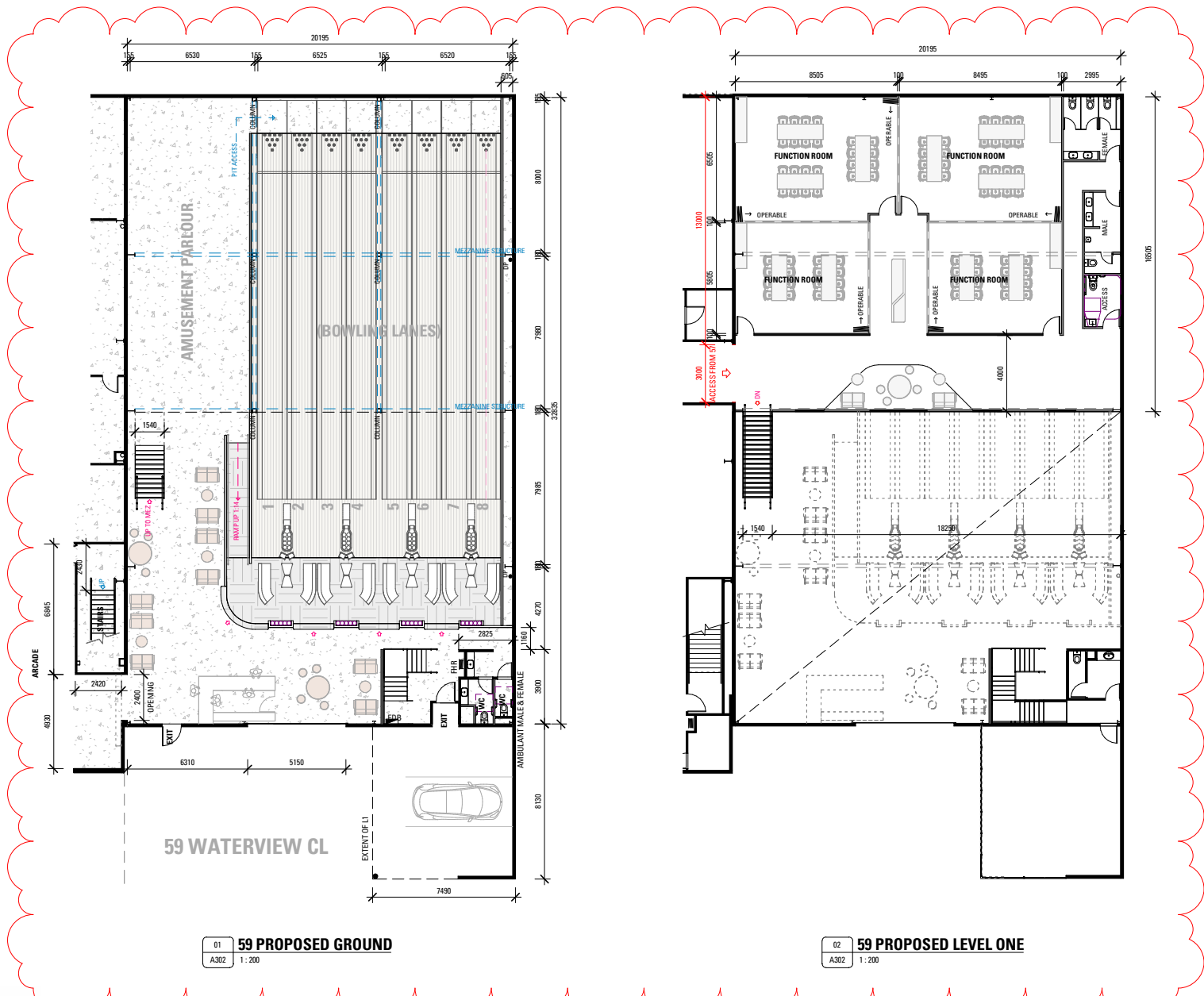
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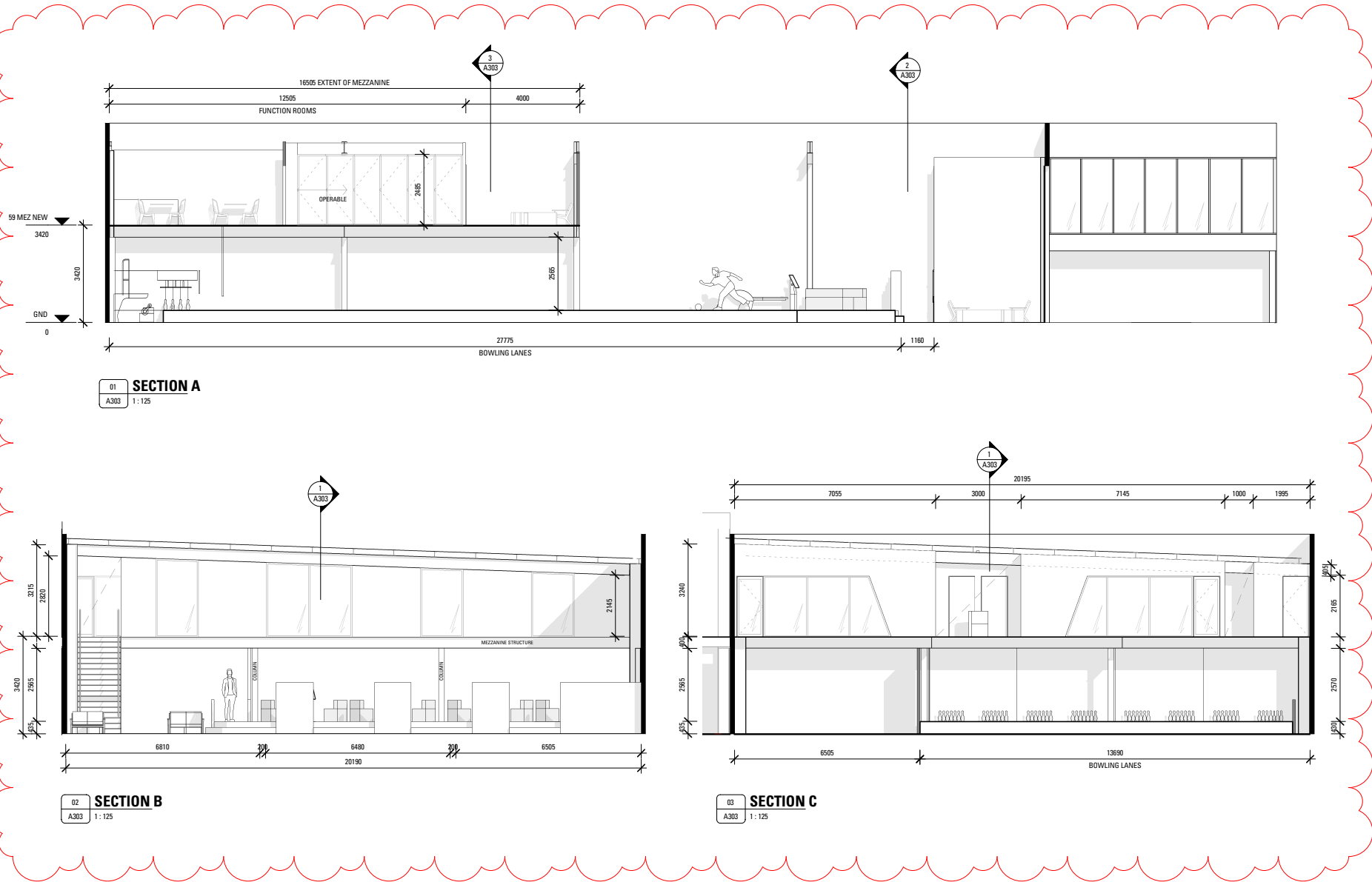
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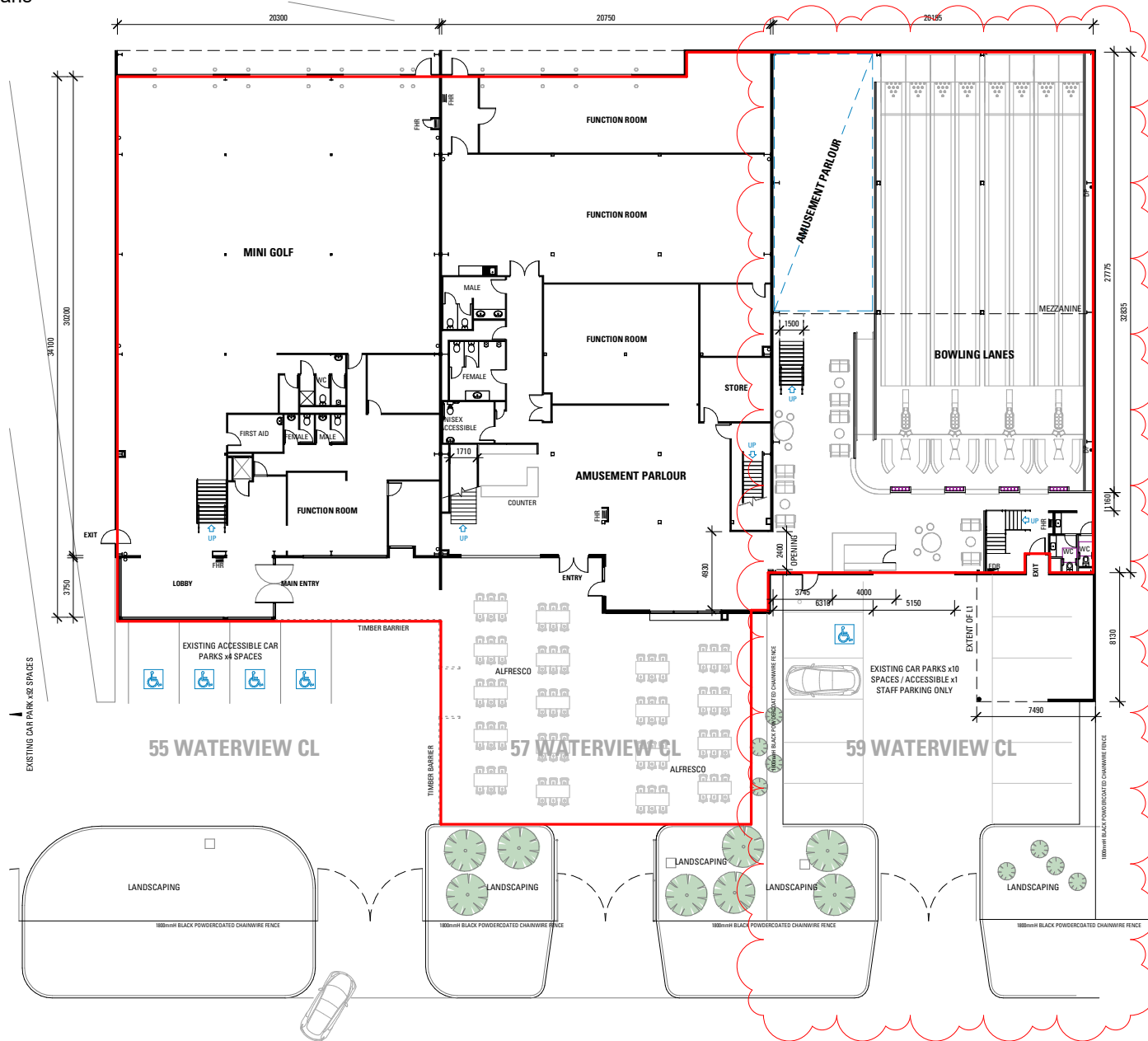
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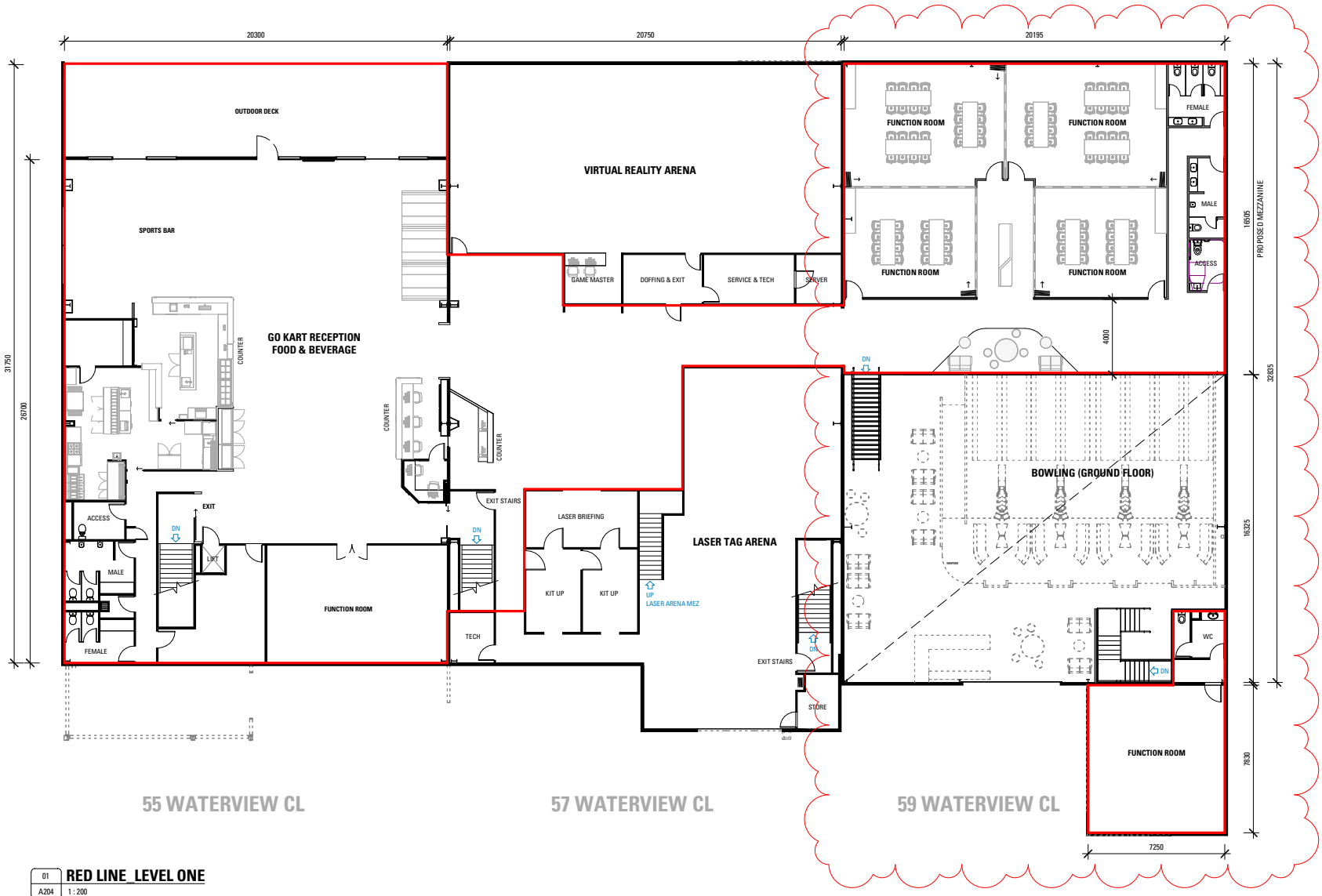
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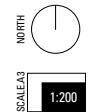


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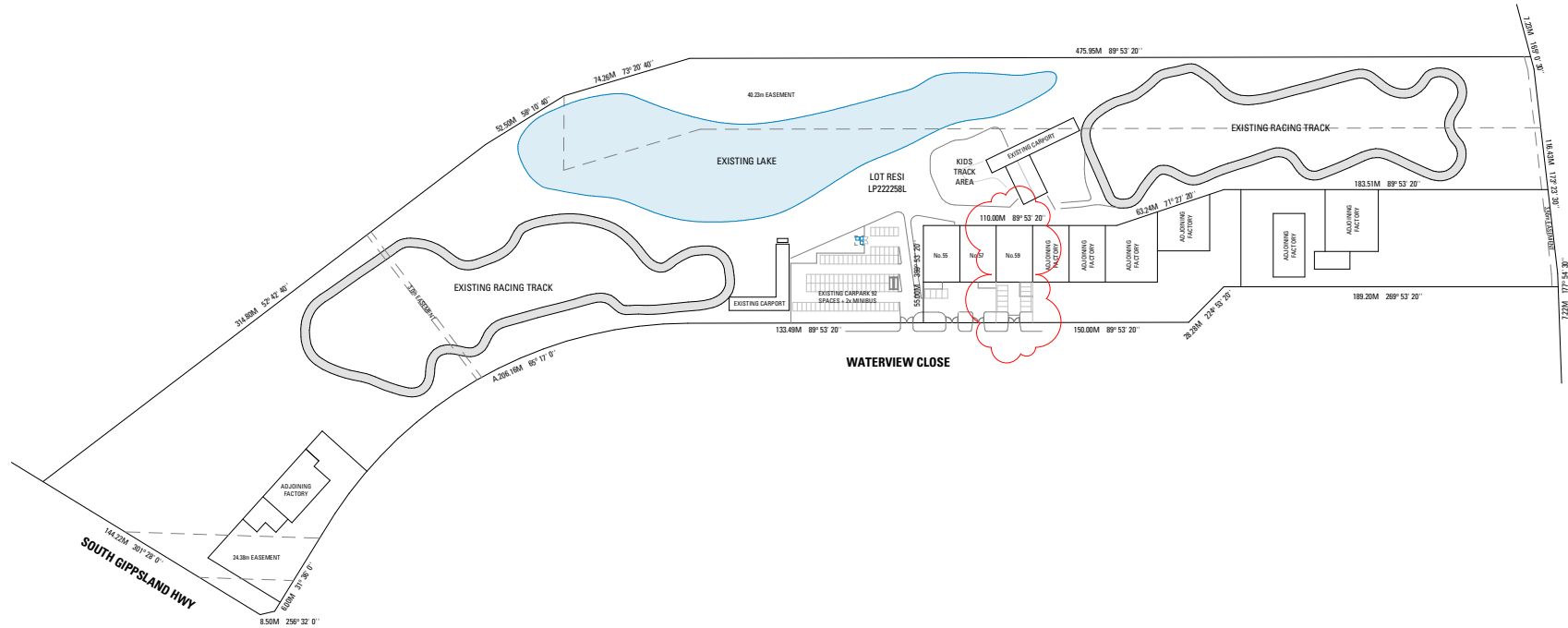
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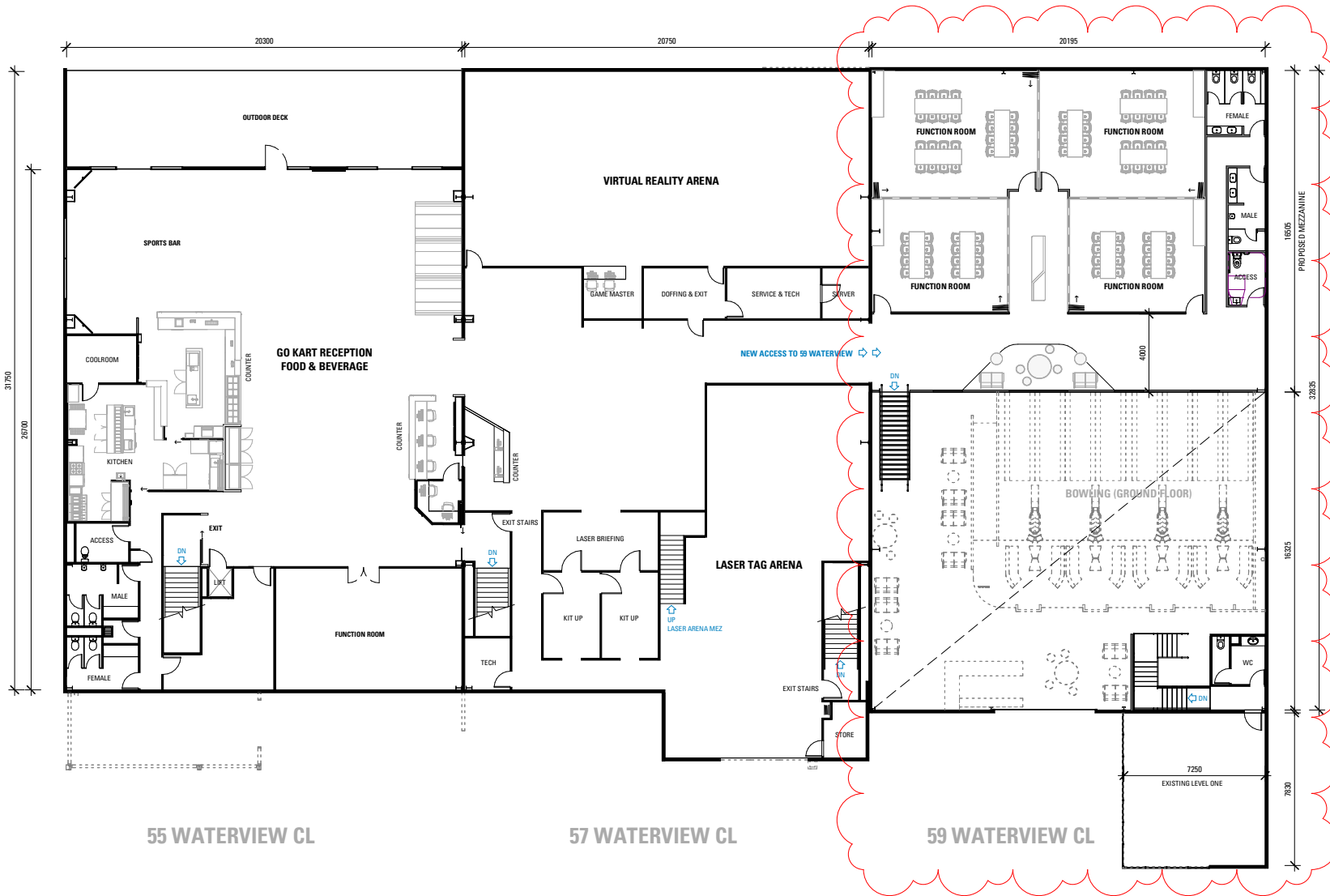
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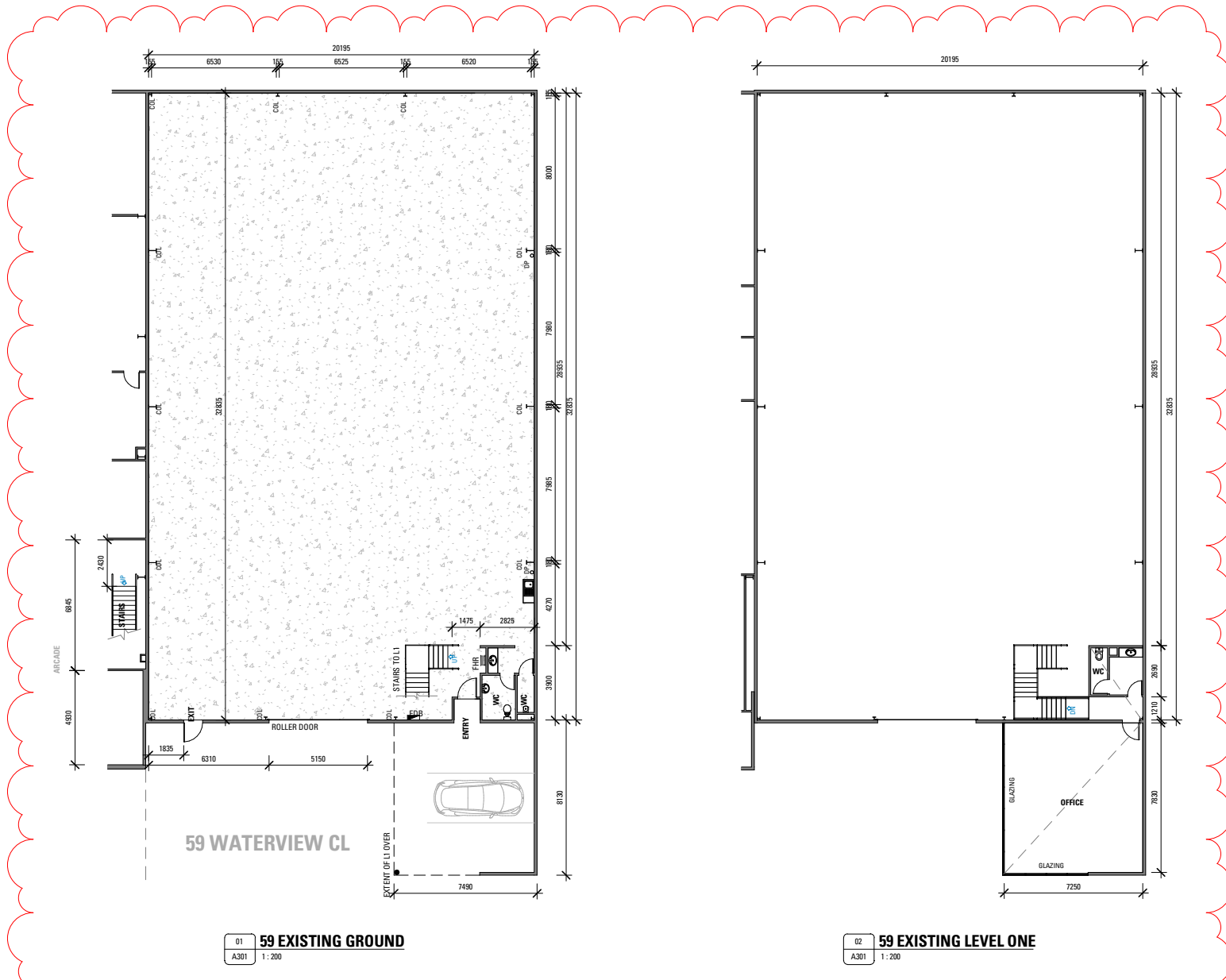
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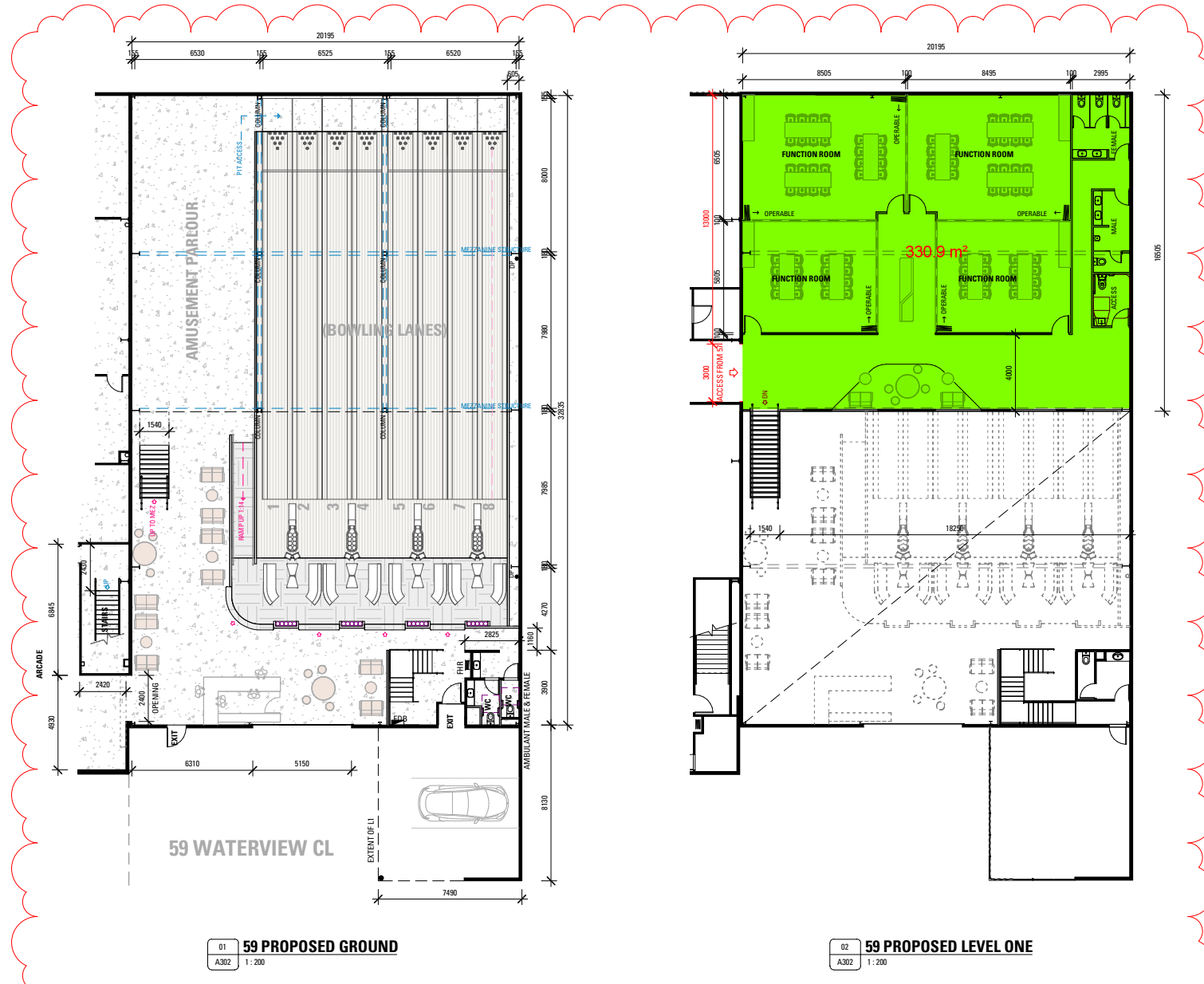
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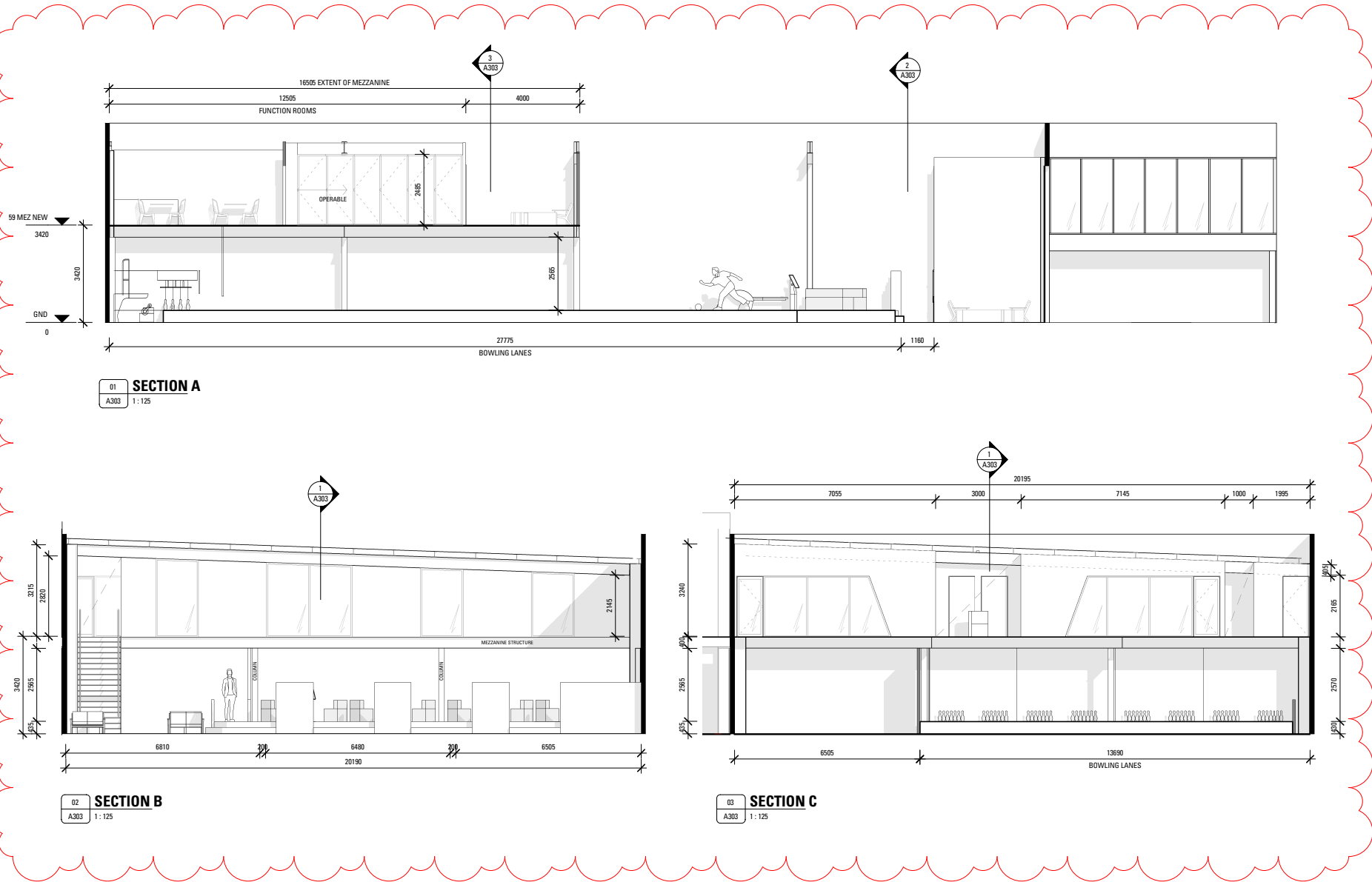
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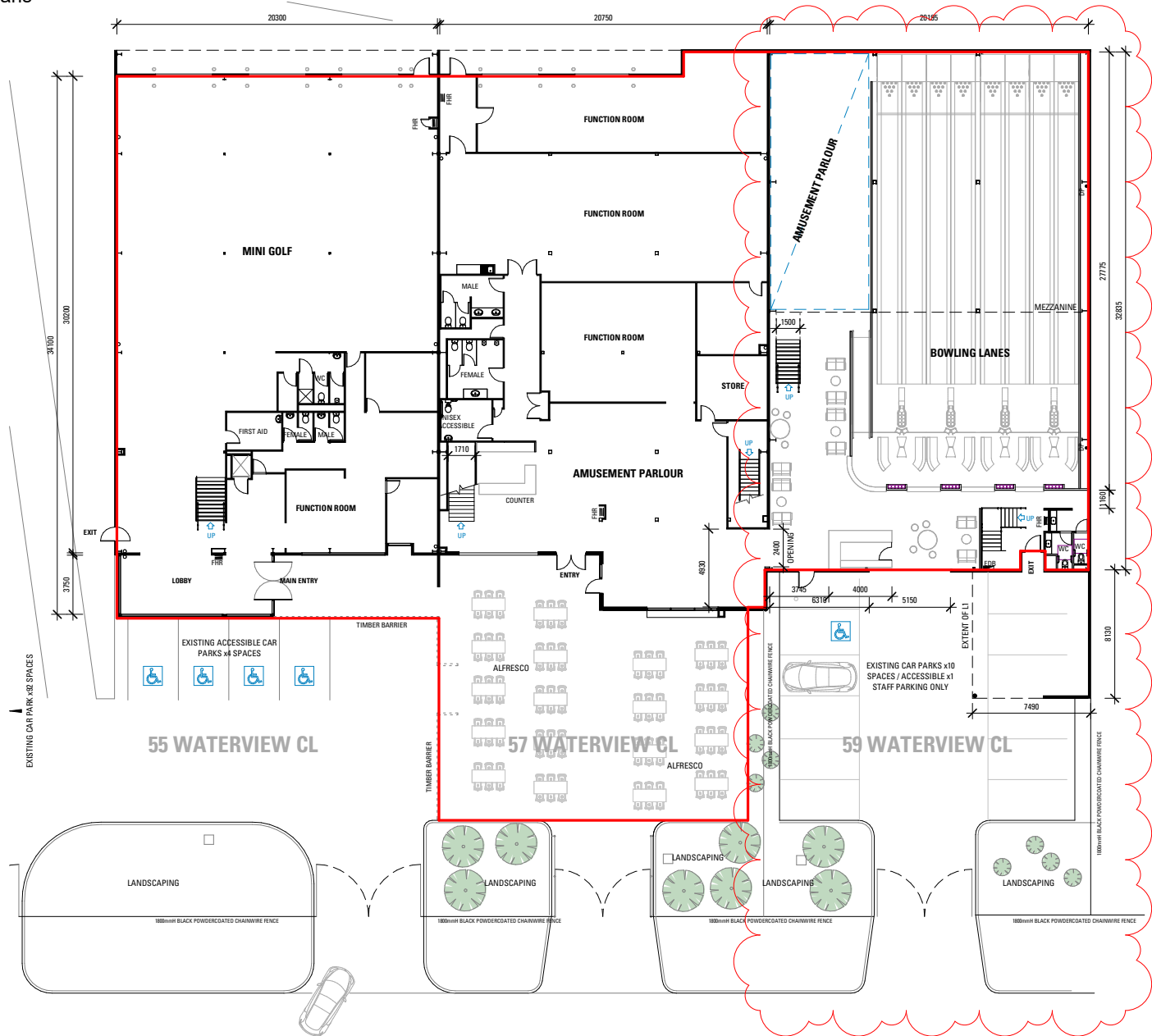
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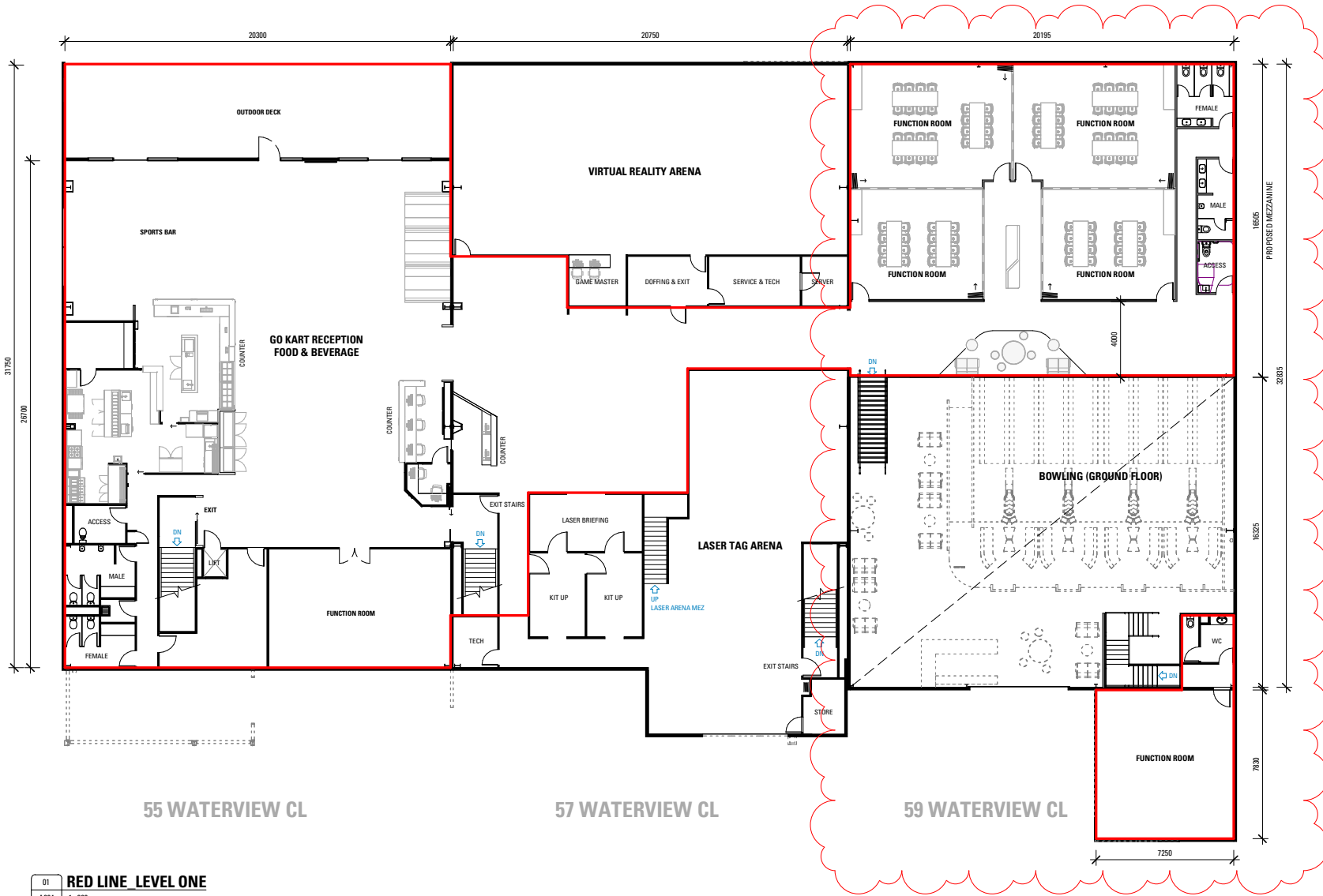
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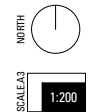


