



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 08 AUGUST 2022
Commencing at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Angela Long - Leave of Absence

Cr Jim Memeti

Cr Loi Truong

Councillors Present

Cr Eden Foster (Chairperson)

Cr Tim Dark, Cr Lana Formoso (remotely), Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Richard Lim OAM, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly.

Officers Present

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer, Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity, Jim Davine, Acting Director Community Services, Michelle Hansen, Executive Manager Finance and Information Technology, Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects, Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications and Customer Service, Lisa Roberts, Manager Governance.

1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND

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

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

1.3 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

All remained standing as Mr Bikramjit Singh from the Sikh Community, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, read the following prayer.

"Sorat'h, Fifth Mehl:

He is imperishable, the Giver of all beings; meditating on Him, all filth is removed.

He is the treasure of excellence, the object of His devotees, but rare are those who find Him.

O my mind, meditate on the Guru, and God, the Cherisher of the world.

Seeking His Sanctuary, one finds peace, and he shall not suffer in pain again.

By great good fortune, one obtains the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy. Meeting them, evil-mindedness is eliminated.

Slave Nanak yearns for the dust of the feet of those, who have woven the Lord's name into their hearts."

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting of Council held 25 July 2022.

Recommendation

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

MINUTE 528

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

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

CARRIED

1.5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

2 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART ONE

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

File Id:	qA228025
Responsible Officer:	Manager Governance
Attachments:	Petitions and Joint Letters

Report Summary

Council receives a number of petitions and joint letters on a regular basis that deal with a variety of issues which have an impact upon the City.

Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.

A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:

1. the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
2. petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
3. the final complete response to any outstanding petition or joint letter previously tabled along with the full text of the original petition or joint letter and the date it was responded to.

Note: On occasions, submissions are received that are addressed to Councillors which do not qualify as petitions or joint letters under Council's current Governance Rules. These are also tabled.

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 25 July 2022.

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

Recommendation

That this report and Attachment be received and noted.

MINUTE 529

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

That this report and Attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED

2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

ATTACHMENT 1

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

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2.2 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.2.1 Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre

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

Report Summary

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

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

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

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

Recommendation Summary

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

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

Completed.

Essentially, these updates reflect the conditions below.

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

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

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

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

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

Deleted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deleted.

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

5. *Delete DDO5 from PPRZ land.*

Deleted.

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

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

Duplicated.

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

A permit is not required in the Transport Zone for:

- Navigational beacons and aids.

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

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

Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan (2021)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In summary the Amendment proposes to:

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

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

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

Discussion

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

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

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

The following specific changes were requested:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposal

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

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

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

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

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

Financial Implications

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

Consultation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8.1 Community Vision 2040

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

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

8.2 Council Plan 2021-25

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Council, Councillors and members of Council staff are a public authority under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and, as such, are all responsible to act in accordance with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (the Charter).

All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter, particularly in relations to the right to privacy, freedom of expression and the right to a fair hearing.

The Gender Equality Act 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires Councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services.

Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents.

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

Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents.

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

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

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

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

Conclusion

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

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

Recommendation

That:

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

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

MINUTE 530

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark
Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That:

1. **Council receives all submissions made in response to the statutory exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment C224gdan to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.**
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4. **Council advises all submitters accordingly.**

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

STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**AMENDMENT C224GDAN
EXPLANATORY REPORT**

PAGES 9 (including cover)

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

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

Planning and Environment Act 1987

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

Who is the planning authority?

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

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

Land affected by the amendment

The amendment applies to all land within the designated Noble Park Major Activity Centre boundary as per the Noble Park Major Activity Centre Structure Plan, as shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Noble Park Major Activity Centre boundary

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

What the amendment does

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

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

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

The amendment proposes to change the following maps:

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

Strategic assessment of the amendment

Why is the amendment required?

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

Noble Park Structure Plan

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

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

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

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

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

Rezoning land to C1Z

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

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

Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5)

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

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

Expansion of the boundary of the Activity Centre

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

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

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

Update of Local Planning Policies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Does the amendment address relevant bushfire risk?

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Clause 11 - Settlement

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

- Clause 15 - Built Environment and Heritage

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

- Clause 16 - Housing

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

- Clause 17 - Economic Development

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

- Clause 18 - Transport

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

Plan Melbourne

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This strategic consideration does not apply to this amendment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resource and administrative costs

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

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

Where you may inspect this amendment

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

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

The amendment can also be inspected free of charge at:

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

The amendment can also be inspected free of charge at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection.

Submissions

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority. Submissions about the amendment must be received by Friday 24 June 2022.

A submission must be sent to:

Preferred method: Email submission sent to: council@cqd.vic.gov.au
or
Strategic Planning – C224gdan Noble Park Major Activity Centre
City of Greater Dandenong
PO Box 200
DANDENONG VIC 3175

Panel hearing dates

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

- directions hearing: week commencing 12 September 2022.

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- panel hearing: week commencing 17 October 2022.

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ATTACHMENT 2

**SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS AND OFFICER
RESPONSE**

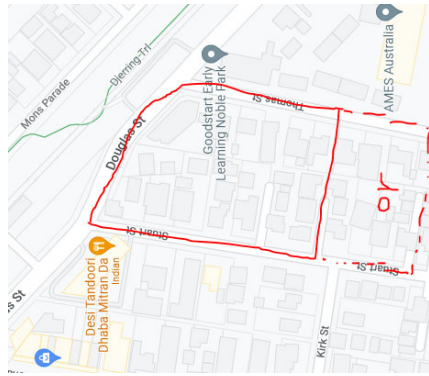
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No.	Summary of Submission	Officer Response	Officer Recommendation
1	<p>Supports the rezoning of land from the Residential Growth Zone Schedule 2 to the Commercial 1 Zone.</p> <p>Suggests that further land currently sitting outside of the Activity Centre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



Source: Map provided as part of Submission 1.

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

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No.	Summary of Submission	Officer Response	Officer Recommendation
	<p>We would never agree to any part of our property at 18-34 Buckley Street being overdeveloped.</p>	<p>To achieve a height of 6 storeys, sites must be at least 2000sqm in size, which will allow for adequate setbacks and landscaping.</p> <p>Due to the fine grain nature of much of the centre, many sites will need to consolidate (in both the commercial core and on Key Redevelopment Blocks) to reach the preferred heights of five or six storeys.</p> <p>All heights and setbacks proposed have been carefully considered and are based on location, orientation, zoning, and landscaping opportunities.</p> <p>These heights strike the right balance between the centre's 'Major Activity Centre' status as defined by the State Government and the 'village' feel of the centre.</p> <p>The issue of bulk was considered when developing the preferred heights and setbacks for the centre. Further work will be required as part of any future planning applications.</p> <p>It is important to note that the heights and setbacks were subject to extensive consultation and assessment during the development of the Structure Plan, and that they have been adopted by Council.</p> <p>All new development must respond to the preferred built form as detailed in the DD05 and local policy</p>	<p>Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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

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

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

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

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

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8	<p>It is important to highlight the heritage of Noble Park Public Hall and also list the heritage James building and Wachter building and the heritage Police station.</p> <p>This strip is unique in its appearance and should be maintained with its period features.</p> <p>State Government needs to first fine tune rules around Heritage 'to protect our village atmosphere' and not assume that the Noble Park Public Hall Trustees who are bound by a 'set in concrete' deed will even give</p>	<p>All new development must respond to the preferred built form as detailed in the DDO5 and local policy Clause 22.08 Noble Park Major Activity Centre. This will achieve high quality buildings with good internal and external amenity and with height and setbacks consistent with the Structure Plan.</p> <p>In addition, an objective of the DDO5 is to 'ensure a transition down in scale to reduce amenity impacts to the surrounding residential areas, including visual bulk, overlooking, and overshadowing.'</p> <p>Issues of bulk and overshadowing were considered when developing the preferred heights and setbacks for the centre. Further work will be required as part of any future planning applications.</p> <p>It is important to note that the heights and setbacks were subject to extensive consultation and assessment during the development of the Structure Plan, and that they have been adopted by Council.</p> <p>There are 2 sites in the activity centre covered by a Heritage Overlay. These are the Noble Park Public Hall (HO3) and the Shops and offices at 49-54 Douglas Street (HO13). These have been depicted on Map 7 on page 27 of the Structure Plan.</p> <p>The development of any site in the centre, including the Noble Park Public Hall, is determined by the owner and no one will be 'forced' to develop. (Refer</p>	<p>No change to amendment. Refer submission to a Planning Panel.</p>

