



**Minutes**

**Council Meeting**

Monday 22 April 2024, 7:00 pm

Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street,  
Dandenong, Victoria 3175

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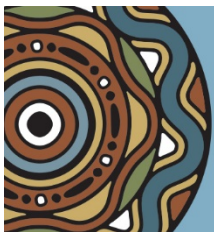
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## COUNCIL OBLIGATIONS AND AGENDA REPORTS

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

### **Community Vision 2040 (Community Vision | Greater Dandenong Council)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## The Gender Equality Act 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services. The objects of the Act are as follows:

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

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

## Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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

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

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



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## Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

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

### Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

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



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## 1 MEETING OPENING

### 1.1 OPENING OF MEETING BY MAYOR

Cr Lana Formoso opened the Meeting at 7.00 pm.

### 1.2 ATTENDANCE

#### **Apologies**

Nil.

#### **Councillors Present**

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor (Chair), Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor, Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Tim Dark, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Angela Long, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong.

#### **Officers Present**

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer; Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures; Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening; Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development; Lisa Roberts, Manager Governance, Legal & Risk.





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### 1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF LAND

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

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

### 1.4 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

All remained standing as Cr Sophie Tan read the following:

*"Bless our universal humanity, We, the Human Family, are one family, long ago, we shared the same mother and father, walked the same hills, drank from the same rivers, once, we were close, once we faced life together, adversity strengthened us, migration shaped us, we moved apart, forgetting we were brothers & sisters, divided by distance, our cultures grew, differently. United by our shared genes, our needs were similar, our solutions, our customs became different and diverse, our human family flourished, grew and prospered, time passed, society evolved and prejudice set in.*

*Bless Our Universal Humanity, as the modern world brings us all together, again, may we remember our commonality, our blood kinship, we DO have the power to celebrate our differences, we do not need to war over them, or poison the Earth, our commonality can strengthen us now, if we let it.*

*Bless Our Universal Humanity, at this time of coming together, a time of evolution, again, we are becoming aware of our shared fate, we all influence the Earth, and are influenced by it, the forces around us demand our coming together, we must focus on our shared fate, to give us strength.*

*Bless Our Universal Humanity, so that our children can grow and interact in peace, live, prosper and grow strong, as did our ancestors, we share a smaller world now, and we need each other, so that we can live in security and peace, most of the time. We must bless each other, as we bless ourselves."*



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## 1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 8 April 2024.

### Recommendation

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 8 April 2024 be confirmed.**

### MINUTE No.1035

**Moved by: Cr Tim Dark**

**Seconded by: Cr Jim Memeti**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 8 April 2024 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

## 1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.



## 2 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 1

### 2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

#### 2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

**Attachments:** Nil

#### Executive Summary

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



### **Item Summary**

There are three (3) items being presented to Council's meeting of 22 April 2024 for signing and sealing as follows:

- a) A letter of recognition to Gus Martin, Corporate Development for 20 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
- b) A letter of recognition to Vicki Asquith, Corporate Development for 20 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council; and
- c) A letter of recognition to Clare Conroy, Community Strengthening for 20 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council.

### **Officer Recommendation**

**That the listed documents be signed and sealed.**

#### **MINUTE No.1036**

**Moved by: Cr Richard Lim OAM**

**Seconded by: Cr Angela Long**

**That the listed documents be signed and sealed.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



## 2.2 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

### 2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Governance, Legal & Risk  
**Attachments:** 1. Petitions and Joint Letters [2.2.1.1 - 4 pages]

#### Executive Summary

1. Council receives a number of petitions and joint letters on a regular basis that deal with a variety of issues which have an impact upon the City.
2. Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.
3. A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:
  - a) the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
  - b) petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
  - c) the final complete response to any outstanding petition or joint letter previously tabled along with the full text of the original petition or joint letter and the date it was responded to.
4. This report recommends that the listed items in Attachment 1, and the current status of each, be received and noted.





### **Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled**

Council received one (1) new petition and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 22 April 2024.

- A copy of a petition (signed by 1341 people at the time of publishing) on change.org.au has been sent to Council that is a call to Save the Remnant Red Gums next to Noble Park railway station. This petition has been referred to the appropriate Council Business unit for further action.

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

### **Officer Recommendation**

**That this report and its attachment be received and noted.**

#### **MINUTE No.1037**

**Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti**

**Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic**

**That this report and its attachment be received and noted.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
22/01/2024	<p>I wish to raise a formal petition to upgrade and replace the current trees in Keysborough South under the Governance Rules item 4.5.10. Some are dead, dying (with disease) and this type of tree that has been planted require extensive maintenance. We all collectively strongly dislike these trees due to the large amount of tree litter they release with excessive leaves, nuts, bark they drop every year and they are causing damage to our homes.</p> <p>Some of us that are a Single Storey dwelling regularly need to climb up onto the roof to clear the gutters and valley channels which is a dangerous and hazardous. This activity needs to be minimised and reduced for the safety of ourselves. One resident needs to wear a harness on their double storey to clean his gutters/channel valleys. This is very dangerous.</p> <p>Furthermore, excessive build up of these leaves/litter has contributed to flooding claims to property in which I have personally been involved with (twice in 5 years).</p> <p>Since speaking to the street residence about the Petition, I've found out that other Residents have had damage and issues with their homes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• properties have also had flood / ceiling damage into their homes due to excessive leaf/litter build up.</li> <li>• A branch fell onto the home causing damage and subsequent insurance claim.</li> <li>• Large branches also fell which blocked the road which was could of potentially damaged vehicles and/or injured a person – happened twice in the last 3 years.</li> <li>• There has been footpath repairs due to the existing roots from the trees on the western side of the street.</li> <li>• Trees heights affect solar panel effectiveness and one house cannot have Solar system installed due to the trees along Keylana Ave blocking their northern sun –they are asking to have their trees removed as well on that side. Please apply same plan to remove.</li> </ul>	36	In Progress	<p>Responsible Officer: Chief Engineer &amp; Major Projects.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent <b>23/01/2024</b> to the head petitioner.</p>

ATT 2.2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	<p>I am petitioning on behalf of the residents in our street and request the current trees to be replaced with smaller trees that require less maintenance (similar to others). I have been informed that over the last 10 years that over 100 streets in this Municipality have had their trees upgraded and seeking this also performed to our street. We are collectively keen to have the trees replaced.</p> <p>Our Local Councillor Rhonda Garad and Lead Arborist Gareth Pickard have both been to our property and are aware of my situation which has now led to this Petition.</p> <p>Please see following pages with the names the residents/home owners with trees that agree with the replacement of the existing trees along the nature strip.</p>			
13/03/2024	<p>As lead petitioner for the Greater Dandenong Environment Group petition with the above title, I ask on the group's behalf that the petition be listed on the next council agenda please <a href="https://www.change.org/p/time-for-greater-dandenong-council-to-walk-the-talk-to-fund-action-on-climate-change">https://www.change.org/p/time-for-greater-dandenong-council-to-walk-the-talk-to-fund-action-on-climate-change</a></p> <p>Time for Greater Dandenong Council to walk the talk - to fund action on climate change and other environmental issues to the average level of other Melbourne Councils. Since declaring a climate and ecological emergency in early 2020, Greater Dandenong Council staffing and project budgets relating to climate change and other environmental issues lag well behind other Melbourne Councils.</p> <p>Council's own public report of 27th February, 2023 stated that staffing levels in the climate change and environment space are less than half the average Melbourne Council. Council is only delivering a fraction, 6 out of 44, of the actions it has committed to in current plans let alone the ones like the Climate Emergency and Mobilisation Action Plan to come.</p> <p>As reported recently in the media is both the most disadvantaged local government area in Melbourne but also one of the hottest.</p>	<p><b>116</b></p> <p><b>208 as at 27/03/24</b></p> <p><b>248 as at 03/04/24</b></p> <p><b>252 as at 10/04/24</b></p> <p><b>254 as at 17/04/24</b></p>	<b>In Progress</b>	<p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent <b>18/03/2024</b> to the head petitioner.</p>

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	<p>Each year extreme weather events - heat, storms or flooding - are increasing. Funding both Council action and funding supporting and educating our residents to deal with climate change is not a luxury - it is a critical social justice and health issue.</p> <p>When is Greater Dandenong going to start funding environmental action like they really believe we are in an emergency?</p>			
27/03/2024	<p>We, the undersigned residents and businessmen of Greater Dandenong Victoria, demand immediate action on matters relating to hygiene and safety in Springvale Vic 3171. As residents and businessmen of Springvale VIC, Australia, we are living in a state of constant distress due to the hazardous conditions surrounding the property.</p> <p>Our peaceful neighbourhood is being polluted by trash and littered with drug needles. The noise pollution after 10 PM caused by people camping at the back of this house has made it impossible for residents to live peacefully. These issues have not only disrupted our lives but also pose a significant threat to our safety and well-being. According to a report from Clean Up Australia, improperly disposed syringes can potentially transmit infectious diseases like HIV and Hepatitis B &amp; C (Clean Up Australia). Moreover, excessive noise pollution has been linked with various health problems including stress-related illnesses, high blood pressure, sleep disturbance, and even heart disease (World Health Organization).</p> <p>We urge local authorities to take immediate action on these pressing issues. We demand strict enforcement of hygiene standards around this property along with measures that ensure our safety from potential harm caused by discarded drug paraphernalia or unruly behaviour during late hours. Help us reclaim our peace and security in our own homes.</p>	12	Completed	<p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director Community Strengthening.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent <b>27/03/2024</b> to the head petitioner.</p> <p>Outcome letter sent <b>5/04/2024</b> to the head petition:</p> <p><i>"I write to acknowledge receipt of a petition from 13 proponents requesting that Council address hygiene and safety concerns in Springvale.</i></p> <p><i>Council officers from our Local Laws team attended this property on Wednesday 3 April 2024 and spoke with the said person.</i></p> <p><i>As this is a privately owned property, Council is not permitted to clean up the property or to ask this person to leave, however Council officers will contact the property owner to inform them that they have the right to remove the rubbish and call Victoria Police to have the person removed under trespassing laws.</i></p> <p><b>Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening"</b></p>

