



Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday 14 July 2025, 7:00 pm

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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 2025-29 (Council Plan 2025-29 | 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 places
- A green city committed to a sustainable future
- A city that supports business, entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes
- A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, 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.



Supporting Documents

Attachments for reports included in these Minutes can be found within the corresponding Agenda document on Council's website <https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings>.

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and 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.



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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 Rhonda Garad.

Councillors Present

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor (Chair)
Cr Sophie Tan, Deputy Mayor
Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Alice Phuong Le,
Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly (remote), Cr Loi Truong, Cr Melinda Yim.

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer; Brett Jackson, Acting 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 Mrs Roz Blades AM, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, remotely read the following:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which i command you today shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them thoroughly to your children and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bin them as a sign upon your hand and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates."



1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 23 June 2025.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 23 June 2025 be confirmed.

MINUTE No.157

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 23 June 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10 / 0

1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a direct material conflict of interest of a non-pecuniary nature (s 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*) in 4.2.4 as the report pertains to his own leave of absence request. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber prior to discussion and voting on this item.



2 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 1

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

Executive Summary

1. Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, each Council is a body corporate and a legal entity in its own right. Each Council must therefore have a common seal (like any corporate entity) that is an official sanction of that Council. Sealing a document makes it an official document of Council as a corporate body. Documents that require sealing include agreements, contracts, leases or any other contractual or legally binding document that binds Council to another party.

Item Summary

2. There is one (1) item being presented to Council's meeting of 14 July 2025 for signing and sealing as follows:
 - a) A letter to Mick Jaensch for recognition of his contribution to the South East Leisure Board.

MINUTE No.158

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

CARRIED 10 / 0



2.2 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. Petitions & Joint Letters [2.2.1.1 - 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
 - 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 no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 14 July 2025.

Note: Where relevant, a summary of the progress of ongoing change.org petitions and any other relevant petitions/joint letters/submissions will be provided in the attachment to this report.

MINUTE No.159

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED 10 / 0



2.3 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.3.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – June 2025

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures

Attachments: 1. Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – June 2025 [2.3.1.1 - 11 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 June 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.160

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

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

CARRIED 10 / 0



2.3.2 Town Planning Application – No. 14 Worrell Street, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN25/0001)

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director City Futures
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assessed Plans [2.3.2.1 - 7 pages]2. Location of objectors [2.3.2.2 - 1 page]3. Clause 52.06 assessment [2.3.2.3 - 4 pages]4. Clause 22.09 assessment [2.3.2.4 - 12 pages]5. Clause 55 assessment [2.3.2.5 - 42 pages]

Application Summary

Applicant:	Sivanandan Ahilan
Proposal:	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings
Zone:	General Residential Zone, Schedule 1
Overlay:	Not Applicable
Ward:	Dandenong North

1. This application is brought before Council as it has received four (4) objections.
2. The application proposes the development of land for two (2) double storey dwellings.
3. A permit is required under the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme pursuant to:
 - Clause 32.08-7 (General Residential Zone, Schedule 1) to construct two or more dwellings on a lot.

Planning Scheme Amendment VC267

4. Planning Scheme Amendment VC267 was gazetted on 6 March 2025, and came into operation on 31 March 2025. VC267 amended the Victoria Planning Provisions and Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme with regards to the Clause 55 residential development controls that apply to applications for two or more dwellings on a lot and residential buildings.
5. VC267 included transitional provisions for applications that were lodged prior to its gazettal. As this application was lodged on 7 January 2025, prior to the gazettal date of VC267 and has not been amended after this date it is assessed against the pre-VC267 Clause 55 planning controls.
6. References to Clause 55 within this report refer to the provisions prior to Planning Scheme Amendment VC267.

Objectors Summary

7. The application was advertised to the surrounding area through the erection of notices on-site and the mailing of notices to adjoining and surrounding owners and occupiers. Four (4) objections were received to the application. Issues raised generally relate to matters of:
 - Traffic and parking
 - Overshadowing



- Overlooking
- North-facing windows
- Neighbourhood character
- Loss of vegetation.

Recommendation Summary

8. The site is located within an established residential area and is well suited for medium density housing, given that the site is zoned for Incremental Change. The proposal seeks to provide a medium density development which is consistent with the emerging pattern of development and surrounding neighbourhood character.
9. The development complies with Clause 55, responding to the site context and the site circumstances, whilst respecting the existing and preferred neighbourhood character envisaged by Clause 22.09.
10. As assessed, the proposal is consistent with and appropriately responds to the provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. The proposal appropriately responds to strategic policy for residential development in the area with this report recommending that the application be supported, that a Permit be granted and a Notice of Decision (which provides appeal rights to objectors) to grant a permit be issued containing the conditions as set out in the recommendation.
11. 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 at an approximate cost to Council of \$15,000.

Subject Site and Surrounds

Subject Site

12. The subject site is located on the corner of Worrell Street and Fraser Street.
13. The land is rectangular in shape with a frontage of 15.54 metres, a length of 35.05 metres, and a total land area of approx. 540 square metres.
14. The site is currently developed for the purposes of one dwelling on the lot with outbuildings.
15. Vehicle access to the site is provided via an existing crossover on Fraser Street, located closer towards the western property boundary.
16. A 2.44 metres wide (E-1) drainage and sewerage easement is located along the western property boundary.
17. The site is generally flat in topography, with a fall of 0.18 metres from the east to the west of the site.
18. The subject site contains eight (8) shrubs that have been proposed for removal. None of these shrubs are classed as protected vegetation or protected trees under the Tree Protection on Private Land Local Law, and they may be removed without a Local Law or planning permit. This will be further discussed in the proposal section below.



Surrounding Area

19. The site and surrounding land are located within the General Residential Zone, Schedule 1.
20. The surrounding development is a mixture of single and double storey in height.
21. Double storey multi-unit development exists within close proximity to the subject site, located at:
 - Approximately 135 metres north is No.164 McFees Road, which is also a corner site, and contains three (3) double storey dwellings.
 - Approximately 200 metres north-west is No.144 McFees Road, containing two (2) double storey dwellings.
 - Approximately 210 metres north-west is No.6 McKay Court, containing two (2) double storey dwellings, and one (1) single storey to the rear
 - Approximately 210 metres west is No.52 Simpson Drive, containing one (1) single storey dwelling to the front, and one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear.
22. The Dandenong Central Activity Area is located approximately 2.1km to the south.
23. The closest bus network is Routes 862 and 901, approximately 100m to the east along Dandenong Valley Highway.

Locality Plan

24. Zoning Map of the site and surrounding area:





25. Aerial photograph of the site and surrounding properties (March 2025):



Background

Previous Applications

26. A search of Council records revealed no previous planning applications have been considered for the subject site.

Proposal

27. The application proposes the development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings, as follows:

Type of proposal	Multi dwellings
Number of dwellings	Two (2)
Number of bedrooms	Both Units 1 and 2 are four (4) bedrooms each
Levels	Both Units 1 and 2 are double storey
Maximum height	7.98 metres
Oriented to	Unit 1 to the east connecting to Worrell Street Unit 2 to the north connecting to Fraser Street
External materials	A mixture of render and light cladding and brick face across the development at both levels
Setbacks	Minimum ground floor setbacks: North (frontage to Fraser Street) – 2 metres



	South (side) – 1.7 metres West (side) – 3.7 metres Minimum first floor setbacks: North (frontage to Fraser Street) – 2.92 metres South (side) – 2.78 metres West (side) – 5.08 metres				
Open Space Type		POS	SPOS		
	Unit 1	129.8 square metres	30 square metres (minimum dimension 5 metres), with convenient access from the living room		
	Unit 2	105.6 square metres	30 square metres (minimum dimension 5 metres), with convenient access from the living room		
Vegetation	Trees 1 to 3 are located on the neighbouring property. These trees will receive a minor encroachment of less than 10% of the Tree Protection Zone area from Unit 2 and will remain viable subject to tree protection conditions. The subject site contains eight (8) shrubs that have been proposed for removal. None of these shrubs are classed as protected vegetation or protected trees under the Tree Protection on Private Land Local Law, and they may be removed without a Local Law or planning permit. Shrubs 4 to 12 below are proposed for <u>removal</u> :				
	Trees Proposed For Removal				
	Tree ID	Name	Origin	Height (m)	Arboricultural Value
	4	<i>Euonymus japonicus</i> (Evergreen Euonymus)	Exotic	5	Low
	5	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> (Rose-of-Sharon)	Exotic	3	Low
	6	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> 'Variegatum' (Variegated Tarata)	Exotic	3	Low
	7	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> (Rose-of-Sharon)	Exotic	3	Low
	8	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> 'Variegatum' (Variegated Tarata)	Exotic	3	Low
	9	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> 'Variegatum' (Variegated Tarata)	Exotic	3	Low



	10	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i> (Large-leaf Cotoneaster)	Exotic	4	NA – environmental weed
	11	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i> (Large-leaf Cotoneaster)	Exotic	4	NA – environmental weed
	12	<i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i> (Broad-leaved Paperbark)	Australian Native	9	Low
Tree 12 is the Worrell street tree and its removal is not supported as it can be retained under the proposed design. A condition will require this tree be retained and protected.					
Number of car parking spaces provided	Unit 1 is provided with a double garage, and one (1) tandem space. Unit 2 is provided with a double garage. In total, the development is provided with five (5) car spaces on-site, in excess of the required four (4) spaces.				
Number of car parking spaces required	Unit 1 requires two (2) car parking spaces. Unit 2 requires two (2) car parking spaces. Four (4) car parking spaces are required in total. Excess car parking is provided on site.				
Access	Unit 1 is provided with a new 3 metre wide, single width crossover, connecting to Worrell Street to the east. Unit 2 is provided with an existing 3 metre wide crossover, connecting to Fraser Street to the north.				
Front fence	No front fence is proposed.				

Garden area:

Provided	41.7% or 225.5 square metres
Required	Lot Size: 540.22 square metres Required: 30% or 162.07 square metres

28. A copy of the submitted plans is provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

Financial Implications

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

Planning Scheme and Policy Frameworks

30. Pursuant to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, a planning permit is required:
- Under Clause 32.08-7 General Residential Zone Schedule 1 to construct two or more dwellings on a lot.
31. The relevant controls and policies are as follows:



Zoning Controls

32. The subject site is located in a General Residential Zone (Schedule 1), as is the surrounding area.
33. The purpose of the General Residential Zone outlined at Clause 32.08 are:
- *To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.*
 - *To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.*
 - *To encourage a diversity of housing types and housing growth particularly in locations offering good access to services and transport.*
 - *To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.*
34. The following variations to the residential zone are still relevant as the proposal benefits from transitional provisions as discussed at Paragraphs 4 and 5 of this report.
35. Within Schedule 1 to the General Residential Zone, a variation of requirements to Clause 55 are set out as follows:
- Standard B6 (Street setback) – *As per B6 or 7.5 metres, whichever is lesser.*
 - Standard B9 (Permeability) – *Minimum 30%.*
 - Standard B13 (Landscaping) – *70% of ground level front setback, and side and rear setbacks, planted with substantial landscaping and canopy trees.*
 - Standard B28 (Private Open Space) – *An area of 50 square metres, with one part to consist of secluded private open space at the side or rear of the dwelling or dwelling with a minimum area of 30 square metres, a minimum dimension of 5 metres and convenient access from a living room;*
 - Standard B32 (Front Fence Height) – *Maximum 1.5 metre height in streets in a Transport Zone 2; 1.2 metre maximum height for other streets.*

Overlay Controls

36. No overlays affect the subject site or surrounding area.

State Planning Policy Framework

37. The **Operation of the State Planning Policy Framework** outlined at Clause 71.02 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.
38. In order to achieve those objectives, there are a number of more specific objectives contained within the State Planning Policy Framework that need to be considered under this application.
39. **Clause 11 (Settlement)** encourages planning to facilitate sustainable development that takes full advantage of existing settlement patterns and investment in transport, utility, social, community and commercial infrastructure and services. It also encourages planning to contribute towards diversity of choice, energy efficiency, a high standard of urban design and amenity, and land use and transport integration.