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

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

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

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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

In relation to the DDO5, I read the purpose of the design and development overlay is to identify areas which are affected by specific requirements relating to the design and built form of new development. Why have Council officers decided to delete DDO5 out of C244G planning amendment which is now being referred to the planning minister when it is a planning tool that is applied to areas which need specific requirements relating to the built form and design of new development? DDO5 set requirements for the height, form and the general design of buildings and residents expect our residents amenity and neighbourhood character to be protected. Why does Council allow this to happen especially when they may need to go to VCAT over planning permits, especially the "loose, we can do anything" commercial zonings and then we will not have any barriers for future proposals?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

DDO5 is not being removed or deleted from the proposed rezoning. In fact, this is the matter that has just been disposed of by Council now the rezoning has just been considered. There is an amendment to DDO5 and it is no longer being pursued on the residential sites on the northern side of Heatherton Road only. It has been reduced and it is taking out of DDO5, those properties on the northern side of Heatherton Road only. DDO5 will remain throughout the remainder of the Activity Centre and will set out preferred heights throughout the Noble Park Activity Centre area. The reason for no longer pursuing the DDO5 on residential sites along Heatherton Road is because the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) required either the DDO5 height limit in this area be increased from two stories to three stories or the DDO5 be removed from this area.

It has been determined that to remove DDO5 from this area only, as this land is zoned General Residential Zone Schedule 1 which already contains its own preferred height limit of two storeys. To retain the DDO5 in this area and increase the preferred height to three storeys, which is the alternative that was offered by DELWP, would have resulted in conflicting controls on this land and in additional height outcomes not sought by the Council or by the community. I reiterate the DDO5 will remain across the balance of the Activity Centre and will provide significantly increased form guidance for future development in the Noble Park Activity Centre.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

"What do I get for my rates?" is being asked by many after reading the Mayor's letter because right now a "fair go" is under threat in CGD, especially in some neglected wards. If you are not in the activity centre, then the back blocks of wards, Springvale, Springvale South, Noble Park and Keysborough are being completely ignored and have become ugly enclaves with concreted yards that are lowering the tone of these wards and being totally ignored by our elected representatives and officers. Keysborough east of Chandler Road has been historically ignored and now has no primary school, dog park, pathway along Tower Court, despite being asked for to make the pedestrian access easier to the railway station. Dangerous intersection Orloff/Isaac/Chandler, footpath replacements cancelled December 2019 not restarted, tree roots destroying nature strips because of the lack of root pruning, over-development trumping over-environment. Major problems were highlighted throughout the last Council elections and reflected in the super narrow results and have not been acted upon. Yet over the border (the bypass) our rates are being spent on expensive infrastructure; three dog parks side by side, a hub when Tattersson Park was always meant to be the hub, false consultation, drawn out plans and strategies not delivered in a timely manner. To improve Councillors need to actually go out and speak and mix with their community. What is the hub of Keysborough, the Uniting Church or the shopping centre? When will a genuine feasibility study actually happen so it can be actioned?

Response

John Bennie, Chief Executive Officer

This is a complex question from Gaye Guest that includes a number of sub-questions and for all of those reasons, I prefer to take the matter on notice and give a comprehensive response that can be included in the Minutes and document Council's position on these matters. If, for those listening to this Council meeting tonight, we are under any misapprehension that Council does not fairly allocate its expenditures, I would certainly seek to correct that this evening. Council spends a lot of time in seeking to ensure that its capital program, that involves well over 100 projects, not just the half a dozen or so that do get highlighted and emphasised, are distributed right across the municipality and certainly Council service offering is dedicated and directed to where community needs are greatest. Community needs can vary from those that are in need in terms of what they require to live from day to day, to those that newer residents might need in terms of having new infrastructure that some other residents have enjoyed for many, many years. It is a complex question, there is more to it than might seem to be the case and I am determined to provide a comprehensive response and we will do so by the next meeting.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question

Earl Misso, Dandenong

Three weeks ago, I met with Maria and another gentleman from the Buckland Gardens office to discuss trees and the wellbeing of a nature strip. They were very polite, very kind and very professional. I would like to pass on my thanks for that.

I would like to bring up an issue here. There has been a pothole on the corner of Brady Road and Gladstone Road for exactly 11 days, including the weekend which I do not take into account. Nothing has been done. I do not believe that no officer has driven past or fallen into that pothole and could not get it fixed in time.

There are also two potholes on Park Road and Gladstone Road. To be exact, one month ago they were filled in. I saw someone fixing the pothole, he put something in it and went off.

I challenged him while he was filling the second pothole. He said, 'That's what we are asked to do and that will work, it will take one year to come out.' If you check those two holes have appeared again. I then got in touch with Department of Transport, and I spoke to an engineer there and they told me very clearly that this product is a very temporary product. Those two holes have been out there for a month. Could an officer go and fix the problem long term because the cars we drive today are getting damaged and we cannot gain compensation.

Response

John Bennie, Chief Executive Officer

I can assure Mr Misso that an officer will be on site tomorrow to inspect those two sites. We must make sure that we have the precise location. If you can provide that information to us we will have an officer there tomorrow who will review and take any necessary action.

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

I reported that pothole this morning, so the officers are now aware I believe. They maybe just did not have a chance to act upon it straightaway, but it was reported.

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

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
25/07/22 PQT3	Roz Blades	On behalf of the Noble Park Community Centre, we would appreciate an update on the Ross Reserve Master Plan.	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	01/08/2022	<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: There are several projects occurring in relation to the Ross Reserve Master Plan and the officers dealing with these projects would be more than happy to meet representatives of the Noble Park Community Centre and provide an overview of current and future projects. Officers will contact representatives of the community centre shortly and will arrange a time to provide the group with an update of all the activities that are related to the Ross Reserve Master Plan.</p> <p>Further response provided 01/08/22: Thanks for providing your question to Council last week regarding providing the Noble Park Community Centre Committee with an update on the Ross Reserve Master Plan.</p> <p>We would be more than happy to meet representatives of the Noble Park Community Centre to provide an overview of the current and future projects.</p> <p>In terms of timeframes, we would need to allow a week to pull together the presentation given our other project commitments. It would most likely be Michael Smith and myself (Brett Jackson) presenting to the group.</p>

Question Time Public – Questions Taken on Notice & Requiring Further Action

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					<p>Could you please advise of suitable options and times to present to the committee – For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the day • Early evening • Preferred location of the presentation or if there is a preference for a TEAMS online presentation. I am not sure of the set up for presentations at the NPCC. • Particular date options • An upcoming meeting in August or September that we could attend <p>I shall await further information on the above and then it should be quite straight forward to arrange a time to meet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>

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

4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

4.1 OTHER

4.1.1 Recommended Applicants for the Disability Advisory Committee

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director Community Services

Attachments:

Recommended Applicants for the Disability
Advisory Committee – Attachment 1

Report Summary

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

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

Recommendation Summary

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

Proposal

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

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

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Consultation

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

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

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

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

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7.1 Community Vision 2040

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

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

7.2 Council Plan 2021-25

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city
- A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods
- A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.

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

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

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

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Council, Councillors and members of Council staff are a public authority under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and, as such, are all responsible to act in accordance with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (the Charter).

All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

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

The Gender Equality Act 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires Councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services.

Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents.

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

Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

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

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks include:

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

Conclusion

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

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

Recommendation

That the:

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

MINUTE 531

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

That the:

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

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

OTHER

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ATTACHMENT 1

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PAGES 2 (including cover)

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

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

Tam Nguyen

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

Kristina Drmic

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

4.1.2 Recommended Applicants for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee

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

Report Summary

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

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

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

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

Recommendation Summary

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

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

Background

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

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

Proposal

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

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

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Consultation

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

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

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7.1 Community Vision 2040

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

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The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

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

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

Specifically:

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

The Gender Equality Act 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires Councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services.

Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents.

