



Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday 28 April 2025, 7:00 pm
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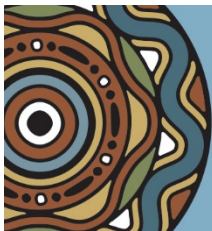
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We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.



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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 7.00 pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Rhonda Garad (LoA), Cr Sophie Tan, Deputy Mayor, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Loi Truong.

Councillors Present

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor (Chair)
Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Lana Formoso (remote), Cr Alice Phuong Le,
Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Melinda Yim.

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer; Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures; Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening; Yuri Guzman, Chief Information Officer; Michael Tonta, Governance Advisor; Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy; Michelle Hansen, Chief Financial Officer.



1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF LAND

Those who wish to stand for the acknowledgement to country are welcome to do so.

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 Cr Phillip Danh read the following:

"Change has come unbidden, and at times, unwelcome, there are many challenges to be faced and overcome, change can be daunting and scary, but it has come, ready or not, change is here, and must be accepted. May we be equal to the task ahead of us, ready to renew ourselves, ready to take on the new, anxious to let go of old ideas that no longer fit, moving with confidence, into the future, our future. Make us strong enough to triumph, flexible enough to grow and change as needed, optimistic enough to see the new opportunities as we move into the changing landscape of our lives. We accept and welcome the change that has come, We are ready to embrace change and move swiftly forward, we are ready."



1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 14 April 2025.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 14 April 2025 be confirmed.

MINUTE No.103

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 14 April 2025 be confirmed.

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1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.



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 - 1 page]

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
4. 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

5. Council received no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 28 April 2025.

MINUTE No.104

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

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

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2.2 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.2.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – March 2025

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures

Attachments: 1. Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – March 2025
[2.2.1.1 - 10 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the listed items in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

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 March 2025.
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.105

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That the listed items in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

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3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question

Frank Mihalec, Keysborough

There is a safety issue crossing from Westwood Boulevard to Keylana Drive, Keysborough. The closet crossing is Dandenong Bypass. I am requesting to have a Zebra crossing from Westwood and Keylana for young children, elderly as well as wheelchair access as my son is on the spectrum and at times finds it difficult to cross.

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Zebra crossings require approval from the Victorian Government and are typically only supported at locations where speeds are low, pedestrian volumes are high enough. Without supporting infrastructure to keep speeds low, this location is not considered appropriate for a zebra crossing.

Council officers are currently working with the Victorian Government on a road safety infrastructure improvement plan for Chapel Road in this area. We anticipate applying for funding through the Victorian Governments Safer Local Roads and Streets Program for a project which would include traffic calming, crossing points and a reduction in speed limit.

Residents would be welcome to contact officers directly at RoadSafety@cgd.vic.gov.au to discuss further.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

In September 2023, City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) was the flag ship hosting the Heat Wave forum at the Drum Theatre, where organisations, agencies and reps from other LGAs engaged in collaborative discussions how a heat wave would be handled both locally and regionally. There was a chain of command identified at the forum for CGD, however with departments and staff moving roles or leaving, residents now wonder who is in charge of this local emergency role and what would activate an emergency. Residents left with this sound message from the forum "Residents' are completely on their own to deal with any emergency that may occur" Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) and South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) seem to align on liveability, sustainability and wellbeing. Why would CGD want to leave a collaborative regional committee creating a hole in this regional donut, CGD being the hole, when even the Minister of Local Government is bemused as to why CGD would want to deflect? You cannot continue to ask for assistance with infrastructure, rate capping and the like if our municipality is vulnerable to climate change.



Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Greater Dandenong City Council remains committed to action on climate change and supporting the community through implementation of the Emergency Management Plan and will continue to work with relevant agencies and alliances such as GSEM to minimise the risk and impact of any future emergency events.

Council's decision on its ongoing membership of SECCCA is based on the 2024-28 Strategic Plan and delivering good value for money to our residents. The decision does not seek to reduce Council's climate action.

Council has made significant progress in its transition to net zero and will continue supporting climate action projects that deliver direct benefits and good value for the Greater Dandenong community.