40. Further guidance is provided by **Clause 11.01-1R (Settlement)**, which seeks to promote the sustainable growth and development of Victoria and deliver choice and opportunity for all Victorians through a network of settlements. It includes strategies to develop compact urban areas that are based around existing or planned activity centres to maximise accessibility to facilities and services.
41. **Clause 15 (Built Environment and Heritage)** states that planning is to recognise the role of urban design, building design, heritage and energy and resource efficiency in delivering liveable and sustainable cities, towns and neighbourhoods.
42. It adds that planning should ensure all land use and development appropriately responds to its surrounding landscape and character, valued built form and cultural context. Planning should promote development that is environmentally sustainable and should minimise detrimental impacts on the built and natural environment.
43. According to the clause, planning should promote excellence in the built environment and create places that:
 - *Are enjoyable, engaging and comfortable to be in.*
 - *Accommodate people of abilities, ages and cultures.*
 - *Contribute positively to local character and sense of place.*
 - *Reflect the particular characteristics and cultural identity of the community.*
 - *Enhance the function, amenity and safety of the public realm.*
44. These overall objectives are reinforced by a number of sub-clauses, including **Clause 15.01-1S (Urban design)** and **Clause 15.01-1R (Urban design – Metropolitan Melbourne)**, which seek to create urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.
45. **Clause 15.01-2S (Building design)** aims to achieve building design outcomes that contribute positively to the local context and enhance the public realm, while **Clause 15.01-5S (Neighbourhood character)** has an objective to recognise, support and protect neighbourhood character, cultural identity, and sense of place.
46. **Clause 15.01-4S (Healthy neighbourhoods)** has an objective to achieve neighbourhoods that foster healthy and active living and community wellbeing. **Clause 15.01-4R (Healthy neighbourhoods - Metropolitan Melbourne)** reinforces this, with a strategy to create a city of 20-minute neighbourhoods that give people the ability to meet most of their everyday needs within a 20-minute walk, cycle or local public transport trip from their home.
47. **Clause 16 (Housing)** contains two key objectives, which can be summarised as relating to housing diversity, sustainability of housing and the provision of land for affordable housing.
48. These objectives are reinforced by a number of sub-clauses, including **Clause 16.01-1S (Housing Supply)**, which seeks to facilitate well-located, integrated and diverse housing that meets community needs, and **Clause 16.01-2S (Housing affordability)** which seeks to deliver more affordable housing closer to jobs, transport and services.
49. **Clause 16.01-1R (Housing supply – Metropolitan Melbourne)**, includes several strategies to manage the supply of new housing including increased housing in established areas to create a city of 20-minute neighbourhoods close to existing services, jobs, public transport; as well as a strategy that allows for a range of minimal, incremental and high change residential areas that balance the need to protect valued areas with the need to ensure choice and growth in housing.



50. **Clause 18.01-1S (Land use and transport planning)** has a strategy to plan urban development to make jobs and community services more accessible by ensuring access is provided to developments in accordance with forecast demand, taking advantage of all available modes of transport and to minimise adverse impacts on existing transport networks and the amenity of surrounding areas.

Local Planning Policy Framework

51. The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) includes the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and Local Policies.
52. The MSS is contained within Clause 21 of the Scheme. The MSS at **Clause 21.02** focuses on the Municipal Profile, within which the following is noted:
- *There is considerable diversity within Greater Dandenong's housing stock. Most housing stock is aged between 30 to 50 years old, though there are some areas with dwellings in excess of 100 years old. Areas of newer housing are located in the north-east and central-southern areas, with in-fill development occurring across the municipality (Clause 21.02-3).*
 - *Higher density housing is generally located in proximity to railway stations and major shopping centres, in particular in central Dandenong (Clause 21.02-3).*
 - *Whilst there is a clear pre-dominance of single detached dwellings, there are a range of other types of dwellings including dual occupancies, villa-units, town houses and apartments. The highest concentration of older villa units and apartments and more recent multi-unit redevelopments have occurred around central Dandenong, Springvale and Noble Park activity centres (Clause 21.02-4).*
 - *With diverse cultural groups that call Greater Dandenong home, there are certain distinct precincts that are emerging that have their own character. Their built form is characterised by buildings with flat unarticulated facades, prominent balconies, limited frontage/side setbacks, limited or no landscaping (Clause 21.02-4).*
53. A Vision for Greater Dandenong is outlined at **Clause 21.03**. The vision is that Greater Dandenong will be a municipality where housing diversity and choice is promoted in its various attractive neighbourhoods.
54. The objectives and strategies of the MSS are under four (4) main themes including: land use; built form; open space and natural environment; and, infrastructure and transportation (considered individually under Clauses 21.04 to 21.07). Of particular relevance to this application are Clauses 21.04 – Land Use and 21.05 – Built Form:
55. **Clause 21.04-1** Housing and community:
- *Greater Dandenong's population is expected to rise by 22 percent, from 147,000 to 179,000 in the decade to 2024, placing pressure on transport networks, infrastructure, services and public open space.*
 - *Approximately 9,950 new households will need to be accommodated across the municipality by 2024 (Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy 2014-2024).*
 - *Supporting urban consolidation and providing housing in existing areas close to activity centres means that people do not need to travel as far to work, shop or to take part in sports/leisure activities thus reducing the environmental impacts of transport.*
 - *Increases in housing density must be balanced by adequate provision of open space, good urban design and improvements to the public realm.*



- *Encourage the provision of housing that is adaptable to support the needs of the changing needs of present and future residents.*
 - *Encourage innovative redevelopment and renewal of deteriorating housing stock and older styled higher-density apartments and multi-unit developments.*
 - *Encourage new residential development that incorporates adequate space for the planting and the long term viability and safe retention of canopy trees.*
 - *Respect the valued, existing neighbourhood character within incremental and minimal change areas.*
 - *Requiring medium-density developments to be site and locality responsive and to respect existing and proposed neighbourhood character.*
56. **Clause 21.05-1** – Urban design, character, streetscapes and landscapes – contains the following relevant objectives and strategies:
57. To facilitate high quality building design and architecture.
- *Ensure building design is consistent with the identified future character of an area and fully integrates with surrounding environment.*
 - *Encourage high standards of building design and architecture, which allows for flexibility and adaptation in use.*
 - *Encourage innovative architecture and building design.*
 - *Encourage development to incorporate sustainable design elements that enhance occupant comfort and environmental performance.*
58. To facilitate high quality development, which has regard for the surrounding environment and built form.
- *Promote views of high-quality landscapes and pleasing vistas from both the public and private realm.*
 - *Promote all aspects of character – physical, environmental, social and cultural.*
 - *Encourage planting and landscape themes, which complement and improve the environment.*
 - *Encourage developments to provide for canopy trees.*
 - *Recognising valued existing neighbourhood character and promoting identified future character as defined in the Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy at Clause 22.09.*
59. To protect and improve streetscapes.
- *Ensure that new developments improve streetscapes through generous landscape setbacks and canopy tree planting.*
 - *Ensure landscaping within private property that complements and improves the streetscapes and landscaping of public areas.*
60. To ensure landscaping that enhances the built environment.
- *Encourage new developments to establish a landscape setting, which reflects the local and wider landscape character.*
 - *Encourage landscaping that integrates canopy trees and an appropriate mix of shrubs and ground covers and complements and integrates with existing or proposed landscaping in public areas.*



61. The following consideration remains relevant as the proposal benefits from transitional provisions.
62. **Clause 22.09 – Residential Development & Neighbourhood Character Policy** – contains the following objectives at Clause 22.09-2:
 - *To guide the location and design of different types of residential development within Greater Dandenong, having regard to State and local planning policies, while respecting the valued characteristics and identified future character of residential neighbourhoods.*
 - *To ensure that new residential development is consistent with the identified future character and preferred built form envisaged for the three Future Change Areas.*
 - *To provide certainty about which areas are identified for, or protected from, increased residential development consistent with the purpose of the applicable zone.*
 - *To facilitate high quality, well designed residential development and on-site landscaping.*
 - *To promote a range of housing types to accommodate the future needs of the municipality's changing population.*
63. To ensure that residential development uses innovative, responsive and functional siting and design solutions that:
 - *Achieve high quality internal amenity and private open space outcomes for future residents;*
 - *Make a positive contribution to the streetscape through quality design, contextual responsiveness and visual interest;*
 - *Promote public realm safety by maximising passive surveillance;*
 - *Demonstrate responsiveness to the site, adjoining interfaces, streetscape and landscape context;*
 - *Respect the amenity of adjoining residents and the reasonable development potential of adjoining properties;*
 - *Achieve environmentally sustainable design outcomes;*
 - *Use quality, durable building materials that are integrated into the overall building form and façade; and*
 - *Minimise the visual dominance of vehicle accessways and storage facilities, such as garages, car ports and basement entrances.*
64. Clause 22.09-3.1 (Design Principles) provides design principles, which apply to all Future Change Areas.
65. Clause 22.09-3.3 (Incremental Change Areas) provides design principles, some of which also relate to the variances to the requirements of standards to Clause 55 under the schedule to the General Residential Zone. The guidelines consider matters such as the preferred housing type, building height, landscaping, setbacks, front boundary and width, private open space and bulk and built form.
66. An assessment of Clause 22.09 is included at Attachment 3 to this report.



Particular Provisions

67. **Car Parking (Clause 52.06)** is relevant to this application.
68. The purposes of this provision are:
- *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.*
69. Clause 52.06-2 notes that a new use must not commence, or the floor area of an existing use must not be increased until the required car spaces have been provided on the land.
70. The required spaces are identified in the table to Clause 52.06-5. Clause 52.06-3 further notes that a permit may be granted to reduce or waive the number of car spaces required by the table.
71. The site is not within the Principal Public Transport Network. Therefore, the car parking rate in Column A of 52.06-5 is applicable.
72. The table in Column A at Clause 52.06-5 notes that a dwelling with 1 or 2 bedrooms requires 1 car space and a dwelling with 3 or more bedrooms requires 2 spaces to each dwelling. 1 visitor car space is required for visitors to every 5 dwellings for developments of 5 or more dwellings.
73. Car parking is to be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of Clause 52.06-9 and 52.06-11 of the Scheme.
74. An assessment against Clause 52.06 is included as Attachment 4 to this report.
75. **Clause 55 Two or more dwellings on a lot and residential buildings** is relevant to this application.
76. Pursuant to Clause 55 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, the provisions of this Clause apply to an application:
- *To construct two or more dwellings on a lot.*
77. The purposes of Clause 55 are:
- *To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.*
 - *To achieve residential development that respects the existing neighbourhood character, or which contributes to a preferred neighbourhood character.*
 - *To encourage residential development that provides reasonable standards of amenity for existing and new residents.*
 - *To encourage residential development that is responsive to the site and the neighbourhood.*



78. A development:
- *Must meet all of the objectives of this clause.*
 - *Should meet all of the standards of this clause.*
79. If a zone or a schedule to a zone specifies a requirement of a standard different from a requirement set out in this clause, the requirement in the zone or a schedule to the zone applies.
80. An assessment against Clause 55 is included at Attachment 5 of this report.

General Provisions

81. 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.

Restrictive Covenants

82. No covenants or Section 173 Agreements are registered on the certificate of Title for the subject site.

Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

83. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
Not Applicable
84. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan 2025-29:
Not Applicable

Diversity, Access and Equity

85. 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

86. 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

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



Referrals

88. The application was not required to be referred to any external referral authorities pursuant to section 55 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
89. The application was externally referred to Melbourne Water pursuant to section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Melbourne Water does not object to the proposal and did not recommend any conditions.
90. The application was internally referred to the following Council departments for their consideration:

Internal Department	Response
Bushland and Gardening (Including Arborist)	No objection, subject to conditions.
Transport Planning	No objection, subject to conditions.
Asset Planning	No objection, subject to conditions.
Civil Development	No objection, subject to conditions.

91. The comments provided were considered in the assessment section of the application.

Advertising

92. 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 two (2) signs on site, one (1) facing Fraser Street to the north and one (1) facing Worrell Street to the east.
93. The notification has been carried out correctly.
94. Council has received four (4) objections to date.
95. ***The location of objectors/submitters is shown in Attachment 2 to this report.***

Summary of Grounds of Submissions/Objections

96. The objections are summarised below (**bold**), followed by the Town Planner's Response (*italics*).
97. **North-facing windows**
- *The proposal was assessed against Clause 55.04-4 (North-facing windows objective) Standard B20, to ensure the proposal allows adequate solar access to existing north-facing habitable room windows. Based on a maximum wall height of 3.4 m high, the garage wall is required to be setback by a minimum of 1m from the existing north-facing windows. The proposal is setback 1.45 metres in excess of this standard.*

The proposal complies with the standard.



98. Overshadowing

- *The proposal was assessed against Clause 55.04-5 (Overshadowing open space objective) Standard B21, to ensure buildings do not significantly overshadow existing secluded private open space. Shadowing diagrams have been submitted with the application demonstrating compliance. The adjoining solar panels at 2 Fraser Street (to the west) will continue to receive a minimum of five hours of uninterrupted sunlight between 10am – 3pm on Sept 22nd equinox, which is considered to be the worst case scenario for shadowing. At least 75% of the adjacent private open spaces will also continue to receive uninterrupted sunlight for a minimum of five hours between 9am – 3pm on Sept 22nd.*

The proposal complies with the standard.

99. Overlooking (privacy issues)

- *The proposal was assessed against Clause 55.04-6 (Overlooking objective) Standard B22 to ensure that the development has limited views into existing secluded private open space and existing habitable room windows of neighbouring sites. There is no risk of ground floor overlooking due to the existing 1.9 metres high boundary fence along the south, and west property boundaries. The only first floor window that faces an adjoining property and has a risk of overlooking has been noted to have fixed obscured glazing up to 1.7 metres high above finished floor level.*

The proposal complies with the standard.