ATT 2.2.1.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
9/04/2024	<p>Please find attached "Save our Noble Park Remnant Red Gums" petition <a href="https://chng.it/dCpNRhjYwR">https://chng.it/dCpNRhjYwR</a></p> <p>Please help save the remaining red gum trees next to Noble Park railway station.</p> <p>The new development that has been approved plans to cut down these precious trees.</p> <p>We want to save them as they cool the streetscape, enhance architecture and help create fresh air amongst other benefits. Please sign the petition to help save them. Thank you</p>	<p><b>1341</b></p> <p><b>1366 as at 17/04/24</b></p>	<p><b>In Progress</b></p>	<p>Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures.</p> <p>Acknowledgment letter sent <b>9/04/2024</b> to the head petitioner.</p>





## 2.3 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 2.3.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – March 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director City Futures

**Attachments:** 1. Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – March 2024  
[2.3.1.1 - 11 pages]

#### Executive Summary

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

#### Officer Recommendation

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

#### MINUTE No.1038

**Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly**

**Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

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

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

Planning Delegated Decisions Issued from 01/03/2024 to 31/03/2024

City of Greater Dandenong

Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLA22/0063	PlnAppAmd	No	12 Wirilda Court SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	QC Phung	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for three (3) double storey dwellings to the side of an existing double storey dwelling (PLN19/0623)	Amend endorsed plans to change Unit 4 from single storey to double storey	Delegate	AmendPerm	15/03/2024	Springvale South
PLA22/0102	PlnAppAmd	No	3-5 Summit Road NOBLE PARK NORTH VIC 3174	Genton Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Development of the land for extensions to the existing building (PLN18/0253)	Proposal is contrary to the policy in Clause 15.01-2S (Building Design), Clause 15.01-1S (Urban Design), fails to respond to objectives and strategies of Clause 21.05 (Built Form), fails to respond to purpose of the Commercial 2 Zone. Proposed height, scale and location of plant equipment is contrary to objectives and policy in Clause 22.03 (Urban Design) and fails to meet decision guidelines of Clause 65	Delegate	Refusal	26/03/2024	Noble Park North
PLA22/0119	PlnAppAmd	No	11 Cahill Street DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Cardboard Collection Services	AMENDMENT TO: The use and development of materials recycling (including weighbridge) and reduce the car parking requirements of Clause 52.06 (PLN12/0350)	Amend permit address, preamble and conditions to allow expansion of materials recycling onto surrounding properties	Delegate	AmendPerm	18/03/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0007	PlnAppAmd	No	27-29 Golden Grove SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Lam Trading Pty Ltd, OccamStrata Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Multi Unit Development x30 (PLN07/0161)	Amend endorsed plans to the change the external colour of building 1 and 2	Delegate	AmendPerm	28/03/2024	Springvale South

ATT 2.3.1.1 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued –  
March 2024

Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLA24/0009	PlnAppAmd	No	16 Noble Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Stosius and Staff Constructions	AMENDMENT TO: To develop the land for the purpose of eighteen (18) dwellings in two maximum three-storey buildings with a basement floor area and reduced car parking under Clause 55.03-11 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme (PLN08/0007)	Amend endorsed plans to remove combustible cladding and replace with compliant cladding	Delegate	AmendPerm	21/03/2024	Noble Park
PLA24/0020	PlnAppAmd	No	218-220 Hammond Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Med-X Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Use of the land for a Transfer Station and Materials Recycling (PLN23/0253)	Amend Condition 31 to reflect the Trade Waste Agreement and Condition 2 and 4 relating to landscaping	Delegate	AmendPerm	27/03/2024	Dandenong
PLA24/0028	PlnAppAmd	No	639-649 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	Lots of Land (Springvale) Pty Ltd	AMENDMENT TO: Staged development of the land for dwellings and alteration and creation of access to a road in a Transport 2 Zone in accordance with the endorsed plans (PLN22/0359)	Amend permit condition 2.7 to include Melbourne Water requirement	Delegate	AmendPerm	20/03/2024	Springvale South
PLA24/0031	PlnAppAmd	No	55 Isaac Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	SA Ayranci	AMENDMENT TO: Multi-Unit Development x 2 (Double Storey Dwellings) New and creation of access to a Road Zone Category 1 (PLN16/0818)	Amend permit Condition 18 relating to permit expiry date	Applicant	Withdrawn	18/03/2024	Noble Park
PLN19/0488	PlnApp	No	36 Popes Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	J Redman	Buildings and works (extension to the existing building and a portable toilet block) and to reduce the car parking requirements	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/03/2024	Noble Park

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PLN22/0083	PlnApp	No	6 Desmond Street KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	UXD Group Pty Ltd	Development of the land for twelve (12) dwellings and to vary covenant PS745240Y	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	20/03/2024	Keysborough South
PLN22/0264	PlnApp	No	1221 Heatherton Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Architekton Ltd	Development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings, the reduction of a visitor car space and to alter access to a Transport 2 Zone	General Residential 1 Zone, 894sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/03/2024	Yarraman
PLN22/0351	PlnApp	No	295-301 Greens Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Development of sixteen (16) warehouse buildings, remove a power reserve and creation of carriageway easement	Industrial 1 Zone, 10160sqm, development of the land for 16 warehouses and ancillary offices	Delegate	PlanPermit	06/03/2024	Keysborough South
PLN22/0513	PlnApp	No	27 Wilson Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	C Saranasuriya	Development of the land for seven (7) triple-storey dwellings DECLARED AREA	Residential Growth 1 Zone, 809sqm	Delegate	NOD	26/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN22/0558	PlnApp	No	Ground 285-287 Lonsdale Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Sign Gallery	To display business identification signage	Proposed signage is contrary to the policy and objectives in Clause 21.05. 22.07, 22.11, 43.02 and 52.05. Inconsistent with the policy in Clause 21.05. Size and form of signage potentially distract drivers.	Delegate	Refusal	28/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0040	PlnApp	No	52 Hemmings Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	S Liyannaarachchige	Development of the land for four (4) double storey dwellings	General Residential 1 Zone, 834sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	08/03/2024	Yarraman

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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN23/0094	PlnApp	No	1 Finchaven Avenue KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	A Ventieri	Development of the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling and to construct or carry out works to the existing dwelling	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 669sqm	Delegate	NOD	08/03/2024	Keysborough
PLN23/0099	PlnApp	No	19-21 Ausco Place DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Shekinah Christian Church	Use of the land for a Place of Worship	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	04/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0109	PlnApp	No	22 Jesson Crescent DANDENONG VIC 3175	NAJM Design & Build	Development of the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling and alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 557sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0152	PlnApp	No	2/14 Alamein Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	HS Wang	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	26/03/2024	Springvale North
PLN23/0220	PlnApp	No	145 South Gippsland Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Plans in Motion	Development of the land for a second warehouse with the retention of the existing warehouse, reduction to the car parking requirement of Clause 52.06, alteration of access to a Transport Zone 2, subdivision of the land into two (2) lots and the creation of easements	Commercial 2 Zone, 2452sqm, development of warehouse and reduction in car parking requirements	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/03/2024	Dandenong



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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN23/0248	PlnApp	No	1 Princes Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Iveco Trucks Australia Pty Ltd	Buildings and works, reduction in car parking requirements and alteration of access to a road in a Transport 2 Zone	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	05/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0251	PlnApp	No	1 Tanjil Court DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Farrington Architects	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	Neighbourhood Residential 1 Zone, 709sqm	Delegate	NOD	27/03/2024	Dandenong North
PLN23/0290	PlnApp	No	77 Kemp Street SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Aldo Ventieri Architect	Development of the land for two (2) dwellings comprising one (1) double storey to the front of the site and one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear	General Residential 1 Zone, 585sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	26/03/2024	Springvale North
PLN23/0292	PlnApp	No	2 Frances Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Stephen D'Andrea Pty Ltd	Development of the land for a warehouse	Industrial 1 Zone, 2593sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0301	PlnApp	No	8 Herbert Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	S Liyana Arachchige	Development of the land for one (1) double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling and to construct and carry out works to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 738sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	14/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0302	PlnApp	No	12 Webster Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Vic Planning & Design Pty Ltd	Use of the land for a shop and buildings and works (Hardstand)	Commercial 2 Zone, demolish rear part of the front building and replace with 7 car spaces	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/03/2024	Dandenong

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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN23/0332	PInApp	No	46 Hemmings Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Xen Architecture	Development of the land for five (5) double-storey dwellings, to construct a front fence within 3 metres of a street and the reduction of one (1) visitor car space under Clause 52.06 of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme	Proposal fails to meet the objectives of Clause 15 (Built Environment and Heritage), Clause 15.01-2S (Building design), Clause 15.01-5S (Neighbourhood character), Clause 21.05 (Built Form), Clause 55.02-1 (Neighbourhood Character Objectives), Clause 52.06 (Car Parking), Clause 55, fails to satisfy Clause 22.09-3.1 (Residential Development & Neighbourhood Character Policy), Clause 22.09-3.3 (Incremental Change Areas) and fails to achieve consistency with design objectives of Schedule 3 to Clause 32.08 (General Residential Zone), development provides a poor level of internal amenity for future residents	Delegate	Refusal	26/03/2024	Yarraman
PLN23/0346	PInApp	No	59 Potter Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Moya Design	Development of the land for five (5) double storey dwellings	General Residential 3 Zone, 908sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/03/2024	Yarraman
PLN23/0382	PInApp	No	3 McFarlane Crescent DANDENONG VIC 3175	Buckerfield Architects	Development of the land for four (4) double storey dwellings	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	28/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0398	PInApp	No	55 Keys Road KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	J Bowyer	Buildings and Works (Earthworks)	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	05/03/2024	Keysborough South

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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN23/0406	PlnApp	No	521-523 Princes Highway NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Universal Planning	Use of the land for a Hospital (Rehabilitation Centre), construct buildings and works, reduction in the bicycle parking requirements, display business identification signage, and alter access to a Transport Zone 2	General Residential 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	07/03/2024	Springvale North
PLN23/0412	PlnApp	No	5 Avril Street DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	ABS Design & Construction Services	Development of the land for one (1) single storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling and to construct or carry out works to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 628sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	12/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0421	PlnApp	No	3 Scullin Street DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	JEG Balasamy	Development of the land for a double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling and alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	General Residential 1 Zone, 569sqm	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0430	PlnApp	No	1-11 Knowles Road DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Metropol Planning Solutions	Reduction in the car parking requirements and display of business identification signage	Commercial 2 Zone, business identification signage (non-illuminated) and reduce number of car parking spaces by 37	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0446	PlnApp	No	1 Deakin Crescent DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Accent Plans	Development of the land for two (2) double storey dwellings	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	26/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0469	PlnApp	No	41-53 Lonsdale Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Spaces Design Group	Development of Buildings and Works (Façade Alterations) and to display Signages (Business Identification Signage, internally illuminated signage and pylon sign)	Commercial Development 2 Zone, alterations to facade and pylon and building signage	Delegate	PlanPermit	27/03/2024	Dandenong

