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COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2023
Commencing at 7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Loi Truong

Councillors Present

Cr Eden Foster (Chair)

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

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer; Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design and Amenity; Peta Gillies, Director Community Strengthening; Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects; Michelle Hansen, Executive Manager Finance and Information Technology; Kylie Sprague, Executive Manager Communications and Customer Service; Lisa Roberts, Manager Governance.

1.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE 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.

1.3 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

Cr Rhonda Garad read the following affirmation:

" I affirm that we all gather here today to work in the best interest of the community.

We all have the same interest here tonight, and we affirm that we are all committed to getting the best outcomes for the community."

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting of Council held 22 May 2023.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 22 May 2023 be confirmed.

MINUTE 783

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso
Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council held 22 May 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

1.5 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Angela Long disclosed an indirect material conflict of interest of a pecuniary nature (s128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*) in Item 2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) as she is the president of the Dandenong Day Nursery. Cr Angela Long left the Chamber prior to discussion and voting on this item.

2 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART ONE

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

File Id:	A2683601
Responsible Officer:	Manager Governance

1. Report Summary

Under the Victorian Local Government Act, 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. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the listed documents be signed and sealed.

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing (Cont.)

3. Item Summary

There are four (4) items being presented to Council's meeting of 5 June 2023 for signing and sealing as follows:

1. A letter of recognition to Georgie Crowden, City Planning, Design & Amenity for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;

2. A letter of recognition to Tracey Macleod, Community Strengthening for 10 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council; and

3. An Instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Environment Protection Act 2017, the Infringements Act 2006,* the *Heritage Act 2017,* the *Lands Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Sex Work Act 1994*, the *Subdivisions Act 1988*, the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998* and the Regulations made under each of those Acts; the Local Laws made under the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020;* and any other Act, Regulation or delegated legislation (including the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme) which relates to the powers of the Council made under the provisions and enactments described. This instrument enables the following Council officer to carry out the statutory responsibilities of the above Acts and is subject to policy and delegations previously adopted by Council:

    - Qinglin Huang (known as Abbi Huang)

4. An Instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officer under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Heritage Act 2017,* the *Infringements Act 2006*, the *Land Acquisition and Compensations Act 1986*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Sex Work Act 1994*, the *Subdivisions Act 1988*, the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998* and the Regulations made under each of those Acts; the Local Laws made under the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020;* and any other Act, Regulation or delegated legislation (including the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme) which relates to the powers of the Council made under the provisions and enactments described. This instrument enables the following Council officer to carry out the statutory responsibilities of the above Acts and is subject to policy and delegations previously adopted by Council:

    - Graca Padriack

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing (Cont.)

4. Recommendation

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

MINUTE 784

Moved by: Cr Richard Lim OAM
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

CARRIED

2.2 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

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

1. Report Summary

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

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

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

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

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

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the listed items in Attachment 1, and the current status of each, be received and noted.

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

3. Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received one (1) new petition and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 5 June 2023.

- A copy of a petition (signed by 1980 people) on change.org.au that has been sent to Council that is a call for Heritage Victoria to list the Lunar Drive-In as a heritage site to ensure it cannot be demolished in future. The petition calls on Council to support this cause and to take other action to preserve the Drive-In. It has also asked Council to reduce the land tax and stop the sale of land.

  Note: the petition is not directed to Council. It is directed to Heritage Victoria. Council has no authority in relation to land tax which is administered by the State Government. Council also has no power over whether the owner wishes to sell the land.

  This petition has been referred to the appropriate Council Business unit/s for further action.

Recommendation

That this report and Attachment be received and noted.

MINUTE 785

Moved by: Cr Sophie Tan
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

That this report and Attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

ATTACHMENT 1

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

PAGES 6 (including cover)

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

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	• Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
23/05/23	Please see this petition that 1,933 (now 1990) members of the community have signed: https://www.change.org/p/save-the-lunar-drive-in-make-it-a-heritage-site?redirect=false The petition is a call for Heritage Victoria to list the Lunar Drive-In as a heritage site, to ensure that it cannot be demolished in the years to come. With nearly two thousand community members having signed the petition, it is clear that the Lunar Drive-In means a lot to people and I am sure everyone that has signed would be devastated to see it demolished. Additionally, I am sure there are many people that frequent the Drive-In that have not seen the petition or do not use a computer. This is an urgent plea as the site has been sold and the soon to be owner intends on bulldozing the Drive-In to build factories. The council can support the case for the Drive-In to be listed as a heritage site. Lunar Drive-In is one of three drive ins left in Victoria and Heritage Victoria should ensure to protect the site as it has historical significance. Alternatively, the Council must take other action to preserve the Drive-In. It has been stated that the Council refused the Drive-In owner's pleas to reduce the land tax, putting the owner in a difficult position financially. The Council could stop the sale of the land and reduce the land tax to enable to current owner to continue operating the Drive-In. Lunar Drive-In is a popular destination for locals, as well as people from other areas. Therefore, the Council should do everything they can to ensure the Drive-In is not closed as it draws people into the area to boost the local economy. ***The below email was received by Council from the head petitioner on 28/05/23. It was provided to Council as additional information in support of the petition:*** Firstly, I would like to point out that the petition is continuing to increase in supporters, with now 1,977 members of the community having signed it. I would also like to draw the Council's attention to the signatories comments on the petition.	**1990**	**In Progress**	Responsible Officer: Director, City Planning, Design & Amenity. Acknowledgement letter sent 26/05/2023 to the head petitioner.

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	• Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	These are linked here: https://www.change.org/p/save-the-lunar-drive-in-make-it-a-heritage-site/c and include comments such as "My whole life, I have had good times with family and friends at this relaxed and fun venue. I am horrified to hear that the government of all people are trying to shut it down. Lunar Drive-In may be privately owned, but it belongs to the people of the Greater Dandenong area. The site should absolutely retain its place in history and achieve heritage status" and "I love this place. I quite happily take the hour and a bit drive from my house with my kids to enjoy the atmosphere and movie deals they hold. Please don't close it there's not to many places like this around anymore." These comments, and all of the other comments, clearly show the community's support of the Drive-In and the outcry to prevent the Drive-In from closing down. Further, I have reviewed the criteria for Victorian heritage listing and believe that the Lunar Drive-In could potentially satisfy two of these. The two criteria I am referring to are: Criterion B - as there is a clear association to a time period of importance in Victoria's cultural history. The Drive-In is an example for future generations to see one of the most popular destinations for families in the 1950s-1980s. It was established before television. This is evident in the physical fabric of the Drive-In as it clearly demonstrates how movies were watched during this time period. Further, the place is rare and uncommon. There are only three drive-ins remaining in Victoria (there was once 22 of them), so there are very few places like this to demonstrate the important phase in our history. They are endangered to the point of rarity due to economic pressures on such places. AND Criterion G - there is a community who share a common interest and experience who live or meet in the same locality, either for the reason to experience the culturally significant drive in or to be in a social and family environment. It is clear from the uproar of this community (group of people) of the drive in potentially closing down that the attachment to the place is of high intensity. There is both a long time depth of attachment, as the drive in has been frequented by this community for several decades, as well as a more recent time depth of the attachment, which has been evident from the community's reaction to the closure.			

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	• Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	The place is under threat so the attachment has become more prominent in the community. There is social value at the state level, which is evidenced by the community of people attached to the Drive-In not merely located in the local area, but also from all over Victoria. The drive in is associated with Victoria's identity due to its cultural significance but also because it is emerging in recent years as a popular destination for the younger generations. Many members of the community that are attached to this place would consider it part of Victoria's identity. I have also looked at the nomination process for Victorian heritage listing and am unsure as to how I am to provide some of the supporting documentation required, for example the title search. This would, I believe, require a fee to obtain. Therefore, I am hoping to gain some assistance in completing the submission. I am also requesting the Council to support the application. I have checked the current Victorian heritage listing database and have noticed that Dromana Drive-In is listed. The reasons provided for heritage listing of the Dromana Drive-In are all equally applicable to the Lunar Drive-In. Therefore, I see no reason as to why the application would be rejected. However, I am in need of assistance to ensure a timely submission of the application and I am sure the local Council's support would assist in the process. Alternatively, I am aware that places are able to be listed as local heritage, which is the responsibility of the local council to oversee. In addition to applying for the Lunar Drive-In to be listed on the Victorian heritage database, I would like the Council to consider listing the Lunar Drive-In as local heritage. I understand that places with heritage significance to a local area can be protected by a Heritage Overlay, which I believe should be done for the Lunar Drive-In. The reasons the Lunar Drive-In could satisfy the Victoria Heritage criteria are also reasons for satisfying the local heritage criteria. Additionally, I would like to provide the social media post that the Lunar Drive-In made recently announcing their closure as further support of the need to act. This can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=637023651791674&set=a.556216816539025 and include comments from members of the community such as "it's so sad there is an offical closing date now. This was how I manages to see movies with my kids. The cinema is way too expensive. We will miss this place" and "I am so sad and blessed that I've had the opportunity to experience the Lunar drive in for the last 40 years" and "This absolutely breaks my heart.			

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	• Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
	Have been taking my children here since they were little. Still in disbelief that you're closing down. Once again government greed takes over." It is abundantly clear that members of the Greater Dandenong City Council rely on the Lunar Drive-In as a social and family outing that is within their price range and will be devastated if it is closed. Also, as pointed out by other commenters, it is one of the few options available for many people with disabilities to go out and enjoy themselves in a public environment where they can be comfortable. In my personal experience, I am on the autism spectrum and do not feel comfortable going to the cinemas but frequently go to the Lunar Drive-In as it is a much different environment. I have seen comments from other members of the community on the petition and on the Drive-In's facebook posts that are identical to my scenario. A further option for the Council would be to assist the current owner in exiting the contract for the sale of land and offering the current owner a land tax reduction or exemption so that operating the Drive-In is financially sustainable. In my view, this should have happened long ago, and should be essentially a simple fix to this issue. The local Council has the duty to represent the members of the local community, to listen to them, and to act in their best interests. I believe for the Council to satisfy this duty, it must act to ensure the Drive-In remains open and is protected for generations to come. There are several reasons for this, including the Drive-In's historical significance and the importance it evidently has to the community. The view of the local community in this situation is not ambiguous - every comment on any post, petition or article is expressing the same thing in essence - that we want the Lunar Drive-In to remain open and be protected for everyone to enjoy. With all of my research on this issue I have not come across any alternative view or wish from the community. The local community is asking its Council representatives to truly represent us and act on our behalf in keeping the Lunar Drive-In open.			

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

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2.3 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176)

Cr Angela Long disclosed an indirect material conflict of interest of a pecuniary nature (s128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*) in Item 2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) as she is the president of the Dandenong Day Nursery. Cr Angela Long left the Chamber at 7.09 PM prior to discussion and voting on this item.

File Id:	A9370361
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Attachments:	Submitted Amended Plans Location of Objectors

Application Summary

Applicant:	Curtis Superinvest Pty Ltd C/- Urban Planning Collective
Proposal:	Use and staged development of the land for a child care centre and convenience restaurant, display of internally illuminated business identification signage and pole signage, and creation and alteration of access to roads in a Transport Zone 2
Zone:	General Residential Zone – Schedule 1
Overlay:	Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 3
Ward:	Dandenong North

This application has been brought to a Council meeting as it has received thirteen (13) objections.

The application proposes the use and staged development of the land for a child care centre and convenience restaurant, display of internally illuminated business identification signage and pole signage, and creation and alteration of access to roads in a Transport Zone 2.

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

The applicant has lodged an application for review with the Victoria Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), under Section 79 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, for Council's failure to issue the decision within the prescribed 60 statutory day timeframe. A hearing date is set for 27, 28 & 29 June 2023. This report seeks to establish Council's position on the application for the upcoming VCAT hearing, rather than issuing a decision on the application.

It should be noted that on 29 March 2023, Council issued a letter to all parties stating that

had Council been able to issue a decision, it would have resolved to refuse to grant a planning permit. The applicant has since formally amended the plans under the VCAT provisions. The amended plans were the result of negotiations between the applicant and Council officer's at a VCAT Compulsory Conference which was chaired by a member of the Tribunal. The amended plans will form the discussion plans at the hearing.

This report finds that the amended plans have resolved Council officer's earlier concerns and recommends that Council support the amended proposal at the upcoming hearing.

A permit is required pursuant to the following Clauses of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme:

- Clause 32.08-2 (General Residential Zone) - A planning permit is required for the use of the land as a child care centre and convenience restaurant;
- Clause 32.08-9 (General Residential Zone) - A planning permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a use in Section 2 of Clause 32.08-2 (convenience restaurant and child care centre);
- Clause 52.05-13 (Signs) - A planning permit is required to display internally illuminated business identification signage and pole signage;
- Clause 52.29-2 (Land adjacent to the Principal Road Network) – A planning permit is required to create and alter access to roads in a Transport Zone 2.

Objectors Summary

The original application was advertised to the surrounding area through the display of three (3) notices on-site and the mailing of notices to adjoining and surrounding owners and occupiers. Thirteen (13) objections were received to the application. Issues raised generally relate to matters of:

- Increased traffic; and
- Commercial competition.

Since the application was advertised, the applicant has formally amended the plans under the VCAT processes. The applicant has circulated notification of the amended plans to neighbouring owners and occupiers and all original objectors, as directed by VCAT. Council has not received notification of any further objections and none of the objectors have sought to become a party to the proceedings.

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

Assessment Summary

The subject site is well suited for the use and development of the land for non-residential purposes given the subject site is located on a prominent corner that intersects Stud Road and Heatherton Road and immediately adjoins other non-residential uses.

The development, as shown in the amended plans, is considered to be respectful of the preferred neighbourhood character subject to conditions by way of siting, design, mass and bulk. Sufficient parking has been provided on site and the buildings sit well within the context of the adjoining commercial and surrounding residential land uses. The proposal has retained five (5) established native trees, which form an important aspect of the existing neighbourhood character and key gateway location in the municipality.

The use of varying building materials and finishes to the external walls provides a level of articulation when viewed from the streetscape and adjoining residential properties.

Conditions would be included on any permit to be granted to protect the amenity of the area from noise, odour, lighting and rubbish.

Recommendation Summary

As assessed, officers consider this proposal to be generally compliant with all of the relevant provisions of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. All grounds of objection have been considered, and Council officers are of the view that on balance, the proposal's degree of compliance with the Planning Scheme justifies that the application should be supported.

Therefore, it is recommended that Council supports the proposal, based on the amended plans, at the upcoming hearing, subject to conditions set out in this recommendation.

It is the officer's view that it is highly likely that VCAT would issue a planning permit for this proposal.

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

Subject Site and Surrounds

Subject Site

- The subject site is a corner allotment situated on the east side of Stud Road and the north side of Heatherton Road.
- The land is irregular in shape, with a combined frontage of 80.93 metres along Stud Road, a sideage of 38.7 metres along Heatherton Road, and a splay of 16.75 metres at the corner of Stud Road and Heatherton Road. The total land area is 5,133 square metres.
- The subject site has a north-south orientation and has a rise of 7.5 metres from north to south.
- Two (2) gas and fuel easements of 1.56 metres and 3.08 metres in width are located across the northwest corner of the site.
- The site is currently vacant and was formerly used as a service station, with vehicle access provided along Heatherton Road and Stud Road.
- Existing vegetation on site is limited to eight (8) medium to large native trees located along the north and east boundaries.

Surrounding Area

- The subject site and surrounding land are located is within the General Residential Zone – Schedule 1. Stud Road and Heatherton Road to the west and south respectively, are zoned Transport Zone 2.
- The site is bound by:
    - A restaurant, gaming centre and bowls club to the east and associated car park to the north;
    - A service station, convenience restaurant and residential dwellings to the west;
    - A convenience restaurant to the southwest; and
    - A service station, convenience restaurant and residential dwellings to the south.
- Surrounding development is predominantly single and double storey in height with the exception of panel signage associated with the service stations and convenience restaurants that are approximately 7 metres in height.
- The Monash Freeway is located approximately 1.1 kilometres to the north and east metres, whilst the Eastlink Highway is located approximately 1.2 kilometres to the west.
- Multiple bus routes run along Stud Road and Heatherton Road, with the closest bus stop located 120 metres to the south of the site.

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

Locality Plan

Subject Site North

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

Background

Previous Applications

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

- Planning Permit 567 for a Petrol Filling Station was granted on 19 April 1974 for buildings and works erected thereon in accordance with the attached endorsed plans and to be used for the purpose of a Petro Filling Station. A plan was endorsed under this Permit on 12 September 1974.

- Planning Permit 794 was granted on 23 March 1976 for to have buildings and works erected thereon in accordance with the attached endorsed plans and to be used for the purposes of a Petrol Filling Station. No plans were endorsed under this Permit.

- Planning Permit 794A was granted on 23 March 1976 for buildings and works erected thereon in accordance with the attached endorsed plans and to be used for the purpose of erection of five (5) signs. Plans were endorsed under this Permit on the same date the permit was issued.

- Planning Permit A418 was granted on 11 March 1986 for to carry out works thereon in accordance with the attached endorsed plans to be used for the purpose of displaying an internally illuminated business sign. No plans were endorsed under the Permit.

- Planning Permit A457 was granted on 27 July 1987 for to consolidate the existing signage and replace the existing price signs and pole mounted identity sign and Business and Directional Signs. Plans were endorsed under this Permit but were not dated.

- Planning Application PLN03/0039 was refused on 15 July 2003 for to erect and display a promotional sign.

- Planning Permit PLN13/0314 was granted on 19 July 2013 for the display of business identification signage.

Subject Application

Proposal

The application proposes the use and staged development of the land for the purpose of a child care centre and convenience restaurant, display associated internally illuminated business identification signage and pole signage, and alteration of access to roads in a Transport Zone 2 (Stud and Heatherton Roads).

The development is proposed to be constructed in stages:

- Stage 1 will include the convenience restaurant and all car parking and accessways associated with the convenience restaurant.
- Stage 2 will include the child care centre and all car parking and accessways associated with the child care centre.

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

Child Care Centre

The proposed child care centre is centrally located with car parking and landscaping located to the north of the site. The child care centre building is to be double storey and would have a total floor area of 1,062 square metres plus 873 square metres of dedicated outdoor play area.

The premises consists of seven (7) children's rooms, two (2) child play areas, four (4) children's WC and preparation/ store, kitchen, staff rooms, planning/admin room, bathroom facilities, bin store and a waste/ loading collection. The application also proposes 26 car parking spaces (1 accessible, 25 standard).

The proposed child care centre will have a maximum of one hundred and twenty two (122) children at any one time.

The proposed hours of operation are:

- 6.30am-6.30pm Monday to Friday
- Closed on Saturday and Sunday

The proposed building would be double storey. The building would reach a maximum height of 9.93 metres. The proposal would include the provision of two (2) outdoor play areas incorporating learning/play activities such as a produce area with garden beds/boxes and synthetic turf as indicated on the landscape plan.

Convenience restaurant

The proposed convenience restaurant is located on the southern portion of the site fronting Heatherton Road. The building is single storey and would have a total floor area of 248 square metres.

The building will provide a total of twenty-two (22) internal seats and seven (7) external seats. Kitchen and staff areas are provided along with bathroom facilities for both staff and patrons. The restaurant also proposes a drive thru ordering/ collection service sleeved behind the building to the north/ east. Twenty-two (22) car parking spaces are proposed.

The proposed hours of operation are:

- 24 hours/ 7 days a week

The building will be single storey. The building would reach a maximum height of 7.2 metres.

2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)

Signage

Signage associated with the child care centre is proposed in the form of two (2) internally illuminated signs affixed to the west and south elevations, respectively.

Signage associated with the convenience restaurant is proposed in the form of 2.3 metre high illuminated double-sided totems and a proposed 7 metre high digital display illuminated pylon sign for the convenience restaurant adjacent to the Heatherton Road site entry.

Car parking and vehicle access

Twenty-six (26) car spaces would be provided for the child care centre, including one (1) accessible car space and twenty-two (22) car spaces would be provided for the convenience restaurant including one (1) assessable car space, making an overall total of forty-eight (48) car spaces throughout the site.

Access to the site would be provided via crossovers from Stud Road and Heatherton Road, providing both shared entry and exit points for the buildings from both crossovers.

Trees

Eight (8) trees (Trees 3 to 10 of the submitted Arboricultural Report) are currently located within the site. There are two (2) trees within the adjoining property to the east (Tree 1 and 2).

Of the trees on the subject site, three (3) trees (Tree 3, 4 and 10) are of medium to low retention value, and are proposed to be removed, with the remaining trees (Trees 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9), also of medium to low retention value, to be retained. The trees are not remnant species, and do not require a planning permit for removal. This is further discussed in the Assessment section below.

Two (2) trees on the neighbouring eastern adjoining property are within close proximity to the shared boundary of the subject site and are proposed to be retained.

Two (2) small trees located on the road reserve adjoining Stud Road are proposed to be removed to create the crossover.

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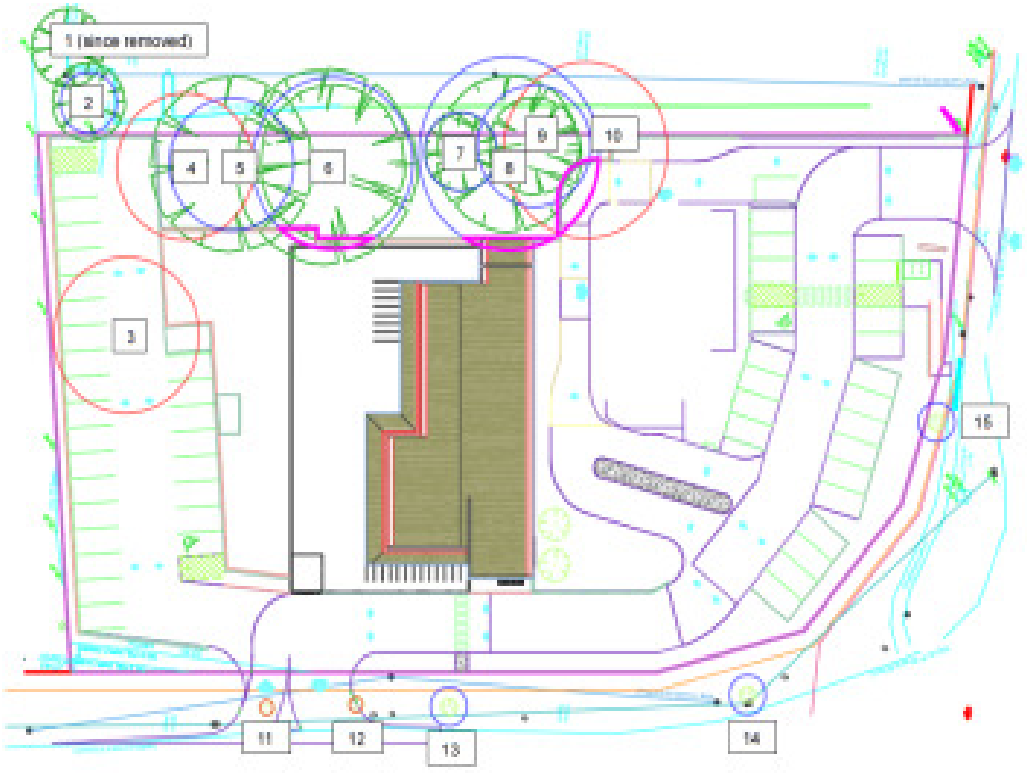
An Arborist Report and landscape plan have been provided from the applicant. The trees are shown in the image below:



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

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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

Financial Implications

No financial resources are impacted by this report.

Planning Scheme and Policy Frameworks

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- Clause 32.08-2 (General Residential Zone) A planning permit is required for the use of the land as a child care centre and convenience restaurant;
- Clause 32.08-9 (General Residential Zone) - A planning permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a use in Section 2 of Clause 32.08-2 (convenience restaurant and child care centre);
- Clause 52.05-13 (Signs) - A planning permit is required to display internally illuminated business identification signage and pole signage;
- Clause 52.29-2 (Land adjacent to the Principal Road Network) – A planning permit is required to create and alter access to roads in a Transport Zone 2.

The relevant controls and policies are as follows:

Zoning Controls

The subject site is located in a General Residential Zone – Schedule 1, as is the surrounding land to the north and east. The adjoining land to the south and west is within a Transport Zone 2 (Stud and Heatherton Roads).

The purpose of the General Residential Zone outlined at Clause 32.08 is:

- *To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.*
- *To encourage development that respects the neighbourhood character of the area.*
- *To encourage a diversity of housing types and housing growth particularly in locations offering good access to services and transport.*
- *To allow educational, recreational, religious, community and a limited range of other non-residential uses to serve local community needs in appropriate locations.*

Pursuant to Clause 32.08-2, a permit is required to use the land for a child care centre and convenience restaurant. A permit is also required under Clause 32.08-9 to construct a building or construct or carry out works for a use in Section 2 of Clause 32.08-2.

Overlay Controls

The subject site is affected by Design and Development Overlay Schedule 3 – Dandenong Hospital Flight Path Protection (Outer).

The design objectives of DDO3 are:

- *To ensure that the height of new building and works does not encroach on the flight paths associated with the Dandenong Hospital's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) helicopter landing site.*
- *To ensure that the height of new development avoids creating a hazard to aircraft using the Dandenong Hospital's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) helicopter landing site and to facilitate safe emergency medical service helicopter operations.*
- *To implement the Airfields Policy set out in the State Planning Policy Framework of this planning scheme.*

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A permit is not required to construct a building or construct or carry out works, which have a height of less than 62.9 metres above the Australian Height Datum (AHD).

The proposed development has an overall building height of 9.93 metres and is well under 62.9 metres AHD. As such, a permit is not required under DDO3.

Planning Policy Framework

The **Operation of the Planning Policy Framework** outlined at Clause 71.02 seeks to ensure that the objectives of planning in Victoria are fostered through appropriate land use and development planning policies and practices which integrate relevant environmental, social and economic factors in the interests of net community benefit and sustainable development.

In order to achieve these objectives, there are a number of more specific objectives contained within the Planning Policy Framework that need to be considered under this application.

Clause 11 Settlement

Clause 11 (Settlement) encourages planning to facilitate sustainable development that takes full advantage of existing settlement patterns and investment in transport, utility, social, community and commercial infrastructure and services. It also encourages planning to contribute towards diversity of choice, energy efficiency, a high standard of urban design and amenity, and land use and transport integration.

Further guidance is provided by **Clause 11.01-1S (Settlement),** which seeks to promote the sustainable growth and development of Victoria and deliver choice and opportunity for all Victorians through a network of settlements. It includes strategies to develop compact urban areas that are based around existing or planned activity centres to maximise accessibility to facilities and services and ensure retail, office-based employment, community facilities and services are concentrated in central locations.

Clause 13 Environmental Risks and Amenity

Clause 13.04-1S Contaminated and potentially contaminated land is relevant to the site. The purpose of this Clause is to ensure contaminated or potentially contaminated land is or will be suitable for the proposed use, prior to the commencement of any use or development and to protect a sensitive use (residential use, childcare centre, kindergarten, pre-school centre, primary school, even if ancillary to another use), children's playground or secondary school from the effects of contamination.

Clause 13.05-1S Noise abatement is relevant to the proposal**.** The strategy of this policy is **'**Ensure that development is not prejudiced and community amenity and human health is not adversely impacted by noise emissions, using a range of building design, urban design and land use separation techniques as appropriate to the land use functions and character of the area'.

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Clause 13.07-1S Land Use compatibility is relevant to the proposal to ensure that the proposed use and development is appropriate to the character of the area through use of building design.

Clause 15 Built Environment and Heritage

Clause 15 (Built Environment and Heritage) states that planning is to recognise the role of urban design, building design, heritage and energy and resource efficiency in delivering liveable and sustainable cities, towns and neighbourhoods.

It adds that planning should ensure all land use and development appropriately responds to its surrounding landscape and character, valued built form and cultural context. Planning should promote development that is environmentally sustainable and should minimise detrimental impacts on the built and natural environment.

According to the clause, planning should promote excellence in the built environment and create places that:

- *Are enjoyable, engaging and comfortable to be in.*
- *Accommodate people of abilities, ages and cultures.*
- *Contribute positively to local character and sense of place.*
- *Reflect the particular characteristics and cultural identity of the community.*
- *Enhance the function, amenity and safety of the public realm.*

These overall objectives are reinforced by a number of sub-clauses, including **Clause 15.01-1S (Urban design)** and **Clause 15.01-1R (Urban design – Metropolitan Melbourne)**, which seek to create urban environments that are safe, healthy, functional and enjoyable and that contribute to a sense of place and cultural identity.

Clause 15.01-2S (Building design) aims to achieve building design outcomes that contribute positively to the local context and enhance the public realm, while **Clause 15.01-5S (Neighbourhood character)** has an objective to recognise, support and protect neighbourhood character, cultural identity, and sense of place.

Clause 15.01-4S (Healthy neighbourhoods) has an objective to achieve neighbourhoods that foster healthy and active living and community wellbeing. **Clause 15.01-4R (Healthy neighbourhoods - Metropolitan Melbourne)** reinforces this, with a strategy to create a city of 20 minute neighbourhoods that give people the ability to meet most of their everyday needs within a 20 minute walk, cycle or local public transport trip from their home.

Clause 18 Transport

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

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Local Planning Policy Framework

The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) includes the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and Local Policies.

The MSS is contained within Clause 21 of the Scheme.

A **Vision for Greater Dandenong** is outlined at **Clause 21.03**. Included in the vision are the following points of relevance:

- A municipality where central Dandenong functions as the sustainable economic heart of the City for retail, commercial and residential development complemented by a number of activity, where a range of high quality, appropriate, well-designed affordable high to medium density housing exists in harmony with a thriving retail and commercial sector and where sustainable modes of transport are highly accessible resulting in significantly less journeys by car.

The objectives and strategies of the MSS are under four (4) main themes including: land use; built form; open space and natural environment; and infrastructure and transportation (considered individually under Clauses 21.04 to 21.07). Of particular relevance to this application are Clauses 21.04 (Land Use) and 21.05 (Built Form).

Clause 21.04 Land Use, contains the objectives, strategies and implementation for land use issues under the themes of:

- Housing and community;
- Retail, commerce and entertainment;
- Industrial; and
- Green Wedge

With relevance to the proposal, Clause 21.04-1 (Housing and community) includes the following objective and strategies:

5. To protect the amenity of residential areas adjacent to particular uses and protect sensitive particular uses from residential development.