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2.2.2 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – November and December 2024

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures
Attachments: 1. Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – November and December 2024 [2.2.2.1 - 17 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council Receives and notes the Delegated decisions – November and December 2024 (refer Attachment 1) summary of all Planning Decisions issued in accordance with the Schedule of Delegation made under the *Local Government Act 2020* and Section 188 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* adopted by Council on 1st August 2022 and as amended, for the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

Executive Summary

1. This report provides Council with an update on the exercise of delegation by Council officers.
2. It provides a listing of Town Planning applications that were either decided or closed under delegation or withdrawn by applicants in November and December 2024.
3. It should be noted that where permits and notices of decision to grant permits have been issued, these applications have been assessed as being generally consistent with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme and Council's policies.
4. Application numbers with a PLA#, PLN#.01 or similar, are applications making amendments to previously approved planning permits.
5. The annotation 'SPEAR' (Streamlined Planning through Electronic Applications and Referrals) identifies where an application has been submitted electronically. SPEAR allows users to process planning permits and subdivision applications online.

MINUTE No.44

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

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Planning Delegated Decisions Issued from 1/11/2024 to 31/12/2024

City of Greater Dandenong

Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLA23/0069	PlnAppAmd	No	43 Hemmings Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Kee_Th Design Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Buildings and works for an existing place of worship, and to display illuminated signage (PLN20/0088)	Amend endorsed plans	Applicant	Withdrawn	12/11/2024	Dandenong
PLA23/0102	PlnAppAmd	No	6 Montclair Close SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Vic Planning & Design Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for two (2) dwellings (one single storey to the rear of one double storey dwelling on the front) (PLN19/0650)	Amend permit conditions and endorsed plans	Delegate	NOD	03/12/2024	Springvale South
PLA24/0015	PlnAppAmd	No	849 Princes Highway SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Bunnings Group Limited	AMENDMENT TO: Use of the land for the purpose of a restricted retail premises and trade supplies; the erection and display of business identification signage; a reduction in car parking requirements for a Restricted Retail Premises; the reduction in bicycle spaces pursuant to Clause 52.34 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme; the creation of access to a Road Zone Category One; and, the removal of Native Vegetation (PLN11/0906.01)	Amend endorsed plans	Applicant	Withdrawn	08/11/2024	Springvale North
PLA24/0058	PlnAppAmd	No	15-27 Mark Anthony Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Maasda Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Use and development of the land for Transfer Station and a reduction in the car parking requirement under Clause 52.06 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. (PLN19/0640)	Amend conditions and endorsed plans	Delegate	AmendPerm	13/12/2024	Dandenong

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PLA24/0068	PlnAppAmd	No	185-211 Keys Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	AMT Consultants Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Use and development of the land for one (1) dwelling (PLN20/0578)	Amend endorsed plans	Delegate	AmendPerm	25/11/2024	Keysborough South
PLA24/0069	PlnAppAmd	No	46 Power Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Jova Drafting Consultants	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings (PLA21/0049)	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	12/12/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0074	PlnAppAmd	No	1252-1258 Heatherton Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	SMB Design & Construction Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Development of a service station, use and development of a convenience restaurant and car wash, the display of internally illuminated business identification signage, a reduction of the car parking requirements and alteration of access to a Road Zone Category 1 (PLN17/0738)	Proposal fails to comply with Clauses 32.08 and 32.08-14 (GRZ1); 53.042-2 (Convenience restaurant and take-away food premises) and Clause 65	Delegate	Refusal	27/11/2024	Yarraman
PLA24/0088	PlnAppAmd	No	4 Bakers Road DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Jova Drafting Consultants	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for three (3) dwellings comprising two (2) double storey dwellings and one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear (PLN22/0225)	Amend endorsed plans	Delegate	AmendPerm	16/12/2024	Noble Park North
PLA24/0100	PlnAppAmd	No	128-142 Ordish Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	M Skidmore	AMENDMENT TO: Industrial Buildings (Factory & Office) (PLN11/0280)	Amend permit conditions and endorsed plans	Applicant	Withdrawn	25/11/2024	Dandenong

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PLA24/0106	PlnAppAmd	No	52-56 Greens Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Double D Tyres	AMENDMENT TO: To erect and display business identification signage exceeding 8 sqm and internally illuminated signage exceeding 1.5 sqm (PLN20/0358)	Amend endorsed plans	Delegate	AmendPerm	19/12/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0110	PlnAppAmd	No	1 Mallee Place SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Development Victoria	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land to construct 2 or more dwellings on a lot (59 dwellings) in a Special Building Overlay (PLN21/0218) (Past property: 15-29 Coomooora Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172)	Amend permit conditions and endorsed plans	Delegate	AmendPerm	23/12/2024	Keysborough
PLA24/0113	PlnAppAmd	No	46 Brooks Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Southern Steel Properties Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Use of land for Industry, construction of an industrial building and associated works, removal of native vegetation, reduction in car parking spaces and reduction to the bicycle facilities (PLN19/0176)	Amend permit conditions	Delegate	AmendPerm	23/12/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0117	PlnAppAmd	No	39 Ronald Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	S Liyana Arachchige	AMENDMENT TO Development of the land for four (4) double-storey dwellings (PLN19/0415)	Delete permit Condition 1.4	Delegate	AmendPerm	29/11/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0122	PlnAppAmd	No	2-106 Bayliss Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Salta Properties (Lyndhurst) Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Subdivision of the land and creation of easements (PLN21/0521)	Amend permit conditions	Delegate	AmendPerm	28/11/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0127	PlnAppVicA	Yes	13-17 Manning Drive NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	T Cotter	AMENDMENT TO: Buildings and works associated with an existing education centre, consisting of the temporary installation of two storage containers to be utilised as a canteen (PLN24/0432) VICSMART	Amend endorsed plans	Delegate	AmendPerm	12/12/2024	Noble Park North

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PLA24/0128	PlnAppAmd	No	3 Woodward Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Nobelius Land Surveyors Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (PLN22/0169)	Amend condition 3	Delegate	AmendPerm	06/12/2024	Springvale Central
PLA24/0134	PlnAppAmd	No	72-78 Frankston Dandenong Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Sambeck Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Construct buildings and works, a reduction in the car parking requirement under Clause 52.06 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, alteration to a Transport Zone 2 and remove easement E-10, partial removal of E-11 and creation of E-12 (PLN24/0080)	Amend condition 33	Delegate	AmendPerm	19/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN22/0033	PlnApp	No	38 St Johns Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Melbourne Planning Pty Ltd	Use and development of the land for Community Care Accommodation	Residential Growth 2 Zone, 919sqm	Delegate	NOD	27/12/2024	Springvale Central
PLN22/0048	PlnApp	No	20 David Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Axel Living Pty Ltd	Development of the land for four (4) double-storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 836sqm	Delegate	NOD	17/12/2024	Noble Park
PLN22/0195	PlnApp	No	31-43 Carter Way DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Development of the land for three (3) warehouse buildings, reduction in the car parking requirements, removal of native vegetation and alteration of access to a road in a Transport Zone 2	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	NOD	21/11/2024	Dandenong

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PLN22/0508	PlnApp	No	82 Elonera Road NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	CDT Design Pty Ltd	Development of the land into two (2) double storey dwellings and subdivision of the land into two (2) lots	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 976sqm	Applicant	Withdrawn	13/11/2024	Noble Park North
PLN23/0042	PlnApp	No	90-92 Clarke Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Plans in Motion	Buildings and works associated with an existing dwelling on the lot and the construction of a shed	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	12/11/2024	Springvale South
PLN23/0419	PlnApp	No	9 Green Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	A Khorrami	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 595sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/12/2024	Springvale South
PLN23/0444	PlnApp	No	20 Raymond Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	ARPC Pty Ltd	Development of the land for three (3) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 780sqm	Delegate	NOD	19/12/2024	Noble Park
PLN23/0445.01	PlnApp	No	26A Westall Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Downtown Entertainment Pty Ltd	Use and development of the land for a store and caretaker's house and reduction in car parking requirements	Proposal fails to meet objectives of Clause 13, Clause 14.02-2S, Clause 15.03-2S, Clause 18.01-1S and Clause 21.04-3	Delegate	Refusal	14/11/2024	Springvale North
PLN23/0476	PlnApp	No	1 Hawdon Street DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Jova Drafting Consultants	Development of the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single dwelling and alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 650sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	31/12/2024	Cleeland

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PLN23/0556	PlnApp	No	47 Red Gum Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Creative Living Innovations Pty Ltd	Use and development of the land for materials recycling (repair, recycling and storage of white goods) and a reduction of the car parking requirement	Industrial 2 Zone	Applicant	Withdrawn	19/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0021	PlnApp	No	29 Halton Road DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	SMART Town Planning Pty Ltd	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 649sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	27/11/2024	Noble Park North
PLN24/0048	PlnApp	No	81 Princes Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	CMV Trucks & Bus	Buildings and works (truck wash) and a reduction in the car parking requirements	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	12/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0051	PlnApp	No	50 South Gippsland Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Australian Outdoor Media (Tech) P/L	Display one (1) electronic major promotion sign	Proposal is inconsistent with Clause 65, Clause 52.05, Clause 22.11-3.2, Clause 22.11-3.5, Clause 21.05, Clause 22.05, Clause 22.11 and Clause 15.01	Delegate	Refusal	15/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0054	PlnApp	No	17 Wareham Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Better Design Architecture	Development of the land for three (3) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 7454sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/12/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0076	PlnApp	No	15 Ibis Circuit DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a warehouse building	Industrial 1 Zone, 8089sqm, construction of two (2) warehouses with double storey ancillary office space	Delegate	PlanPermit	27/11/2024	Dandenong

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PLN24/0080	PlnApp	No	72-78 Frankston Dandenong Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Sambeck Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT RECEIVED Construct buildings and works, a reduction in the car parking requirement under Clause 52.06 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, alteration to a Transport Zone 2 and remove easement E-10, partial removal of E-11 and creation of E-12 SEE CHILD PROCESS	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0086	PlnApp	No	50 Ardgower Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	50 Ardgower Pty Ltd	Development of the land for four (4) dwellings (three (3) double storey dwellings and one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear)	General Residential 1 Zone, 981sqm	Delegate	NOD	29/11/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0111	PlnApp	No	115 Church Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Brian Watson Surveying Pty Ltd	Creation of easement E-3 to PC361230F and E-4 to Reserve No. 2 of PS726469W SPEAR	Commercial	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/12/2024	Keysborough South
PLN24/0130	PlnApp	No	16 Birdwood Avenue DANDENONG VIC 3175	Archiscape Consulting Pty Ltd	Development of the land for one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling and to construct or carry out works to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 851sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/11/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0134	PlnApp	No	3 McFarlane Crescent DANDENONG VIC 3175	Buckerfield Architects	Development of the land for four (4) double storey dwellings	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	18/11/2024	Cleeland

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PLN24/0135	PlnApp	No	10 Dome Court SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	RHAX Architecture Studio	Development of the land for one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling and alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 617sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	12/12/2024	Springvale Central
PLN24/0139	PlnApp	No	3/20 Wayne Court DANDENONG VIC 3175	BD Coleman	Buildings and Works (Mezzanine)	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	31/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0143	PlnApp	No	11 Hopetoun Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	M & D Town Planning Pty Ltd	Use and development of the land for a rooming house	General Residential 3 Zone, 830sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/11/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0179	PlnApp	No	232 Cheltenham Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	H Shaikhan	Development of the land for an external structure associated with an existing take away food and drink premise and a reduction in the car parking requirements	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	13/11/2024	Keysborough
PLN24/0206	PlnApp	No	2/158-168 Browns Road NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	Repair Hub PL	Reduction in car parking associated with a motor repairs	Commercial 2 Zone, reduction in the number of car parking spaces	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/11/2024	Noble Park North
PLN24/0207	PlnApp	No	142-144 Frankston Dandenong Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	DCA Design	Development of the land for an extension to an existing self storage facility	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/11/2024	Dandenong

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PLN24/0210	PlnApp	No	341 Lonsdale Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	AAVAS Consultants Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a first floor extension to an existing shop and a reduction in the car parking requirements DECLARED AREA	Comprehensive Development 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	31/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0212	PlnApp	No	1 Kirk Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	J Woo	Development of the land for seven (7) triple storey dwellings	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	18/11/2024	Noble Park
PLN24/0213	PlnApp	No	17 Hughes Crescent DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Farrington Architects	Development for the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling, and alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 695sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	27/11/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0225	PlnApp	No	412-416 South Gippsland Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	The Seddon Family Trust ATF Southern Euro Pty Ltd	Use of the land for Motor Vehicle Sales, display business identification signage and alter access to a Transport Zone 2	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	01/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0237	PlnApp	No	3-4/19-21 Pickett Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Draft Wing	Change of Use (Place of Assembly) and reduction in car parking requirements DECLARED AREA	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	04/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0239	PlnApp	No	24 Wimpole Street NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	Lania Design & Construction	Development of the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling and alterations to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 612sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/11/2024	Noble Park North

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PLN24/0253	PlnApp	No	25 Jeffers Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	ABS Design & Construction Services	Development of the land for two (2) dwellings (one double storey dwelling at the front and one single storey dwelling to the rear)	General Residential 1 Zone, 622sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	12/12/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0254	PlnApp	No	38/22 Dunn Crescent DANDENONG VIC 3175	Celestials CR Pty Ltd	Use of the land for an animal crematorium	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	NOD	17/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0256	PlnApp	No	10 Bungaleen Court DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	FBJ Insulated Panel Systems Pty Ltd	Building and Works (Silo)	Industrial 1 Zone	Applicant	Withdrawn	20/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0258	PlnApp	No	1/133 Princes Highway DANDENONG VIC 3175	Future Shade Pty Ltd	Buildings and works, including buildings and works on common property (Carport)	Residential Growth 2 Zone, 74sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	09/12/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0259	PlnApp	No	58 Ardgower Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Sharp Building Design	Development of the land for three (3) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 753sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/11/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0262	PlnApp	No	26/830 Princes Highway SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	V Choi	Use of the land for photography studio and buildings and works (Mezzanine)	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	31/12/2024	Springvale North

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PLN24/0277	PlnApp	No	15 Bessemer Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	J Richard Designs	Development of the land for eight (8) double storey dwellings	General Residential 3 Zone, 1381sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	16/12/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0285	PlnApp	No	12 Callander Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	D Panic	Development of the land for two (2) dwellings, comprising the construction of a new single storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling, with alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 648sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	29/11/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0294	PlnApp	No	4 Balmoral Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	289 Cafe & Restaurant Pty Ltd	To use the land for the sale and consumption of liquor in associated with an existing restaurant	Commercial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	05/12/2024	Springvale Central
PLN24/0301	PlnApp	No	160 Princes Highway DANDENONG VIC 3175	Obsidian Out of Home Pty Ltd	To display an electronic major promotion sky sign	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	NOD	29/11/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0304	PlnApp	No	2B/55-67 Frankston Dandenong Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	W Atie	To display one (1) business identification sky sign	Industrial 1 Zone	Applicant	Withdrawn	13/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0319	PlnApp	No	8 Clive Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Farren Group Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR	Industrial	Applicant	Withdrawn	08/11/2024	Springvale North

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PLN24/0327	PlnApp	No	6/25 New Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	AD Design & Drafting Pty Ltd	Extension to the existing dwelling DECLARED AREA	General Residential 3 Zone, 118sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	24/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0328	PlnApp	No	1/32 Benga Avenue DANDENONG VIC 3175	Architekton Ltd	Subdivision of the land into five (5) lots	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/12/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0340	PlnApp	No	18 Booth Crescent DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	SJ Design Studio	Development of the land for a single storey dwelling to the rear of the existing single storey dwelling	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 635sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/12/2024	Dandenong North
PLN24/0343	PlnAppVic	Yes	58-62 Berends Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Jova Drafting Consultants	Buildings and Works (Storage shed) VICSMART	Industrial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0347	PlnApp	No	36 Claredale Road DANDENONG VIC 3175	Zoneworks	Use and development of the land for a restricted retail premises and to reduce the car parking requirement	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	15/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0349	PlnAppVic	Yes	2A/55-67 Frankston Dandenong Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	WURL Architects	Buildings and Works (External Roller Door) VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	19/11/2024	Dandenong

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PLN24/0374	PlnAppVic	Yes	855-891 Springvale Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Darren Carnell Architects	Buildings and works associated with an existing education centre, consisting of the construction of a covered locker area, decking, and alterations to the existing building façade VICSMART	General Residential 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	14/11/2024	Keysborough South
PLN24/0390	PlnApp	No	9 Vizard Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Precision Works Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	28/11/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0391	PlnApp	No	1/46 Ann Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Stranges Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/11/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0393	PlnApp	No	Dandenong Market 16-46 Cleeland Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Abdul's Market Fresh	To display internally illuminated business identification signage DECLARED AREA	Comprehensive Development 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/12/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0395	PlnApp	No	1/17 Robert Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Stranges Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/11/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0401	PlnApp	No	4 Princess Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	N Singh	Subdivision of the land into (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/11/2024	Springvale Central

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PLN24/0403	PlnAppVic	Yes	20 Columbia Court DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Farace Property Group Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (VICSMART)	Industrial	Delegate	PlanPermit	27/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0406	PlnApp	No	23 David Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Z.Kia Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	18/11/2024	Noble Park
PLN24/0408	PlnAppVic	Yes	58 Babbage Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	The Pops Group Pty Ltd	To display non-illuminated business identification signage	Permit is not required for the display of non-illuminated business identification signage under Clause 52.05-12 and Clause 33.03-4.	Delegate	NotRequire	11/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0410	PlnApp	No	31 Curtin Crescent DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	G Wasson	Development of the land for two (2) single storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 553sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	02/12/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0411	PlnApp	No	3/486-502 Princes Highway NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	Tamvakis Group Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a new building	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	17/12/2024	Noble Park North
PLN24/0413	PlnAppVic	Yes	16 Curtin Crescent DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	CMR Guggilam	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (VICSMART)	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/11/2024	Cleeland

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PLN24/0417	PlnAppVic	Yes	179 Lonsdale Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	M Afshar	Building and Works (Facade) and Reduction in car parking requirement DECLARED AREA (VICSMART)	Comprehensive Development 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0423	PlnAppVic	Yes	202-214 Greens Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	R Briffa	Buildings and Works (Tank) VICSMART	Industrial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/11/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0427	PlnApp	No	17 Menzies Avenue DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	M J Reddie Surveys Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into five (5) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/12/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0428	PlnApp	No	7 Pau Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Esspeebee Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	16/12/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0429	PlnApp	No	63 Hemmings Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	ANV Homes Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into four (4) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	19/12/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0432	PlnAppVic	Yes	13-17 Manning Drive NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	T Cotter	Buildings and works associated with an existing education centre, consisting of the temporary installation of two storage containers to be utilised as a canteen VICSMART	General Residential 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/11/2024	Noble Park North

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PLN24/0433	PlnApp	No	3-8/176 Lonsdale Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Ethos Building Pty Ltd	Construct a building or construct or carry out works DECLARED AREA	Comprehensive Development 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	10/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0434	PlnApp	No	Parkmore Centre Management 317-321 Cheltenham Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	H McGregor	Business identification signage and one (1) electronic sign	Commercial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/12/2024	Keysborough
PLN24/0454	PlnApp	No	12 Webb Avenue SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Blueprint Pty Ltd	Multi Dwelling Development x 2 (Double Storey) New	General Residential 1 Zone, 648sqm	Applicant	Withdrawn	21/11/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0456	PlnApp	No	2 Edmond Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Nobelius Land Surveyors Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	24/12/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0460	PlnAppVic	Yes	64-68 Edison Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Pham & Co Studio	Buildings and Works (Canopy) VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	06/12/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0465	PlnApp	No	27 Virginia Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	QT Doan	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/12/2024	Springvale North

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PLN24/0467	PlnAppVic	Yes	855-891 Springvale Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	D Bell	Buildings and works associated with an existing education centre, consisting of internal alterations that extend the first and ground floor area VICSMART	General Residential 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	05/12/2024	Keysborough South
PLN24/0469	PlnAppVic	Yes	103 Buckley Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	J Iurescu	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (VICSMART)	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	05/12/2024	Noble Park
PLN24/0483	PlnAppVic	Yes	6/1695-1703 Centre Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Trusteel Fabrications Pty Ltd	Development of the land for an external loading bay canopy to an existing industrial building VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	30/12/2024	Springvale North



3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question

Charles Torcasio, Dandenong

Why hasn't a residential permit parking system been implemented on Bassett Street, Dandenong, given the significant parking challenges caused by nearby apartment blocks and non-resident vehicles?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

We have received the petition, and I have spoken with the Transport team today who are currently investigating the matter to see what options can be put in place. Once they have completed the initial investigation, the proposal will go through consultation with the surrounding residents to seek feedback. After the consultation, the decision will be made on what restrictions may be put in place.