100. Neighbourhood character (overdevelopment)

- *The size and scale of the development is consistent with the preferred neighbourhood character set out in Clause 22.09 and complies with objectives of Clause 55 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme (see Clause 22.09 and Clause 55 assessments below and attached to this report).*
- *Furthermore, the proposal is consistent with the identified future character as set out at Clause 22.09-3.3 Incremental change areas (General Residential Zone Schedule 1) as well as responding to the preferred housing typology of medium density development.*
- *As envisaged within the design principles for bulk and built form at Clause 22.09-3.3, the design response is provided with separation between the dwellings at the upper level, retains an existing spine of open space to the rear and positions the higher elements of built form towards the front and centre of the site.*

101. Traffic and car parking

- *The proposal provides for car parking on site that meets the minimum car parking requirements of Clause 52.06-5. As per Clause 52.06-5, a dwelling requires one (1) car parking space to each one or two-bedroom dwelling (with studies or studios that are separate rooms counted as a bedroom).*

Each unit has four bedrooms requiring two (2) car spaces per dwelling. The development provides each dwelling with two (2) car spaces via the double garages, plus one (1) tandem car parking space for Unit 1. A total of five (5) spaces are proposed on site in excess of the required four (4) car parking spaces.

A full assessment of Clause 52.06 can be found in Attachment 4.



- *The proposal has been assessed against the design principles of Clause 52.06-9 (Car parking). Access to the site is considered appropriate, utilising the existing crossover with one additional crossover proposed along Worrell Street, to accommodate dwelling one. It is considered that visibility lines for safe entry and exit of the site are all considered to be suitable for the development with adequate splay areas provided, clearly dimensioned, and clear of all obstructions.*

The application was assessed by Council's Transport Planning team who did not raise concerns regarding any increase of traffic or traffic hazard as a result of the proposed development. It is considered that the existing road network is capable of supporting the minor increase in vehicle movements and would not impact on the ability for emergency vehicles to access the site or surrounding properties.

102. Loss of vegetation

- *The site contains eight (8) shrubs that have been proposed for removal. None of these shrubs are classed as 'protected trees' under the Tree Protection on Private Land Local Law, and they may be removed without a Local Law or planning permit.*

Two (2) small canopy trees (Natchez Crepe Myrtle) and one (1) medium canopy tree (Jacaranda Kikuyul/Kisii) are proposed to be planted.

It is considered that the development has capacity to accommodate additional canopy trees and more robust planting suitable for the soil profile of the area. Therefore the proposed trees will be replaced via permit condition with five (5) new canopy trees with a minimum mature height of six to eight metres. Tree species will be required to be selected from the Greater Dandenong Landscape Plan Guidelines, May 2023. This will ensure that canopy coverage is maximised on site and would exceed the canopy coverage of the current shrubs on site.

The street tree along Worrell Street is proposed for removal. This proposed removal is not supported and a condition on the permit will ensure this tree is retained. The development is provided with a total of five (5) new canopy trees (to be planted at a minimum height of 1.5 metres) in accordance with the amended landscaped plan. A further assessment of vegetation removal, retention and protection is in the assessment section of this report.

Assessment

Use

103. As outlined in Clause 32.08-2 (General Residential Zone, Schedule 1), a 'Dwelling' is listed as a Section 1 use and does not trigger a planning permit for the use. However, a planning permit is required for the development, which is discussed below



Development

Planning Policy Framework / Local Planning Policy Framework.

104. With regard to the above preferred character, the proposal delivers on the objectives of clauses 15.01 (Urban Environment) and 21.05-1 (Built Form), which require development to respond to urban design, character, streetscape and landscape issues. The development includes adequate side and rear setbacks for landscaping opportunities, a strong design theme that reinforces the residential nature of the area and the incorporation of other measures to minimise visual impacts and amenity concerns.
105. The subject site is located within an established residential area and is well suited for the development of medium density housing given that the site is located in Noble Park within easy walking distance of many community facilities and public transport, as required by the objective of Clause 16.01-1S Housing Supply.
106. The proposal also seeks to reduce pressure on the urban fringe by providing two (2) dwellings where previously only one (1) existed through the redevelopment of the site, thereby ensuring that the housing required for the growing population is facilitated in accordance with the strategies of Clause 11.02 Managing Growth. The proposal also provides housing choice that meets the needs of the community, in accordance with Clause 16.01-1R Housing Supply – Metropolitan Melbourne.
107. The proposal's consistency with the identified future character and preferred built form also means that it is in accordance with Clause 21.05-1 (Urban design, character, streetscapes and landscapes) and Clause (21.04-1 Housing and community), which reinforce the expectation for development to achieve high quality outcomes that has regard for the surrounding environment and built form.

Clause 22.09 - Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy

108. The following consideration remains relevant as the proposal benefits from transitional provisions.
109. Clause 22.09 (Residential Development and Neighbourhood Character Policy) identifies existing character, preferred future character and provides design principles across three 'future change areas': Substantial, Incremental and Limited.
110. The subject site forms part of the 'incremental change area'. The 'identified future character' outlined under Clause 22.09-3.3 states the following:
 - *'The future character of Incremental Change Areas will evolve over time to contain a greater proportion of well-designed and site responsive medium density infill development that respects the existing neighbourhood character. Future density will be at a lower intensity than in Substantial Change Areas, but a higher intensity than in Limited Change Areas.'*
 - *'Residential development will comprise well designed houses, townhouses, units and dual occupancies of up to two (2) storeys with main living areas generally on the ground level. Residential development will give particular consideration to providing appropriate setbacks and private open space areas and high-quality landscaping, including the planting of canopy trees, to protect the amenity of adjoining dwellings and to contribute to the landscape character'.*
111. Design principles for all residential development are set out at Clause 22.09-3.1 and the design principles for the limited change areas are set out at Clause 22.09-3.4.



112. The proposal meets all design principles within Clause 22.09-3.1 and 3.4, with a full assessment against Clause 22.09 included at Attachment 3 of this report.

Clause 55 - Two or more dwellings on a lot and residential buildings

113. The proposal has been assessed against all of the objectives and standards of Clause 55, as well as the variations in Schedule 1 to the General Residential Zone.

114. The development meets all standards of Clause 55, with the exception of the following:

115. Clause 55.03-1: Standard B6 (Street Setback):

- The identified front street to Unit 1 is Worrell Street which, under Standard B6, should have a street setback of either 7.5 metres or the same as the directly adjoining (whichever the lesser).
- The directly adjoining dwelling has a street setback of 9.6 metres, therefore, 7.5 metres should be provided. The proposed front wall of Unit 1 is setback 7 metres, falling short of this standard by 0.5 metres.
- This variation of this standard is suitable in this instance for the following reasons:
 - The surrounding street setbacks to existing dwellings along Worrell are inconsistent with varying distances from 3 metres to 12 metres, therefore the proposed 7 metres is correspondent with this character.
 - Following Amendment VC267, the minimum street setback requirement has been amended to be 6 metres. If this application were to be lodged today, the proposed street setback would be in excess of the minimum requirement and meet the revised standard.
- The proposal was well considered against the decision guidelines to the Clause and therefore meets the objective to Standard B6 (Street Setback).

116. The development meets all other objectives and standard of Clause 55, with an assessment against Clause 55 provided at Attachment 5 of this report.

Car-Parking

Clause 52.06 - Car Parking

117. The proposed development provides four (4) on site car parking spaces (see table below).

	No. of bedrooms	No. of car parking required as per Clause 52.06-5	No. of car parking provided	Compliance
Unit 1	Four (4)	Two (2)	A total of three (3): Two (2) via a double garage, and one (1) tandem	Complies
Unit 2	Four (4)	Two (2)	Two (2) via a double garage	Complies

118. The number of car spaces for both Units 1 and 2 complies with and exceeds the minimum requirements pursuant to Clause 52.06.

119. The application has been assessed against the design standards of Clause 52.06-9, with the proposal complying with the design standards. The assessment against Clause 52.06 is provided at Attachment 4 of this report.



Vegetation (Site and Surrounds)

120. The site contains eight (8) shrubs which would be removed for the proposed development. These shrubs do not require a planning permit nor a Local Law permit for their removal. From the table below it is identified that the vegetation proposed for removal is generally exotic vegetation or of low retention value and provides negligible amenity or canopy cover.

Tree ID	Name	Origin	Height (m)	Arboricultural Value
4	<i>Euonymus japonicus</i> (Evergreen Euonymus)	Exotic	5	Low
5	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> (Rose-of-Sharon)	Exotic	3	Low
6	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> 'Variegatum' (Variegated Tarata)	Exotic	3	Low
7	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> (Rose-of-Sharon)	Exotic	3	Low
8	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> 'Variegatum' (Variegated Tarata)	Exotic	3	Low
9	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i> 'Variegatum' (Variegated Tarata)	Exotic	3	Low
10	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i> (Large-leaf Cotoneaster)	Exotic	4	NA – environmental weed
11	<i>Cotoneaster glaucophyllus</i> (Large-leaf Cotoneaster)	Exotic	4	NA – environmental weed
12	<i>Melaleuca styphelioides</i> (Broad-leaved Paperbark)	Australian Native	9	Low

121. It is considered that, subject to conditions of permit, the submitted landscape plan provides an appropriate replacement landscaping outcome, with:
122. Two (2) small sized canopy tree proposed in the secluded private open space of Unit 1,
123. One (1) medium sized canopy trees proposed in the front setback of Unit 1,
124. One (1) small sized canopy tree in front of Unit 2,
125. One (1) medium canopy tree in the rear of Unit 1, and
126. A variety of groundcovers and shrubs along the accessways and along the side and rear boundaries.

Overall, five (5) new canopy trees are required to be planted which will provide a greater canopy than the vegetation proposed to be removed.

127. All canopy trees are required to be selected from Greater Dandenong's Landscape Plan Guidelines dated May 2023, and have a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres.



128. An updated landscape plan should be requested requiring the canopy trees to be native and trees species selected from the City of Greater Dandenong Tree Selection and Planting.
129. *The street tree is proposed for removal is located within the nature strip on Worrell Street. The proposed removal of this street tree is not supported as Council's Arborist has identified that it can be retained under the current design. A condition on the permit will ensure this street tree is retained and protected.*

Conclusion

130. Subject to conditions, the proposed development of two (2) dwellings is considered acceptable and is of an appropriate design response in terms of height, scale, setbacks, private open space, car parking and landscaping with minimal amenity impacts on the adjoining residential properties and surrounding area.
131. The application has been assessed against the relevant sections of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, including the Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Policy Framework and Municipal Strategic Statement as set out in this assessment. It is considered that the application complies with these policies, and it is therefore recommended that the proposal is approved with conditions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council resolves to grant a planning permit in respect of the land known and described as 14 Worrell Street DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175 for the purpose of the development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings, in accordance with the plans submitted with the application subject to the following conditions:

Planning scheme clause	Matter for which the permit has been granted
32.08-7	Construct two or more dwellings on a lot

1. **Before the development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The amended plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions. The amended plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted and assessed with the application but modified to show:**
 - 1.1. **The street tree along Worrell Street retained and protected.**
 - 1.2. **The Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) of impacted trees in accordance with Condition 3;**
 - 1.3. **Letterboxes and all other structures (including visually obstructive fencing and landscaping) should be constructed to a maximum height of 900 millimetres or relocated clear of a splayed area (2 metres x 2.5 metres) along the frontage road at access points in accordance with Dandenong Planning Scheme Clause 52.06-9.**
 - 1.4. **The Unit 1 garage be setback 200 millimetres from the southern boundary;**



1.5. The maximum height of the Unit 1 south-facing garage wall be no more than 3.3 metres high;

1.6. Landscape plans in accordance with Condition 2.

When approved, these plans will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

- 2. Concurrent with the endorsement of Condition 1 Plans, and before any trees or vegetation are removed, an amended landscape plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The amended landscape plan must be prepared by a person or firm with suitable qualifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The amended landscape plan must be generally in accordance with the landscape plan submitted with the application but modified to show:**

2.1. Plans to accord with Condition 1 of this permit;

2.2. The site at a scale of 1:100/200, including site boundaries, existing and proposed buildings, neighbouring buildings, car parking, access and exit points, indicative topography and spot levels at the site corners, existing and proposed vegetation, nature strip trees, easements and landscape setbacks;

2.3. Details of the proposed layout, type and height of fencing;

2.4. Legend of all plant types, surfaces, materials and landscape items to be used including the total areas of garden and lawn;

2.5. A plant schedule giving a description of botanical name, common name, mature height and spread, pot size, purchase height (if a tree) and individual plant quantities;

2.6. At least one (1) medium sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the secluded private open space of Unit 1;

2.7. At least two (2) small sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the front setback of Unit 1;

2.8. At least one (1) 'small' sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the front setback of Unit 2;

2.9. At least one (1) 'medium' sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the secluded private open space of Unit 2;

2.10. A variety of groundcovers and shrubs along the accessways and along the side and rear boundaries.

2.11. Any paving or deck areas within the secluded open space area of the proposed dwelling on a permeable base; and

2.12. The protection of the trees on the nature strip and tree on abutting properties, along with tree protection zone requirements.

Tree species should be selected from the Recommended Tree and Shrub Species in the Greater Dandenong Landscape Plan Guidelines;

When approved, the amended landscape plan will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.



The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the landscape plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Landscaping in accordance with the endorsed landscaping plan and schedule must be completed before the building is occupied.