2. Encourage incorporation of acoustic attenuation measures in new residential developments within Mixed Use Zones and Commercial Zones to protect occupants from external noise.

3. Discourage non-residential uses except along main roads or collector roads or on corner sites.

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Clause 21.05 Built Form contains the following objectives and strategies which are of relevance to the current application:

1. *To facilitate high quality building design and architecture.*

    1. *Ensure building design is consistent with the identified future character of an area and fully integrates with surrounding environment.*
    2. *Encourage high standards of building design and architecture, which allows for flexibility and adaptation in use.*
    3. *Encourage innovative architecture and building design.*
    4. *Encourage development to incorporate sustainable design elements that enhance occupant comfort and environmental performance.*

2. *To facilitate high quality development, which has regard for the surrounding environment and built form.*

    1. *Promote views of high-quality landscapes and pleasing vistas from both the public and private realm.*
    2. *Promote all aspects of character – physical, environmental, social and cultural.*
    3. *Encourage planting and landscape themes, which complement and improve the environment.*
    4. *Encourage developments to provide for canopy trees.*

6. *To ensure that design of the public and private environment supports accessibility and healthy living.*

    1. *Encourage new developments to provide for well-connected cycle and pedestrian paths.*
    2. *Encourage new developments to provide for safe environments.*
    3. *Ensure that all new developments accord with and embrace universal design principles outlined in Council's 'Access and Inclusion Strategy for people with Disabilities 2004-2008'.*

7. *To protect and improve streetscapes.*

    1. *Ensure that new developments improve streetscapes through generous landscape setbacks and canopy tree planting.*
    2. *Ensure landscaping within private property that complements and improves the streetscapes and landscaping of public areas.*
    3. *Ensure that signs do not detract from the streetscape.*

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8. To ensure landscaping that enhances the built environment.

1. Encourage new developments to establish a landscape setting, which reflects the local and wider landscape character.
2. Encourage landscaping that integrates canopy trees and an appropriate mix of shrubs and ground covers and complements and integrates with existing or proposed landscaping in public areas.

9. To ensure a co-ordinated approach to sign design and placements, in commercial, industrial, residential areas and along road corridors.

1. Ensure that the design and placement of new signs considers the cumulative impact of existing signs on the host building, adjoining buildings and the streetscape.
2. Encourage signs in appropriate areas to include English and one other language reflecting the cultural aspect of the locality.
3. Ensure major promotion and sky signs along road corridors are appropriately spaced so as not to dominate the overall setting and to minimise impact on viewing corridors/major view lines.
4. Ensure signs in residential areas do not dominate the building, the site and the streetscape.

Particular Provisions

Clause 52.05 Signs

The purposes of this provision are:

- *To regulate the display of signs and associated structures.*
- *To provide for signs that are compatible with the amenity and visual appearance of an area, including the existing or desired future character.*
- *To ensure signs do not contribute to excessive visual clutter or visual disorder.*

Category 3 – High Amenity Signage. A permit is required to construct and display business identification signage, internally illuminated signage and pole signage.

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Clause 52.06 Car parking

The purpose of this provision are:

- *To ensure that car parking is provided in accordance with the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.*
- *To ensure the provision of an appropriate number of car parking spaces having regard to the demand likely to be generated, the activities on the land and the nature of the locality.*
- *To support sustainable transport alternatives to the motor car.*
- *To promote the efficient use of car parking spaces through the consolidation of car parking facilities.*
- *To ensure that car parking does not adversely affect the amenity of the locality.*
- *To ensure that the design and location of car parking is of a high standard, creates a safe environment for users and enables easy and efficient use.*

The table to Clause 52.06-5 (Car parking – Number of car parking spaces required under Table 1) contains car parking ratios for different uses. The subject site is within the Principle Public Transport Network map area. Therefore, Column B of Clause 52.06-5 is applicable.

A Child Care Centre requires 0.22 car parking spaces to each child. There are 122 children proposed, thereby requiring 26 car spaces. Twenty-six (26) car parking spaces are provided on site.

A convenience restaurant requires 3.5 car parking spaces to each 100 square metres of leasable floor area. The total leasable floor area proposed is 248 square metres, thereby requiring eight (8) car spaces. Twenty-two (22) car parking spaces are provided on site, providing a surplus of 14 spaces.

The proposal complies with the number of car parking required in Clause 52.06-5, and does not seek planning permission for a reduction in car parking.

Clause 52.29 Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network

The purpose of this provision are;

- *To ensure appropriate access to identified roads.*
- *To ensure appropriate subdivision of land adjacent to identified roads.*

A permit is required to:

- to alter access to roads in a Transport Zone 2 (Stud and Heatherton Roads)

The proposal includes the removal of the existing crossover on Stud Road and reinstatement of the kerb and channel.

An application to create or alter access to, among other things, must be referred to the Roads Corporation under Section 55 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

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General Provisions

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

Proposed Planning Scheme Amendments

There is no Planning Scheme Amendment relevant to this application

Restrictive Covenants

There are no restrictive covenants or Section 173 Agreements applicable to the site.

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

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. In accordance with the commitment in Council's Annual Plan, all applications are considered on their merits.

Diversity (Access & Equity)

It is not considered that the proposal raises any diversity issues affecting the planning assessment of this application.

Community Safety

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

Safe Design Guidelines

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

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Referrals

External

The application was externally referred to the following authorities:

Authority	**Referral type under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*;**	**Response**
Head, Transport for Victoria	Section 55	No objection, subject to conditions

Internal

The application was internally referred to the following Council departments for their consideration. The comments provided have been considered in the assessment of the application.

Internal Referrals	
Civil Development	No objections, subject to conditions on permit.
Asset Planning	No objections, subject to conditions on permit.
Transport Planning	No objections, subject to conditions on permit.
ESD	No objections, subject to conditions on permit
Urban Design	Preliminary concerns, which have now been resolved via the amended plans.
Bushland & Garden (Arborist)	No objections, subject to conditions on permit

Advertising

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

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of adjoining land.
- Placing two (2) signs on site facing Stud Road and one (1) sign facing Heatherton Road.

The notification has been carried out correctly.

Council has received thirteen (13) objections to date.

The location of the objectors is shown in Attachment 2.

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Since the application was advertised, the applicant has formally amended the plans under the VCAT processes. The applicant has circulated notification of the amended plans to neighbouring owners and occupiers and all original objectors, as directed by VCAT. Council has not received notification of any further objections and none of the objectors have sought to become a party to the proceedings.

Summary of Grounds of Submissions/Objections

The objections are summarised below (**bold**), followed by the Town Planner's Response (in *italics*).

- **Increased Traffic**

  The subject site is a corner allotment that is and will continue to be serviced by two (2) crossovers which provide both ingress and egress from both Stud Road and Heatherton Road.

  The applicant has provided a Traffic Report prepared by a qualified traffic engineer. The report summaries that the proposed uses will only marginally increase traffic along Stud and Heatherton Roads during peak periods and will not adversely affect any passing traffic on these roads.

  The application was referred to Councils Transport Planning Department and to The Department of Transport and Planning with no concerns raised in relation to alterations to access, traffic volumes or car parking (subject to conditions).

- **Commercial competition**

  Whilst it is acknowledged that there are already a number of existing child care centres and convenience restaurants within the immediate area, commercial competition is not a valid planning consideration when assessing the application.

Assessment

Amended Plans

On 29 March 2023, Council issued a letter to all parties stating that had Council been in a position to issue a decision, it would have resolved to refuse to grant a planning permit. The applicant has since formally amended the plans under the VCAT provisions. The amended plans were the result of negotiations between the applicant and Council officer's at a VCAT Compulsory Conference which was chaired by a member of the Tribunal.

Key changes to the proposal since the Compulsory Conference are as follows:

- Deletion of the development for future Stage 3;
- Retention of five (5) existing trees (from removal of all eight (8) trees);
- Reconfiguration of the child care centre to the centre of the site and integrated and car parking relocated to the north;

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- Deletion of a 5.5m high central retaining wall and reduction in the levels of earthworks and height of retaining walls along the side and rear boundaries; and
- Additional landscape setbacks along all boundaries and reduction in hard paving around the convenience restaurant.

An excerpt of the initial proposed site plan and amended site plan is provided as follows:

Initial Proposed Plans	Amended Plans

The amendments address Council officer's initial concerns relating to the removal of all existing trees on site, the extent of earthworks including the height and extent of retaining walls, stormwater management and urban design. The amended proposal is considered to be acceptable and will allow for the facilitation of built form outcome that is appropriate for this key gateway location, and will allow for the acceptable protection of the existing trees on site which offer a significant contribution to the landscape and neighbourhood character.

Accordingly, it is recommended that Council adopt a position of supporting the amended proposal at the upcoming hearing.

Consistency with Planning Policies, MSS & Local Planning Policies

The subject site is a corner lot with suitable access from both Stud Road and Heatherton Road for the proposed uses given its corner position with dual frontages. The location of the lot provides an easily identifiable site with convenient access for potential users of the buildings.

The development has been designed to achieve a high standard of amenity and sustainability whilst contributing to a cohesive community. The site is well-located in relation to infrastructure, services, facilities, and public transport options and will provides an overall positive contribution to the local economy.

Development of increased scale and density should have appropriate regard to the established and preferred neighbourhood character of the surrounding area and it is considered that the proposed development is appropriate having regard to the surrounding mix of commercial use and development and the wider residential context. Existing vegetation has been retained on site where possible ensuring that there are minimal environmental impacts from the proposed development.

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Uses

The proposed non-residential uses on a site with direct access to main roads is supported as the proposal has sought to ensure that nearby residential amenity is protected through appropriate hours of operation and potential off-site amenity impacts associated with such a use.

The non-residential nature of the uses are consistent with the existing uses within the immediate surrounding area, of which comprise two (2) service stations, three (3) convenience restaurants, as well as the Dandenong Club and its associated car park. In addition, the proposal is situated on land which was formerly utilised as a service station.

The proposal for the child care centre on the subject site is considered appropriate in terms of the proposed hours of operation which are generally consistent with normal business hours this ensures that the amenity of the surrounding residential neighbourhood is not adversely affected by the proposed business. Whilst the proposed convenience restaurant is to operate on a 24 hour/ seven (7) days a week basis, due to the location of the site on a corner lot adjoining two main roads, the use is considered reasonable.

Whilst the application proposes non-residential uses on residentially zoned land, applications require a balance of sometimes competing policies to achieve a desirable outcome that is one of net community benefit.

The buildings are sufficiently setback from boundaries and conditions can be placed on any permit issued in relation to restrictions in terms of hours of operation, number of staff and number of children to ensure the amenity of the surrounding residential area is maintained.

Development

It is considered that the application has taken into account the site conditions and existing development in the area in formulating a design response. The proposal seeks to preserve and enhance the valued aspects of urban character and amenity within the streetscape.

The child care building is double storey and the convenience restaurant is single storey which is consistent with the existing neighbourhood character, being one of single and double storey commercial and residential development. The design of the buildings maintain a consistent building height which is in scale with the existing residential development nearby. The buildings are well articulated through use of varying building materials.

The development is of a contemporary design reflective of the intended uses of the site whilst also being mindful of the surrounding residential built form. The buildings have been designed with a mixture of external finishes and colours providing an appropriate degree of visual interest whilst also providing elements of articulation which minimize the perception of bulk and provide a level of visual interest to the street interfaces. The retaining wall located between the car parking area and child care stage associated with stage 2 of the development will be visually apparent when travelling south along Stud Road. It is important to ensure the low retaining wall is treated to prevent graffiti and vandalism. This matter can be resolved through further detailed design of the wall requested via permit condition 1.1.

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The design and built form of the development is sustainable, appropriately responding to the character of its location whilst also provoking a sense of community.

Signage

With the exception of the pole sign located in the southeast corner of the site, all other signage is affixed to the building, and all signage is considered to be commensurate to the proposed built form.

The proposed signage on the building is considered respectful of the surrounding signage character of the area, noting that when compared to the overall scale of the building, the signage is modest in presentation and not overly dominant or excess on the façade. In addition, the signage is positioned on the building similarly to that on other buildings in the immediate area and maintains similar spacing across the elevations.

The 7-metre-high freestanding pole sign is considered appropriate in the context adjacent to a road in a Transport Zone 2, and will allow appropriate identification of the site. The pole sign is consistent in scale, height and content with the existing signage character of the area. Existing signs generally consist of internally illuminated pole signs and electronic pylon signs up to maximum 7m in height, and internally illuminated signs affixed to the buildings.

The proposed signage does not dominate the skyline or impact on any significant views or vistas. The signs are well setback from the property boundaries so as to not obstruct a drivers line of sight.

Permit conditions can ensure that signage illumination does not dazzle or distract drivers or cause adverse amenity impacts to the surrounding area (see condition 35).

Tree Retention

An Arboriculture Assessment accompanies the application and identifies the overall quality of trees within the site to be generally low to medium. Many trees exhibit reduced health and/or structural classification often as a result of crowded planting, therefore shortening life expectancy.

The trees on site are not identified as being indigenous or remnant, however are native to Australia. As such, the removal of the trees are exempt from requiring a planning permit for removal under Clause 52.17-7, as they were planted. Despite the exemption and through extensive negotiation with the applicant at a recent Compulsory Conference the proposal has been redesigned to retain the majority of the trees (Trees 5 to 9) that are located along the eastern side setback, as they provide significant contribution to the environment and landscape character.

In addition to the retention of these mature native trees, the proposed landscaping plan includes a significant amount of new trees and shrubs throughout the site, which will assist in softening the appearance of built form when viewed from the streetscape whilst contributing to the landscape qualities of the site and surrounding area.

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Furthermore, the proposal has demonstrated that it would maximise the retention of existing vegetation where possible. The retention of these trees align with Council's actions and associated strategies to address the impacts of climate change, which includes measures to address on-going loss of vegetation and canopy cover. These strategies include the *Climate Emergency Strategy 2020-2030, Urban Forest Strategy 2021-28, Greening Our City: Urban Tree Strategy* and *Greening Our Neighbourhoods Strategy 2021-28*.

The landscape plan submitted with the application and overall design of the buildings facilitates an open, spacious and well landscaped presentation to Stud and Heatherton Roads. The landscape plan demonstrates proposed planting that will increase the existing canopy cover of the site by proposing additional trees where there were no previous trees planted. There is an inconsistency whereby Tree 4 is identified to be of low retention value and therefore removed as shown on the site plan and Arboricultural Assessment. This differs on the landscape plan which identifies Tree 4 as retained. This inconsistency can be rectified via permit condition to show Tree 4 as removed if a permit is issued (see condition 2).

Car Parking

In relation to car parking and vehicle access, the requirements of Clause 52.06 of the scheme apply. The proposal would satisfy and exceed the car parking requirement under Clause 52.06-5. The car parking requirements are demonstrated in the table below;

Use	Size	Scheme requirement	Required	Provided
Convenience restaurant	248sqm	3.5 space per 100sqm of leasable floor area	8	22
Child care centre	122 children	0.22 spaces per child	26	26
Total			34	**48 (14 SURPLUS)**

The proposal provides in excess of the required number of car parking spaces on site.

Access to the site would be provided via crossovers from Stud Road and Heatherton Road. Providing both shared entry and exit points for the buildings from both crossovers.

Overall, the extent of traffic generated from the proposed development is predicted to be within the capacity of the existing local traffic network and it is not considered that the development will generate any adverse impacts on the safe and efficient operation of the surrounding road network.

The car parking is considered to satisfy the needs of the users without detriment to the local amenity.

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Environmentally Sustainable Development

A review of the Sustainability Management Plan and town planning drawings submitted for the application finds that in the context of this development, further detailed assessment of stormwater management measures via condition 3, is required to satisfy councils expectations for environmental sustainability. This is a result of the steep slope of the land and the amended proposal as described above.

BESS Information Summary	**Project Overall Score: 51%**		
	Fail	**Best Practice**	**Design Excellence**
Dwelling Type: Non-residential	**(<49%)**	**(50-69%)**	**(>70%)**

BESS Category	**Score**	**Initiatives – requires updated**
Management	0%	
		■ Metering of all individual commercial tenancies ■ Building user guide commitment
Water	66%	
		■ Rainwater tank capacity specified to each development including 10,000L for the childcare, 3,000 for food premises to:
		Landscape irrigation, Toilet flushing
		■ High WELS star rated water fittings, fixtures and appliances
		■ Potable water consumption reduced by 34% compared to same building following minimum standards.
Energy	50%	Requires update
		■ Preliminary energy efficiency modelling to be undertaken at a later date. ■ Heating and cooling systems to be within 1 star of the most efficient product available or contain a COP/EER 80% better than the most efficient equivalent capacity unit available. ■ Gas storage system with 6-star rating to be selected ■ Solar PV system of at least 3kW to the food premises and 5kW to the childcare centre.

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		▪ Estimated greenhouse gas emissions reduced is unconfirmed due to no modelling undertaken.
Stormwater	100%	
		▪ Stormwater design meets industry best practice requirements though incorporation of rainwater collection and re-use proprietary treatment systems (however this requires confirmation).
Indoor Env. Quality	60%	
		▪ Design promotes cross ventilation to the occupied spaces ▪ Daylight meets best practice standards with over 40% of spaces exceeding a daylight factor of 1.
Transport	33%	
		▪ Electric vehicle connection point to the car park area.
Waste	50%	
		▪ Child care centre includes organic waste collection facilities on site.
Urban Ecology	37%	Requires update
		▪ 10% of the site is permeable and landscapable ▪ Food gardening facilities are available at the child care centre.

Potentially contaminated land

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12.2 Appearance of any building, works or materials.

12.3 Adverse behaviour of patrons on, to or from the premises.

12.4 Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste-water, waste products, grit or oil.

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18. The operator under this permit must make all reasonable attempts to ensure that no vehicle under the operators control, or the operator's staff, are parked in the streets nearby, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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20. The connection of the internal drainage infrastructure to the legal point of discharge must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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24.2 formed to such levels and drained so that they can be used in accordance with the plan; and

24.3 line-marked or provided with some other adequate means of showing the car parking spaces.

25. Car spaces, access lanes, loading bays and driveways must be maintained (including line marking) and kept available for these purposes at all times.

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The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Construction Management Plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

10. Concurrent with the submission of amended plans in accordance with Condition 1 of this Permit and prior to any demolition or site works, a Tree Management Plan (TMP) must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the Permit

The TMP must set out recommendations and requirements in relation to the management and maintenance of trees to be retained and all trees on adjoining land where any part of the tree protection zone falls within the land, make specific recommendations in accordance with the Australian Standard AS4970: 2009 - Protection of Trees on Development Sites and detail the following to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority ensuring the trees to be retained on the land and on adjoining land remain healthy and viable during construction:

10.1 a Tree Protection Plan drawn to scale that shows:

10.1.1 tree protection zones and structural root zones of all trees to be retained including those on neighbouring land where any part of the tree protection zone falls within the land;

10.1.2 details of tree protection fencing and identification of areas to be fenced and areas where ground protection systems will be used;

10.1.3 restrictions on activities within any tree protection zones;

10.1.4 type of works within any tree protection zone with minimal excavation within 3 metres of the tree base;

10.1.5 any services to be located within the tree protection zone and a notation stating all services will either be located outside of the tree protection zone, bored under the tree protection zone, or installed using hydro excavation under the supervision of the Project Arborist; and

10.1.6 a notation to refer to the TMP for specific detail on what actions are required within the tree protection zones;

10.2 details of how the root system of any tree to be retained will be managed. This must detail any initial non-destructive trenching and pruning of any roots required to be undertaken by the Project Arborist;

10.3 the extent of earthworks proposed for the site and written advice that the protection measures proposed will provide adequate protection of the trees to be retained.

10.4 supervision timetable and certification of tree management activities required by the Project Arborist to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority; and

10.5 any remedial pruning works required to be performed on tree canopies located within subject site. The pruning comments must reference Australian Standards 4373:2007, Pruning of Amenity Trees and a detailed photographic diagram specifying what pruning will occur,

All to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

The recommendations contained in the approved Tree Management Plan must be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority

11. Prior to the occupation of the development, a Waste Management Plan (WMP) must be submitted and approved to satisfaction of the responsible authority. The WMP must include:

11.1 Plans in accordance with Condition 1;

11.2 The collection of waste associated with the uses on the land, including the provision of bulk waste collection bins or approved alternative, recycling bins, the storage of other refuse and solid wastes in bins or receptacles within suitable screened and accessible areas to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority;

11.3 Commercial waste bins being placed or allowed to remain not in view of the public, and receptacles not emitting any adverse odours;

11.4 Designation of methods of collection including the need to provide for private services;

11.5 Appropriate areas of bin storage on site and areas of waste bin storage on collection days;

11.6 Details for best practice waste management once operating;

11.7 Collection times designated outside of peak pick up and drop off times.

When approved, the Waste Management Plan will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Waste Management Plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

12. The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected by the use or development on the land, through the:

12.1 Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land.

12.2 Appearance of any building, works or materials.

12.3 Adverse behaviour of patrons on, to or from the premises.

12.4 Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste-water, waste products, grit or oil.

12.5 Presence of vermin.

All to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

13. No external sound amplification equipment or loudspeakers are to be used for the purpose of announcement, broadcast, playing of music or similar purpose.

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14. Noise levels emanating from the land must not exceed the permissible noise levels stipulated in the Environment Protection Regulations under the Environment Protection Act 2017 and the Incorporated Noise Protocol (Publication 1826.4, Environment Protection Authority, May 2021) as may be amended from time to time to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

15. The site shall be kept in a neat and tidy condition at all times, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

16. All rubbish from the premises must be immediately collected and disposed of in an appropriate receptacle to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

17. Bins or other receptacles for any form of rubbish or refuse may not be placed or allowed to remain in the view of the public, and no adverse odour shall be emitted from any such receptacle.

18. The operator under this permit must make all reasonable attempts to ensure that no vehicle under the operators control, or the operator's staff, are parked in the streets nearby, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

19. Provision must be made for the drainage for proposed development including landscaped and paved areas, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

20. The connection of the internal drainage infrastructure to the legal point of discharge must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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

22. Access to the site and any associated roadwork must be constructed, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

23. Standard concrete vehicular crossing/s must be constructed to suit the proposed driveway/s in accordance with the Council's standard specifications. Any vehicle crossing no longer required must be removed and the land, footpath and kerb and channel reinstated, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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24. Prior to the use commencing in each stage, all parking areas and accessways for that stage must be:

24.1 constructed and available for use in accordance with the plan approved by the responsible authority;

24.2 formed to such levels and drained so that they can be used in accordance with the plan; and

24.3 line-marked or provided with some other adequate means of showing the car parking spaces.

25. Car spaces, access lanes, loading bays and driveways must be maintained (including line marking) and kept available for these purposes at all times.

26. The car parking provided on the land must always be kept available for its intended purpose at all times. No measures must be taken to restrict access to the car park.

27. The car parking area must be lit if in use during the hours of darkness and all lights must be designed and fitted with suitable baffles. The lighting must be positioned to prevent any adverse effect on adjoining land and must not be considered excessive for the area, all to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

28. The loading and unloading of goods from vehicles must only be carried out on the land and must not disrupt the circulation and parking of vehicles on the land.

29. No buildings or works may be constructed over any easement or other restriction on the land or any sewers, drains, pipes, wires or cables under the control of a public authority without the prior written consent of the relevant authority and the Responsible Authority.

30. The location, type and dimensions of the signage as shown on the endorsed plan/s must not be altered unless with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.

31. The intensity of the light in the signage must be limited so as not to cause glare or distraction to motorists or other persons or loss of amenity in the surrounding area, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

32. The location and details of the sign/s, including those of the supporting structure, as shown on the endorsed plans, must not be altered without the written consent of the Responsible Authority.

33. Bunting, streamers, flags, windvanes or similar material must not be displayed except with

the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

34. The approved sign(s) must not be animated in part or whole and flashing, intermittent or moving light/s must not be displayed.

35. The approved sign(s) must be illuminated in such a way or provided with baffles so that no light is emitted outside the boundaries of the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

36. The approved sign(s) must be wholly located within the boundaries of the land.

37. The sign/s and any related panel and supporting structure must be constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

38. Prior to the commencement of works, either:

38.1 A preliminary risk screen assessment statement in accordance with the Environment Protection Act 2017 must be issued stating that an environmental audit is not required for the use or the proposed use and development; or

38.2 An environmental audit statement under Part 8.3 of the Environment Protection Act 2017 must be issued stating that the land is suitable for the use or proposed use and development.

39. Where a Statement of Environmental Audit is issued for the land pursuant to Condition 38.2 above, the use and development of the land must comply with all directions and conditions contained within the Statement.

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40. Where a Statement of Environmental Audit is issued for the land pursuant to Condition 38.2 above, prior to the occupation of the development, a letter prepared by a suitably qualified environmental consultant or other suitable person acceptable to the responsible authority, must be submitted to the Responsible Authority to verify that the directions and conditions contained within the Statement have been satisfied. Compliance sign off must be in accordance with any requirements in the environmental audit statement recommendations regarding verification of works.

41. Where a Statement of Environmental Audit is issued for the land pursuant to Condition 38.2 above, and any condition of that Statement requires any maintenance or monitoring of an ongoing nature, the owner must enter into an Agreement with Council pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. Where a Section 173 Agreement is required, the Agreement must be executed prior to the occupation of the development and prior to Statement of Compliance of the Plan of Subdivision. All expenses involved in drafting, negotiating, lodging, registering, executing and enforcing the Agreement, including those incurred by the Responsible Authority, must be met by the owner.

Head, Transport for Victoria Conditions:

42. Prior to commencement of occupation, the two crossovers and driveways must be constructed at no cost to the Head, Transport for Victoria and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

43. Prior to commencement of occupation, any disused or redundant vehicle crossing must be removed, and the area reinstated to the kerb and channel, at no cost to the Head, Transport for Victoria and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

44. Vehicles must always enter and exit the site in a forward direction

Expiry

45. This permit will expire if:

45.1 The development does not start within two (2) years of the date of this permit; or

45.2 The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of this permit; or

45.3 The use does not start within one (1) year of the completion of the development; or

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

Before the permit expires or within six (6) months afterwards, the owner or occupier of the land may in writing request the Responsible Authority to extend the expiry date.