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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN23/0498	PlnApp	No	Level Ground - Level 3 311-319 Lonsdale Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	N Mehter	To display two (2) non-illuminated business identification signs DECLARED AREA	Comprehensive Development 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0504	PlnApp	No	Specialty Shop 1-3/26 Princes Highway DANDENONG VIC 3175	Greencross C/- Platinum Planning Solutions	The use of the land for a veterinary clinic, to display business identification signs, the alteration of access to a road in a TRZ2 and a reduction of the car parking requirement DECLARED AREA	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	06/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0513	PlnApp	No	6 Gloria Avenue DANDENONG NORTH VIC 3175	Arkham Design	Development of land for a double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing single storey dwelling and alterations to the existing dwelling	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	18/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN23/0526	PlnApp	No	23 Heather Grove SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Farrington Architects	Multi Dwelling Development x 4 (Double Storey) New	No response to further information request	Delegate	Lapsed	27/03/2024	Springvale Central
PLN23/0527	PlnApp	No	1658 Centre Road SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Return It Pty Ltd	Use of the land for a Container Deposit Scheme Centre	Industrial 1 Zone, container deposit scheme centre	Delegate	PlanPermit	07/03/2024	Springvale North
PLN23/0539	PlnApp	No	6/2 Fiveways Boulevard KEYSBOROUGH VIC 3173	S Gordon	To display one (1) sky sign	Proposal is inconsistent with Clause 15.01-1S (Urban Design), 15/01-1-5S (Neighbourhood Character), Clause 21.05 (Built Form), Clause 52.05-8, Clause 22.11 and Clause 65	Delegate	Refusal	13/03/2024	Keysborough

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PLN23/0544	PlnApp	No	4/40 French Street NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	A Berry	Buildings and works for extension to an existing dwelling (Verandah)	General Residential 1 Zone	Applicant	Withdrawn	28/03/2024	Yarraman
PLN23/0548	PlnApp	No	42 Goodall Close DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	FPI Developments Vic Pty Ltd	Buildings and Works (Hardstand and Fencing)	Industrial 1 Zone, 2340sqm, construction of asphalt hardstand for heavy vehicle parking	Delegate	PlanPermit	06/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN23/0564	PlnAppVic	Yes	45 Red Gum Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Studio Design and Drafting	Buildings and works (extension to the existing building) VICSMART	Industrial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	22/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0020	PlnApp	No	38 Callander Road NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	S Singh	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	14/03/2024	Yarraman
PLN24/0023	PlnAppVic	Yes	2 Morris Court SPRINGVALE VIC 3171	Nilsson Noel & Holmes (Surveyors) Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots (SPEAR) VICSMART	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/03/2024	Springvale North
PLN24/0032	PlnAppVic	Yes	472-476 Springvale Road SPRINGVALE SOUTH VIC 3172	WHC Residential Care Pty Ltd	Reduction in car parking requirements VICSMART	General Residential 1 Zone, reduction in car parking requirement by 1	Applicant	Withdrawn	18/03/2024	Springvale South



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Application ID	Category	VicSmart	Property Address	Applicant Name	Description	Notes	Authority	Decision	Decision Date	Ward
PLN24/0037	PlnApp	No	95 Clow Street DANDENONG VIC 3175	Nilsson Noel & Holmes (Surveyors) Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into three (3) lots SPEAR	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	25/03/2024	Cleeland
PLN24/0043	PlnAppVic	Yes	1/8 Johnston Court DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	CS Town Planning	Building and Works (Mezzanine) and reduction in car parking requirement VICSMART	Industrial 1 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	13/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0049	PlnAppVic	Yes	1/5 Fox Court DANDENONG VIC 3175	A Imsirovic	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots SPEAR (VICSMART)	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	08/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0055	PlnAppVic	Yes	34-78 South Park Drive DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	Marcos Jose Pty Ltd	To display one (1) internally illuminated business identification sign VICSMART	Industrial 2 Zone, business identification sign	Delegate	PlanPermit	21/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0056	PlnAppVic	Yes	81 Princes Highway DANDENONG SOUTH VIC 3175	CMV Trucks & Bus	Development of buildings and works (Steel Frame) VICSMART	Commercial 2 Zone	Delegate	PlanPermit	15/03/2024	Dandenong
PLN24/0068	PlnAppVic	Yes	16 Taranto Drive NOBLE PARK VIC 3174	Nilsson Noel & Holmes (Surveyors) Pty Ltd	Subdivision of the land into two (2) lots (SPEAR) VICSMART	Residential	Delegate	PlanPermit	20/03/2024	Noble Park

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## 2.3.2 Planning Decisions Issued by Planning Minister's Delegate – March 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director City Futures  
**Attachments:** Nil

### Executive Summary

1. This report provides Council with an update on the exercise of delegation by Planning Minister's delegate.
2. No decisions were reported for the month of March 2024.

### Officer Recommendation

**That the report be noted.**

#### MINUTE No.1039

**Moved by: Cr Richard Lim OAM**

**Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic**

**That the report be noted.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



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### 3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

#### Question

**Pam Naylor, Noble Park**

Greater Dandenong Council is a member of the South East Council Climate Change Alliance (SECCA), a regional group of councils that work on joint climate change projects. How many Management Committee meetings has there been in the last 12 months and how many of them have had Greater Dandenong officer representation?

#### Response

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

There have been five (5) SECCA Management Committee meetings in the past 12 months, of which officers attended three (3). Additionally, the CEO and a Director attended a regional breakfast session led by SECCA and have also met with the newly appointed CEO.

#### Question

**Elizabeth Grasso, Keysborough**

It has been six (6) months since the term of the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Advisory Committee expired. This important committee was:

- a) Identified in 2016 as a key community priority in the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Strategy 2016-2030;
- b) Identified in 2020 in the Greater Dandenong Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2030 as being responsible for facilitating community oversight of the strategy's implementation and community engagement and involvement; and
- c) Identified in 2023 as facilitating community oversight of the implementation and community involvement in the delivery of the Biodiversity Action Plan.

So, when is this strategically identified committee, identified as necessary in three different Council plans, going to reopen nominations – or is this another Council priority that Council refuses to resource?

#### Response

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Following the expiry of all committee members terms, Council officers are currently finalising the review of the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

It is intended that a report will be presented to Council in mid 2024 with recommendations and options for the future of the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

#### Question

**Elizabeth Grasso, Keysborough**

How many unfilled positions are there in the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Team at present and if so, are they not being filled due to other councils having more competitive salaries in the sustainability space?



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**Response****Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

There are currently no vacant positions within the Sustainability Team.

**Question****Tina Congues, Dandenong**

It has now been 2 months since the last co-design workshop for the Dandenong Community Hub, which left many unanswered questions, and I am referring to the questions that are in the scope of the concept design.

Question 1

When is the architect's report going to be received by Council?

Question 2

When are the new co-design workshop sessions going to be announced, so that just as per the Council resolution in April 2023 the concept design of the Dandenong Community Hub can be finalised by a co-design process?

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

We anticipate being in receipt of the facilitator and architect reports in the coming weeks.

Once any further workshop sessions are confirmed this information will be relayed to all workshop participants and communicated via the project page on the Council's website.

**Question****Tina Congues, Dandenong**

What is the status of the Capital Alliance led development of Little India? There has not been any news given to the community and the Council website has not been updated since January 2023 and lists construction as starting in 2024 which seems unlikely.

**Response****Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Development Victoria and Capital Alliance are working on the final stages of the Master Plan approval with the Department of Transport and Planning.

There will be further updates from Development Victoria on the timeline of the project commencement once the Ministerial approval come through. The approval is expected to be announced by May 2024.

**Question****Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park**

When is the construction of the raised safety platforms on Railway Parade, Noble Park going to start?



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## Response

### **Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

A contractor has been appointed and expected to start the construction around mid May 2024, pending weather condition.

## Question

### **Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park**

An increasing occurrence in Railway Parade, Noble Park is cyclists, often groups of cyclists, exiting the Eastlink trail near Rolex Court, Noble Park and riding along Railway Parade and entering the Djerring Trail at Chandler Road or doing the same in the opposite direction.

There are also often cyclists just using it as an alternative to the Djerring Trail as a way to get between Noble Park and Dandenong. Presumably they are doing that to avoid using the overhead pedestrian overpass at Yarraman Railway Station, which is not a great option for cyclists as they come into contact with train commuters.

## Question 1

That said, Railway Parade is not a safe environment for cyclists. Will the upcoming Railway Parade traffic calming measures either make Railway Parade safer for cyclists to use by introducing a cycling lane or is the design going to deter cyclists from using Railway Parade at all?

## Question 2

Either way would be safer. I know Council have been advocating for over a decade for the State Government to solve these issues but in the meantime, as that may take decades more, what is Greater Dandenong Council's approach to preventing accidents involving cyclists on Railway Parade?

## Response

### **Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

The Railway Parade works will improve cyclist safety by slowing traffic speeds and introducing parking lanes which may be used by cyclists when cars are not parked in them. The Djerring Trail is planned to run through Greaves Reserve and then along Railway Parade between Bennet Street and Dandenong CBD. Council is continuing to advocate for funding to construct extension of the trail.

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*The following question was taken on notice and the response is provided below.*

## Question

### **Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park**

It's great that the park at 218 Railway Parade, Noble Park is being built. After observing construction of the park I went to the Council website and found the final concept plan which revealed that some elements are subject to further budget bids. I wondered how the final concept plan had been communicated to residents and if it is possible for the final concept plan to be put on the construction fence now so residents who in this area can see what is being constructed now and what is still to come and also how they can access the full consultation report?