- 3. Concurrent with the endorsement of Condition 1 Plans, a Tree Protection and Management Plan (TPMP) is required to be submitted and approved by the Responsible Authority. The TPMP is required to depict and annotate tree protection requirements at each stage of the development process to ensure Trees 1-3 and 12-15 are adequately protected and remain viable in the landscape. When approved, the TPMP will be endorsed and will then form part of the conditions of permit. The TPMP must show but is not limited to:**
- 3.1. Trees accurately located and numbered as per the arborist report with Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) and Structural Root Zones (SRZs) represented to scale;**
 - 3.2. A clear image of trees required to be retained - prior to commencement of works;**
 - 3.3. The type, installation and maintenance of tree protection fencing;**
 - 3.4. Requirements for movement in/out and throughout the site by vehicles, machinery equipment and workers that may affect management of any TPZ;**
 - 3.5. The protection of trunks and crowns of any specified tree;**
 - 3.6. Specific details of any works proposed within any TPZ and how arboricultural impacts will be mitigated;**
 - 3.7. How tree crowns will be managed, including any pruning requirements;**
 - 3.8. Location and size of any roots to be pruned to facilitate the proposed works with justification of how the tree will remain viable following the specified root pruning;**
 - 3.9. Excavation within or near a TPZ;**
 - 3.10. Specific methodologies and management for installation of services including, but not limited to, gas, electricity, telecommunications, storm water and sewerage;**
 - 3.11. Maintenance of TPZs in accordance with AS 4970-2009, including mulching, watering and prohibited activities;**
 - 3.12. Remedial works as required;**
 - 3.13. Schedule of Project Arborist inspections; and**

The TPMP must include a program to implement the proposed measures before (including demolition), during and until completion of construction, including landscaping.



The tree protection measures set out in the TPMP must be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, unless by prior written consent.

- 4. Unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority this permit allows for the construction of two (2) dwellings generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.**
- 5. Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, the layout of the land and the size, design and location of the buildings and works permitted must always accord with the endorsed plan and must not be altered or modified.**
- 6. Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, the approved building must not be occupied until all buildings and works and the conditions of this permit have been complied with.**
- 7. Any new dwelling allowed by this permit must not be connected to a reticulated gas service (within the meaning of clause 53.03 of the relevant planning scheme). This condition continues to have force and effect after the development authorised by this permit has been completed.**
- 8. Provision must be made for the drainage for proposed development including landscaped and paved areas, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**
- 9. The connection of the internal drainage infrastructure to the LPD must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**

Collected stormwater must be retained onsite and discharged into the drainage system at pre-development peak discharge rates as stated in the LPD approval letter. Approval of drainage plan including any retention system within the property boundary is required.

- 10. Before the approved building is occupied, all piping and ducting above the ground floor storey of the building, except downpipes, must be concealed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**
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All glazing must at all times be maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.



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16. **This permit will expire if:**
 - 16.1. **The development or any stage of it does not start within two (2) years of the date of this permit, or**
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Before the permit expires or within six (6) months afterwards the owner or occupier of the land may in writing request the Responsible Authority to extend the expiry date.

The owner or occupier of the land may in writing request the Responsible Authority to extend the expiry date to complete the development or a stage of the development if:

- (a) **The request for the extension is made within twelve (12) months after the permit expires; and**
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Permit Notes

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- **As this is an established site, the proposed internal drainage should be connected to the existing legal point of discharge. The applicant may apply for local drainage information, if available; otherwise on site verification should be undertaken by the applicant.**
- **A flood dispensation is to be obtain prior to issue of Building Permit.**
- **The driveway levels must be provided prior to Building Permit.**
- **A Vehicle Crossing Permit must be obtained from Council for all vehicular crossings prior to construction of the crossings. You may be required to apply for a Asset Protection Permit from Council's engineering services. Queries regarding engineering requirements can be directed to Council's general phone number on 8571 1000.**
- **Any works undertaken within the road reservation and easements will require the developer to obtain a Civil Works Permit from Council.**



- **Prior to works commencing the developer will need to obtain an Asset Protection Permit from Council.**
- **No buildings or works shall be constructed over any easement without the written consent of the relevant authorities.**

This permit has been granted on the basis that consent to build over any easement will be obtained from the relevant authority. If consent is not able to be obtained, the development plan will be required to be amended.

MINUTE No.161

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic

Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That Council resolves to grant a planning permit in respect of the land known and described as 14 Worrell Street DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175 for the purpose of the development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings, in accordance with the plans submitted with the application subject to the following conditions:

Planning scheme clause	Matter for which the permit has been granted
32.08-7	Construct two or more dwellings on a lot

- 1. Before the development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The amended plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions. The amended plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted and assessed with the application but modified to show:**
 - 1.1. The street tree along Worrell Street retained and protected.**
 - 1.2. The Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) of impacted trees in accordance with Condition 3;**
 - 1.3. Letterboxes and all other structures (including visually obstructive fencing and landscaping) should be constructed to a maximum height of 900 millimetres or relocated clear of a splayed area (2 metres x 2.5 metres) along the frontage road at access points in accordance with Dandenong Planning Scheme Clause 52.06-9.**
 - 1.4. The Unit 1 garage be setback 200 millimetres from the southern boundary;**
 - 1.5. The maximum height of the Unit 1 south-facing garage wall be no more than 3.3 metres high;**
 - 1.6. Landscape plans in accordance with Condition 2.**

When approved, these plans will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

- 2. Concurrent with the endorsement of Condition 1 Plans, and before any trees or vegetation are removed, an amended landscape plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible**



Authority. The amended landscape plan must be prepared by a person or firm with suitable qualifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The amended landscape plan must be generally in accordance with the landscape plan submitted with the application but modified to show:

- 2.1. Plans to accord with Condition 1 of this permit;**
- 2.2. The site at a scale of 1:100/200, including site boundaries, existing and proposed buildings, neighbouring buildings, car parking, access and exit points, indicative topography and spot levels at the site corners, existing and proposed vegetation, nature strip trees, easements and landscape setbacks;**
- 2.3. Details of the proposed layout, type and height of fencing;**
- 2.4. Legend of all plant types, surfaces, materials and landscape items to be used including the total areas of garden and lawn;**
- 2.5. A plant schedule giving a description of botanical name, common name, mature height and spread, pot size, purchase height (if a tree) and individual plant quantities;**
- 2.6. At least one (1) medium sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the secluded private open space of Unit 1;**
- 2.7. At least two (2) small sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the front setback of Unit 1;**
- 2.8. At least one (1) 'small' sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the front setback of Unit 2;**
- 2.9. At least one (1) 'medium' sized advanced canopy tree with a minimum planting height of 1.5 metres in the secluded private open space of Unit 2;**
- 2.10. A variety of groundcovers and shrubs along the accessways and along the side and rear boundaries.**
- 2.11. Any paving or deck areas within the secluded open space area of the proposed dwelling on a permeable base; and**
- 2.12. The protection of the trees on the nature strip and tree on abutting properties, along with tree protection zone requirements.**

Tree species should be selected from the Recommended Tree and Shrub Species in the Greater Dandenong Landscape Plan Guidelines;

When approved, the amended landscape plan will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the landscape plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Landscaping in accordance with the endorsed landscaping plan and schedule must be completed before the building is occupied.

- 3. Concurrent with the endorsement of Condition 1 Plans, a Tree Protection and Management Plan (TPMP) is required to be submitted and approved by the**



Responsible Authority. The TPMP is required to depict and annotate tree protection requirements at each stage of the development process to ensure Trees 1-3 and 12-15 are adequately protected and remain viable in the landscape. When approved, the TPMP will be endorsed and will then form part of the conditions of permit. The TPMP must show but is not limited to:

- 3.1. Trees accurately located and numbered as per the arborist report with Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) and Structural Root Zones (SRZs) represented to scale;
- 3.2. A clear image of trees required to be retained - prior to commencement of works;
- 3.3. The type, installation and maintenance of tree protection fencing;
- 3.4. Requirements for movement in/out and throughout the site by vehicles, machinery equipment and workers that may affect management of any TPZ;
- 3.5. The protection of trunks and crowns of any specified tree;
- 3.6. Specific details of any works proposed within any TPZ and how arboricultural impacts will be mitigated;
- 3.7. How tree crowns will be managed, including any pruning requirements;
- 3.8. Location and size of any roots to be pruned to facilitate the proposed works with justification of how the tree will remain viable following the specified root pruning;
- 3.9. Excavation within or near a TPZ;
- 3.10. Specific methodologies and management for installation of services including, but not limited to, gas, electricity, telecommunications, storm water and sewerage;
- 3.11. Maintenance of TPZs in accordance with AS 4970-2009, including mulching, watering and prohibited activities;
- 3.12. Remedial works as required;
- 3.13. Schedule of Project Arborist inspections; and

The TPMP must include a program to implement the proposed measures before (including demolition), during and until completion of construction, including landscaping.

The tree protection measures set out in the TPMP must be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, unless by prior written consent.

4. Unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority this permit allows for the construction of two (2) dwellings generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.
5. Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, the layout of the land and the size, design and location of the buildings and works permitted must always accord with the endorsed plan and must not be altered or modified.



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3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question

Scott Peters, Dandenong

The nature strip in Canberra Avenue, Dandenong is a green space but it has been gravelled and is currently being used as parking for the mosque on Dalgetty Street.

Can Council please explain why it has allowed public green space to be used for a carpark for a private organisation and when will this be returned to public green space?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

Thank you for your question and bringing this matter to Council's attention.

Council officers are currently reviewing this matter and will provide you with a response once this review, and any required action has been completed.

We would encourage the community to directly contact councils parking enforcement team if they have any concerns regarding parking, who can then investigate the matter.

Question

Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong

WorkSafe Victoria guidelines recommends that a retail or commercial facility should provide a unisex toilet on a ratio of 1 unisex toilet to 50 people. They also recommend that disabled facilities should not be used as a unisex toilet. Currently the Dandenong Market which is owned by Council and managed by a Council owned organisation provides not a single unisex toilet.

As per WorkSafe Victoria's guidelines the Dandenong Market is not compliant with its recommendations and as a result it is creating an unsafe and non inclusive space for non gender and transgender people.

Can Council please provide a reason why they are not compliant with WorkSafe Victoria's recommendations and when this will be rectified?

And will the new Dandenong wellness centre be compliant with these guidelines?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

At the time of the construction of the toilets at the Dandenong Market were compliant with relevant guidelines.

When these facilities are upgraded or replaced, it is intended that they will be altered to meet the current recommended guidelines. In terms of the timeframe for this to occur, Council will advise as soon as a timeframe has been established.

With regard to the Dandenong Wellness Centre, this facility includes a large variety of changing spaces and toilets including non-gendered areas.



Question

Phillip Lamaro, Dandenong

In 2023 Council received multiple complaints from residents that were refused entry to the oasis pool due to them being transgender.

These multiple actions goes against the sex discrimination act of 1984 making it an illegal act by a council owned facility and a council owned organisation "South East Leisure"

Can Council please give an update on this serious issue and provide what actions the Council have done about this illegal refusal of transgender and non binary residents?

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

I refer to the Officer response to this question at Council Meeting on 12/4/2024.

I would like to reiterate that Council takes all allegations of unlawful discrimination seriously.

It is not the case that the Council received multiple complaints. Our records show Officers did try to obtain information about one alleged incident multiple times, however despite best efforts no specific information was forthcoming.

As a result of the concern you raised, we did hold discussions with South East Leisure, who operate the Oasis on behalf of Council. We confirmed sessions were open to all people who identify as women, regardless of gender identity, sexuality, race or religion.

SEL and Council reinforced this message to all staff at the time.

Question

Jannali Barty, South Yarra

Part of my job is working with the homeless and specifically First Nations people by giving them access to mobile phones, setting up emails and connections to services. Speaking to a young First Nations homeless person from Noble Park this week they expressed a concern about asking a public question at a Council meeting, but they advised me that the Greater Dandenong Council website prohibits homeless people to submit questions online to be answered at Council meetings.

I did not believe that a Victorian Council would prohibit this, but looking online a question cannot be submitted without a residential address and this homeless First Nations person does not have one, so their question was refused. In Dandenong, which has the highest homeless rate in Melbourne I was shocked its Council would treat their homeless this way by restricting their voice by not allowing their questions to be heard at Council. It is indeed a disgrace that this Council MUST rectify immediately.

As Council would be aware of many homeless people utilising their libraries and other resources to access their emails so Council is aware a residential address is not a requirement to notify people. So will Council be adjusting their online portal to allow both people that are homeless?



Response

Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Governance has reviewed existing practices and the Greater Dandenong public question portal has now been updated to ensure the street address is no longer a mandatory field.

Question

Alissa, Noble Park

Regarding the recent and significant increase in daily parking rates at some Council car parks in Dandenong—from \$4.65 to \$10.80. This change represents a 132% increase, which is well beyond the rate of inflation and has occurred without prior notice. These rates are more reflective of inner city pricing—not our local area. Many people parking in these carparks are frontline workers—particularly in community services—who rely on accessible, and safe parking to do their jobs. This is one of the few places where parking still felt relatively safe, especially for women working early or late hours. To impose such a steep hike during a time of widespread cost of living pressures is deeply concerning. The increase does not seem to reflect the local context or the realities faced by the people who live and work here.

Can Council please explain the justification for a 132% increasing in parking rates? Will Council consider a review or reversal of this decision?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

I believe you are referring to Council owned off-street car parks and the early bird parking rates.