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

a. **the request for the extension is made within twelve (12) months after the permit expires; and**
b. **the development or stage started lawfully before the permit expired.**

46. This permit expires fifteen (15) years from the date of this permit for the approved signage. Before this permit expires, the approved sign(s) and any supporting structure must be removed and the land and/or building surface made good to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Permit Notes

- **A Building Approval is required prior to the commencement of the approved development. This planning permit does not constitute any building approval.**
- **A flood dispensation is to be obtained prior to issue of Building Permit.**
- **Any works undertaken within the road reservation and easements will require the developer to obtain a Civil Works Permit from Council.**
- **Prior to works commencing the developer will need to obtain an Asset Protection Permit from Council.**
- **Prior to the drainage plans being approved, a drainage approval fee will need to be paid to Council.**
- **Approval of any retention system within the property boundary is required by the relevant building surveyor.**
- **Before commencement of the development occurs, the applicant should contact the City of Greater Dandenong's Civil Development and Design Unit regarding legal point of discharge, new crossings, building over easements, etc.**

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- **As this is an established site, the proposed internal drainage should be connected to the existing legal point of discharge. The applicant may apply for local drainage information, if available; otherwise on site verification should be undertaken by the applicant.**

- **A Vehicle Crossing Permit must be obtained from Council for all vehicular crossings prior to construction of the crossings.**

- **Department of Transport Notes**

  The proposed development requires roadworks within the road reserve. Separate approval under the *Road Management Act 2004* for this activity may be required from the Head, Transport for Victoria. Please contact the Department of Transport prior to commencing any works

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Cr Angela Long returned to the Chamber at 7.10 PM

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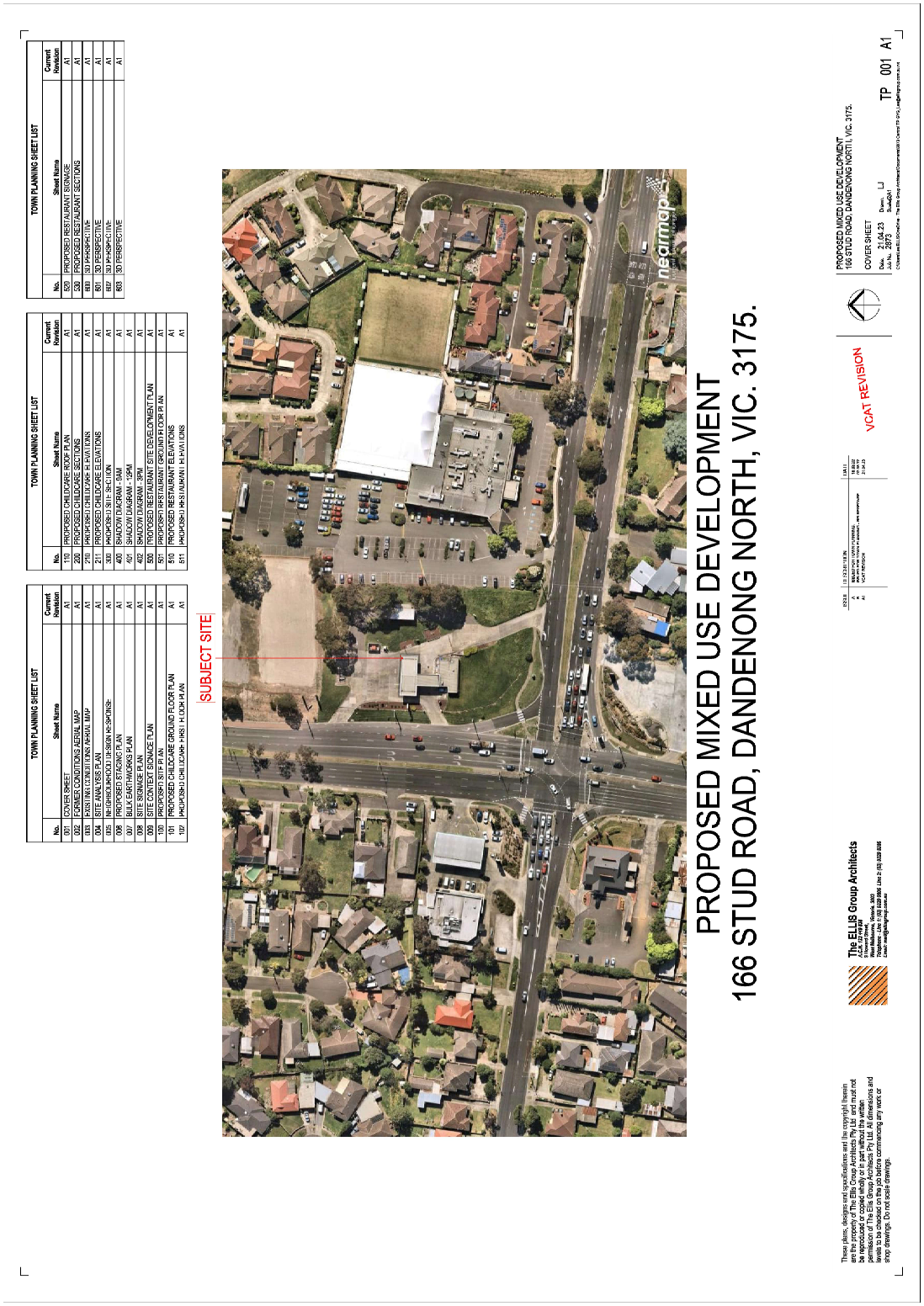

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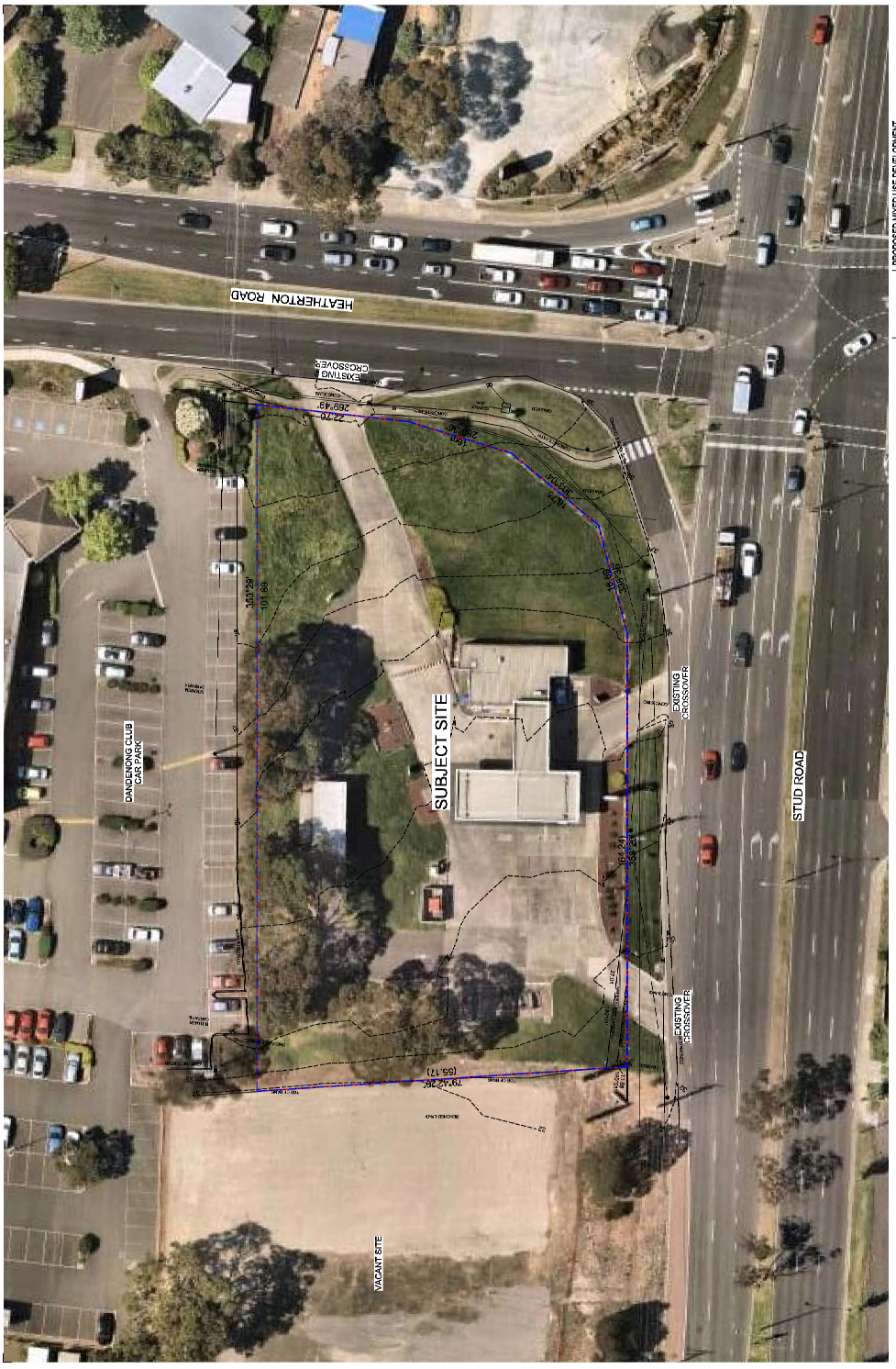

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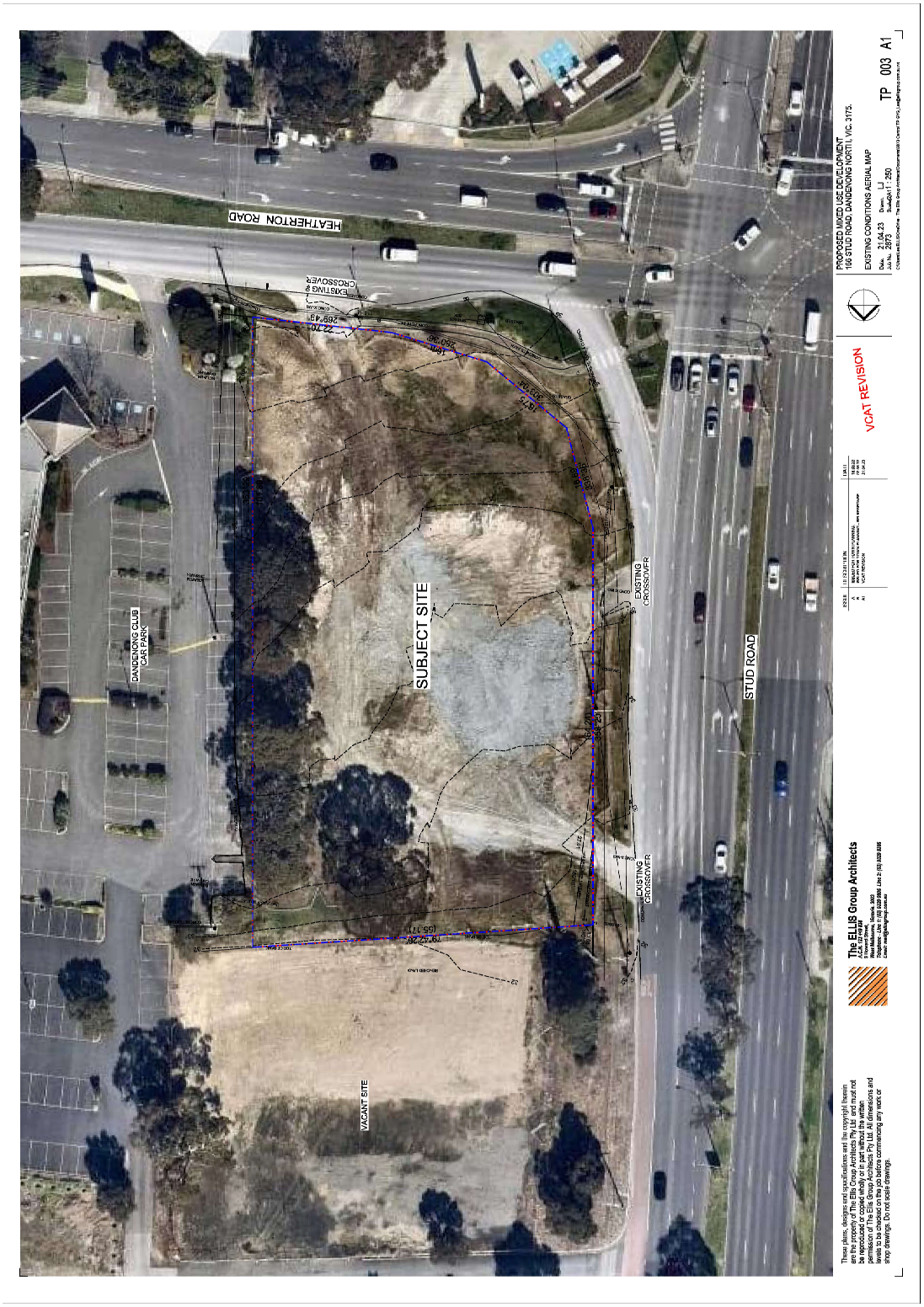

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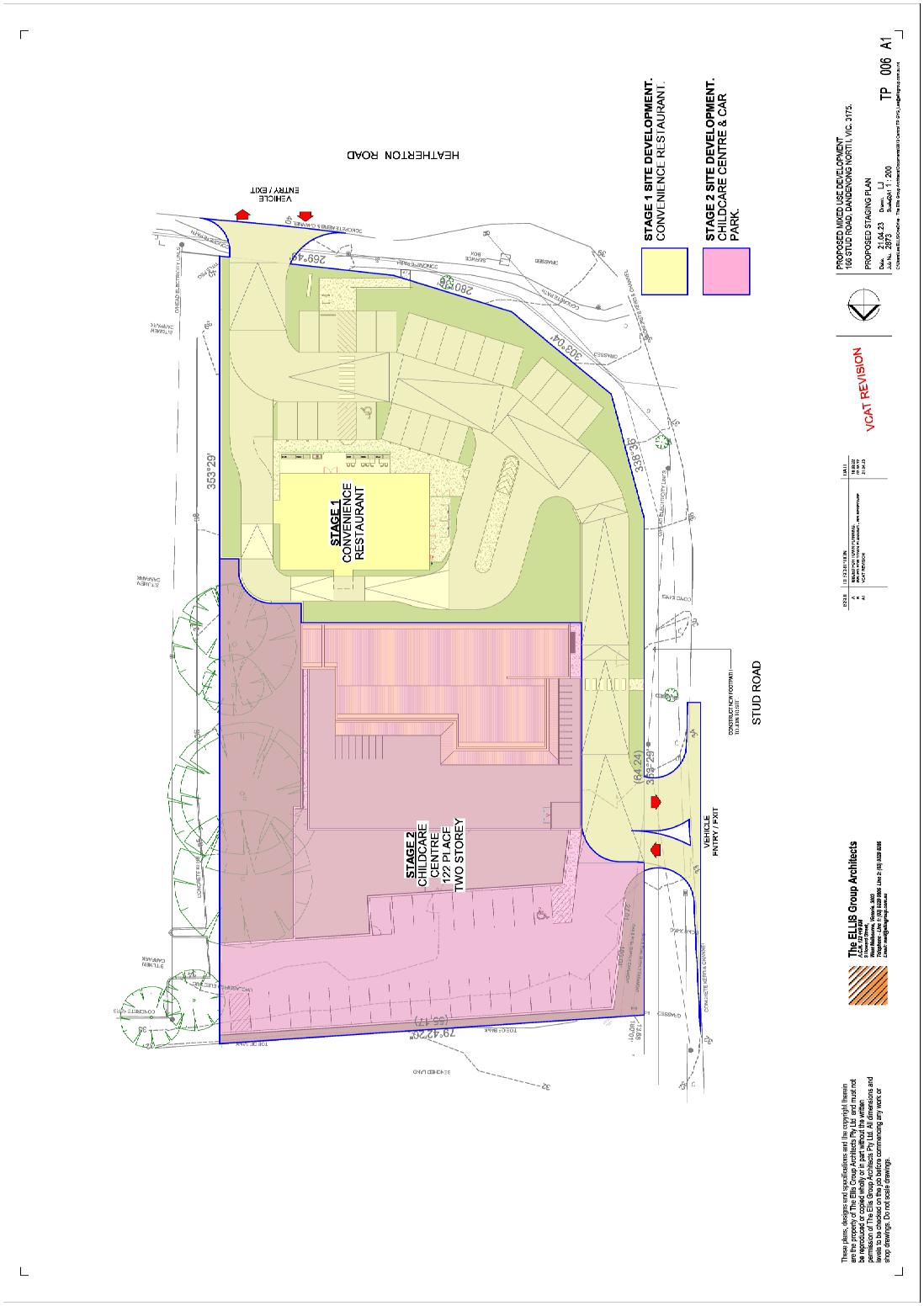

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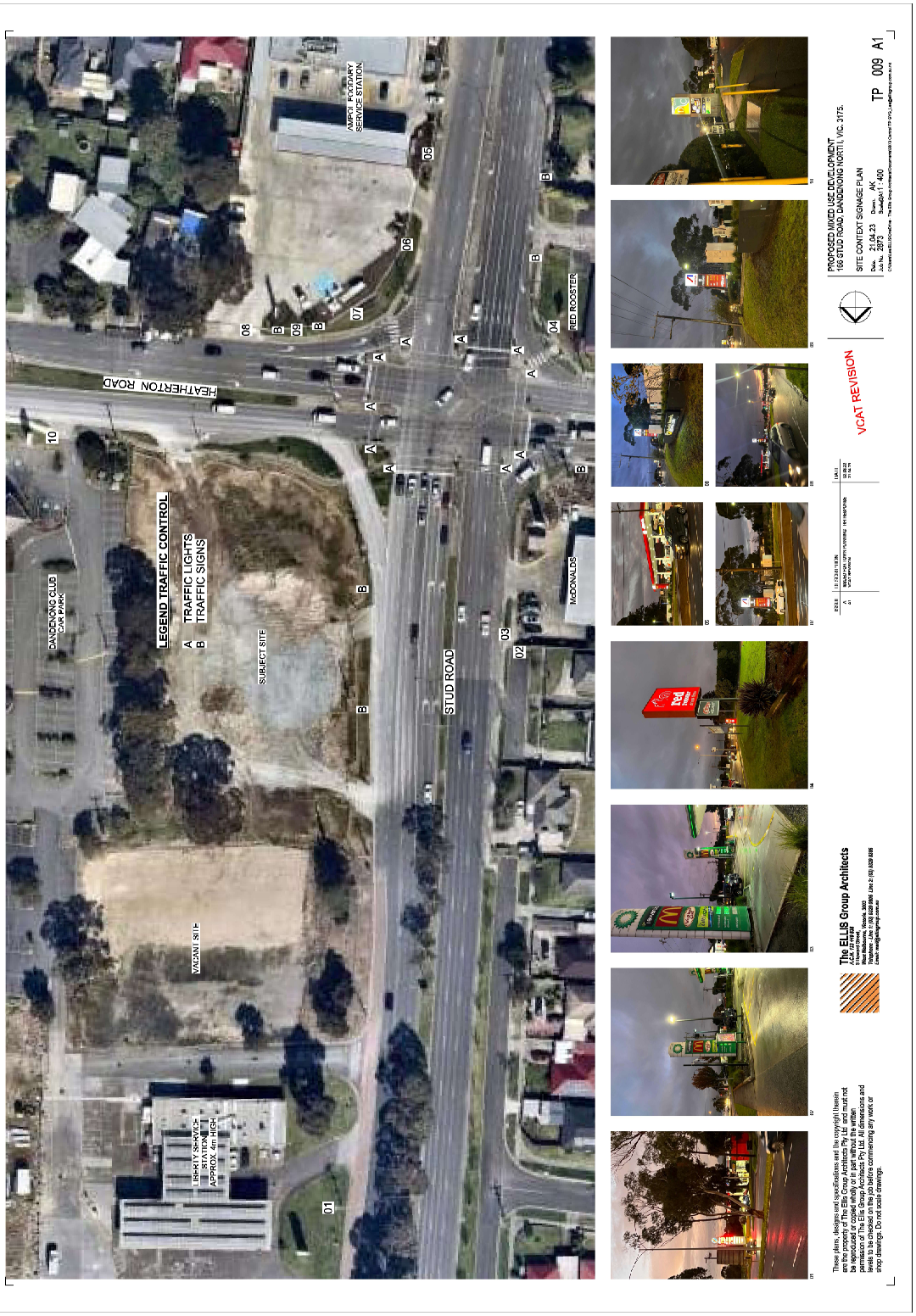

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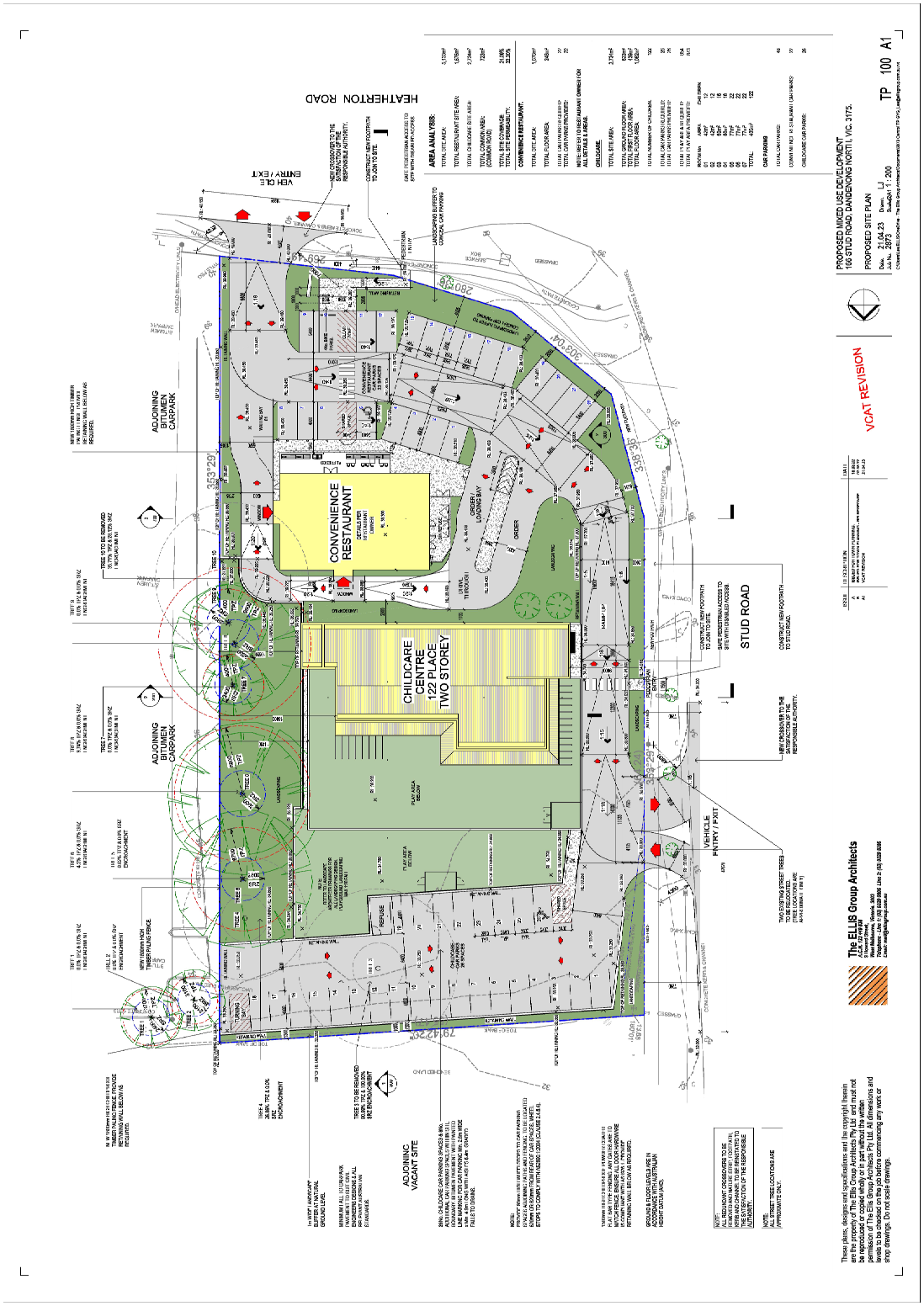

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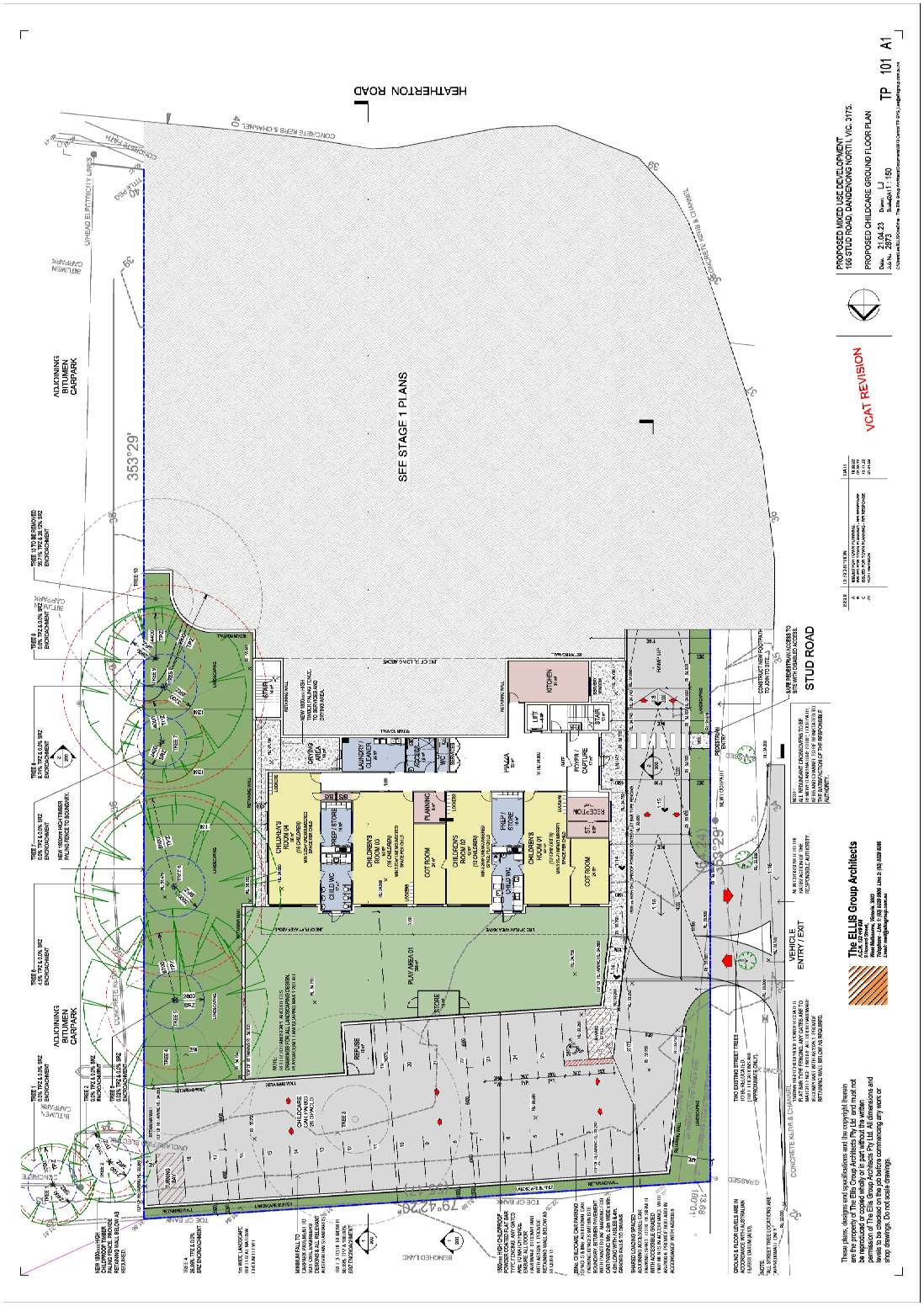

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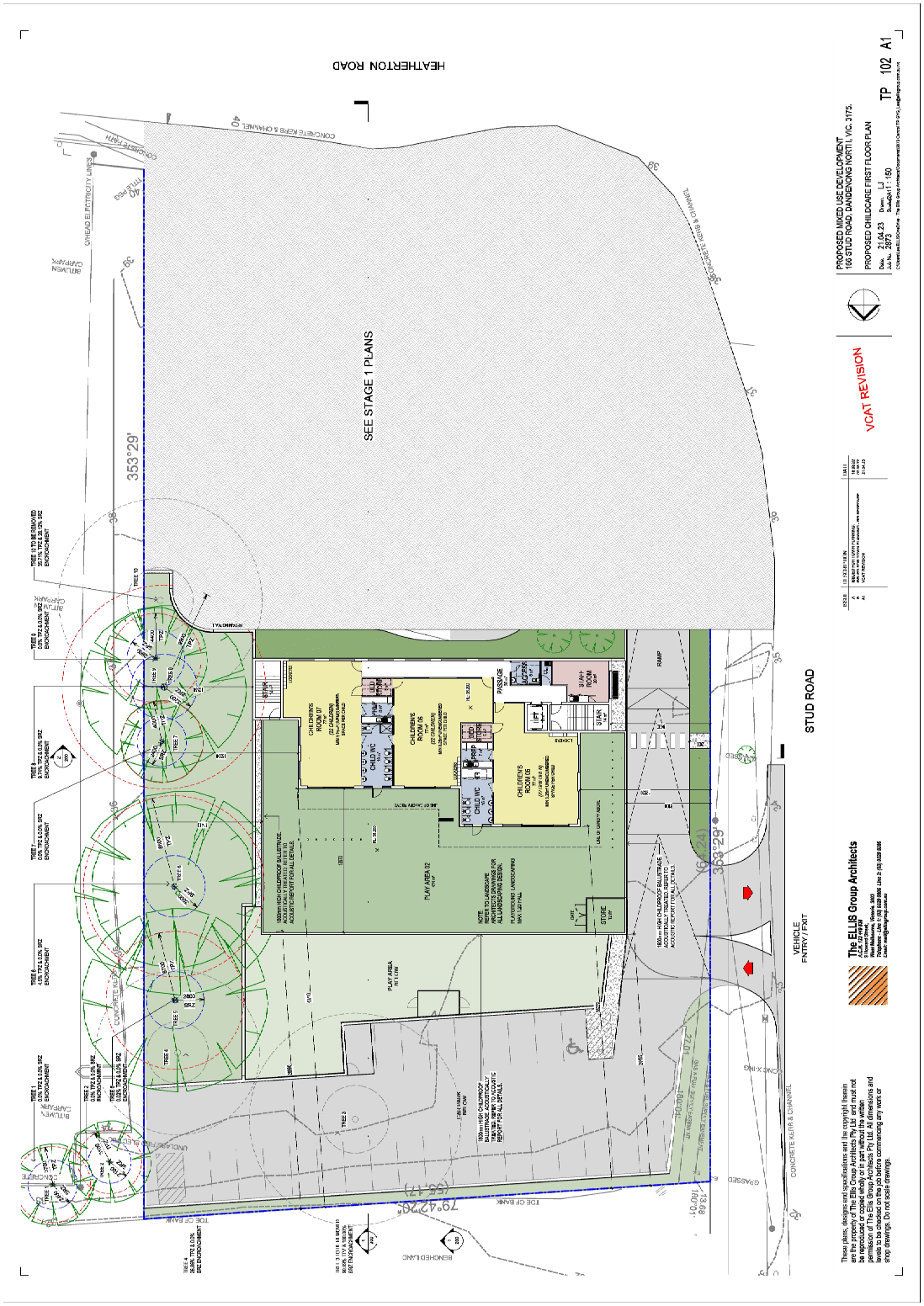

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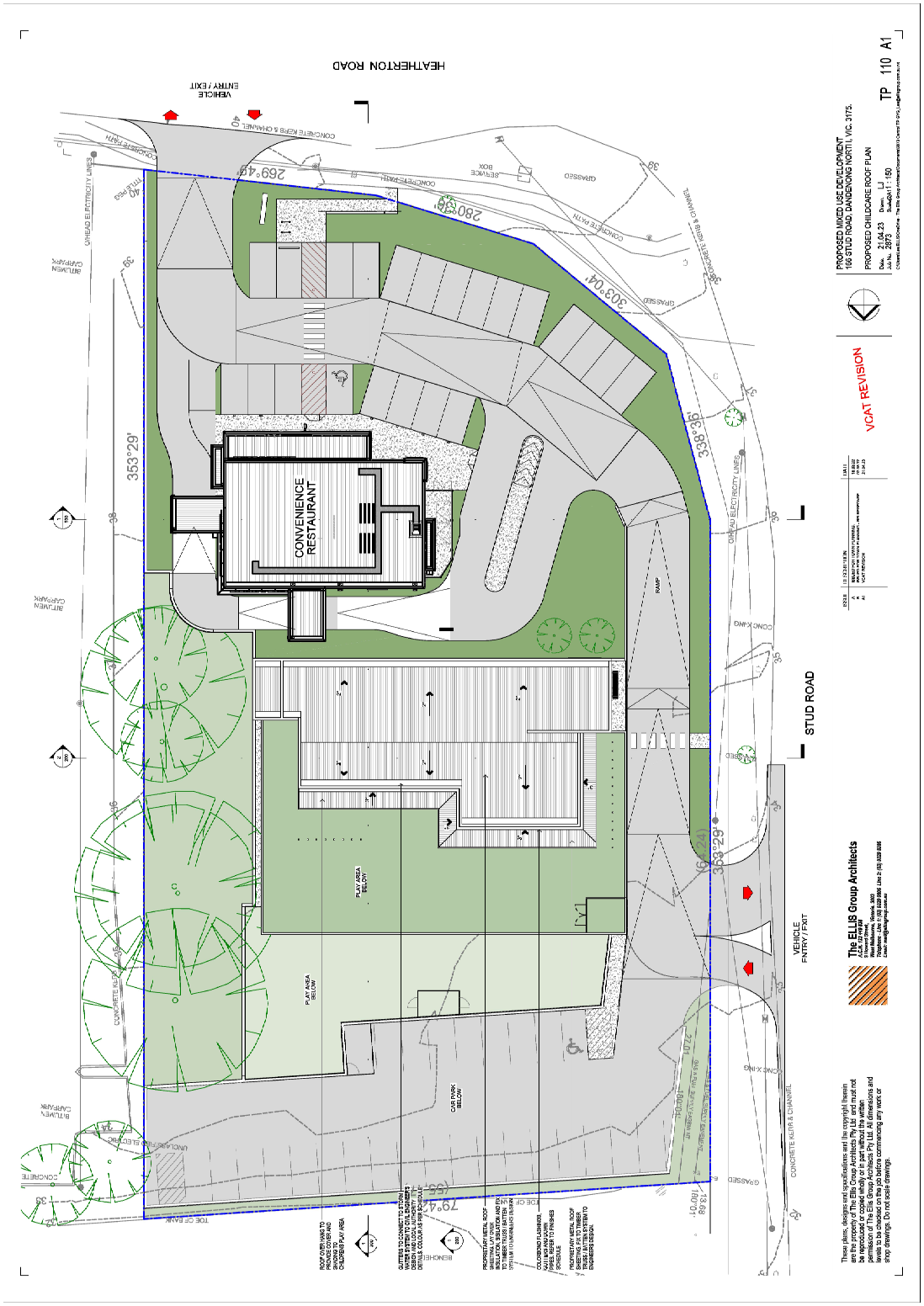