Question

Charles Torcasio, Dandenong

What steps can Council take to address illegal activities, such as car sales and unauthorised use of our street which are impacting the safety and security of residents?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

As part of the investigation, we will make sure that the Planning and Compliance, Local Laws and parking teams investigate any illegal activities or parking that may be occurring in the street and surrounding area. Depending on the outcome, certain actions can be taken by Council to rectify that situation.

Question

Charles Torcasio, Dandenong

Why does Council residential permit parking in nearby areas like Keysborough which is under the same jurisdiction?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

The site you are referring to is privately owned and the parking system is enacted by body corporate. We will be looking at all options for Bassett Street through the investigation. They are hoping to complete the initial investigations within the next couple of weeks.



Question

Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong

Dandenong Council in 2019 adopted a single use plastic policy for the purpose of “reducing and eliminating the use and consumption of single use and soft plastics” in this policy the council named the Dandenong market exempt of the policy. Dandenong market is the largest producer of single use plastic of any council facility but it was singled out as being the only facility exempt from this policy.

Can Council please explain why this Council owned facility was singled out as not having to abide by the same regulations as all other Council owned facilities?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

The Dandenong Market was exempt from the plastics policy in 2019 for several reasons including the state government plastic bans introduced in 2019 and later expanded on in 2023 replicated the relevant content of the policy to the Market. In addition, there are complications applying policy requirements to lease agreements for private traders, such as those operating in the market.

In terms of reducing plastic at the Market, both the DMPL and Council have worked with stall holders over several years, which has seen a considerable reduction in single use plastic.

As part of the upcoming update of the single use plastics policy, Council, with the support of the DMPL, will continue to work towards the minimisation of single use plastics at the market.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

It is my understanding that there has been no reduction in single use plastic. There is no exemption for the Market to be using their single use plastics bags, therefore there is far more urgency to a resolution that has been conveyed.

Question

Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong

In September 2023 the Dandenong council and the former mayor and now labour minister Eden Foster advised in their own words that the council was “showing disrespect” to the First Nations people by asking the attendees at council meetings to stand for the prayer but not for the acknowledgement to country. Council and mayor advised this would change in 2023 but recently Dandenong council has reversed their decision to knowingly returned to “showing disrespect” to First Nations people by removing the change.

Can council please explain why they have changed their meeting procedures to admittedly knowingly continuing to show disrespect to First Nations people?



Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

Attendees at Council meetings continue to have the option to stand for both the prayer and the acknowledgement of country. The choice to stand is a personal decision for attendees.

Question

Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong

When does Dandenong Council plan to introduce a plastic bag ban at the Dandenong Market to match both the Queen Victoria and South Melbourne Markets?

Response

Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development

The DMPL Board is currently exploring a number of sustainability initiatives, of which the future use of single use plastics will be considered. Timing for this is yet to be finalised.

Question

Namatullah Kadrie, Narre Warren South

Will the Dandenong Council kindly consider renaming the nickname of Thomas Street, which is "Afghan Bazaar" (a problematic, exclusionary, and race-specific term) to a more neutral term, like Little Bamiyan?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

The cultural precinct name *Afghan Bazaar* for the area covering Thomas Street in Dandenong has been in wide use within the community for some 20 years. The term is inclusive of the regions, cities and towns of Afghanistan and therefore considered representative of the diverse historic and cultural perspectives. Similarly, the cultural precinct name *Little India* refers to business concentrated along Foster Street in Dandenong. As such, currently, Council does not have plans to rename this area.

However, Council will continue to welcome all communities to Greater Dandenong and support them where it can.

Comment

Namatullah Kadrie, Narre Warren South

Little India is very different to Afghan Bazaar as India is a country and Afghan is a race.

Question

Barat Batoor, Pakenham

Given that many of you represent a large number of Hazara residents in your wards, would the Councillors of the City of Greater Dandenong support renaming "Afghan Bazar" to "Little Bamiyan"? This change would better reflect the cultural heritage of the Hazara community, promote economic growth by attracting tourists and supporting local businesses, and celebrate the rich history of Bamiyan. It would also give the City of Greater Dandenong a unique point of difference on the world stage by acknowledging the true contributions of the Hazara community and celebrating their rich culture and historical heritage, while fostering greater community cohesion and cultural understanding.



Response**Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures**

As mentioned in my previous response, Council have no plans to make a change to the name in that area.

Question**Dean Hurlston**

What is the approximate cost per public Council meeting for Councillor and staff meals, refreshments and beverages?

Response**Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development**

Council meetings are held in the evening with Councillors and Council officers often in attendance until 9.30pm or later. Accordingly, attendees are provided a modest meal prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting.

The average cost per meeting is usually around \$35 per person.

Instant coffee, tea and water is provided for attendees and the general public during the meetings.

Question**Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong**

At the Council meeting on Monday 26 August 2024, Council voted to recommence co-design workshops with the community for the Dandenong Community Hub project in February 2025 in order to finalise the concept design. What are the actual dates of those co-design workshops in February 2025 going to be? There is no information on the Council website at the moment regarding dates.

Response**Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening**

We are recommencing the co-design workshops in February 2025. In this months Council News, we have advertisements of those dates. We are running 2 workshops to allow more people to attend; Tuesday 18 February 2025 11am-1pm, Thursday 20 February 2025 5pm-7pm. We will be sending out an email to all previous participants within the next few days.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
9/12/24 PQT1	Mark Powell, Dandenong North	<p>Unsightly premises, Dandenong North</p> <p>What is happening at a house in Prospect Hill Crescent, Dandenong North? There are many unregistered vehicles parked on the street and unregistered trailers on the nature strip.</p>	Acting Executive Director City Futures	20/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 9/12/2024:</p> <p>We understand the issues being faced. This matter is currently in front of the court so that we are able to take action. As a Council we do not have extensive powers to enter a property. We require a court order for us to move forward with this process. We are also working closely with VicPol regarding the unregistered vehicles. Once we have further information we will provide you with an update.</p> <p>Further response provided 20/12/2024:</p> <p>No further information received at this time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
9/12/24 PQT5	Carmel Treacy, Noble Park	<p>Placard/poster size</p> <p>What is the size limit of placards/posters that can be brought to Council meetings?</p>	Executive Director Corporate Development	10/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 9/12/2024:</p> <p>Question taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 10/12/2024:</p> <p>As per Council's current Governance Rules (Version 002, 22 August 2022) this document stipulates as follows:</p> <p><i>“Members of the public in the Gallery may display placards or posters within the Gallery but any posters or placards must not:</i></p> <p><i>a) display any offensive, indecent, insulting or objectionable item or words; or</i></p>

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					<p><i>b) obstruct the entrance to the Council Chamber or a building where a Meeting is being, or is about to be, held; or</i></p> <p><i>c) obstruct the view or physically impede any person.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair may order and cause the removal of any placard or poster that is deemed by the Chair to be objectionable, disrespectful or otherwise inappropriate.”</i></p> <p>Therefore, as long as what you intend to display complies with the rules as detailed above, this will be considered acceptable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
9/12/24 PQT15	Gaye Guest, Keysborough	<p>Traffic education, Keysborough</p> <p>Today, there was an accident in Muderra Way, Keysborough where 2 fire trucks attended, blocking off the thoroughfare. This is not the first time that this roadway has been a problem with school children walking out in front of buses and cars pulling up in bus bays then doing a U-turn. When will Council enforce better driver habits?</p>	Acting Executive Director City Futures	18/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 9/12/2024: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 18/12/2024: I am writing with regards to Muderra Way further to your correspondence with Marcus below and question at the recent Council meeting.</p> <p>I appreciate your concerns regarding this location. Council also raised concerns with the design of this intersection during the Level Crossing Removal Project.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Council does manage Muderra Way. While this was the intent following the Noble Park Level Crossing Removal, the handover process has not been completed.</p>

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					<p>As a result, Council is unable to make changes to Muderra Way without consent of the Victorian Government and MTM (Metro Trains). While consent for some alterations have been provided to Council (relocation of the mid-block signals to Douglas Street and the artwork on the carriageway), providing a crossing point on the Muderra Way side of the intersection where school kids and other frequently cross was not supported during the design stage or since. The reasons provided to Council as to why alterations are not supported is due to impact on bus operations.</p> <p>While u-turns on Muderra Way are illegal (due to the solid centre line), Council does not have the authority to enforce road rules involving moving vehicles. I will relay your concerns to Victoria Police, who I am aware have undertaken some enforcement at this location in the past.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>



4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

4.1 PROCUREMENT

4.1.1 2021-06 Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning - Contract Extension

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director City Futures
Attachments:	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Waverley Industries Business Profile [4.1.1.1 - 1 page] This report contains an attachment which is deemed confidential under s 3(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> . It contains council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **APPROVES the Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning final contract extension with Waverley Industries Limited for \$570,000 ex GST from 21 March 2025 until 20 March 2026 (12 months);**
2. **AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreements, and any associated documentation with the above contractor;**
3. **NOTES that a review will be undertaken by the CEO prior to any future Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning contracts; and**
4. **NOTES that the CEO will provide a tender recommendation report to Council for consideration for any future new Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning contracts.**

Executive Summary

1. This report outlines the process and evaluation for the contract extension for the experienced contractor for the provision of Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning for City of Greater Dandenong.
2. Waverley Industries Limited was awarded Contract 2021-06 for Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning in December 2020. The initial contract period was three (3) years and two (2) twelve (12) month extension options.
3. This will be the final twelve (12) month extension offered to Waverley Industries Limited.

Background

4. Waverley Industries through its certified social enterprise services and businesses provides people with disability-inclusive and meaningful employment opportunities in a supported work environment that will bring joy and promote health, wellbeing, independence and participation in community life. For families and carers, this work opportunity provides support and respite.



5. The services provided by Waverley Industries includes litter collection in councils open space as well as street furniture cleaning within our CBD's and major shopping strips as well as weed suppression and raking of softfall within Council playgrounds. The service frequencies vary depending on the usage of the amenity. The total approved budget in 2024/2025 was \$570,000 for these services.
6. Waverley Industries Limited provide the following services to Council's Waste & Cleansing business unit: Cleaning of street furniture within councils CBD's and Shop strips and Litter collection within councils open space and playgrounds
7. Waverley Industries provide services to Council's Parks business unit: Weed suppression (Pulling Weeds) and raking of softfall.
8. Waverley Industries also provide services to Council's home maintenance business unit.

Key Issues and Discussion

9. Waverley Industries Ltd ensures that Council receives optimal value for money whilst maintaining a high standard of service across the municipality. Waverley Industries Ltd work closely with operational staff to ensure service standards are consistently met.
10. Over the current contract period Waverley Industries Ltd have performed well in sometimes difficult circumstances related to extra cleaning caused by homelessness and vandalism, Waverley Industries Ltd have a strong commitment to reporting issues to Council for action prior to public reporting.
11. Waverley Industries Ltd respond quickly to instances of mess caused outside of their normal cleaning regime; they are a very responsive service provider that provide a high level of service that includes a willingness to provide a satisfactory outcome.
12. Waverley Industries Ltd have consistently demonstrated satisfactory performance throughout the course of the contract period. All specification requirements have been followed to a high degree ensuring that the required service standards are met.
13. Waverley Industries are very proactive in attending proposed event sites to ensure that they are well presented for the event.
14. Any public service complaints have always been rectified immediately by Waverley Industries Ltd in a satisfactory and timely manner.
15. Waverley Industries Ltd are a registered NDIS provider with no concerns identified around potential underpayment of vulnerable employees, exploitation of workforces or disparities in income.
16. Positive Corporate Scorecard check with no issues identified.
17. There have been no OHS issues identified with the contractor.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

18. This item does not have an impact on existing human resources.



Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

19. The total budget allocated in 2024/2025 was \$570,000 for these services.

Asset Implications

20. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

21. There are no legal / risk implications relevant to this report.

Environmental Implications

22. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

23. There was no requirement for community consultation.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

24. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Not Applicable

25. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

26. 2021-25:

- A green city committed to a sustainable future.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

27. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- Climate Change and Sustainability.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.



MINUTE No.45

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council:

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- 2. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreements, and any associated documentation with the above contractor;**
- 3. NOTES that a review will be undertaken by the CEO prior to any future Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning contracts; and**
- 4. NOTES that the CEO will provide a tender recommendation report to Council for consideration for any future new Litter Collection, Hand Weeding, Park & Street Furniture Cleaning contracts.**

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4.2 FINANCE AND BUDGET

4.2.1 Mid-Year Budget Review 2024-25

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director Corporate Development
Attachments:	1. Attachment A Mid- Year Budget 2024-25 [4.2.1.1 - 19 pages] 2. Attachment B Income Statement [4.2.1.2 - 1 page]

Officer Recommendation

That Council **ADOPTS** the 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget noting the following;

1. the proposed amendments to capital and operating budgets that have occurred since the adoption of the Annual Budget and subsequently the Amended Budget (incorporating carry overs from the previous financial year (Attachment A));
2. transfer from the Major Projects Reserve to fund PEP building demolition works of \$2.5 million;
3. if the financial year-end cash result demonstrates a surplus, the transfer from reserve of \$2.5 million (point 2) be reduced by that cash surplus following an assessment of financial capacity at 30 June 2025; and
4. the June 2025 financial report presented to Council in September 2025 will detail the assessment outcomes and the amount funded from the year end cash position.

Executive Summary

1. The 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Review process provides Council with the opportunity to review its operations since the adoption of the 2024-25 Budget, and subsequently the Amended Budget (incorporating carry overs from 2023-24). It allows Council to make the necessary adjustments to reflect the latest forecast financial position (**refer Attachment A**).
2. This report recommends amendments to capital and operating budgets that have occurred since the adoption of the 2024-25 Annual Budget and subsequently the Amended Budget (incorporating carry overs from the previous financial year), (**refer Attachment A**).

Background

3. The financial management of City of Greater Dandenong is a complex task with Council managing operational inflows and outflows of over \$200 million (excl depreciation), with the addition of a capital works program of \$122 million in 2024-25 (including carry overs), across hundreds of different services that are provided to the community.
4. The purpose of this Mid-Year Budget Review is to assess financial trends that have occurred during the first five months of the 2024-25 financial year and to determine a forecast outcome for 30 June 2025. The Mid-Year Budget Review further allows Council to take account of the final outcomes arising from the previous financial year given that the Original Budget is developed in April/May, some two months prior to the end of the financial year and many of Council's services and capital projects span across the financial years.



5. In terms of the 2024-25 Annual Budget, Council adopted the Budget for purposes of public display in April/May 2024. Since 30 June 2024, several events have arisen that need to be considered. These items are listed in **Attachment A**, summarised in **Table 1** and total an unfavourable net result of \$789,000 on capital and operating variations combined. The proposed operating and capital budget adjustments are a result of a detailed review of projected forecasts to 30 June 2025.
6. Table 1 Mid-Year Budget Review balanced outcome

Component	Ref	\$'000	\$'000
Residual surplus available			789
<u>Less</u>			
Capital variations (net of funding sources)	<i>Attachment A</i>	140	
Operating variations (net of reserves)	<i>Attachment A</i>	(859)	
Loans and borrowings adjustments (net unfavourable)		(70)	
2024-25 Mid-Year Budget adjustments (unfavourable)			(789)
Residual surplus (deficit)			0

7. To assist Council in considering the proposed revisions, two Attachments are contained in this report, viz.
- **Attachment A** - is the full listing of adjustments (both capital and operating) that have been referred for Council consideration and have been proposed to be included in the Mid-Year Budget.
 - **Attachment B – Income Statement** comparing the Amended 2024-25 Budget (Annual Budget plus carry overs from the previous year) against the proposed Mid-Year Budget.

Key Issues and Discussion

8. Table 2 details the movements in operating, capital and other non-operating cash items resulting from the review.



9. Table 2 - Management Accounting Summary

Description	Original Budget 2024-25 \$'00	Amended Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Mid Year Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Mid Year vs Amended Variance Fav/(unfav) \$'000
Income Statement				
Income	268,746	277,665	281,004	3,339
Expenditure	233,934	242,618	260,015	(17,397)
Surplus (deficit) - operations	34,812	35,047	20,989	(14,058)
Management accounting reconciliation				
<i>Add (less) back non-cash items:</i>				
Depreciation and amortisation	35,483	35,483	48,129	(12,646)
Contributions non monetary assets	(7,500)	(7,500)	(7,500)	-
Written down value of assets sold/scrapped	160	160	160	-
Sub total	28,143	28,143	40,789	(12,646)
<i>Add (less) non operating cash items</i>				
Capital expenditure	(93,474)	(122,499)	(98,086)	24,413
Transfers from (to) reserves	13,270	16,835	9,823	(7,012)
Loan repayments	(3,961)	(3,961)	(3,939)	22
Loan proceeds	21,920	21,920	5,120	(16,800)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(710)	(710)	(710)	-
Sub total	(62,955)	(88,415)	(87,792)	623
Cash surplus (deficit) for year	-	(25,225)	(26,014)	(26,081)
Accumulated surplus bought forward	-	26,014	26,014	-
Forecast position surplus (deficit)	-	789	-	(789)

10. Notes to the Management Accounting Summary (Table 2)

- Original Budget** – Annual Budget adopted by Council 24 June 2024.
- Amended Budget** – Incorporating operating and capital carry overs from 2023-24 approved by Council on 23 September 2024.

Income and Expenditure (Income Statement result)

- The Income Statement is Council's formal accounting result in accordance with Accounting Standards and as such contains several non-cash items (depreciation, written down value of assets sold and gifted assets from developers) and excludes cash items such as capital expenditure and loan repayments. Table 3 depicts a high-level summary of the Income Statement result.



12. Table 3 – High level Income Statement result summary.

The forecast operating surplus for the year as projected following the Mid-Year Budget (MYB) review is \$20.99 million, a decrease of \$14.06 million from the Amended Budget (**Attachment B**).

Description	Original Budget 2024-25 \$'00	Amended Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Mid Year Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Mid Year vs Amended Variance Fav/(unfav) \$'000
Income Statement				
Income	268,746	277,665	281,004	3,339
Expenditure	233,934	242,618	260,015	(17,397)
Surplus (deficit) - operations	34,812	35,047	20,989	(14,058)

13. The movement in income is mainly attributable to the increase in investment returns, interest on rates and grant income outlined in this report.

14. The main reason for the movement in expenditure is due to a significant increase in the estimated depreciation on Council's building assets (\$12.65 million). The buildings asset class was split into 3 components in the 2023-24 financial year: substructure, ancillary services and, fixtures and fittings. The useful life on substructure remained consistent (100 years), however, the latter two components had a change in useful life from 100 years to 20 years, thus increasing the depreciation expense significantly. This is a non-cash item but does have a significant impact on the Expenditure line item in the Income Statement.

Operating variations

15. Net operating adjustments (net of reserves Table 1) total an unfavourable \$859,000 which primarily relates to the following variations:

16. Favourable operating adjustments

- Financial Assistance Grants funding received via the Victoria Local Government Grants Commission (\$859,000).
- Parking infringements, statutory recoveries net of Infringement Court lodgement costs (\$720,000).
- Interest on rate arrears (\$700,000).
- \$700,000 in additional interest income, however, this is offset by an equivalent transfer to the Development Contribution Plan (DCP) reserve for interest on investment funds (nil cash impact).
- \$794,000 – healthy supplementary rates growth which has been transferred to reserves. Supplementary rates have remained quite flat with this financial year seeing the largest spike in recent years.



17. Unfavourable adjustments (\$859,000) by exception:

- Cyclic tree pruning contract (\$513,000).
- Plant / Fleet sale proceeds reduced (\$370,000).
- Security services contract costs (\$370,000).
- Sandown legal costs (\$359,000).
- Animal pound contract costs (\$350,000).
- Insurance premiums and claims costs (\$170,000).
- Reactive tree maintenance contract (\$160,000).
- South East Leisure reactive maintenance – additional funds (\$150,000).
- Council election and induction costs (\$145,000).
- In addition, this 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget also proposes a 1.2 EFT increase for ongoing positions and allocations for temporary resources through to 30 June 2025. To mitigate the impact of these employee costs in 2024-25, year-to-date savings have been recognised across various functions.
- The following operating adjustment is funded by a reserve transfer:

18. \$2.5 million building demolition (PEP - Precinct Energy Plant) which is proposed to be funded by a transfer from the Major Projects Reserve. However, if Council's 2024-25 end of financial year cash result demonstrates a surplus it is recommended that this transfer from reserve be reduced by that cash surplus following an assessment of financial capacity at that point.

19. Operating grant funding matched by associated expenditure (\$958,000 in total, nil cash impact) including:

- Child First - \$405,862
- Market Street Occasional Child Care Centre - Operational - \$374,627
- Children's Support Services – Central Enrolment grant - \$137,350
- Children's Support Services – CALD Outreach Support grant - \$40,000

Capital variations

20. Net capital adjustments (net of reserves) total a favourable \$140,000 which primarily relates to the following variations:

21. Two adjustments relate to the deferral of capital expenditure to 2025-26:

- Dandenong Wellbeing Centre - \$28.01 million in capital expenditure and associated funding (borrowings, grants and reserves) has been deferred to next financial year based on a recent review of future cash flow projections. This is a deferral / timing adjustment as capital expenditure and funding sources offset.
- CCTV Renewal program - \$650,000 has been deferred to 2025-26.



22. Three capital projects have been included in the 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget due to high risk / priority:
- Dandenong Stadium court resurfacing (\$650,000).
 - Victoria Avenue gross pollutant trap (GPT) (\$250,000).
 - Dandenong Oasis boiler replacement (\$70,000).
23. The Springvale Reserve grant funded project has been identified as having a \$300,000 shortfall which is proposed to be resolved in this 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget.
24. Two Council-approved capital items are funded by reserves:
- Dandenong New Art (\$1.82 million) – Major Project Reserve as approved by Council on 8 July 2024.
 - 9A Blissington Street, Springvale (\$1.01 million) – Strategic Property Acquisition funded from the Major Project Reserve.
25. \$180,000 has been transferred from the Dandenong Community Hub capital budget to the operating budget to facilitate the development of the Dandenong Market Precinct master plan (this has a nil cash impact).
26. Council has been successful in the following capital grants which will reduce the level of rates funding included in the 2024-25 budget for these projects (\$600,000 favourable impact):
- Parkfield Reserve, Noble Park - Tennis Courts (2 x Grants) - \$325,000
 - Greaves Reserve, Dandenong - Oval 4 Lighting Grant - \$250,000
 - Roswood Tennis Lighting - Club Co-Contribution - \$25,000
27. Additional capital grants which will be matched by associated expenditure (nil cash impact):
- Roads to Recovery program (year 1) - \$2 million
 - Frank Street, Noble Park – Open Space Improvements - \$48,596

Loan and borrowings adjustments (\$70,000 unfavourable)

28. Movements in debt servicing (principal repayments and finance costs) has occurred due to changes in timing of draw down or borrowing assumptions such as term or interest rate.
29. A favourable adjustment in debt servicing costs because of deferral of borrowings for Dandenong Wellbeing Centre to 2025-26. This favourable amount is required to be reinstated in the capital program. A transfer to the Major Projects Reserve has been included to enable this requirement. Overall, this is a nil cash impact in 2024-25.



Variation in movement of transfers from and to reserves

30. Table 4 - highlights the expected variations to the movements in reserve funds arising from the Mid-Year Budget Review.

31. Table 4 – Movement in Reserve funds

Reserve	Original Budget 2024-25 \$'000s	Amended Budget 2024-25 \$'000s	Mid Year Budget 2024-25 \$'000s	Mid Year vs Amended Variance \$'000s
Transfer to reserves				
Major projects reserve	2,341	2,341	4,883	2,542
Open space - planning, development and improvements	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Open space - acquisitions	-	-	1,098	1,098
Development Contribution Plan - Council funded	400	400	1,100	700
Keysborough maintenance levy	1,735	1,735	1,796	61
Springvalley landfill rehabilitation reserve	-	-	-	-
Dandenong Activity Precinct parking and development	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Self insurance reserve	-	-	247	247
Total transfer to reserves	7,476	7,476	12,124	4,648
Transfer from reserves				
Major projects reserve	15,208	16,045	11,702	(4,343)
Open space - planning, development and improvements	-	-	1,098	1,098
Open space - acquisitions	-	-	1,098	1,098
Development Contribution Plan - Council funded	2,842	3,153	3,153	-
Keysborough maintenance levy	1,970	1,970	1,970	-
Springvalley landfill rehabilitation reserve	120	346	130	(216)
Dandenong Activity Precinct parking and development	-	2,190	2,190	-
General reserve - Aged Care	150	150	150	-
Future Maintenance reserve (LXRA)	412	412	412	-
Native vegetation reserves	44	44	44	-
Total transfer from reserves	20,746	24,310	21,947	(2,363)
Net movement in reserves	(13,270)	(16,835)	(9,823)	7,012

32. Transfers to reserves (increase of \$4.65 million) primarily relates to:

Major Project Reserve transfers to including:

- \$900,000 sale proceeds from Beck Court
- \$793,892 supplementary rate growth
- \$648,701 Dandenong Wellbeing Centre deferred borrowing costs
- \$200,401 deferred/timing of operating costs relating to the Keysborough South Community Hub. Initially funded from a reduction to the 2024-25 Capital Program.

Open Space Acquisition Reserve

- Replenish the open space acquisition reserve from the general open space reserve for the purchase of 9A Blissington Street, Springvale and demolition costs \$1.09 million.

Development Contribution Plan (DCP) Reserve

- \$700,000 relating to interest on levies held in trust in accordance with the published DCP.



33. Transfers from reserves (decrease of \$2.36 million) primarily relates to:
- The decrease in transfers from reserves primarily relates to the revised cash flow timing associated with the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre \$6.84 million which won't be required this financial year partly offset by:
 - \$2.5 million transfer from reserves to fund the PEP building demolition works.
34. While Council remains in a sound financial position, the escalating cost pressures stemming from above-inflation increases in key input costs are placing immediate pressure on Council's financial sustainability. These rising costs are reducing financial flexibility and posing risks to financial stability. Over the past couple of years there has been a sharp increase in the cost of both the delivery of capital works and across all Council materials and services essential to delivering operational services.
35. **Escalating Contract Costs**
36. Contract costs represent a significant and growing pressure on Council's financial sustainability. The below amounts referred to in this Mid-Year Budget represent increases over and above that were factored into Council's Annual Budget 2024-25. The actual annual impact from budget to budget is more significant. The rising cost of key contracts, outpacing CPI are shown below:
- a. **Cyclic tree pruning contract: \$513,000** - in recent years the market has shifted and the costs to deliver these services have increased significantly. A benchmarking exercise identified consistent increases in prices across the sector to deliver similar contracts of this scope and scale. The increase in prices can be directly attributed to labour market and skills shortages, supply chains and increase in costs for plant, equipment such as woodchipper, travel towers, fuel, and consumables.
 - b. **Security services contract costs: \$370,000** – increases in the provision of static guards at the Civic Centre, Springvale Hub and Balmoral Car Park, maintenance of hardware and software; and ad hoc patrol services.
 - c. **Animal pound contract costs: \$350,000** – reflects increases by The Lost Dogs Home who have effectively reassessed the cost of their service delivery and have taken the opportunity of the new contract to readdress their cost shortfall in delivery of the service to Council. This has resulted in an increase in the price per animal by over 70%. Officers are in the process of modifying use of the pound service, through greater collaboration with animal rescue and adoption centres, which is hoped to minimise the cost of this contract as much as possible in the near future.
 - d. **Reactive tree maintenance contract: \$160,000** - A two-year extension was approved for contract 1920-A Reactive Tree Maintenance and Other Services following negotiations on price above CPI (\$80,000). In addition, there has also been an increase in the volume of reactive tree maintenance works following multiple severe weather events during August and September 2024 (\$80,000).



Ongoing Impact: Budget to Budget increases and the impact on the Long-Term Financial Plan:

37. Trends in escalating contract costs, including those outlined above are presented in Table 5 below. These are not one-off increases but instead represent structural changes to council's cost base. The 2024-25 budget reflects a significant \$3.41 million increase (full year impact) compared to the previous year, driven by escalating costs in key operational areas. These increases are primarily attributed to contractual obligations, enhanced service delivery expectations, and factors beyond CPI in contractual agreements. They will require reductions in other service areas or increases in revenue to maintain financial stability.