There was a glitch in the system which occurred at the change of financial year and resulted in the removal of the early bird rate.

I can advise that this has now been rectified, and anyone who was charged this higher fee can contact Council's customer service to be reimbursed.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Several Councillors have resorted to ChatGPT and AI on their Councillor social media accounts on local issues. Is this allowed under the Local Government Act 2020, the Model Councillor Code of Conduct, and council-specific policies and procedures? These MAV frameworks govern their conduct, decision-making, and interactions with the Council, staff, and the public and these two platforms can actually deceive their constituents. Other states have banned the overall use of ChatGPT. Why has this practice been allowed to manifest itself here when constituents expect nothing less than genuine representation and for Councillors to have authentic concern about the issues in their wards? We deserve better representation and has this issue been addressed at a Council level?



Response

Yuri Guzman, Chief Information Officer

The use of AI tools such as ChatGPT is indeed a topic that has generated discussion across a number of jurisdictions. At the City of Greater Dandenong, we have taken a proactive and principles-based approach to AI governance. We are in the process of developing our own Artificial intelligence (AI) Policy which will be aligned with Commonwealth and State Government frameworks.

Our policy will affirm several key commitments:

Ethical Responsibility: AI must not replace human-centred decision-making. Councillors and staff are expected to ensure that any AI-generated content is reviewed for accuracy and alignment with community values.

Transparency and Accountability: When AI is used in official communications, it must be clearly disclosed. This ensures constituents are aware of the origin of the information and can engage with it appropriately.

Privacy and Security: Inputs into AI systems must not include sensitive or personally identifiable information, in compliance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and Council's own privacy policies.

Councillors, and staff are cautioned when using AI platforms and are expected to uphold the standards set out in the Model Councillor Code of Conduct and the *Local Government Act 2020*. In summary, AI tools can enhance communication and efficiency, but they must be used responsibly, transparently, and in a way that reinforces—not replaces—authentic engagement with our community

Question

Lisa, Noble Park

Has Council adopted the contested IHRA definition of antisemitism?

If so, was there any community consultation and was it adopted by Councillors or the executive team? Has Council or the executive team sanctioned any Councillors or staff members for criticisms of Israel and or Zionism? noting that two landmark court decisions have enshrined criticism of Israel and Zionism as legitimate political expression.

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

No. Council has not considered or adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism. No Councillor or officer has been sanctioned for criticisms of Israel or Zionism. Also, no officer, including the CEO, can sanction a Councillor. The *Local Government Act 2020* establishes a Councillor conduct framework that provides for the management of Councillor conduct issues. These processes are not led by the CEO or officers.



4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

4.1 POLICY AND STRATEGY

4.1.1 Plastic Use Policy Review

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director City Futures
Attachments:	1. Greater Dandenong Revised Draft Single Use Plastic Policy July 2025 [4.1.1.1 - 14 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **SUPPORTS** the revisions and updates made to the Greater Dandenong Single Use Plastic Policy; and
2. **ADOPTS** the revised Greater Dandenong Single Use Plastic Policy (per Attachment 1).

Executive Summary

1. The revised draft Greater Dandenong Single Use Plastic Policy (the Policy) is due for update after its initial adoption in December 2019.
2. The revised policy updates reflect new Victorian Government legislation on single-use plastics and introduces the Container Deposit Scheme.
3. The policy applies to Council's operations, events, and activities on Council-owned land, aiming for clarity on requirements and exemptions.
4. Since its initial adoption in December 2019, the policy has led to significant reductions in single-use plastics at Council events and through community engagement initiatives.
5. The policy does not support various single-use plastic items beyond state legislation, while also allowing for exemptions.
6. The policy emphasises education and engagement to help the community understand the impact of single-use plastics and promote alternatives.
7. Commercial businesses operating under private lease agreements are exempt, but the policy encourages minimising single-use plastics through contract clauses and education.

Background

8. Greater Dandenong City Council is committed to reducing the impact of plastic pollution on the environment, through demonstrating leadership in reducing the use of single use and other soft plastics across its operations and service delivery.
9. Greater Dandenong is a leader in this area and is one of only three known Councils in Melbourne that has a specific policy regarding single use plastic.
10. The revised draft Greater Dandenong Single Use Plastic Policy (the Policy) was first adopted by Council in December 2019. The Policy was introduced to reduce the consumption of single use and soft plastics on Council owned and/ or managed land, and the detrimental impacts that single use plastic has on the environment, human health and amenity.



11. Since the introduction of the Policy, there has been a significant reduction in the use of single use plastics on Council owned and/or managed land. Some of the key highlights include:
 - Significant reduction, and in many cases, elimination of single use plastics at Council events.
 - Development of educational and guidance material for events on Council owned and/ or managed land.
 - Working with sporting clubs to reduce the amount of single use plastic items sold. A great example of this is the Noble Park Junior Football Club who have switched all single use plastic bottles sold in their canteen to cans. They also utilise the container deposit scheme to engage the club in recycling education and how they can further lower their carbon footprint.
 - Waste education and engagement activity examples that relate to plastics such as annual pop-up activations in the community for Plastic Free July, the ongoing Borrow-A-Bag initiative at the Dandenong Market and CERES Leadership Day where students from schools across the municipality come together to get inspired, learn and problem solve issues such as single use plastics and waste.
12. The Policy is discretionary and covers single-use and soft plastic items used in purchasing, packaging, sales, distribution, transportation or clean-up practices associated with Council's corporate operations and at festivals, events and applicable activities on any land or building owned and managed by Council. Specifically, the Policy applies to the following:
 - Council's corporate operations and delivery of services,
 - Council events,
 - Community or commercial events or activities held on land and/or in building's owned and managed by Council,
 - Registered community organisations or service providers operating out of Council owned buildings or facilities,
 - All registered sporting clubs using Council owned land and/or facilities,
 - All leisure centre operators of Council owned facilities, and
 - Commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land (where in accordance with lease agreements).
13. As of February 2023, the Victorian Government have banned the following problematic single-use plastics from sale or supply in Victoria:
 - Single use plastic bags of 35 micrometres (µm) thick or less,
 - Plastic drinking straws (unless needed for medical reasons, see 'Exemptions' on page 5),
 - Plastic cutlery,
 - Plastic plates,
 - Plastic drink stirrers,
 - Cotton bud sticks,
 - Expanded polystyrene food service items, and
 - Expanded polystyrene drink containers.
14. In addition to the Victorian Government ban of single use plastic items above, this revised Policy deems the following items should not be distributed, sold, provided or used, and should be replaced with suitable alternatives:



- Single-use plastic carry bags (of any thickness),
 - Balloons (latex, mylar (foil) and cloudbuster),
 - Single-use plastic and polystyrene plates and bowls,
 - Single use plastic and polystyrene take away food containers (that transport hot and cold foods, including deli containers),
 - Plastic bottled beverages,
 - Single use coffee cups for dine in customers (where in accordance with lease agreements),
 - Single use plastic tablecloths,
 - Plastic glitter, glow sticks and confetti, and
 - Single use or disposable promotional items or giveaways.
15. The Policy also includes exemptions to these items with reasonable justification. This is further discussed under Key Issues and Discussion.
16. As the Victorian Government single use plastic ban and container deposit scheme is now in operation, the Policy has been updated to complement state legislation, whilst continuing to go beyond state government requirements, ensuring Council continues to demonstrate leadership in sustainable waste management.
17. The Policy has also been updated to remove irrelevant or surplus content, and provide improved clarity on the Policy scope, the plastic items banned, the user groups and activities affected by the ban and associated exemptions.
18. Officers from the Sustainability Planning and Waste Education teams developed a range of educational resources to help support users and operators affected by the Policy. These resources were developed after the introduction of the Victorian Government's plastic ban.

Key Issues and Discussion

19. The revised Policy is a discretionary policy, meaning it does not result in the items identified being banned, and rather the Policy aims to deter the use of these items and achieve an appropriate balance between the reduction in single use plastics and the on-going operation of activities on Council owned and/ or managed land. To assist in deterring the use of these items, the Policy has a strong focus on education and engagement to ensure the community has a good understanding of the issues related to single use plastics, and therefore becomes less likely to use them.
20. The key issues relating to this Policy include:
- Main changes made to the draft revised Policy
 - The relationship of this Policy to the Victorian Government single use plastics legislation
 - The items not supported under this Policy
 - Sporting clubs and leisure centres
 - The Dandenong Market
 - Commercial businesses operating on Council owned/ or managed land



Main changes made to the draft revised Policy

21. The key changes made to the draft revised Policy are as follows:

- Reference to the Victorian Government single use plastics bans, and intention of this Policy to discourage the use of single use and soft plastics over and above this ban.
- Addition of single use coffee cups for dine in customers (where in accordance with lease agreements), single use plastic tablecloths, and plastic glitter, glow sticks and confetti in the list of items discouraged from use on Council owned and/ or managed land.
- Addition of commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land (where in accordance with lease agreements) in the list of areas that the Policy relates too.
- Reference to engaging commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land including the Dandenong Market to improve all stakeholders knowledge of the impacts of single use plastics, and the alternative options available.
- Reference to investigating the inclusion of clauses in new contracts and lease agreements to minimise the amount of single use plastic for commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land.
- Reference to working with commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land to actively encourage takeaway customers to use reusable cups and containers.
- Reference to investigating options to incentivise takeaway customers using reusable cups and containers at commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land.

Victorian Government Legislation

22. This Policy supports and goes beyond the Victorian Government's state-wide ban on select single use and soft plastic items and efforts to increase recycling of single use plastics. The state-wide legislation includes the following:

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags (November 2019),
- Single use plastic straws, cutlery, plates, stirrers, cotton buds and select expanded polystyrene food and drink containers (February 2023), and
- Container Deposit Scheme (November 2023).

23. The Policy goes beyond the Victorian Government legislation in the following ways:

- The number of single use plastic items banned is more extensive than the government ban, e.g. bottles and cups included, as detailed above.
- More end users are affected by the Policy to capture sporting clubs and event organisers (i.e. goes beyond businesses, government and incorporated organisations outlined in state legislation).
- The Policy has a strong focus on education and engagement. By improving the community's understanding of the alternatives to plastic, and why this is important, we are much more likely to see the community actively support the intent of the Policy.



Items not supported under this Policy

24. The items not supported by the Policy are listed in 14. above. Most items are included in the original version of the policy including balloons. It is important to note that this Policy exempts activities on Council land that do not require an event permit or hire agreement, such as a child's party in a park. Where a permit or hire agreement is required, Council staff encourage the use of alternative products, however as this is a discretionary Policy, users would not be prohibited from using balloons etc.
25. An item that has been added in the revised Policy is single use coffee cups for dine in customers (where in accordance with lease agreements). This does not result in a direct ban on takeaway coffee cups and rather sets policy framework for Council to seek to negotiate clauses into new contracts and lease agreements for cafes etc. The purpose of this change is to deter businesses from providing dine in customers with single use takeaway cups, and rather ensure they are provided with reusable cups. It would still allow for the use of takeaway cups for customers taking away (however, Council will work with these businesses to encourage the use of reusable cups etc. by customers).

Sporting clubs and leisure centres

26. Sports clubs and leisure centres continue to sell plastic bottled water, sports drinks and other beverages. Feedback from these sectors to Council is that these beverages are a reliable source of income and are requested by users. However, reductions are occurring in the amount of single use plastic bottles sold at some sporting clubs, with the Noble Park Junior Football Club being a great example (see above).
27. As such, the revised Policy has not been altered in relation to sporting clubs and leisure centres given the importance of ensuring they have sources of income to remain viable. In recognition that water in non-plastic packaging is limited and more costly, and sports drinks such as Gatorade do not have a non-plastic alternative, the Policy maintains the position to not prohibit these products where there is no practical alternative and it may restrict operational revenue.
28. Instead, Council will continue to promote re-usable options for drinking water, and work with clubs to identify alternative products that will still provide income. For example, we will continue to educate the sector on alternative packaging options and encouraging a shift from soft drinks in plastic bottles to cans. Where plastic water bottles and sports drinks are used, solutions to ensure bottles are disposed of under the Container Deposit Scheme will be investigated to ensure safe disposal for recycling.

Dandenong Market

29. The Dandenong Market and its traders are exempt from the requirements of the revised Policy, in the same manner as they are under the original version of the Policy. This exemption is due to all traders within the market being private traders who negotiate their lease agreement with the Dandenong Market Management Board which is separate from Council. Furthermore, some retail traders in the market sell single use plastic items such as party supplies (that are exempt from Victorian legislation), which if included in the Policy would restrict trade.
30. Whilst the Policy does not apply to the Dandenong Market, Council will continue to take further steps with the Market Management Board, in conjunction with state government representatives on educating traders and members of the public to reduce single use plastics.
31. To support this, Council will develop annual education and engagement plans commencing in 2026 to engage traders and visitors at the Dandenong Market to reduce single use plastics.



32. Although the Dandenong Market is exempt from the Policy, it is still required to meet Victorian Government state bans. It must be noted that there are several exemptions for single use plastic bags within these bans, including single use plastic bags that are thicker than 36 micrometres (μm), and plastic bags used to carry fruit and vegetables etc.