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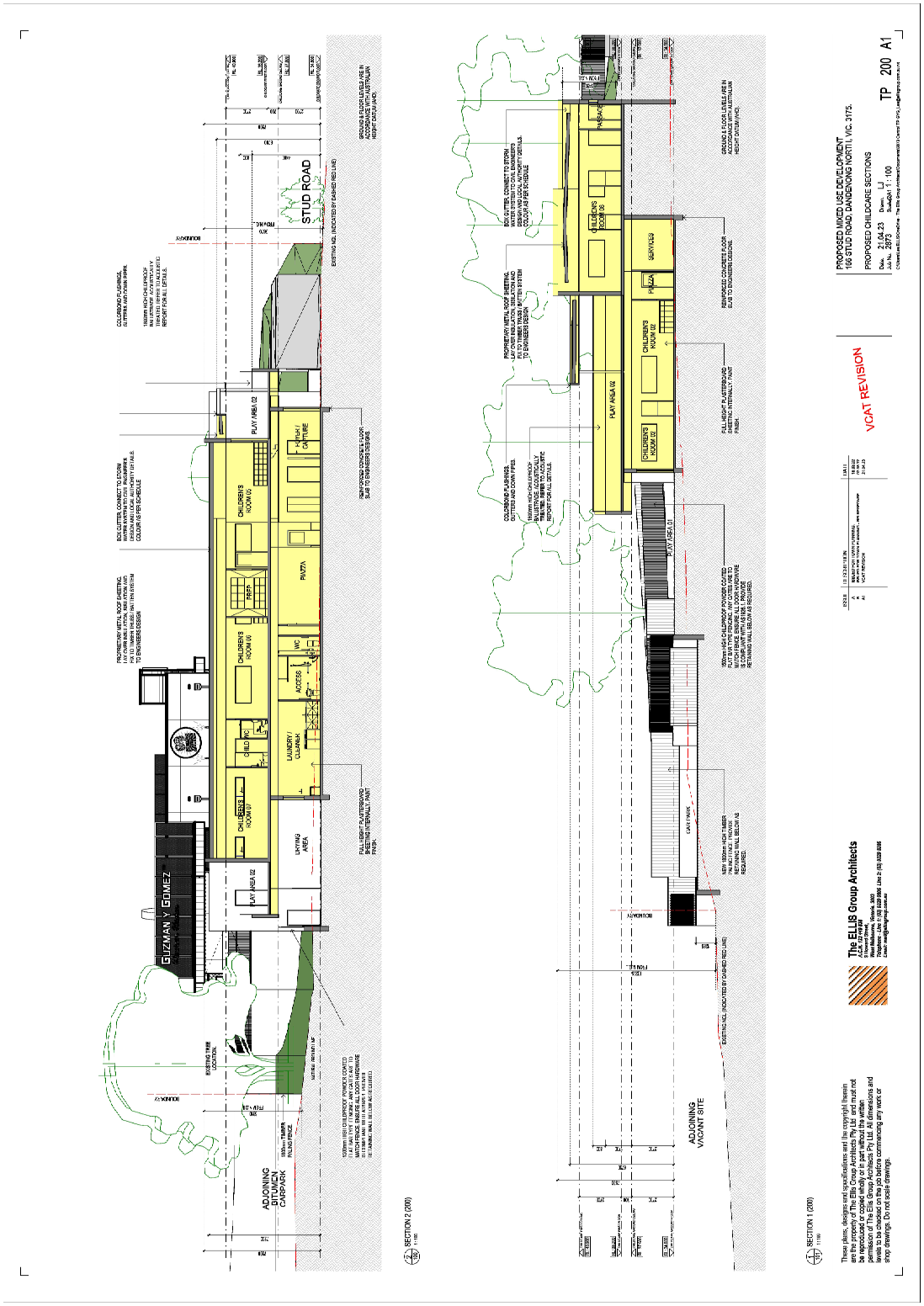

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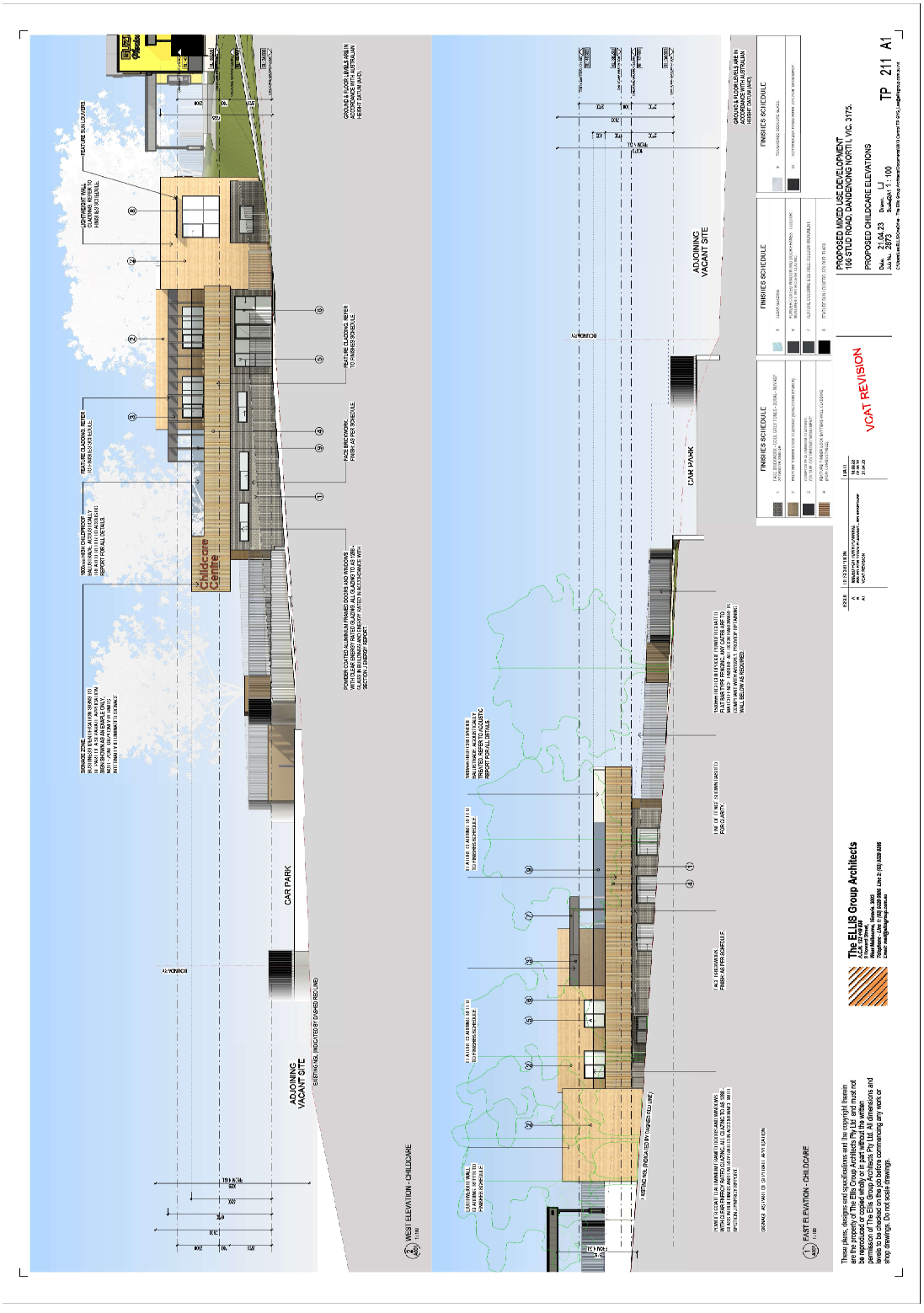

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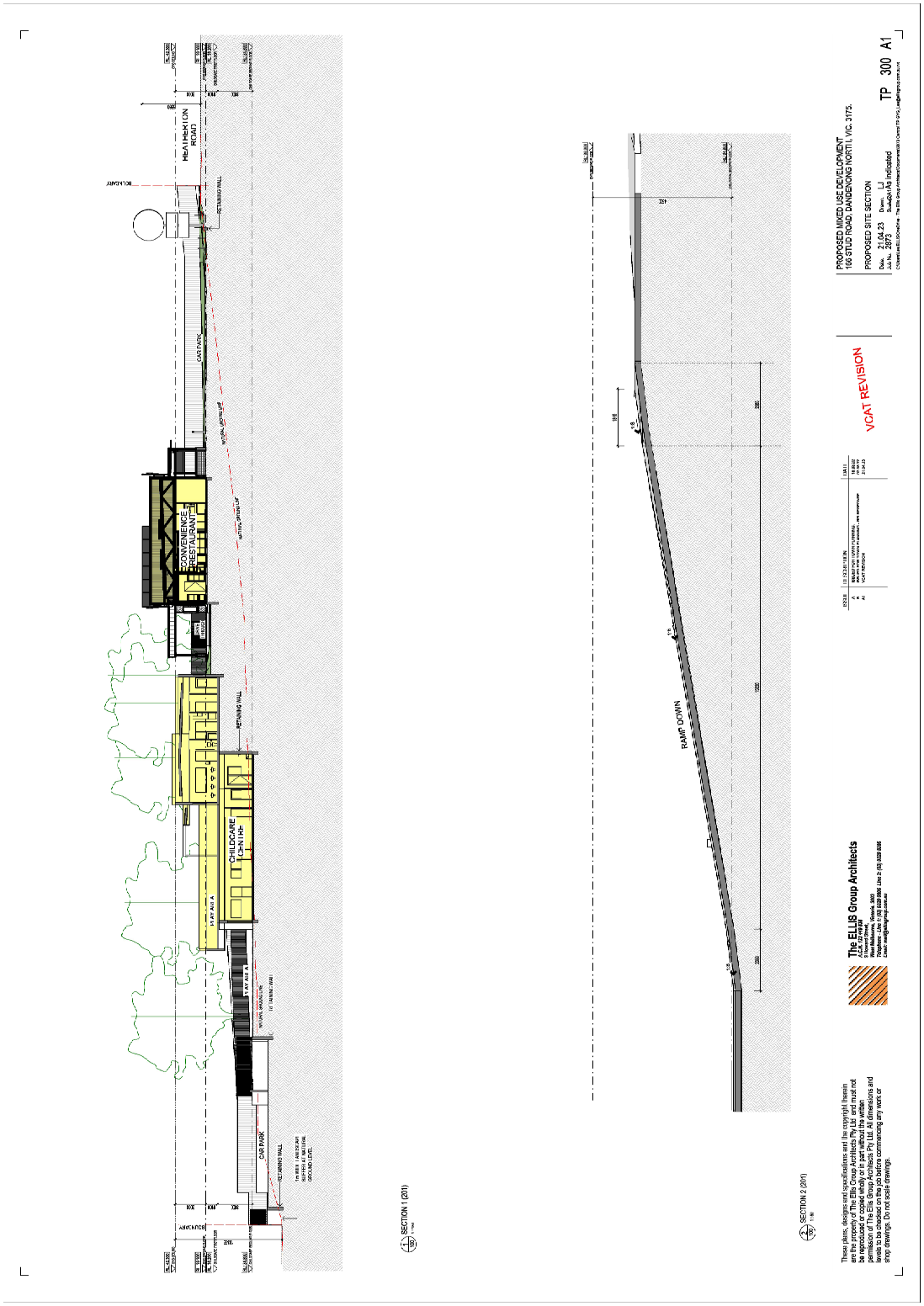

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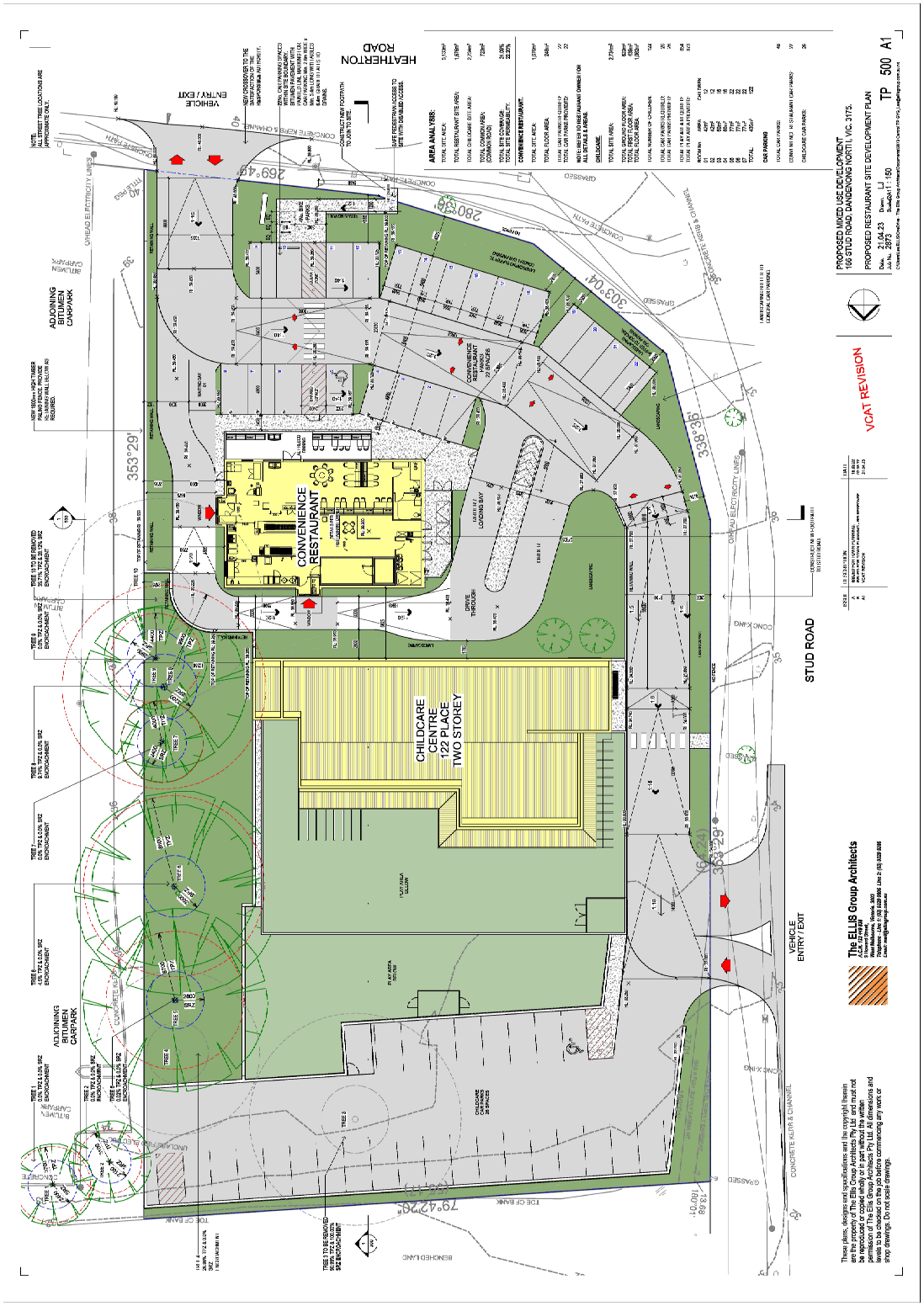

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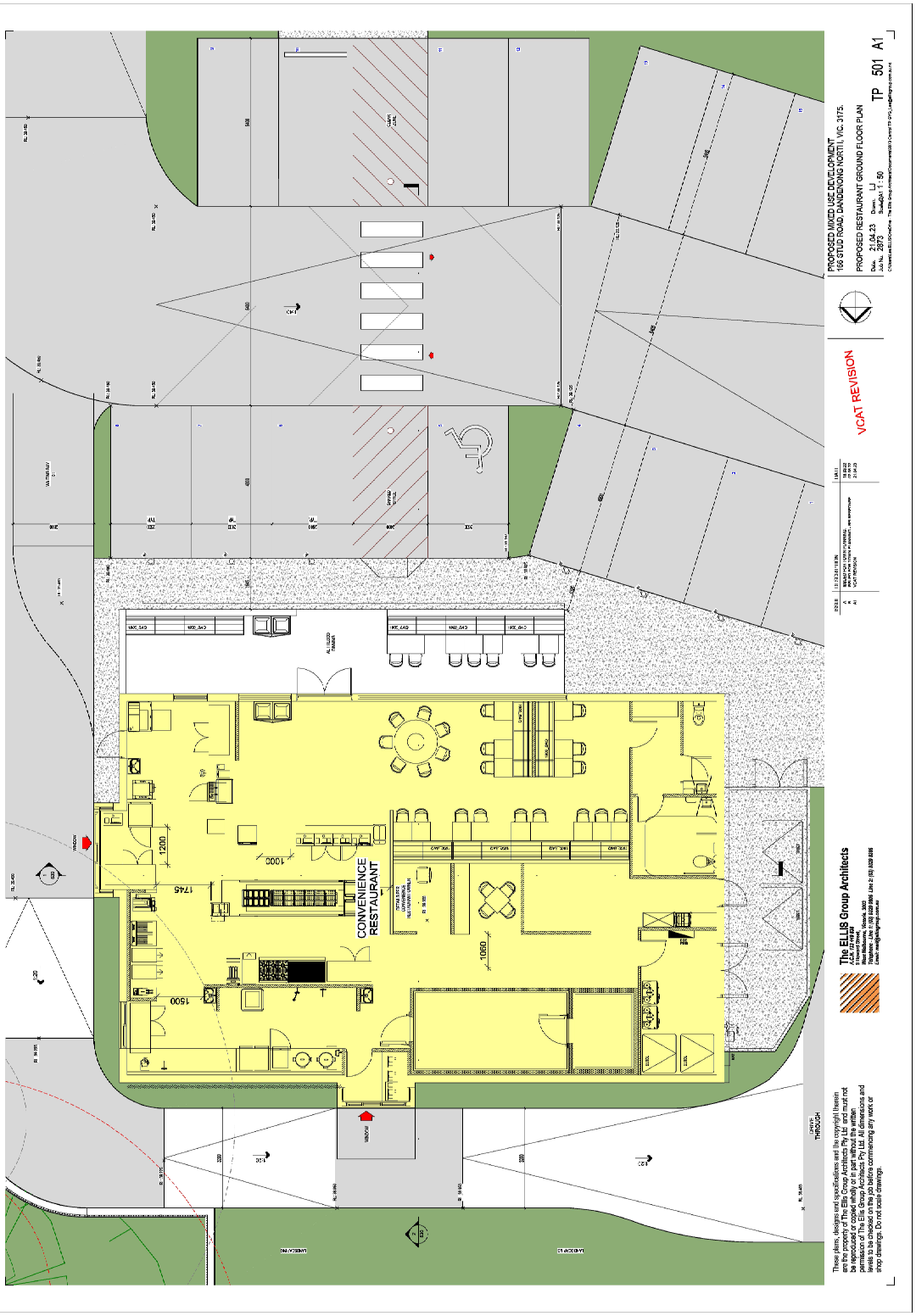

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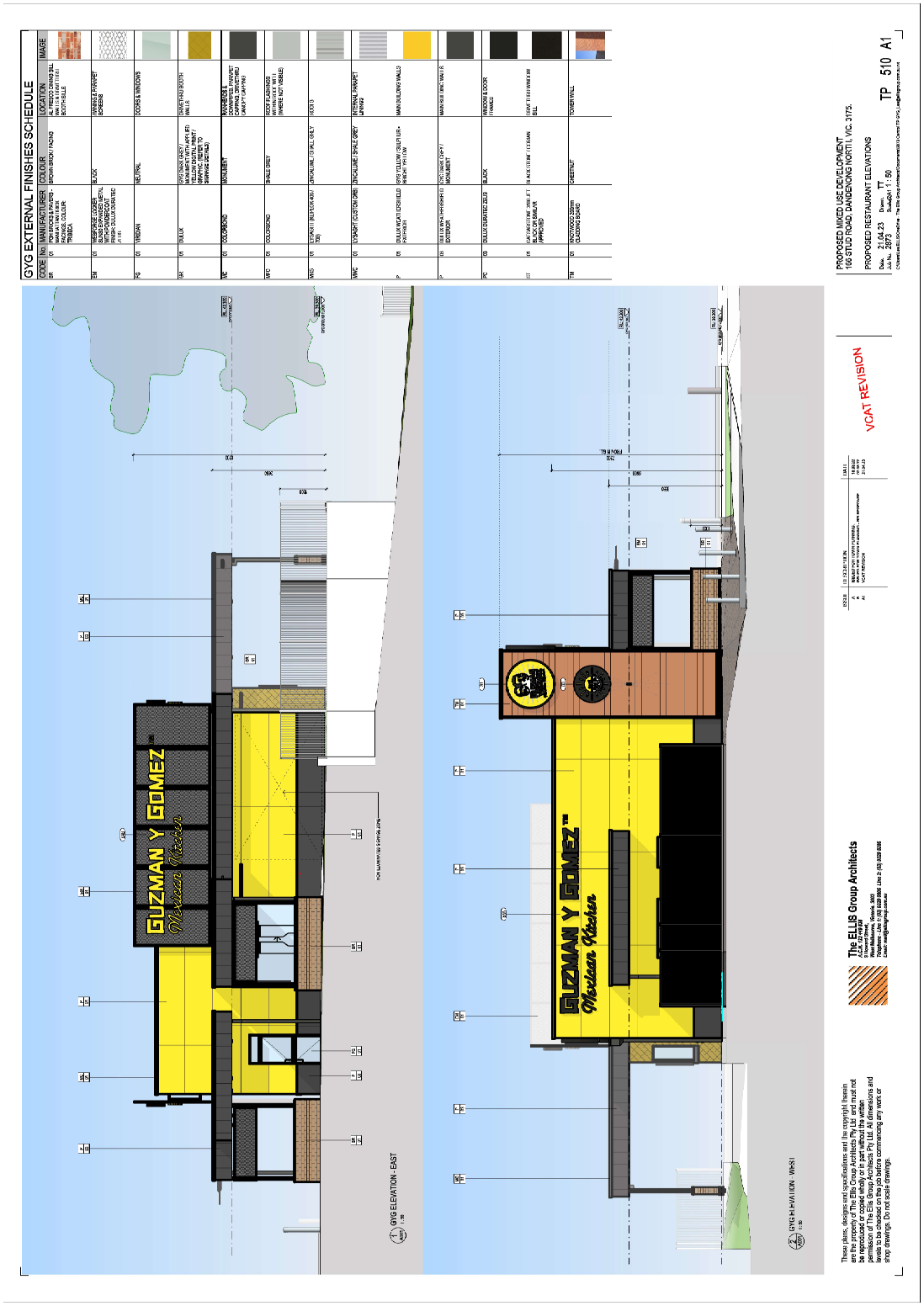

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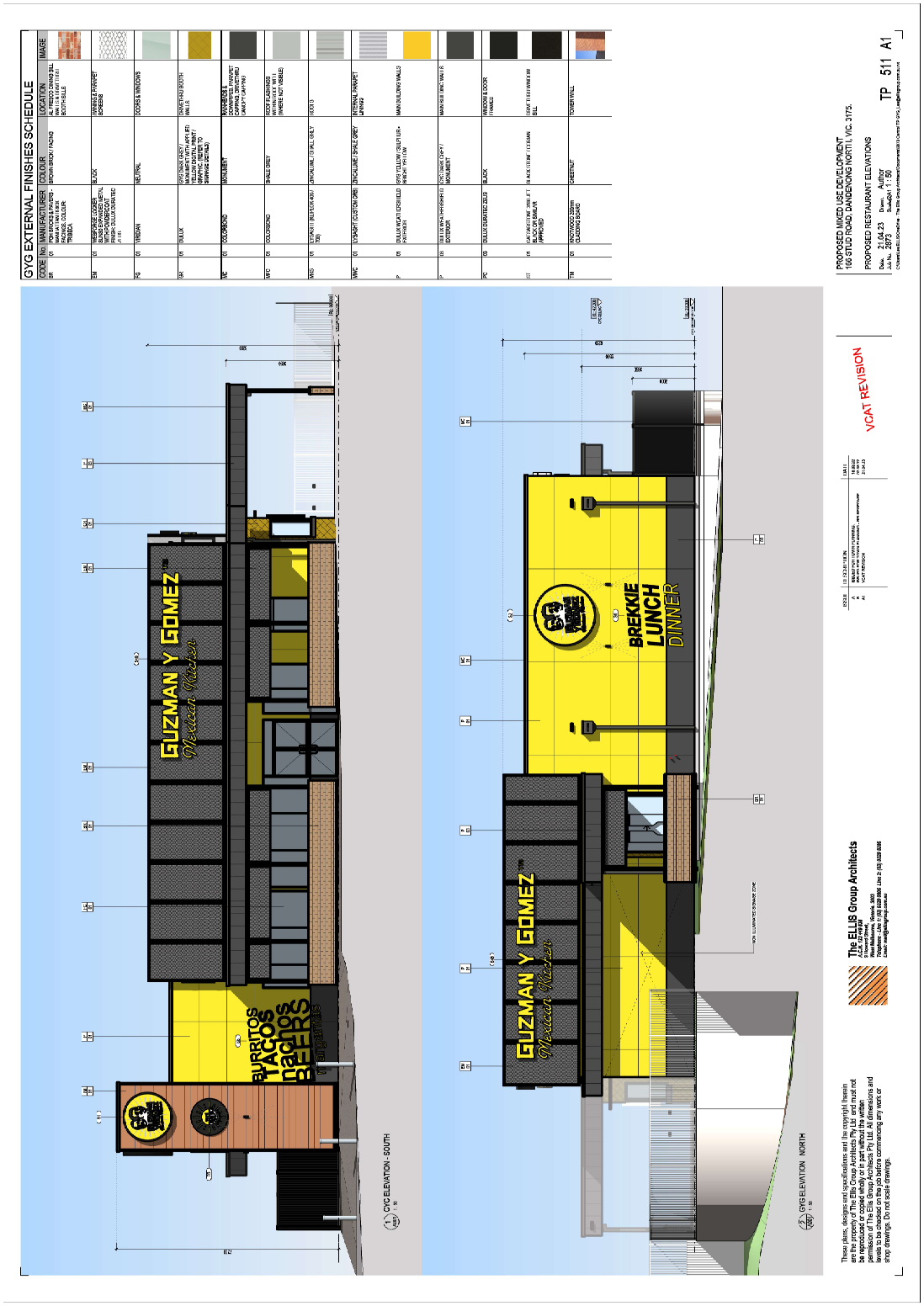

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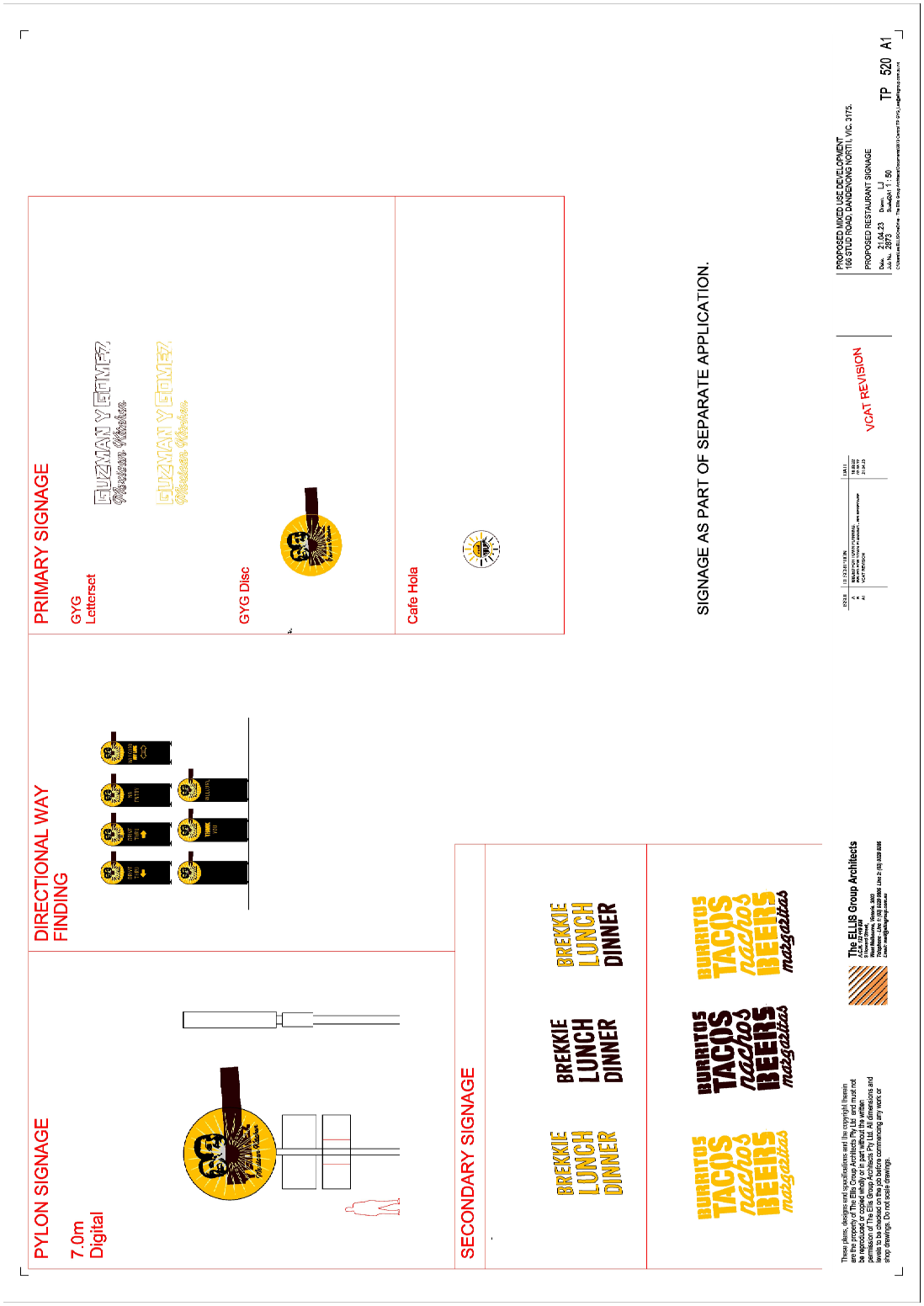