38. Table 5 – Trends in escalating contract costs

#	Service area	Budget to Budget	
		Annual \$ increase	Annual % increase
1	Pound contract	684,843	217%
2	Cleaning	962,898	53%
3	Security	478,813	44%
4	Cyclic Pruning *	846,608	82%
5	Reactive tree maintenance	440,976	68%
Total		3,414,137	

* excludes a once off carry over to complete works \$600,000

39. Insurance Premiums and Claims \$170,000

- Ongoing Impact: rising premiums reflect broader market trends, with costs expected to continue increasing over time. This trend reinforces the importance of strategic risk management to mitigate these impacts. Insurance premiums have increased 12% compared to the prior year.

40. Positively, Council's 2024-25 allocation for the Financial Assistance grant also increased (\$859,000). Most of this is due to an increase of \$848,000 relating to the 2024-25 allocation combined with a minor (\$11,000) under payment (one off) of the prior year (2023-24).

41. The current economic environment has made it extremely challenging to predict interest returns on Council's investments. The sustained higher interest rates combined with higher cash holdings year-to-date (largely due to capital and operating carry overs) have continued to provide favourable returns. At the time of producing the 2024-25 Annual Budget it was expected that some cuts in interest rates would have occurred by now, however, this has not eventuated. The Mid-Year Budget review forecasts \$700,000 in additional interest income (which is offset by an equivalent transfer to the Development Contribution Plan (DCP) reserve for interest on DCP investment funds). This is being closely monitored considering the current economic conditions, interest rate trends and both short-term and long-term implications. The negative effect of this will be higher rates of interest as Council foreshadows significant future borrowings.

42. From a financial prudence perspective, it is recommended that Council continues to maximise the allocation of surplus funds to the Major Projects reserve where possible. Given the forecast of Council's strategic investment decisions, the need for Council to finance a greater share of capital projects using reserve funds is increasing. As such, it would be very prudent for Council to continue to reserve funds in the Major Projects Reserve where appropriate to assist in this respect.



Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

43. Items 26, 29, 35, 36, 43, 44 and 47 in Attachment A include various temporary or ongoing staff resourcing implications.

Financial/Asset Resource Implications

Operating Budget Implications

44. The 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget review will ensure that Council has accommodated all known variations to the Budget that have occurred during the first five months of the financial year and results in only a minor movement in the budgetary targets established in the 2024-25 Annual Budget.

Asset Implications

45. This item relates to several future CIP grant funded projects as outlined in Attachment A.

Legal/Risk Implications

46. There are no legal / risk implications relevant to this report.

Environmental Implications

47. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

Community Consultation

48. The 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Review has been prepared based on budget reviews conducted by all Council staff with budgetary responsibilities and following discussion and consideration by Council. As changes to the Original Budget are not material, Council is not required to formally advertise the Mid-Year Budget.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

49. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
- Sustainable environment.
- Mind, body and spirit.
- Art and culture.



50. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

51. 2021-25:

- 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.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

52. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- The Gender Equality Act 2020.
- Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006.
- Climate Change and Sustainability.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

MINUTE No.46

Moved by: Cr Phillip Danh

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That Council ADOPTS the 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget noting the following;

- 1. the proposed amendments to capital and operating budgets that have occurred since the adoption of the Annual Budget and subsequently the Amended Budget (incorporating carry overs from the previous financial year (Attachment A));**
- 2. transfer from the Major Projects Reserve to fund PEP building demolition works of \$2.5 million;**
- 3. if the financial year-end cash result demonstrates a surplus, the transfer from reserve of \$2.5 million (point 2) be reduced by that cash surplus following an assessment of financial capacity at 30 June 2025; and**
- 4. the June 2025 financial report presented to Council in September 2025 will detail the assessment outcomes and the amount funded from the year end cash position.**

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CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
ADJUSTMENTS - CAPITAL (CASH)					
NEW FUNDING FOR EXISTING PROJECTS BUDGETED IN 2024-25					
1	Parkfield Reserve, Noble Park - Tennis Courts (2 x Grants) Council has been successful in receiving two grants for this project. A \$275,000 grant for the Tennis Court redevelopment (Northern Courts) as part of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) 2023-24 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund - Community Facilities Stream program. A matching Council contribution is required which is already budgeted. The second funding allocation is \$50,000 from Tennis Australia. These grants will reduce the Council rate funding required for this project from \$950,195 in the 2024-25 Budget to \$625,195.	1 year	325,000	0	325,000
2	Greaves Reserve, Dandenong - Oval 4 Lighting Grant Council has been successful in receiving a \$250,000 grant for the Oval 4 Lighting Installation Construction, as part of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) 2023-24 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund - Community Sports Lighting Stream program. This grant funding will reduce the Council rate funding required for this project from \$580,200 in the 2024-25 Budget to \$330,200.	1 year	250,000	0	250,000
3	Lyndale Secondary College, Dandenong - Sports Precinct Pavilion Upgrade Grant Council has been successful in receiving an \$80,000 grant for upgrades to the Sports Precinct Pavilion including renewal of canteen / kitchen, connected outdoor space between canteen and sports field and installation of new shelving units. This grant was received as part of the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR) Local Community Sport and Recreation Projects program. \$100,000 in additional costs are also required to finalise this project to address inadequate electricity supply required for the kitchen equipment.	1 year	80,000	100,000	(20,000)
4	Rosswood Tennis Lighting - Club Co-Contribution Council has received a contribution from the club which reduces the rate funding required for this project.	1 year	25,000	0	25,000
			680,000	100,000	580,000

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

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CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
INCREASED PROJECT COST					
5	Springvale Reserve (Council contribution) Higher than anticipated project costs due to grant funding being agreed as an election promise (not funded through the normal funding process). Therefore, detailed design and consultation with Council officers did not occur prior to receiving grant funding. It has now been identified that the originally scoped building projects (social room, canteen/kitchen and toilets) have a funding shortfall. It is proposed that Council deliver the highest priority building components (the connected canteen/kitchen and social room). This decision is based on the clubs' priorities and Councillor / State MP interest. The toilets are proposed to be actioned as part of the 2025-26 renewal program.	1 year	0	300,000	(300,000)
			0	300,000	(300,000)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO BE FUNDED FROM RESERVES					
6	9A Blissington Street, Springvale This is an open space property acquisition that settled in August 2024 with the property price to be funded from the Open Space Acquisitions Reserve. There are also \$90,000 in asset demolition costs in the operating adjustments below in relation to this site that will be funded by the Open Space Acquisitions Reserve.	1 year	1,008,134	1,008,134	0
			1,008,134	1,008,134	0
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE DEFERRED TO 2025-26					
7	Dandenong Wellbeing Centre Current cash flow projections indicate that \$28 million of capital expenditure budgeted in 2024-25 will be delayed to 2025-26. As a result, no new borrowings are anticipated to occur for this project in 2024-25 resulting in deferral of interest expense and principal repayments to next financial year. Additionally, some grant funding and transfers from the Major Projects reserve will also be deferred to 2025-26. This is a cash flow timing adjustment not a material change.	1 year	(28,011,000)	(28,011,000)	0
8	CCTV Program Deferral of part of CCTV Program capital project budgeted in 2024-25 (\$650,000 of \$2,097,000) to better stage this program over two years and to provide funding for high priority project - Dandenong Stadium Court Resurfacing.	1 year	0	(650,000)	650,000
			(28,011,000)	(28,661,000)	650,000

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

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CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
CAPITAL PROJECT TRANSFER TO OPERATING BUDGET					
9	Dandenong Community Hub - Transfer to Dandenong Market Precinct Master Plan Transfer from the Dandenong Community Hub capital project budget to operating expenditure for the development of the Dandenong Market Precinct Master Plan. Nil impact.	1 year	0	(180,000)	180,000
			0	(180,000)	180,000
NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS (HIGH RISK/PRIORITY)					
10	Dandenong Stadium Court Resurfacing This project is for the replacement of the flooring on Courts 11-13 at Dandenong Stadium. There have been two events where the floor boards have given way this year, including one where a player's leg went through the floorboards. Two separate reports, one commissioned by the stadium operators, South East Leisure and an engineering report commissioned by Council, have found that the current flooring is at end of life and requires replacing.	1 year	0	650,000	(650,000)
11	Replacement of Boilers at Dandenong Oasis This project is to fund the replacement of two hot water boilers at Dandenong Oasis to maintain provision of hot water to showers and pool tanks. Works have been scoped, but yet to be tendered.	1 year	0	70,000	(70,000)
12	Victoria Avenue - Installation of New Gross Pollutant Trap (Olinda Reserve GPT) The Project was initially scoped in 2019 at a budget estimate of \$250,000. With the rise in cost of construction and changed scope the estimated cost of the GPT raised significantly. The detailed design was recently completed and the revised estimated cost is approximately \$500,000. Works tendered and contract ready to be let.	1 year	0	250,000	(250,000)
			0	970,000	(970,000)

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

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CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
NEW GRANT/CONTRIBUTION FUNDING (NIL IMPACT)					
13	Frank Street, Noble Park - Open Space Improvements A \$48,596 grant from Department of Transport and Planning as part of their Suburban Revitalisation Boards Fund. The project comprises installing umbrellas and covered tables and benches. Council contribution of \$10,256 is required which will be funded from the existing Noble Park Revitalisation capital budget.	1 year	48,596	48,596	0
14	Roads to Recovery (R2R) - New Grant Program 2025-2029 Year 1 of a new five-year R2R grant funding program.	1 year	2,001,424	2,001,424	0
			2,050,020	2,050,020	0
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS - CAPITAL (CASH)			(24,272,846)	(24,412,846)	140,000

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
ADJUSTMENTS - OPERATING (CASH)					
NON DIRECTORATE					
15	Victorian Local Government Grants Commission (VLGGC) 2024-25 Grant Allocation - Favourable Confirmed allocation for 2024-25 - favourable adjustment. Due in part to an adjustment to the prior year (2023-24) allocation of \$10,906 which is one off and an increase in the current year 2024-25 allocation of \$848,010.	1 year	858,916	0	858,916
16	Workcover Premium - Favourable The actual workcover premium for 2024-25 was lower than anticipated in the budget. This saving will be transferred to the Insurance reserve.	1 year	0	(246,715)	246,715
17	Transfer to Insurance Reserve (Favourable Workcover premium) The actual workcover premium for 2024-25 was lower than anticipated in the budget. This saving will be transferred to the Insurance reserve.	1 year	0	246,715	(246,715)
18	Interest Return on Investments - Favourable The persistent higher interest rates are expected to result in a favourable variance to the 2024-25 original budget which was adopted when a cut in interest rates was anticipated in 2024. This is offset by a transfer to the Development Contributions Plan (DCP) reserve to reflect interest earned on DCP trust funds.	1 year	700,000	700,000	0
19	Supplementary Rates Income - Favourable Current year supplementary rates income is trending higher year-to-date. Transferred to Major Projects Reserve.	1 year	793,872	793,872	0
20	Interest on rates arrears - Favourable Year-to-date trend indicates that the full year effect will be higher than expected in the 2024-25 Budget.	1 year	700,000	0	700,000
21	Credit Card Surcharge Implementation of this new fee in conjunction with Council's banking provider and finance systems has been deferred a year due to the complexity of the change.	1 year	(100,000)	0	(100,000)
22	Legal Rebate Volume discount 2023-24.	1 year	47,410	0	47,410
23	MAV WorkCare Administration costs Annual cost incurred by Council in relation to the administration of the ceased MAV workers compensation self-insurance scheme that Council was a party to.	Ongoing	0	35,000	(35,000)
24	Fire Services Property Levy (FSPL) 2024-25 actual payment of FSPL on Council properties was higher than anticipated in the budget.	1 year	0	30,638	(30,638)

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
25	Council election costs Higher than anticipated election costs for the 2024 Council election, partly offset by Victorian Electoral Commission rental income.	1 year	0	72,430	(72,430)
26	Strategic Project Resource Temporary/agency costs incurred for the first two months for strategic project work. Now completed.	1 year	0	37,982	(37,982)
27	Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Reassessed the FBT liability for 2024-25. Anticipate it will be lower than budget due to a revision of car parking FBT.	1 year	0	(150,000)	150,000
28	Keysborough South Maintenance Levy (KSML) Favourable actual income levied for KSML year to date and offset by a transfer to the KSML reserve.	1 year	61,415	61,415	0
SUB-TOTAL NON-DIRECTORATE			3,061,613	1,581,337	1,480,276

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
CEO DIRECTORATE					
CHIEF EXECUTIVE					
29	CEO Executive Support position Re-evaluation of role to align with similar positions and unbudgeted backfill due to leave.	Ongoing	0	43,224	(43,224)
30	Contribution to Centre of Excellence Collaborative Alliance Contribution to program collaborating with partner councils in pursuit of cost savings.	1 year	0	14,615	(14,615)
			0	57,839	(57,839)
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY					
31	Software Maintenance Budget transfer to offset Process Mapping software \$50,000 and Vendor Panel additional modules \$50,000 as adjusted in this Mid-Year Budget. Nil impact transfer only.	1 year	0	(100,000)	100,000
32	Process Mapping software This investment will significantly enhance our organisation's process documentation capabilities, encompassing Service Planning, Service Review, and Project Implementation. Furthermore, it will facilitate the acquisition of a new forms engine, transitioning us away from the current open-source, freeware solutions. This upgrade is essential for managing the over 400 forms developed, ensuring a more secure and efficient operation. This is offset by a reduction in Digital Technology software maintenance (item 31 above).	Ongoing	0	50,000	(50,000)

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EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

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(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
33	Salary savings year to date As a part of this MYB review, year to date savings in employee costs in Technical Services have been identified to 31 October 2024.	1 year	0	(91,500)	91,500
34	Microsoft Enterprise Subscription (unfavourable) As per MAV Contract Provision of Microsoft Licensing for a 3 year period approved by Council.	Ongoing	0	56,000	(56,000)
			0	(85,500)	85,500
STRATEGIC GROWTH AND ADVOCACY					
35	Corporate Planning Officer (Temporary appointment 1 EFT) To provide support to Council's Corporate Planner - temporary 6 months (from 1 January 2025).	6 months	0	68,100	(68,100)
36	Community Advocacy Officer (increase of 0.2 EFT) Increase of 0.2 EFT to 1 EFT for the Community Advocacy Officer position due to the ongoing higher workload.	Ongoing	0	25,230	(25,230)
37	Bunurong Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) artwork design and engagement Costs of graphic designer to apply the artwork across the assets, research, development and execution of the artwork, materials, production including the graphic elements, licensing fees and includes design of the RAP document.	1 year	0	15,000	(15,000)
38	Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Program Contribution income and associated expenditure for the Mayoral Task Force for the SRSS program that Greater Dandenong oversees and pays for on behalf of the partner councils.	1 year	63,500	63,500	0
			63,500	171,830	(108,330)
SUB-TOTAL CEO DIRECTORATE			63,500	144,169	(80,669)

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

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(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE					
CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE					
39	Workplace Health and Safety Contractor Management review External review and advice on workplace health and safety.	1 year	0	22,500	(22,500)
40	Legal Expense Legal advice related to industrial relations.	1 year	0	50,000	(50,000)
			0	72,500	(72,500)
COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE					
41	Social Pinpoint Software Licence New software licence ongoing.	Ongoing	0	45,000	(45,000)
			0	45,000	(45,000)
PEOPLE AND CHANGE					
42	Recruitment costs Recruitment of multiple positions.	1 year	0	42,500	(42,500)
43	Organisational Capability Project Program delivered a focussed 6 month engagement plan for managers and people leaders, improved leader capability in understanding and managing change, provide a draft employee value proposition and lead oversight and progress reporting of actions identified via Staff Pulse Survey.	1 year	0	176,435	(176,435)
44	Occupational Health and Safety Role Position engaged to provide expert guidance and focused support in organisational safety and legislative compliance. Year 1 pro-rata cost from commencement date of 1 December 2024 is \$124,000 plus \$25,000 recruitment costs. Year 2 and 3 is proposed to be funded from the Insurance reserve. Year 4 and future years funding for this position to be determined.	Ongoing	0	149,000	(149,000)
			0	367,935	(367,935)

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CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
FINANCIAL SERVICES & PROCUREMENT					
45	Procurement Vendor Panel Software - Additional modules Investment in three additional modules of Vendor Panel software based on internal audit and procurement program recommendations. These new modules will provide an automated workflow process, make it easier for the organisation to follow policy and thresholds, allow for procurement and valuation stage plans and supplier intelligence (pricing information on local, sustainable and social suppliers). This is offset by a reduction in Digital Technology software maintenance (item 31 above).	Ongoing	0	50,000	(50,000)
46	Procurement Standard Contract Suite of Documents/Templates Australian standard templates for use by Business Units in relation to 'Request for Quotes' (RFQ), specifications, tender design and other procurement matters.	1 year	0	51,140	(51,140)
			0	101,140	(101,140)
GOVERNANCE, LEGAL AND RISK					
47	Increased Governance resourcing due to Council election and remuneration adjustments Re-evaluation of roles, one off allowances related to Council election resourcing and recruitment costs. Ongoing impact approximately \$88,000.	Ongoing	0	94,371	(94,371)
48	Insurance premium and claims Higher than anticipated insurance premiums in 2024-25 \$90,000 (including increased provision for cyber-security coverage) . In addition, the year-to-date actuals in insurance claims have been significantly higher than expected \$80,000.	\$90,000 ongoing for premium	0	170,000	(170,000)
49	Council election Unbudgeted expense to deliver updated legislative obligations for council onboarding, training and induction.	1 year	0	53,000	(53,000)
50	Commercial property income Anticipate that 2024-25 rental income from Dandenong Civic Centre is impacted by a vacant tenancy which requires building maintenance combined with an adjusted commercial rental expectation for the site.	1 year	0	100,000	(100,000)
51	Property taxes Windfall gains tax and land tax - higher than anticipated.	1 year	0	37,580	(37,580)
52	Beck Court Sale Proceeds (transferred to reserves) Sale proceeds in relation to Beck Court. These proceeds have been transferred to the Major Projects Reserve.	1 year	900,000	900,000	0
			900,000	1,354,951	(454,951)
SUB-TOTAL CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT			900,000	1,941,526	(1,041,526)

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
CITY FUTURES DIRECTORATE					
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES					
53	Community Housing Trees Relates to a developer contribution received in relation to a planning permit with the obligation for Parks Services to plant trees in a particular location in 2024-25.	1 year	155,000	155,000	0
54	Plant / Fleet Sale Proceeds Reduction based on review of current year and recent trends. The market for second-hand vehicles has been weaker than expected when the budget was adopted. Additionally, the residual value of several large items of Parks plant and equipment has reduced while the Parks Service review was worked through. Some equipment such as a watercart was not replaced.	Ongoing	0	370,000	(370,000)
55	Reactive Tree Maintenance A two-year extension was approved for contract 1920-A Reactive Tree Maintenance and Other Services following negotiations on price above CPI (\$80,000). In addition, there has also been an increase in the volume of reactive tree maintenance works following multiple severe weather events during August and September 2024 (\$80,000).	\$80,000 ongoing	0	160,000	(160,000)
56	Cyclic Tree Pruning Additional recurrent expenditure is required to continue to deliver cyclic street tree inspection and pruning services due to increased costs following a competitive tendering and award of contract 2324-27. If these services were not provided, Council's street trees would not be maintained in accordance with the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance Regulations) 2020 as defined within the Electricity Safety Act and Councils Electric Line Clearance Management Plan 2024/25.	Ongoing	0	513,000	(513,000)

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
57	Spring Valley Landfill (deferred expenditure and recovery income) Planned works at the former landfill site have been deferred to 2025-26 pending agreement with partner councils, which means that \$1.09 million of costs and 80.12% of partner council recovery income is deferred. Combined with the deferred transfer from reserve in the line item below, this has a nil cash impact on the 2024-25 Mid Year Budget.	1 year	(874,109)	(1,091,000)	216,891
58	Spring Valley Landfill (reserve transfer for Council's share of costs) Transfer from Spring Valley Landfill reserve for Council's share (19.88%) of costs in line above is also deferred to 2025-26.	1 year	(216,891)	0	(216,891)
59	Salary savings year to date As a part of this MYB review, year to date savings in employee costs in Roads and Drains and Infrastructure Services Executive have been identified to 31 October 2024.	1 year	0	(95,000)	95,000
			(936,000)	12,000	(948,000)
BUILDING AND COMPLIANCE					
60	Health - Additional Legal Costs and Recoveries (Legal Action) Legal costs and recovery of the Health legal matter.	1 year	446,000	190,000	256,000
61	Pathway to Cladding Remediation - Grant Non-recurrent grant funding from the State Government (Department of Transport and Planning) to reduce cladding risks on residential apartment buildings. \$78,000 grant funding over two years.	1 year	100,000	100,000	0
62	Health - Additional Legal Costs Increased legal costs associated with hoarding enforcement and attendance at court. Assumes the Court will not award Council a recovery of the legal costs incurred.	1 year	0	26,500	(26,500)
			546,000	316,500	229,500

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(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
CHIEF ENGINEER AND MAJOR PROJECTS					
63	Security Services Contract Additional funding to meet increasing costs associated with maintaining and enhancing security. Includes aspects such as additional weekly patrols at some sites and technology associated with approximately 116 monitored sites..	1 year	0	370,000	(370,000)
64	Keysborough South Community Hub (KSCH) - operating costs (favourable) At the time of budget adoption, a pro-rata budget for quarter 4 of the 2024-25 financial year was included. The completion date of the Hub is estimated at 30 June 2025, so not all of these budgets will be required.	1 year	(11,616)	(212,045)	200,429
65	KSCH operating cost savings - reinstate in capital expenditure The KSCH operating costs have been funded by a reduction in capital expenditure. Therefore, the savings recognised need to be transferred back in the capital program. This will be achieved via a transfer to the Major Projects reserve for future capital expenditure requirements.	1 year	0	200,429	(200,429)
66	Building demolition - 75A Whitworth Avenue, Springvale (former Minaret College kindergarten) The building has been marked for demolition in the Asset Management Plan and to be returned to open space - with the expansion of the Glendale Reserve Playground. This building is subject to vandalism, squatters, dumped rubbish which results in a health hazard and a risk for Council.	1 year	0	100,000	(100,000)
67	Building demolition - Precinct Energy Plant (funded from reserves) Building demolition to be funded from the Major Projects reserve.	1 year	2,500,000	2,500,000	0
68	Building demolition - 9A Blissington Street, Springvale (funded from reserves) Open space property acquisition that settled in August 2024. Funding required to demolish the existing building for the purposes of creating open space that will be funded by the Open Space Acquisitions Reserve.	1 year	90,000	90,000	0
			2,578,384	3,048,384	(470,000)

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
STRATEGIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING					
69	Sandown Racecourse Advisory Committee Hearing - Legal Expenses Unbudgeted legal costs to reponded the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) as the owner of Sandown Racecourse planning scheme amendment to rezone the site for a primarily residential development.	1 year	0	359,165	(359,165)
70	SECCCA - Project Fees Subscription SECCCA Membership renewal as approved by Council at thee 12 August 2024 Council meeting. Council determined to continue its membership for a further year, and to reassess its membership in one year's time..	1 year	0	75,000	(75,000)
			0	434,165	(434,165)
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT					
71	Dandenong Market Precinct Master Plan - transfer from Dandenong Community Hub capital project budget Transfer from the Dandenong Community Hub capital project budget to operating expenditure for the development of the Dandenong Market Precinct Master Plan. Nil impact.	1 year	0	180,000	(180,000)
			0	180,000	(180,000)
TRANSPORT & CIVIL DEVELOPMENT					
72	Employee Parking Permit Income - Thomas Street Car Park - Unfavourable Lower than anticipated parking permit income to date from employees' salary sacrificing parking permits.	1 year	(48,000)	0	(48,000)
73	Salary savings year to date As a part of this MYB review, year to date savings to 31 October in Strategic Transport Planning have been identified.	1 year	0	(50,000)	50,000
			(48,000)	(50,000)	2,000

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
STATUTORY PLANNING					
74	Year to date savings and income reductions As a part of this MYB review, year to date savings in employee costs partly offset by a reduction in fee income in Statutory Planning has been identified to 31 October 2024.	1 year	(116,500)	(180,000)	63,500
			(116,500)	(180,000)	63,500
SUB-TOTAL CITY FUTURES			2,023,884	3,761,049	(1,737,165)

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(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING DIRECTORATE					
COMMUNITY WELLBEING					
75	Market Street Occasional Child Care Centre - Operational Kindergarten funding for service provision as approved provider, funds are transferred to Springvale Service for Children, as a contractor to Council for staffing costs.	1 year	374,627	374,627	0
76	Children's Support Services - CALD Outreach Support Grant Six-month extension to December 2024 of the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) outreach support program.	1 year	40,000	40,000	0
77	Children's Support Services - Central Enrolment Grant Grant funding and associated expenditure for the 2024 Central Registration and Enrolment Scheme Administrative Support program.	1 year	137,350	137,350	0
78	Child First - Additional funding Additional grant funding and associated expenditure for 2024-25.	1 year	405,862	405,862	0
79	Immunisation - Fee for Service Vaccine Program From 1 July 2024, a new Council immunisation program has been introduced to allow the community to purchase vaccines that are recommended but not government funded. Council purchases these vaccines from a private vaccine supplier. The new fee income will be offset by an increase in materials purchases.	Ongoing	10,000	10,000	0
80	Salary savings year to date As a part of this MYB review, year to date savings in employee costs in Children's Support Services, Maternal and Child Health and Youth and Family were identified to 31 October 2024.	1 year	0	(220,000)	220,000
			967,839	747,839	220,000

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ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
SAFE ACTIVE & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES					
81	South East Leisure (SEL) Reactive Maintenance - Additional Funds In 2023-24, an SEL CIP project (\$250,000) was repurposed to fund the reactive maintenance needs at SEL facilities. In the current year budget, \$100,000 has been set aside for the same task and this is rapidly being drawn down. Critical assets for the ongoing operations of SEL facilities are at risk of failing due to end of life and without a readily available funding source, reactive maintenance at SEL facilities will result in periods of service denial and partial or full facility closures. This budget submission requests an additional \$150,000 to ensure SEL can keep operating all facilities for this financial year.	1 year	0	150,000	(150,000)
82	Emergency Management Staff Allowances Unbudgeted allowances for duty officers to be available to attend emergencies after hours.	Ongoing	0	20,000	(20,000)
83	Emergency Management Staff Overtime Unbudgeted overtime for duty officers to attend emergencies after hours.	Ongoing	0	10,000	(10,000)
84	South Eastern Melbourne Vietnamese Associations Council (SEMVAC) 50th Anniversary Contribution Council contribution to the 50th anniversary event of SEMVAC.	1 year	0	40,000	(40,000)
			0	220,000	(220,000)
COMMUNITY ARTS, CULTURE & LIBRARIES					
85	Mission Australia - Family Literacy Grant Reduction in grant funding and expenditure due to confirmation post budget adoption (year 1 of 2).	2 years	(16,854)	(16,854)	0
			(16,854)	(16,854)	0

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CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
COMMUNITY AMENITY					
86	Provision for Doubtful Debts and Bad Debt Write Off Expense - Parking Fines Based on the October outstanding infringement debtors, the provision for doubtful debts and bad debt write off expense has been reassessed and overall is expected to be lower than anticipated in the budget. This is due to the bad debt write off relating to fines issued in the 2019-20 financial year (ie - greater than 5 years old) which reduced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	1 year	0	(150,000)	150,000
87	Parking Infringements, Recoveries and Statutory Lodgement Costs Higher than anticipated income from parking infringements and recoveries, combined with statutory lodgement costs due to an increased number of infringements being issued caused by four additional team members.	1 year	820,000	100,000	720,000
88	Animal Pound Contract Costs - Unfavourable The Lost Dogs Home have effectively reassessed the cost of their service delivery, and have taken the opportunity of the new contract (first review in 5 years) to readdress their cost shortfall in delivery of the service to Council. They have increased their price per animal by over 70%. Note that we are also in the process of modifying our use of the pound service, through greater collaboration with animal rescue and adoption centres, which is hoped to minimise the cost of this contract as much as possible in the near future.	1 year	0	350,000	(350,000)
			820,000	300,000	520,000
SUB-TOTAL COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING			1,770,985	1,250,985	520,000
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS - OPERATING (CASH)			7,819,982	8,679,066	(859,084)
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ADJUSTMENTS			(16,452,864)	(15,733,780)	(719,084)

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
EXPENDITURE DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)

CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

(A) 2024-25 MID YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TERM	INCOME / RESERVE \$	EXPENSE \$	NET TOTAL \$
SUMMARY					
Residual surplus available at 30 June 2024					789,000
	Capital - net outcome		(1,637,980)	(24,412,846)	22,774,866
	Increase/(decrease) in transfers from reserves - capital		(5,834,866)	0	(5,834,866)
	Loan proceeds deferred (Dandenong Wellbeing Centre)		(16,800,000)	0	(16,800,000)
	Subtotal - Capital variations (net of funding sources including loan proceeds)		(24,272,846)	(24,412,846)	140,000
	Operating - net outcome		5,446,873	5,776,635	(329,762)
	Increase/(decrease) in transfers to reserves - operating		0	2,902,431	(2,902,431)
	Increase/(decrease) in transfers from reserves - operating		2,373,109	0	2,373,109
	Subtotal - Operating variations (net of reserve transfers)		7,819,982	8,679,066	(859,084)
	Borrowing principal repayments - revised		0	(21,981)	21,981
	Interest on borrowings - revised		0	(556,174)	556,174
	Dandenong Wellbeing Centre deferred borrowings - transfer back to capital program via a transfer to the Major Projects Reserve		0	648,071	(648,071)
	Subtotal - Loans and borrowings		0	69,916	(69,916)
	Residual surplus/(deficit) available				0

INCOME DECREASE (-) / INCREASE (+)
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Attachment B

Income Statement

	Original Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Amended Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Mid Year Budget 2024-25 \$'000	Mid Year vs Amended Variance Fav/(unfav) \$'000
Income				
Rates and charges	176,177	176,177	177,733	1,556
Statutory fees and fines	10,972	10,972	11,672	700
User fees	9,812	9,812	9,777	(35)
Grants - operating	35,216	35,937	37,837	1,900
Grants - capital	8,625	14,462	12,799	(1,663)
Contributions - monetary	7,676	9,123	9,367	244
Contributions - non-monetary	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
Net gain on disposal property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	833	833	1,363	530
Other income	11,935	12,849	12,956	107
Total income	268,746	277,665	281,004	3,339
Expenses				
Employee costs	99,649	105,062	105,098	(36)
Materials and services	88,357	90,966	96,211	(5,245)
Depreciation	34,885	34,885	47,531	(12,646)
Amortisation - intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Depreciation - right of use assets	598	598	598	-
Allowance for impairment losses	2,026	2,026	1,876	150
Borrowing costs	3,184	3,184	2,628	556
Finance costs - leases	55	55	55	-
Other expenses	5,180	5,842	6,018	(176)
Total expenses	233,934	242,618	260,015	(17,397)
Surplus for the year	34,812	35,047	20,989	(14,058)
Other comprehensive income				
Items that will not be reclassified to surplus or deficit:				
Other	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive result	34,812	35,047	20,989	(14,058)



4.3 OTHER

4.3.1 Federal Election Advocacy Priorities for City of Greater Dandenong

Responsible Officer:	Executive Manager Strategy Growth & Advocacy
Attachments:	1. City of Greater Dandenong Advocacy Priorities for Federal Election 2025- Final Draft [4.3.1.1 - 24 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **APPROVES** the attached City of Greater Dandenong Advocacy Priorities for the forthcoming 2025 Federal Election (refer to attachment);
2. **NOTES** that the Mayor and CEO will present the Council advocacy priorities to the three (3) Federal Members of Parliament, who currently represent the City of Greater Dandenong municipal area and future candidates standing for the forthcoming Federal Election; and
3. **NOTES** the advocacy priorities will be published on the Council's website once approved by Council.