Commercial businesses operating on Council owned/ or managed land

33. Commercial businesses operating under private lease agreements are exempt from the Policy. However, the Policy has been revised to seek to identify opportunities to include clauses in new contracts and lease agreements to reduce single use plastic. Examples of this could include clauses to prevent the serving of takeaway coffee cups for dine in customers, and rather require the use of reusable cups for these customers.
34. To further engage commercial businesses, Council will develop annual education and engagement plans commencing in 2026 that engages commercial businesses operating on Council owned and/ or managed land to reduce single use plastics in their operations.
35. In addition, the Policy aims to work with businesses to encourage and potentially incentivise takeaway customers using reusable cups (e.g. keep cups) and containers. Council will support these businesses by providing 'we welcome reusables' posters and other educational resources.
36. Overall, the Policy aims to achieve an appropriate balance between reducing single use plastics while ensuring activities undertaken on Council owned and/ or managed land can continue without unreasonably impacting on operations. It also seeks to engage with, and educate Council and our community to reduce the amount of single use and soft plastics utilised primarily on Council and/ or managed land. Furthermore, it is envisaged that this engagement and education will see a reduction in the use of single use and soft plastics across the municipality as the community better understand the impacts of these products and the alternatives that are available.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

37. This item affects 1 EFT and will increase the current workload of the Strategic and Environmental Planning Unit by approximately 5 hours per week over the next 12 months to implement community educational programs and investigate business incentives to support and encourage takeaway customers to use reuseable cups and containers. This can be absorbed within existing resourcing.

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

Operating Budget Implications

38. There are no financial implications associated with this report. Costs associated with future education programs are expected to be absorbed into the existing allocated budget.

Asset Implications

39. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

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



Environmental Implications

41. The draft Policy aims to reduce the impact of plastic on land and marine environments and improve the amenity of Council owned and private land from single use plastic pollution.

Community Consultation

42. As this is an updated Council Policy that only relates to operations on Council owned and/ or managed land, there was no requirement for community consultation.

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

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

- Sustainable environment.

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

45. 2025-29:

- A green city committed to a sustainable future.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

46. 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:

- Climate Change and Sustainability.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.

MINUTE No.162

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That Council:

- 1. SUPPORTS the revisions and updates made to the Greater Dandenong Single Use Plastic Policy; and**
- 2. ADOPTS the revised Greater Dandenong Single Use Plastic Policy (per Attachment 1).**

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.2 OTHER

4.2.1 Review of Gambling Issues for Greater Dandenong

This Item was deferred at the 10 June 2025 Council Meeting to consider feedback from Councillors, the feedback has been considered and is now being tabled again for consideration.

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Strategy Growth & Advocacy

Attachments: 1. A review of gambling issues for local government [4.2.1.1 - 80 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council

1. **NOTES** the ongoing leadership and impact of the Greater Dandenong City Council's Gambling Policy, including Council instrumental advocacy role through the Alliance for Gambling Reform, opposition to harmful gambling applications, and commitment to maintaining independence from gambling industry funding and influence;
2. **NOTES** the public education and engagement efforts undertaken to raise awareness of gambling harm, promote access to support services, and expand alternative recreational opportunities, with a particular focus on young people and vulnerable communities; and
3. **CONTINUES** in its commitment to gambling reform by continuing to advocate for reduced EGM numbers, a national ban on gambling advertising, and greater transparency in community contributions from gambling venues.

Executive Summary

1. Each year, Greater Dandenong residents lose nearly \$340 million to gambling. This report informs Council of the scale, impact and harm inflicted by gambling upon our community, and of efforts by Council to address gambling harm.
2. Accurate information about the impact of gambling on community's wellbeing is important for community education, advocacy and policy development.

Background

Legal gambling

3. Legal gambling in Victoria includes sports betting, racing, lotteries, keno, lotto, electronic gambling machines (EGMs or 'pokies') and the Casino.



4. EGMs account for nearly half of all legal gambling losses and most gambling problems, as they are widely accessible and provide people with the means to gamble continuously. In 2023/24, \$138 million was lost to EGMs operating in 14 pubs and clubs in Greater Dandenong - an average of \$378,000 each day, and equal to the cost of adequately feeding 46,000 children for a whole year. This is equivalent to \$1,089 per adult – the second highest rate of losses per adult in Victoria.
5. Sports betting holds further concerns; due to its rising popularity and the role it plays in consolidating gambling practices among young adults. The development of internet technology, increasing access to smart phones, coupled with a proliferation of gambling operators and pervasive advertising, have contributed to its rise. A growing number of young people, especially in sporting environments, are adopting sports betting as a regular source of recreation.

Impact of Gambling Problems

6. Most regular gamblers experience some level of harm from gambling. Problems generally arise when individuals persistently lose more money than they can comfortably afford. Practical experience in our community shows this often results in financial hardship, poverty, personal stress, family conflict and violence, deceptive actions to obtain money, distraction from work responsibilities, and homelessness.
7. Gambling problems tend to be most prevalent among younger people, those with limited formal education, on lower incomes or in menial occupations.
8. The gambling industry claims that it supports the community and creates jobs. However, studies conducted by the State and Federal Governments have shown that jobs created in the gambling industry are matched by reduced employment in other businesses.
9. In addition, while club gambling venues donate money to support local community initiatives, in 2023/24, just 1.6 per cent of their gambling revenue was donated to our community as gifts, donations, sponsorships and support for veterans.

How Council Responds to Gambling Issues in our Community

10. Council's Gambling Policy, last updated in 2022 and scheduled for revision next year, sets out several important strands of Council activity to address gambling harm.
11. Monitoring gambling trends - monitoring information about the scale and impact of gaming in our community, informs Council and residents, permits sharing with local government partners and supports efforts to advocate for reform.
12. Informing residents about gambling harm and sources of help - Council informs residents about the destructive consequences of gambling while advising of sources of advice or support for people experiencing gambling problems. It does this through Council screens, website, brochures and social media. Council also promotes alternate sources of recreation and social fulfillment.
13. A balanced relationship with the gambling industry - Council maintains a relationship with the gambling industry that sets a distance between Council's functions and gambling activities. Council's policy stipulates that it may not accept funds from the gambling industry, shall deter Council-supported clubs from doing likewise, and prohibit gambling advertising at Council-owned venues (except any functioning as a gambling venue). Council also discourages staff from conducting activities in gambling venues where alternatives are available.
14. Responding to gambling applications - Council responds to applications for new gambling venues, or increased numbers of EGMs at existing venues, with consideration of the merits of each application as well as the harm that additional EGMs may inflict upon residents. Three applications were received in each of the years 2017 to 2019, all of them successfully opposed by Council at hearings of the Victorian Casino and Gambling Control Commission, resulting in a significant reduction of EGMs in this municipality as well as the removal of a gambling venue.



15. Advocacy for Gambling Reform - Council's most important work is in advocacy for reforms to the regulation of gambling. The foundation of much of this work is its collaboration with the Alliance for Gambling Reform. Council is a founding and financial member of the Alliance - a partnership between local governments, community groups, researchers and people with personal experience of gambling.
- a. Council supplies detailed information to the Alliance about gambling trends to help inform its work, supports its campaigns with letters and advocacy to local parliamentarians, and participates in consultations to help set the direction of its work. Council has also strongly advocated on its own account for other reforms, including further reductions in the maximum number of EGMs permitted to operate in this municipality.
 - b. Reforms such as the removal of ATMs from gaming rooms, reduction in maximum EFTPOS withdrawals, encouragement of AFL clubs to relinquish their gaming venues, and lower EGM numbers in disadvantaged communities are largely a consequence of targeted and strategic advocacy by the Alliance.
 - c. More recently, the Alliance had focused upon advocacy for reduced opening hours for gambling venues and the establishment of a mandatory precommitment mechanism for the use of electronic gambling machines – a process Council supported through the provision of information about gambling trends and communication with local parliamentarians. The efforts of the Alliance were instrumental in the 2023 State Government announcement of these reforms.
 - d. In the wake of the Federal election, the Alliance was escalating its campaign for a national ban on gambling advertising – among the recommendation of the 2023 recommendations of the House of Representatives Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs (the Murphy Report).
 - e. The Alliance also supports other proposals featured in this landmark report, such as ban on free games and other inducements offered to players, a crackdown on illegal gambling sites, improved support for people seeking help with gambling problems, reduced access by minors to games which feature simulated gambling, and the establishment of a national strategy to address the rise of online gambling.
 - f. The Alliance also advocates the prohibition of donations to Australian political parties or candidates by the gambling industry.

Key Issues and Discussion

16. Losses to legal gambling in Greater Dandenong, and particularly to electronic gambling machines (EGMs) or 'pokies', worsens financial hardship among residents and communities. An understanding of the scope of such gambling losses, and some of the ways in which Council seeks to moderate the impact of gambling by advocating for reform to its regulation and other means, may help to guide future Council decisions about this topic.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

17. 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

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

Asset Implications

19. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

20. There are no legal / risk implications relevant to this report. The purpose of this report is to make available two updated gambling resources for use within the public realm.

Environmental Implications

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

Community Consultation

22. There was no requirement for community consultation.

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

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

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

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

25. 2025-29:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

26. 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*.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.



MINUTE No.163

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That Council

- 1. NOTES the ongoing leadership and impact of the Greater Dandenong City Council's Gambling Policy, including Council instrumental advocacy role through the Alliance for Gambling Reform, opposition to harmful gambling applications, and commitment to maintaining independence from gambling industry funding and influence;**
- 2. NOTES the public education and engagement efforts undertaken to raise awareness of gambling harm, promote access to support services, and expand alternative recreational opportunities, with a particular focus on young people and vulnerable communities;**
- 3. CONTINUES in its commitment to gambling reform by continuing to advocate for reduced EGM numbers, a national ban on gambling advertising, and greater transparency in community contributions from gambling venues; and**
- 4. WRITES to the Minister for Casino, Gaming and Liquor Regulation of Victoria and the Local Member of Parliament to extend an invitation to meet with the Mayor of Greater Dandenong City Council to discuss these issues.**

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.2.2 Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan - Annual Update

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures

Attachments: 1. SRAP UPDATE - JULY 2025 [4.2.2.1 - 10 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council NOTES the recent significant progress as part of the annual update on the progress of the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan (SRAP).

Executive Summary

1. The Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan (SRAP) is delivered through initiatives that are both tangible and operational, and relate to culture, economy, and public realm and include night-time economy initiatives, smart city technologies, improved streetscapes, pedestrianised zones, urban greening and passive/active surveillance initiatives.
2. The SRAP is a high-level, long-term framework, intended to guide the revitalisation of Springvale's Civic Heart, with staged delivery occurring over the next ten years.

Background

3. The Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan (SRAP) aims to identify actions for private and public sector investment, alongside supporting the Springvale community to grow.
4. As a catalyst for revitalisation, the SRAP aims to identify quickly deployable projects and initiatives that will draw investment and development to the Activity Centre. This holistic vision will breathe new life into the heart of Springvale in the short, medium, and long term. The direction of the document is informed by a series of guiding principles that came from detailed community engagement. These include:
 - Supporting thriving local experiences and economy,
 - Fostering a diversity of activated places,
 - Championing accessibility and inclusivity,
 - Designing a distinctive public realm identity,
 - Celebrating multicultural communities, and
 - Addressing issues of safety and cleanliness.
5. The SRAP focuses on four key areas of the Springvale Activity Centre:
 - Buckingham Avenue,
 - Multicultural Place,
 - Djeering Rail Corridor, and
 - Warwick Avenue.



Key Issues and Discussion

6. The Springvale Revitalisation Plan was endorsed in March 2024. Council has progressed with the implementation through:

Audit and streetscape design work for Multicultural Place

7. Multicultural Place is a much-loved outdoor public place with around 10,000 people a day passing through the space. This popular public gathering space is where people meet up and proceed to the many exciting shopping and eating experiences within Springvale.
- a. Informed by community feedback as part of the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan, consultation has recently closed on a draft concept design to upgrade Multicultural Place and the adjacent laneway.
- b. The concept design includes new street furniture, pavement upgrades, green spaces, lighting and recreation/play spaces.
- c. A series of community conversations in Multicultural Place alongside a digital and printed campaign resulted in 1224 views on Have Your Say page with over 92 survey contributions. Internal stakeholders were consulted and given opportunity for feedback prior to the consultation.
- d. Community feedback received will inform the final design with the upgrade set to rejuvenate the current aged and tired looking public space, contributing positively to the improved perceptions of safety, amenity and the look and appearance of the area.
- e. Any works to actualise the draft concept is subject to budget allocation from Council's capital improvement program.

Lunar New Year tourism campaign

8. In 2025, Lunar New Year in Springvale was supported through a tourism campaign, inviting people to the centre to celebrate this vibrant and special time of year.
9. The campaign established relationships with businesses, brought together community, celebrated place and the story of Springvale.
10. Artistic imagery/branding was created by Vietnamese illustrator Kim Lam, representative of Springvale and inclusive of Lunar New Year across different cultures. Kim's design was used across wishing tree cards, posters, postcards and various digital platforms.
11. A Lunar New Year landing page provided information on:
- a. Activities happening in Springvale across community and Council,
- b. Art Series creative workshops and downloadable colouring sheets,
- c. Trader/Community Stories representing what LNY means to them, and
12. Logistics, where to park, how to access.