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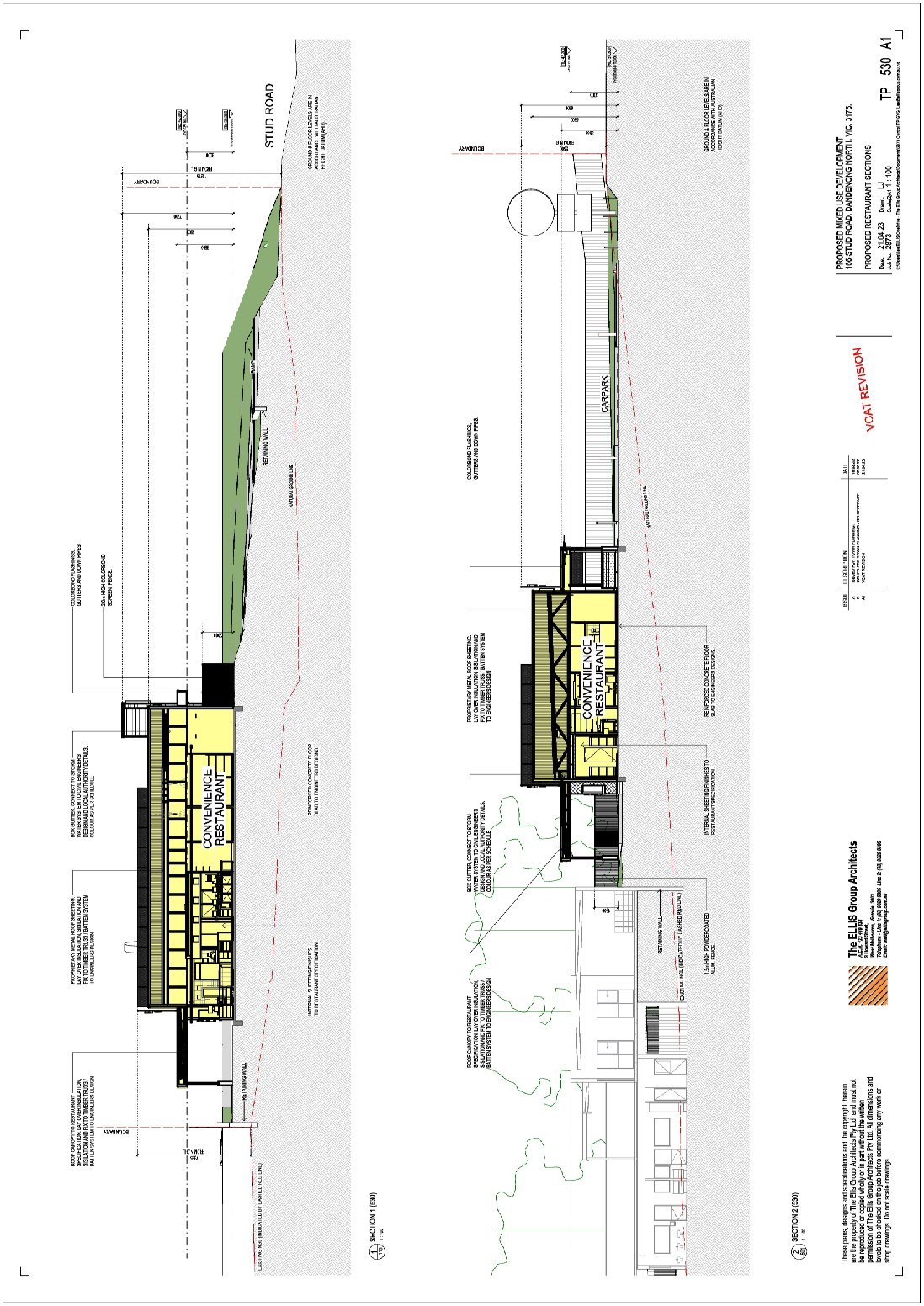

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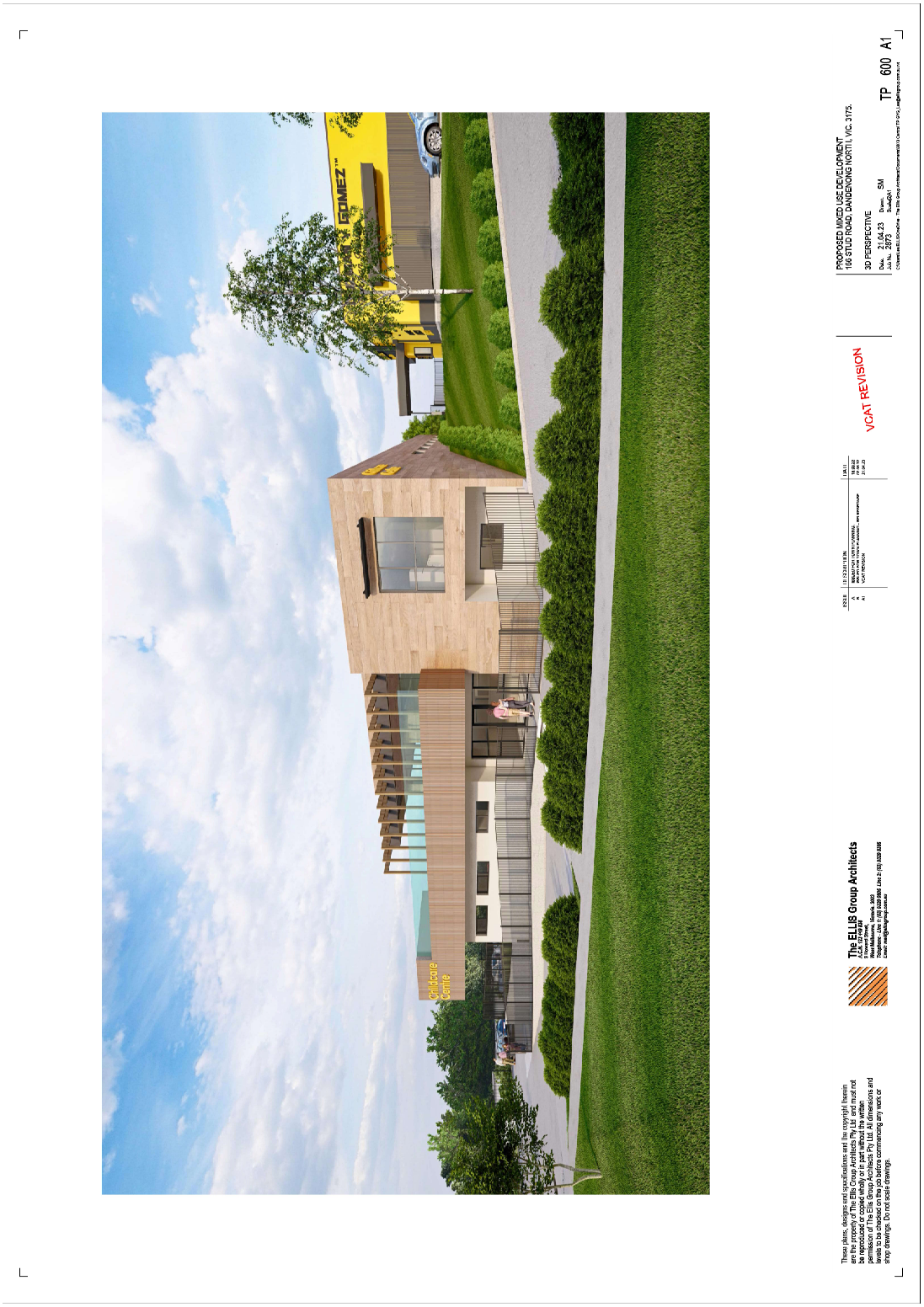

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LOCATION OF OBJECTORS

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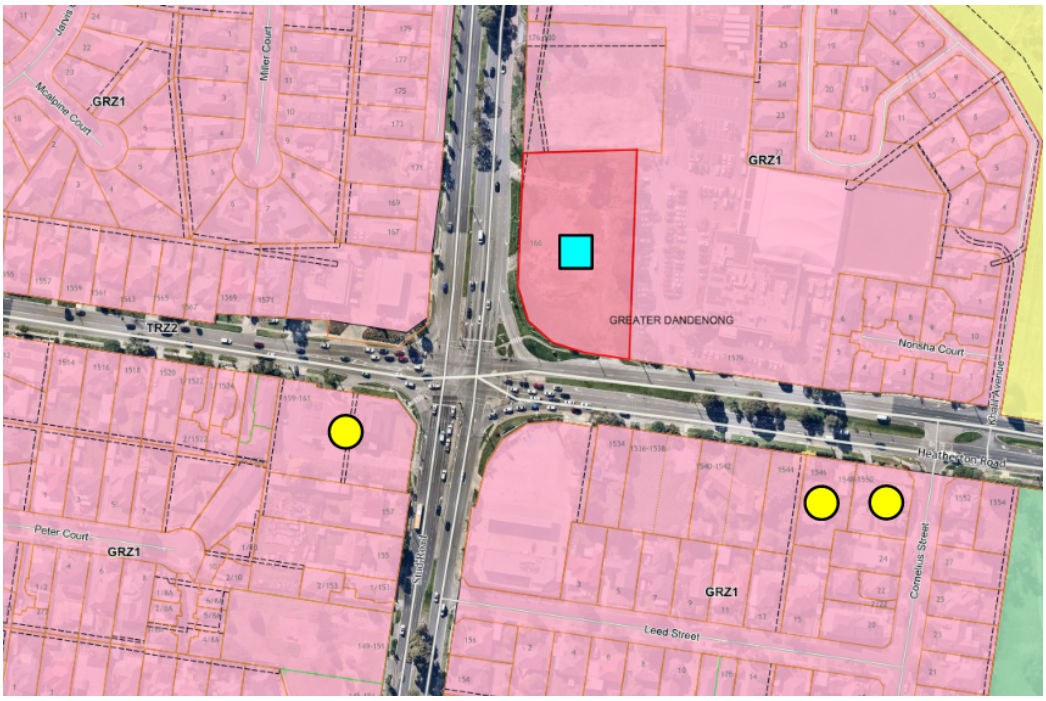
2.3.1 Town Planning Application - No. 166 Stud Road, Dandenong North (Planning Application No. PLN22/0176) (Cont.)



Legend

Subject Site

Location of Objectors*

*All other objectors reside outside of the map area.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

Question
Adel Dafla, Keysborough

As a coordinator of the Al Fajaar Sunday school at the Springvale Learning & Activity Centre (SLAC), we assist 30 children of African background using the facility every weekend.
The school is currently supported by SLAC as they provide advice and access to the venue and facilities. Being able to operate from SLAC is much more than accessing a venue for hire. The parents of those kids cannot afford to send them to an everyday activity.

What will Council do to financially support the Neighbourhood House to operate with more certainty so they can continue to support the school?

Response
Peta Gillies, Director Community Strengthening

Council recognises the practical and impactful programs and services that many of our local community groups provide across our municipality. We are pleased to have been able to provide Neighbourhood House's with over $1.14 million dollars in support though our grant Community Funding and Grants Program this financial year.

Council is currently reviewing budget submissions and will consider the submission from Neighbourhood Houses this week.

A review of Councils Community Funding and Grants Program is underway. Further details on how to have your say are available on Council's website.

Question
Sindusri Dhakshina Moorthy, Dandenong

As a new arrival to Australia with my husband and son, I looked for a place where I can go to improve my English, make connections and learn new skills. I also wanted an environment that is safe and welcoming for women. I found out about Wellsprings for Women and since the start of the year I have been attending English, Computer, Introduction to Hospitality, sewing, parenting, and self-care programs. All of these are available to me at no cost, to help me settle in Australia and to feel part of the community. I can take my child and he is minded by volunteers while playing with other kids.

During this term I have learnt a lot about Greater Dandenong City, the services it provides and the role of Council as our closest level of Government. As a resident in your city, I am proud to be part of a multicultural community.

How will you support agencies like Wellsprings to enable them to operate financially with confidence and to continue providing much needed programs to women like myself needing to develop skills and confidence as active citizens?

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Response
Peta Gillies, Director Community Strengthening

Please refer to my previous answer regarding Neighbourhood Houses. This Wednesday 7 June 2023, we will be considering the budget submission. I would also like to say congratulations to Wellsprings for Women on the recent budget announcement for an additional $788,000 from the State Government in funding over the next two years.

Question
Golsum Ramezani, Dandenong

I am the coordinator at the Dandenong North Neighbourhood House. We have the following programs that support our community; sewing, yoga, social groups, Afghan seniors' group and big seniors' group. We also provide English, computer and numeracy classes, as well as an onsite Centrelink representative for those who are having difficulties.

Do Councillors agree that Neighbourhood Houses play an important role with supporting the wellbeing of local communities, as well as providing them with employment and volunteer opportunities?

Comment
Cr Eden Foster, Mayor

Council will have a formal submission from Neighbourhood Houses on Wednesday 7 June 2023, this will give Councillors an opportunity to hear from the various Neighbourhood Houses.

Response
Peta Gillies, Director Community Strengthening

I can confirm that Council appreciates and acknowledges the value that Neighbourhood Houses have in our community, as do many organisations that make Greater Dandenong City the fantastic municipality that it is.

Question
Kanchana Wijeratne, Dandenong

I am a member of the Dandenong Community & Learning Centre, a local Neighbourhood House who provides pre-accredited community education classes including digital skills, hospitality, cafe barista and woodworking.
With the diverse range of cultures, interests and abilities in Dandenong, will there be opportunities for further funding to expand the range of classes and volunteer opportunities for the local community?

Comment
Cr Eden Foster, Mayor

Please refer to previous answers regarding Neighbourhood Houses.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question
Andrew Hamer, Dandenong South

I represent 40 heavy manufacturing industries in both Nathan and Fowler Road, Dandenong South, and I have my own business in Progress Street, Dandenong South. The published reason for the level crossing removal on Progress Street was that it was one of the most dangerous and congested level crossings in Melbourne. This is simply not true. Under Freedom of Information (FOI) we obtained from the Office of the National Railroad Safety Regulator, a risk assessment of the crossing was "negligible". It is not congested. My office looks at it and I have never seen a tailback, this crossing is not a problem. Gates are down less than 8% of the time (and for less than a minute at a time).

The solution that is proposed by the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) diverts all the traffic permanently down narrow, twisty, Fowler Road. It is dangerous in many ways, including the risk of head-on collisions, sideswiping, pedestrians being run over, and bicycles being sideswiped by a-double road trains. It is proposed to have a-double road trains passing each other down Fowler Road. The standard width of an industrial road in Dandenong is 12 metres, however Fowler Road is only 9 metres.

There will be more congestion when we try and feed 20 per cent extra traffic onto the South Gippsland Highway. There will be 8,500 vehicles through Fowlers Road, which has a capacity of about 3,000, and then sent down to the South Gippsland Highway which is already congested at that intersection.

How did Council let it get this far? Will Council now block the LXRP from using Fowler Road for the level crossing removal and force them to find a better solution?

Response
Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

The project has been declared under the *Major Transport Projects Facilitation Act* 2009. This Act gives the LXRP the authority to construct roads and undertake other project-related works without Council consent or approval within the declared project area. The declared project area includes Fowler, Nathan and Hallam Valley Road, Progress Street and the associated South Gippsland Highway intersections.

Council work with the LXRP as best we can on these kinds of projects. Registered Council engineers will be reviewing the design responses in coming weeks as the first draft design packages are finalised to ensure they suitably address these concerns. We understand these design packages were delayed due to the project team working through the issues raised by the community, and the impact to the business community will be briefed later this month. We want to be involved in reviewing those designs along with the community. Council does not have the authority to block the level crossing removal but will escalate concerns if they are intolerable safety issues that cannot be addressed.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question
Mohamed Mohamed, Springvale

I am a member of the Hararian Community Group and a governance committee member of Springvale Neighbourhood House.

How will Council continue to support Neighbourhood Houses to provide good governance and the staff needed to continue providing culturally safe spaces and support to community groups like the Hararian group, which has been meeting at and supported by Springvale Neighbourhood House for the past 34 years?

Response
Peta Gillies, Director Community Strengthening

Council is currently undergoing a budget submission process, and Neighbourhood Houses have made a submission. We are also going through a review of our Community Funding and Grants Program and we encourage everyone interested to go to our website to the 'have your say' section.

Question
Lance Hammond, Dandenong South

I have a business that works out of Nathan Road, Dandenong South. My understanding of the Government's level crossing removal program was to remove the most dangerous level crossings to improve safety and reduce congestion as well as countless other reasons. All the publicity and television advertising was about removal. The actual process being adopted for the Progress Street crossing by closing Progress Street either side of the railway line is not removal at all. It is a farce. It has been recorded within the documents obtained under FOI from the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator that shows that the Progress Street railway crossing as having “negligible” risk.

The solution of spending millions of dollars to build a bridge and send all the traffic down a smaller windy street, already congested with business's, staff cars, pedestrian traffic and delivery trucks of all sizes, rigid trays, semi trailers, b-doubles and more is in complete contradiction to the whole ethos of the removal program, which is to create a safe and more efficient environment.
How is it that the Greater Dandenong City Council has allowed the LXRP proposal to get this far without doing all the home work required, by communication with the businesses that are directly affected both in Nathan and Fowler Road, seeking their input and feedback to then come up with a logical and workable solution?
Will Council now block LXRP from using Fowler Road as their solution and direct them to either leave it as it is and or come up with a safer and more workable solution for all?

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Response
Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

As I outlined previously, we are not the responsible authority but we are about to see a copy of the designs and we will be out there as one of the parties talking to residents with the LXRP. I have made a commitment to come out and have a look at the concerns that you have raised, and we will continue to keep Council updated.

Question
Isabelle Nash, Keysborough

At the last Council meeting, myself and other residents asked questions clarifying elements of the proposed Tree Protection Local Law. Can you please confirm that answers to those questions will be in the Council Report on the Tree Protection Local Law that will come to the Council meeting on Monday 26 June 2023?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

I can confirm that those questions will be addressed in the report.

Question
Isabelle Nash, Keysborough

I live close to the Keysborough Golf Club. I walk the dog down there and ride my bike on occasion too. One of the reasons my family chose to live in this area in Keysborough is because of the Green Wedge and the health and environmental benefits that it brings to us as a family, and to our community. I see lots of native wildlife in the park and bushland, and that is because of the connection to the golf club. I see a plethora of birds whenever I walk along the fence line of my estate and the golf course, and I have seen echidnas which is a treasured experience.

This golf course and its location helps bring wildlife to my doorstep which supports mine and my family's wellbeing and the wellbeing of the neighbourhood. It is important to us. Why did Council vote down my right to be informed as a resident of Keysborough that the Keysborough Golf Club, the developers and Council are currently lobbying the minister to reduce the size of the Green Wedge?

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

The Notice of Motion (NoM) regarding a community engagement proposal, put up by Cr Rhonda Garad at the last Council meeting was debated by Councillors and the majority of Councillors resolved at that time to defer the item to a later time. The matter of Councillor debate and resolutions is not for officers to respond to.

This is a matter that I cannot get involved in the discussion on. I can provide information, as I did, to Councillors in the debate on the NoM. Ultimately the decision to defer the item of community engagement was taken by Councillors, not by officers.

When there is a rezoning, documentation or a formal application put to Council, part of that process will involve community consultation.

Further Question
Isabelle Nash, Keysborough

Can you please confirm if the Councillors need to, tonight, discuss the NoM again to decide on whether there is community consultation?

Response
Eden Foster, Mayor

Yes, that same Notice of Motion is coming to us tonight and we will be voting on that.

Question
Vicki Green, Dandenong North

I understand that the developer of the Keysborough Golf Club will give the Council 71 acres for a sporting hub. As the sporting hub is a long way from Dandenong residences, will it be used by them or residents from the City of Kingston?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

Currently Council is not considering any detailed application by the Keysborough Golf Club. However, you could assume that any sports facility in this location will also be used by residents of our neighbouring municipalities, just as our residents use facilities which are in other municipalities.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Question
Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong

It has now been over 5 years since Greater Dandenong residents were promised a community consultation on the Municipal Strategic Statement. When can we expect it?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

In 2017, Council officers commenced a review of the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme, including Municipal Strategic Statement. In 2018, the State Government announced that all Planning Schemes in Victoria would be required to be converted to a new format, being the Planning Policy Framework. This announcement required the review of the Planning Scheme to be put on hold until the Planning Policy Framework was implemented into the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.

To date, the State Government have not completed the Planning Policy Framework for the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. While an exact date is not known for the completion of this by the State Government, it is hoped that it will be completed in the next few months. Once this is completed, Council officers will then be able to recommence the review of the Planning Scheme, including the Municipal Strategic Statement.

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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3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
22/05/23 PQT12	Peter O'Loughlin, Dandenong	**Tree removal, Dandenong** Over twelve months ago, members of the Dandenong West community protested the removal of 71 trees which provide much needed canopy coverage in Hemmings Street, Dandenong. As the inner West Dandenong area has a lower than acceptable level of canopy cover which affects the comfort, safety and livability of a growing population. However, this project took funding from the Building Safer Communities Grant. With Council officers purporting that the trees and the canopy coverage were 'unsafe' for our streets and aesthetically undesirable. Protest from community members in Dandenong West resulted in a forum and re-assessment of the project. Evidence of the positive effects of canopy coverage and mature trees was presented and articulated well by Dandenong West community members and Councillors. The discussion did result in the number of trees on the chopping block to be significantly reduced. It is disappointing that Council officers never followed up with the community members who attended nor gave any notification of the updated plan. Why is this? Last week, works to remove two trees	Director Business, Engineering and Major Projects	02/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** Of the two trees that were removed, one was a paperbark and one was a liquid amber. I am advised that both were in poor health and condition. One of them was hanging over the road presenting a potential risk to motorists. The removal of those two trees was done in addition to the process that you are referring to in your question which was completed last year. The rest of the issues I will take on notice. As far as I am aware, properties adjacent to any tree being removed are notified by card. **Further response provided 02/06/23:** I can advise that 2 trees were removed in Dandenong as part of normal tree assessment operations. The trees were identified by our contractor as being of poor quality and low useful life expectancy as part of our pre-inspection for the 2 year cyclic pruning works for this area. Upon follow up inspection by a qualified Council arborist, this was confirmed, with the trees meeting Council's removal criteria. The removals were also supported as part of actions identified in Council's Urban Tree Strategy – Greening Our City.

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

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		started, however, the residents were not notified that these works were to take place. Two mature trees providing canopy coverage outside a street in Hemming Street, Dandenong have now been removed. Why did Council choose not to notify the residents of these significant works? Are these two trees the only ones in Dandenong West to be removed or is this part of a larger plan to remove more of our canopy coverage? It seems bizarre that there is a big proposal to remove a whole heap of trees. That proposal gets re-assessed, completed and then 12 months later I am here again and you are cutting down more trees. It does not make sense because those trees would have been in the original assessment. If they were, then why weren't they done then? If they were not, why are they getting done now?			The trees were then scheduled for removal and replacement in the 2024 planting season. The trees, 2x Prickly-leaved Paperbark (Melaleuca styphelioides), were in Dandenong. As per our standard notification process, residents were provided notification by way of "works card" in the letter box. The removal of the 2 trees was not part of the previous street tree project, when Council presented its program of streetscape improvements. After community consultation a modified approach was taken to: fill in the gaps (15) and remove and replace the poor quality trees (17) was the option chosen. In addition, it was also recognised that: ongoing, trees will need to be replaced in future years in accordance with the Street Tree Strategy. The removal of trees and replanting is likely to occur over time due to the age and type of tree as set out in Council's policy and tree removal criteria. A risk assessment plays a crucial role in this decision. Following on from the issue that you raised the method of notifying residents of proposed tree removal is to be widened. I have also asked a Council Officer to invite one of our landscaping staff to a

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
					future meeting with yourself and other residents to explain the processes that we go through when wanting to remove or prune street trees. It is the last resort to remove any trees and much consideration is given by qualified arborists to any tree removal. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 PQT14	Neil Butler, Dandenong	**Safety concerns** I have worked and lived in the Greater Dandenong City (CGD) for over 40 years. I am disheartened, frustrated and disappointed with the problems that are brought to Council's attention. CGD is a brilliant location but it is being destroyed because there is no concerted effort to control crime on the street, and we cannot say 'oh, that is not council responsibility.' I refute that claim because my belief is that public safety should be the number one priority of any Local Government. It is time that every Councillor opens their eyes and acknowledges that we have a problem here. We need to address it before you have a serious injury or someone die in the street over the crime that is happening, particularly in Lonsdale and Langhorne Street, Dandenong. Council needs to engage the local police command and say 'we need your help'. Why hasn't Council engaged with police command to address the problems on the street? There also needs to be a decision	Director Community Strengthening	01/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** Officers work incredibly closely with Victoria Police daily. We have formal meetings on a weekly basis. We have led the charge in terms of community safety forums. There has been two within the last month and we are looking at what additional forums we can run in the very short term. It is a challenging and complex issue, as you clearly understand and it is not about 'it is not our responsibility', but it is about a joint effort. I can also reassure you, even in my last five weeks here at Council, we have been having conversations at a state level. It is a real issue and a priority for Council at a local level as well. In relation to the bus terminal, I will take that question on notice. We will come back to you about the discussions that are underway in relation to the Department of Transport and relocating that bus terminal. **Further response provided 01/06/23:** Council has advocated on behalf of local traders regarding their concerns

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

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		made by all Councillors present to address the problem why Council is not strongly lobbying the Department of Transport (DoT) to relocate the bus terminal in Langhorne Street behind the Drum Theatre? This is a massive problem for crime in the area.			about the Langhorne Street Bus interchange. Following representation by Council officers including meeting with representatives of the Department of Transport (DoT), the following response was received in 2020. *"DoT has assessed the proposal to remove or relocate the existing bus interchange at Langhorne Street to support the installation of additional car parks or open space at this location.* *DoT's assessment is that the proposed options would impact on a large number of existing bus users and neither of the McCrae Street nor Robinson Street options proposed would deliver good bus passenger outcomes. Both options are expected to provide fewer interchange opportunities between bus services and both options would take the interchange further away from the core of the Dandenong CBD area. DoT also expects that the options proposed are likely to entail significant capital expenditure, particularly if changes or installation of new signalised intersections are required.*

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

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					In summary, DoT does not support the removal/relocation of the existing bus interchange at Langhorne Street." The Ward Councillor raised this his matter again on behalf of local traders at the Council meeting of 28 November 2022. Councillors supported the Mayor writing a letter to the Department of Transport and also copying in Minister Williams, the MP for Dandenong requesting an urgent meeting. A response to the Mayor's letter has not been forthcoming. Council will follow up this matter with the Department of Transport. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 PQT15	Mimid Patel, Dandenong	**Safety concerns** I own a couple of businesses in Dandenong. I called the police three weeks ago in relation to a fight outside one of my businesses and they did not bother to turn up. There was a big fight in my restaurant. My restaurant got robbed and they took all the cash from my premises, I saw the same guy on the street that I had seen on my camera, and I requested police to please come down and get him. They said not and it has been four days and I have not heard anything back. I have called the local MP, Councillor Jim Memeti, so many police officers but	Director Community Strengthening	01/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** I am sorry to hear what has happened to you and your business. It sounds like it has been a terrible series of incidents and it has obviously been very stressful for everyone concerned. Regarding those agencies responsible, clearly you have been struggling with Victoria Police and we will pass those details on. In our previous question we answered what Council is doing regarding community safety, and I know the Councillors are deeply concerned about it, but I would also encourage you not to take the law into your own hands. I am sure Victoria Police will be pleased to have us pass

3 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

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		literally nothing has been done and I may have to take the law into my own hands. I want somebody to be responsible for what is happening in Dandenong. We wanted to grow with the community and do business here. We do not have the time to be on the phone with the police or the local MP's. I am requesting to hold a meeting with the local police officers, the local MP's and the relevant Council director.			on the information and see if they can get in touch with you. **Further response provided 01/06/23:** Council continues to support joint community safety forums to hear concerns, and we work closely with Victoria Police in responding to community needs. We are also working to further our advocacy efforts at a state level, as well as to identify additional opportunities to create positive change and enhance safety in Greater Dandenong. Victoria Police has connected with Mimid Patel about the recent incidence, and we understand they have also caught and charged the offender. **COMPLETED**

4 OFFICERS' REPORTS - PART TWO

4.1 CONTRACTS

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve)

File Id:	qA498860
Responsible Officer:	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects
Attachments:	

1. Report Summary

This report outlines the tender process undertaken to select a suitability qualified and experienced contractor for the Perry Road Upgrade Stage 1 – Greens Road to Pacific Drive Keysborough.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council award Contract No. 2223-43Q Perry Road Upgrade Stage 1 – Greens Road to Pacific Drive Keysborough to All-Waste Pumping Solutions Pty Ltd trading as AWS Civil (ABN: 48 079 889 142) for a lump sum of Four Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars ($4,621,122.00) including GST.

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

3. Background

The primary objective of the project is to reduce congestion and increase safety as well as increase the durability of the road pavement to cater for commercial vehicle traffic.

Construction of the approximately 850 metre section of Perry Road between Greens Road and Pacific Drive will be in accordance with the requirements of the Dandenong Industrial Area Extension Developer Contribution Plan (DCP). This includes road pavement reconstruction, widening, drainage, streetlights, shared user paths and landscaping.