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

Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

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

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks include:

- Disability Action Plan 2017-2023

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

Conclusion

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

Recommendation

That:

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

MINUTE 532

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan
Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That:

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

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

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**RECOMMENDED APPLICANTS FOR THE
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PAGES 2 (including cover)

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

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

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

File Id: fA25545
Responsible Officer: Manager Governance

1. Report Summary

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

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

2. Recommendation Summary

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

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

3. Background

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

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

4. Matters Presented for Discussion

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

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

5.	<i>Councillor and council officers briefly discussed the following topics:</i> a. the economic impact on Dandenong CBD traders; b. broadcasting and seating capabilities at Dandenong Basketball Stadium and the impacts on Dandenong's WNBL team; c. the status of recycling and advanced waste processing in the south-east region; d. the status of current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations (CONFIDENTIAL); and e. Agenda items for the 25 July 2022 Council Meeting.	<i>CBS – 18 July 2022</i>
6.	<i>Councillor and council officers briefly discussed the following topics:</i> a. Refurbishment and repairs to the Dandy Pig located at the Dandenong Market; b. Success in obtaining grant funding to go towards the PEP building works in Dandenong; c. Agenda items for the 25 July 2022 Council Meeting.	<i>Pre-Council Meeting – 25 July 2022</i>

5. Apologies

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

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

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

6.1 Community Vision 2040

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

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

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA2020) states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles.

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

8. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

All matters relevant to the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities have been considered in the preparation and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

9. The *Gender Equality Act 2020*

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires Councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services.

Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents because it is a reporting mechanism only. The report does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles nor does it benefit any one gender group over any other.

10. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

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

This report has no impact on Council’s Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council’s Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability because it is purely administrative in nature and is a reporting mechanism only.

11. Recommendation

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

MINUTE 533

Moved by: Cr Richard Lim OAM

Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

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

CARRIED

4.1.4 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

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

Report Summary

Subsequent to resolutions made by Council on 11 November 2013 and 25 February 2014 in relation to a listing of incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 provides a list of this correspondence for the period 18-29 July 2022.

Recommendation

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

MINUTE 534

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

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

CARRIED

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

OTHER

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

ATTACHMENT 1

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
18-29 JULY 2022**

PAGES 3 (including cover)

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

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



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

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

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



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

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
A letter of concern from a Dandenong resident regarding trucks parking on Ann Street, Dandenong which cause safety issues.	19-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	A8947194	Mayor and Councillors EA
A letter of thanks from an OAM recipient in the Queen's Birthday Honours after receiving a congratulatory letter from the Mayor.	19-Jul-22	22-Jul-22	A8952532	Mayor and Councillors EA
An invitation to the Mayor from the Aurora Bengal Association to attend its Durga Puja event in September 2022.	28-Jul-22	28-Jul-22	A8970524	Mayor and Councillors EA
An email from Homes for Homes asking Council to support its aim to end homelessness in Victoria.	28-Jul-22	29-Jul-22	A8972027	Mayor and Councillors EA

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

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

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

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

File Id:

Responsible Officer:

Director City Planning Design & Amenity

Preamble

a) State-wide

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

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

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

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

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

b) Greater Dandenong

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

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

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

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

MOTION

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

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

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

MINUTE 535

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

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

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- c) **staff structure for those Councils' environment and sustainability (including parks and waste) responsibilities; and**
- d) **options going forward for Greater Dandenong to better resource their environment and sustainability (including parks and waste) responsibilities.**

CARRIED

6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Question

Cr Tim Dark

My first question this evening is from an older resident. They have been raising quite a few questions to do with the Coomoora development and the access of Teddy Crescent. Can somebody from planning get in touch with or visit this resident. They had some questions about the drainage and earthworks that have been occurring and the access by the kerb and channel. As they are an elderly resident, they have asked whether it is possible to get hard copies of the plans to get an idea of what is going on.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

Absolutely, please pass on the details and we will make contact and provide them with the assistance and information they need.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

My next question has been from a couple of residents on Chandler Road. There have been some concerns about the level of parking at the shopping complex on the corner of Parkmore Road and Chandler Road. Some large restaurants have opened and there has been the backup of some illegal parking in the street as people are going through the area. Could we please have a look at what options are available for us, whether the parking is sufficient enough or whether we need to look at other options to have a quicker turnover of cars, such that people are not parking illegally over other people's driveways.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

If you could pass on those details, I could certainly get the transport team to have a look at what options there may be. Of course, when we change any signage, we normally consult with the traders and those sorts of things. Certainly we can research and have a discussion with the compliance area with regards to whether or not they have been out there recently with regards to any infringement.

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

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

I attended quite a few events in the past couple of weeks. I would like to mention a special one that I attended with Deputy Mayor Eden Foster, which was organised by the Sandown Greyhound Racing Club in support of the Servants of the Two Hearts and Reaching Out Because We Can. They are wonderful charities helping people when they have fallen on hard times, from homeless to hungry. The atmosphere in the room was just amazing and it was fantastic to see so many volunteers dedicating their free time to the cause. The food was delicious, the raffle tickets were sold out on the night. There were a couple of exciting prizes and the atmosphere all around was phenomenal. Congratulations to both Sandown Greyhound Racing Club and these wonderful charities that help our community in times of need.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

How long will the mobile police camera that was installed on Palm Plaza be there?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

I do not know the answer to that question. It has been put there at short notice after our requests. How long it will be there is up to Victoria Police themselves as it is their facility. I am happy to go back to the manager on our side who has that liaison role with Victoria Police and ask if there is any idea of how long it is going to be there for. It is part of a wider program of policing in the area and we should see that together with other initiatives that are being put forward for quite some time now.

Response

John Bennie, Chief Executive Officer

Just to add to Mr Bosman's response which I agree with entirely. The police and Council are taking an evidence-based approach. I believe the police have identified about 12 locations in the activity centre that would be ideally suited to having infrastructure of this type set up. It is not just that location, there could be others. The evidence basis will be that if, when it is positioned in the location it is, it generates the intelligence that they are looking for, it will probably stay there for as long as it generates intelligence. If not, it might be moved to another location which could only be 50 meters along Palm Plaza. But the commitment that we understand exists, as Mr Bosman has indicated, and it will remain in this area until such time as these issues are satisfactorily addressed.

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

Comment

Cr Bob Milkovic

That is great to hear and we had a great meeting the other day, 'Coffee With A Cop and a Councillor.' There were quite a few coffees and doughnuts served. It was great to see that the Police are out on the beat. It was also great to hear from Senior Sergeant Colin that they are committed to getting out there again in uniform and walking the streets. For a lot of residents, the perception of safety was not there. Police presence in general would help address those sorts of issues quite dramatically. It is great to see that Police and State government is listening to us.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

Would it be possible to remove park benches in the little pocket park on Lonsdale Street between what used to be the old O'Brien office and the party supply store where we constantly have issues of antisocial behaviour. People sitting on benches drinking, empty bottles day in day out. I think Mayor Jim Memeti is well aware of this situation. Would it be possible to remove the benches so people do not congregate there? I have never seen anyone with small kids going there at all as it is mostly occupied day and night by unsavoury characters.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

This very same Safer Streets Program, this initiative that's been undertaken between ourselves, the traders in the area and Victoria Police, will consider all of these sorts of options. Until such time as we have all of the facts assembled and all of the data and intelligence gathered from the initial part of this exercise, it would be premature to start removing any infrastructure. Whether or not such infrastructure should be removed, will become part of that gathering of information. I think the undertaking that was given by the Manager, Regulatory Services was to come back to you within the next fortnight. We can start looking at what those interventions are that are required.

Comment

Cr Tim Dark

I am very familiar with the park in question to which Councillor Milkovic refers to, as somebody who previously worked in central Dandenong. I have walked past at the end of last week and there is a substantial issue there. There was an empty goon bag on the ground, some broken bottles of wine that had been smashed around and some unsavoury characters, probably about 12 of them right next to the building.

There is a party supplies store which I believe Council owns and the building on the left which Council also owns. I just want to find out whether there could be CCTV installed, given we own both assets on either side. When I walked past at 2.30pm it was an eyesore, particularly as you come right into central Dandenong. I think Councillor Milkovic's comments about the benches being removed sooner rather than later is certainly warranted.

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

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

As you know, now there is a mobile CCTV unit there and that is gathering intelligence. Hopefully, the work that we are doing will see a change in behaviour. I do not think the change in behaviour is brought about by the removal of the infrastructure itself. I think it is all part and parcel of a bigger exercise and if, as part of that, there is an early recommendation to remove the benches, then we certainly will do that. But I think we should give the program a chance to gather that intelligence to have some positive impact in the area, at least this first couple of weeks.