Executive Summary

1. With the upcoming 2025 federal election, there is an opportunity for Council to highlight the City of Greater Dandenong's key advocacy priorities at the federal level.
2. Once endorsed by Council, these priorities will be published on the Council's website.
3. Meetings with three federal MPs have been scheduled, where the Mayor, CEO, and relevant officers (as needed) will present the Council's priorities.

Background

4. In July 2024, the Council endorsed the Strategic Advocacy Framework. This Framework is designed to ensure a coordinated and strategic approach to our advocacy efforts, aimed at achieving positive community outcomes, securing funding and investment, and influencing policy reforms.
5. Since the endorsement, the Advocacy Team has reviewed over 90 organisational strategies and plans, identifying more than 160 advocacy-related actions. The team is currently analysing and synthesising these priorities, and a final list will be presented to the Council for endorsement in March 2025. From March to June 2025, action plans for each advocacy priority will be developed.
6. City of Greater Dandenong Advocacy priorities- 2025 Federal Election document (attachment A) is as an interim document to ensure we don't miss the opportunity to advocate for our community in the lead-up to the Federal election and Budget, and to continue our engagement with federal MPs.



Key Issues and Discussion

7. City of Greater Dandenong Advocacy priorities- 2025 Federal Election document (attachment A) outlines a number of projects for the three electorates (Bruce, Hotham and Isaac) that will benefit the community immensely and which are strong opportunities for partnership with the Federal Government to deliver.
8. These key projects and initiatives are aligned with Greater Dandenong Community Vision 2030 and will ensure that our communities can:
 - Have access to affordable housing
 - Stay safe, active and healthy
 - Connect to education and employment opportunities
 - Adapt to climate change and live sustainability
 - Feel included and connected
9. These advocacy priorities are listed below:

a. **Upgrading Dandenong Station**

Dandenong Station plays an important role in enhancing Dandenong as a place to live, work and visit. Integrated transport and connectivity within Greater Dandenong can make it easier for people to move around for work and play. This can be achieved by investments in public transport infrastructure and active transport linkages including shared user networks.

We are calling for funding commitments to rebuild the Station and upgrade the precinct to ensure safe, accessible and sustainable transport options to meet the growing needs of our community.

b. **Development of a Greater Dandenong Employment Hub**

Greater Dandenong is 'jobs rich' with a high demand for labour. It also has a high rate of unemployment and a large supply of available workers. The mismatch between supply and demand needs to be resolved so that our community can share in the economic benefits, participate in social life and continue to develop skills and competencies.

Funding for the Dandenong Employment Hub will provide community members with a better way to find the right support, with people in "connector" roles to empower, navigate and link stakeholders in the system.

c. **Selective Entry High School in Dandenong**

Dandenong is home to several educational institutions, yet it remains a low-socio-economic area with significant challenges. Strengthening its education infrastructure, particularly in the city centre, can create new opportunities for students and residents, driving social mobility and attracting further investment.

A Select Entry High School will boost the Central Dandenong Activity Centre and the local economy, as well as draw students, families, and businesses to the area. By integrating state-of-the-art educational facilities within the urban core, Dandenong can cultivate a vibrant learning environment that also serves as a catalyst for downtown revitalisation and community growth.



d. Housing

Greater Dandenong will evolve into a vibrant, diverse community with a wide range of housing options to meet the needs of residents. By fostering an inclusive housing market, we can attract a diverse population, support economic growth and create a more dynamic and sustainable urban environment. By developing inclusive and affordable housing options in City of Greater Dandenong, Council will encourage economic growth, as well as become a place to call home for more Victorians.

e. Supporting refugees and people seeking asylum

Council welcomes the Federal Government's reforms of the Protection Visa system, which has offered permanency to thousands of refugees in Greater Dandenong. There are still 700 people in the city who face the prospect of persecution and conflict in their homelands. Granting them permanent residency would provide safety and protection for children and families. We all have a shared responsibility to make our communities inclusive and for people to rebuild their lives in safety to best contribute to our local community.

f. Poverty Alleviation in City of Greater Dandenong

One-fifth of Greater Dandenong residents live in poverty, with 1 in 4 children being below the poverty line. Council is well positioned to work collaboratively with organisations, such as Southeast Community Links, Salvation Army and Red Cross, to address identified gaps in current service delivery.

This integrated pilot approach will help alleviate poverty and contribute directly to our community's liveability and wellbeing. This will also become a template to address similar issues in other Australian municipalities.

Council ask Federal Government to assist our collective endeavours by providing annual funding for 5 years for Council to coordinate place-based initiatives aimed at alleviating high rates of poverty in our community.

g. Community Safety

Community safety in Greater Dandenong involves reducing crime, anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable community members and promoting social cohesion. Increased funding for community safety initiatives will lead to the root causes of crime to be addressed, so that our communities can flourish and prosper.

h. Dandenong Community Hub

The Dandenong Community Hub will enhance social, physical, and mental wellbeing by offering shared facilities for community groups and organisations. It will support regional economic revitalisation, improve infrastructure, and create a vibrant environment for all ages, benefiting the Greater Dandenong community long-term.

i. Revitalising Springvale

Council has identified multiple priority projects that can improve liveability of the area and foster social connection, attracts investment, and supports local economic growth while providing a unique cultural destination for residents and visitors alike. The information on these projects is outlined in attached document.



j. Revitalising Dandenong: Afghan Bazaar Streetscape

The Afghan Bazaar Cultural Precinct is a vibrant community and economic hub, attracting thousands monthly and enriching Dandenong's cultural identity. By investing in the final stage of streetscape upgrades, including new crossings, new pavement, bespoke furniture, and culturally inspired features, Council can enhance this unique precinct's appeal a Nobel Parks a welcoming destination for Afghan and broader communities.

k. Revitalising Nobel Park

Revitalising the Noble Park Activity Centre will create an inclusive, vibrant community hub that supports local businesses, enhances pedestrian experiences, and improves accessibility, fostering active living and economic growth while preserving the area's unique village character.

The upgraded streetscape will foster increased foot traffic, while the completed All Abilities Playground will provide an inclusive space for play and recreation for people of all ages and abilities.

l. Create Active and Healthy Community in Greater Dandenong

In Greater Dandenong, physical activity levels are low, and health and wellbeing indicators are poor compared with other communities in Victoria. Council's focus is getting more active through active living, active recreation and social sport. The aim is to create more opportunities for people to get active and to provide environments that encourage increased recreational activity.

Maintaining our sporting fields and reserves to a high standard is essential for fostering environments that promote and support physical activity within our community. Council has identified several priority projects across three electorates for federal government consideration and funding. The projects are listed in attached document.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

10. This item does not have an impact on existing human resources.

Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

11. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Asset Implications

12. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

13. There are no legal / risk implications relevant to this report.

Environmental Implications

14. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.



Community Consultation

15. There was no requirement for community consultation.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

16. This report is consistent with all the principles in the Community Vision 2040.

17. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

18. 2021-25:

- A Council that demonstrates leadership

Legislative and Policy Obligations

19. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda.

MINUTE No.47

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council:

1. **APPROVES** the attached City of Greater Dandenong Advocacy Priorities for the forthcoming 2025 Federal Election (refer to attachment);
2. **NOTES** that the Mayor and CEO will present the Council advocacy priorities to the three (3) Federal Members of Parliament, who currently represent the City of Greater Dandenong municipal area and future candidates standing for the forthcoming Federal Election; and
3. **NOTES** the advocacy priorities will be published on the Council's website once approved by Council.

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City of Greater Dandenong Advocacy Priorities for Federal Election 2025

"The City of Greater Dandenong is a home to all. It's a city where you can enjoy and embrace life through celebration and equal opportunity."
Community Vision 2030



Introduction



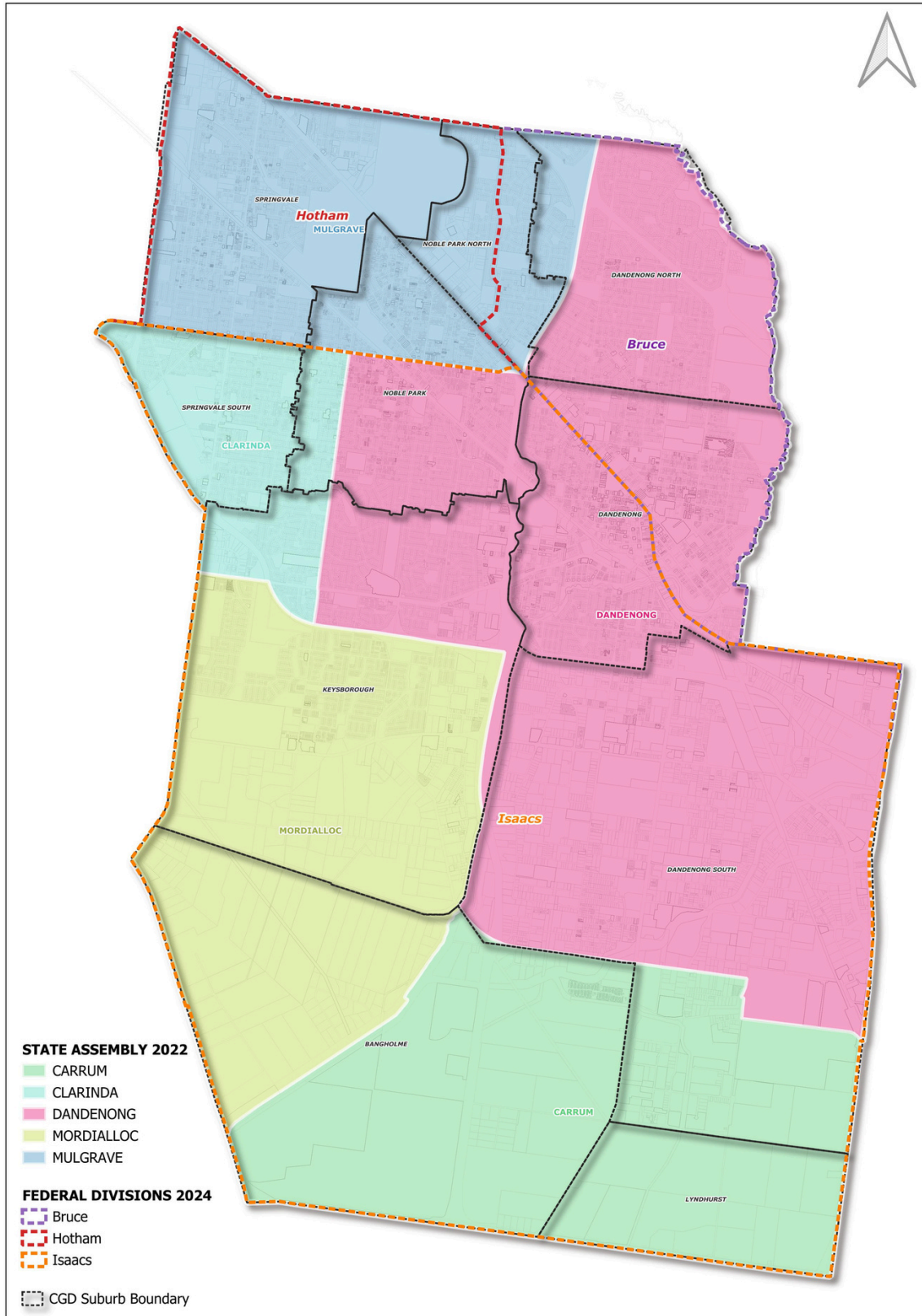
Our city is vibrant and diverse, but not without its challenges. Greater Dandenong City Council plays a role that goes beyond roads, rates and rubbish. Council is committed to strengthening the wellbeing of our residents and supporting our community to reach their ambitions and aspirations.

This document outlines a number of projects for the electorates that will benefit the community immensely and which are strong opportunities for partnership with the Federal Government to deliver.

These key projects and initiatives will ensure that our communities can:

1. Have access to affordable housing
2. Stay safe, active and healthy
3. Connect to education and employment opportunities
4. Adapt to climate change and live sustainability
5. Feel included and connected

Boundaries of State and Federal Electorates



Community Snapshot

Population



167,000 residents in 2024. Predicted to grow over the next decade to **185,000**

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2023



615 residents are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage

Source: Census 2021



over **154** birthplaces

Source: Census 2021



2/3 of people are born overseas



24,000 migrants have arrived since 2016



5,500 immigrants settled in 2022–23

Source: Census 2021



700 people seeking asylum, the second highest number in Victoria

Source: Settlement Reports, 2022/23.

Employment



Unemployment rate **6.4%**

114,506 people work in Greater Dandenong

Source: REMPLAN June 2024

Housing



62% owned or being purchased



2,366 people are homeless or living in severely overcrowded dwellings



1/5 of renting households are at risk of housing related financial stress or homelessness

Inclusive and Connected Communities

Upgrading Dandenong Station



The Opportunity

Dandenong Station plays an important role in enhancing Dandenong's appeal as a place to live, work and visit.

We are calling for funding commitments to rebuild the Station and upgrade the precinct to ensure safe, accessible and sustainable transport options to meet the growing needs of our community.



How you can help us

To accommodate for continued revitalisation of Dandenong Activity Centre and Cranbourne Line Duplication, patronage within Dandenong Station is expected to grow.

Council is advocating for **\$400 million** to:

- Construct a fourth train platform for Cranbourne Line Duplication.
- Extension of the lengths and widths of platform 1 and 2 to new generation trains and current standards.
- DDA accessibility between platforms.
- Expand bus interchange to increase passenger capacity.
- Improve north-south pedestrian connections over the rail corridor.
- Improve CPTED and amenity outcomes.
- Upgraded toilet facilities to meet user needs.
- Improve lighting to create a safer precinct.

How the community will benefit:

Having an accessible, safe and efficient Dandenong Station will accommodate the changing conditions within and around the Station, with significant opportunities to integrate a transit-oriented development adjacent to and over the South East rail corridor.

An integrated transport hub will mean less vehicles on the road, improved service reliability, reduced time between different transport modes, increased air quality & environmental footprint, and better amenity and safety. These are great outcomes for the local economy, public health and environment.

Inclusive and Connected Community

Continued

The Opportunity

Integrated transport and connectivity within Greater Dandenong can make it easier for people to move around for work and play.

This can be achieved by investments in public transport infrastructure and active transport linkages including shared user networks.

How you can help us

Djerring Trail Extension

The Djerring Trail was proposed as part of the Caulfield to Dandenong level crossing removals but was only delivered up to Yarraman Station and needs to be extended into Dandenong CBD.

- \$8 million Construction of the Djerring Trail cycling corridor between Yarraman Station and Dandenong.

New railway station between Dandenong and Lynbrook

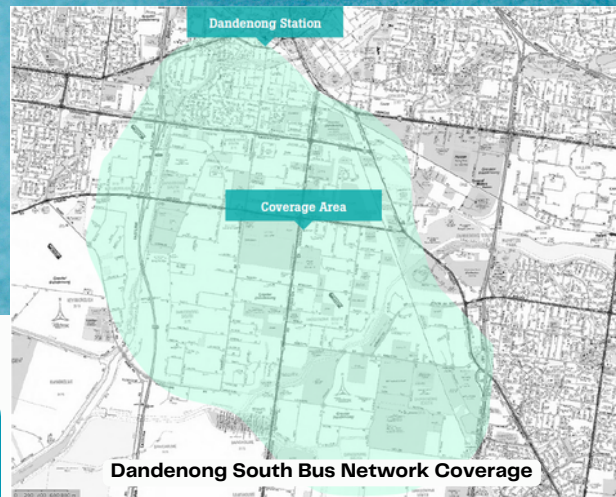
- \$1 million to conduct a feasibility study for a new station.

Bus Review for Melbourne's South East

- \$300,000 to undertake a review to enable a better understanding of how people currently use the bus network, and what would encourage them to use more, including where, when and how they would like to travel.

How the community will benefit:

The construction of the Djerring Trail has been an outstanding success as evidenced by the number of cyclists and walkers using this facility. Completion of the Djerring trail will become a strategic cycling corridor enabling access into Dandenong CBD. Improved transport networks will provide a key link between workers and jobs, fill major gaps in existing bus service provision, offer a transport service for those without access to a car and reduce unemployment.



Employment

Development of a Greater Dandenong Employment Hub



The Opportunity

Greater Dandenong is 'jobs rich' with a high demand for labour. It also has a high rate of unemployment and a large supply of available workers. The mismatch between supply and demand needs to be resolved so that our community can share in the economic benefits, participate in social life and continue to develop skills and competencies.

In June 2024, the unemployment rate in Greater Dandenong was 6.4%, compared to 4.0% State-wide.

The City's economic output was \$58.23 billion and regional exports valued at \$29.72 billion in 2023.

Source: REMPLAN



How you can help us

We are seeking funding commitments:

- \$1.5 million for the development of a **Dandenong Employment Hub** with both physical and digital accessibility. The Hub would:
 - >Have a focus on the green economy and sustainable employment
 - >Deliver Council's annual Career and Support Expo
- \$400,000 annually for five years to continue the **GameChange - Employment System-Change Initiative**.

How the community will benefit:

Ongoing funding for the community-led and place-based "GameChange" - an Employment System Change Initiative, this will ensure Council continues to engage employers, job seekers, service providers and training organisations to work better together and shape a healthier, more effective jobs and skills system.

The Dandenong Employment Hub will provide community members with a better way to find the right support, with people in "connector" roles to empower, navigate and link stakeholders in the system .

Education

Selective Entry High School in Dandenong



The Opportunity

Dandenong is home to several educational institutions, yet it remains a low-socio-economic area with significant challenges. Strengthening its education infrastructure, particularly in the City centre, can create new opportunities for students and residents, driving social mobility and attracting further investment.



How you can help us

Selective Entry High School in Central Dandenong

- \$60 million for the design and construction of a Selective Entry High School focused on STEM and languages, or higher education facility.
- A Selective Entry High School would provide a specialist environment that enables highly able students from within the local region to more fully achieve extended intellectual and social growth.

How the community will benefit:

A Select Entry High School will boost the Central Dandenong Activity Centre and the local economy, as well as draw students, families, and businesses to the area. Language education provides a unique opportunity for Victoria's multicultural community and monolingual community to develop its language capabilities, improve workplace participation and have a positive impact upon the local economy. By integrating state-of-the-art educational facilities within the urban core, Dandenong can cultivate a vibrant learning environment that also serves as a catalyst for downtown revitalisation and community growth.

Housing



The Opportunity

Greater Dandenong will evolve into a vibrant, diverse community with a wide range of housing options to meet the needs of residents. By fostering an inclusive housing market, we can attract a diverse population, support economic growth and create a more dynamic and sustainable urban environment.

Council is committed to becoming a net zero city and integrating sustainable initiatives into addressing housing affordability.

Among renters in Greater Dandenong, 21% of families live in acute financial hardship, compared to 16% across Victoria.



How you can help us

Fund a pilot program requiring 10% affordable housing in all new developments.

- This would be modelled after successful initiatives like the West Melbourne Structure Plan.
- This will ensure a mix of housing options, making Dandenong more inclusive and appealing to a diverse range of residents, including students and key workers.

Utilise public owned land to drive housing diversity in Central Dandenong.

- This approach will allow for the development of a range of housing types, including affordable and student housing as well as workers accommodation, and support broader urban renewal efforts in the area.

How the community will benefit:

Over the past forty years, the increases in housing prices in the area have outstripped growth in incomes for Greater Dandenong residents. The proportion of affordable rental properties for low-income earners has declined to just 6% in 2023.

By developing inclusive and affordable housing options in Greater Dandenong, Council will encourage economic growth, as well as become a place to call home for more Victorians.

Housing continued



The Opportunity

To develop an innovative and sustainable housing initiative on council-owned car park land. This project aims to address the urgent need for affordable housing within our community by transforming underutilised council-owned car park sites.

Council proposes to reimagine the council-owned car park at 32-34 Warwick Avenue by constructing an underground parking facility, which will allow the surface space to be utilised for residential development.

Among renters in Greater Dandenong, **21% of families live in acute financial hardship, compared to 16% across Victoria.**



How you can help us

To move this project forward, the Council is requesting **\$5 million in federal funding** to cover the upfront costs of constructing the underground parking structure. This financial support is essential to enabling the Council to deliver critically needed housing without compromising existing infrastructure.

Utilise Council owned land to drive housing diversity in Springvale.

This approach maximises land use efficiency, enabling the Council to provide much-needed housing while still meeting local parking needs. The proposed redevelopment would create a mix of affordable and market-rate housing units through a public-private partnership model.

How the community will benefit:

Housing Provision: The site has the potential to accommodate approximately 50 dwellings, including designated affordable housing, directly addressing housing shortages in the area.

Enhanced Land Use Efficiency: Moving parking underground and utilising the surface for residential purposes maximises land use, making efficient use of limited urban space.

Economic and Social Impact: This project will contribute to community growth, local job creation, and urban sustainability, serving as a model for similar urban housing initiatives.

Inclusive and Connected Community

Supporting refugees and people seeking asylum



The Opportunity

Council welcomes the Federal Government's reforms of the Protection Visa system, which has offered permanency to thousands of refugees in Greater Dandenong. There are still 700 people in the City who face the prospect of persecution and conflict in their homelands. Granting them permanent residency would provide safety and protection for children and families.

How you can help us

BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The 'Back Your Neighbour' campaign led by Council, is supported by **over 40 Local Governments** and more than **70 community organisations nationally**.

Greater Dandenong is home to the second highest number of people living on Bridging Visas in Victoria.

Many families and children in Dandenong do not have work rights and/or access to basic services. As a result, they live in poverty and seek desperate financial and material aid from local services and Council. **In April 2024 alone, the Dandenong Red Cross supported over 300 families with food and clothing.**

Council's *Back Your Neighbour* campaign recommends for the Federal Government to:

- **Provide people with a valid visa and the opportunity to work**, so they can contribute their skills to our society, remain independent and stay engaged in the asylum process.
- **Expand access to health care, income support and essential services so people in crisis have basic support** via the *Status Resolution Support Service Program*. Four out of five people in crisis are currently ineligible for financial assistance from the Federal Government.
- **Grant permanent visas to people who have been refused a visa via the 'Fast Track' process**. More than 8,000 people who have arrived over a decade ago to seek refugee protection, continue to live without safety and certainty.

How the community will benefit:

Our residents seeking asylum are facing homelessness and deep poverty even with Council stepping in to help. If they were eligible for Federal support, their immediate needs would be addressed. Further, granting permanent visas to those living in limbo, will at last resolve the matter, enabling them to rebuild their lives.

We all have a shared responsibility to make our communities inclusive and for people to rebuild their lives in safety to best contribute to our local community.

#Back Your Neighbour

Inclusive and Connected Community

Poverty Alleviation in Greater Dandenong



The Opportunity

Council recommends for the Federal Government to assist our collective endeavours by providing annual funding of \$2 million for 5 years for Council to coordinate place-based initiatives aimed at alleviating high rates of poverty in our community.

1 in 5 people in Greater Dandenong live below the poverty line.



Since 2020 Council has invested **\$1.7 million** in poverty alleviation with a further **\$8.8 million** invested in community grants.

How you can help us

Food security

- \$200,000 for initiatives to address food insecurity through community education, food production programs and 'help yourself' events.

Early intervention and education

- \$254,000 supporting new arrivals to connect to community via expanding Council's Community Connector program.
- \$159,000 for the Multicultural Community Engagement Network to educate about seeking support early through a multicultural lens.

Monitoring and Evaluation \$30,000

Place-based community support

- \$287,000 to fund Anti-Poverty Officer, financial counsellors and 'bring your bill' events by grass-roots community organisations.
- \$150,000 to test innovative solutions for addressing local disadvantage.

Homelessness

- \$790,000 social work outreach for hotspots as modelled by the South East Community Links and Metro Trains pilot.

A place for respite

- \$130,000 for Cornerstone Contact Centre to provide a safe place for rough sleepers to seek respite.

How the community will benefit:

One-fifth of Greater Dandenong residents live in poverty, with 1 in 4 children being below the poverty line. Council is well positioned to work collaboratively with organisations, such as South East Community Links, Salvation Army and Red Cross, to address identified gaps in current service delivery.

This integrated pilot approach will help alleviate poverty and contribute directly to our community's liveability and wellbeing. This will also become a template to address similar issues in other Australian municipalities.

#Poverty is everyone's business

Community Safety



The Opportunity

Community safety in Greater Dandenong involves reducing crime, anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable community members and promoting social cohesion.

It's more than just policing and security - it's about building a cohesive, resilient community where everyone feels safe and connected.

How you can help us

Crime prevention initiatives

- \$500,000 to deliver innovative programs and community models across three years that address the causes of crime, family violence and improve perceptions of safety.
- \$500,000 to increase perceptions of safety across Dandenong Activity Centre through infrastructure upgrades employing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles.
- \$1,681,000 to renew and upgrade the Safe Cities CCTV infrastructure across Noble Park and Dandenong.

Road safety projects

- \$2 million in infrastructure upgrades and improvements to the Jacksons Road, Elonera Road and Chandler Road corridor.
- \$4 million for the removal of the Heatherton Road roundabout in Noble Park, to be replaced with traffic lights.

How the community will benefit:

Increased funding for community safety initiatives will lead to the root causes of crime to be addressed, so that our communities can flourish and prosper.

Road safety projects will improve traffic flow and ease congestion, as well as prevent serious injuries and reduce the number of lives lost on Victoria's roads.

Top crimes reported in Greater Dandenong



2,480
Theft from a motor vehicle



1,229
Criminal damage



1,583
Breach of family violence order



1,163
Drug possession



1,545
Theft



1,135
Steal from a retail store

Family Violence

2,584
Family violence incidents

75%
victim survivors are women

8th
highest breach of intervention order rate across all Victoria



Inclusive and Connected Communities

Dandenong Community Hub

The Opportunity

Council is planning a dynamic, multi-purpose community hub at the site bounded by Stuart Street, Clow Street, and Sleeth Avenue in central Dandenong to serve the diverse needs of the growing community. By fostering collaboration through shared spaces for community groups and events, enhancing accessibility with a central location offering essential services, and strengthening social connections to promote inclusion, the hub will become a cornerstone of community engagement. Additionally, it will support local economic growth and contribute to the revitalisation of central Dandenong, shaping a space that benefits residents for years to come.

How you can help us

The Council is advocating for **\$20 million** in federal funding for the construction of the Dandenong Community Hub. This will contribute to the costs of the co-design process, refine the concept plan, and incorporate key design elements that ensure environmental sustainability.



Draft concept plan and business case include the following components, however, the functionality of the hub will be finalised through the co-design process:

- Early Years, including licensed outdoor space
- Maternal and Child Health facilities
- Community meeting rooms, including maker's spaces
- Community outdoor space
- A community lounge
- A community kitchen
- Multi-use flexible spaces for all ages and abilities
- Co-working spaces and a technology hub
- A café

How the community will benefit:

The Dandenong Community Hub will enhance social, physical, and mental wellbeing by offering shared facilities for community groups and organisations. It will support regional economic revitalisation, improve infrastructure, and create a vibrant environment for all ages, benefiting the Greater Dandenong community long-term. The Council is finalizing the Hub's concept plan through a co-design process to confirm its vision and objectives.

Inclusive and Connected Communities

Revitalising Springvale: Multicultural Place Upgrade

The Opportunity

Multicultural Place is a vital community hub in Springvale's retail precinct, attracting thousands daily. Currently this space is significantly underserving the community, as the only public space in the centre, a sensitive revitalisation would deliver an environmentally sustainable space that meets the diverse needs and aspirations of all community members. A quality well managed public space fosters social connection, attracts investment, and supports local economic growth while providing a unique cultural destination for residents and visitors alike.