Completing this project Council expects to have a safer road environment for motorists, pedestrians, residents, and businesses alike.

To complement the road construction landscaping and shared path works are two (2) other major components which are expected to make the area more eye pleasing and pedestrian friendly.

4. Tender Process

This invited tender was available online via Vendor Panel (Council's e-tendering platform) from Saturday 11 March 2023 following an EOI process (2223-11EOI) undertaken in February 2023, with all respondents being invited to tender, with a closing time and date of 2.00pm on Wednesday 5 April 2023.

During the tendering period, all tenderers were advised to conduct their own pre-tender site inspection prior to the close of tenders to familiarise themselves with the location of the works.

At the close of the tender advertising period, tender submissions were received from all five (5) invited contractors as indicated below:

- Ace Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 22 131 093 493)
- All-Waste Pumping Solutions Pty Ltd trading as AWS Civil (ABN: 48 079 889 142)
- Bild Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 78 099 996 344)
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd (ABN: 88 660 064 079)
- Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 119 092 385)

5. Tender Evaluation

The tender evaluation panel comprised Council's Coordinator Civil Projects, Senior Project Manager and Senior Contracts Officer.

Each submission was assessed and ranked against all evaluation criteria by each member of the evaluation panel. These rankings were then collated and multiplied by the weighting to give a weighted attribute score for each criterion and totaled to give an overall comparative evaluation score for all criteria as shown in the following tables.

The tenders were evaluated using Council's Weighted Attribute Value Selection Method.

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

The advertised evaluation criteria and the allocated weightings for evaluation are as follows:

	Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
1	Price	35%
2	Experience – Civil Works	15%
3	Management and Supervision	5%
4	Capability	10%
5	Experience – Landscaping Works	10%
6	Traffic Management	10%
7	Social Procurement	5%
8	Local Industry	5%
9	Environmental	5%
10	OHS Management System	Pass / Fail
11	Environmental Management System	Pass / Fail

The Evaluation Criteria 1 – 9 are given a point score between 0 and 5 as detailed in the following table.

Score	Description
5	Excellent
4	Very Good
3	Good, better than average
2	Acceptable
1	Marginally acceptable (Success not assured)
0	Not Acceptable (failed to satisfy required standards)

The five (5) conforming submissions were assessed and ranked against all evaluation criteria, to ensure that each tenderer met the standards required for Council contractors. A fail in any criterion would automatically exclude a tenderer from further consideration for this contract.

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

Tenderer	Price Point	Non-Price Points	Total Score	OHS	EMS
AWS Civil (ABN: 48 079 889 142)	1.41	1.95	3.36	Compliant & Verified in Rapid Global	
Ace Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 22 131 093 493)	0.88	1.98	2.86	Compliant & Verified in Rapid Global	
Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd (ABN: 88 660 064 079)	1.15	1.65	2.80	Compliant & Verified in Rapid Global	
Bild Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 78 099 996 344)	0.81	1.81	2.62	Compliant & Verified in Rapid Global	

Tenderer	Price Point	Non-Price Points	Total Score	OHS	EMS
Winslow Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 119 092 385)	0.67	1.89	2.56	Registered – NOT compliant in Rapid Global	

Please Note: *Rapid Global is a third-party pre-qualification and verification system used by Council and ten (10) other Victorian Councils enabling the sharing of OH&S data. It is a Risk and OH&S system where contractors can upload their Occupational Health & Safety, Risk and Environment Plans and Policies as well as up to date insurances.*

Note:

The higher the price score – lower the tendered price.

The higher the non-price score – represents better capability and capacity to undertake the service.

6. Financial Implications

There is enough budget to cover the recommended bid for this contract.
(Budget of $4,267,983.00 excluding GST compared to a bid of $4,201,020 excluding GST)

Note:

> ***Lump Sum A lump sum contract or a stipulated sum contract will require that the supplier agree to provide specified services for a stipulated or fixed price.***

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

7. Social Procurement

AWS Civil is an Australian owned company that allows equal opportunities for all employees – cultural, ethnic, older, with a disability or diverse – best suited to the project. AWS Civil will give preference to residents of the City of Greater Dandenong for employment if the opportunity arises.

Their social purpose is to create better customer relationships with the community and Council, to provide to Council a quality product delivered on time and on budget. Respect to be given to the customer due to the disruption caused by construction works.

AWS Civil supports local communities through sponsorship, donations and purchasing within the community.

8. Local Industry

The preferred tenderer has nominated spending 1% on labour, 20% on materials, 20% on plant and 3% on local purchases, equating to 28% of contract to be spent locally.

9. Consultation

Safety & Environmental

During the tender evaluation process and in preparation of this report, relevant Council Officers from Council's City Improvement Services, Occupational Health & Safety and Environmental Planning were all consulted.

Community Engagement

This matter is not subject to Council's Community Engagement Policy under the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Planning Framework.

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

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

tender process is undertaken it is fundamentally underpinned by the following overarching governance principles:

- Section 9(a) of the LGA2020 - Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- Section 9(b) of the LGA2020 - Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- Section 9(c) of the LGA2020 - the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
- Section 9(e)of the LGA 2020 - innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

- Section 9(f) of the LGA 2020 - collaboration with other councils and governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- Section 9(g) of the LGA2020 - the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured; and
- Section 9(i) of the LGA2020 - the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In giving effect to the overarching governance principles above, the following supporting principles are also considered throughout any tender process:

- Section 89 of the LGA2020 - the strategic planning principles; and
- Section 1010 of the LGA 2020 - the financial management principles.

11. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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

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

Included in the tender submissions, successful contractors have completed the Modern Slavery Questionnaire (Schedule 12), Fair Work Questionnaire for Potential Contractors

(Schedule 13) and the Victorian Child Safe Standards Questionnaire (Schedule 14).

The responses provided to these statements by the successful contractor were assessed and determined to be satisfactory in the context of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

12. 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.

Included in the submissions for this tender process, contractors were required to address Councils Social Employment opportunities (Schedule 7B). This includes questions to address Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy.

The responses provided to these statements by the recommended contractors were assessed and determined to be satisfactory in the context of the Gender Equality Act.

13. Climate Change and Sustainability

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

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

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

Included in the submission for this tender, contractors were required to address Councils Statement of Environmental (Schedule 7C). This includes questions to assess if the contractors' attitude towards sustainability is in line with Councils Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020.*

The design of this road project will incorporate reuse of the in-situ material and the recommended contractor advises that sustainable practices are part and parcel of the manufacturing processes. They use materials that are energy efficient as well as recycled content.

14. Conclusion

At the conclusion of the tender evaluation process, which included a preselection interview, the evaluation panel agreed that the tender submission from All-Waste Pumping Solutions Pty Ltd trading as AWS Civil represented the best value outcome for Council and should be accepted due to:

1) its conforming and lowest priced tender submission;

2) its relevant experience working with Victorian government authorities and private organisations on similar construction projects;

3) its level of experience, staff resources and sub-contractor selection;

4) receiving a Pass for their Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Environmental Management Systems;

5) receiving a satisfactory result for the Standard Financial & Performance Assessment (Procurement) Company Check undertaken by Corporate Scorecard;

6) it is registered and pre-qualified with Rapid Global (Council's Contractor Risk Management Compliance database); and

7) Reference checks were undertaken on two (2) similar road projects completed by AWS Civil for Victorian Government authorities receiving rankings of good and very good.

4.1.1 Contract No. 2223-43 Perry Road Construction and Widening - Stage 1 (Greens Rd to Pacific Dve) (Cont.)

15. Recommendation

That Council:

1. award Contract No. 2223-43Q Perry Road Upgrade Stage 1 – Greens Road to Pacific Drive Keysborough to All-Waste Pumping Solutions Pty Ltd trading as AWS Civil (ABN: 48 079 889 142) for a lump sum of Four Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars ($4,621,122.00) including GST; and

2 authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreements and any associated documentation with the successful contractor.

MINUTE 787

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

That Council:

1. award Contract No. 2223-43Q Perry Road Upgrade Stage 1 – Greens Road to Pacific Drive Keysborough to All-Waste Pumping Solutions Pty Ltd trading as AWS Civil (ABN: 48 079 889 142) for a lump sum of Four Million, Six Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars ($4,621,122.00) including GST; and

2 authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract agreements and any associated documentation with the successful contractor.

CARRIED

4.2 OTHER

4.2.1 Proposal to Discontinue and Sell Beck Court, Noble Park

File Id:	A9796745
Responsible Officer:	Manager Governance
Attachments:	Locality Plan R3 Road on LP 23922 Beck Court, Noble Park (Road) Easement Plan

1. Report Summary

This report addresses a proposal to discontinue the Road known as Beck Court, Noble Park as shown in Attachment 1 and sell the Road occupying that land to the adjoining property owner (Proposal). Beck Court, Noble Park only services one (1) adjoining property owner and is therefore considered a private driveway that is surplus to Council's reasonable community requirements at this location. The adjoining property owner has confirmed their interest in purchasing the Road as shown hatched in Attachment 3 and would be responsible and liable for all the existing road assets located on and within the Road. They would also be required to consolidate the Road land into the adjoining land title. An easement would be created on the Road land to protect the existing Sewerage and Drainage assets located within the Road land as shown in Attachment 4.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council officers commence all statutory procedures to discontinue the Road and sell the Road land to the adjoining property owner in accordance with sections 206, 207A, 223*, and* Item 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 and *Section 114 of the Local Government Act* 2020.

3. Background

The Road was set aside as R3 Road on LP 23922 when the land was originally subdivided as shown in Attachment 2.

The adjoining property owners NorthWest Healthcare Australian Property Limited has applied to Council to purchase the Road as shown hatched in Attachment 3 and incorporate the discontinued Road land into their adjoining title for a proposed development application.

The Road is a constructed road that is now considered surplus to Council's and the community's requirements in this location as it only services one (1) adjoining property owner. All the adjoining properties have been acquired by NorthWest Healthcare Australian Property Limited for future development of healthcare services in the area.

It is therefore proposed that officers give public notice to determine if there are any objections to the discontinuance of the Road and then consider the subsequent sale of the land. The adjoining property owner has confirmed that they are prepared to purchase the land (if the Road is discontinued) at current market value.

Council has completed a referral consultation to all service authorities to determine any assets located in the Road and whether any easements are required to be created over the Road land to protect the assets.

South East Water Corporation has advised that it has a sewerage asset within the Road which will need to be protected by way of a sewerage easement.

Greater Dandenong City Council has advised that it has a drainage asset located within the Road which will need to be protected by way of a drainage easement.

A creation of easement plan provided as Attachment 4 to this report, shows the location of the proposed Sewerage and Drainage easement.

4. Proposal

This report proposes that Council officers commence the statutory procedures to discontinue the Road and sell it to the adjoining property owner in accordance with sections 206, 207A, 223, and Item 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and Section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Under Council's Community Engagement Policy, Council will give public notice of its intention to discontinue and sell the Road in the local paper circulating in the municipality and on its website. Interested parties will have the opportunity to make submissions on the Proposal and attend a public hearing if they request to do so.

After consultation is completed, a further report will be presented to Council for a decision to be made whether to discontinue and sell the Road land.

5. Financial Implications

In accordance with "Council's Disposal or Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy", a market valuation of the surplus Road land has been assessed at $900,000.00 plus GST for the estimated land area of 1,158 square metres. This takes into consideration that the Road land would be encumbered by a sewerage and drainage easement as shown in Attachment 3.

The asset sale income would be accounted for within the 2023/24 financial year, however it does not form part of the current budget.

The adjoining property owner has confirmed that they are prepared to purchase the Road land if the Road is discontinued.

The adjoining property owner has also confirmed they are liable to pay all legal, professional and associated transfer costs for the proposed sale.

6. Consultation

A detailed internal referral and external process has been carried out in relation to the proposal to discontinue the Road and sell the Road land. Comments received were as follows:

- Council's Strategic Planning, Parks and Engineering Units have no objection to the proposal.
- Infrastructure Services and Planning advised that it has a drainage asset located within the Road which would need to be protected by way of a drainage easement.
- Service authorities have been consulted and there are no objections to the discontinuance of the Road and sale of the Road land. South East Water Corporation has advised that it has a sewerage asset within the Road which will need to be protected by way of a sewerage easement. The Proposal would therefore include the creation of a drainage and sewerage easement as shown in Attachment 4.

Should this proposal be adopted then a public consultation process will commence as required under the *Local Government Act 1989*, section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA2020) and Council's Community Engagement Policy. Public notices will be placed in the local paper generally circulating in Greater Dandenong and on Council's website. Interested parties will be given the opportunity to make submissions for a period of 28 days. A Special Committee will be convened to hear any submitters that indicate that they wish to be heard. (Submitters must advise within their written submission if they wish to be heard.) The date and time of any Special Committee convened to hear submissions will be advised.

Council should note that legislation affecting Council's power to sell or exchange land came into force on 1 July 2021 under section 114 of the LGA2020. The community consultation process outlined above complies with this legislation and that which is still valid under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

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

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

> The City of 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.

7.1 Community Vision 2040

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

- Safe and peaceful community
- Sustainable environment

7.2 Council Plan 2021-25

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four (4) years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods
- A green city committed to a sustainable future
- A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.

The proposal is consistent with Council's Community and Council Plan. Council will work to create an attractive city, with quality buildings and spaces and a community that has the services and facilities it needs for now and the future.

8. 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. The following principles are of particular relevance to this report:

- Council decisions are made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- priority is given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- the municipal community is engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
- innovation and continuous improvement are pursued;

- collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is sought;
- the ongoing financial viability of the Council is ensured;
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is ensured.

9. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Council, Councillors and members of Council staff are a public authority under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and, as such, are all responsible to act in accordance with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (the Charter). All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

10. The *Gender Equality Act 2020*

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services. Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy and the *Gender Equality Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents. The contents of this report are purely administrative in nature and does not benefit any one (1) gender group over any other.

11. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

This Proposal has no impact on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-2030 or the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability. This proposal is purely administrative in nature and does not impact upon Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy.

12. Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

The Report has been prepared in accordance with Council's Disposal or Sale of Council Assets and Land Policy.

13. Conclusion

If it is considered that the Road is surplus to Council's and the community's requirements in this location, Council officers will commence the statutory processes required and consult in relation to its intention to discontinue the Road and sell the Road land.

14. Recommendation

That Council, being of the opinion that Beck Court, Noble Park is no longer required for Council's reasonable community requirements in this location resolves that:

1. **Council officers commence the public consultation and statutory processes required in accordance with sections 206, 207A, 223, and Item 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;**

2. **a public notice of Council's intention to discontinue the Road and sell the Road land and inviting submissions in relation to the Proposal be placed in the local paper circulating in Greater Dandenong and on Council's website;**

3. **if submissions are received in relation to the Proposal, a Special Committee of Council, comprised of the Ward Councillor, the Mayor and the Manager Governance (or their delegate) be established to hear and consider any submissions (any submitters requesting to be heard will be notified of the time and place of the Special Committee meeting); and**

4. **after the public consultation process is completed, a further report comes to Council for a final decision in relation to the Proposal.**

4.2.1 Proposal to Discontinue and Sell Beck Court, Noble Park (Cont.)

MINUTE 788

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Angela Long

That Council, being of the opinion that Beck Court, Noble Park is no longer required for Council's reasonable community requirements in this location resolves that:

1. **Council officers commence the public consultation and statutory processes required in accordance with sections 206, 207A, 223, and Item 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;**

2. **a public notice of Council's intention to discontinue the Road and sell the Road land and inviting submissions in relation to the Proposal be placed in the local paper circulating in Greater Dandenong and on Council's website;**

3. **if submissions are received in relation to the Proposal, a Special Committee of Council, comprised of the Ward Councillor, the Mayor and the Manager Governance (or their delegate) be established to hear and consider any submissions (any submitters requesting to be heard will be notified of the time and place of the Special Committee meeting); and**

4. **after the public consultation process is completed, a further report comes to Council for a final decision in relation to the Proposal.**

CARRIED

OTHER

PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE AND SELL BECK COURT, NOBLE PARK

ATTACHMENT 1

LOCALITY PLAN

PAGES 2 (including cover)

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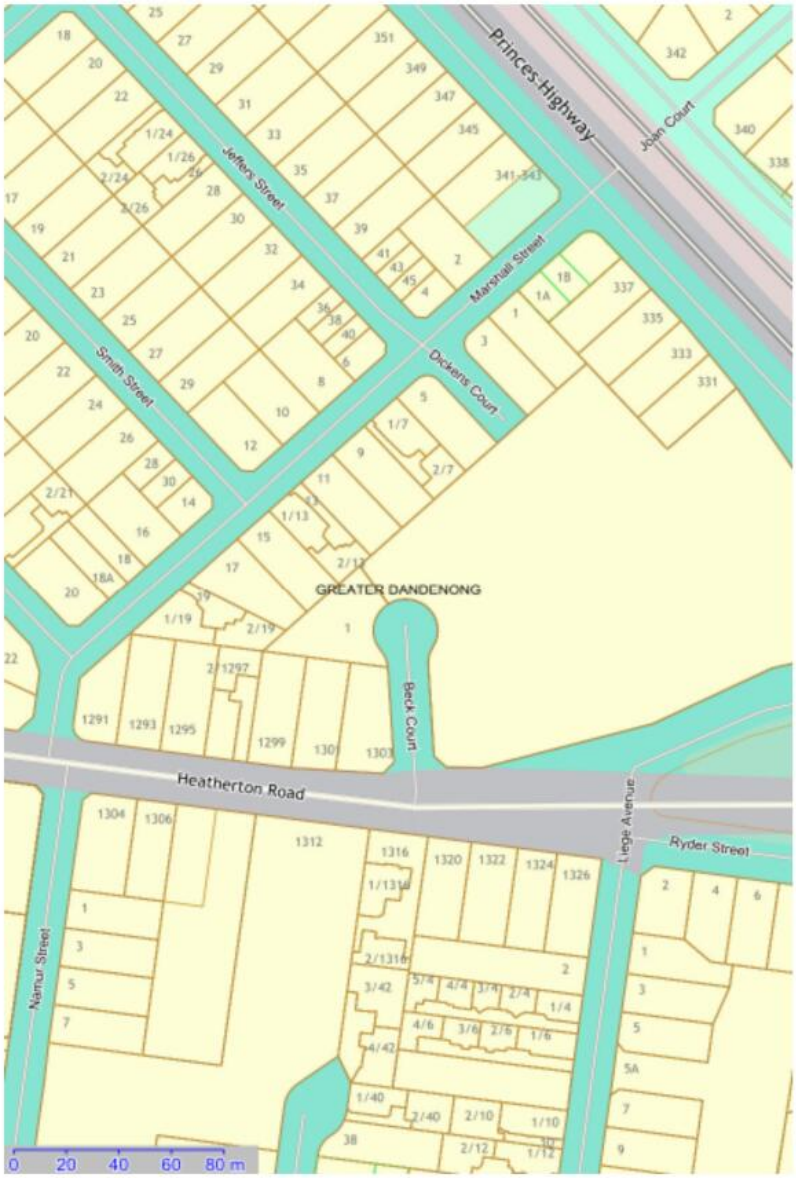
4.2.1 Proposal to Discontinue and Sell Beck Court, Noble Park (Cont.)

Locality Plan **ATTACHMENT 1**



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PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE AND SELL BECK COURT, NOBLE PARK

ATTACHMENT 2

R3 ROAD ON LP 23922

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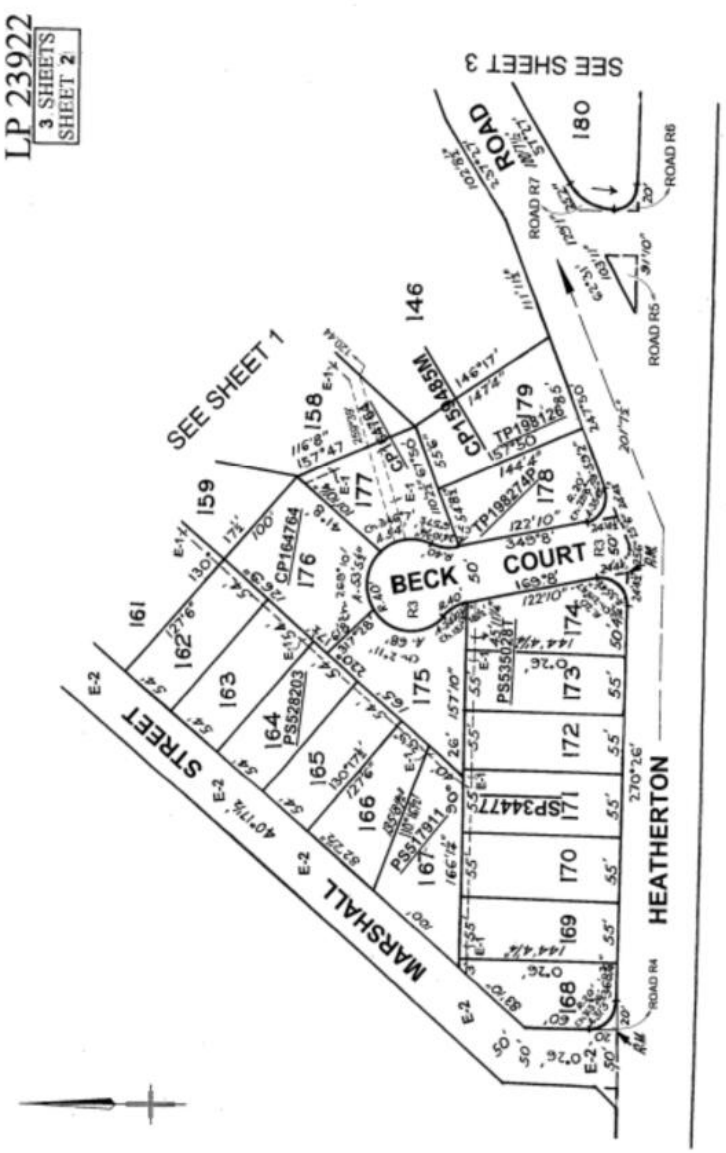
4.2.1 Proposal to Discontinue and Sell Beck Court, Noble Park (Cont.)

R3 Road on LP 23922 **ATTACHMENT 2**



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PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE AND SELL BECK COURT, NOBLE PARK

ATTACHMENT 3

BECK COURT, NOBLE PARK (ROAD)

PAGES 2 (including cover)

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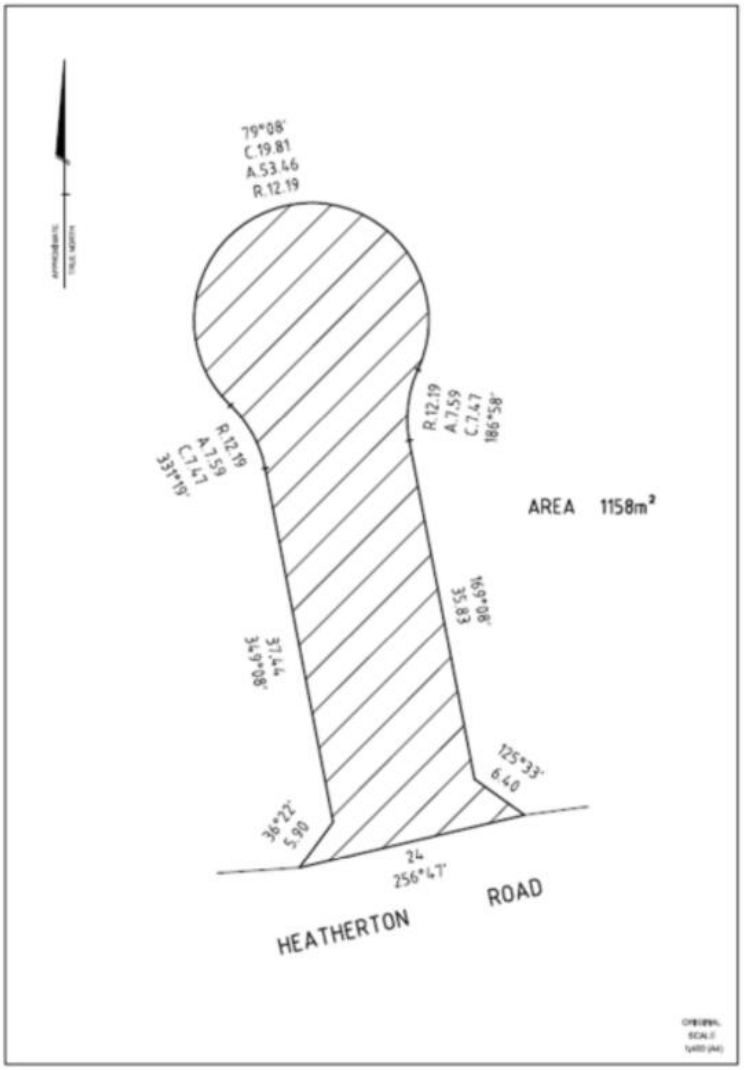
4.2.1 Proposal to Discontinue and Sell Beck Court, Noble Park (Cont.)

Beck Court, Noble Park (Road) **ATTACHMENT 3**



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PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE AND SELL BECK COURT, NOBLE PARK

ATTACHMENT 4

EASEMENT PLAN

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4.2.1 Proposal to Discontinue and Sell Beck Court, Noble Park (Cont.)

Easement Plan **ATTACHMENT 4**

EDITION 1	TITLE PLAN	TP

Location of Land:
Parish: Dandenong
Township: —
Section: —
Crown Allotment: —
Crown Portion: 16 (Pt)
Title References: Vol. Fol.
Last Plan Reference: R3 on LP 23022
Depth Limitation: Does Not Apply

Notations
MGA2020 Coordinates: E 341 100
(Of Centroid/Perimeter) N 5 795 340
Zone 55

A = Appurtenant Easement E = Encumbering Easement R = Encumbering Easement (Road)

Easement Ref:	Purpose	Width (metres)	Origin	Land Benefitted / In Favour Of
E-1	Sewerage	See Plan	This Plan	South East Water Corporation
E-1	Drainage	See Plan	This Plan	City of Greater Dandenong

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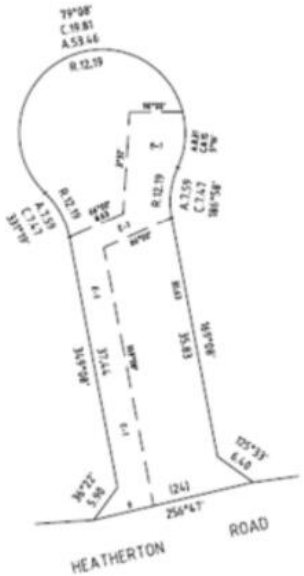

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 13 April 2023

File Id:	A9764384
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee on 13 April 2023

1. Report Summary

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. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the draft Minutes of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee meeting provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted and endorsed by Council.

3. Background and Proposal

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 Annual meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.

The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes, for noting and for endorsement (not adoption).

As such, the draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

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

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

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Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.

4.1 Community Vision 2040

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

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

4.2 Council Plan 2021-25

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four (4) years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city
- 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

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

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

The establishment of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee and the work that it undertakes gives particular consideration to the following overarching governance principles:

- priority is given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations (section 9(b) of the LGA2020);
- the municipal community is engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making – many advisory committees and reference groups have community members as participants (section 9(d) of the LGA2020);
- innovation and continuous improvement is pursued (section 9(e) of the LGA2020);
- collaboration with other councils, governments and statutory bodies is sought – many advisory committees and reference groups have representatives attending from these organisations (section 9(f) of the LGA2020);
- the ongoing financial viability of Council is ensured (section 9(g) of the LGA2020);
- regional, state and national plans and policies are taken into account in strategic planning and decision making – diverse representation within these groups ensures this occurs (section 9(h) of the LGA2020); and
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is ensured by this regular reporting mechanism (section 9(i) of the LGA2020).

6. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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

7. The *Gender Equality Act 2020*

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

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

The report does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles nor does it benefit any one (1) gender group over any other.

8. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

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

9. Recommendation

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

MINUTE 789

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Lana Formoso

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED

OTHER

DRAFT MINUTES OF POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

ATTACHMENT 1

POSITIVE AGEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2023

PAGES 4 (including cover)

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 13 April 2023 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:	Positive Ageing Advisory Committee (PAAC)
Date of Meeting:	13 April 2023
Time of Meeting:	1.30pm–3.30pm
Meeting Location:	Springvale Community Hub 5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale Community Rooms 6 Also via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:
Committee: Julie Klok (Chair), Erica Moulang, Lauris Attard, Maria Erdeg, Manager Community Care (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Coordinator Community Access (CGD), Positive Ageing Team Leader (CGD)

Apologies: Betty Gracias, Carol Drummond, Christine Green

Minutes: Positive Ageing Support Officer (CGD)

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	**Welcome & Apologies** *We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.* *We recognise and respect their continuing connections to Climate, Culture and Country and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey."* The Chair welcomed all present and apologies noted.		
2.	**Previous Minutes & Business Arising** February 2023 minutes were accepted – moved Lauris Attard and seconded Erica Mouland.		
3.	**Discussion regarding 2023 Seniors Festival** *Social Connection Survey* Coordinator Community Access reported that the Social Connections survey overwhelmingly showed that older residents preferred activities to be held on weekdays during daytime. This feedback will assist in the development of our Seniors Festival Program. The survey also identified that often social connections are lost due to leaving work/retiring or losing significant family members. Whilst the survey is still open, a buddy program is being developed for seniors who may require	Develop buddy program.	Positive Ageing

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 13 April 2023 (Cont.)

	extra support in attending any groups for the first time as a result of the feedback through the survey. *Types of Events and Activities to be offered* The date of the first event is Tuesday 9 October with the opening dance at Menzies Hall which can hold up to 400 guests. We are looking at charging $5 a head so that we can spread Council subsidy further. The festival will end on Friday 27 October with our Centenarian morning tea with the Mayor presenting at this special reception. Suggested library activities for the festival included scam watch, using apps, Grandparents reading to children, a crime speaker and technology classes level 1 and 2. *Most effective ways to promote Seniors Festival* The Positive Ageing "Living Well" Newsletter will have a bumper edition for the Seniors Festival. The library could also feature the festival on a podcast.	Organise Seniors festival events and activities. Promote Seniors Festival events.	Team Positive Ageing Team Leader and Library Services Team Positive Ageing Team
4.	**Update on Aged Care Reform** A copy of the Council Report on Aged Care Reform presented at Council on Tuesday 11 April was provided to the Committee. The Manager Community Care provided an overview of the proposed Commonwealth aged care reforms. Discussion was held on Council's role in aged care post June 2024. The guidelines for the new In-Home Support Program, currently referred to as the Support at Home Program are still unclear. An options paper will be presented to Council in August for the Councillors to consider what role Council plays in the delivery of aged care services post June 2024. As part of the development of the Options Paper, Council is committed to undertaking significant community consultation to ascertain the views of our community. The Manager Community Care advised that we should reassure people that any current funding they have will remain with them and they will have a choice of providers. The Coordinator Community Access advised the results of the consultation with clients who are in receipt of our Delivered Meals Service reported that clients were predominantly satisfied with the service with no significant feedback on how they would like the service improved.	Prepare options paper.	Manager Community Care
5.	**General Updates:** *CGD Positive Ageing Newsletter*		

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4.2.2 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 13 April 2023 (Cont.)