You will not just see police on the beat but also the mounted unit in the area as well. There is going to be quite a presence and I think as a result you will see a change in behaviour. As Mr Bennie mentioned earlier, it is not the only hotspot in the municipality. Therefore, the program needs to be able to run for a while. It is about looking at the broader precinct. Certainly, the focus at this stage is on that area that yourself and Councillor Milkovic have commented on. Once we have suggestions and recommendations from Victoria Police as to how to deal with that particular area and the park itself, we will act on those. We will bring that all back to Councillors as part of regular updates and briefing of Councillors.

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

Speaking of cameras, I wanted to say a big thank you to our team for finally placing a mobile camera at 32 Stud Road, Dandenong to start collecting data in regard to the illegal dumping that has been happening there for decades. A huge thank you to our team, and interestingly, no one has done anything there since the cameras have been placed there. So obviously people are aware that they are doing the wrong thing. What are we doing if we do catch someone illegally dumping? How long will the cameras be there for and can we have it there permanently please?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

With regards to the timing, I can provide an update to all Councillors in the next couple of days. We have negotiated with the provider to use it in terms of a pilot program to see its effectiveness. With regards to compliance, that is a matter that would need to be considered by Mr Bosman's area with regards to any local law. It would be a matter of whether the appropriate evidence was collected with regards to identifying those people who had dumped rubbish. We would probably need number plates or those sorts of things to further that, so I probably have to leave that answer there. With regards to the timing, we can provide some further advice as to its further use, subject to the agreement that we have with the provider. We are very hopeful that we would at least look for something that is a minimum of 12 months and rotate it through several other areas where we are facing the same sort of dumping issue, but also use it proactively with regards to events and other things that Council run as well.

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

Question

Cr Lana Formoso

The residents are extremely pleased and we are already seeing some great results, so hopefully we can get to the bottom of this situation. My second question is regarding the cat curfew. It is something that has been brought up by quite a few of the residents in my ward in particular and I know during COVID the increase of feral cats has been huge. Over a million, I believe, in Victoria alone. I know I have caught four feral cats myself with our cat traps. I would like to know what we are doing in regards to the cat curfew and the issues that we are having with feral cats. I understand that we did an animal management plan just recently but I would like an update on the cat curfew. I see that it is working really well in other municipalities and it is something that I would really like to advocate for again.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

There was a briefing of Councillors recently by the manager of Regulatory Services on the Domestic Animal Management Plan, as well as the cat curfew. I am happy to bring that back to either yourself individually or to the Councillors again for a briefing and an update on that.

It is the recommendation by the officers that we proceed with a cat curfew. However, it was part of a broader exercise, not just in isolation. Its effectiveness would be greatly enhanced by it being part of a broader suite of initiatives. As I said, I am happy to sit down with you and take you through that.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

On Sunday 31 July 2022 I had a great pleasure to attend the Springvale Snow Fest. It was a great success and there was an amazing turnout of thousands of people. I just want to say thank you to our staff, our sponsors and all the volunteers for their great work. Well done to the Community Services team.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

My question is regarding the Harold Road and Corrigan Road project. On the website it stated that the construction is meant to start in July and the work has not been started yet. Can we have an update on that?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

I will take that on notice. I am not aware of the reasons for the delay. I will ask the relevant project manager for that and give that information to you and the other Councillors as soon as possible.

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

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

I got a few questions from our residents, mainly regarding local roads and traffic issues. Most of them are related to the Department of Transport. Could the relevant officer possibly organise an upload on the CGD website, a list of roads that are looked after by the Department of Transport and if we could have instruction for what a resident can do for each particular road and who to go through instead of going through us every time.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

I will ask the transport and traffic team to immediately look at an opportunity where we can add to our existing web pages that relate to traffic and transport to identify, as a minimum at least, a list of Department of Transport roads and then perhaps the best contact details of where any issues should go to. However, it is always a good idea to let us know because we can add that to any advocacy campaigns as well. I will certainly get them to have a look at the website, look at the pages and see what additional information we can provide and get that set up as soon as possible.

Comment

Cr Richard Lim OAM

On Tuesday 26 July 2022, I had an opportunity to attend and give a speech at the City of Greater Dandenong Youth Summit. It was a very great pleasure to interact with all the youth and young leaders.

On Friday 29 July 2022, I attended at the Annual General Meeting of the Italian Springvale Senior Citizen Club and they wanted me to be a chairman to conduct the election for their organisation. I also gave a little speech about health and wellbeing, how to stay healthy for the elderly.

On Sunday 31 July 2022, like Councillor Tan and so many Councillors on that day, we enjoyed the Springvale Snow Fest. It was an amazing and very successful event. Many people came from all over Melbourne. I met so many people that rarely come to Springvale but attended the Snow Fest. I would like to thank Mr John Bennie and his crew for organising this unbelievable award-winning festival.

On 4 August 2022, I had the chance to have another meeting with Lisa Moore the president of the Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce. We had a very long discussion about the idea to form a Springvale Multicultural Chamber of Commerce under the umbrella of Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce. On that day, Councillor Rhonda Garad and Eden Foster also came to Springvale for a vaccination. They said how amazing and lively Springvale was. Councillor Rhonda could not find a carpark and had to park at the railway station. Both expressed that they are willing to help make Springvale a better place.

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

On Sunday 7 August 2022, I had a chance to meet with a Councillor from Maribyrnong City Council. She really wanted to see Springvale because she had not been to Springvale for a long time and has heard a lot about Springvale. The Snow Fest attracted her to come to talk to me because a lot of her residents, friends and relatives came to the event and she was interested to know how it was all organised. I told her it was not my job but that she could maybe talk to Mr Jim Davine as they are the ones responsible for the organisation. She was interested in how the snow was organised to be brought down from Mt Buller. I told her the long process that was explained to me by David Clarke. She asked if she could approach David Clarke and I told her it was unlikely because he said that he is only willing to sponsor the City of Greater Dandenong for the last 10 years now.

She also asked why she did not see me attend the event for the 'Handbook for Culturally Diverse Victorians Considering Running for Local Government', as I had accepted the invitation. I told her I had so many commitments that suddenly arose and had to send my apology last minute. In the handbook they talk about the life of 13 councillors from diverse communities and backgrounds. It is a very good book which she gave to me on her visit.

She also wanted to ask me to be part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme to serve the multicultural committee in Victoria. It is organised by a professor from Monash Health, and I said I do not mind to be part of it. I will talk to the relevant officer to see if I can be part of that.

This afternoon I had a long talk with Mr Anson Hong, president of the Association of Chinese Community regarding the Lunar New Year. I would like to inform that we are going to have a Lunar New Year celebration for the Multicultural Committee, like I mentioned last time. We want to thank the Council for allowing us to participate in this event on Friday 2 September 2022. 1000 mooncakes will be given to everyone over in the Chinese Elderly Association.

In the afternoon the president of the Chinese Mandolin Music Group from the Neighbourhood House, spoke to me to organise a Luna New Year celebration as well. He wanted help with the organisation and sponsorship and I said I do not mind doing so through my pharmacy and otherwise.

Question

Cr Richard Lim, OAM

My first question is whether at Council big events, different Councillors can have the chance to give a speech about their visions for the community and their achievements and activities so that they can promote themselves to the community. Media talks a lot about how Council and local government do not do enough but that is maybe because we do not promote ourselves enough. We work very hard and very close with our residents and community, and I think we should promote that more at big events.

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

Response

John Bennie, Chief Executive Officer

That is not a question that I can give a simple yes or no answer to. I think it is something that the Council needs to consider in some further detail. That is, in fact, the role of the Mayor. The Mayor would attend all major events and make a speech on behalf of Council to the community that would seek to address all of those things. Just as you yourself Deputy Mayor did as Deputy Mayor at Snow Fest a couple of weeks ago where you spoke about Springvale and the important projects that were emerging there. For others to speak at the same time I think is, again, something that the Council would need to think about and consider. We do get a lot of feedback from people that speeches are nice but not too many, thank you very much. I think all of those things, information compared to people coming and wanting to participate in an event have to be weighed up. I am not by any means expressing an opinion whether it should or should not happen. I am simply saying that it is something that I think the Council needs to consider in some further detail.

Question

Cr Richard Lim, OAM

I just want to ask Council Officers or Directors if we can organise some sort of festival, maybe a food festival in Springvale because Dandenong has a food festival. Today I saw a leaflet about a Curry Festival in Dandenong. I think Springvale can do a lot of events with food it would be very good.