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## **Response**

### **Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

The final concept plan, which includes both stage 1 and 2 works is available on the Council website, as is the full consultation report, which is titled '218 Railway Parade, Noble Park Consultation Summary Report'. [www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/works-and-projects/218-railway-parade-pocket-park](http://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/works-and-projects/218-railway-parade-pocket-park)

In addition, a community notification poster has been erected on the temporary fence at the site, which details the works being undertaken for the funded stage 1 works.

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

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## 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
08/04/24 PQT3	Judith Sise, Dandenong North	<p><b>Climate action petition response</b> Tonight's meeting has a petition signed by now over 250 people (and still growing) asking for Council to finally walk the talk and fund action on climate change by increasing the amount of staff and project funding to at least the same level as the average Melbourne Council. What date will we receive a response to our petition?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	18/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/24:</b> Officers will provide a response in the next two (2) weeks to the petition. Officers and Council are committed to climate change but it is dependent on the budget. Community members interested in climate change are encouraged to participate in the budget process.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 18/04/24:</b> Council officers have responded to the petition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
08/04/24 PQT13	Pam Naylor, Noble Park	<p><b>Tree removal, Noble Park</b> I received a letter from the Sonya Kilkenny, Minister for Planning stating she will remove 2 trees in Noble Park. Can you confirm if these are the trees that Council received legal advice on that were the property of Council? If so, what will Council do about this?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	17/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/24:</b> Question taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 08/04/24:</b> Council will urgently follow this up and provide an update to Councillors and the community.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 17/04/24:</b> An email was issued to all Councillors on the 16/04/24 providing further information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>





## 4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

### 4.1 OTHER

#### 4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting - 8 February 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Community Strengthening  
**Attachments:** 1. Draft Minutes Springvale Community Hub Committee 8 February 2024 (1) [4.1.1.1 - 3 pages]

#### Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the Springvale Community Hub Committee meeting held on 8 February 2024 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.



## Background

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

## Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

7. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
  - Safe and peaceful community.
  - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
  - Sustainable environment.
  - Art and culture.
8. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
9. 2021-25:
  - A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
  - A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
  - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods.
  - A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.

## Legislative and Policy Obligations

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



### **Officer Recommendation**

**That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Springvale Community Hub Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.**

#### **MINUTE No.1040**

**Moved by: Cr Richard Lim OAM**

**Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong**

**That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Springvale Community Hub Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

**Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:** Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** 8 February 2024

**Time of Meeting:** 5.45pm – 7.30pm

**Meeting Location:** Community Rooms 2 & 3, Springvale Community Hub

**Attendees:** Louisa Willoughby (Chair) (LW), Matthew Kirwan (MK) (Deputy Chair), Chris Keys (CK), Gaye Guest (GG), Zoë Mohl (ZM), Elena Sheldon (ES), Cr Richard Lim (RL), Acting Community Precincts Strategic Operations Coordinator (CGD), Acting Community Development Officer - Springvale Community Hub (CGD)

**Apologies:**

Dani Holl (resigned), Vinh Luong, Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Sarita Kulkarni, Acting Manager Community, Arts Culture and Library Services (CGD)

**Minutes:**

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>  <i>“We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past and present.</i></p> <p><i>We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.”</i></p>		Chair
2.	<p><b>Apologies</b>                      Apologies noted.</p>		Chair
3.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsement of the previous Minutes for meeting held on 5 October 2023.</li> </ul> <p>Minutes <b>Moved ZM Seconded CK</b></p>		
4.	<p><b>Conflicts of Interest</b>                      No conflicts of interest in relation to agenda.</p>		

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>SCH Report</b>  Discussion around production of flyers advertising room hire as well as creation of signage to be displayed on rooms listing their hire rates. Translations were requested if possible.</p> <p>Discussion occurred around possible channels of promotion such as letterbox drops, SK Media Live, updated footage of councillors using SCH spaces. Also discussed using large local events such as Snow Fest as a means of advertising the Hub and its facilities.</p> <p>Discussion around drop-in or 'open' sessions for children after school. Members requested drawing materials be made available in the library again.</p> <p>CK congratulated Hub team for holding 32 events held over 12-month period. Noted lack of Heritage Festival (Friday 19 April – Saturday 18 May) and History Month (October) events. Discussion about exploring activities during Heritage Festival and History Month events.</p> <p>Discussion around Hub recycling bins and issues around safety and misuse of bins.</p>	<p>Produce flyers promoting SCH room hire. Create signage for rooms listing room hire rates.</p> <p>Liaise with Libraries to explore possibility of open craft sessions/craft materials after school.</p>	<p>Council Officers</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion on draft Springvale Community Hub free trial plan</b></p> <p>A draft free trial proposal was prepared by the Fees and Charges Working Group and presented by MK to the committee.</p> <p>There was initially a general discussion about matters pertaining to the proposal. It was brought up that conditions to prevent competition with other community facilities was important, however it was noted that this was already in the proposal.</p> <p>The Working Group then clarified the conditions of the trial as listed in the draft free trial proposal document.</p> <p>The following amendments to the proposal were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clarification of conditions of public liability insurance for hirers</li> <li>• updating listed methods of marketing and communications channels</li> <li>• clarification of limitations of use of free trial</li> <li>• clarification of booking procedure</li> <li>• removal of example of future possible hire cost model</li> </ul> <p>Committee members then voted unanimously for the amended proposal. MK stated he would distribute the amended proposal document to all committee members and officers immediately post the meeting.</p> <p>Other matters discussed:</p>	<p>Officers to forward proposal to Executive Director, Community Strengthening for consideration and approval.</p>	<p>Council Officer</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion of the free trial through all council's Media and Communications channels and in multiple languages would be required. It was emphasised that professional translators would need be used to ensure clear and accurate communication.</li> <li>It was discussed that the committee would need to explore other methods of room hire promotion should the trial be unsuccessful.</li> </ul> <p>Officers to forward proposal to Executive Director, Community Strengthening for consideration and approval. The proposal may need to be presented to Councillors.</p>		
7.	<p><b>SCH water spray area/fountains</b> Officers noted: Explanation of reasons why SCH water spray fountains are currently non-operational. A change in contractors has necessitated a new operating system.</p> <p>Discussion around future hubs and the issues surrounding the inclusion of similar facilities.</p>		
8.	<p><b>Committee Member Vacancy</b> Discussion about need to fill committee member vacancy due to resignation of DH. Request to notify community of vacant position and to circulate information to existing committee members.</p>	Update SCH Community Advisory Committee webpage to include vacant member position	Council Officers
9.	<p><b>2024 meeting schedule</b> Future meetings to be held in hybrid format to allow for committee meetings to attend remotely.</p> <p>Discussion about meeting dates for 2024. Group decided to continue with Thursdays as chosen day for meeting rather than alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meetings will be held on first Thursday of April, June, August, October. ES suggested meeting date in November-December to be decided in October.</p> <p>Proposed future dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 April</li> <li>6 June</li> <li>1 August</li> <li>3 October</li> <li>November – December TBC</li> </ul>	Liaise with Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee to check for date clashes	Council Officers
10.	<p><b>Next meeting</b> Next meeting Thursday 4 April 2024 (5:45pm-7:30pm)</p>	Officer to send out calendar invite to Committee Members with next meeting date	Council Officers
<b>Meeting closed: 7.18pm</b>			



## 4.1.2 Proposed Motions for the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2-4 July 2024

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Corporate Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

### Executive Summary

1. Greater Dandenong City Council has membership with, and a Councillor representative for, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). This peak body organisation holds an annual National General Assembly to provide councils with the opportunity to share ideas, debate motions and unite and further build on the relationship between local government and the Australian Government.
2. This report recommends that Council endorses the proposed motions outlined in this report and submits these motions in the format required to the ALGA prior to the deadline of 30 April 2024.



## Background

3. Formed in 1947, the ALGA is a federation of member state and territory associations. Its mission is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and their communities.
4. Since 1994, the National General Assembly has built the profile of local government on the national stage, showcased the value of councils and demonstrated to the Australian Government the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities. Consideration and debate of motions at the National General Assembly informs and provides insights to councils on policies, priorities and advocacy and also highlights emerging national issues and program initiatives.
5. The 2024 ALGA National General Assembly will be held in Canberra from 2-4 July and Greater Dandenong will be well represented by its Councillors and Chief Executive Officer's delegate.
6. This year's Assembly has a theme of *Building Community Trust* and aims to explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions and communities. Motions, therefore, are asked to consider the following:
  - how all levels of government in Australia can build trust in each other and earn greater trust from communities;
  - practical opportunities for the Australian Government to leverage the trust that local communities have in their local council;
  - focus on practical programs that can strengthen the system of local government nationally to provide services and infrastructure to support and strengthen communities; and
  - new program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver the Australian Government's objectives.
7. Motions must also meet the following specific criteria:
  - Be relevant to the work of local government nationally and not be focussed on a specific jurisdiction, location or region;
  - Complement or build on the policy objectives of the ALGA and your state government association;
  - Propose a clear action and outcome;
  - Address issues that will directly improve the capacity of local government to deliver services and infrastructure for the benefit of all Australian communities;
  - Be supported by sufficient evidence to support the outcome being sought; and demonstrate the relevance and significance of the matter to local government nationally.
8. As such, Greater Dandenong City Council is proposing that two motions be submitted to the ALGA for consideration at its National General Assembly, 2-4 July 2024.





## Proposed Motions for Submission to the ALGA

### ALGA Motion 1 – Supporting People Seeking Refugee within our Communities

#### *Why is this a National Issue?*

This submission recommends reforms or improvements to a national community services program that would help local governments support the Australia Government to deliver on its national objectives.

The Australian Federal Government has responsibility for immigration policy and providing people seeking protection with a clear and efficient Refugee Status Determination process, with adequate support mechanisms for those in need.

People seeking refugee protection face major hurdles in accessing federal government-funded support programs. Most are currently ineligible for the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Program, the Federal Program which supports people seeking asylum during their protection application process.

As a result, they rely on support from local governments, community groups for charity and/or find work in exploitative conditions. This cost shifting places huge burdens on local government and their communities, needlessly places individuals and families at risk of destitution and erodes trust in government process and institutions. The temporary status of this group creates added challenges, such as difficulty accessing women's refuges or homelessness services and further education opportunities.

*'Arguably there is no greater obligation upon government than to maintain the trust that citizens have in meeting their community services obligations and promises, particularly to society's most vulnerable.'* (2024 National General Assembly ALGA discussion paper page 16).