	The Manager Community Care suggested a story on receipts and traders only offering email receipts after a discussion with PAAC member where concerns were raised about being asked by traders for email addresses.	Develop information on consumer rights.	Positive Ageing Team
	Positive Ageing Team Leader to discuss with allied health providers regarding balance classes for seniors.	Contact allied health provider.	Positive Ageing Team Leader
	NARI Age Positive Language Pamphlet Pamphlet was distributed and discussed.		
	Community Bus Loop Trial Update Trial is starting in April with extra stops adding Parkmore Medical Centre and Home Co to the current list of stops. Home Co has multiple stores including Aldi, IGA and Chemist Warehouse.	Provide regular updates on the bus loop trial.	Positive Ageing Team Leader
	Council's Positive Ageing Strategy Achievements The Coordinator Community Access provided an update on the Positive Ageing Strategy 2017-2025 mid-point review with discussion on the summary of achievements at the end of 2022. Several activities and actions were delayed or redesigned due to the impacts of COVID-19. However, the core focus of the strategy remains the same, strengthening social connections through participation in a range of activities and groups. Work is underway to launch a Social Connections book in September. Community Care is planning to implement various Chatty Café models; within existing Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services and in partnership with neighbourhood houses.	Develop social connections book. Partner with neighbourhood house.	Positive Ageing Team Positive Ageing Team
6.	**Other Business** *Committee Vacancies* Vacancies were advertised in Living Well Newsletter, CGD website and word of mouth. There have been no new Committee applications received to date. The Manager Community Care advised that our previous director has resigned. Peta Gilles is starting next Monday as the new Director of Community Strengthening. The Chair queried if we could extend an invite to the CEO Jacqui to meet the Committee.	Invite CEO to PAAC meeting.	Manager Community Care
	Meeting Closed 3.30 pm		

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4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 April 2023

File Id:	A9764595
Responsible Officer:	Director Community Services
Attachments:	Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee on 17 April 2023

1. Report Summary

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. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the draft Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted and endorsed by Council.

3. Background and Proposal

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 Annual meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.

The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes, for noting and for endorsement (not adoption).

As such, the draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

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

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

The City of 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.

4.1 Community Vision 2040

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

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

4.2 Council Plan 2021-25

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four (4) years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city
- 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

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

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

The establishment of the Disability Advisory Committee and the work that it undertakes gives particular consideration to the following overarching governance principles:

- priority is given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations (section 9(b) of the LGA2020);
- the municipal community is engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making – many advisory committees and reference groups have community members as participants (section 9(d) of the LGA2020);
- innovation and continuous improvement is pursued (section 9(e) of the LGA2020);
- collaboration with other councils, governments and statutory bodies is sought – many advisory committees and reference groups have representatives attending from these organisations (section 9(f) of the LGA2020);
- the ongoing financial viability of Council is ensured (section 9(g) of the LGA2020);
- regional, state and national plans and policies are taken into account in strategic planning and decision making – diverse representation within these groups ensures this occurs (section 9(h) of the LGA2020); and
- the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is ensured by this regular reporting mechanism (section 9(i) of the LGA2020).

6. Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

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

7. The *Gender Equality Act 2020*

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

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

The report does not have the potential to influence broader social norms and gender roles nor does it benefit any one (1) gender group over any other.

8. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

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

9. Recommendation

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Disability Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

MINUTE 790

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

That Council notes the draft Minutes of meeting for the Disability Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED

OTHER

DRAFT MINUTES OF DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

ATTACHMENT 1

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2023

PAGES 4 (including cover)

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

4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 April 2023 (Cont.)

Advisory Committee or Reference Group Name:	Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 April 2023
Time of Meeting:	4.00pm–5.30pm
Meeting Location:	Dandenong Civic Centre - 225 Lonsdale St, Dandenong Meeting Room 2NE/NW Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Frank Cutuli (Chair), Deborah Lee, Sharon Harris, Norma Seip, Lyn Bates, Kristina Drmic, Manager Community Care (City of Greater Dandenong [CGD]), Acting Coordinator Community Access (CGD), Cr Long (CGD), Disability Planning Officer (CGD), Community Inclusion Officer (CGD)

Apologies: Tam Nguyen, Pradeep Hewavitharana, Catherine Rampant, Coordinator Community Access

Minutes: Business Support (Relief) & Project Officer (CGD)

Item No.	Item	Action	Action By
1.	**Welcome and Apologies** *We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.* *We recognise and respect their continuing connections to Climate, Culture and Country and we also pay our respects and acknowledge all Aboriginal peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey."* The Chair welcomed all present and apologises noted.		
2.	**Previous Minutes and Business Arising** No outstanding items.		
3.	**Shape Springvale** The Placemaking Officer provided a brief overview about the Shape Springvale consultation. Council is currently developing the Springvale Revitalisation Action Plan. A survey is currently open seeking feedback from the community on what they like about Springvale and how we can revitalise the area. DAC members were invited to provide undertake the survey which will help develop a draft Action Plan for review with community engagement.	Send Committee link to the consultation survey.	Disability Planning Officer
4.	**Update on Sports 4 All Project**		

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4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 April 2023 (Cont.)

	Recruitment has been completed for the position of the part-time Inclusion Coach with the successful candidate to commence next week. The role will focus on engaging with CGD sporting clubs and schools to roll out the Sport4All program. More information on the program can be found at https://sport4all.com.au/the-program/.	Invite the Inclusion Coach to the next meeting.	Coordinator Community Access
5.	**Aged Care Reform** The Manager Community Care advised that the Commonwealth government is planning to implement a new model for In-home Care Services from June 2024. Council is consulting with all stakeholders and the community on options for Council moving forward.	Provide regular updates.	Manager Community Care
6.	**CGD Disability Action Plan 2017-2023** The Disability Planning Officer presented a report on the achievements of the current Disability Action Plan (DAP) to date. This report aims to assist DAC members to understand the achievements from the current Plan that then informs the development of a new DAP to reflect the aspirations of local people with disabilities, their families, and carers. Council's Community Care team will work together with DAC members in the development of the new Disability Action Plan. DAC members provided feedback regarding the presentation.	Community Care Staff and DAC members to contribute to the DAP review process and development of new DAP.	Committee members
7.	**Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Transport Standards Review Update** The DDA Transport Standards are reviewed every five years. A link to a consultative survey was included in March's edition of the Access and Inclusion enewsletter. The review is now closed and updates on the results will be provided to DAC members.	Updates to be provided through Council's Disability Access and Inclusion e-newsletter.	Community Inclusion Officer
8.	**NDIS Updates/ Members Issues** *Robinson and Mason Streets Re-alignment* Council will deliver works to realign the southern portion of Robinson and Mason Streets from Scott Street to Walker Street. These works will improve connectivity, reduce congestion and improve circulation. Construction will take place from mid-May for a period of 12 weeks. *Uneven Footpaths* The issue of uneven footpaths along Stud Road was raised as a hazard by members using	For noting. Investigate uneven footpath issue.	Disability Planning

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4.2.3 Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting - 17 April 2023 (Cont.)

	wheelchairs. DAC members were encouraged to use the *Snap Send Solve App* to report such hazards to Council.		Officer
	Scramble Pedestrian Crossings Discussion took place regarding the lack of scramble pedestrian crossings in Greater Dandenong. Noting that overseas and interstate such crossings included timing devices to inform users of the time left to transverse the crossing.	Look into scramble pedestrian crossings in CGD.	Disability Planning Officer
	DAC Membership A new DAC member has been appointed and will be invited to the next meeting.	Send invitation to attend the next DAC meeting in June.	Coordinator Community Access
	Council Update Manager Community Care updated DAC members that a new Director of Community Strengthening has been appointed. Given that Council has also recently appointed a new CEO, DAC members requested they both be invited to the next DAC meeting.	Send invitation to the CEO and Director Community Strengthening to attend next DAC meeting.	Manager Community Care
Meeting Closed at 5.30pm			

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4.2.4 Chief Executive Officer's 100 Day Report – Reshaping Greater Dandenong

File Id:	A9747393
Responsible Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Reshaping Greater Dandenong

1. Report Summary

This report outlines the observations of Greater Dandenong City Council's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Jacqui Weatherill, during her first 100 days with the organisation. The report details the strengths and opportunities for Council, the challenges for both Greater Dandenong and the Local Government sector as a whole and provides a recommended roadmap to deliver on the Council Plan 2021-25 and create a foundation for Council's long-term success.

2. Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council note the CEO's 100 Day Report - Reshaping Greater Dandenong (Attachment 1) and endorses the recommended roadmap.

3. Background

As part of her initial discussions with Councillors on her appointment, the CEO committed to providing Council, staff and the community with a report on her first 100 days in the role. This report is designed to share her observations and insights into the organisation along with identifying key areas of focus which will assist Council to deliver on the Community Vision and its commitments in the Council Plan as well as providing a solid foundation for Council's future.

During the first 100 days valuable feedback has been received from many interactions with Councillors, staff, key stakeholders and community members. These discussions and the feedback received has influenced the creation of the recommended roadmap for action.

Local Government faces many challenges as a sector and Councils must be prepared to address these now and into the future. Rising costs and ageing assets are impacting our financial sustainability and the increase in community expectations and reliance on services places pressure on our workforce to deliver the required programs and initiatives. In today's climate it is also difficult to attract and retain staff and Councils must be competitive in the employment market to continue current levels of service.

At the Councillor and Executive Team Strategic Workshop held in February the challenges faced by the sector were discussed along with the challenges and opportunities specifically relevant to Greater Dandenong and its community. The 100 Day Report reflects these discussions and highlights three (3) key focus areas for future proofing our organisation and three (3) enablers to help us achieve this.

The focus areas are:

1. **People and culture**

   Our biggest asset as an organisation is our workforce and our goal is to empower them, attract and retain valuable skills and experience, increase our diversity and address our skills gaps.

2. **Financial sustainability**

   With rising costs and the effects of inflation we must adapt our thinking and review our future sustainability. To ensure we can maintain our ageing assets, invest in new infrastructure and deliver on our community vision we need to investigate new and sustainable revenue sources.

3. **Customer Experience**

   Our customers are at the core of everything we do and their experience with Council is a reflection of our success. Our goal is to create a customer centric culture and enhance the ways in which we obtain feedback on the quality of our service provision. We seek to ensure a variety of customer channels are available in order to provide ready access to Council information and services 24/7, delivered in a cost effective manner using contemporary digital technology, systems and processes.

To help us address our challenges there are three (3) key enablers which we need to invest in to be successful:

1. **Systems and processes**

   With greater integration and fit for purpose solutions we can increase our digital capability and efficiency which leads to an improved customer experience.

2. **Communications, engagement and advocacy**

   By providing meaningful engagement opportunities and communications tailored to our diverse community we can improve our community's access to decision making and trust in Council.

3. **Strategy and future planning**

   With a greater focus on planning for our future we improve our ability to adapt to challenges inside and outside of the Local Government sector. By aligning our strategies and our organisational structure we also ensure we have the skills and expertise to achieve our Community Vision for 2040.

The 100 Day report in Attachment 1 provides greater detail on our strengths as an organisation, the challenges we face, and the CEO's recommendations on how we can reshape our organisation to ensure our success now and into the future.

4. Proposal

That Council note the CEO's 100 Day Report - Reshaping Greater Dandenong in Attachment 1 and endorse the recommended roadmap.

5. Financial Implications

The exact financial implications associated with this report have yet to be determined. An estimate of $500,000 has been allocated in Council's Proposed Annual Budget 2023-24 and Long-Term Financial Plan. Further analysis and evaluation are required to ascertain the financial consequences. Should the amount exceed the current allocation, if approved by Council, it will be considered at Council's Mid Year Budget Review in December 2023.

6. Consultation

This report was influenced by the many meetings, conversations, forums and interactions held over the last four (4) months with Councillors, Council staff, community members, federal and state government representatives, and key stakeholder groups. There are also still many people to meet with over the coming months who play an important role in the City of Greater Dandenong.

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

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

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Our community is healthy, vibrant, innovative and creative.
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Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.

7.1 Community Vision 2040

This report is consistent with the Community Vision 2040 and its accompanying principles and outlines a roadmap which will strengthen the organisation's ability to deliver on this vision.

7.2 Council Plan 2021-25

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four (4) years. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives:

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

8. 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.

This report responds to all of the overarching principles contained within the Act:

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 is 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.

This report in alignment with the public transparency principles of the Act is being presented to a public Council meeting and will be placed on Council's website to enable community access.

The roadmap highlighted within the report integrates with the Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-25 and aims to increase Council's capacity to deliver the services and programs important to our community.

All projects and initiatives listed within the report will be subject to consideration of Council's existing and future budgets to ensure our resources continue to be responsibly managed.

9. 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 of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* has been considered in the preparation of this report but is not relevant to its contents. This report highlights observations, sector challenges and a recommended roadmap to further increase Council's capacity to deliver quality services and programs. The human rights of our community will be considered when developing specific actions which have an impact on the services provided by Council.

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

11. Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

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

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

Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy 2020-30 and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching governance principle on climate change and sustainability have been considered in the preparation of this report but are not relevant to its contents.

12. Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

This report and its contents will impact on Council's future planning and strategic focus including financial sustainability and the customer experience and is related to the Workforce Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan.

13. Recommendation

That Council note the CEO's 100 Day Report – Reshaping Greater Dandenong and endorses the recommended roadmap as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.

MINUTE 791

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

That Council note the CEO's 100 Day Report – Reshaping Greater Dandenong and endorses the recommended roadmap as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED

POLICY AND STRATEGY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S 100 DAY REPORT

ATTACHMENT 1

RESHAPING GREATER DANDENONG

PAGES 7 (including cover)

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GREATER DANDENONG
City of Opportunity

RESHAPING GREATER DANDENONG

May 2023

Prepared by Jacqui Weatherill

OVERVIEW

The City of Greater Dandenong is a municipality rich with diversity and located in an area which has considerable economic benefit on a state and federal level. Whilst I have spent many years in local government as a Director and CEO this city has many new and interesting challenges unique to its diverse community and I look forward to providing leadership and guidance to Council in addressing these.

Greater Dandenong is well placed to be a sector leader in the provision of inclusive, high-quality services for multicultural communities.

Whilst Greater Dandenong is Australia's most culturally diverse municipality it is also part of the southeast Melbourne region which is one of the country's most important economic centres and houses a national employment and innovation cluster. Over 50 per cent of our rates income is from commercial and industrial so meeting the needs of both residents and businesses is critical. To do this requires strong partnerships, clear strategies and a focus on planning for our future.

I committed to Council that I would present them with a report of my first 100 days with Greater Dandenong which includes my observations, the challenges we are facing as an organisation and the key areas we have an opportunity to strengthen in order to drive the delivery of our Council Plan.

My focus for the first 100 days has been to understand the organisation and the community it serves and seek to highlight areas of opportunity to further enhance the quality of the services we provide.

I have met with our workforce to seek their opinions on the issues, challenges and opportunities facing the City of Greater Dandenong and they raised a number of topics regarding culture, work/life balance, and community,

The three most consistent themes across the sessions were:

1.Communication, in particular the value of cross collaboration.

2.Technology and the critical need to have fit for purpose technology solutions.

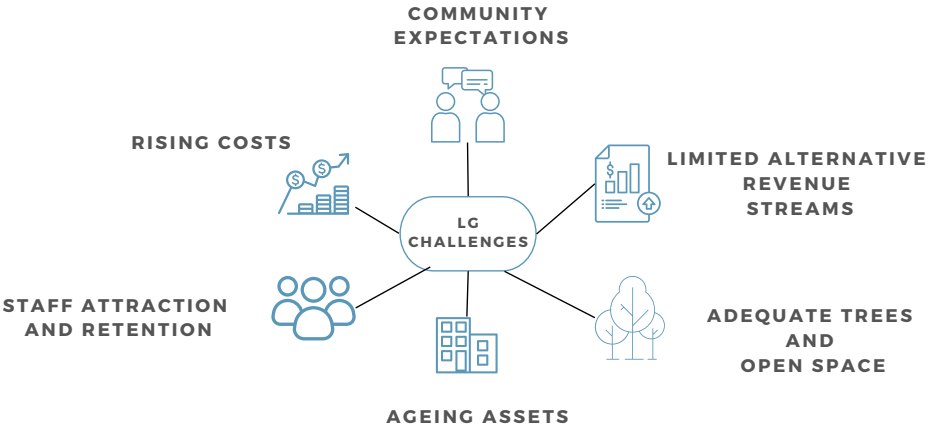
3.Financial sustainability, and the real need for additional resources to meet the needs of the community.

I have also undertaken a number of site visits, spent time on the phones in Customer Service, toured our parks and gardens, and rode with the sweepers in our cleansing team.

Meeting with key stakeholders to build positive relationships has been a priority and I have spent time with many people over the past six months including community organisation representatives, local business owners, State and Federal Government MPs and staff from neighbouring Councils who face many of the same challenges as us.

CHALLENGES

The local government landscape has changed and business as usual no longer exists. We face various challenges, financially, socially and environmentally, and these will continue to evolve over the next few years. These include:



The commitment to delivering on our current Council Plan and its strategic objectives continues but it is evident that a number of areas are still in need of improvement. The key topics discussed at the Councillor and Executive Team planning day were:

- under resourcing in areas which impact the organisation's reputation and readiness for the future
- the need for a more strategic, future focussed approach to planning
- increasing the effectiveness of how we manage our community's expectations and enhancing the ways in which we engage with them
- the desire for a cohesive, inclusive and high performing culture which unifies Councillors and officers.

Greater Dandenong has been delivering highly valued services and support to the community for decades. With the increasing challenges, in particular our financial viability, we need to develop forward thinking strategies, embrace new and innovative ways to engage, and streamline our systems and processes. Strengthening these will enable Council to build a stronger foundation to deliver on our focus areas.

To do this we will concentrate on six areas which will help us deliver on our Council Plan and Community Vision.

WHAT WE WILL FOCUS ON

A ROADMAP FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

PEOPLE AND CULTURE

- Attracting and retaining highly skilled staff.
- Empowering our people
- Resourcing the organisation to enhance our connection to the community and provide a quality customer experience
- Implementing an organisational structure which aligns with our strategic direction
- Investigating new models of employment within our local community to provide opportunities for residents.
- Increasing the diversity of our workforce to better reflect our community.
- Understanding our expertise and skills gaps.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Reviewing Council's financial sustainability and investigating new opportunities to increase Council's revenue stream through partnerships and government advocacy.
- Driving efficiency and determining where we are able to reduce costs.
- Undertaking a review of Council's services and implementing a staged improvement program.

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

- Making the customer the centre of everything we do.
- Providing culturally accessible services
- Enhancing our digital technology and implementing the new Customer portal.
- Investigating alternative options for customer feedback.

4.2.4 Chief Executive Officer's 100 Day Report – Reshaping Greater Dandenong (Cont.)

SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

- Continuing to ensure the security of our data.
- Increasing the speed of decision making.
- Integrating our systems and updating our digital technology to improve the speed and efficiency of our processes.
- Progressing our target to be a paperless organisation by 2026.

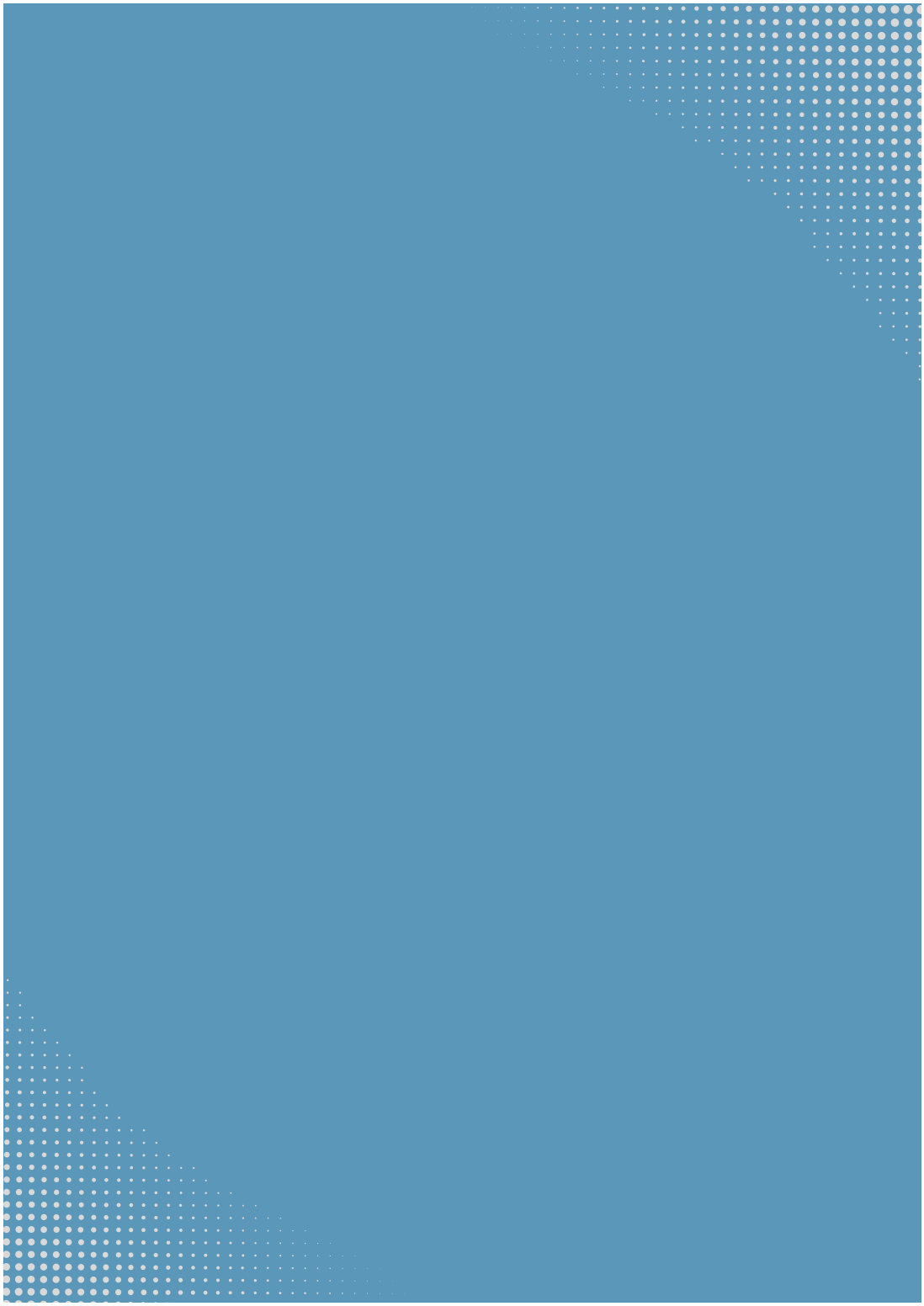
COMMUNICATIONS, ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

- Undertaking community engagement processes which are designed with our community.
- Increasing our advocacy to help fund major projects.
- Developing a Community Engagement Resourcing Plan to enhance the way we engage with our community.
- Investigating translation software options and strategies to enhance our translation services.
- Exploring options for enhancing communication and engagement through the Greater Dandenong Council News magazine.

STRATEGY AND FUTURE PLANNING

- Strengthening our future planning.
- Ensuring alignment between our strategies and the community vision.
- Being transparent and accountable for our strategic direction.
- Reviewing Council's performance measures.
- Developing a set of organisational KPI's which track progress against the recommendations of this report.

4.2.4 Chief Executive Officer's 100 Day Report – Reshaping Greater Dandenong (Cont.)



4.2.5 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id:	qA283304
Responsible Officer:	Manager Governance
Attachments:	Correspondence Received 15-26 May 2023

1. Report Summary

Subsequent to resolutions made by Council on 11 November 2013 and 25 February 2014 in relation to a listing of incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 provides a list of this correspondence for the period 15-26 May 2023.

2. Recommendation

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 15-26 May 2023 be received and noted.

MINUTE 792

Moved by: Cr Lana Formoso
Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim OAM

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 15-26 May 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED

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

OTHER

LIST OF REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

ATTACHMENT 1

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED 15-26 MAY 2023

PAGES 3 (including cover)

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

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

Objective
CONNECTED. COLLABORATIVE. COMMUNITY.

Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 15/05/23 & 26/05/23 - for officer action - total = 2

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
A complaint from a resident regarding rough sleepers and anti-social behaviours around Coles in Noble Park and Noble Park Aquatic Centre.	17-May-23	17-May-23	fA276856	Mayor and Councillors EA
Concern from a new resident of Dandenong regarding the number of beggars and vagrants in the Dandenong CBD.	18-May-23	19-May-23	fA277152	Mayor and Councillors EA

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

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

Objective
CONNECTED. COLLABORATIVE. COMMUNITY.

Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 15/05/23 & 26/05/23 - for information only - total = 4

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Currently Assigned
An invitation to the Mayor and Cr Jim Memeti from the Afghan Community Support Group Inc to attend its grand opening ceremony on 20 May 2023.	12-May-23	15-May-23	A9789980 A9789984	Mayor and Councillors EA
A letter to the Mayor from the Minister for Planning advising of the Minister's approval for Amendment C233gdan to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme.	15-May-23	16-May-23	A9796752	Mayor and Councillors EA
An email to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor regarding people (censored) who should not be permitted in Dandenong.	16-May-23	16-May-23	A9798454	Mayor and Councillors EA
A request for Council to support a homeless person of Noble Park whose partner was seriously injured in a hit-and-run on 20 May 2023.	23-May-23	26-May-23	A9832507	Mayor and Councillors EA

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5 NOTICES OF MOTION

5.1 Notice of Motion No. 31 - Public Consultation on Proposed Changes (by Keysborough Golf Club) to the Urban Growth Boundary and the zoning of its land, Cnr Hutton and Springvale Rds, Keysborough

This item was deferred at the Council Meeting held on 22 May 2023 to allow Councillors and Council officers to further discuss the item. A discussion was held with the Keysborough Golf Club at the Councillor Briefing Session held on 29 May 2023 and the item is now tabled again for consideration.

File Id:	
Responsible Officer:	Director City Planning Design & Amenity
Author:	Cr Rhonda Garad

Preamble

The current Keysborough Golf Club proposes to locate its new Golf Course adjacent to a proposed sports hub located off Pillars Rd, Bangholme which they propose to be donated to Council in the future.

The Club wants to develop their current site into a residential development. Their current site is zoned Green Wedge A and sits outside of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). To enable residential development would require the rezoning of their current site out of the Green Wedge. Rezoning, and the subsequent moving of the Urban Growth Boundary, would require Ministerial approval and a Parliamentary amendment.

There may be multiple impacts of this proposal on residents in Keysborough South if this area is rezoned and residential development occurs. With Council being in discussions with both the club and the State Government about this proposal, it is both critical and fair and reasonable that residents are enabled to provide feedback to Council on their views.

5.1 Notice of Motion No. 31 - Public Consultation on Proposed Changes (by Keysborough Golf Club) to the Urban Growth Boundary and the zoning of its land, Cnr Hutton and Springvale Rds, Keysborough (Cont.)

Motion

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2. **the consultation will include information from Council being provided to residents on potential impacts, including but not limited to, the proposed scale of residential development, the reduction of the Green Wedge, infrastructure, environment and traffic management;**

3. **this information will be delivered to households via an Australia Post (stamped) letter from Council;**

4. **accessible feedback options will be provided including online (survey, Have your Say), in-person (local representatives), written and verbal formats;**

5. **translation of this material will be provided on request; and**

6. **the feedback will be collated and presented in summary form in a report to a Council meeting by the end of August 2023 at the latest, with individual feedback as an appendix to the Council report.**

MINUTE 793

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

That Councillor Sean O'Reilly be granted a minute extension to speak to the item.

CARRIED

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CARRIED

For Motion: Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Angela Long, Cr Eden Foster, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Richard Lim OAM, Cr Jim Memeti.

Against Motion: Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Tim Dark.

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6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Question
Cr Jim Memeti

The Safer Streets program was launched in October 2022 and has now stopped. It was my understanding that the money raised from the parking meters in Dandenong was going to fund this program. Can we please have an update on this?

Response
Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

We will provide an update at a forthcoming meeting.

Question
Cr Jim Memeti

When will the government provide the plans to Council from the LXRP regarding this evening's queries around the Progress Street crossing removal?

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

We are expecting the full design package within the month. Our engineers will go through a detailed assessment and then we can meet with the community to outline our concerns that we have already passed on to the LXRP. We can then bring that back to a Councillor Briefing Session to understand what the next steps should be.

Question
Cr Tim Dark

Can we please have an update on what is happening with the childcare centre on Chapel Road, Keysborough? In relation to the planning, compliance and cars. I have received complaints from residents nearby who have had their driveways blocked by tradespeople. As it is in the final stages, it appears the tradespeople are not following what Council have previously advised.

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

We will revisit the issue and try to make sure that behaviour is modified and provide you with some feedback.

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

Question
Cr Tim Dark

I had a phone call from a resident in Sunnyvale Crescent, Keysborough about speed humps. I am aware that we secured blackspot funding for Bloomfield Road, Keysborough. Have we submitted a blackspot funding request for Sunnyvale Crescent? Have we looked at any potential road treatments to try and slow vehicles down?

Cr Lana Formoso left the Chamber at 8.14pm

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

This question is taken on notice.