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
03/11/25 PQT5	Rokhan Akbar, Berwick	<p>Afghan Bazaar renaming Has the council considered to end the matter of Afghan Bazaar for once and all to stop the escalation of hatred, division, conflicts and potential violence?</p> <p>Is the Council going to take any steps, ensuring the wellbeing of the public in Dandenong Park and other areas in Dandenong, after the release of a video clip on social media by a Hazara individual seriously threatening to stab Pashtuns with a knife?</p> <p>Will the council consider naming a different precinct/street in the vicinity of Afghan Bazaar as Little Bamyan, leaving the Afghan Bazaar as is, ending the matter for once and all?</p>	Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy		<p>Initial response provided 11/03/2025: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>FURTHER RESPONSE REQUIRED</p>
03/11/25 PQT9	Namatullah Kadrie, Narre Warren South	<p>Afghan Bazaar renaming Has the Council's position changed since its registration, and will it now voluntarily revoke the trademark, given that it no longer meets the registration criteria and poses reputational and legal risks?</p> <p>Under Section 43 of the Trade Marks Act, a trademark must not mislead the public. Given that the majority of businesses in the precinct are Hazara-owned, and Hazaras do not and cannot simultaneously identify as</p>	Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy		<p>Initial response provided 11/03/2025: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>FURTHER RESPONSE REQUIRED</p>



Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		both "Hazara" and "Pashtun," how does the trademark "Afghan Bazaar" not create a misleading impression of the precinct's cultural and ethnic makeup?			
24/03/25 PQT1	Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong	<p>First Nation People and Afghan Bazaar Renaming</p> <p>When the Afghan Bazaar was in development, many First Nations people contacted Council and the Mayor to advise they did not feel comfortable that Council proposed naming a section of land after a country that had recently been part of a genocide, similar to the First Nations people here in Australia.</p> <p>Council advised then that the word "Afghan" was to represent the people and not the country. However, council recently advised the "Afghan" is indeed representing a country and not the people.</p> <p><u>Question 1</u> Can Council please explain why when Council was advised that the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people did not want their land named after a country guilty of genocide, it ignored their requests?</p> <p><u>Question 2</u></p>	Executive Manager Strategic Growth and Advocacy		<p>Initial response provided 24/03/2025: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>FURTHER RESPONSE REQUIRED</p>



Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
		Now that Council has admitted this, will Council be making a public apology to giving incorrect information to the First Nations people and respect their views and change the name of the Afghan Bazaar?			



4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

4.1 OTHER

4.1.1 LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee Minutes

Responsible Officer:	Executive Manager Strategy Growth & Advocacy
Attachments:	1. Minutes Meeting 1 LGBTIQA Advisory Committee Meeting 11 February 2025 [4.1.1.1 - 4 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **NOTES** the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee per Attachment 1 to this report;
2. **APPROVES** the membership of Scott Gay to the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee; and
3. **APPROVES** development of a draft LGBTIQA+ Action Plan for Council consideration in late 2025.

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 LBGTIQA+ Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 February 2025 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.
3. The Advisory Committee seeks endorsement by Council for the membership of Scott Gay.

Background

4. Greater Dandenong City 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.
5. 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.
6. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.
7. The Advisory Committee also reached consensus to move forward with the development of an LGBTIQA+ Action Plan supported in part by a small working group of interested committee



members (as a subgroup of the Advisory Committee) that would meet on regular occasions to advance the Plan's development.

8. A proposed timeline for the Action Plan is currently being developed based on input from Council's Media & Communications Department, the LGBTIQA+ Action Plan Working Group, and other councils who have already developed an action plan including Casey, Monash, and Merri-bek.
9. The Action Plan is expected to be completed towards the end of 2025.

Financial Implications

10. The financial implications associated with this report will be subsumed by the Advocacy Unit's existing budget resourcing.

Links to Community Vision and Council Plan

11. 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.
 - Mind, body and spirit.
 - Art and culture.
12. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
13. 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

14. 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*.



MINUTE No.106

Moved by: Cr Isabella Do

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council:

- 1. NOTES the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee per Attachment 1 to this report;**
- 2. APPROVES the membership of Scott Gay to the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee; and**
- 3. NOTES the development of a draft LGBTIQA+ Action Plan is subject to Council budget approval.**

CARRIED 7 / 0



4.1.2 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors [4.1.2.1 - 2 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the listed items for the period 5 April 2025 to 18 April 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 5 April 2025 to 18 April 2025.