#### *Background*

The Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Program has become so narrow and restricted that it fails to meet its intended purpose. Financial assistance delivered through the SRSS Program has been cut by 95% (from \$300 million in 2015-16 to \$15 million in 2022-23) and the number of people assisted has dropped from more than 13,000 in 2017 to 1,600 in 2023. Expenditure on SRSS financial assistance in 2022-23 (\$15 million) was underspent by \$22 million.

Charities cannot meet the need for emergency assistance. The demand for help far outstrips what charities and community groups have been able to provide. Homelessness services are reporting an increase in the number of people seeking asylum sleeping on the streets.

State governments are also winding back support. After providing some short-term assistance for fill the gap created by the Federal Government's cuts, state governments are now progressively withdrawing. Assistance for plane arrivals has ended in Queensland. The NSW Government ended its assistance in June 2023, on the clear expectation that the Federal Government will reverse past cuts to the SRSS program.

Lengthy delays in visa processing have made the situation much worse. This lack of access to assistance is coupled with large waiting times for decisions for people who apply for protection onshore, with people waiting more than eight years without access to a safety net for a final resolution of their asylum application.



### *Local Government Response*

Since 2018, the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum has been advocating for the rights of people seeking asylum to the Federal Government. Established and chaired by Greater Dandenong Council, the Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum is now made up of a growing membership of over 40 councils nationwide, who understand that the advocacy for a fairer and swifter Refugee Status Determination system with adequate support systems in place for individuals and families at risk of destitution is an issue of national importance.

Right now, in Australia there are more than 90,000 people waiting for their application for protection to be finalised. Applications for asylum are clearly stuck in a broken system. This overly slow approach prevents individuals and families gaining the stability that refugee status provides. The result is vulnerable people living in local government communities for years, without access to critical support services such as Centrelink, Medicare, public housing, education, mental health and food.

### ***ALGA Motion 1 – Supporting People Seeking Asylum within our Communities Proposed Motion to be submitted to ALGA National General Assembly***

That the Australian Local Government Association calls on the Australian Government to:

1. **acknowledge** Greater Dandenong City Council as secretariat of the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum on behalf of the following member councils:
  - (a) Executive Members – Blacktown City Council, Brimbank City Council, City of Darebin, City of Hume, City of Kingston, City of Monash, Merri-bek City Council, Wyndham City Council, Yarra City Council;
  - (b) General Members – Ararat Rural City Council, City of Ballarat, Banyule City Council, Blue Mountains City Council, City of Canterbury Bankstown, City of Casey, Hawkesbury City Council, Hobsons Bay City Council, Inner West Council, Maribyrnong City Council, Melbourne City Council, Moonee Valley City Council, Newcastle City Council, Nillumbik Shire Council, Orange City Council, Randwick Council, Surf Coast Shire, City of West Torrens, City of Whittlesea; and
  - (c) Supporter Councils – Albury City Council, Bass Coast Shire Council, City of Greater Bendigo, Cardinia Shire Council, City of Greater Geelong, City of Port Phillip, City of Hobart, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire, Borough of Queenscliffe, Wellington Shire Council, City of Wagga Wagga, City of Whitehorse;
2. **ensure** people seeking asylum have a valid bridging visa with associated work and study rights while they await decisions on their protection application, including automating the bridging renewal process;
3. **expand** the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) program eligibility and simplify the application process so that individuals and families seeking asylum who are in need and awaiting the outcome of their protection claims, or awaiting the outcome of the Administrative Appeal Tribunal AAT (or Administrative Review Tribunal once the AAT is abolished) can access healthcare, disability, housing support and other essential services; and
4. **provide** improved access to tertiary education options for people seeking asylum (and their children) awaiting the outcome of their protection claims or awaiting the outcome of the Administrative Appeal Tribunal AAT (or Administrative Review Tribunal once the AAT is abolished).



## **ALGA Motion 2 – Climate Change and its Effects on Local Communities**

### *Background*

Climate change is a global issue, however, the impacts of climate change are not proportional and are often felt at the greatest level by our local communities.

While disadvantaged and marginalised communities are often impacted first and more severely and have higher levels of exposure to environmental and climate risk, local communities also include businesses, organisations and those who regularly visit or work in local areas. Heatwaves, localised storms, flooding and smoke from bushfires and grassfires are of particular concern. Over the last two years we have seen severe weather events associated with climate change across the country becoming increasingly frequent, more powerful and more damaging and it is abundantly clear that further work is required to prepare impacted communities for the challenges and risks of a changing climate.

Research by community organisation Sweltering Cities found that during heatwaves, people of lower socioeconomic status in particular suffered a higher level of discomfort and distress due to poorer housing stock which was more likely to be uninsulated. The respondents were also less likely to have access to air-conditioning, and even in cases where air-conditioning was available, respondents were less likely to utilise this due to inability to afford the resulting electricity bills.

In addition to groups of low socioeconomic status, cohorts such as elderly people, people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, people with a disability or chronic health conditions and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) people are all at greater risk of climate stress. These cohorts are well represented across many Australian councils. Recognising the above, there are a significant number of organisations that work with local communities through to challenge climate injustice which affects the most vulnerable and to assist those who are impacted the most severely.

Many councils across Australia have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency and have an obligation to facilitate urgent and appropriate action to increase their communities' resilience to the impacts of a changing climate. In Victoria in particular, and under the Local Government Act 2020, councils are required to consider climate change in all decision-making and operational processes.

Communities, along with the councils and services that support them, will invariably suffer the worst impacts of climate change, which is why enabling more socially prepared and resilient communities is critical. While individual councils may be in a strong position to provide local knowledge and connections, the broader issue is beyond their direct sphere of influence and requires significant support from both State and Federal Governments.

We therefore call on the ALGA and all Australian councils to again recognise the continued and increasing impacts of climate change on our local communities, advocate for the Federal Government to recognise the work that councils do in supporting communities suffering from the effects of climate change and provide resources to councils to support that work.



## **ALGA Motion 2 – Climate Change and its Effects on Local Communities**

### **Proposed Motion to be submitted to ALGA National General Assembly**

That the Australian Local Government Association strongly calls on the Australian Government to increase the resources for local governments to respond to the recognised and stated Climate and Ecological Emergency and prioritise support for communities which are disproportionately affected by climate change, including low-income households. This support includes:

- 1) increasing the capacity of local governments to carry out their responsibilities by targeted funding and tailored adaptation strategies;
- 2) providing equitable protection for vulnerable groups as part of their policies to provide stable, low-cost emission reductions through the energy sector;
- 3) the provision of resources for local government to meet the needs and priorities of local businesses to respond to climate change;
- 4) Investment in infrastructure that helps build the local community's resilience to the impacts of climate change; and
- 5) national and state-wide waste minimisation and resource awareness programs.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the proposed motions be endorsed by Council and submitted to the ALGA in the manner which they will be accepted by the ALGA.

### **Officer Recommendation**

**That Council:**

1. **endorses the proposed motions to the Australian Local Government Association as outlined in this report;**
2. **authorises the Chief Executive Officer and/or Manager Governance, Legal and Risk to make any minor changes to improve wording of the motions and/or update the motions relative to the issues discussed in this report that may occur between this Council Meeting and the date of submission of the motions; and**
3. **authorises the Manager Governance, Legal and Risk to submit the motions outlined in this report to the Australian Local Government Association under the submissions criteria which they will be accepted.**

### **MINUTE No.1041**

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly**

**That Council:**

1. **endorses the proposed motions to the Australian Local Government Association as outlined in this report;**
2. **authorises the Chief Executive Officer and/or Manager Governance, Legal and Risk to make any minor changes to improve wording of the motions and/or update the motions relative to the issues discussed in this report that may occur between this Council Meeting and the date of submission of the motions; and**



- 3. authorises the Manager Governance, Legal and Risk to submit the motions outlined in this report to the Australian Local Government Association under the submissions criteria which they will be accepted.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



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

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Corporate Development  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Executive Summary

1. As part of Council's ongoing efforts to improve transparency in Council processes, matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be of a confidential nature) are reported on at Council meetings.
2. The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings during the period 18 March – 8 April 2024.
3. This report recommends that the information contained within it be received and noted.



## Background

4. The Executive 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.
5. To ensure transparency in this process matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be confidential under the *Local Government Act 2020*) are reported on at Council meetings. This report represents matters discussed at the Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings during the period 18 March – 8 April 2024.

## Matters Presented for Discussion

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1	<p><b>South East Leisure Pty Ltd (SEL) Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2024-25</b></p> <p>Representatives from SEL provided Councillors and officers with its Draft Annual Plan and associated draft budget for the 2024-25 year.</p>	<b>Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) – 18 March 2024</b>
2	<p><b>Contract 2324-05 Receipt of Commingled Recyclables – Tender Recommendation</b></p> <p>Officers provided Councillors with some detailed background information on the tender process for the receipt of commingled recyclables prior to the report being presented to Council on 25 March 2024.</p>	<b>CBS – 18 March 2024</b>
3	<p><b>Canopy Coverage Audit Outcomes</b></p> <p>Councillors were provided with the findings of the 2023 canopy mapping audit and discussed the improvements made since 2016.</p>	<b>CBS – 18 March 2024</b>
4	<p><b>Review of Heritage Overlay</b></p> <p>Council officers discussed the present extent of the Heritage Overlay, the number of sites affected across Greater Dandenong and annual plan actions to continually review those sites.</p>	<b>CBS – 18 March 2024</b>
5	<p><b>Springvale Revitalisation Project</b></p> <p>Councillors were presented with the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan, a framework intended to guide the revitalisation of Springvale’s civic heart and activity centre that relates to culture, economy and the public realm.</p>	<b>CBS – 18 March 2024</b>
6	<p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p>Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items:</p>	<b>CBS – 18 March 2024</b>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) a submission for the Victorian Electoral Commission's current ward boundary review;</li><li>b) the possible impacts from the phasing out of the 3G communications network;</li><li>c) road safety around primary schools; and</li><li>d) agenda items listed for the Council Meeting of 25 March 2024.</li></ul>	
<b>7</b>	<b>General Discussion</b> Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) attendance at the Australian Local Government Association National general Assembly in July this year;</li><li>b) Council's hard rubbish collection day;</li><li>c) parking issues in Springvale and at No.8 multideck;</li><li>d) the Keysborough Big Picnic; and</li><li>e) agenda items listed for the Council Meeting of 25 March 2024.</li></ul>	<b>Pre-Council Meeting (PCM) – 25 March 2024</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL) Performance and Budget 2024-25</b> <i>This was a confidential item under section 3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020.</i>	<b>CBS – 2 April 2024</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Keysborough South Community hub</b> <i>This was a confidential item under section 3(1)(a) &amp; (g) of the Local Government Act 2020.</i>	<b>CBS – 2 April 2024</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Councillor Induction and Refresh</b> A representative from Maddocks guided Council's new Yarraman Ward Councillor through mandatory components of the <i>Local Government Act 2020</i> and provided a refresh of those aspects to existing Councillors.	<b>CBS – 2 April 2024</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>General Discussion</b> Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the Dandenong Neighbourhood House;</li><li>b) upcoming Council budget preparations;</li><li>c) proposed affordable housing development in Dandenong (<i>confidential under section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020</i>); and</li><li>d) agenda items listed for the Council Meeting of 8 April 2024.</li></ul>	<b>CBS – 2 April 2024</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>General Discussion</b> Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) upcoming Council budget preparations;</li></ul>	<b>PCM – 8 April 2024</b>