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

As I previously indicated, we do have an allocation of money by this Council to look at all sorts of extra activities that can be undertaken in Springvale, including matters that relate to perhaps the closure of Buckingham Avenue, the reuse and alternative uses of Multicultural Square. The issue of adding in extra events can certainly be looked at with regards to that piece of work. I understand that the brief is under way for preparation and will be out for consultants to seek participation or to seek to drive that project.

Once the consultants are appointed, part of what they will need to do is come and have a talk to you and engage with other Councillors with regards to what their views may be as well. We expect that piece of work to take maybe two or three months. We will then bring that back for further consideration by Council.

Question

Cr Richard Lim, OAM

When we organise a big event in any wards, can we not block the traffic too early? For example, for the Snow Fest the traffic was blocked Saturday at 6.00pm and business owners could not move out of the multi-level carpark.

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

Response

Jim Davine, Acting Director of Community Services

We note the feedback that was received in relation to the road closures and, as we debrief on this year's event, we will look at measures for next year and we can talk to you about that.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

I concur with Councillor Lim regarding the success of the Snow Fest. It was fabulous to see that the event was so well attended and well done to those who organised that. Equally, the 'Coffee With A Cop And A Councillor' was a great success. It was great to see the community turn up and have their questions and issues canvassed and it was really telling to see that the community has a tremendous appetite for these events. So again, well done to Council for their great organisation around that event.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Whilst the overall results from the community consultation survey were pleasing, of concern was the decrease in satisfaction with community consultation and engagement performance (down two index scores to an equal record low), and decisions made in the interest of community performance (two index scores down).

- a. In response, will the Council put out an improvement plan outlining how they will improve consultation and engagement, that includes different communication and engagement strategies for different groups?
- b. Will this plan include a rotation of Ward consultations, as raised by Cr Dark at the last meeting?

Response

Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications and Customer Service

The other results of the community satisfaction survey were indeed very positive, with Council scoring higher than both the metropolitan and state averages in all eight key areas. Both the categories you mentioned were down one index point on the previous year's results, which is not really considered statistically significant. However, since this survey was undertaken, Council has adopted the revised and updated Community Engagement Planning Framework at the 27 June 2022 Council Meeting, which is in line with the Community Engagement Policy and available on Council's website. This is essentially a very detailed consultation plan which Council has now endorsed.

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

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Given that the City of Greater Dandenong is the most culturally diverse community in Victoria with residents from over 160 birthplaces and over 130 languages spoken, how many residents used a language interpreter to complete the community survey?

Response

Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications and Customer Service

From the survey sample of 400 people, there were 163 respondents who spoke a language other than English, however, none of them required an interpreter to complete the survey in a language other than English. They were all able to understand and respond to the questions in English for this year's survey.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

I suggest that maybe we are missing out on a large part of our community through that and perhaps we could bring that up at another time.

In the same survey, 38 per cent of residents said they were concerned about climate change, while 84 per cent said Council had an important role to play in responding to climate change.

- a. How are we keeping the community informed about how the Council is addressing the challenges of climate change, including building community awareness of impacts, preparation, emergency responses and mitigation to build community resilience to cope with climate change?
- b. Will the Council consider forming a dedicated community group to inform and guide the implementation of the Council's action?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

Regarding keeping the community informed of the work being undertaken to address the challenge of climate change and to increase community awareness, this is undertaken through a number of avenues, including via the sustainability and climate change web pages on our website, the monthly e-newsletter called 'Forever Files', through articles in other Council publications and newsletters, a physical presence at Council events, dedicated community climate workshops, and through social media. Officers are also continually exploring other opportunities to further engage with the community. As to "will we consider forming a dedicated community group?", in terms of a dedicated community group to inform and guide the implementation of Council's climate action, Council has, as you know, its Community Sustainability Advisory Committee, which supports that purpose.

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

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Yes, again, I think maybe we could revisit, you know, the parameters of the Sustainability Advisory Committee and look at whether there's room to have perhaps a broader group, but again, for another day.

An operational plan has been promised for some time in the Keysborough Hub, including who will provide childcare services and what services will be offered. Parents are continually contacting me asking when they can start planning to access these childcare services. When will a detailed operational plan be finalised and when will it go out for public consultation?

Response

Jim Davine, Acting Director of Community Services

The operational elements of the Keysborough South Community Hub are progressing as planned. The first step of this operational planning included the endorsement of a Council facilitated management model which was endorsed in January 2022. This provides the oversight of all Council services and working alongside the Early Years licensee to provide a strong outcomes and opportunities for the community. An expression of interest will occur for the early years licensee approximately six months before construction is completed. The next steps of this operational planning is the draft Keysborough South Community Hub Strategic Plan, which is scheduled for the Councillor Briefing Session on 15 August this year for approval to then proceed to public consultation.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Recently three separate departments within Council joined together to find a solution to a complex street parking issue in Keysborough South - Church Street, coming up with a comprehensive plan. Will the Council take the same approach to addressing the ongoing complex parking issues in Tyers Lane in Keysborough South?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

The section of Church Road which has recently been the subject of parking concerns, as you have outlined, is uniquely a narrow section of road in Keysborough South. It was designed at the narrower width to save a large number of significant trees. Tyers Lane, however, is the same width as most streets within the Keysborough South estate and there is sufficient space for drivers to park on both sides of the road, while still allowing a single lane of traffic to pass through. While Council officers are always welcome to discuss parking matters with the community and are open to suggestions, any unique outcomes or options on Tyers Lane are unlikely to follow the example of Church Road. However, if residents wish to discuss parking concerns, they would be more than welcome to contact our officers directly and we can undertake some further discussions with them.

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Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

My next question is, what is the expected completion date for the DNA Gallery and what is causing the delays, and what is the change in cost from the tender price to the current anticipated cost and what are the reasons for these?

Response

Paul Kearsley, Director of Business, Engineering & Major Projects

With regards to the timeframes, I am at this point unable to give any information with regards to when we would expect that project to be completed. It is probably not the ideal situation that I would like to be in at this point. We are continuing to engage with the contractor with regards to their obligations under the contract. As soon as those discussions take place, including any possible legal advice that I may need to put to Council, we will bring that matter for further consideration back to a Councillor Briefing Session in order to complete and finalise what we all believe was going to be a fantastic project, to make sure that we get it done as quickly as we can.

With regards to any ongoing blowouts or costs, at this stage I can advise that there is no blowout on costs. However, we do need to consider the lack of action undertaken by the contractor over the last 12 months and also any pending increases that may take place due to COVID with regards to - which we know have occurred on other projects with regards to increasing cost of materials and increasing supply on labour, and that is something again we can bring back to Council in the coming weeks for further consideration

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Following on from my question at the last meeting, can they relevant officer clarify, does the VC216 override the provisions of our own Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) amendment C201 and, if so, what changes will it make to our local policy, in particular, have any of the triggers changed?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

Councillor Garad, the recently gazetted VC216 sets the state planning basis of support for environmental assessments on planning permitted development applications. Our ESD policy sits separate to that, and is not adversely or in any way affected, other than to say we now have a state provision that supports the principles of ESD being part of the assessment. Our existing policy continues to operate as it always has. The triggers that are in there continue to be functional and C201 is unaffected by the VC amendment. The VC amendment just puts all councils that are using ESD policies and triggers, gives it a sounder base or more support from the State Government in doing so.

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Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

What is the current status of the Greater Dandenong Climate Emergency Community Action Plan and our community emergency strategy which was meant to be finished and adopted last financial year? What is the timeframe for its finalisation, including opportunities for community input by residents?

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

As previously advised, the discussion of this plan has been delayed due to COVID-19 which has impacted on the ability to undertake consultation and engagement activities with the community. Preparation of the strategy has commenced, with external stakeholder consultation and community engagement to be undertaken in September and October of this year. An initial summary report will be provided to Council by the end of the calendar year, with the final strategy to be completed in early 2023.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

When is the new Greater Dandenong Asylum Seeker Refugee Action Plan coming to Councillor Briefing Session and will the draft plan then go out to public consultation and, if not, why not?

Response

Jim Davine, Acting Director of Community Services

The draft Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Plan was again discussed at the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee meeting, or MAPSAAC, on 2 August 2022. There are no plans to formally brief Councillors or provide public exhibition of the one-page draft thematic plan, as its development and rationale had been documented in this year's MAPSAAC meeting minutes, which are noted by Councillors at regular Council meetings. The minutes of the 2 August MAPSAAC meeting will be tabled at the 12 September 2022 Council meeting.