MINUTE No.107

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Melinda Yim

That the listed items for the period 5 April 2025 to 18 April 2025 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 7 / 0



4.1.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **RECEIVES** and **NOTES** the information contained in this report; and
2. **NOTES** that the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session that was declared confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* in Items 14 & 15 below remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

Executive Summary

1. As part of Council's ongoing efforts to improve transparency in Council processes, matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be of a confidential nature) are reported on at Council meetings.
2. The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings during the period 24 March – 22 April 2025.

Background

3. The Executive Team and associated staff at Greater Dandenong City Council host Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings on a regular basis (weekly) to inform Councillors about the work officers are undertaking, share information, obtain feedback and discuss strategies and options for current and future work.
4. To ensure transparency in this process, matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be confidential under the *Local Government Act 2020*) are reported on at Council meetings. This report represents matters discussed at the Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council meetings during the period 24 March – 22 April 2025.

**Matters Presented for Discussion**

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1	General Discussion Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Data breach of Oracle Cloud database;b. Springvale Reserve Community Function Room Hire; and Agenda items for the Council meeting of 24 March 2025.	Pre-Council Meeting (PCM) – 24 March 2025
2	Capital Improvement Program Councillors and Officers discussed Capital Improvement priorities for the Municipality for the upcoming financial year.	Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 31 March 2025
3	Councillor Budget Briefing 1 – Overview, Fees & Charges Councillors and Officers discussed proposed Budget fees and charges for the Municipality for the upcoming financial year.	Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 7 April 2025
4	General Discussion Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Keysborough Big Picnic debrief;b. Update on removal of Snap Solve Send QR code; andc. 2025 Federal Election Priority Advocacy and Funding; and Agenda items for the Council meeting of 14 April 2025.	Pre-Council Meeting (PCM) – 14 April 2025
5	Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL) Draft Budget and Annual Plan Councillors and Council Officers were presented with the Draft Budget and Annual Plan for information purposes by the DMPL Board Members	Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 22 April 2025
7	Legislative and Regulatory Framework – Preventing Sex-Based Harassment in the Workplace Councillor undertook Sexual Harassment Training as part of their Personal Development Training as required under the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i>	Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 22 April 2025
8	Oracle Service Cloud CRM – Contract Cancellation Councillors were briefed on Council's decision to cancel its service contract with Oracle	Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 22 April 2025



Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
11	General Discussion Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: a. Closure of Easter Event held at Burden Park b. Resolving the Rough Sleeping in Children's Playgrounds and Local Parks ; and Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 28 April 2025.	Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 21 April 2025

Apologies

- Councillor Alice Phuong Le submitted an apology for the Pre-Council Meeting on 24 March 2025.
- Councillor Rhonda Garad submitted an apology for the Councillor Briefing Session on 31 March 2025.
- Councillor Bob Milkovic submitted an apology for the Pre-Council Meeting on 14 April 2025
- Councillor Loi Truong submitted an apology for the Pre-Council Meeting and Council Meeting on 14 April 2025.
- Councillor Loi Truong submitted an apology for the Councillor Briefing Session on 22 April 2025
- Councillor Rhonda Garad was granted a leave of absence from 11 April 2025 until 5 May 2025 at the Council Meeting held 14 April 2025, Minute No. 99.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

- Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA2020) states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles.
- Reporting on matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings gives effect to the overarching governance principles (in particular, section 9(i) of the *Local Government Act 2020*) in that the transparency of Council actions and information is ensured.

MINUTE No.108

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council:

- RECEIVES** and **NOTES** the information contained in this report; and
- NOTES** that the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session that was declared confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* in Items 14 & 15 below remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9 - RESCISSION MOTION IN RELATION TO SOUTH EAST COUNCILS CLIMATE CHANGE ALLIANCE (SECCCA) - MEMBERSHIP

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures
Author: Cr Isabella Do

Rescission Motion

That Council rescinds its decision carried at the Council Meeting of 14 April 2025 in relation to South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) - Membership (Minute No. 97):

“That Council:

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For - Cr Isabella Do and Cr Melinda Yim.