	<p>b) proposed affordable housing development in Dandenong <i>(confidential under section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020)</i>; and</p> <p>c) agenda items listed for the Council Meeting of 8 April 2024.</p>	
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### Apologies

6. Councillors Jim Memeti, Bob Milkovic and Sophie Tan submitted apologies for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 18 March 2024.
7. Councillor Jim Memeti submitted an apology for the Pre-Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024.
8. Councillor Jim Memeti submitted an apology for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 2 April 2024.

### Legislative and Policy Obligations

9. 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.
10. 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.

### Officer Recommendation

**That:**

- a) the information contained in this report be received and noted; and
- b) the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings on 2 April 2024 and 8 April 2024 respectively that was declared confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* in Items 8, 9, 11(c) and 12(b) above remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

### MINUTE No.1042

Moved by: Cr Phillip Danh

Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

**That:**

- a) the information contained in this report be received and noted; and
- b) the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings on 2 April 2024 and 8 April 2024 respectively that was declared confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* in Items 8, 9, 11(c) and 12(b) above remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



#### 4.1.4 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Director Corporate Development  
**Attachments:** 1. Correspondence Received 2-12 April 2024 [4.1.4.1 - 2 pages]

#### Executive Summary

1. Subsequent to past Council resolutions in relation to the listing of registered incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 to this report provides a list of this correspondence for the period 2-12 April 2024.

#### Officer Recommendation

**That the listed items for the period 2-12 April 2024 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.**

#### MINUTE No.1043

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**  
**Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan**

**That the listed items for the period 2-12 April 2024 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**

# Objective

CONNECTED. COLLABORATIVE. COMMUNITY.

**Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 02/04/24 & 12/04/24 - for officer action - total = 0**

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
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NB: Users assigned may have changed by the time of the Council Meeting. Correct at time of report production only.

## Objective

CONNECTED. COLLABORATIVE. COMMUNITY.

### Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 02/04/24 & 12/04/24 - for information only - total = 3

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
An invitation to the Mayor and Councillors from the Australian Local Government Association President to attend this year's National General Assembly in Canberra in July.	04-Apr-24	04-Apr-24	A10806387	Mayor & Councillors
A letter of response to the Mayor from the Minister for Planning regarding Council's letter in relation to Planning Scheme Amendment C233gdan and Planning Permit Application PLN21/0713 for 51a Douglas Street, Noble Park.	05-Apr-24	08-Apr-24	A10813723	Mayor & Councillors
An invitation to all Councillors from Bardee (company) to visit its facility which upcycles food waste, green waste and FOGO into sustainable protein and fertilisers.	11-Apr-24	12-Apr-24	A10834276	Mayor & Councillors

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## 5 NOTICES OF MOTION

### 5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36 - ENHANCING DISABILITY ACCESSIBILITY

**Responsible Officer:** Executive Manager Strategy Growth & Advocacy  
**Author:** Cr Rhonda Garad

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#### Preamble

The City of Greater Dandenong acknowledges its obligation to uphold international, national and local standards regarding disability accessibility. These obligations are enshrined in various conventions and legislations, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Victorian *Disability Act 2006*. Furthermore, the Greater Dandenong City Council's Disability Plan strives to enhance community participation by ensuring accessibility for all.

Despite these obligations, there are significant shortcomings in disability accessibility within our community. Many residents with disabilities face challenges accessing public facilities, limiting their participation, dignity and independence.

Recent instances highlight the urgent need for action to address deficiencies in the provision of toilets for people with a disability. Currently, residents with a disability are having to deal with sub-optimal arrangements such as using facilities outside of public buildings, which exposes them to all weather conditions and safety issues. Additionally, numerous public facilities lack disability toilets altogether, further exacerbating accessibility barriers.

#### Motion

**That Council responds to the inadequacies in disability accessibility within Greater Dandenong with:**

##### 1. Recognition and Commitment:

- a) **Greater Dandenong City Council (Council) formally acknowledges the deficiencies in disability accessibility within our community, recognising the impact on residents' participation, dignity and independence; and**
- b) **Council commits to prioritising initiatives to enhance disability accessibility in public facilities across Greater Dandenong.**

##### 2. Comprehensive Audit and Action Plan:

- a) **Council conducts a comprehensive audit of all council public facilities, specifically focusing on the availability, accessibility and compliance with relevant standards of toilets for those with a disability;**
- b) **The audit findings are to inform the development of an action plan to address identified deficiencies; and**
- c) **The action plan will include indicative costing, proposed timelines for implementation and potential funding sources from within and external to Council.**

##### 3. Stakeholder Engagement:

- a) **Council engages with relevant stakeholders, including Council's Disability Advisory Committee, to ensure their input is incorporated into the development and implementation of the action plan.**



**MINUTE No.1044**

**Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad**

**Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark**

**That Council responds to the inadequacies in disability accessibility within Greater Dandenong with:**

**1. Recognition and Commitment:**

- a) **Greater Dandenong City Council (Council) formally acknowledges the deficiencies in disability accessibility within our community, recognising the impact on residents' participation, dignity and independence; and**
- b) **Council commits to prioritising initiatives to enhance disability accessibility in public facilities across Greater Dandenong.**

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- b) **The audit findings are to inform the development of an action plan to address identified deficiencies; and**
- c) **The action plan will include indicative costing, proposed timelines for implementation and potential funding sources from within and external to Council.**

**3. Stakeholder Engagement:**

- a) **Council engages with relevant stakeholders, including Council's Disability Advisory Committee, to ensure their input is incorporated into the development and implementation of the action plan.**

**CARRIED 11 / 0**



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## 6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

### Comment

#### Cr Jim Memeti

I attended the Nowruz Festival last week. There were between 10,000 – 15,000 people in attendance. It has become the biggest festival within our city. I think it has outgrown Dandenong Park. There were hundreds of cars parked illegally and I cannot blame the participants who came to the festival. For next year, we should work on a plan on how we are going to support car parking at the event. I congratulate the organisers who put on a fantastic event. I was disappointed to see the grass was not cut prior to the festival, it was cut the day after. Council officers should note that the grass should be cut two (2) days prior to big events.

Along with Mayor Lana Formoso and other Councillors, I visited the Dandenong City Soccer Club, who do a fantastic job. We met with their president, directors and volunteers to discuss future options. The club continues to grow and get better.

### Question

#### Cr Jim Memeti

I have had complaints from residents who live in Power and Caroline Street, Dandenong regarding parking issues. Recently St. John's Regional College built a sports oval, which is fantastic, however it is creating a huge parking problem for our residents. We have had residents who have been fined. Residents are calling Council to report cars that are blocking their driveways. I have had another call today from a resident that is organising a petition, and her idea is that we can have permit parking for the residents that live in that area. My understanding is that the City of Greater Dandenong has never had residential permit parking. Can we have a look at this and maybe have a meeting with the college? It is fantastic to encourage people to participate in sport, but it is creating a problem for our residents. There was a nurse who had her car in her driveway and could not get out when she needed to go to work. Our parking officers are aware of it, but we need to have a plan.

**This question was noted for further action.**

### Comment

#### Cr Sean O'Reilly

I attended the Springvale RSL ANZAC Remembrance Service yesterday outside Springvale City Hall. I was joined by Deputy Mayor, Richard Lim OAM. The weather was overcast, but thankfully there was no rain. It was a glorious ceremony, with approximately 300 people in attendance. The organisers do an excellent job of involving school kids reading different extracts about the war and sporting clubs laying wreaths.

### Question

#### Cr Rhonda Garad

Can I have an update on the two (2) traffic management plans that are currently being undertaken in Keysborough South? The first regarding the Keysborough South Primary School, the second Grevillea Avenue. Can I have the dates of when we can expect both of those?

### Response

#### Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Staff are currently working on the plans. We do not have any exact dates yet. Once the plans are completed I will provide them to you.



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**Further question****Cr Rhonda Garad**

Do we have an idea when we could expect those?

**Response****Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Council officers are working on a number of schools. It is not just those two (2). It will take some time.

**Further question****Cr Rhonda Garad**

Could I just have a time frame? Is it a month? Is it six (6) months?

**Response****Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Maybe by the end of this year.

**Question****Cr Rhonda Garad**

Can you advise when the Climate Change Mobilisation and Engagement Plan will be going to exhibition? I understand it was meant to be April 2024, but what is the actual date?

**Response****Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

It is coming to a Councillor Briefing Session in May 2024, and will go to the first Council meeting in June for exhibition.

**Further question****Cr Rhonda Garad**

So the April date is not on the cards now?

**Response****Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

We always said it will be before the end of the year. We are working in that time frame.

**Question****Cr Rhonda Garad**

The role of a Councillor is defined in the *Local Government Act 2020* very narrowly. The Act defines the role purely as a company director and it omits important areas such as advocacy and representation. There is no mention in the Act of a Councillors role as an advocate for the community or to represent their community in any way. The concern is that the reforms to the Act are currently being drafted, and if the Code of Conduct is going to be strengthened, it is going to be an issue that the definition of a Councillor is in such narrow terms when Councillors are subject to a Code of Conduct.