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Question

Cr Sean O'Reilly

My understanding is that currently when we have a planning application, it is advertised to the local residents. I think there is a letterbox drop with a letter for Council saying we have received an application at this address and this is the date you have to object to it.

In my 10 years on Council, I have noticed that many of the objections we get to planning applications are along the same lines. They are generally to do with how much onsite parking there is and the overlooking and so on. There seems to be some sort of disconnect there that Council could assist with. My idea is that, rather than just informing residents that the planning application is here, could we also, in that communication, provide information on the general planning facts such as that the minimum on site car parking is restrained by the Victorian government parking limits, that Council cannot insist for parking above the minimum Victorian level, etc. We tend to get quite a lot of objections about overlooking from residents thinking that people are going to be looking in their backyard. Council deals with that by insisting on opaque windows. This information and some general information on how Council deals with the density of applications. This sort of general information would be trying to pre-empt some of the objections that we might be receiving that eventually do not go anywhere. I think this would assist in saving time for Council, but importantly, for the residents that are objecting that think that Council can insist on twice the amount of on-site parking and things like this. It is important that residents should still be able to object firstly, and secondly, if there is a genuine reason for objection under planning code that is put forward. But I think we can pre-empt some of these objections.

Response

Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

In terms of providing advice on specifics related to the application itself, that would not be really possible. It requires an assessment of an application that has come in and we would not have done that yet and one would not want to assess it twice. If there are changes that happen as a result of discussions between officers and the applicant, then what do you do with that? I think anything around the specifics of the application would not be able to be conveyed to the surrounding residents. Our letter says to make a submission, whether it is a supporting or objecting submission.

In terms of maybe a brief general statement that informs of certain provisions where Council does not have discretion to increase provisions, we might be able to put something in there. It would require the reader to go back and interpret how that application then stacks up against those Victoria planning provisions. It almost requires a level of expertise on behalf of that reader to look at the two and say, yes it does or no, it does not.

I can certainly have a think about how some brief wording on where that flexibility lies and where it does not lie. What we are looking at doing at the moment though, is on the notices that get erected on the property to have a QR code where it takes the reader directly to the planning application. You do not have to come in, look at the register and ask for a copy of the file. It will take you directly to the set of plans. The reader will be able to have the details of what is being proposed submitted to Council.

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Comment

Cr Eden Foster

On Saturday 30 July 2022, I attended the Empowering Communities Hemming Street Precinct Initiative, also known as 'Coffee With A Cop and a Councillor', with fellow Councillor Rhonda Garad. It was a great opportunity for residents of Hemming Street precinct and even further out in Dandenong West to be able to voice their concerns and ideas, but also have a chat with, not just myself and Councillor Garad, but the local police as well. That night I went to a charity dinner dance hosted by Sandown Greyhound Racing Club in support of Reaching Out Because We Can and Servants of the Two Hearts. I attended that with Councillor Bob Milkovic. Both charities support the homeless and less fortunate and victims of domestic violence. They do such amazing work for residents within our municipality and further out as well. It was a great opportunity to see all the volunteers there.

On Sunday 31 July 2022, like many of my fellow Councillors, I attended Springvale Snow Fest. I too would also like to thank those involved in organising this amazing event. On a global scale, we have won awards for it, so it was fantastic to be able to celebrate Snow Fest after a two-year hiatus. Thank you to those who organised it, the volunteers and also the sponsors and I look forward to Springvale Snow Fest in 2023.

On Monday 1 August 2022, I attended the Housing Strategy night with members from Launching Housing and Victoria Police, just to name a few. It was a great opportunity for Councillors to hear about homelessness in the area and how we are tackling it, but also to think about ways that we can continue to address homelessness in Greater Dandenong.

On Tuesday 2 August 2022, I attended the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee meeting. I also attended a Councillor Briefing Session on the Railway Parade shopping centre concept plans, so watch this space on Railway Parade.

On Wednesday 3 August 2022, I attended 'Coffee With A Cop and a Councillor at Palm Plaza with Councillor Bob Milkovic. Another great opportunity to hear from local residents and traders about concerns in the area. That evening, I attended the citizenship ceremony at Springvale Town Hall where 176 residents were made Australian citizens. As Deputy Mayor, it was such an honour and a privilege to be able to officiate my first citizenship ceremony and to see such smiling faces as you hand over the certificate. It was just an amazing experience for me, let alone for the new citizens.

On Friday 5 August 2022, I attended the official opening and tour of Viv's Place. This is a special place in our municipality only made possible thanks to generous support of donors, partners and the Victorian government. It is Australia's first supported housing initiative for women and children and it will also include dedicated care from Launch Housing and Uniting staff. We should be quite honoured to have this facility in Greater Dandenong to be able to support such vulnerable people in our community.

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That night, I attended the Noble Park CFA Annual Brigade Dinner at Sandown Park Hotel and I just want to make a shoutout to all the CFA's in the City of Greater Dandenong for the hard work of their volunteers, their commitment and also their families' commitment as well. I also would like to promote that they are seeking more women to put their hands up to volunteer. They did try to recruit me. Time permitting, I might put my hand up down the track. But again, to any females out there perhaps consider volunteering, the CFA in Greater Dandenong needs you.

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

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COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

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25/07/22 CQT3	Cr Rhonda Garad	<p>Request for a lux test to be conducted on the Dandenong Bypass section of Chapel Road, Keysborough South</p> <p>Recent lighting additions to the section of the Dandenong Bypass section of Chapel Road in Keysborough South, do not appear to have improved the lighting in this area. Can we run a luminosity test and compare the test done prior to the installation of the new lights?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	04/08/2022	<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: We assume you are referring to the section of Chapel Road between Church Road and Keyjana Drive, Keysborough. Previous readings for this section of road were undertaken in August 2021 and resulted in the subsequent installation of three additional streetlights in early 2022. The lighting separation distance should now meet Council standards. However, luminosity readings post-installation have not been conducted. We will arrange for these to be undertaken as part of our next audit which is planned for August 2022.</p> <p>Further response provided 04/08/22: Council officers met with the Club President on Thursday 28 July to discuss the condition of the soccer pitch and alternative facilities for the remainder of the 2022 season. Officers made arrangements for Football Victoria to inspect the soccer pitch this week to confirm its playability. This inspection resulted in the club being able to continue to play at the reserve for the remainder of the season. If necessary, Keysborough College (Banksia Campus) has offered the club their facilities as an alternative on match days.</p>

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25/07/22 CQT6	Cr Richard Lim OAM	<p>Leaflet to Springvale traders regarding parking sensors Can the relevant officer organise for a leaflet to be made that we can distribute to traders and residents regarding the future installation of sensor parking in our Ward?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	02/08/2022	<p>Discussions were also held about the long term desire of the club to relocate to a reserve with additional suitable grounds, however these have limited availability. Council officers will continue to review allocations and availability for future seasons.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMPLETED</p>
					<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Yes, that is something that we can publicise and we will address that.</p> <p>Further response provided 02/08/22: I am writing in reference to the question you raised at the Council Meeting on 25 July 2022 regarding promotion of the upcoming installation of parking sensors within Springvale Activity Centre.</p> <p>We have engaged one of Councils cultural ambassadors to deliver our "Parking in Springvale" postcards to businesses in Springvale, and advise traders about two ongoing parking projects in Springvale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of parking sensors

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upgrades to Balmoral 8 Car Park <p>I have attached a copy of this for your reference.</p> <p>I anticipate that the postcard delivery will be completed within the next few weeks.</p> <p>The postcard links to pages on Councils website with details on each project, including a wide range of easy to access translation options. These webpages are already live and will be updated as the projects progress.</p> <p>Springvale Activity Centre - Smart Parking Sensors Greater Dandenong Council</p> <p>Number 8' Balmoral Avenue Multi-deck Car Park Greater Dandenong Council</p>
25/07/22 CQT7	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>Update on waiting lists and backlog for citizenship What is the number of the current waitlist of people waiting to be allocated to a citizenship ceremony?</p>	Manager Governance	26/07/2022	<p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: I do not know that number off the top of my head. I know the number is not extremely large because we have two large citizenship ceremonies coming up in the next three weeks. I will get that number to you tomorrow.</p>