How you can help us

The Council is requesting **\$5 million in federal funding** to cover the costs of revitalising Multicultural Place and the adjacent laneway. Upgrades span from street furniture, above and below ground infrastructure provisions and design solutions including an all-weather structure, green spaces, seating/tables for outdoor dining and recreation to revitalise Multicultural Place and the adjacent laneway in Springvale.

Scope of works and Budget

- **\$500,000** for landscape works, street furniture, and paths to enhance public comfort and accessibility.
- **\$2 million** for structures providing year-round shade and weather protection, green spaces, seating/tables for outdoor dining.
- **\$2.5 million** for Construction.

How the community will benefit:

The upgraded Multicultural Place will provide a safe, welcoming and accessible space, encouraging social connection, recreation and community pride. With new green spaces, shaded areas and improved amenities, this revitalisation will enhance wellbeing and create a vibrant gathering place that celebrates Springvale's diversity.

Inclusive and Connected Communities

Revitalising Springvale: Springvale Boulevard project

The Opportunity

The Springvale Boulevard project is a chance to complete a vibrant, community driven space that boosts local business and enhances the Springvale Activity Centre. With the final upgrades like improved footpath, lighting, seating /gathering spaces, public art, gateway thresholds and greenery, the boulevard will become a safe, inviting hub, meeting community expectations and establishing Springvale as a lively, accessible destination.



How you can help us

Securing **\$5 million in federal funding** is essential to complete the project. It will deliver high quality public realm improvements for the Springvale Road area between Virginia St and St James Avenue. Concept design is complete, and the project will create strong connections between key areas of Springvale, enhancing pedestrian access and movement and introducing seating, public art, lighting and green spaces.

It aligns with the Council's Placemaking Principles, and has strong visual and physical links to the heart of Springvale Activity Centre.

The improvements will build on the momentum created by the level crossing removal project and Springvale Station Upgrade.

How the community will benefit:

Upgrading Springvale Boulevard will enhance the experience for residents, visitors, and businesses by improving pedestrian safety, adding greenery and creating rest areas.

The project will boost night time economy, kerb-side trade and strengthen Springvale's identity as a vibrant, sustainable destination. It will make Springvale a more enjoyable and resilient place to live, work, and visit.

Inclusive and Connected Communities

Revitalising Springvale: Post Office Lane Canopy

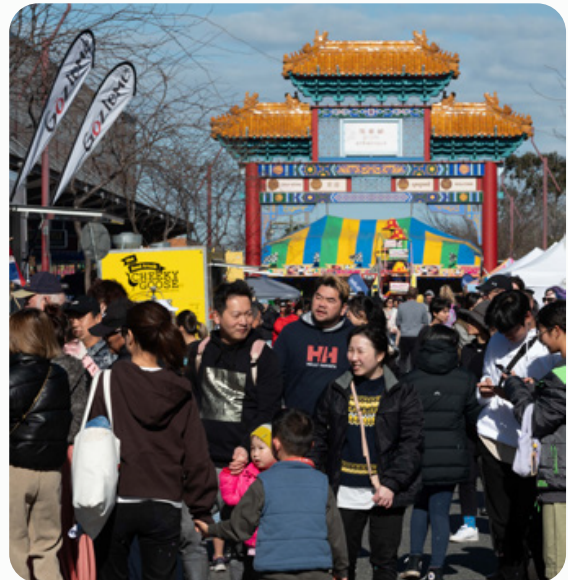
The Opportunity

The Post Office Lane Canopy project offers an opportunity to activate one of Springvale's key laneways as part of the ongoing revitalisation. The canopy will enhance the connection between Springvale Road, the adjacent car parks, and retail areas, while reflecting the evolving character of Springvale's vibrant multicultural community.

How you can help us

With a total project budget of **\$1.3 million**, this initiative will include a \$50,000 for a refresh of the tender documentation package, followed by \$1.25 million for the construction of the canopy and related features.

This project will enhance pedestrian flow and create vibrant links between Warwick Avenue and Buckingham Street, contributing to the area's growing cultural and commercial appeal.



Three key directions have been looked at for the canopy exploration to ensure that it integrates seamlessly with the surrounding environment while responding to the evolving Springvale precinct. They are:

1. Canopy Structure
2. Catenary Lighting
3. Canopy Objects

How the community will benefit:

The Post Office Lane Canopy will serve as a vital link between Springvale Road and the surrounding retail and car parking areas, boosting pedestrian access. This upgrade will create an inviting, functional public space that promotes social interaction.

By activating this laneway, the project will contribute to the evolving creative space in Springvale, complementing existing art features like playful elements in Multicultural Place and the colourful mural on the substation.

Inclusive and Connected Communities

Revitalising Dandenong: Afghan Bazaar Streetscape

The Opportunity

The Afghan Bazaar Cultural Precinct is a vibrant community and economic hub, attracting thousands monthly and enriching Dandenong's cultural identity. By investing in the final stage of streetscape upgrades, including new crossings, new pavement, bespoke furniture, and culturally inspired features, we can enhance this unique precinct's appeal as a welcoming destination for Afghan and broader communities.



How you can help us

Key funding needs include **\$1,054,000**. Funding support covers detailed design, culturally inspired streetscape improvements, and a façade improvement program for local Afghan businesses.

Federal Government support for completing the Afghan Bazaar precinct's final stage will ensure it continues to grow as a culturally vibrant and economically thriving destination.

Key upgrades include a new midblock zebra crossing, improved lighting, and culturally themed street furniture and landscaping to ensure safety, accessibility, and an inviting space that reflects Afghan heritage.

This investment will attract visitors, support local businesses, and foster a vibrant community hub that celebrates diversity while boosting Dandenong's regional appeal.

How the community will benefit:

The revitalised Afghan Bazaar will support local jobs, enhance social connection, and celebrate Afghan culture. The improved public realm will attract visitors, foster economic growth, and provide a welcoming, accessible space for all, with particular consideration for gender equity and community inclusivity.

Inclusive and Connected Communities

Revitalising Noble Park

The Opportunity

Revitalising the Noble Park Activity Centre will create an inclusive, vibrant community hub that supports local businesses, enhances pedestrian experiences, and improves accessibility, fostering active living and economic growth while preserving the area's unique village character.

How you can help us

Funding is required to complete revitalisation of Noble Park Activity Centre.

- The Council is requesting **\$626,301** for the **Buckley Street Improvement project**. This will upgrade the streetscape in a busy retail section of Buckley Street, a key location of the Noble Park Activity Centre.
- Works will complement streetscape improvements already made to Ian Street, Douglas Street and Leonard Avenue in the precinct as part of Victorian Government's Suburban Revitalisation program.



- **\$639,800** is required to complete the project **Ross Reserve All Abilities Playground** which is an important open space located in Noble Park Activity Centre.
- Stages 1 and 2 works were completed in 2021. This project will expand and complete the footprint for the playground.

How the community will benefit:

These projects will enhance the livability of Noble Park, offering improved infrastructure, better access to essential services, and a more inviting environment for local businesses. The upgraded streetscape will foster increased foot traffic, while the completed All Abilities Playground will provide an inclusive space for play and recreation for people of all ages and abilities.

Healthy Community

Active Living in Bruce



The Opportunity

Upgrading our sporting fields and reserves is key to creating active, inclusive spaces that support community engagement. Enhancing facilities like playgrounds, cricket wickets, and multi-purpose courts will improve accessibility, safety, and cater to growing demand for modern, well-equipped spaces for sports and recreation.

How you can help us

Dandenong Park

- \$800,000 Stage 2 Playground expansion
- \$180,000 Replacement of the Exeloo

Gerard Reserve

- \$250,000 Landscape update

WJ Turner Reserve

- \$350,000 Oval LED lighting upgrades to benefit the Greater Dandenong Football Club.

Lois Twohig Reserve

- \$120,000 Path to be constructed around oval 1

Robert Booth Reserve

- \$300,000 baseball batting cage upgrade to install lighting, allowing for training all-year round particularly for female and junior participation. Clubs benefit would include Dandenong Baseball Club and Mulgrave Baseball Club.

Who meets Australian physical activity guidelines?

City of Greater Dandenong

49%



Victoria

73%



Tirhatuan Park Sensory Trail

- Stage 1 - \$150,000 | Stage 2 - \$100,000 | Stage 3 - \$50,000

Police Paddocks

- \$35,000 Heating and Cooling for Softball Pavillion
- \$153,000 DDA and accessibility to Baseball Diamonds

Barry Powell Reserve

- \$300,000 to implement masterplan.

How the community will benefit:

In Greater Dandenong, physical activity levels are low, and health and wellbeing indicators are poor compared with other communities in Victoria. Council's focus is getting more active through active living, active recreation and social sport. The aim is to create more opportunities for people to get active and to provide environments that encourage increased recreational activity.

Healthy Community

Active Living in Hotham



The Opportunity

Maintaining and upgrading our sports fields and reserves is key to fostering active, inclusive communities. Enhancements like better lighting, amenities, and accessible facilities will support local sports and provide lasting benefits for residents.

How you can help us

49 View Road, Springvale Pocket Park

- \$125,000 New pocket park: furniture and landscape works, paths and sensory planting.

Ross Reserve amenities upgrades

- \$900,000 Construction of a female friendly, and DDA compliant change room amenities and spectator shade structures around the exterior of the athletics track. This will benefit the Springvale Little Athletics Club, Dandenong Springvale AC, Dandenong Springvale Masters AC and over 60 schools and regional athletics carnivals held at the facility.

Edinburgh Reserve

- \$350,000 Renewal of the sports oval lighting to 100lux LED lighting. This will benefit the Eastern Warriors Masters FC.
- \$250,000 A new playground, located in a safer part of the park is necessary for families to access.

Who meets Australian physical activity guidelines?

City of Greater Dandenong

49%



Victoria

73%



Parkfield Reserve coaches boxes

- \$60,000 Installation of four coaches boxes to provide weather protection for players and club volunteers. This will benefit the Noble Park United FC.

Warner Reserve

- \$1.2 million Renewal of the drainage, irrigation, fencing and lighting of the old unused soccer field to provide a new soccer field for the South Springvale SC. This is a priority project in the Warner Reserve Master Plan.
- \$1.5 million Lighting and tennis court upgrades at the Springvale North TC.

How the community will benefit:

In Greater Dandenong, physical activity levels are low, and health and wellbeing indicators are poor compared with other communities in Victoria. Council's focus is getting the less active more active through active living, active recreation and social sport. The aim is to create more opportunities for people to get active and to provide environments that encourage increased recreational activity.

Healthy Community

Active Living in Isaacs



The Opportunity

Upgrading sports reserves and facilities, such as wickets, coaches' boxes, and lighting, will enhance accessibility and support local clubs. These improvements promote physical activity, community engagement, and provide safer, more sustainable spaces for sports in Greater Dandenong.

How you can help us

Greaves Reserve

- \$60,000 Cricket wicket upgrade. Clubs which will benefit include Dandenong West Cricket Club, Eastern Knights Cricket Club, Melbourne Titans Cricket Club and Buckley Ridges Cricket Club.
- \$60,000 Installation of four coaches' boxes to provide weather and sun protection for players and clubs. Clubs which will benefit include South East Titans Rugby Club and White Star Dandenong Soccer Club.
- Stage 1 \$800,000 | Stage 2 \$300,000 Multi-Purpose Court area and fitness

Rowley Allan Reserve

- \$130,000 fencing and coaches' boxes upgrade. Clubs to benefit would include Keysborough Cricket Club, Keysborough Junior Football Club and Keysborough Football Netball Club.
- \$700,000 neighbourhood playground

Who meets Australian physical activity guidelines?

City of Greater Dandenong

49%



Victoria

73%



Fotheringham Reserve

- \$400,000 Renewal of sports field lighting that will benefit the Greater Dandenong Football Club

Djerring Trail Extension

The Djerring Trail was proposed as part of the Caulfield to Dandenong level crossing removals but was only delivered up to Yarraman Station and needs to be extended into Dandenong CBD.

- \$8 million Construction of the Djerring Trail cycling corridor between Yarraman Station and Dandenong.

How the community will benefit:

In Greater Dandenong, physical activity levels are low, and health and wellbeing indicators are poor compared with other communities in Victoria. Council's focus is getting the less active more active through active living, active recreation and social sport. The aim is to create more opportunities for people to get active and to provide environments that encourage increased recreational activity.





Acknowledging
Bunurong Country

Greater Dandenong City Council acknowledges and pays respects to the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation, as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters in and around Greater Dandenong.

We value and recognise local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures, heritage, and connection to land as a proud part of a shared identity for Greater Dandenong.

Greater Dandenong City Council pays respect to Elders past and present and recognises their importance in maintaining knowledge, traditions, and Culture in our Community.

Greater Dandenong City Council also respectfully acknowledges the Bunurong Land Council as the Registered Aboriginal Party responsible for managing the Aboriginal Cultural heritage of the land and waters where Greater Dandenong is situated.



4.3.2 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

Attachments: 1. List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor & Councillors
[4.3.2.1 - 2 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the listed items for the period 2 December 2024 – 17 January 2025 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

Executive Summary

1. Subsequent to past Council resolutions in relation to the listing of registered incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 to this report provides a list of this correspondence for the period 2 December 2024 – 17 January 2025.

MINUTE No.48

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That the listed items for the period 2 December 2024 – 17 January 2025 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 6 / 0

Objective

CONNECTED. COLLABORATIVE. COMMUNITY.

Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 02/12/24 & 17/01/25 - for officer action - total = 8

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
A letter from Banyule City Council seeking Council's Support by Writing regarding the removal of Clause 53.24 Future Homes Provisions from Victorian Planning Schemes.	7-Jan-25	7-Jan-25	fA338085	Mayor & Councillors Office
An invitation from Brisbane City Council to the 2025 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum being held from 27-29 October 2025 at the Expo City Dubai.	9-Jan-25	10-Jan-25	fA338459	Mayor & Councillors Office
A letter to the Mayor from the Treasurer of Victoria informing that the Fire Services Property Levy will be replaced by the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund from 1 July 2025.	13-Dec-24	13-Dec-24	fA339566	Mayor & Councillors Office
An email from a resident requesting Council to find foster parents for two children.	15-Jan-25	15-Jan-25	fA338972	Mayor & Councillors Office
Complaint from a resident in relation to potholes and lack of seating at bus stops on Dandenong Frankston Road.	16-Jan-25	16-Jan-25	fA338919	Mayor & Councillors Office
An email requesting an in person meeting with the Mayor in relation to a Kosovo Albanian Community Event.	18-Dec-24	18-Dec-24	fA336707	Mayor & Councillors Office
Resident complaint regarding unbearable odours caused by bins belonging to property in Springvale.	20-Dec-24	20-Dec-24	fA337032	Mayor & Councillors Office
A Ministerial Letter to all Mayors advising of the Rate Cap for the 2025-26 financial year.	27-Dec-24	27-Dec-24	fA339568	Mayor & Councillors Office

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

Objective

CONNECTED. COLLABORATIVE. COMMUNITY.

Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 02/12/24 & 17/01/25 - for information only - total = 6

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
An email from a resident to the CEO, Mayor and Councillors in relation to the Town of Port Hedland Council's motion on COVID-10 Vaccination DNA contamination.	24-Nov-24	5-Dec-24	A11565708	Mayor & Councillors Office
An invitation to the Mayor from HOBAN Recruitment to the opening of their new Distribution Development Centre in Dandenong on Thursday 27 February 2025.	18-Dec-24	19-Dec-24	A11622373	Mayor & Councillors Office
A letter of congratulations to the Mayor on being elected from the Hon Clare O'Neil MP.	18-Dec-24	24-Dec-24	A11636369	Mayor & Councillors Office
A letter of congratulations to the Mayor on being elected from the President of the Interfaith Network and the 2024 Interfaith Network Annual Report.	19-Dec-24	19-Dec-24	A11623816	Mayor & Councillors Office
A letter from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) calling for councils to submit motions for the 2025 National General Assembly being held across 24-27 June 2025.	19-Dec-24	27-Dec-24	A11638249	Mayor & Councillors Office
An invitation from the Cambodian Chinese Friendship Association of Victoria Inc to their Australia Day and Chinese New Year celebration being held on Saturday 25 January 2025.	5-Jan-25	15-Jan-25	A11678619	Mayor & Councillors Office

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4.3.3 Draft Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director Community Strengthening
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draft Minutes Springvale Community Hub Committee 7 November 2024 [4.3.3.1 - 3 pages]2. Draft Minutes of Arts Advisory Board Meeting 26 November 2024 [4.3.3.2 - 4 pages]3. Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 2 December 2024 [4.3.3.3 - 3 pages]4. Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting 12 December 2024 [4.3.3.4 - 3 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council NOTES the:

1. **Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Springvale Community Hub Committee held on 7 November 2024 (Attachment 1);**
2. **Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Arts Advisory Board held on 26 November 2024 (Attachment 2);**
3. **Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Disability Advisory Committee held on 2 December 2024 (Attachment 3); and**
4. **Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held on 12 December 2024 (Attachment 4).**

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the following Advisory Committee meetings be noted by Council:
 - a) Springvale Community Hub Advisory Committee held on 7 November 2024 (Attachment 1),
 - b) Arts Advisory Board Committee held on 26 November 2024 (Attachment 2),
 - c) Disability Advisory Committee held on 2 December 2024 (Attachment 3), and
 - d) Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held on 12 December 2024 (Attachment 4).

Background

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



4. The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees or Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes and for noting. To ensure they are provided to Council in a timely manner, Minutes of these Advisory Committees or Reference Groups are submitted to Council typically in a draft form (in that they have not yet been adopted by the relevant Committee). If significant material changes occur when they are adopted by the Advisory Committee or Reference Group, then those particular Minutes would then be resubmitted to Council for noting.
5. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as Attachments to this report.
6. There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

Links to Community Vision and Council Plan

7. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Safe and peaceful community.
 - Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
 - Sustainable environment.
 - Mind, body and spirit.
 - Art and culture.
8. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
9. 2021-25:
 - 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 Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

10. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006*.
 - Climate Change and Sustainability.



MINUTE No.49

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Melinda Yim

That Council NOTES the:

- 1. Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Springvale Community Hub Committee held on 7 November 2024 (Attachment 1);**
- 2. Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Arts Advisory Board held on 26 November 2024 (Attachment 2);**
- 3. Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Disability Advisory Committee held on 2 December 2024 (Attachment 3); and**
- 4. Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held on 12 December 2024 (Attachment 4).**

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Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting Minutes	
Date	Thursday 7 November
Time	5.45pm (for a 6pm start) to 7.30pm
Venue	Springvale Community Hub, (SCH) Community Meeting Room 7 and online
Chair	Louisa Willoughby
Attendees	Louisa Willoughby (LW) (Chair), Gaye Guest (GG), Zoë Mohl (ZM), Vinh Luong (VL), Sarita Kulkarni (SK), Silvia Mastrogiovanni (SM), Chris Keys (CK), Elena Sheldon (ES), Matthew Kirwan (MK), Manager Community Arts, Culture & Libraries, City of Greater Dandenong (CGD), Acting Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD), SCH Community Development Officer (CGD), Placemaking Officer (CGD)
Apologies	Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD)

Item #	Item	Action	Action By
1	<p>Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p><i>“We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past and present.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.”</i></p>		
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p>		
3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Minutes from Tuesday 27 August were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. Moved - CK Seconded – ZM</p> <p>The Committee discussed actions from previous meeting including the action “Council officers to share advice received from Council’s Governance team on taking the free hire proposal to Council”. The Manager of Community Arts, Culture & Libraries provided an update to the Committee, reiterating that the Council’s minutes confirm the proposal was to be taken to the Director for approval, with officers following the recommendation.</p> <p>The Committee clarified the action point, emphasising that "taking something to Council" means involving Councillors. Officers</p>	<p>Manager of Community Arts, Culture & Libraries to provide minutes from 22 April.</p>	<p>Council officer</p>



	confirmed the matter was discussed at the Council meeting on Monday 22 April and will provide the minutes as requested.		
4.	Conflicts of Interest No conflicts of interest in relation to agenda.		
5.	Springvale Revitalisation Project Placemaking Officer provided an update on the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan.	Provide link to Our Say page for Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan to Committee members.	Council officers
6.	Update on proposed Hubs Advisory Committee / review of Hub Frameworks Council officers have presented to Council on the Keysborough South Community Hub (KSCH) Strategic Plan with one recommendation to have a combined Hub Advisory Committee. Terms of Reference have been drafted and will be out for community consultation early in 2025. Springvale Community Hub (SCH) Strategy and Community Hub Framework is due for review in 2025. Officers presented to Councillors recommendation to undertake more consultation and provide a stronger direction for all community hubs early in 2025. To further develop what that model, documents and framework would look like moving forward. MK asked how Councils Community Development Framework fit into this review, when the framework is up for review and what the community engagement process around the various reviews will be. This question was taken on notice.	Provide information on when the Community Development framework is up for renewal and how these fits into the review of the Hub Strategy.	Council officer
7.	Bookable presentation and venue hire discussion <u>Venue hire discussion</u> Committee member voiced their frustration at room booking processes. The Committee raised concerns about closing times and exit requirements affecting some workshop schedules, accessibility for participants, and potential cost implications. The Committee also highlighted challenges with the 20-day advance booking policy, inconsistent communication on booking deadlines and payment processes, and a lack of staff awareness regarding Sunday bookings for the SCH. Council officers acknowledged this is not ideal and would clarify with the bookings team and request that this information and process to be reviewed. <u>Bookable presentation</u> The Committee suggested making Bookable more customer-friendly and less “burdensome” by clarifying how customers can purchase public liability insurance, improving font colour and accessibility, and providing a list of required information (e.g.,	Room booking processes to be clarified in review of booking procedures.	Council officers



	Certificate of Incorporation, Insurance) at the top before account creation.		
8.	<p>SCH Report</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and congratulated the Precincts Team on the activities and events held this year. The Committee suggested including dates for previous events in the report.</p> <p>Committee members discussed the potential of producing more detailed reports on organisations booking spaces at the SCH once the new bookable system launches and this becomes easier to extract. Committee members requested addition information about room hire at the Hub including total number of booked hours by hirer type (individual/ community/ commercial) and a list the community and commercial hirers for the month (but not the hours or dates on which their specific hire took place). Council Officers informed the Committee that the former could be provided, but providing the names of community and commercial hirers may be a breach of privacy. Council officers to seek guidance on whether providing this information would be a breach of privacy.</p>	Seek clarification on whether sharing commercial and community hirers would be a breach of privacy.	Council Officers
9.	<p>Café update</p> <p>Expression of interest are open until Saturday 30 November. Social media promotion has started.</p>		
10.	<p>Community Voice and Emerging issues</p> <p>Nothing noted.</p>		
11.	<p>2025 Meetings</p> <p>Next Committee meeting set for Wednesday 12 February 2025.</p>	Send out calendar invite to Committee members.	Council officer
Meeting Closed: 8.05pm			



Arts Advisory Board Meeting Minutes			
Date	Tuesday 26 November 2024		
Time	6.00pm – 8.00pm		
Venue	Dandenong Civic Centre- Formal Meeting Room		
Chair	Leng Te		
Attendees	Leng Te (LT), Roh Singh (RS), Mish Eisen (ME), Emily Siddons (ES). Councillor Isabella Do (ID), Manager Community Arts, Culture and Libraries, City of Greater Dandenong (CGD), Acting Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development (CGD), Coordinator Drum Theatre (CGD).		
Apologies	Oz Malik (OM)		
Minutes	Acting Business Support (CGD).		
Item No	Item	Action	Actioned by
1.	Welcome - Acknowledgement of Country <i>"We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey."</i>		
2.	Conflicts of Interest No conflicts of interest in relation to agenda.		
3.	Apologies, Staffing updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies: Oz Malik. Introduction: The board members welcomed Cr Isabella Do to the meeting and everyone gave a brief introduction and shared an inspiring art experience. Staffing updates in Arts, Cultural Development: two acting positions have been filled - Exhibition Operation and Customer Experience Team Leader and Arts Programs and Promotion officer. No staff update on Drum theatre and Heritage teams. 		
4.	Review of Minutes Previous Arts Advisory Board Meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2024. No further action required. Moved: RS Seconded: LT		
Updates and Discussions			
5.	Council Election Updates: Council election was held on Saturday 26 October and a new Council was selected. There are three new Councillors and Council's induction is in progress.		



6.	<p>Creative Infrastructure Review</p> <p>The review has provided the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishing a strong and clear future direction for the precinct. 2. Enhancing the programming and operations of the venues. 3. Building relationships with key external partners. 4. Contributing to the quality of place in central Dandenong through upgrades to the public realm and exterior of venues. 5. Improving the systems and processes related to the performance and operation of the venues. <p>The department has already started works alongside with the recommendations, such as collaborations between venues, partnership with RMIT for development on digital public art projects, ongoing partnership with Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) for cross promotion and program collaboration, with Melbourne university for internship opportunities.</p> <p>A new booking system is in progress of implementation to streamline the venue bookings and make it easier for the users.</p>		
7.	<p>Drum Theatre Façade Public Art Project</p> <p>We received 23 applications from very established and talented artists. Five were selected to present the concept design and were further shortlisted to three for the final decision.</p> <p>Murrup Biik by Aunty Kim Wandin and Chris Joy has been selected.</p> <p>Murrup Biik creates many layers of understanding and emotional connections, journey lines which present stories of a journey of this continent and its people. It speaks to the land that the building is on.</p> <p>The artworks invite people in, welcoming them and fostering a sense of belonging.</p>		
8.	<p>Major Project in Dandenong</p> <p>Second City plan at Dandenong project: Green Light for \$2bn Second City Plan at Dandenong The Urban Developer</p> <p>Developer Capital Alliance has been given the green light to revamp the Dandenong city centre and create a second capital city.</p> <p>The department is planning ahead to work out the potential impacts and opportunities for Dandenong New Arts (DNA) when it is open in 2027 while the development construction will be on going for number of years.</p>		
9.	<p>Working Group Chair Reports</p> <p>Public Arts Working group updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keysborough South Community Hub Public Artwork commission: two shortlisted artists have individually worked with 14 students from Keysborough South Garden primary school to refine and further develop their concepts. Final playable sculpture commission artist will be selected mid-December, and the installation of the sculpture is scheduled in May 2025. • Muderra Way: the project is delayed to May 2025 due to Metro's requirements on Occupation Health Safety (OHS) plans to ensure safety of the artists when carrying out the public projects, especially high-risk ones. • Walker Street Gallery (WSG) Façade: the project is moved to March 2025 to provide more time for meaningful community engagement. The Gallery will receive a facelift in the form of a new vibrant coat of colours, a public artwork and new signage. 		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillars of Freedom: the public artwork and Heritage Cenotaph, has secured \$100,000 funding by the Council and Department of Veterans Affairs. Restoration works will begin in February 2025 with an anticipated completion date in late July 2025. <p>Community Connection Working Group updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing ideas on how cultural venues can be activated more during the daytime. Some ideas are pop up arts shows, group shows collaborating with Southeast area artists, peer to peer learning groups or programs, music or busking performances in the Heritage hill garden. • The committee agreed to present the Legal Graffiti Walls idea to the Arts Advisory Board, which requested the working group to have more discussion about further related details such as ownership, locations, whether it is mobile or fixed, any successful case study for the Arts Advisory Board to consider further. • Audience Engagement: Arts Culture Entertainment survey- Consultants have been commissioned to assist with the project. The engagement plan developed will be rolled out and closed off later in the year. <p>Creative Infrastructure Working group update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audience Engagement is underway, and the first draft is expected in March 2025. The research will assist with future programs and growing new and return audiences within our city. • Updates on DNA Lab: While the project is ongoing, we are expanding the DNA Lab concept to suitable existing cultural venues. DNA Lab will be a unique incubator set to drive innovation and growth in the Australian arts sector. The suitable venues to fall under this brand include Castle, WSG, Drum theatre, libraries and other cultural venues in Greater Dandenong. • Branding Consideration: Branding and operational consideration for Arts in Greater Dandenong, considering DNA, DNA Lab and Walker Street Gallery holistically • Funding opportunities: In addition to traditional funding programs, we can explore alternative channels like matched funding, GoFundMe, and others, targeting different markets with strong conceptualized projects. We can also approach major developers, such as ARAUP, Lendlease, or Capital Alliance, for funding in exchange for mutual benefits like marketing and partnerships. Collaborating with well-known local artists can help build networks for funding. • Gallery Shop: The shop is progressing well with a plan for two product line. One line of products is for the arts branding collection (Arts in Greater Dandenong), the other is the products by the exhibition artists and local artists with their own artworks and their products. 		
<p>10.</p>	<p>Arts Advisory Board Recruitment Three board members are reaching the end of their term in March 2025. The department is in the preparation process for an Expression of Interest and update the Terms of Reference for the new recruitment.</p>	<p>Notify the current board members once the EOI is advertised</p>	<p>Council officer</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Service Update and Discussion</p>		



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HOME24: Too Much Drama</i> by Olana Janfa has been awarded the Victoria’s Multicultural Award for Excellence in the Arts category. • <i>HOME25</i> – the Expression of Interest has been advertised. • The next exhibition- Azza Zein, <i>Tashabok</i>, has the opening event on Saturday 7 December. • The Expression of Interest for the <i>9by5</i> exhibition has been advertised and will be moved from WSG to the Drum from February to May 2025. This change aims to streamline resources and enhance traffic flow at the theatre early in the year. • Last week, The Drum theatre launched its encore program for the first half of 2025. The Drum theatre expects a busy time with all the programs and shows till the end of the year. 		
12.	<p>Sector Updates No updates at this meeting.</p>		
13.	<p>Other Business No updates at this meeting</p>		
14.	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 25 February 2025- 6pm-8pm • Venue: Drum Theatre 		