Will Council consider writing to The Hon. Melissa Horne, Minister for Local Government regarding the reforms and ask if the role of Councillor will be elaborated on with either an addendum or an explanatory note? We know that in the court case of Alex Lu, by common law, the role of the Councillor was expanded, and we understand that when a Councillor is communicating on social media the Councillor is a Councillor. However, we do not understand the broader parameters of the role of a Councillor, which is a problem.





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## Response

### **Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer**

It is a very interesting time with the Ministers and Local Government Victoria currently considering the role of a Councillor and considering changes to the Act. We do not yet know the full detail of what that will involve, so it is difficult for me to answer some aspects of your question. I am happy to prepare some information for Councils consideration for submission as part of the current process. I will keep Council informed as the detail becomes apparent to us so that we can ensure we advocate adequately for the City of Greater Dandenong.

## Comment

### **Cr Sophie Tan**

On Saturday 13 April 2024, I attended the flag raising ceremony hosted by the Vietnamese community in Harmony Square. Later that day, I attended the Cambodian New Year celebration, hosted by the Cambodian Borders Association of Victoria. I also attended the Nawroz Festival with approximately 10,000 people in attendance. Happy New Year to everyone celebrating.

## Question

### **Cr Sophie Tan**

As there were so many people in attendance at the Nawroz Festival at Dandenong Park, the toilets become very unclean which is unhygienic. At future events can we ensure that the toilets are getting cleaned regularly throughout the day?

## Response

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

We can look into that.

## Comment

### **Cr Sophie Tan**

On Saturday 20 April 2024, I attended the opening of the colour our zebra crossings, which is one of our activation programs that is funded by the Noble Park Revitalisation Board. Thank you to the board for providing us with the funding and making our streets more attractive and safer for all our residents in Noble Park.

On Sunday 21 April 2024, I attended the Noble Park RSL march and services with Councillors Angela Long and Phillip Danh.

## Question

### **Cr Sophie Tan**

There is a lot of graffiti around our municipality, specifically along Corrigan Road, Keysborough. What advocacy can Council do in terms of providing information to residents about what we do to reduce these incidents in the future?

## Response

### **Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

If somebody identifies graffiti, they can always report it to customer service so that the teams can go and clean it. If it is located on state owned properties, we are happy to work with the state and entity to clean that as well.



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## **Comment**

### **Cr Angela Long**

On Friday 12 April 2024, I attended the Dandenong City Soccer Club Fish Night.

On Saturday 13 April 2024, I attended the flag raising ceremony of the South Vietnamese Yellow Flag at Harmony Square.

On Sunday 14 April 2024, I attended the Girls and Women's Dandenong Soccer Cup Day at Dandenong City Soccer Club. 28 clubs with 56 teams played over the weekend.

On Monday 15 April 2024, I attended a Disability Advisory Committee at the Dandong Civic Center.

On Friday 19 April 2024, I attended the soccer match between Dandenong City and South Melbourne. South Melbourne won 4-0.

On Sunday 21 April 2024, I attended the Anzac Day service at the Noble Park RSL.

## **Comment**

### **Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor**

On Monday 8 April 2024, I attended a meeting with the CEO of Kidsafe.

On Friday 12 April 2024, I attended the grand opening of the new Malaysian restaurant 'Sarawak Lassa' in Noble Park. I also attended the Dandenong City Soccer Club Fish night with Mayor Lana Formoso, Councillor Jim Memeti & Angela Long.

On Saturday 13 April 2024, I attended the Cambodian New Year at Wat Buddharaigsai on behalf of Council. I also attended the Nawroz Festival at Dandenong Park. In the evening, I attended the Cambodian New Year hosted by the Youth Group of the Springvale Learning Activity Centre (SLAC).

On Sunday 14 April 2024, I attended another Cambodia New Year celebration with the Kids Safe Director. Kidsafe is a great organisation which has been established for 45 years which educates families on accidents and safety.

On Tuesday 16 April 2024, I had a meeting with the CEO of SLAC in relation to the formation of Multicultural Youth Groups.

On Wednesday 17 April 2024, I attended another Cambodia New Year celebration organised by Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre for Cambodian Social Support Group.

On Friday 19 April 2024, I attended the Italian Cultural Day hosted by the Springvale Italian Senior Citizens Club.

On Saturday 20 April 2024, I attended the Annual Eid Dinner Night hosted by Fiji Islamic & Cultural Society of Victoria with many distinguished guests.



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On Sunday 21 April 2024, I attended the Springvale RSL Anzac Day Remembrance Service at Springvale City Hall with Councillor Sean O'Reilly to lay the wreath. I also attended the Australian & New Zealand Urogenital & Prostate Cancer Trials Group (ANZUP) with Eden Foster MP. That day I also had another meeting with the Kidsafe Director to raise Awareness about Safety for Children and Services for Victorian Multicultural Communities.

**Question**

**Cr Tim Dark**

There have been quite a few car accidents recently where the cars have crashed into the front of a shop at 6-12 Buckley Street, Noble Park. The owners have the shop repaired and then it happens again. The owners have advised that they have contacted Council several times, trying to see if they can get a bollard or some type of infrastructure to stop the potential of the cars coming in. Is it possible to see if we have any of the concrete planter boxes from COVID, or something similar that we could put there to mitigate any potential damage?

**This question was noted for further action.**

**Question**

**Cr Tim Dark**

Could I please have an update on the issue regarding a tree in Keysborough that has been raised previously? The residents have been asking for an update.

**Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Staff have contacted the resident. As the tree is the neighbours, Council does not have any enforcement abilities, but we are still trying to facilitate that process with the resident. We will continue to work with them on this issue.

**Comment**

**Cr Tim Dark**

I want to say thank you to Michael Smith (Coordinator Open Space Projects) and the Directors involved. We had an issue with the lights at Wachter Reserve that I raised. They attended the site and were able to get them switched back on. After that, another light went out and they uncovered what I would say is probably the biggest ants nest I have ever seen in my entire life. There would have been hundreds of thousands of ants that were getting into the board. The photo is quite remarkable. The quick response of fixing this problem was perfectly in time for a game to be played on the weekend.

**Question**

**Cr Bob Milkovic**

How are we going with the progress of the cleanup of all the branches from the storms in February?

**Response**

**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

We are at the end of completion. Majority of the trees have been cleared. We will be finished within the next two (2) weeks.



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**Comment****Cr Phillip Danh**

I am happy to report that my formal induction has finally been completed as of this afternoon. I would like to thank all Council directors for taking the time to bring me up to date with all the important issues and projects that are of concern to residents in the Yarraman Ward. This includes updates in the progression of the Parkfield Reserve Master Plan and plans on how we can continue to improve the Hemming Street Precinct.

It has been an action-packed fortnight with numerous events and cultural festivals, as many Councillors here tonight have mentioned. I would like to thank the Vietnamese community for inviting me to the ceremony at Harmony Square last weekend. As well as the team at the Ukrainian Community Hall for the launch of their beautiful new mural painted by Melbourne based artist, Matt Ling.

I wish to echo some of the words about the Nawroz Festival last week organised by the Victorian Afghan Associations Network at Dandenong Park. It was fantastic that the event was so busy and vibrant, and it was a pleasure to meet so many local Afghan small business owners and service providers that do so much to add to the fabric of our community.

Councillor Sophie Tan and I were also in attendance at the Community Pop Up Day celebrating new artwork installed in Noble Park as part of the Revitalisation Board's efforts to continue the rejuvenation of our community.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the Nobel Park RSL Committee and their President, John Meehan for warmly welcoming me as I had the honour of laying the wreath at their Anzac Day Commemoration alongside Councillor Sophie Tan and Angela Long.

I would also like to report that it was an honour to attend my first Citizenship ceremony as a Councillor on Wednesday 17 April 2024. It was a wonderful night to celebrate our newest Australians and one of deep reflection, as to how lucky we are to be called Australian.

**Comment****Cr Loi Truong**

On Saturday 13 April 2024, I attended the flag raising ceremony of the South Vietnamese Yellow Flag at Harmony Square. After that I attended the Cambodian Temple to celebrate the Cambodian New Year.

On Wednesday 17 April 2024, I attended the Cambodian New Year celebration.

**Comment tabled****Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor**

On Wednesday 10 April 2024, I attended the Eid breakfast hosted by the United Melbourne Muslim Alliance. I also attended a meeting with Rachel Payne MP.

Later that day, I attended a meeting with Serbian Community Association of Australia.



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On Thursday 11 April 2024, I attended the Discover Dandenong Creek Festival. Later that day, I visited the Dandenong Refugee Resource Hub (operated by Asylum Seeker Resource Centre). I also attended a meeting with the Bari community.

On Friday 12 April 2024, I attended the Gender Equity Award presentation to the Wellsprings for Women Safety and Equality team. Later that day, I attended the Dandenong City Soccer Club. I also attended the Oyiti Cup basketball tournament.

On Saturday 13 April 2024, I attended the Vietnamese Community Australia (Victoria Chapter) Flag Raising Ceremony. I also attended the Ukrainian Community Hall Mural Wall launch.

Later that day, I attended the Bakhtar Community Organisation Nawroz Festival, the Cambodian New Year celebration hosted by the Springvale Learning and Activities Centre Youth Group and Dandenong Cricket Club Presentation Night.

On Sunday 14 April 2024, I attended the Nawroz Festival hosted by the Victorian Afghan Associations Network. Later that day, I attended the Dandenong City Girls Soccer Cup.

On Monday 15 April 2024, I attended the Councillor Budget Briefing.

On Wednesday 17 April 2024, I had a meeting with VicPol. I also attended a meeting with Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer. Later that day, I attended the Mayoral Taskforce People Seeking Asylum online meeting. I also presided over the Citizenship Ceremonies (5pm & 7.30pm).

On Thursday 18 April 2024, I visited Emerson School to see new buildings and discuss further construction stages.

On Friday 19 April 2024, I attended the Department of Transport meeting with Dandenong Primary School and St Mary's Primary School Principals and Gabrielle Williams MP.

On Sunday 21 April 2024, I attended the World Health Summit: Intergenerational Masterclass on Health, Policy & Leadership.

On Monday 22 April 2024, I attended the World Health Summit Regional Meeting Melbourne. Later that day, I attended the CEO Employment & Remuneration Committee meeting and the Council Meeting.