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25/07/22 CQT8	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>Update on the installation of lighting and line marking of the cricket field at Lois Twohig Reserve</p> <p>I would also like to get an update regarding the installation and redoing of the lights at the cricket field at Lois Twohig Reserve, Dandenong North. There were some issues there before and I think it had to be re-dug and reinstalled, so when will that be finished?</p>	Director Community Services	27/07/2022	<p>Further response provided 26/07/22: Last night you asked a question regarding waiting lists for citizenship ceremonies. I can confirm that we are holding one ceremony on 3 August 2022 for 176 candidates and one ceremony on 17 August for 198 candidates. After that and at this time, there are 123 candidates on the waitlist, which is likely to change before the next scheduled ceremony(ies) on 31 August 2022 (TBC).</p> <p>COMPLETED</p> <p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Council has engaged a contractor to do those works. I do not have a definitive update in terms of where it is but I will follow that up and get you a response tomorrow.</p> <p>Further response provided 27/07/22: The installation and connection of the new lighting pole at the reserve was completed last week. The Club returned to training on Thursday 21 July 2022 at the reserve.</p> <p>Re-alignment and replacement of globes in the existing lighting is planned to take place in the coming weeks, subject to ground conditions. The ground is currently to wet for a boom to operate, without causing</p>

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25/07/22 CQT9	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>When will parking sensors along Lonsdale Street, Dandenong be installed?</p> <p>I would like to get an update on the status of installation of sensory parking on Lonsdale Street. I understand there were going to be a part of the bigger picture. There are going to be lights that will illuminate and show how many parking spots are available. Can we get an update as to when they will be put to use and how we will monitor those?</p>	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	02/08/2022	<p>significant damage to the playing surface. The club has been informed.</p> <p>Council officers are not aware of any issues regarding line marking and will follow up with the clubs at the Reserve.</p> <p>Should you have any queries please let me know.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
		<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22:</p> <p>There is a number of phases in terms of their introduction. The first phase is to install the hardware which has happened in Dandenong and happening in Springvale. One thing that it helps us do, is to assist with enforcement of time limits in the relative parking locations. The second thing it allows us to do is to collect data on patterns of parking occupancy which we can then use as part of our forward planning to better manage parking supply to match the demand of the abutting businesses. A third opportunity in the future with the parking technology, is then to look at add-ons such as applications that can be used to find a vacant parking space or to pay for your parking. As part of that opportunity, it is possible to then look at digital signage, that could be interactive as part of a smart cities type approach where that signage</p>			

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					<p>could guide people to available and vacant parking spaces. We are sort of at that in-between step currently. We do not have any immediate plans to introduce that third tier of investment. However, that is something through the transport and the regulatory services teams that we can take on board and investigate. There are no immediate plans for Council's parking areas. But you may be aware, the Armada Dandenong Plaza shopping centre, not linked to Council, have just introduced some of that technology that you are referencing. The multideck carpark on Foster Street has the red and the green lights to tell you whether a car space is occupied or not. They are the types of things that, through time and investment, we can potentially extend to other Council assets within central Dandenong and our other activity centres.</p> <p>Further response provided 02/08/22: I am writing in reference to your question raised at the Council Meeting regarding smart parking technology and its roll out within Dandenong.</p> <p>The parking sensors on street in Dandenong have been operational since early 2021. Due to reduced parking</p>

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					<p>enforcement activity throughout Covid-19 lockdown periods, and a staged return to full enforcement activity, the sensors have not yet been used for enforcement purposes. This is anticipated to occur within the next few months. The parking sensors have been used for data collection since their installation.</p> <p>The installation of the sensors was one of the first stages in a planned transition towards smart parking technology across the municipality, which was developed in 2019/2020. I have listed the proposed projects as part of this transition below.</p> <p>These projects are all significant enough that they would impact Councils budget. At the time the plan was developed, the intention was that cost of these projects would be roughly offset by increased income from parking (due to improved efficiency, increased sale of parking permits etc.) and that the bulk of the transition would occur between 2020 and 2025. Some details on this can be found in the Activity Centre Parking Precinct Action Plans on our website:</p>

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					<p>Parking in Dandenong Greater Dandenong Council</p> <p>Parking in Springvale Greater Dandenong Council</p> <p>Parking in Noble Park Greater Dandenong Council</p> <p>Parking income has not increased as expected at the time, and as a result achieving this roll out within the time frames estimated in 2019 is not something officers are likely to consider practical / recommend.</p> <p>A Councillor Briefing Session on Dandenong Activity Centre Parking is currently scheduled in October, and our intention is to discuss this topic further then.</p> <p>Anticipated Smart Parking Technology roll out:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Action</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Installation of parking sensors on street in Dandenong to aid enforcement and data collection</td> <td>Complete</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Installation of</td> <td>Underway</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Action	Status	Installation of parking sensors on street in Dandenong to aid enforcement and data collection	Complete	Installation of	Underway
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					parking sensors in Springvale to aid enforcement and data collection Installation of parking sensors / counters in open off street areas in Dandenong (Oldham Lane / 22 Clow Street / McCrae Street / Langhorne Street) Installation of parking sensors near Dandenong Hospital to aid enforcement Include real time parking information on Councils website Integration with 3 rd party / private real time parking information sources Development of parking "app" offering real-time information and integration with ticketing (i.e. prebook spaces / parking offers etc.)

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25/07/22 CQT10	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p>Letter of appreciation for the Mayor to sign and send to the Masala Football Club (Ladies High Tea Reserve. It was a fabulous event. It was organised and hosted by Matt's wife Stella and her mum Mary who prepared all the food and it was absolutely delicious, bless her hands. What I would like to mention really is that, this particular club is really a pride and joy of Dandenong North and has gone from strength to strength. This high tea event was coinciding with the launch of their women's team. They have gone from four members some years ago to 109 full-time members. It is great to see kids from all our community participate. I know that that these people that run this club, they should be given a medal because they travel all the way from Kensington every single training session. It is no small feat and a massive investment in local community.</p>	Mayor		Installation of smart / real-time on site signage at car park entries and key wayfinding points COMPLETED

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25/07/22 CQT11	Cr Tim Dark	<p>I was wondering whether we could write a letter of thank you to the club and everyone involved in the running of it, to say that Council thanks you for your efforts and for all the hard work you put in for the local community. It is great to see the kids kicking the footy. We should not forget the cricket club that operates from there as well, Dandenong North Cricket Club. Both fantastic clubs, both the pride and joy of Dandenong North. It would be great if we could say thank you and acknowledge their hard work and efforts in keeping the community together.</p> <p>Can we advise the Keysborough Bowls Club about the timeframes and delivery of Masterplan of the Rowley Allan Reserve?</p> <p>My first question this evening is from the Keysborough Bowls Club. I have had a couple of phone calls from a couple of members, and from a member on the executive as well, to do with the Master Plan of the Rowley Allan Reserve upgrades. The Master Plan has been finalised but the lawn bowls club have said that they have not had many conversations about what that means for their club or about the time frames for delivery and projects and they have asked whether it is possible to organise a meeting with Council officers and the members because they want to have their</p>	Director Community Services	27/07/2022	<p>FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED</p> <p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Council officers would welcome the opportunity to meet with the club and give them an update.</p> <p>Further response provided 27/07/22: Council officers met with the Club Committee on Monday 27 June 2022 to discuss various matters including the implementation of the works identified in the Master Plan. The club was advised that the works are being included as part of the draft Sports Facilities Plan 2022, which is currently in development, and would be considered as part of future capital improvement program bids.</p>

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25/07/22 CQT12	Cr Tim Dark	<p>members involved in the future as well. It is a very important club, given it is next door to the Parkglen Retirement Village and the issues around social isolation.</p> <p>Can we liaise with the owner of the laundry in Langhorne Street in relation to customer drop off parking?</p> <p>My question is from the owner of the Dandenong Laundry and Drycleaners in Langhorne Street, Dandenong. He has raised a question to do with the car parking out the front of his shop. There is a gap where he has a driveway going into his shop and there has been some signage on the side of the shop which says that there is room for customer parking. However, it is very grey as to where customers can park. He has requested whether there may be provisions for just one car park space to be limited to a two or five-minute drop-off, just so people have the ability to drop off their dry-cleaning, collect what they need to, without them having to go find a parking machine, put money in, go back and forth just for a quick two-minute job.</p>	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	03/08/2022	<p>Officers have reached out again to the Club President, who has advised that considering the most recent meeting, an additional meeting is not required at this time.</p> <p>Council officers are available to meet with the Club as required.</p> <p>Should you have any queries please let me know.</p> <p>COMPLETED</p>
					<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Together with my colleagues and traffic engineering we will have a look at that. If you could pass onto me the details of who I can contact, we will get onto that and see if we can arrange for some short-term parking in that area.</p> <p>Further response provided 03/08/22: Our enforcement officers and traffic engineers have had a look at this location.</p> <p>The "laneway" running up the side of the property is private property (part of the building title) so the owner could potentially encourage the use of that. However, I would agree with your assessment that that is a "grey" location and greater clarity would be beneficial.</p> <p>We feel that the introduction of</p>