Question
Cr Tim Dark

I have been made aware that there are two items that are incorrect on the Honour Roll Screen in the front entrance of the Civic Centre. The first being the picture of the 2nd Springvale Scout Group is of a different scout group. Also the photo of one of our living treasures, Joe Rechichi, is not correct. Can these please be updated?

Response
Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

This question is taken on notice.

Question
Cr Tim Dark

I want to congratulate Bryan Ross from the 2nd Springvale Scout Group who has just been announced as a group leader. Could we please write a letter to the previous group leader, who has been in the role for over 40 years and is now retired. I think after 40 years of serving the community it is worthwhile that we have some sort of celebration.

Cr Lana Formoso returned to the Chamber at 8.17pm
Cr Tim Dark left the meeting at 8.17pm

Response
Eden Foster, Mayor

Yes a letter will be sent.

Comment
Cr Richard Lim OAM

On Tuesday 23 May 2023, I attended the Greater Dandenong Volunteer Expo hosted by the Greater Dandenong Volunteer Resource Service.

On Wednesday 24 May 2023, I attended a Mother's Day celebration hosted by the Vietnamese Australian Senior Association of Victoria.

On Thursday 25 May 2023, I had a meeting with Major Warren Elliot and Ms Leanne Wong from the Salvation Army regarding the Multicultural Red Shield Appeal.

On Friday 26 May 2023, I attended the 2023 Sportsbet Sandown Cup at Greyhound Racing Club.

On Monday 29 May 2023, I attended the 15th Anniversary Celebration of Vietnamese Freedom Day Club at the RSL in Dandenong.

On Wednesday 31 May 2023, I visited the Friends of Refugees office with Peta Gillies, Director Community Strengthening. We had a discussion with the Chief Executive Officer, Sri Samy, regarding future funding from different sources.

On Thursday 1 June 2023, I attended the 2023 Real Estate and Developer Forum.

On Saturday 3 June 2023, I attended the International Bamboo Conference hosted by Australian Bamboo World Pty Ltd at Australian Research Institute for Bamboo Industry Incorporated. I made a speech supporting and advocating for a green living environment by using bamboo instead of plastic.

Question
Cr Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor

Melbourne City have contacted me regarding a blue pitch application for George Street, Dandenong. They have said it is taking a long time and they are keen to have that up and running so the youth can start using it. Are there any updates on this?

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

This is the first time I have heard of any delays. It may be weather related. I will take that question on notice.

Question
Cr Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor

My question is regarding hooning in Coolavin Road, Noble Park North. I have raised this on several occasions with nothing being done about it. The residents have been told to call police or provide registrations but as it is being done in the middle of the night, this is quite hard. Is there something Council can do to assess the situation and come up with a solution?

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

We will investigate this but would like to reiterate that hooning is a Victoria Police matter. We can bring this up in our meeting with them. They do have programs to follow up in areas where hooning takes place.

Comment
Cr Lana Formoso, Deputy Mayor

I appreciate that response, it is the same one that we constantly get. This is a court between two streets, and I think that, as Council, we could put some sort of device there to be able to prevent this from happening. It has been going on for over two years now. People are terrified, and it is keeping people up at night.

Comment
Cr Angela Long

On Wednesday 24 May 2023, I attended the Roadsafe South East online meeting.

On Friday 26 May 2023, I attended the Sandown Greyhound Sandown Cup.

On Tuesday 30 May 2023, I attended an online meeting of the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.

On Thursday 1 June 2023, I attended the 2023 Real Estate and Developers Forum at the Springvale Supper Room.

I would like to inform Council that Don Bergman's wife, Audrey, passed away today. Mr Bergman OAM is a long time respected resident of Noble Park and the Noble Park RSL. He served in the Vietnam War. This year would have been their 73rd wedding anniversary.

Question
Cr Sophie Tan

Community consultation for the Black Spot Road Safety Project on Bloomfield Road, Noble Park commenced 22 May 2023 and 500 mailouts have been sent to the owner occupiers. Did we receive feedback from the residents on this project and when is the start date?

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

The consultation has just ended and we received five or six submissions. There was one particular comment from a resident who brought up 'waste of money'. Majority were in support and wanting to know the timing of the works. Once we are clear on the consultation, we will review the comments and we then may have to go back to clarify some points. I have directed that this occur before we start construction. Construction will commence once we are satisfied with the feedback from the residents.

Question
Cr Sophie Tan

There are a lot of potholes on Corrigan Road, Keysborough, from Heatherton toward Chapman Road, Keysborough. When will they be inspected and fixed in this area?

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Depending on the weather, we do a patch that lasts for a couple of weeks before we program a permanent patch. If you do get concerns or see any in the streets, please send them through. It does not take much for the rain to create additional potholes, especially with the level of traffic. Potholes on roads that fall under the control of the Department of Transport, we will forward directly onto them and ask to follow up as quickly as possible.

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

For many years' residents in Keysborough South have complained of problems that have cost them many thousands of dollars to repair damage, from particular trees planted by Council on their nature strips. They have had to replace water pumps, paving, and their own infrastructure within their front yards. They were told repeatedly that the Council would not remove the trees. This has been happening for the last 10 years. Given the history, why is Council choosing to replant the nature strip trees with the same species (Brachychiton populneus), despite the complaints and costs incurred by residents?

Response
Paul Kearsley, Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects

Brachychiton populneus, common name Kurrajong tree, is the designated street tree species for this area and are endorsed by Council as a preferred species. The issues you have raised are significant and I have asked for this matter to be reviewed. There are only three (3) tree related enquiries for this street in the last three (3) years and one (1) insurance claim. However, I will seek further clarity as to why we are putting the same tree back.

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

Council is assisting the Keysborough Golf Club and Intrapac Property in the proposed rezoning and redevelopment of the Keysborough Golf Club. Should the proposal go through, Council will receive 71 acres for a sporting hub at no cost, substantial developer contributions, and ongoing rates and charges from up to 1100 dwellings.

Is there a perceived conflict of interest for Council when advocating for the rezoning for the movement of the Urban Growth Boundary?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

Officers are not assisting the Keysborough Golf Club or Intrapac Property in the collation of any form of documentation or material. Anything being done is by them without any reference to or assistance from Council.

All development in the City, including planning permits or rezonings ultimately benefits Council by way of rates, including developer contributions and other infrastructure investment. Should the Keysborough Golf Club proceed with their proposal this will be managed in accordance with all statutory requirements and will not present a conflict of interest.

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

Can you confirm if both the current Keysborough Golf Course site and the proposed new site for the Golf course and sporting hub are located within the buffer zone of the Eastern Treatment Plant, and if so, what are the associated risks involved to people and facilities?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

The Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 3 within the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme sets out the buffer distance from the Eastern Treatment Plant. Any sites within this area may still be developed, however they require referral to, and approval by Melbourne Water. The existing Keysborough Golf Club at 55 Hutton Road, Keysborough is located outside of this buffer area, however the proposed sports hub is located partially within the buffer. Any proposal on the proposed sports hub site would require referral to, and approval from Melbourne Water prior to any planning permit potentially being issued. When assessing the referral, Melbourne Water would consider any potential impacts on people and facilities.

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

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

According to Council's current Green Wedge Management Plan, the proposed site for the proposed sporting hub is in a flood plain. Flooding that is described in our own management plan as increasing due to a range of factors including climate change.

What are the likely risks to infrastructure and development in the area, and what ongoing costs might the Council incur to maintain the sporting hub?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

This is a question which cannot be answered at this stage. All technical and risk assessments will be based on the detailed proposal submitted at the time by the club, should the proposal proceed to that stage. Assessments on hydrology, water velocity, inundation and so forth, form a part of a detailed planning report which at this stage I cannot make any comments on.

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

I have met with over 20 residents who have been subject to extreme and persistent crime, with over 10 houses broken into in a three-week period, and three of those were aggravated burglaries. One resident was carjacked, and then run over. The residents are distressed and concerned. They have tried to get the attention of the authorities as they want to know how to protect themselves. They want to know what the risk is, why it has spiked, and they want support. On behalf of those residents, can Council approach Victoria Police and the relevant authorities to speak to these people and provide them with some reassurance and assistance.

Response
Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

I have a meeting tomorrow with Victoria Police. I will let Councillors know what the outcome of that discussion is.

Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

With the Climate Emergency declaration, our vulnerable community needs more support due to increased barriers such as language and financial resources.

Apart from funding the Sustainability Festival, what other financial support does Council provide to implement the Climate Emergency Strategy and the new Climate Change Community Engagement and Mobilisation Plan, to address the increased barriers faced by our vulnerable community?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

Council has allocated annual funding for implementation of the Climate Emergency Declaration and Climate Emergency Strategy to support our vulnerable community to adapt and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. A recent example of this is the climate change and disability forum which brought together people with lived experience, community service organisations and emergency management stakeholders to discuss better inclusion of people with disabilities into climate risk planning.

Council also works with key stakeholders such as Solar Victoria and Better Building Finance to assist our community to access grants and other funding mechanisms for energy efficiency upgrades, improve climate resilience and reducing emissions. Officers are also constantly searching for alternative funding mechanisms and advocating to the State and Federal Governments for resources to better assist our community in this space.

Further Question
Cr Rhonda Garad

Could we have details of those initiatives please?

Response
Jody Bosman, Director City Planning, Design & Amenity

We will provide those details.

Comment
Cr Eden Foster, Mayor

On Tuesday 23 May 2023, I attended the Volunteer Expo that was hosted by the Greater Dandenong Volunteer Resource Service as part of Volunteer Week.

On Wednesday 24 May 2023, I attended the Vietnamese Australian Senior Association of Victoria Mother's Day celebration.

On Thursday 25 May 2023, I attended the opening and blessing of the new administration building at my old primary school, St Anthony's in Noble Park. Later that day, along with Councillor Rhonda Garad, I attended the Keysborough South Community Hub sod turning ceremony.

On Friday 26 May 2023, I attended the Noble Park Suburban Revitalisation Board Meeting as well as the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Meeting. Later that day I also attended the 2023 Sportsbet Sandown Cup (Greyhounds).

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

On Sunday 27 May 2023, I attended the 100th Dandenong parkrun with Councillor Rhonda Garad. We did not run, but we walked. I encourage residents to get out there and make your move, whether it is running, walking or strolling, do it your way, but get out there and get active.

On Sunday 28 May 2023, I attended the annual Scottish Heritage Day hosted by the Dandenong Agricultural & Pastoral Society. It was fantastic to see the winning prize horse. Later that day, I attended the Walk of Unity hosted by local churches in Harmony Square, this was part of Pentecost Sunday.

On Monday 29 May 2023, I attended the Victorian Aboriginal Childcare Agency Reconciliation Week celebration, as well as the Greater Dandenong City Reconciliation week celebration. The smoking ceremonies are beautiful, but it might have contributed to my asthma and cough today.

On Wednesday 31 May 2023, I attended the planting at Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve, I encourage residents in the Springvale South area to explore this wonderful gem that we have. It is tucked away on MacKay Street, Springvale South. It is a beautiful space and you can learn so much about our environment.

On Sunday 4 June 2023, I attended the Fotheringham Reserve Planting Day. We had people as far as Craigieburn and Essendon come to help plant over 2,000 shrubs. It is a great opportunity to connect with locals, people outside of our municipality, but also with nature. I want to say a big thank you to the Greater Dandenong City staff for putting this together and also for our staff who volunteered. I encourage our residents to get involved in these planting days across our municipality.

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

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
22/05/23 CQT1	Cr Rhonda Garad	**Air pollution study results** A recent national study by the Centre for Air Pollution, Energy and Health Research, found that Dandenong has one of the highest levels of small particulate matter pollution in the City of Melbourne, particularly around the Dandenong South area, which we know contributes significantly to heart disease, cardiovascular disease, neurological disease and adverse pregnancy outcomes. In 2020, Councillor Jim Memeti and I moved a motion that we would form a taskforce. The taskforce was an intergovernmental community and expert taskforce. Where are we at in the formation of that taskforce? Why has Council not also pushed for real time monitoring, regardless of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) response? Will Council push for longitudinal health data to understand their health impacts on our residents?	Director City Planning Design and Amenity	05/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** As previously reported, the Mayor has written to a number of ministers in this regard, as have Council officers. In a recent meeting with the regional manager for the EPA, Council officers again expressed the request to establish a taskforce to tackle air quality in our city, as well as to undertake real time monitoring. The EPA was not supportive and asserts that both historical and current data does not support the proposal. As the EPA are the accredited agency for monitoring air and water quality in Victoria, it is important to have their input or representation in any proposed taskforce. To date, through the data they have collected via the live monitoring station located in Dandenong and regular investigations of the industrial businesses in the Dandenong South area, there has been no evidence to support air pollutants that will cause detrimental health effects or impact air quality in Dandenong. This was also dismissed in a report conducted by the EPA in 2012 and through the continual monitoring of Dandenong since that time. As such, the advice we are receiving from the EPA is that there is currently no risk and that the air quality has improved since 2012, and therefore, there is no requirement to create a taskforce. The EPA will look to inform the Council of the data they have in relation to air quality in the first quarter of the financial year 2023-

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					2024. Dandenong has real time air quality monitoring devices located at the Dandenong Showground and at Greaves Reserve. Live and historical data of these devices can be found online at www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch. Council officers requested that the EPA communicate this data and position formally with Council and with the community to assist in alleviating any concerns. The EPA have agreed to convey information to Council in the first quarter of the Financial Year 23/24, and then with the community following that meeting. In addition to the above engagement with the EPA as the key agency in this exercise, Council officers will continue with engagement of other agencies which might be able to assist in other elements of achieving this outcome. **Further response provided 05/06/23:** Further to the Council meeting of 22 May 2023, officers met with the EPA on Friday 2 June 2023 and I now have the latest information to provide in follow-up to your question. Firstly I can assure you that EPA and Council officers remain committed to reducing environmental impacts on our community in relation to air pollution. As previously indicated there have been numerous combined multi-departmental investigations into nuisance sites

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					throughout the City over the last three years, with particular focus on the Dandenong South area. The EPA have confirmed that they are supportive of establishing a taskforce to reduce harmful air quality impacts on our community and have confirmed their commitment to assisting in seeing such a taskforce established. However, there needs to be credible scientific data to assist with the establishment of the taskforce to ensure that there is a specific and quantifiable problem we are looking to solve. As a first action, the EPA are looking to gather air quality data over the first quarter of the new financial year using their new air quality monitoring vehicle. This vehicle will be deployed to drive around Keysborough and Dandenong South areas and is equipped with the "smoketrak" device that allows measurement of PM2.5 levels, similar to the 2018 data you have commented on. This will provide elements of the longitudinal data you are seeking, and the EPA will then assess this data and present to Council and the Executive the findings of their investigation. The data referred to in the Guardian newspaper article of 4 May 2023 (from the Centre of Air Pollution, Energy & Health Research Team) gathered in 2018, does not actually show Dandenong South as having one of the highest levels of small particulate matter pollution in the city of Melbourne. Nonetheless, there needs to be the gathering of contemporary data and

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					a full impact health analysis of it and what that might mean for the respective State and local government agencies. While this is being pursued, the combined efforts of the EPA, Council and other State agencies are undertaking regular investigations of over 200 sites in our City and adjoining councils to reduce environmental harm to our community. This work will continue now and into the future while Council officers continue to pursue the establishment of the taskforce. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT2	Cr Rhonda Garad	**Alleged illegal sex services** Residents have reported that a residential property has commenced providing sexual services in the Keysborough area. Can the Council confirm if this is still illegal until the decimalisation of sex work in December?	Director City Planning Design and Amenity	05/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** Currently in all residential zones, a brothel is a prohibited use and cannot gain a permit to operate in accordance with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. With the pending decriminalization of sex work legislation, sex work from home will be permitted under the same provisions as any work from home provisions currently in the Victoria Planning provisions. Like any home-based business, it will need to comply with the conditions that protect the amenity of the adjoining properties, including such parameters as noise, odours and hours of operation. **Further response provided 05/06/23:** Officers have been in touch with Cr Rhonda Garad on this matter and as more specific information becomes available, further action will be taken. No further action at this stage. **COMPLETED**

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

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22/05/23 CQT3	Cr Rhonda Garad	**Perry Road, Keysborough** How is Council regularly keeping residents of Keysborough informed of the timelines and impacts of the expansion of Perry Road, Keysborough?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	31/05/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** Council officers are working through the traffic management strategy for these works with the contractor. At this stage we are in the process of determining the exact dates and how much of the work can be undertaken by maintaining through-traffic or road closure with a detour. We still plan to trial a temporary closure of Keys Road to through-traffic during any period where heavier traffic volumes may consider Keys Road as a detour. Any properties directly affected by the works (either within the works area or on the Keys Road / Chapel Road route where we are considering a trial closure) would receive letter drops in advance of the works with details. Prior to any periods where a section of Perry Road may be closed to through traffic, depending on the nature of the work undertaken, variable message board trailers would be in place on the road at least one week in advance. I anticipate being able to clarify more detail as we get closer to the commencement of the works. **Further response provided 31/05/23**: At this stage we are finalising procurement for Stage 1 of the construction project which is between Greens Road and Pacific Drive. Project information and tentative construction commencement date is available in Council website and can be found here. After appointment of the

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					construction contractor, website will be updated to provide more accurate and specific dates for planned construction activities. Directly impacted residents and businesses will receive notification via letter drops, and Variable Message Sign (VMS) Boards will be installed to inform wider community and road users at least 1 week in advance. Council Officers will work closely with appointed contractor to minimise the impact of construction works to possible extent. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT4	Cr Rhonda Garad	**Trees cut down in Dandenong** Regarding the trees being chopped down in Dandenong that was raised earlier. I am seeking clarification as we have had three trees being chopped down in the last week by different residents. Are those three trees of the seven trees, that we were informed were the only trees that were going to be chopped down in that area?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	31/05/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** The information I have is that the three is actually two trees and that they are in addition to the arrangements that were made previously with the consultation. However, I will seek clarification on that. You must understand that when an arborist undertakes inspections of any tree, regardless of a previous agreement, when it is based on risk and that risk assessment is deemed that the tree should be removed as per Council policy, they will be removed. As I indicated with regards to the question that was raised, the concern I have is what level of consultation was undertaken with the residents. **Further response provided 31/05/23:** I can advise that last week 2 trees were removed on Hemmings Street, Dandenong, as part of normal tree assessment operations.

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					The trees were identified by our contractor as being of poor quality and low useful life expectancy as part of our pre-inspection for the 2 year cyclic pruning works for this area. Upon follow up inspection by a qualified arborist, this was confirmed with the trees meeting Council's removal criteria. The removals were also supported as part of actions identified in Council's Urban Tree Strategy – Greening Our City. The trees were then scheduled for removal and for replacement in the 2024 planting season. The trees, 2x Prickly-leaved Paperbark (Melaleuca stypheliodes), were located in Hemmings Street. As per our standard notification process, residents were provided notification by way of "works card" in the letter box. The recent removal of the 2 trees was not part of the previous agreement, when Council presented its program of streetscape improvements. After community consultation a modified approach was taken and at a CBS, *Option 4: Fill in the gaps (15 trees) and remove and replace the poor quality trees along Hemmings Street and Weller Street – 17 trees* – was the option chosen. In addition the presentation also noted: *Ongoing – Trees to be replaced in future years in accordance with the Street Tree Strategy.* The removal of trees and replanting is likely to occur over time due the age and

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					type of tree as set out in Council's policy and tree removal criteria. A risk assessment plays a crucial role in this decision. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT5	Cr Rhonda Garad	**Proposed pedestrian overpass at the Calibre development** Regarding the proposed pedestrian over-path that has been long proposed between the residential zone and Woolworths in Keysborough South. The pedestrian path was proposed to be along where it is now a Calibre development. Why did Council not negotiate to maintain that pedestrian path and why did they allow the Calibre development to build over that proposed path? Why was there no consultation and why was I not informed, as a Councillor, at least?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	30/05/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** I understand that you have received some information on this particular matter from Lucas Sikiotis, Manager Transport and Civil Development. Part of that conversation has led to an understanding that there is an internal review with regards to the nature of why that pedestrian path was not put in place when the Woolworths development took place. A meeting is to be held soon and then once that has occurred, we will then be meeting with you in order to outline processes and why it did or did not happen. **Further response provided 30/05/23:** While a further meeting with yourself and officers is proposed, the following information is a brief summary of this matter. Due to a number of complexities with the Keysborough South Development Plan (mostly associated with the history of the site now developed by Calibre and a previous intention that this site be part of the primary school) it was determined that Councils grounds for requesting a path through this site were not sufficient. This is detailed to some extent in the planning report for the Calibre development – a copy of which can be provided to you at

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					our upcoming meeting. Our Statutory Planning officers would be able to discuss further if required. As a result of this, Council officers are currently pursuing an alternative route which would connect in through the east of the Woolworths site through the Melbourne Water land. Most of the anticipated cost of the footpath connection is associated with a bridge within the Melbourne Water land. While we are reviewing the alignment of this, costs are likely to be comparable / very similar to previously considered alignments. The construction costs for the bridge have always been expected to come from the Keysborough South Open Space Contributions provided by developers, which are not attributable to a single developer. Any additional costs associated with the new alignment would be the result of short sections of additional path through the Melbourne Water land – and funding should be available through the Open Space Contributions or our Active Transport Infrastructure Program. Officers will take you through plans of the new alignment and discuss timing etc. at the upcoming meeting. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT7	Cr Sophie Tan	**Road safety in Noble Park** There are ongoing accidents on Chandler Road, Noble Park. Are there any updates from the Department of Transport regarding the safety concerns I	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	30/05/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** I will take that question on notice and confirm with our traffic engineers if they have received any recent advice from the Department of Transport.

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		have raised in the past?			**Further response provided 30/05/23:** Council raised this matter with the Department of Transport in 2022 following a request from a resident. Our own review highlighted a number of minor accidents. However, we did not expect this to be considered a high priority for the Department given the limited accident history compared with other sites – certainly for high cost treatments such as signalisation. We also provided a copy of the residents enquiry to the Department and advised the resident we recommended he also contact the Department directly. While the Department advised they would investigate, Council officers are not aware of the outcome of any investigation or response to the resident. The Department has been through a major restructure since then, however our officers have recently reached out again seeking an update following your question. We will contact you once we've received a response from the Department. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT8	Cr Lana Formoso	**Correspondence to MP** Can Mayor Eden Foster please respond to Melissa Horne MP regarding a letter that I had asked you to write to her dated 25 May 2023, in relation to the Stud Road crossing. I hope that that is in tomorrow night's budget. If we could also ask her, once again, what the movement with this request is, because I am not	Mayor	05/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** I will take this question on notice. **Further response provided 05/06/23:** Letter under consideration. **COMPLETED**

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		sure through that letter that she was understanding of the fact that it is a shovel-ready project. I did not understand her response. As well as Jacksons Road. We are asking the minister's office to give us approval for our works to be done. I have residents calling me almost every day about the severity of this road. We really need to do more to try and mitigate this problem.			
22/05/23 CQT9	Cr Lana Formoso	**Leaking water concerns** I had a query from a resident in Noble Park. One of the properties beside him has been leaking water through some means. He has asked Council on multiple occasions to come and investigate the situation. He has been told that he needs to get a plumber. He is a very old, fragile pensioner who does not speak English very well. I would really appreciate if an officer could come out with me to the location so that I can translate what the actual issues are so that we could get on top of this for the resident.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	01/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** Yes, please send me the information that you have got regarding the request. I will see whether or not one of the officers can go out and inform the resident of the steps that he needs to take. **Further response provided 01/06/23:** A Council Works Officer and yourself met with the resident last week (25 May 2023) to better understand their concerns. The water appears to be coming into their property from a neighbouring house in Leonard Avenue. A previous investigation revealed that Council's drain appears to be running freely and that the stormwater discharge connection from the neighbour's house in Leonard Avenue was connected to this Council drain. This information was provided to the resident after the initial investigation and they were also advised that any issue with overland runoff was a civil matter between adjacent property owners. The resident appears to be of the belief that the stormwater pipe from extensions on his neighbour's property

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					might be mistakenly connected to the sewer discharge point and might be overflowing. This matter has been referred to South East Water and Council officers are awaiting the results of their investigation. Council's Building Services team have also confirmed that the extensions are over 20 years old making any interventions or assessments not feasible. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT10	Cr Tim Dark	**Audit of facilities** At the last Council Meeting, I raised a question about an audit of the Greater Dandenong Council facilities, including the locked padlocks on gates as well as the defibrillators that are being serviced. Some additional information has come to light, after I sent a direct email to a couple of the Frankston Councillors, that the defibrillator at Sky Football Club was 11 years out of date, and that was the one that was attempted to be used. Where are we currently up to in relation to the audit and when we are expecting it to be complete?	Director Community Strengthening	01/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** This question was taken on notice. **Further response provided 01/06/23:** The AED audit for the 2023 winter season has been completed and Council officers are currently supporting those clubs that are required to update their AED equipment. The next AED audit will be carried out in the summer 2023-24 season. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT11	Cr Tim Dark	**Bloomfield Road speed humps** I received an email late last week that we are going into consultation regarding the installation of the speed humps on Bloomfield Road. I understand they have been subjected to some funding from the Federal Black Spot Program. The email contained correspondence that said that the design is the design and that we are happy to meet if there is somebody there. The design is very basic, so I want to find out what is being provided to the	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	30/05/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** This question was taken on notice. **Further response provided 30/05/23:** Residents along Bloomfield Road and nearby on side streets received letters regarding the project on 22 May 2023. This was sent to around 460 properties and included a basic plan showing the location of treatments and a link to our website where more details are provided. The letter also included details on how to

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		residents? I know this Council has a soft spot when it comes to the installation of speed humps, and the last time that they were installed en masse was in the Dandenong North area, subsequently, both ward Councillors lost their seats in the election.			contact Councils traffic engineers directly to discuss further. A variable message sign (electronic road sign) trailer has also been in place on Bloomfield Road since last week advising through traffic that treatments are proposed, directing readers to our website also. The plans on the website include more detailed location information, including the extent of the raised platforms etc. The website also advises readers that they can contact Councils traffic engineers directly for further details. We have only received a small amount of correspondence from residents regarding the project, with the majority of this very supportive. The only unsupportive feedback so far was one resident believing that the treatments are a waste of money. We have responded to the correspondence received and reiterated that this project is fully funded through the Federal Blackspot Program, not Councils Capital Works Budget. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT12	Cr Tim Dark	**Maralinga school site** Some residents have asked for an update on the Maralinga School site, Keysborough. There was a lot of enthusiasm with the state government preparing to sell the site, and then it very quickly died down. Some conversations were had regarding the design and layout. There were fears that it is going to	Director City Planning Design and Amenity	05/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** Late last week, we received a request from the state government to provide some comments on access points and whether we wanted to continue with our long-term lease for open space. They clearly are progressing with their proposal, and what I can do is circulate to

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		be similar to what happened in Coomoora Road, Keysborough with the 90 odd townhouses that are being crammed in. There are concerns that it does not have the capacity to cope with that and how that is potentially going to affect residential amenity.			all Councillors exactly where we are at and where the state government is at in their consideration of developing the site for residential purposes. Any questions that come out of that you can send my way. **Further response provided 05/06/23:** The former Maralinga school site was subject to planning scheme amendment C211gdan that rezoned the land from Public Use Zone - Schedule 2 to the Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 1. This planning scheme amendment was gazetted into the planning scheme on 24 February 2022, meaning that the land is now zoned Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 1. Since the rezoning, Council has not received any planning applications to develop the land, and aside from one query from the Department of Education two weeks ago, has not received any information or updates on the potential future of the site. The query two weeks ago related to potential access. Based on the enquiry it appears likely that the redevelopment of the site is still progressing, however, officers have not been able to obtain any further information regarding timeframes etc. When more information becomes available, officers will provide this to Councillors. **COMPLETED**

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22/05/23 CQT13	Cr Tim Dark	**McMahens street carpark** There is an open car park in the site at the McMahen Street, car park. It runs inside Maralinga Primary School. A resident has raised some significant concerns regarding late-night drug use, loud music playing, and the provision of illegal sex services in cars and vans in the car park. Can Council please see what we can do about either putting a chain or blocking it off so that the car park cannot be used after midnight for illegal activities?	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects	01/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** We can investigate that. If it is ours, then we could seek to chain it off. If it is not, then I would indicate we could not and that the residents would have to take that matter up with Victoria Police in terms of those activities. **Further response provided 01/06/23:** The concerns raised by the resident are criminal in nature and are a matter for Victoria Police (VicPol) to address. Officers from Council's Local Laws team meet with senior Dandenong VicPol staff on a weekly basis to discuss a range of issues and will raise these concerns with them at their next meeting and keep you updated on any progress or outcomes. Installation of a chain across the car park entrance is problematic as it creates additional work (and costs) for someone to open and close on a daily basis and will only be considered as a last resort if the efforts of VicPol to address the undesirable behaviour are not successful. **COMPLETED**
22/05/23 CQT14	Cr Tim Dark	**Wachter Reserve master plan** Can I have an update on the Wachter Reserve Master Plan. There are two parts to it. One is an update on Stage 2 of the playground, and second is the soccer club allocation to do with being used for next season. There has been a lot of correspondence back and forth with a couple of clubs regarding their potential relocation to it and who is there currently. They are trying to forecast where they need to be for next season.	Director Business, Engineering & Major Projects Director Community Strengthening	02/06/2023	**Initial response provided 22/05/23:** This question was taken on notice. **Further response provided 01/06/23:** I can confirm that Council officers have had numerous discussions with the South East United Football Club (SEUFC) to facilitate their growth. SEUFC have been informed by Council officers of the opportunity to relocate from Turner Reserve, Noble Park to Wachter Reserve, Keysborough once the sports field lighting

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					at Wachter Reserve is upgraded. Design for the lighting upgrade at Wachter Reserve was completed in the 2022-23 financial year (FY) and construction is budgeted (draft budget) in the 2023-24 FY. It is anticipated that, pending any delays, the upgraded lights should be operational by July 2024, at which point SEUFC can relocate to Wachter Reserve. This information was provided to SEUFC in July 2022 and again at a meeting with Council officers on 22 May 2023 **Further response provided 02/06/23:** The Wachter Reserve Playground, Stage 2, upgrade works have commenced and we expect that the project will be completed by early October 2023. The project completion date has been slightly delayed due to supply chain issues associated with the actual play equipment. **COMPLETED**

7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.

The meeting closed at 8.44 PM.

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