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

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### COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
08/04/24 CQT3	Cr Sophie Tan	<p><b>Noble Park Tennis Club</b> I have been advised that at the Noble Park Tennis club, Parkfield Reserve there is no disabled toilet and they are having court surface issues. Can this please be investigated?</p>	Executive Director Community Strengthening	11/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> Question taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 11/04/2024:</b> We are awaiting the outcome of a State Government Grant to improve the Tennis Courts. Eden Foster MP provided a letter to support our application and we anticipate an outcome in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The disabled toilets will be addressed with the replacement of the pavilion.</p> <p>Officers have spoken with the Club this week.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
08/04/24 CQT4	Cr Sophie Tan	<p><b>Black Spot program update</b> Can I please have an update on the Black Spot program at Railway Parade, Noble Park and how that is progressing?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	15/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> I will investigate and provide an update.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/04/2024:</b> The construction tender has been awarded and council officers are awaiting confirmation of the start date. Works are anticipated to be completed this financial year, subject to favourable weather. Notification will be provided to residents before construction commences.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
08/04/24 CQT5	Cr Angela Long	<p><b>Dandenong Agricultural Society</b> The Secretary of the Dandenong Agricultural Society contacted me last Friday about the electrical problem they have experienced over the last couple of</p>	Executive Director City Futures	18/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> Staff have contacted the society and advised that we have identified the problem and will work to upgrade the facilities there.</p>

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		<p>years. It seems to me that the whole system needs to be upgraded. Can I please have an update?</p> <p>They are grateful that you spoke to them, but the officer in attendance did not provide that information. Could you get someone to go and see them again as they feel like they have been left in the dark?</p>			<p><b>Further response provided 18/04/2024:</b> Our Officers met with the Pastoral Association on Tuesday 16 April 2024. Present at this meeting was Claire from the Pastoral Association, and a couple of Claire's colleagues, and representatives from Campeyn Group, ProElectrics and CGDs Building Maintenance team.</p> <p>During this meeting, Claire provided a map of the Reserve marking where all the numbered Electrical boxes are located and the current status if they are working or require additional work. ProElectrics have been requested to investigate to understand the works required.</p> <p>ProElectrics are treating this request as urgent and will be providing the scope and cost of these works.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
08/04/24 CQT6	Cr Richard Lim OAM	<p><b>Springvale Activity Centre</b> Can I please have an update on the Wayfinding signage at Springvale Activity Centre?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	15/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> The traffic team are preparing and looking at the proposal, once that is finalised, I will meet with you to discuss.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/04/2024:</b> The design and delivery of wayfinding signage for the Springvale Activity Centre is identified as an action item in the Springvale Revitalisation Action plan for 2024/25.</p> <p>Placemaking and Traffic teams will work together on the delivery of signage improvements in Springvale.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>

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08/04/24 CQT7	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p><b>Brady Road – untidy laneway</b> The laneway behind the Brady Road, Dandenong North shops is very overgrown with weeds, almost at waist height. It looks very untidy. People have been throwing rubbish which gets stuck in the grass. Can this please be investigated and cleaned up?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	18/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> Yes, we will investigate. I will coordinate with our local teams to see whether we need to do any enforcement there also.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 18/04/2024:</b> Council officers inspected the laneway behind the shops on Brady Road and found only minor weeds and no rubbish along the length of the laneway. The weeds have now been programmed to be sprayed and the laneway will be swept shortly after. These works are expected to be completed by mid-May.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
08/04/24 CQT8	Cr Bob Milkovic	<p><b>Boyd Lane, Dandenong</b> Can parking officers and the cleansing team look at the rubbish that is accumulating on Boyd Lane, Dandenong? There always seems to be trolleys flipped upside down, clothing and other rubbish. Cars are also starting to park there frequently which blocks the lane, making it hard for people to use. It is unsightly and smells very bad.</p>	Executive Director City Futures	18/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> Yes, officers will investigate.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 18/04/2024:</b> Ever since the issues in Boyd Lane were first raised several years ago, both the Local Laws and Cleansing teams have conducted regular (daily) patrols of the laneways between Lonsdale Street and Palm Plaza. Whilst we do see some minor littering occurring in Boyd Lane, this is no different to other areas within the Dandenong CBD and the litter identified is promptly collected by our Street Cleansing Attendants or dumped rubbish ‘Hot Spots’ crew. Similarly, our Local Laws officers have not identified any significant parking issues in any of the lanes.</p> <p>If community members encounter any issues it is recommended, they contact Councils Customer Service centre on 8571 1000 at the time of the offense.</p>



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08/04/24 CQT9	Cr Tim Dark	<b>Wachter Reserve, Keysborough</b> One (1) of the newly updated light towers at Wachter Reserve, Keysborough was not working when they attempted to turn it on. Have the lights been attended to and are now working?	Executive Director City Futures	15/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> Question taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/04/2024:</b> A huge ant infestation (see attached photo) occurred which caused the circuit breakers to drop out and damage some electrical parts as well as another tower went out the following week. The ant infestation has since been treated and the required electrical repairs undertaken with all lights now functioning.</p>
					<b>COMPLETED</b>
08/04/24 CQT10	Cr Tim Dark	<b>Wachter Reserve, Keysborough</b> South East United inherited a lot of rubbish in the club rooms at Wachter Reserve, Keysborough, from previous sports clubs. They have had to remove and get rid of it at their own cost. On top of that, the pavilion requires upgrades. The club has asked for a contribution towards the cost of some cosmetic work to upgrade the pavilion?	Executive Director Community Strengthening	10/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> Yes, officers can investigate options through the funding program to help that club out with their current situation.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 10/04/2024:</b> Council officers have been liaising with South East United Football Club to support with the relocation from WJ Turner Reserve to Wachter Reserve. Council has organised external contractors to clean the internal and external of the pavilion, hard rubbish collections, pest control, alarm installation and repairs to any damages within the pavilion.</p> <p>Council Officers will also work with the club regarding grant opportunities.</p>
					<b>COMPLETED</b>

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08/04/24 CQT11	Cr Jim Memeti	<p><b>George Andrews Reserve fryers</b> The first phone call I received this morning was from Dandenong Thunder requesting an update on the fryers that are due to be installed using the mid-year budget. The community love hot chips. Can we have an update on the fryers at George Andrews Reserve?</p>	Executive Director City Futures	15/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> I will investigate and advise.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 15/04/2024:</b> A contractor has been appointed to install the new deep fryer at George Andrews Whittle Pavilion to replace the oven (see attached photo).</p> <p>A program will be provided by the contractor outlining the timeframes by Wednesday 17 April 2024. It is anticipated that the works will take 2-3 week.</p> <p>Please note: the veranda works are continuing and will be complete by the end of the month (April 2024).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>
08/04/24 CQT12	Cr Jim Memeti	<p><b>Homelessness assistance</b> There are many people in our community that are homeless and as it approaches winter I wanted to know if Council is doing anything with our local partners, like Cornerstone, to help them? Will they be advertised to the community?</p>	Executive Director Community Strengthening	10/04/2024	<p><b>Initial response provided 08/04/2024:</b> It is a difficult and important subject. We partner with many community groups within the organisation to help try to combat that. We can investigate what is happening in the immediate and explore ways to highlight those projects and spread the word.</p> <p><b>Further response provided 10/04/2024:</b> Dandenong Zero is a collaboration between the Greater Dandenong City Council and Launch Housing which brings the local service system together to tackle the homelessness issue. Dandenong Zero started in July 2022, and since then, Council partners on Dandenong Zero initiative include WAYSS,</p>

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					<p>Monash Health, The Salvation Army, Eastern Region Mental Health Association, Cornerstone, The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Centre for Multicultural Youth, Bolton Clarke, Wintringham, The Avalon Centre, Victoria Police, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), Housing Victoria, the Department of Justice and Community Safety, Australian Community Support Organisation, and the Southern Homelessness Network.</p> <p>There are four tiers of the Dandenong Zero governance model. The Service Coordination team meets every week, Hotspots team meets every fortnight, Service improvement team meets bimonthly, and Dandenong Zero Executive team meets quarterly.</p> <p>The partnered organisations on Dandenong Zero work together around a local system 'By Name List' (BNL) of all people sleeping rough. The aim is to move people on the BNL to permanent secure housing.</p> <p>Some of the notable outcomes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved 23 people to long term secure housing since start of the project;</li> <li>• Submitted Victorian Human Rights applications for 17 people who are homeless and actively followed up with DFFH Housing Team; and</li> <li>• 8 Victorian Human Rights applications in</li> </ul>

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					<p>progress for homeless people.</p> <p>In addition, many homeless people have been case managed by various specialist homeless partners and have been introduced to the mental health support programs.</p> <p><b>What are we doing to support the homeless this winter?</b></p> <p>As part of the Dandenong Zero project, Council will host a Homelessness Week event in August this year in partnership with WAYSS. Council and WAYSS will promote this event in advance, aiming to attract homeless individuals and homelessness service agencies on the day.</p> <p>Additionally, Council officers are planning to officially launch the Dandenong Zero project around mid-year, inviting key stakeholders, specialist homeless agencies, media, MPs, and Councillors to the event. Council's Media and Communications department, as well as the Dandenong Zero Coordination Lead through homeless network agencies, will also promote the event. Some specialist homeless agencies are already involved in the Dandenong Zero initiative, providing support to homeless individuals in Greater Dandenong.</p> <p>The Anti-Poverty Consortium continues to offer food vouchers, material aid, and services to homeless individuals, with swags available at</p>

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					<p>various locations for those sleeping rough. Council collaborates closely with specialist homeless agencies such as Launch Housing, WAYSS, and support services like Cornerstone, which recently extended its services to provide an additional day for people seeking respite. Council, along with consortium partners, advocates for increased community support and will continue to coordinate responses throughout the winter months.</p> <p>Council officers are also working with Cornerstone with a view to providing soup and bread to homeless people in Dandenong and Springvale (for around 100 people) in June and July this year.</p> <p>The City of Greater Dandenong website features comprehensive information on two key initiatives: the Dandenong Zero Project and the Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2024. These projects are crucial components of our ongoing efforts to address homelessness and housing challenges. As we approach the winter months, both the website and City Magazine will showcase articles highlighting the positive impact of these initiatives and providing information on relief services available within the municipality.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>COMPLETED</b></p>



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## 7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.



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## 8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 7.53 pm.

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