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25/07/22 CQT13	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Can we advise the Noble Park Tennis Club regarding future plans of the pavilion on site?</p> <p>My next question is with regards to the Noble Park Tennis Club. I know Mr Davine has replied to an email back to me today. The tennis club has asked a significant number of questions to do with the future pavilion on site. I have had some questions from both Parkville District Cricket Club and from Noble Park United Football Club, following on from a group chat that occurred in a</p>	Director Community Services	03/08/2022	<p>additional short term parking bays (1/4P parking with no charge) on street at this location would be suitable. The two parking bays adjacent to the shop and beside the disabled bays would work for this type of restriction.</p> <p>In accordance with Councils Parking Strategy, this change would be subject to a round of consultation with nearby affected businesses. If the laundromat owner is supportive of this, we would be happy to kick off this consultation.</p> <p>If you have contact details for the Laundromat owner and are happy to share these, please provide them and I will get in touch prior to any consultation. Otherwise, please feel free to share my direct contact details with the owner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>
		<p>Can we advise the Noble Park Tennis Club regarding future plans of the pavilion on site?</p> <p>My next question is with regards to the Noble Park Tennis Club. I know Mr Davine has replied to an email back to me today. The tennis club has asked a significant number of questions to do with the future pavilion on site. I have had some questions from both Parkville District Cricket Club and from Noble Park United Football Club, following on from a group chat that occurred in a</p>	Director Community Services	03/08/2022	<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: The Noble Park Master Plan was adopted several years ago by Council and there has been several meetings between the user groups and Council officers to look at some reconfigurations as part of the plan and I think there is some agreement in terms of the location of additional tennis courts and carparking. The specific request of recent times relates to the development of the pavilion and the elements that</p>

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		<p>Facebook group chat, along with some emails as well, particularly to do with what the future plan is for the pavilion and the accommodation of future growth and planning. The director has replied to the questions asked. I just wanted to find out what the upgrade is, if you could just provide a quick summary. The Noble Park Tennis Club has been contacting me quite vigorously regarding this.</p>			<p>are included in the pavilion. I believe the club is seeking a pickleball court to play pickleball indoor. It is a modified version of tennis. It would be over and above Council's facility standards, but it can be considered as part of the pavilion design which I think at this stage is slated for consideration in the 2023/24 financial year. But we are happy to meet with those clubs as required.</p> <p>Further response provided 03/08/22: Council Officers met with the clubs on Wednesday 29 July 2022. As part of the meeting, officers discussed the 2022/23 FY CIP projects which would be completed at the reserve and the proposed timing of the capital works as per the reserve Master Plan. The proposed pavilion redevelopment, which is yet to commence design, will include facilities for soccer, cricket and tennis, as per Council's standard fit out and will be a new consolidated building. These facilities include female friendly change rooms and amenities, storage spaces, canteens, timekeepers space, social space with adjoining kitchen, public toilets, meeting rooms and ground maintenance storage, in keeping with the respective state sporting association guidelines.</p>

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25/07/22 CQT14	Cr Tim Dark	<p>When will Coomoora Cricket Club nets be upgraded? My next question is from the Coomoora Cricket Club. I spoke to a representative at the Springvale Districts Football Club anniversary dinner and then I received several issues to do with the Coomoora Cricket Club, particularly around the nets. All other cricket clubs in the area have received upgrades to the nets. Can we please get an update on when Coomoora is proposed to get their updated cricket nets?</p>	Director Community Services	03/08/2022	<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Council has upgraded a significant number of cricket nets in recent times and officers did meet with the president of the cricket club recently. The works are scheduled for the 23/24 financial year, but officers will meet with the club on site in the immediate future to look at any short-term rectification works that may be required. It is not far away but it will not be this summer.</p> <p>Further response provided 03/08/22: An officer from the Sport and Recreation team met with the President of the Coomoora Cricket Club about the state of the cricket nets at Coomoora Reserve. The officer advised that renewal of the cricket nets is a high priority for Council and that it will be proposed in the 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program for completion. From the recent inspection with the Club, no short term rectification works were identified.</p>
25/07/22 CQT15	Cr Tim Dark	<p>President of the FC Noble Hurricane Soccer Club expressed concern regarding the condition of the grass and the grass turf My next question is from the president</p>	Director Community Services	03/08/2022	<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Council officers are aware of the concerns that the club has. For the information of Councillors, it has a turf cricket wicket table in the centre</p>

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		<p>of the FC Noble Hurricanes Soccer Club who plays at the Alex Nelson Reserve in Springvale South. There has been an email exchange that I have sent to sports and recreation, particularly around the grass turf wicket in the middle of the soccer ground and the dangers that it is proposing to the soccer club. The club has 11 teams and they have been navigating through as possible. It has now got to a stage where they are having significant issues with the grass wicket, the injuries that have been occurring and the potential to relocate as well. I am aware that they have spoken to the Sport and Recreation Department and the response was insufficient. I am aware that they have brought in Football Victoria to have a look at the ground. I will forward on some correspondence I received from the President. It is quite an extensive email with an attachment as well. If we could please investigate this to see what we can do. We need to see what we can potentially do about dealing with the grass turf wicket on the reserve as the cricket season comes up and then the forthcoming soccer next year.</p>			<p>of the soccer field which, given we have had a wet winter, has caused some issues. We will be meeting with the club to work through their concerns and consider their growth, which is fantastic, and how we might be able to accommodate them into the future.</p> <p>Further response provided 03/08/22: Council officers met with the Club President on Thursday 28 July 2022 to discuss the condition of the soccer pitch and alternative facilities for the remainder of the 2022 season. Officers made arrangements for Football Victoria to inspect the soccer pitch this week to confirm its playability. This inspection resulted in the club being able to continue to play at the reserve for the remainder of the season. If necessary, Keysborough College (Banksia Campus) has offered the club their facilities as an alternative on match days.</p> <p>Discussions were also held about the long term desire of the club to relocate to a reserve with additional suitable grounds, however these have limited availability. Council officers will continue to review allocations and availability for future seasons.</p>

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25/07/22 CQT16	Cr Tim Dark	<p>Reinstatement of ward meetings for Councillors, none being held recently.</p> <p>In the previous term of Council, we had some ward meetings which were convened by multiple Councillors. I know myself and former Councillor Roz Blades were quite prominent in hosting ward meetings. We have 11 individual wards and many issues that are posed with 11 different Councillors. However, could we please investigate and see what options there are in terms of having a ward meeting, particularly given so much is going on currently in terms of infrastructure and questions about waste? I know that there are some wards that can be grouped together, so there may be some options that are available. I think many residents are not being informed, given the lack of local media coverage as well, the lack of newspapers that are being delivered. People generally do not have an idea of what Council is doing at the moment.</p>	Manager Governance	26/07/2022	<p>Initial response provided 25/07/22: Yes, we will have a look at that. We have some guidelines for ward meetings and for community forums, so we will see how we can group together different areas and come back to you with some proposals.</p> <p>Further response provided 26/07/22: Last night you stated that Ward Meetings had not been occurring for some time and asked if they could be reinstated.</p> <p>The guidelines for both Ward Meetings and Community Forums are provided on the following Council webpage: Wards Greater Dandenong Council</p> <p>I have also attached them to this email for your information.</p> <p>You will see that ward meetings are generally quite informal and organised at the request of Ward Councillors who are acting on behalf of their constituents over a range of issues generally not predetermined. This differs from Community Forums which are more topic-focused and formalised.</p>

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					<p>The lack of any Ward Meetings in this Council terms is largely due to the two years of lockdowns at its commencement and 2022 so far has been a year that has only really seen us fire up again in the outside world since February.</p> <p>We are happy to support a request for a Ward Meeting from any Councillor, or group of Councillors, and where sensible and prudent, would hope to merge some together to save on costs and resources.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact either Jo Thorn or me directly if you need any further information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED</p>

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

7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.

The meeting closed at 8.33 PM.

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