Against - Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Alice Phuong Le, Cr Jim Memeti and Cr Bob Milkovic.



6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

There was disrespectful booing of Uncle Mark Brown during the Welcome to Country at Anzac Day ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. Can Mayor Jim Memeti write a letter of support to Uncle Mark Brown on behalf of Council?

Response

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

Yes, I can do that.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

There is an issue with inappropriate election materials being placed throughout the municipality, particularly on trees and in parks. What is Council doing to address this? Can there be a sweep of local parks?

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

We have had many reports about signs, some of which are Council locations. Council officers have been out and removed those. We have sent out correspondence to all candidates. We have contacted VicRoads and others to remove signs not on Council land. It is concerning to hear about some of the inappropriate locations, but our Council, along with our neighbouring councils, are actively out there and trying to manage this as best we can.

We will arrange a sweep of local parks.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

What is the response time for the Snap Send Solve reports?

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

We have had a hotspot team looking at how to deal with that. It would depend on the location and whether it is Council land or land we do not control.

Comment

Cr Alice Phuong Le

I attended 3 events on Anzac Day.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

Following up on an inquiry I made to officers in March regarding a potential issue with Wayys, the usage of facilities or accommodation due to some issues. My understanding was that they were not able to move into it. Are you able to advise if that was a problem, and if so, was this resolved?



Response

Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy

I will come back to you with the details. From my understanding, after receiving your email, the documentation was part of the process they had to provide for settling down. It was not necessarily an issue. They provided the documents to Council, and they were very quick and keen to settle.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

What are we currently doing about illegal dumping in the area? Do we see any future changes in how we are approaching this due to the increase in illegal dumping?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

We do many education processes for the community to improve illegal dumping. Our hard waste collection is only used by 30% of our residents, so we need to promote that further. Over the next twelve to eighteen months, we are going to completely review our waste management services and how we can improve illegal dumping. We also need to look at more enforcement actions. Over the past twelve months, we have successfully issued a lot of infringements, with some people fined up to \$7,000 for illegal dumping.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

I noted a Facebook post from Council stating that since 2020, we have reduced our operational emissions by over 80%. Can you confirm how this was achieved and how we have been tracking with our community emissions in comparison?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

The main thing is our power purchasing agreement. We purchase green power for all our facilities. In addition, we have installed 600 kW of solar panels, transitioned 27 Council fleet vehicles into lower emission vehicles, and replaced gas assets with electric assets in many of our buildings. These combined efforts achieved around 82% emission reduction. I do not have data on the community emissions, but I am happy to set up a follow-up with my team.

Comment

Cr Melinda Yim

I have attended the following events in the past few weeks:

- On Wednesday 23 April 2025, I attended the 110th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide; and
- On Friday 25 April 2025, I attended Anzac Day hosted by the Vietnamese Veterans Service at the Dandenong Cranbourne RSL.

Comment

Cr Phillip Danh

I attended the Dawn Service on Friday 25 April 2025.



Comment

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

I have attended the following events in the past few weeks:

- On Wednesday 16 April 2025, I attended the Employment Hub Announcement with Mark Dreyfus, Attorney General, and the Fotheringham Reserve meet with Greater Dandenong F/C;
- On Thursday 17 April 2025, I attended the Noble Park RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Day Sunday Commemoration March & Service;
- On Wednesday 23 April 2025, I attended the Greater South East Melbourne meeting with Nick Staikos, Minister for Local Government of Victoria;
- On Friday 25 April 2025, I attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service (Dandenong, Cranbourne RSL Branch), ANZAC Day Vietnamese Veterans Service (Dandenong, Cranbourne RSL Branch) and ANZAC Day March & Service (Dandenong, Cranbourne RSL Branch); and
- On Saturday 26 April 2025, I attended the Bengali New Year Celebration hosted by the Bengali Puja & Cultural Society, the Malayalee Association Harmony Festival and the 2025 AMARI Gala Dinner hosted by the African Youth Alliance (AYA) and the AMARI Group.