The Lantern Village - temporary public art installation located in Multicultural Place.

13. Students from various schools in Springvale were invited to create artwork that celebrated Lunar New Year and illustrate what makes it a special time of year for them. Artwork was transformed into a fabric pattern, with work illuminated inside the lanterns.
- a. Artwork was also be displayed inside Springvale Community Hub, connecting the facility to the activity centre.



Buckingham Avenue Parklet Design & Documentation

14. In partnership with relevant Council departments, Urban Spark Studio have been appointed to identify and analyse appropriate sites for parklets in Buckingham Avenue and prepare draft concept design options for chosen sites.
15. The objectives of the parklet/s are to:
 - a. Increase public and green space in the Springvale Activity Centre,
 - b. Encourage the community to view parking and vehicle dominated spaces in new, exciting and creative way,
 - c. Build on community support for increased public space,
 - d. Develop a space that gives council and community a high return on investment,
 - e. Provide benefits for the community in terms of multi-usability of the space, accessibility, access to high quality art and design, and
 - f. Increase neighbourhood liveability benefiting residents, businesses, community groups, and visitors.
16. Through a collaborative working group process, site selection has been confirmed, with concept designs now underway for pilot location.
17. The parklet will be funded through existing budget allocation from Council's capital improvement program, with the intent to expand via public/private funding opportunities moving forward.

Waste Management / Odour Issues in Springvale Activity Centre

18. The Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan will be pivotal in addressing the waste and odour issues with Springvale Activity Centre. Placemaking recently worked across multiple departments to prepare a report (adopted on 24 March 2025) detailing the issues and provided recommendations on how this could be addressed and reinforce the need for appropriate waste management practices and methods to improve the presentation of Springvale Shopping Precinct. The placemaking team will continue to work with various departments, strengthening Council's internal response to these complex issues.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

19. This item does not currently have an impact on existing human resources. However, any potential investment from state government or grant funding has potential to affect resourcing requirements.

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

20. Subject to the approval of a \$250k capital carry forward request to the 2025/2026, the following projects will be implemented:
 - Detailed design, fabrication and installation of parklet
 - Balmoral 8 Laneway improvements
 - Lunar New Year 2026
 - Urban Play and activation



Operating Budget Implications

21. Any works to actualise the SRAP is subject to budget allocation from Council's capital improvement program.
22. Grants of private sources to actualise small, quick deployable projects, however, significant investment is required to actualise the full scope of SRAP, including the upgrade to Multicultural Place.

Asset Implications

23. This item increases the use of council assets. The ongoing maintenance costs have been assessed and included in operating and resource costings.

Legal/Risk Implications

24. There is significant interest from the community in actualising the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan.

Environmental Implications

25. Actualising the SRAP will create vibrant and sustainable communities by prioritising local needs, fostering social connections, and promoting ecological well-being, resulting in a more resilient and environmentally conscious communities.

Community Consultation

26. Project specific community consultation is conducted as required and as appropriate.

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

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

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
- Sustainable environment.
- Mind, body and spirit.
- Art and culture.

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

29. 2025-29:

- 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 places.
- A green city committed to a sustainable future.
- A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.



Legislative and Policy Obligations

30. 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*.
- Climate Change and Sustainability.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.

MINUTE No.164

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That Council NOTES the recent significant progress as part of the annual update on the progress of the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan (SRAP).

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.2.3 Report on Councillor Attendance at the Australian Local Government Association 2025 National General Assembly

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Strategy Growth & Advocacy
Attachments: 1. ALGA NGA 2025 joint report refined [4.2.3.1 - 5 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **NOTES** this report of participation and key outcomes from Councillor attendance at the ALGA National Assembly – June 2025;
2. **NOTES** the joint report from Councillor attendees as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report; and
3. **RECOGNISES** the ongoing benefits of attending the ALGA National General Assembly as it provides Councillors with a valuable opportunity to engage in national policy dialogue, learn from peer councils, and advocate for the needs of our community.

Executive Summary

1. This report seeks to inform Council of the participation and key outcomes from the ALGA National General Assembly 2025, held in Canberra from 25–27 June 2025, attended by Councillors Isabella Do, Jim Memeti, Bob Milkovic, Sean O'Reilly, Alice Phuong Le and Sophie Tan.
2. This report also seeks to recognise the knowledge and connections gained from attendance and participation and its positive contribution to Council's strategic direction and community outcomes.

Background

3. The ALGA National General Assembly is the premier annual event for local government in Australia, providing a national platform for Councillors and senior staff to engage in policy discussions, share best practices, and advocate for local communities. The 2025 Assembly was themed “**National Priorities Need Local Solutions**”, with a focus on resilience, sustainability, and innovation in local governance.
4. Councillors Isabella Do, Jim Memeti, Bob Milkovic, Sean O'Reilly, Alice Phuong Le and Sophie Tan represented Greater Dandenong City Council at the Assembly, participating in plenary sessions, policy debates, and networking events.



Key Issues and Discussion

5. Opening Address & Federal Engagement:

6. The Assembly was opened by ALGA the President and Chief Executive Officer and featured addresses from key federal ministers, including the Minister for Local Government, who outlined national priorities and funding opportunities.

7. Policy Motions:

8. Over 192 motions were considered, covering areas such as:

- a) Climate adaptation and disaster resilience
- b) Affordable housing and infrastructure investment
- c) Digital transformation and smart cities
- d) Indigenous community partnerships

9. Workshops & Panels:

10. Councillors attended sessions on:

- a) Emergency Management: Capability and Capacity
- b) Safer Roads
- c) Housing and Community Infrastructure; and
- d) Local Government Jobs & Skills

11. Networking & Collaboration:

12. The Assembly facilitated valuable exchanges with Councillors from across Australia, fostering collaboration on shared challenges and innovative solutions.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

13. 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.165

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan

Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

That Council:

- 1. **NOTES** this report of participation and key outcomes from Councillor attendance at the ALGA National Assembly – June 2025;
- 2. **NOTES** the joint report from Councillor attendees as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report; and
- 3. **RECOGNISES** the ongoing benefits of attending the ALGA National General Assembly as it provides Councillors with a valuable opportunity to engage in national policy dialogue, learn from peer councils, and advocate for the needs of our community.

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.2.4 Leave of Absence - Cr Jim Memeti

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That Council grants a leave of absence to Cr Jim Memeti for the period 21 July to 21 August 2025 (inclusive) which includes the Council Meetings of 28 July and 11 August 2025 and notes Cr Memeti's apology for each of those meetings.

Executive Summary

1. Councillor (Cr) Jim Memeti requests a leave of absence from 21 July to 21 August 2025. This leave of absence is inclusive of the scheduled Council Meetings of 28 July and 11 August 2025.

Background

2. This report is submitted in conjunction with Council's Governance Rules which state that any Councillor may request a leave of absence in writing submitted to the Chief Executive Officer or Mayor and state the dates they require the leave and the reason for which it is sought.
3. Further, under section 35(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must grant any reasonable request for leave.
4. The leave of absence will include the scheduled Council Meetings of 28 July and 11 August 2025 and the Pre-Council Meetings before each of these;
 - scheduled Councillor Briefing Sessions of 21 July, 4 August and 18 August 2025; and
 - any further Councillor Briefing Sessions or meetings organised during the requested period of absence.
5. This leave of absence is requested for personal reasons.

Cr Jim Memeti vacated the Chair and left the Chamber at 7.26 pm.

Cr Sophie Tan assumed the Chair at 7.26 pm.

MINUTE No.166

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic
Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That Council grants a leave of absence to Cr Jim Memeti for the period 21 July to 21 August 2025 (inclusive) which includes the Council Meetings of 28 July and 11 August 2025 and notes Cr Memeti's apology for each of those meetings.

CARRIED 9 / 0



Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair at 7.27 pm.

Cr Sophie Tan returned to her seat at 7.27 pm.



4.2.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors [4.2.5.1 - 2 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the listed items for the period 16 June to 4 July 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 16 June to 4 July 2025.

MINUTE No.167

Moved by: Cr Loi Truong

Seconded by: Cr Melinda Yim

That the listed items for the period 16 June to 4 July 2025 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10 / 0



5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.



6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Isabella Do

Since our last public Council Meeting, I was privileged and honoured to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government. Our motions for manufacturing and for Back Your Neighbour were provisionally approved. Talk about how great it was to get support and network + morning tea + getting additional members/interest for BYN.

Housing continues to be an important issue and we are halfway through a Masterclass on Leading Communities Through Housing Change, hosted by MAV. I had such moving discussions with Cr Kim Ross from City of Casey in our breakout rooms, where we talked in detail about the impacts and opportunities of housing change. Our perceptions were challenged and I look forward to the second part of the workshop.

I would also like to thank all residents that attended the Somerfield Community Planting Day. I welcome everyone to join us for National Tree Day, the weekend after next. We'll have an even bigger tree planting day at Somerfield Reserve on Sunday, the 27th of July, from 10am to 1pm. There will also be another community planting day the day before, Saturday 26 July, at Tirhatuan Park. You can find more info on the What's On page on Council's website.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

Operational hours of the Keysborough South Hub and catering to the demographic that lives in the area, such as opening hours that accommodate workers and community groups that meet at night. There seems to be some concern as to whether the hub is ready for its soft launch in September. When will we get more information? Any perceived delays?

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

A comprehensive response to these questions will be provided in due course.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

Can officers please remove left over electoral signage within the municipality?

This question was noted for further action.

Comment

Cr Alice Truong Le

On Saturday 5 July 2025, I attended the Cambodian Association of Victoria 40th Anniversary celebration.



Comment

Cr Loi Truong

I was honoured to join Cr Alice Phuong Le and fellow members of the SEMVAC (South Eastern Melbourne Vietnamese Associations Council) management committee in welcoming the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Hon Ingrid Stitt, along with local MPs Meng Heang Tak (Clarinda), Tim Richardson (Mordialloc), Eden Foster (Mulgrave), and Lee Tarlamis (South Eastern Metropolitan Region) to Springvale. It was a great opportunity for SEMVAC to thank the State Government for their support, including a \$20,000 contribution to our vibrant New Year festival. Cr Alice Phuong Le and I are incredibly proud of our committee and the dedicated volunteers who make it all possible.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan, Deputy Mayor

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

- Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 June 2025 ALGA (Australian Council of Local Government) National General Assembly, Canberra | *Theme “National Priorities. Need Local Solutions”*
- Friday 27 June 2025, I attended Parliament House Canberra with the Mayor, CEO and our Back Your Neighbour secretary to meet with the Hon. Julian Hill MP, our local Federal Member for Bruce, Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs, Multicultural Affairs and Assistant Minister for International Education to discuss about Back Your Neighbour Campaign-Future Advocacy. It was a productive meeting.
- Saturday 18 June 2025, I attended the official opening: Springvale Reserve upgrades project
 - 150lux LED lighting and two coaches’ boxes on the oval
 - Two acrylic surface netball courts with 200lux LED lighting, four player and two soccer’s’ shelters, goals posts and fencing
 - A new local-level playground including a play tower, swings, rocker, spinner, and cubby
 - Refurbishment of the existing pavilion kitchen/canteen an installation of new servery window
 - Project cost \$2.34 m
 - Council contribution: \$300,000
 - Grant Funding: \$2 m (community sport and recreation grants)
 - Other funding: \$40,000 (AFL Victoria)
 - Thanks to the Victorian State Government and AFL VIC for their contribution. This project will benefit the clubs and the community. Also, thanks to our staff for their great work.
- Later that day, I attended the Abhivyakti Fine Arts Academy Fifth Anniversary. It was founded by Mrs. Deepti Shukla. They have 75 Indian student dancers so far, aged range from 3- 50 years old. Congratulations to them, it was an amazing performance.
- Tuesday 1 July 2025, I attended Unveiling of the beautiful artwork created during National Reconciliation Week. Thanks to artist N'Dene Riley, many students from Noble Park English Language School, Emerson School, Killester College and members of the Greater Dandenong community who participated in this artwork. It hangs outside the Council Chambers as the lasting reminder that the community is dedicated to embracing the spirit of reconciliation year-round.