Disability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date	Monday 2 December
Time	4pm – 5.30pm
Venue	Dandenong Civic Centre - 225 Lonsdale St, Dandenong Meeting Room 2NE/NW and Microsoft Teams
Chair	Frank Cutuli
Attendees	Catherine Rampant, Deborah Lee, Norma Seip, Lionel Gee, Pradeep Hewavitharana, Manager Community Care (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Coordinator Community Access (CGD), Disability Planning Officer (CGD), Cr Melinda Lim (CGD), Landscape Architect (CGD), Gareth Hart (Consultant)
Apologies	Lisa Ashton, Kristina Drmic, Imran Maniar
Minutes	Business Support Officer (CGD)

	ITEM	ACTION	ACTION BY
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2.	<p>Welcome new Councillor representative – Councillor Melinda Yim The Chair welcomed Cr Melinda Yim to the Committee, and everyone introduced themselves and outlined their interest in the disability space.</p>		
3.	<p>Business arising from previous minutes</p> <p>Access Gate to All-Abilities Playground The Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) operable latch system has been installed in two gates, however it is reported one gate has been vandalised.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the playground is subject to higher-than-average vandalism. The community is encouraged to report any issues to Council via the Snap Send Solve App.</p> <p>Noble Park Community Centre (NPCC) Accessible Toilet A project officer has been appointed with initial planning to commence in mid-December.</p> <p>Drum Theatre Toilet doors opening outwards Further investigations are underway with relevant Council officers. May need to consider a private screen film and installing a L shape cavity to reduce tripping hazards and obstructing the passageway.</p> <p>Engagement Plan for Council's new Disability Action Plan Public consultation will take place mid-February/March focusing on the main issues and barriers for people with a disability. This will take a variety of forms including online and face to face.</p> <p>Three general questions have been draft providing the community the opportunity to provide their feedback.</p>	<p>Provide update to Committee members.</p> <p>Provide update to Committee members.</p> <p>Provide update to Committee members.</p> <p>Send a copy of the questions to the Committee for review.</p>	<p>Manager Community Care</p> <p>Manager Community Care</p> <p>Disability Planning Officer</p> <p>Coordinator Community Access</p>



<p>4. Open Space Consultation Council's Landscape Architect presented consultation into four major parks, particularly focusing on developing ideas for new public recreation facilities, playgrounds and park infrastructure that increases the provision of social recreational facilities for people of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>The four parks include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dandenong Park – Playground Extension 2. Barry Powell Reserve – New District Playground 3. Tatterson Park Recreation Precinct 4. Greaves Reserve – Public Recreation Infrastructure (Stage 2) <p>Feedback on equipment, furniture and accessibility included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the provision of sensory elements in the design of new play spaces • Consideration of some Equipment suitable for older residents and residents with a disability to use • Ensure there is wayfinding signage and site maps for our large parks that can be easily read • Seating available near play equipment with shading from the sun/rain • Wheelchair friendly picnic tables for easy access for wheelchair users and people with mobility issues • Continuous accessible path of travel which provides access to all buildings and facilities <p>The outcomes of the consultations will allow the development of detailed concept plans, which will be subject to future consultation.</p>	<p>Send Committee links to Council's Have Your Say feedback page.</p>	<p>Business Support Officer</p>
<p>5. Arts, Culture and Entertainment (ACE) Consultation The ACE Consultant provided a brief overview about the Arts, Culture and Entertainment project which aims to learn about people's socialising patterns and habits, especially in relation to accessing arts, cultural and entertainment opportunities.</p> <p>The following were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thinking about your social activities, what was last thing you loved? 2. What are some of the barriers you have experienced in accessing arts and entertainment activities? <p>Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading poetry • Musicals and concerts with likeminded people and a lively atmosphere • Documentaries with a great inspiring story • Limited wheelchair spots which book out quickly • Lack of shows targeted for the adolescent audience • Issues with parking options around the Drum Theatre <p>ACE consultations will result in an Audience Engagement report and plan in early 2025.</p> <p>This will identify initiatives that can grow community engagement with Council's arts and entertainment offers and provide evidenced directions for audience development at the Drum Theatre, Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, the forthcoming DNA (Dandenong New Art) gallery,</p>	<p>Send Committee link to the consultation survey.</p>	<p>Business Support Officer</p>



	<p>Libraries and Community Hubs through programming, community connections and improved promotions.</p> <p>Further information on the ACE project or to complete the survey at ACE – Arts Culture Entertainment Have Your Say.</p>		
6.	<p>International Day of People with a Disability (IDPwD) The Committee was encouraged to attend the IDPwD event on Tuesday 3 December in Noble Park from 10am.</p> <p>Several activities have been organised in partnership with Noble Park Community Centre, Reclink Australia, South East Leisure, Burke & Beyond and Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities (ADEC).</p>	<p>Consideration of attending this event</p>	<p>DAC members</p>
7.	<p>Disability matters/issues identified by the community A Committee member raised the issue with the toilets at the Dandenong Park with lights not working and the doors being stuck. Snap Send Solve has been submitted a few weeks ago with no updates.</p> <p>A Committee member raised the issue of no accessibility for wheelchair users to view the performances under the shaded stage at the Springvale Tet Lunar New Year festival event.</p>	<p>Follow up with relevant Council department.</p> <p>Discuss further accessibility issues with Committee member and Council's Festival and Events Team.</p>	<p>Manager Community Care</p> <p>Disability Planning Officer</p>
<p>Meeting Closed at 5:28pm</p>			



Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Minutes

Date	Thursday 12 December		
Time	1.30pm–3pm		
Venue	Springvale Community Hub Community Room 7 and Microsoft Teams		
Chair	Julie Klok		
Attendees	Christine Green, Jeanette Keane, Mark Osborne, Manager Community Care (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Acting Coordinator Community Access (CGD), Cr Melinda Lim (CGD), Landscape Architect (CGD), ACE external Consultant		
Apologies	Lauris Attard, Vinh-Quang Luong, Erica Moulang, Carol Drummond, Cr Sophie Tan (CGD)		
Minutes	Business Support Officer (CGD)		
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1.	<p>Welcome - Acknowledgement of Country <i>We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past and present.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.</i></p> <p>Due to the acoustic issues for the Chair, it was agreed the Manager Community Care will chair this meeting.</p>		
2.	<p>Confirmation of Councillor representatives on PAAC – Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong and Cr Melinda Yim The Chair confirmed the three Councillor representatives on PAAC including Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong and welcomed Cr Melinda Yim to her first meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and provided their interest in the positive ageing space.</p>		
3.	<p>Business arising from previous minutes Update on Leadership meetings with Community Clubs The Acting Coordinator Community Access advised that most Senior Clubs close down their meetings and activities over the Christmas holiday period. The Positive Ageing Team will reengage with the clubs in late February with the first meeting planned for March 2025.</p> <p>Update on investigations into fish in Wetlands Investigation is awaiting further feedback.</p>	<p>Provide updates.</p> <p>Provide updates.</p>	<p>Acting Coordinator Community Access</p> <p>Manager Community Care</p>
4.	<p>Arts, Culture and Entertainment (ACE) Consultation The ACE Consultant provided a brief overview about the Arts, Culture and Entertainment project which aims to learn about people's socialising patterns and habits, especially in relation to accessing arts, cultural and entertainment opportunities.</p> <p>The following were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking about your social activities, what was last thing you loved? What are some of the barriers you experience in accessing arts and entertainment activities? 		



	<p>Feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Gallery – Cats and Dog Tour exhibition was wonderfully curated • Still a barrier for older residents post COVID in attending events and programs with anticipated crowds at the venue- fear of catching COVID • Limitations on accessibility options/supports at some venues such as hearing loops or alternative physical access options where there are stairs, ie; ramps or lifts for people with mobility issues • Lack of programs on offer that interest or excite older people • Issues with parking options around the Drum Theatre • Food often fosters social connection and improves our physical and emotional wellbeing so having food as part of arts and cultural activities adds to the experience • From a residential care facility perspective, residents generally prefer to attend a theatre or venue to watch plays or musical performances • Activities that are culturally diverse and low cost <p>ACE consultations will result in an Audience Engagement report and plan in early 2025.</p> <p>This will identify initiatives that can grow community engagement with Council’s arts and entertainment offers and provide evidenced directions for audience development at the Drum Theatre, Walker Street Gallery and Arts Centre, the forthcoming DNA (Dandenong New Art) gallery, Libraries and Community Hubs through programming, community connections and improved promotions.</p> <p>Further information on the ACE project or to complete the survey at ACE – Arts Culture Entertainment Have Your Say.</p>	<p>Send Committee link to the consultation survey.</p>	<p>Business Support Officer</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Open Space Consultation</p> <p>Council’s Landscape Architect presented consultation into two major parks, particularly focusing on developing ideas for new public recreation facilities, playgrounds and park infrastructure that increases the provision of social recreational facilities for people of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>The two parks include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dandenong Park – Playground Extension 2. Barry Powell Reserve – New District Playground <p>Feedback on equipment, furniture and accessibility included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory gardens, elements that could help provoke an environment that feels safe, welcoming and soothing • Outdoor gym equipment for suitable for older residents • Ensure ample wayfinding signage, including information on the where is/how far is the next toilet, sites and facilities • Easy to read site maps • Shading from the sun/rain over seating that is placed close to the playground equipment (many older people care for their grandchildren whilst their parents work) • Open grassland area for family picnics • Ample shared path width to safely accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians 	<p>Send Committee links to Council’s Have Your Say feedback page.</p>	<p>Business Support Officer</p>



	The outcomes of the consultations will allow the development of detailed concept plans, which will be subject to future consultation.		
6.	<p>Seniors Festival and Centenarian Event Update</p> <p>The Acting Coordinator Community Access provided an update on the range of activities in celebration of Seniors Festival. Events included lunches, day trips to popular venues and the popular afternoon dance with nearly 300 seniors in attendance.</p> <p>The Celebrating our Centenarians was another successful event with this year 16 centenarians nominated by family or friends and ranged in age from 100 years to 111 years of age. On the day four centenarians attended the high tea celebration with their friends and families, receiving flowers, a certificate and sharing their stories and secrets to living to 100 years and beyond. Arrangements will be made in 2025 to visit the remaining residents unable to attend the event due to health issues.</p>	For noting.	
7.	<p>Review of Living Well Newsletter and discussion regarding suggested topics for next year</p> <p>Discussion was held on articles that may interest and promotes positive ageing including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client feedback from day trips • Recommendation of a film or book to read • Include library events • Senior concessions and seasonal energy rebate • Information on access support programs or food banks • Information on how to access aged care • Information on useful living aids 	Further ideas should be provided to Acting Coordinator Community Access.	Committee Members
8.	<p>Discussion regarding topics/issues for next year</p> <p>Topics and issues to discuss next year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative meeting with the Disability Advisory Committee • Information on the new Aged Care Act which commences from 1 July 2025 • Discussion on how Community Care can partner with other Council teams like Sports and Recreation and Children Services to create multi-age activities and programs • Ageism <p>The Manager Community Care thanked the Committee for their contribution in discussing positive ageing matters over the past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Meeting dates for 2025 will be sent to the Committee.</p>	Email the Committee 2025 meeting dates.	Business Support Officer
Meeting Closed at 3:36pm			



4.3.4 Draft Minutes of Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee 12 Nov 2024

Responsible Officer:	Executive Manager Strategy Growth & Advocacy
Attachments:	1. Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 12 Nov 2024 [4.3.4.1 - 12 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council NOTES the Draft Minutes of the 12 November 2024 meeting of the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 November 2024 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.

Background

3. Greater Dandenong Council is represented on a wide range of Committees, Reference Groups and Advisory Groups which frequently reflect the interests of individual Councillors in serving the broader community in their role. A full listing of these appointments is confirmed each November at Council's Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.
4. The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees or Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes and for noting. To ensure they are provided to Council in a timely manner, Minutes of these Advisory Committees or Reference Groups are submitted to Council typically in a draft form (in that they have not yet been adopted by the relevant Committee). If significant material changes occur when they are adopted by the Advisory Committee or Reference Group, then those particular Minutes would then be resubmitted to Council for noting.
5. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.
6. There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.



Links to Community Vision and Council Plan

7. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Safe and peaceful community.
 - Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
8. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
9. 2021-25:
 - 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 Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

10. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020.
 - Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006.

MINUTE No.50

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the 12 November 2024 meeting of the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

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Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name: Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC)

Date of Meeting: 12 November 2024

Time of Meeting: 9.30am-11.30am

Meeting Location: Springvale Community Hub Room 2 & 3 (5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale VIC 3171)

Chairperson: Kylie Reid (Chisholm Institute – Foundation College)

Attendees:

Chaw Po (Community Member), Qutbiallyam Timor (Refugee Resource Hub - Asylum Seeker Resource Centre), Jacquie McBride (Monash Health), Ifrin Fitlock (Sisterworks), Peter McNamara (South East Community Links [SECL]), Liz Mulqueeny (Life Without Barriers), Marziah Razi (Settlement Service International [SSI]), Malkanthi Walton (South East Monash Legal Service), Diversity and Literacy Librarian (CGD), Coordinator Community Advocacy (CGD), Community Advocacy Officer (CGD).
Zoe Canaider (Guest - Foundation House), Tina Malaeb (Guest – Mind Australia)

Apologies: Hamish Fernando (Department of Justice and Community Safety, South East Metropolitan Region), Sri Samy (Friends of Refugees), Sarah Saberi (Victorian Afghan Association Network [VAAN]), Adwin Town (Voice of Outer South East), Jonathan Richards (Australian Red Cross),

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2.	<p>Guest Speakers - Mental Health and Wellbeing service (Foundation House and Mind Australia)</p> <p>The Dandenong Local Mental Health and Wellbeing Service aims to improve access to mental health and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) services by acting as the first point of entry for support. It will collaborate with existing services, not replace them, to create pathways for better care. The services for people aged 26+ focuses on community engagement and addressing barriers to accessing mental health services. Key partners in the consortium include Mind, Thorne Harbour Health, Monash, and Foundation House.</p>	

	<p>Services include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treatment and therapies (psychological, counselling, body-based approaches). - Education, peer support, and self-help. - Consumer-led care planning and coordination. - Social prescribing and community connection. - Outreach and group work initiatives. <p>Service Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open to individuals 26+ with or without co-occurring AOD needs. - No Medicare card required, no visa restrictions re access. - Self-referral and supported referrals accepted. - Bicultural workforce and interpreters ensure accessibility. <p>Key Programs and Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life Links (Social Prescribing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects individuals to non-clinical activities to reduce isolation and foster community engagement. - Delivered through one-on-one support and group activities by Life Links Practitioners. • Community Development and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengths-based and co-designed approach. - Focus on culturally safe and inclusive practices. - Long-term projects targeting priority groups to improve access and wellbeing outcomes. <p>Operating Hours and Contact Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Telehealth: Mon-Fri (10am – 8pm), Weekends & Public Holidays (10am – 5pm). - On-site & Outreach: Mon-Fri (10am – 4pm). - Contact: DandenongLocal@mindaustralia.org.au 	
3.	<p>Introduction & Current Connection within the Community.</p> <p>This item was not discussed as Hamish Fernando & Riny Kenyang (Department of Justice and Community Safety, South East Metropolitan Region) were unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Navigating Financial Challenges: Cost of Living Support and Financial Counselling for Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Migrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South East Community Links [SECL] has been operating for over 50 years, supporting 27,000 people annually. They provide financial, social, emergency relief, and housing services, including programs for youth and community connection. • SECL offer practical support like gift cards, groceries, financial counselling, and assistance with complex cases such as family violence or housing issues. Their “Bring Your Bills” events help people manage debt by bringing all their bills to one place, 	

	<p>making it easier for the community, especially multicultural communities, to access support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the past year, SECL held 3 events, helping more than 2,000 people. At these events, the focus was on educating communities about their rights, particularly in dealing with utility companies. • Financial hardship often leads to mental health issues and family violence, especially among women. SECL focuses on raising awareness of services and rights to prevent and address these challenges. • The concept of an Ombudsman has been discussed. An independent body that oversees rights in sectors like energy and telecommunications, is not widely known. An ombudsman provides free, independent advice and helps resolve cases, as demonstrated by a recent case where overcharging by an energy company was resolved promptly. • SECL highlights the need for bicultural workers to engage effectively with multicultural communities, with interpreters helping at most events. • They have successfully advocated for increased funding to the southeast region, which now has more resources allocated than any other region in Australia. Despite these wins, more work is needed to address policy changes related to housing affordability and debt. • Over 28 organisations, including banks, telecommunication companies, and police, now partner with SECL to provide support and help resolve issues like overcharging. • SECL Call to Action: The organisation advocates for increased access to services, collaboration among community groups, and educating the public about their rights, particularly in financial matters. They encourage working together as a sector to provide more comprehensive support for the community. 	
5.	<p>Burmese Community Updates and Service Needs: News, Issues, and Resources for Refugees and People Seeking Asylum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Burmese community had been inactive due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the political crisis in their home country. However, they are now working to reconnect and organise activities, focusing on building stronger ties with other communities. • The Burmese community is diverse, with many different ethnicities, nationalities, and religions. This diversity makes it challenging to unite the community under one banner. Community 	Chaw Po (Community Member)

	<p>members are spread across Melbourne and organising them is a complex task.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for strong leadership within the community to overcome organisational challenges and unite people. The community is hoping to find a leader who can guide them and help establish better community connections. • Many members of the Burmese community are concerned about immigration policies, particularly those involving refugees and asylum seekers. There are stories about the difficulty of being accepted into Australia from places like Thailand, Malaysia, or India. The community is seeking more clarity on Australian immigration policies and how they can apply for protection. • Many community members, particularly those with low English proficiency, struggle to access necessary support for things like visa applications, legal matters, and dealing with issues like family violence or racism. They need information on who can assist them, and there is a call for stronger community support services. • There is concern over issues like racism and family violence. Due to language barriers and fear of speaking up, many community members do not report these issues. <p>Discussion & Comments: Settlement Service International (SSI) offered to discuss these concerns, specifically in relation to family violence support.</p>	
6.	<p>Discussion: Services available at SSI</p> <p>The discussion on services available at SSI has been postponed to the next meeting agenda.</p>	Add item to agenda for next meeting
7.	<p>Discussion: Unlawful residents in Victoria</p> <p>This item was not discussed as presenter Adwin Town was not available.</p> <p>Discussion & Key Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about recent government policies regarding the removal of non-citizens, including agreements to resettle individuals in third countries. Legal services and advocacy groups have raised issues about the implications for affected communities. • Challenges related to unlawful residency include the lengthy and complex process of addressing legal status and the lack of clarity on ground-level implementation. • Participants emphasised the importance of collaboration among organisations to support individuals navigating these challenges. 	<p>Add item to agenda for next meeting</p> <p>Connect Adwin Town with the representative from South East Monash Legal Service.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity and resource limitations remain significant barriers, particularly for women and vulnerable groups seeking sustainable employment. 	
8.	<p>Acknowledgement of year-end summaries</p> <p>The year-end summary, detailing achievements and challenges to overcome, tabled in meeting.</p>	Included below with minutes for reference.
9.	<p>Term of Reference– Expression of Interest (EOI) for MAPSAAC Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current term of the MAPSAAC committee will conclude on 30 June 2025. There will be a reflection period towards the end of the term to assess the committee’s continued relevance and value. Based on this evaluation, a recommendation may be submitted to Council re its ongoing viability. Members were invited to express interest if they wish to nominate for the Chairperson role in future terms. This allows for leadership opportunities for other members who may wish to step into the role. Kylie Reid (Chisholm Institute – Foundation College) reselected by the Committee as Chairperson for the remaining term until 30 June 2025. 	
10.	<p>Discussion: Next Year’s Activities & Agenda</p> <p>The Committee currently meets quarterly, typically on second Tuesday of every three months. Input was sought on whether this timing remains suitable or if adjustments are needed.</p> <p>Discussion & Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year’s focus: Updates from each community member, organisations, and ongoing initiatives. Feedback requested on whether meetings should maintain this structure, or consider new elements such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Speakers: Inviting speakers to discuss specific topics. Focused Themes: Structuring meetings around themes like employment, health services, or community support. The committee highlighted that regular in-person meetings are highly valued as they foster meaningful connections and facilitate productive discussions. <p>Theme for Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing has been selected as the theme for February's meeting, aligned with the thematic plan. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members are encouraged to suggest themes for future meetings to match the overarching thematic plan. <p>Suggested Agenda Additions for 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite Council officers to share important information or updates relevant to the group. Members highlighted the importance of aligning discussions and initiatives with Council priorities while also addressing real-time community challenges. Have a person with lived experience present to provide valuable insights and perspectives to the group. Connection and provision of Contact Details to ensure that members have clear details on who to connect with for specific issues or initiatives. 	
11.	<p>Other Business Updates</p> <p>Upcoming Webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topic: Digital Health Literacy for Refugees Hosted by ALIA Multicultural November 29 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm AEDT [For more info: https://multicultural.alia.org.au/event/digital-health-literacy-for-refugees/] <p>Game Change - Shaping a Local Employment Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Greater Dandenong is leading Game Change, a community-driven initiative aimed at addressing the mismatch between high demand for labour and unemployment in the region. The program is designed to bring together key stakeholders: employers, job seekers, service providers, training organisations, and community groups to collaboratively build a more effective jobs and skills ecosystem. [For more details: https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/gamechange] <p>Acknowledging the Past Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee acknowledges and appreciates the outgoing councillor's dedication and service. Their efforts in shaping policies, addressing community concerns, and representing residents' needs have made a lasting impact on the community. 	
12.	<p>Meeting close 11.14am</p> <p>Next Meetings:</p> <p>February 11, 2025 (Tuesday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme: Housing Venue: Dandenong Civic Centre <p>May 13, 2025 (Tuesday)</p>	

MAPSAAC Year End Summaries from Committee Members

Chisholm 2024 Achievements:

Education

- The Adult Migrant English Program [AMEP] delivered within CGD by Chisholm Institute in the following locations: Dandenong: day, evening weekend, Springvale day, evening.
- Weekly Assessments of new students wishing to engage in AMEP: approximate numbers in CGD could be 20 students per week.
- Supported students to access free white card and other construction industry skill set courses and free TAFE.
- Referred AMEP students to Jobs Victoria Engineering Project – delivered over 2023-24 for training and employment opportunities.

Collaboration

Foundation College has collaborated with the following organisations to deliver English as an additional language [EAL] or education/employment related programs within CGD:

- Dandenong Primary School Community Hub: Hub participants engaged in an EAL and safe food handling program supporting women to learn about safe food handling and employment pathways, and to achieve their Safe Food Handling Certificate.
- Consultation with Friends of Refugees to deliver EAL classes to FOR clients.
- AMEP students were invited to attend Deakin CREATE's financial and digital literacy programs.
- Delivered pathway information sessions to Noble Park English Language School students in preparation for transition to mainstream education. Many of the NPELS students go on to study AMEP at Chisholm in their youth program before moving onto further EAL studies or into Certificate or VCE courses.
- AMEP students engaged in incursion activities with the following organisations: Lifesaving Victoria, Victoria Police, Migrant Workers Centre, UCan2, Chisholm Skills and Jobs Centre, Game Change Employment Hub and Learn from a Local Employer sessions, Services Australia, CFA, SECL.
- Discussion is in progress with CGD Library staff about incursion/excursion opportunities for 2025.
- Direct contact with caseworkers and ASRC Education Volunteers supporting students to understand visa eligibility for Asylum Seeker Vocational Education and Training (ASVET) program and Skills First funded courses.

Challenges:

- Responding to increasing uptake in AMEP due to increased settlement numbers in CGD/South East. Logistics for new AMEP classes are addressed as quickly as possible however new students are likely to have some waiting time before commencing AMEP classes.
- Often difficult to 'track' student employment or study pathways after exiting AMEP including student education related success and challenges after exiting AMEP.

Monash Health Refugee Health and Wellbeing

Australia ranks in the top three countries for permanent resettlement, most recently responding to the Afghanistan crisis to provide 26,500 places under the Humanitarian Program in 2022. Victoria has of the largest numbers of asylum seeker and refugee intake in Australia with 21.2 per cent residing in the Greater Dandenong area, the highest of any suburb in metropolitan Victoria.

Monash Health Refugee and Wellbeing Clinic is a specialised service which evolved in recognition of the high number of people from refugee backgrounds residing within the southern region of Melbourne,

the significant health needs of this client group and the barriers faced accessing universal health care services. This community facility provides primary and specialist care to asylum seekers and refugees, residing in the Greater Dandenong municipality and surrounding Local Government areas. The number of referrals to the service has increased significantly in recent years, receiving over 4,500 referrals in 2023-2024. The majority of patients attending the clinic are Afghanistan born refugees (89 per cent) and Dari speaking (70 per cent), reflecting the specific cultural and ethnic context of the area. However, the service has also responded to local efforts to support evacuees from conflict areas, more recently those escaping the conflict in Palestine, and asylum seeker with precarious visa status and compromised access to universal primary care.

Burmese Women's Alliance

Hello, my name is Chaw Po, and I am from the Burmese Community in Greater Dandenong Council. I was invited to join this advisory committee because of my background as a multicultural refugee and asylum seeker, as well as my role as the Chairperson of the Burmese Women's Alliance.

Although I don't represent the entire community, I am an active member and strive to share valuable knowledge from this committee with our community, including our women's group. We all greatly appreciate the information shared by committee members and guest speakers, such as Refugee Legal, Monash Health, and Chisholm Institute.

Even after living in this area for many years, I am still learning about refugees, asylum seekers, and Council-related issues. I am committed to helping our community integrate into Australian culture. This is why I will continue to participate in this committee to learn more myself and to support our community.

Thank you very much for including me in this group as a representative of the Burmese community.

SisterWorks

SisterWorks has achieved significant milestones in the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) during its membership with MAPSAAC. The opening of the manufacturing hub in Springvale and the expansion of a larger Empowerment Hub on Walker Street have established SisterWorks' full-cycle support for migrant and refugee women (The Sisters) in CGD.

These facilities provide comprehensive services such as job training, skill development, and entrepreneurship, aligning with MAPSAAC's pillars of employment, education, and health/wellbeing. Sisters have access to hands-on training, resources, and direct employment pathways, creating a fully integrated system within CGD. From the Financial Years 2022 to 2024, 123 Sisters successfully transitioned into meaningful local employment from our Dandenong Hub. This not only empowers the women economically but also enhances their families' well-being and positively impacts the wider community.

However, key challenges remain, including building stronger partnerships with local employers to secure job opportunities and growing business opportunities to keep the manufacturing hub consistently busy, which is crucial to provide sustainable employment for the Sisters.

SisterWorks remains committed and determined in its efforts to contribute to the betterment of migrant and refugee women in CGD, continuing to empower them through meaningful work and opportunities for economic independence.

Life Without Barriers

Key achievements

- Increase in Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) applications and approvals nationally.
- Supporting large release of NZYQ cohort (200+ people who were in immigration detention and released under a High Court ruling in 2023).
- Supporting NZYQ clients to connect with medical, legal, financial, housing and employment services.
- Recruitment of staff to support increasing number of clients coming into program.
- Establishment of Case Assessment Clinical Team to support NZYQ cohort.
- Building relationships with VACRO employment support and the Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) – NZYQ cohort specific.
- Visa grants – Band 3 to 4.
- Supporting clients to engage with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) resettlement services.

Challenges

- Band 5 & 6 clients coming into program – significant vulnerabilities (mental health, housing, family violence).
- Large number of clients experiencing homelessness issues and lack of housing support/services available.
- Supporting NZYQ clients - significant mental health issues, non-engagement issues, transitioning them to independent living and housing arrangements.

Settlement Services International

Settlement Services International (SSI) is a national, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to providing human and social services to a diverse Australia. With community at the heart of everything we do, our mission is to create a world where everyone has equal access to opportunities, regardless of their background.

Founded in Sydney in 2000, SSI initially focused on supporting newly arrived refugees to settle in Australia. Over the years, our expertise in working with people from a variety of cultural and linguistic backgrounds has allowed us to expand both our services and geographical reach.

Today, we operate across three states, with offices in Sydney, Queensland, and Victoria, including locations in Carlton and Dandenong.

SSI's comprehensive services aim to connect individuals, families, and children with the support they need to thrive. We offer a wide range of programs across settlement support, disability services, community engagement, training and employment pathways, and more. Through our 59 programs and initiatives, we have assisted over 56,000 people and engaged more than 18,000 individuals in workshops, information sessions, and consultations.

At SSI, we stand for equality of life for all. Our work is driven by the core values of empathy, fairness, and the unwavering belief that every individual deserves equal opportunity.

Additionally, our dedicated research team plays a key role in shaping the future of our sector, while we also advocate for the issues that matter most to our communities.

Our services span diverse areas, including:

- Community Services

- Disabilities
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Domestic and Family Violence
- Education and Training
- Family, Children, and Youth
- Health and Wellbeing
- Settlement Services
- Sexual Violence and Legal Services

SSI is proud to be a catalyst for positive change, working tirelessly to ensure that every person we support has the tools and resources they need to build a brighter future.

South-East Monash Legal Service (SMLS)

Some of this year's significant achievements are as follows:

In **Safe Landing**, a program that assists women and non-binary people who are on a non-permanent visa and are experiencing Family Violence (FV) with legal issues related to permanent residency, FV & intervention orders, as well as any Family law matters, they might be facing. These clients are also assisted by our social work team in navigating the legal maze they might be facing and accessing services and resources. The program has assisted a significant number this year, some of which have been granted residency. The challenge of this program lays on our capacity to take on a larger number of clients, and the lack of services that would offer assistance to people on temporary visas.

Community Legal Education - SMLS offers a number of Community Legal Education sessions (CLEs) to service providers, and community groups in the Southeast. The team offers these sessions on demand and cover various areas of the law depending on the needs of the group. Some of the most requested areas of the law include:

- FV and intervention orders
- Changes and process of Family law
- Police Powers
- Consent and the law
- Debt and fines
- Driving law
- Employment law

We also cover SMLS services, how to access the service and program focused CLEs where we cover specific programs and access to justice.

We have had many clients referred to the service as a result and have been approached by numerous stakeholders and grassroots community groups to deliver CLEs.