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
24/02/25 CQT7	Cr Sean O'Reilly	QR Codes for rubbish bins I have noticed that in the City of Melbourne they have big QR codes on the side of rubbish bins. Could we put QR codes of the Snap Send Solve app on our rubbish bins to promote its use? It is a relatively painless way for residents to report issues to Council, which is a critical information source for this Council.	Chief Information Officer/ Media & Comms	28/04/2025	<p>Initial response provided 24/02/2025: Question taken on notice.</p> <p>Further response provided 28/04/2025: We are currently working through the new license model with Snap Send Solve to ensure a smooth and effective implementation of our initiatives. One of the solutions we are exploring to enhance our Council's efficiency is the implementation of QR codes on our rubbish bins, similar to what has been successfully done in other Councils.</p> <p>We will keep Councillors up to date with any new developments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
24/03/25 CQT6	Cr Lana Formoso	Request update on lighting at Ross Reserve, Noble Park I met with a local resident who had a public question at the last Council meeting. The resident wants to start a running club for young women and asked about lighting at Ross Reserve. Due to the lack of lighting in our municipality and safety concerns, the resident was interested in how we could get the lights on at night for this running club. I believe this is a great idea and it aligns with our "Make Your Move" strategy. How can we make that happen as quickly as possible to ensure people can get moving, particularly this running group?	Executive Director Community Strengthening	17/04/2025	<p>Initial response provided 24/03/2025: As mentioned in the last Council meeting, we are aware of the program. We are working through the operational impacts because this involves costs, technical aspects of programming the lights, and the impact on neighbouring residents. We need to conduct some consultation as having bright lights in the evening requires consideration for neighbours.</p> <p>We completely agree it aligns with our Make Your Move strategy. I am happy to provide you an update in the coming week with a timeline.</p> <p>Further response provided 17/04/2025: Works to install a timer in the lighting control box at Ross Reserve is due to commence on</p>

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					<p>Monday 28 April, followed by a trial of the lighting to commence on Thursday 1 May.</p> <p>The lights will be programmed to operate from 6pm -10pm weekdays (Mon-Fri). The trial will be for the period of one to two months and feedback from the community will be monitored and captured for review.</p> <p>Officers will consult with the Reserve tenants and provide updates to Councillors and Saduni Jasin as the trial progresses.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
14/04/25 CQT1	Cr Lana Formoso	<p>Team Sports 4 All</p> <p>We are the least active municipality with many barriers, and financial difficulties is one of them. Notably, the program 'Team Sports 4 All' provides monetary incentives for children to participate. What can we do to encourage this program and process here in the City of Greater Dandenong?</p>	Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening	23/04/2025	<p>Initial response provided 14/04/2025:</p> <p>I will meet with you and discuss further opportunities, including the possibility of a report. Council and the Mayor have been advocating hard for the 'Team Sports 4 All' program. We have been reiterating the importance of that program and seeking funding for it to every candidate for the Federal Election. You can feel reassured that Council has been very proactive in this space.</p> <p>Further response provided 23/04/2025:</p> <p>Council officers from the Sport and Recreation team met with Team Sports4All (TS4A) in late March 2025 and have recently established a new partnership. This initiative has been shared with CGD sports clubs to encourage collaboration, aiming to support families facing financial hardship with funding registrations, uniforms, transport, and more.</p> <p>As of early April, TS4A has started receiving referrals, showing initial positive impacts on the community. Both parties are excited about the</p>

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					potential benefits and are exploring further collaboration to enhance sport and active recreation opportunities within CGD. COMPLETED
14/04/25 CQT3	Cr Sophie Tan	Dumped rubbish & loitering Residents have complained about dumped rubbish and people hanging around at night time at a local park in Noble Park. Although the gate is closed after hours, its height is low and people can jump in. Can someone investigate this ongoing issue? The resident who reported this on 28 March 2025, has not yet heard any feedback.	Executive Director City Futures	22/04/2025	Initial response provided 14/04/2025: I am not aware of that matter, but I am happy to investigate. Further response provided 22/04/2025: We have investigated this site with our Parks and Cleansing teams. There is a mowing maintenance program for this reserve, but it did not have a litter collection program. A weekly litter collection program has now been added as part of Council's cleansing programs. COMPLETED



7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.



8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signature