- Saturday 5 July 2025, I attended the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre (DWC) project launch with Julian Hill MP, Federal Member for Bruce, the Mayor Jim Memeti, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Phillip Danh and Cr Bob Milkovic, and Council staff. Council is very excited to start this project as Dandenong Oasis is almost 50 years old. It is one of the biggest investments that the Council undertakes, with the total cost of \$122.15 million and thanks to the federal government, they've contributing \$20 million to this project. The new DWC will provide opportunities for people of all ages, cultures, and abilities to be active, social, and engaged in their health. With swimming, general fitness, rehabilitation, social spaces and culturally inclusive programs, it will play a key role in supporting physical and mental wellbeing across the city of Greater Dandenong. The facility components include:
 - 50m 8 lane pool (with movable boom/swim wall)
 - Two (2) warm water pools
 - Learn to swim pool
 - Leisure pool/water play
 - Spa, sauna and steam room
 - Gymnasium- Program/group fitness rooms (3)
 - Amenities-café, meeting room, creche, change rooms etc.
 - There's also sports pavilion and plenty of parking spaces. This project is expected to be completed in 2027.
- Later that day, I attended the 40th Anniversary of Cambodian Association of Victoria. A milestone that reflects the strength, resilience, and unity of the community. Thanks to the CAV for their support, to the 40th Year of Strength, culture, and unity-and many more years to come.
- Sunday 6 July 2025, I attended the Teeyan Teej Diyan Festival Celebration hosted by the Global Events Company. A festival that honours Indian culture, filled with songs, dance, traditional clothes, and especial bond shared as women.
- Later that day, it was my great honour to open the 2025 Australian National Artistic Roller-Skating Championships. With more than 200 skaters and 46 coaches across Australia, and one skater, and two coaches from New Zealand. Also, more than 20 judges. I hope they enjoyed the championship and their time in the City of Greater Dandenong.
- Sunday 13 July 2025, I attended 30th Commemoration of the 1995 Srebrenica Genocide. The 11th of July marked the 30th Anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, which 8,372 Bosnian men and boys were systematically murdered in just a few days in July 1995. They were murdered simply because of their Muslim identity. The Mayor and I also presented with the Flower of Srebrenica Artwork – 11 July 2025, Now, I would like to present this to the Council.
- Later that day, I attended Quan Thanh's birthday hosted by the Toe Chew Chinese temple in Springvale.

Cr Sophie Tan presented Council with the Flower of Srebrenica Artwork.



Question

Cr Lana Formoso

What is Council's policy on overfilled street and residential bins?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

We often undertake audits of bins to establish whether they are overfilled and what the content is. If there are sites that are of concern, please pass on the details and officers will investigate.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

A resident has raised concerns about Police Road, Dandenong North safety issues, which are similar to the Browns Road safety bollard issue I raised at the last meeting. Could an audit be conducted along Police Road to see how many locations are at risk of heavy vehicles hitting buildings?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Executive Director City Futures

Officers will investigate and identify any areas of concern.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

I would like to raise an issue regarding the online system for submitting public questions during Council Meetings. A resident wished to submit a question but was not confident using a computer. I offered to print a form for them to complete manually, but I discovered that no such printable version exists on our website. Could we please consider providing a printable version of the public question time form so that residents who are not digitally literate can still participate in Council meetings?

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

Officers will ensure a printable version is made available.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso

I would like to request an update on a property on Heyington Crescent, Noble Park North that was purchased to become public open space. The existing building remains on site, and I understand the Bakhtar community still has belongings stored there. Unfortunately, the site is being raided and rubbish is spilling onto the street. Could we please have an update on when the Bakhtar community will be able to collect their belongings and when demolition is scheduled to occur?



Response

Marjan Hajjari, Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy

You are correct, and we are aware of the situation. Over a month ago, I met with representatives of the Bakhtar community to raise these concerns. We informed them that funding for demolition has been allocated in this year's budget. As you know, the land was purchased for public open space, and now that we have the funding, we are obligated to proceed. Demolition is scheduled to occur in the coming months. We are working closely with the community to support their relocation and will continue to provide updates.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso

I would like to commend our team for the school holiday programs currently running. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of activities available to families. For the first time, I have not received any calls from families saying they were unable to book activities due to limited capacity. I checked earlier this evening and saw that there are still spaces available for some programs this week. Thank you to the team for listening to community feedback and delivering such a well-run program. As a parent, I know how difficult it can be to keep children entertained during the holidays, and this initiative has made a real difference.

Comment

Cr Melinda Yim

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

- Thursday 26 June 2025, I attended the Greater Dandenong Business Awards 2025 Gala Dinner hosted by the Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce, alongside Cr Rhonda Garad.
- Saturday 5 July 2025, I attended the 40th anniversary celebration of the Cambodian Association of Victoria with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Cr Sophie Tan, and Councillor Alice Phuong Le.

Comment

Cr Phillip Danh

I was proud to attend the launch of the Dandenong Wellbeing Centre a couple of weekends ago, marking the commencement of construction. This is a project I had the privilege of voting for, and the event highlighted the importance of access to world-class facilities, regardless of postcode or background. I was moved by the stories and memories shared about the Dandenong Oasis and the impact such infrastructure has on community wellbeing. I extend my sincere thanks to the engineers, planners, residents, swim instructors, and dedicated staff at South East Leisure who have contributed to this project.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor

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

Tuesday, 24 June 2025 – Friday, 27 June 2025

- ALGA (Australian Council of Local Government) National General Assembly, Canberra | *Theme "National Priorities. Need Local Solutions"*



Saturday, 28 June 2025

- Official Opening: Springvale Reserve Upgrades Project
- Dandenong West Football and Netball Club (home game) v Narre South Saints FNC
- Multicultural celebration hosted by the Afghan Lee community

Tuesday, 1 July 2025

- Meeting with Hon Clare O'Neil, Federal Member for Hotham

Wednesday, 2 July 2025

- Meeting with Australia Post to discuss the proposed closure of the Springvale Post Office
- Muharram event hosted by the Taha Association
- Muharram hosted by the Setad E Mardomi organisation

Thursday, 3 July 2025

- Muharram event hosted by the Kawther Association of Victoria
- Resul Akram Association's Muharram event

Friday, 4 July 2025

- Muharram hosted by the Alamar Society of Victoria
- Muharram hosted by the Hossani Society

Saturday, 5 July 2025

- Dandenong Wellbeing Centre Project Launch (with Hon Julian Hill)
- Cambodian Association of Victoria 40th Anniversary celebration

Sunday, 6 July 2025

- NAIDOC Week celebration at Dandenong Market
- Muharram program hosted by the Etrat Cultural Association of Victoria

Tuesday, 8 July 2025

- Meeting with Casey Mayor Stefan Koomen (2026 Ramadan night markets)
- Capital Alliance Project meeting - Central Dandenong update

Wednesday, 9 July 2025

- Mayoral and Councillor Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum meeting

Thursday, 10 July 2025

- Muharram event hosted by Mt Hira College

Friday, 11 July 2025

- 30th Commemoration of Srebrenica Genocide

Sunday, 13 July 2025

- Quan Thanh's Birthday celebration hosted by The Teo Chew Chinese Association of Vic

Monday, 14 July 2025

- Diabetes Prevention Program – Initial Collaboration Meeting
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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 below.

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
28/04/25 CQT1	Cr Lana Formoso	Letter to Uncle Mark Brown 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?	Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy/ Mayors Office		Initial response provided 28/04/2025: Yes, I can do that. FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED
12/05/25 CQT11	Cr Lana Formoso	Timeline on demolition of Hennessy Scout Hall Could I please have an update on the Hennessy Scout Hall demolition timeline? The building has become an eyesore with significant illegal dumping occurring in the area. When I contacted the Bakhtar Community several weeks ago about residents wanting to donate goods, they informed me they are no longer accepting donations at that facility. Where are we in the process of demolishing this building?	Executive Manager Strategic Growth & Advocacy		Initial response provided 12/05/2025: This is an item that we are working on with the team, and we will update Councillors during the next few weeks on the next action on that property and the demolition. FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED
23/06/25 CQT1	Cr Bob Milkovic	Parking Brady Road, Dandenong North I have received calls from residents and shopkeepers regarding recent changes to parking on Brady Road, opposite the shops. Previously, there was a one-hour restriction from 7pm to 7am but it has now changed to one-hour parking during the day. This inconveniences shopkeepers who now have nowhere to park. There were no issues with the previous arrangement. Can an officer	Executive Director City Futures	30/06/2025	Initial response provided 23/06/2025: I will check with our traffic team and provide a response. Further response provided 30/06/2025: Thank you for forwarding this matter and your further correspondence on this one. Our officers have investigated this location and confirmed that there have been no recent changes to parking restrictions or signage at this location. There has been no direct correspondence with officers by the community regarding this matter.



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		investigate and provide a response?			<p>If there are any community concerns regarding the parking restrictions at this location, our officers would be happy to review these and determine whether any changes are suitable.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
23/06/25 CQT4	Cr Sophie Tan	Bloomfield Road, Keysborough A resident contacted me about roadworks on Bloomfield Road, Keysborough. Their car was towed without notice. They claim they did not receive any communication from Council. I request that in future, residents be notified before their vehicles are moved.	Executive Director City Futures	30/06/2025	<p>Initial response provided 23/06/2025: Please send me the details. This is a statutory matter and we have clear guidelines for notifying residents before towing vehicles. We will investigate further.</p> <p>Further response provided 30/06/2025: Council officers have spoken with the affected resident regarding this matter. We are following this matter up with the contractor who undertook the works to ensure that Councils requirements regarding notification and actions are met. Both the level of notification it appears the resident received and the towing of vehicles in such circumstances are not in accordance with our expectations.</p> <p>The resident, who was understandably upset by the experience, was very helpful in providing information to assist Council officers in discussions with the contractor. We will follow up with the resident again once the matter has been fully investigated and implement process improvements to ensure this issue is not repeated in future works.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
23/06/25 CQT5	Cr Lana Formoso	Browns Road, Noble Park I have received calls from residents regarding the roundabout modifications at Browns Road and Wren Drive, Noble Park North. This is an issue I have raised for several years. We secured	Executive Director City Futures	30/06/2025	<p>Initial response provided 23/06/2025: Installing concrete bollards on nature strips is illegal and poses liability risks for Council. Approved roadside poles are designed to break on impact to reduce injury. We are working with residents to improve safety at the roundabout. I</p>

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		<p>\$450,000 in Black Spot funding due to safety concerns, especially with heavy vehicles in a residential area.</p> <p>There was a set of three concrete bollards at a corner property. One was damaged in October and Council removed it. Later, all bollards were removed, leaving no protection for residents or pedestrians. Residents are distressed and want to know:</p> <p>What are we going to do now to protect the residents?</p> <p>Is the Black Spot funding being used for these works, or will Council fund the replacements?</p> <p>What immediate safety measures will be implemented?</p> <p>Can we enforce the existing restriction on heavy vehicles using Browns Road between 8pm and 6am?</p>			<p>will review the details of the Black Spot funding and provide an update.</p> <p>Enforcement of heavy vehicle restrictions is the responsibility of Victoria Police. We will advocate to them for enforcement.</p> <p>Further response provided 30/06/2025: Council officers have met with residents on the corner of Browns Road and Wren Drive on a couple of occasions in the last month to work through some options to address their road safety concerns. The residents have advised they are appreciative of being able to work with officers in this manner.</p> <p>The main item we have been discussing with residents is the type of bollard which we intend to reinstall at this location. The type of bollard which can safely be installed roadside depends on a number of factors including the speed of approaching vehicles. The impact absorbing bollards (speciality traffic devices which absorb the impact - protecting driver and property) most recently in place were removed after they were damaged by a large truck undertaking an illegal manoeuvre at the roundabout, which has happened on a number of occasions at this location.</p> <p>In early 2024, Council installed a number of traffic calming treatments on Browns Road using funding from the Federal Blackspot Program. As a result of the reduction in traffic speeds on Browns Road since the Blackspot works, there is opportunity to amend the type of bollard used at this location alongside some minor other works at the roundabout to improve road safety.</p>

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					<p>These options have been discussed in detail with residents from the adjacent property, and Council are currently consulting with other affected properties. Following consultation, works should be completed within a month or two.</p> <p>There is no remaining Blackspot funding to cover the cost of replacements. Funding will be provided by Council, and we will also pursue costs from the party responsible for the damage of the bollards. This is Councils standard approach to replace damaged assets of this type.</p> <p>Council is unable to undertake enforcement with regards to illegal truck movements in this area. Only enforcement agencies including Victoria Police and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator are able to undertake this enforcement. Council is limited to advocacy in progressing this aspect of the issue.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
23/06/25 CQT6	Cr Lana Formoso	Browns Road, Noble Park Could Council write a letter of support to VicRoads and Victoria Police regarding enforcement and safety concerns?	Executive Director City Futures/ Mayors Office	30/06/2025	<p>Initial response provided 23/06/2025: This question was noted for further action.</p> <p>Further response provided 30/06/2025: Council officers have written to Victoria Police, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and the Department of Transport and Planning regarding illegal truck use of Browns Road and nearby streets. A further advocacy letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety has been prepared for the Mayor's signature on this matter.</p> <p 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
23/06/25 CQT7	Cr Lana Formoso	<p>Road safety, Dandenong</p> <p>There was a serious accident on Heatherton Road near James Street, Dandenong. A woman using a walker was struck by a four-wheel drive and is in a critical condition. This stretch of road, especially between Gladstone and Stud Road, is dangerous. I walk this route daily and witness speeding, red-light running, and reckless driving, particularly by heavy vehicles. There are several schools in the area, including a specialist school. We have had multiple fatalities in recent months. I request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety raising these safety concerns.• Increased patrols by Dandenong Police.• Consideration of temporary CCTV to monitor traffic behaviour. <p>Doing nothing is not an option.</p>	Executive Director City Futures/ Mayors Office	30/06/2025	<p>Initial response provided 23/06/2025:</p> <p>I will organise a letter.</p> <p>Further response provided 30/06/2025:</p> <p>Council officers have discussed this location with Victoria Police. An advocacy letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety has been prepared for the mayor's signature on this matter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>



7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.



8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 8.04 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Signature