In addition to the team's capacity, a major challenge we have faced when delivering CLEs is around using interpreters. Some interpreters either misinterpret the information we share or add their own judgement and values into what we are trying to deliver. Some communities also don't feel at ease with an external community member interpreting as they feel judged through the process. This becomes more pronounced in CLEs around FV, consent and the law.

Support Connect Integrated Program (SCIP) - this is our social work support program, and any client that accesses legal advice can access SCIP (provided team's capacity). It consists of two social

workers, a financial counsellor and a number of social work students undertaking placement at any given time. The program has assisted many clients with their non-legal needs including navigating the legal system, emergency relief, referrals to external agencies, advocacy for clients, etc.

Some of the achievements of the program include supporting clients in court, assisting clients with navigating the system, ensuring clients' engagement in the legal process, waving debts and advocating for clients with external agencies etc. The main challenge is the limited staff and students' capacity. Though every SMLS client can be referred to SCIP, only a few can be undertaken by the program.

Refugee Resource Hub (RRH)- Powered by Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

Refugee Resource Hub - powered by ASRC is the extension of service, support and enablement of the ASRC in the Southeast of Melbourne that supports people seeking asylum and refugees by delivering place-based holistic services as a "one-stop-shop" in conjunction with local service providers and Refugee-Led Organisations in Southeast of Melbourne located at the heart of Dandenong.

The range of services delivered to people seeking asylum and refugees at the RRH including ASRC's and co-locating partner organisations are: Access and Support team (social services), Legal support, Foodbank, Employment Preparation, Asylum Seeker Vocational Training Program), Women Empowerment Program, and Health.

In 2023-2024 - nine services providers and Refugee Led Organisations were enabled to use the RRH building as their office space and work collaboratively for the support of people seeking asylum and refugees.

In 2023-2024 – close to 8,400 presentations of both asylum seekers and non- asylum seekers to RRH for support and services.

Challenges and Recommendations:

- Building the capability of the Refugee Led Organisation(s) to raise sustainable funds so they can continue to work with refugees and be the voice of their community.
- Increasing grant opportunities for Refugee Led Organisations.
- People Seeking Asylum requiring more structured English Language Programs in Southeast.
- Lack of sustainable "crisis accommodation" programs for people seeking asylum who don't have a right to work, or they are unemployed and have no means of income.
- There is still a high need to support people seeking asylum by providing legal support, housing, financial hardship and material aid (transportation, vouchers to purchase basic needs of a house).
- High advocacy needs for people seeking asylum whose protection applications are rejected due to the failed fast track policy of immigration.

Department of Justice and Community Safety, South East Metropolitan Region **Achievements:**

In our roles, we work with community organisations that includes but not limited to Centre for Multicultural Youth, Nas Recovery, Youth Support and Advocacy Service (YSAS), Migration Information Centre, Uniting – Komak Program, Foundation House and Afri Auscare.

In addition to the above, a colleague is part of several working groups working with people of lived experience to help us identify service gaps and importantly, how we as a government can continue to work with communities to reintegrate young people into the community, with the hope of reducing crime.

Challenges:

Our understanding from conversations with families and clients is that they encounter discrimination, prejudice, or stereotyping, which has made it harder to feel accepted and integrated into the community. We believe these experiences of bias in various aspects of life which includes housing, employment, to social interactions has impacted migrants' mental health and their willingness to engage in the community and even government organisations.

Other challenges we have noticed is that a migrant's uncertainty around legal status or a lack of understanding of rights and obligations adds to their stress and limit their ability to participate fully in the community.

We believe that to address the many systemic barriers, it requires a holistic approach that includes language support, community-building initiatives, anti-discrimination policies, and accessible services tailored to migrants' needs. Community organisations, government programs, and welcoming initiatives can all play a significant role in helping migrants successfully integrate and thrive.



5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.



6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

It has been my pleasure today and in recent times, to spend time with the traders in Thomas Street, Dandenong. Over the last two decades, traders have transformed what was a desolate part of the Dandenong City Centre into the thriving business hub that it is today, contributing millions to our local economy. Through their entrepreneurship, Thomas Street has become one of the most visited areas in our City. Good luck finding a car park after 5pm in that part of Thomas Street, given the tremendous success that it is.

The traders are very passionate about sharing their unique history and culture, rooted in their origins, geographically placed, as we heard before. They believe that the renaming of Thomas Street, what is known as the Afghan Bazaar, would enrich our cultural exchange and offer a distinctive identity to our City, fostering vibrant street festivals and community celebrations. It has been a great pleasure to hear about your unique culture, and I strongly support your initiative to rename that area. I wish all power to your initiative and I will be a strong supporter of that change of name.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

I was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic fate of a young man, Sam Keast who was an employee at a company called Playground Centre Limited, of which we are customers and have been for some time. Sam, who was only 27 years of age, died by suicide in November 2023. Before his death, Sam had expressed significant concerns and stress due to poor and unsafe working conditions, including long hours, underpayment, lack of training, and inadequate support. The company is run by members of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, who in New Zealand are provided with exemptions from workplace practices, such as not having to allow external agencies in, such as unions. Sam, however, worked for them in Australia, where there are no exceptions or exemptions and that this organisation is subject to the same workplace regulations that all companies are.

Despite that, it appears, according to his sister, Serena, that the company has greatly failed Sam and her family. Serena, who is a remarkable person, had to fight to ensure a WorkSafe investigation and coroners examination into the matters contributing to her brother's death, and to raise awareness of the alleged practices that appear to pose significant risk to employees of that company.

Considering the ongoing WorkSafe investigation into this company and their practices, and that we have a policy of not engaging with companies that are not compliant with our workplace regulations, will Council suspend all contracts with this organisation until the outcome of the WorkSafe investigation is concluded? If that investigation confirms the findings, that there are violations, including failure to ensure employee safety and compliance with workplace laws, will Council cease all procurement from this company?



Response

Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development

I have asked the team if we can assess if we are even using this contractor. Once we know if we are using them, we can look at the workplace investigations to see if that has any impact on ongoing service delivery and what our relationship might be.

Further response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

They are very serious allegations. I will ensure that I investigate whether we are using that company or it is an historic use of them and look at it in line with our policy.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Thank you to Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer for agreeing to do that. Thank you to Serena, whose loss is profound.

Comment

Cr Melinda Yim

Last Sunday, I was able to attend my first Greater Dandenong Australian Day Awards, held before the Citizenship ceremony, with Cr Isabella Do, Cr Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor Sophie Tan and Mayor Jim Memeti. It was an amazing day to celebrate the individuals and organisations in our community who work to make our City a great place to live. Congratulations again to the Greater Dandenong Australian Day Award winners.

Earlier this year, I also attended a Lunar New Year and Thanksgiving lunch hosted by the Teo Chew Chinese Association of Victoria, with Deputy Mayor Sophie Tan and Mayor Jim Memeti. They have a beautiful temple showcasing pieces of their culture. I went there for the first time, and I highly recommend everyone visit if they have a chance. It is a little bit hidden away, but they are at 9 Newcomen Road, Springvale.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso

Firstly, a Happy New Year to all our residents, Councillors and Council staff. I am very excited about 2025 and all the fantastic work we are going to do for the community. Happy Chinese New Year to everyone that will be celebrating. These festivities go on for weeks, so a lot of us will be attending those. We have already attended some of them over the weekend.

We had the Australia Day Awards over the weekend. It was fantastic to see our community being highlighted and particular people and community groups that do such an incredible job here in the City of Greater Dandenong. One recipient that I did want to mention was the CEO of Afri-Aus Care Inc, Selba-Gondoza Luka, who not only runs it and is the CEO of this company, which is doing incredible work in our community, and they were awarded the Community Group of the Year. She also received the highest possible honour of an Order of Australia Medal, which I thought was incredible and well deserved. Huge Congratulations to Selba and the entire Afri-Aus Care group that do incredible work here and beyond with the African community.



Question**Cr Lana Formoso**

Council had public consultation for the Barry Powell Reserve Master Plan towards the end of last year. Do we have an update on what the data found and where we are at with that playground?

Response**Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures**

We did undertake community consultation at the end of last year. We have undertaken community consultation for many reserves of recent times. We are currently in the process of collating that data and then identifying what the next steps will be. Once we have done that, we will advise Councillors accordingly, as well as the community and everyone else that made a submission with regards to that consultation.

Question**Cr Lana Formoso**

I have not had any clarity in terms of when I would find out what was happening with the traffic calming device on Coolavin Road, Noble Park North. Can I please have an update? This is the 5th year I am asking about this.

Response**Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures**

Question taken on notice.

Further response**Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

I have provided an update to Cr Lana Formoso. I was informed by the team that it would be installed in the first quarter of this year.

Question**Cr Lana Formoso**

Do we have a date?

Response**Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

I will obtain the date for you.

Question**Cr Lana Formoso**

We are constantly having a huge amount of rubbish being dumped at the old Scout Hall, Heyington Crescent, Noble Park North. I know that the Bakhtar community was using it, however, they have moved out of there. We were scheduled to be demolishing the building last year. Is there an update in terms of demolishing the hall, but also what we are going to do about the constant dumped rubbish that is spilling all over the footpath and road. Photos have been sent to officers.



Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

We continue to work closely with the Bakhtar community in terms of alternate premises. We were pleased that we were able to secure, through Development Victoria, an alternative location. I know they were undertaking to raise some funds to be able to set up different premises. Unfortunately, that process did take a little while. Although we were successful, which we are thrilled about, the second side of it did not come through. The intent last year was to demolish that building and return it to public open space. That has fallen through, so alternative solutions are being sought. My understanding is that we are looking at going back to them to discuss more formal dates where it can be completely cleared out. The Bakhtar community provide an amazing service to our community, and we know there is significant demand for it. The last update we had from them was that they do have alternate and that they are looking to be fully in that. We will then immediately move to look at demolishing and clearing that land and returning it to public open space, which was what the intention always was.

Further response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy and I have been having ongoing conversations about this issue with staff, and there has been considerable Council cost in removal of waste in that area. We will be briefing Councillors next Monday about it and then look at whether there is a public report regarding that.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

Do we know what we are going to do in terms of battling the constant dumped rubbish? Are we doing more frequent searches of that space?

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

We are acutely aware of the ongoing issue of waste on that site. I think the best thing in this instance is to brief the Councillors and then we will look at whether we put a public report.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso

School is back tomorrow for most kids, so I hope they have a great year ahead. I am sure that the parents and carers are grateful that they are going back.

Question

Cr Phillip Danh

A number of constituents and I have noticed an increase in rubbish dumping across my Ward over the summer. I have sent emails to Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures. My constituents are appreciative of Councils action and immediately attending to the mess when it is reported. However, there is also an acknowledgment that this is not always the most efficient use of Councils resources to individually attend every single reported site, especially when the majority of our community does the right thing. What sort of communication does Council currently have to inform residents of their obligations when it comes to hard rubbish disposal, and what potential risks of the penalties are for non-compliance?



Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

Council has observed a rise in dumped rubbish of recent months. We are aware that this is becoming a bit of a trend, not just within Greater Dandenong, but across the Southeast region and potentially wider area. Council does a lot of work with its residents. We have several waste education officers who are actively out in the community speaking to residents and working with community groups and others to try to educate people about the importance of correctly disposing of waste and the consequences of doing that illegally. We are also looking, as 2025 progresses, at further options around potentially developing a new waste management strategy, which will look at dumped rubbish and what mechanisms we could potentially implement in the future to try to minimise this issue, which is becoming a bigger issue.

Question

Cr Phillip Danh

Are there any theories as to why there is such a high increase in these incidents happening over the last couple months?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

We do find, after the Christmas, New Year period, that there is an increase each year because people often have some time off and they will have a clean out. Through the January and February period we find a bit of an increase. Hopefully it will quieten down shortly and does not become a further trend. It is something that we see each year.

Comment

Cr Phillip Danh

I can specifically point to Potter Street today, driving here tonight as something to flag for you to action.

I would like to congratulate all the winners of the Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards. I think we are lucky to live in a City where there are so many incredible citizens that work so tirelessly every day to make our community a better place to live. I also wanted to specifically congratulate Selba-Gondoza Luka as well. I think if you have had the privilege of meeting her, getting to know her and her large personality, you would be in awe of the work that she does to support so many vulnerable people in our community. It feels like a privilege to know someone who has been so successful and to also receive one of the highest honours that you can on Australian Day.

Comment

Cr Isabella Do

I attended the New Year's Eve celebration at Dandenong Park. I want to commend the team who put this amazing event together. It is never an easy feat, but it paid off with approx. 20,000 attendees.



I also attended the Lunar New Year Celebrations this past weekend, organised by Springvale Asian Business Association and strongly supported by Council. As always, it was a fantastic event that was heavily attended by the local community. The event was also held on Australia Day, where we also had our Australia Day Awards and citizenship ceremony. Many might not know this, but it was not until 1994 that Australia Day became a public holiday, making it a relatively recent addition to our calendar. I very much appreciate residents who want to celebrate this day, and I can understand why. This past Australia Day, my aunt was one of the 100 to receive her citizenship after decades in this country, arriving as a refugee. It was a huge moment of pride and joy for our family. I also want to say that it is not 'woke' to also acknowledge and reflect on our complex history and the impact colonisation had on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. For many, Australia Day is a celebration of national pride, achievements, culture, and unity. However, it also marks the beginning of colonisation and its devastating effects on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Their sacrifices have shaped the Australia we know today. By acknowledging past injustices, we can work towards a more inclusive and respectful future for all Australians.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

Can we please have an update on the toxic mound of dirt on Dandenong Junction Road? I understand that there have been numerous Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Council infringements. We know that the site has been abandoned and that the operators have apparently gone out of business. I would like to know what the next steps are for cleaning up this site, particularly in relation to the toxic flood associated with the Transfer Waste Station.

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

There has been ongoing planning compliance action at this site, as well as EPA action. I was not aware that the business owners may have gone out of business. That adds a level of complexity. There are different paths we can pursue to make sure that that site is cleaned up. That may be through court orders or something similar, but I will obtain further information and provide you with exact details.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

With the two recent major collisions that have occurred on Chapel Road, Keysborough, one a few weeks ago where a vehicle collided into our local CFA, flooding the station, and another last month on the intersection of Chapel and Church Road, where one of the two cars that collided flipped on the roundabout. What is being done from Council regarding the safety on our roads in particular Chapel Road?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

Council is aware of the accidents that have occurred in this area and is currently working with the State Government to seek funding to support road safety infrastructure upgrades. If we are successful in obtaining that funding, then it is intended that would be spent on Chapel Road, making several improvements, hopefully towards the end of this year, if not early 2026.



Comment

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

I would like to acknowledge the Interfaith Network Executive Committee, staff and volunteers who invite me to a community lunch.

On Wednesday 11 December 2024, I attended the grand opening of the night trading coming to Springvale Multicultural Place. Friday and Saturday nights will be buzzing. I encourage residents to go out and visit Springvale at night.

On Saturday 14 December 2024, I attended the opening night of the 9th Ghan (Afghan) International Film Festival Australia (GIFFA) Melbourne.

On Sunday 15 December 2024, I attended the South Eastern Melbourne Vietnamese Associations Council AGM & Fundraising Night.

On Tuesday 17 December 2024, I attended the Springvale Neighbourhood House Graduation celebration.

On Wednesday 18 December 2024, I attended the Noble Park Community Centre End of year celebrations.

On Friday 21 December 2024, I attended the opening ceremony of the Christmas 2024 Volleyball Tournament hosted by the Volleyball Association of Hazaras in Vic. There was approx. 5000 people in attendance, which was fantastic. The event went for about three or four days. It was great to be associated with that.

On Monday 30 December 2024, I attended MASA Unity Cup 2024 Grand Final. There was approx. 6000 people at Tatterson Park to watch the two teams battle it out for the championship.

On Sunday 12 January 2025, I attended with 29th Annual Buddhist Sangha Congress of the Australia and New Zealand Council. I also attended the Lunar New Year and Thanksgiving Lunch hosted by the Teo Chew Chinese Association of Vic. Later that day, I attended the Father's Day event hosted by the Hossaini Society of Victoria.

On Saturday 18 January 2025, I attended the Chinese Writer's Group- donating books to the Springvale Library. They are now available at Springvale Library. There were at least a dozen books that were donated.

On Friday 24 January 2025, I attended the Reception to Celebrate the 2025 Chinese New Year & China-Australia Celebrity Tennis Friendship Match.

On Saturday 25 January 2025, I attended the Australia Day & Chinese New Year celebration hosted by the Cambodian Chinese Friendship Association of Vic.



On Sunday 26 January 2025, I attended the Springvale Lunar New Year Festival Opening Ceremony hosted by SABA. It ran from 10.am to 10pm. I was there at 10 am and went back for the fireworks at 10pm. I believe there would have been at least another 30-40,000 people waiting for the fireworks. It was a fantastic day. Congratulations to Daniel Cheng and his team.

The 2025 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony. It is always a pleasure to welcome the many new citizens of Australia, and 100 of them were welcomed to the Australian family at Springville City Hall. The Australia Day Awards were fantastic also. We had some great winners, such as Selba, who has been previously mentioned. There were many other names and people who go about their work, some do it in a quiet way, some people are out in the media. We have an opportunity to acknowledge them for the work they do. It is great to live with these people as our neighbours and inspire our community members. Congratulations to all of them.

Comment tabled
Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

Tuesday, 10 December 2024

- Interfaith Network Executive Committee, Staff and Volunteers Community Lunch
- RMBL photo - Xmas gift donations to community

Thursday, 12 December 2024

- MAV Mayoral Training Program
- Mayors Institute Networking Evening

Friday, 13 December 2024

- MAV Mayoral Training Program
- Opening ceremony of Aura Curry House and Café

Tuesday, 17 December 2024

- Cornerstone Community Christmas Luncheon
- Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards Panel Assessment meeting

Wednesday, 18 December 2024

- Meeting with Hon Gabrielle Williams MP: update on CGD Council priorities

Thursday, 19 December 2024

- SMRC End of Year celebration
- End of Year lunch to celebrate the achievements of the UBUNTU Mamas

Friday, 20 December 2024

- 3rd SAMAR Art & Business Exhibition

Friday, 27 December 2024

- Haroon Popalzai live in concert hosted by Baran Entertainment

Tuesday, 31 December 2024

- Greater Dandenong New Year's Eve celebration, Dandenong Park



Saturday, 18 January 2025

- Celebrating our Diversity Festival hosted by ICMG Dandenong

Thursday, 23 January 2025

- Special Preview Screening of (new Australian film) 'My Melbourne' event hosted by Julian Hill MP & Mitu Bhowmick AM from Mindblowing Films, and Festival Director of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne

Sunday, 26 January 2025

- Australia Day celebration hosted by the Cambodian Association of Vic

Tuesday, 28 January 2025

- Meeting with Mr Tim Richardson MP: update on CGD Council priorities

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

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION


Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
09/12/24 CQT1	Cr Isabella Do	<p>Traffic volume on Keys Road due to Perry Road, Keysborough works and timeframe for completion</p> <p>Residents from Keys Road, Keysborough have stated that they are fed up with the volume of traffic, including trucks, due to the Perry Road upgrade. What is the expected finish date of the Stage 2, Perry Road upgrade?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	20/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 20/12/2024: The majority of the Stage 2 Perry Road upgrade works requiring significant traffic management (shuttle flow / closure) have now been completed. There will be a few short term periods where traffic management will be utilised in February and March next year, however these will not be for extended periods.</p> <p>Officers note the concerns regarding rat running on Keys Road to avoid the congestion caused by the works. During the Stage 1 upgrade works there were longer extended periods of traffic impacting works and Keys Road was closed to through traffic during these periods. This was not undertaken during Stage 2 as the periods of work with high traffic impact were significantly shorter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
09/12/24 CQT2	Cr Rhonda Garad	<p>Procurement Policy</p> <p>The Greater Dandenong City Council's (CGD) procurement policy includes preferences for purchasing from "disability employment enterprises" (DEE), commonly referred to as sheltered workshops. These organisations are known to pay workers as little as \$3 per hour, which is</p>	Executive Director Corporate Development		<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024: CGDs procurement policy seeks to address disadvantage by encouraging diversity, acceptance, fairness, inclusiveness and access for people of all abilities.</p> <p>At this time, our Procurement System is not configured to readily extract and determine, what if any DEE providers Council engages. We</p>

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		<p>significantly below the minimum wage by approximately \$21.</p> <p>Could Council confirm whether it currently procures goods or services from any DEE's?</p> <p>Will the City of Greater Dandenong consider joining the City of Sydney in advocating for fair wages and better working conditions for people with disabilities employed by these organisations?</p>			<p>will need to provide this separately.</p> <p>If low wages (e.g., sub-minimum wages) exist in the operations of DEE's, this would conflict with the fair trade and equity principles outlined in the procurement policy and should be considered as part of the procurement evaluation process.</p> <p>Fair trade and ethical procurement typically include ensuring workers receive fair remuneration that respects labor rights and dignity.</p> <p>FURTHER RESPONSE REQUIRED</p>
09/12/24 CQT7	Cr Sophie Tan	<p>Uncollected waste turnaround time on weekends</p> <p>There are occasions when the residents waste bins are not getting collected on time. Sometimes it is after hours, such as over the weekend. Is there any way you can get the turnaround quicker?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	20/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024:</p> <p>We can have a look at our afterhours service call centres and see what is happening and we can investigate to reduce their wait time. Normally it happens within 24 hours.</p> <p>Further response provided 20/12/2024:</p> <p>Council's kerbside collection contractor operates between the hours of 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday – they do not collect after hours or over the weekend. On occasions, a resident's bins may not be collected on time due to unforeseen (and unavoidable) circumstances such as vehicle breakdowns, roadworks, changed traffic conditions or illegally parked vehicles. Situations like these can all have an impact on access or collection routes which means the truck may need to bypass certain areas until later in the day (or even the next working day) before the rubbish can be collected. Any missed bins are emptied as soon as possible after the collection contractor becomes aware of them. We would encourage any residents whose bin may not</p>

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					<p>have been emptied on time to report this to Council by calling our Customer Service Centre on 8571 1000 or through phone Apps like Snap Send Solve.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
09/12/24 CQT8	Cr Sophie Tan	<p>Local law review and communication to residents The Tree Protection Local Law was adopted last year. A lot of my residents have problems with unhealthy trees and most of them did not know about the law. I think it would be great for Council to educate residents through our website, so they are made aware of the process. Can this be added to the website?</p>	Chief Executive Officer/ Executive Director Community Strengthening	11/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 09/12/2024: The local law has been in place for some time, however, we may need to review our communications strategies for residents. It is a good point to raise and I might send a note out to all Councillors to get any feedback or views and our manager for communications and I can have a look then report back to Council.</p> <p>Further response provided 11/12/2024: We will look at our ongoing communication around this. I can confirm however that our website is up to date, we have done articles in Council News, and we included a flyer with the rates notices when they went out this year. We will continue to review and identify opportunities for further awareness raising and education.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
09/12/24 CQT9	Cr Sean O'Reilly	<p>Grants for friends of refugees and its possible reduction I attended the AGM of Friends of Refugees (FOR) in Springvale with Cr Melinda Yim. They were going over their financial report and funding. Could I please have an analysis of the grants/funding that they have received?</p>	Executive Director Community Strengthening	23/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024: Yes, we can put together a list of the previous grants received by that organisation and send out to all Councillors.</p> <p>Further response provided 23/12/2024: Currently, Friends of Refugees is funded through the Strategic Grants Program</p>

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					<p>LGPSPG2024-037 for the Job Skills Training and Work Experience for People Seeking Asylum. This is a two-year funding for 2024-25 (\$70,000) and 2025-26 (\$80,000).</p> <p>Regarding future funding, all funding awarded through the grants program is competitive and must meet the eligibility criteria as set out in the Council approved policy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
09/12/24 CQT10	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>Parking issues on Brady Road & Victor Avenue, 205 Outlook Drive and 220 Altan Drive, Dandenong North (near Gladstone Road)</p> <p>There have been some parking issues around Dandenong North. There is an unregistered vehicle at 220 Outlook Drive parked for some time, it has had a sticker placed on it which faded away. There is now a new sticker on there, but it has been sitting there for about six weeks. The issue is that it is close to the intersection of Outlook Drive and Gladstone Road in a no-standing zone. It does cause issues when the buses are turning and there is a bus waiting on the other side.</p> <p>There is another issue with parking in a no-standing zone at 205 Outlook Drive. If cars are parked here, it makes it virtually impossible for the buses to get around the roundabout. We do have no-standing signs, but it keeps happening with people selfishly parking there which impacts traffic. This causes frustration for residents. It is unsafe and the buses cannot operate in a normal</p>	Executive Director Community Strengthening/ Executive Director City Futures	23/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024: Questions taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 23/12/2024:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brady Road and Victor Avenue, Dandenong North <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We also have parking issues at the intersection or the intersection of Brady Road and Victor Avenue where the new childcare centre is being built. There is no-standing zone just as you turn south from Brady Road and Victor Avenue which is next to the shops. Due to the construction workers utilising parking spaces, vehicles are parking illegally which is making it impossible to pass. Can we look at putting some more traffic signs and increasing enforcement/education? <p><i>In terms of enforcement, this area is known for vehicles in the No Stopping area during lunch time and late afternoon. Officers patrol the areas and have issued infringements when applicable. Local Laws Officers will continue to monitor the</i></p>

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		<p>manner.</p> <p>We also have parking issues at the intersection or the intersection of Brady Road and Victor Avenue where the new childcare centre is being built. There is no-standing zone just as you turn south from Brady Road and Victor Avenue which is next to the shops. Due to the construction workers utilising parking spaces, vehicles are parking illegally which is making it impossible to pass. Can we look at putting some more traffic signs and increasing enforcement/education?</p>			<p><i>location for compliance.</i></p> <p><i>Parking signage has been reviewed on this stretch of Victor Avenue. The two no Stopping Signs on the eastern side are clearly visible to drivers, and the spacing between signs at around 30m is not excessive. Observations relating to the illegal parking at this location are that drivers are aware they are parking illegally, and as a result, additional signage would be ineffective at addressing the issue.</i></p> <p>2. 201-205 Outlook Drive, Dandenong North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is another issue with parking in a no-standing zone at 205 Outlook Drive. If cars are parked here, it makes it virtually impossible for the buses to get around the roundabout. We do have no-standing signs, but it keeps happening with people selfishly parking there which impacts traffic. This causes frustration for residents. It is unsafe and the buses cannot operate in a normal manner. <p><i>The last known Merit for this location was issued 12 months ago that resulted in an infringement being issued to a vehicle on the footpath. Upon a recent patrol by Enforcement, it was noted that the right of way was clear and traffic was flowing as expected. Officers will continue to monitor on routine patrols.</i></p>

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					 <p data-bbox="1451 616 1962 1029"> 3. 220 Outlook Drive, Dandenong North <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an unregistered vehicle at 220 Outlook Drive parked for some time, it has had a sticker placed on it which faded away. There is now a new sticker on there, but it has been sitting there for about six weeks. The issue is that it is close to the intersection of Outlook Drive and Gladstone Road in a no-standing zone. It does cause issues when the buses are turning and there is a bus waiting on the other side. </p> <p data-bbox="1413 1062 1962 1206"> <i>An abandoned vehicle sticker was placed on this vehicle and a letter was also sent to the last registered owner of this vehicle. Last inspection was on 10 December and the vehicle had been removed.</i> </p> <p data-bbox="1805 1240 1962 1265" style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
09/12/24 CQT12	Cr Phillip Danh	<p>Ukrainian group promotion of Hall (located on Chandler Road)</p> <p>I was contacted by the local Ukrainian community in Noble Park who have a whole Chandler Road and they want to start promoting the availability of the main hall. Is there a list available for them to advertise to local groups to make contact with and if there is anything that the Council can do to assist with facilitating that?</p>	Executive Director Community Strengthening	11/12/2024	<p>Initial response provided 09/12/2024: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 11/12/2024: Unfortunately there are potential liability issues for Council for anything we promote, and as such we do not currently offer a community directory type service. We are reviewing this and it's something I am certainly keen for us to reconsider in the future (from a community development and connection perspective).</p> <p>That said, the South East Region Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service Directory is available on Council's website Community Services Greater Dandenong Council and may be a useful tool to identify organisations to promote hall hire.</p> <p>They could also consider listing/promoting the hall on the My Community Directory which is free.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>



7 URGENT BUSINESS

7.1 CR LANA FORMOSO'S ATTENDANCE AT SERBIAN STATEHOOD DAY, CANBERRA

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Corporate Development
Author: Cr Lana Formoso

Preamble

1. Cr Lana Formoso has been invited to attend the Statehood Day of Serbia on Tuesday 11 February 2025. The invitation has been extended to Cr Formoso from The Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the Commonwealth of Australia, H. E. Mr Rade Stefanovic.
2. The event will take place at the Hotel Hyatt – Canberra Room, 120 Commonwealth Avenue, Canberra.
3. Cr Lana Formoso is seeking Council approval to attend this event and for all related travel and accommodation costs (approximately \$1500) to be covered by Council.

Motion 1

That an item of Urgent Business be heard in relation to a request from Cr Lana Formoso to attend the Serbian Statehood Day on Tuesday 11 February 2025.

Motion 2

That Council approves Cr Lana Formoso to attend the Statehood Day of Serbia on Tuesday 11 February 2025 and cover all related travel and accommodation costs (approximately \$1500).

MINUTE No.51

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso
Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That an item of Urgent Business be heard in relation to a request from Cr Lana Formoso to attend the Serbian Statehood Day on Tuesday 11 February 2025.

CARRIED 6 / 0

MINUTE No.52

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso
Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council approves Cr Lana Formoso to attend the Statehood Day of Serbia on Tuesday 11 February 2025 and cover all related travel and accommodation costs (approximately \$1500).

CARRIED 4 / 2

For - Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Jim Memeti and Cr Melinda Yim.

Against - Cr Isabella Do and Cr Rhonda Garad.



8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Signature