

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 23 November 2020

Olympia, Hawdon & Ibbott Rooms
Level 4, 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough

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MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.00pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

The Mayor read an acknowledgement of the traditional custodians, the Wurundjeri Wo-wurrung people.

Diversity Statement

The Mayor read Council's statement on its commitment to diversity and its principles.

Present

Mayor Cr Rick Garotti, Cr Peter Castaldo, Cr Alison Champion, Cr Peter Dimarelos, Cr Alida McKern, Cr Tom Melican, Cr Fiona Mitsinikos, Cr Elizabeth Nealy.

Apologies

Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 21 September 2020 and;

Ordinary Meeting of Council for the Mayoral Election held 11 November 2020

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

Nil

Presentation

Nil

1. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

2. PETITIONS

2.1 AIRLIE CONSTRUCTION SITE, SITUATED AT THE CORNER OF UPPER HEIDELBERG ROAD AND WAVERLEY AVENUE, IVANHOE

Written statements were read on behalf of Julie Marino, Susan Toole and Kevin Biaggini.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition with 37 signatures has been received from residents from Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe and Rockbeare Grove, Ivanhoe.

The Petition request is as follows:

“We, Residents of Ivanhoe, Petition the Banyule Council to:

Alter the Construction Management Plan (CMP) for the Airlie Construction site located at the corner of Upper Heidelberg Road and Waverley Avenue, Ivanhoe to:

- *Prevent concrete pouring occurring in the Waverley Avenue site frontage, beyond the South Eastern corner of the Airlie site.*
- *Direct the builder to solidly enclose the site frontage on the western end of Waverley Avenue, abutting number 3 Waverley Avenue.*
- *Reduce light pollution from the Tower crane on the site.*
- *Conduct regular checks by council for road usage and other regulation breaches by the builders and stop excessive private road sweeper activity up and down Waverley Avenue.”*

Resolution (CO2020/204)

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition
2. Refer the petition to the Construction Management Team.
3. Advise the primary petitioner of this resolution.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

3. PEOPLE – COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORT

Nil

4. PLANET – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Nil

5. PLACE – SUSTAINABLE AMENITY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

5.1 104-106 WATSONIA ROAD, WATSONIA - DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) DWELLINGS (P1231/2018)

A statement was read on behalf of John Rayner.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposal is for the construction of four double storey attached dwellings each with three bedrooms and provision for under croft carparking in a semi-basement configuration with ramp access off Watsonia Road, Watsonia.

The site is located within proximity to the Watsonia Shopping Village and is located in an 'Accessible' area as defined by the Residential Housing framework in Clause 21.06 of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Notwithstanding the site suitability to accommodate a greater density, the proposal should also meet the objectives of the Residential Neighbourhood Character policy at Clause 22.02 and ResCode at Clause 55 of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

The proposed development, due to the raised floor levels as a result of the semi-basement car parking, would become a dominant feature within the street. The raised floor levels also compromise pedestrian access and the ability to accommodate a useable and functional development resulting in poor internal amenity for future occupants of the development.

It is considered that the proposed development will not make a positive contribution to the area and does not provide for an acceptable living standard for those with limited mobility and consistent with the expectations of Council's Liveable Housing Guidelines. In this location it is also considered that the built form should transition to the surrounding suburban character away from the activity centre.

On the basis of the assessment undertaken it is considered that the proposal should not be supported and as such the application should be refused.

Resolution (CO2020/205)

That Council having complied with Section 52, 58, 60, 61 and 62 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, resolve to issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit in respect of Application No. P1231/2018 for the construction of four (4) dwellings at 104-106 Watsonia Road, Watsonia subject to the following grounds:

Siting, design and neighbouring residential amenity

1. The siting and design of the proposed development will have an overbearing physical impact upon the character of the area and will have an adverse impact upon local residential amenity and is contrary to Clauses 15.01-1 – Urban Design and 21.04-1 – Housing of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Mass, bulk, scale and neighbourhood character

2. The mass, bulk and scale of the development is contrary to both the existing and preferred neighbourhood character, that would erode the spacious and well landscaped character. This is exacerbated through the proposed continuous built form and elevated finished floor of the ground level having an adverse visual impact and is contrary to Clauses 15.01-1 – Urban Design, 21.04-1 – Housing, 22.02 - Residential

Neighbourhood Character Policy and Standards B1 – Neighbourhood Character, B2- Residential Policy Objectives and B31 – Design detail of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Open space/landscaping

3. Inadequate space has been provided throughout the development to provide canopy tree planting and landscaping to adequately soften views of the development from the street and neighbouring land and enhance the landscape character of the area as well as compensate for increased heights of the proposal This is contrary to Clauses 21.04-1 – Housing, 21.06 – Built Environment, 22.02 – Residential Neighbourhood Character Policy, 42.02 –Vegetation Protection Overlay – Schedule 5 and Standard B13 – Landscaping of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Amenity for future occupants

4. The provision of the semi basement together with elevated/terracing of levels across the site has resulted in poor integration of dwelling entrances with the street at a pedestrian level and an inadequate means of access across the site for future occupants failing to satisfy Standards B25 (Accessibility) and B26 (Dwelling entry) of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.
5. The site cut, terracing and provision for cantilevered balconies together with minimal side setbacks compromises the ability to achieve an appropriate landscaping, private open space and internal amenity outcome contrary to Clauses 21.04-1 – Housing, 21.06 – Built Environment, 22.02 – Residential Neighbourhood Character Policy, 42.02 –Vegetation Protection Overlay – Schedule 5, Standards B13 – Landscaping and B28 - Private open space of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

5.2 PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL LAND AT REAR 7A CURZON STREET, IVANHOE - PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The section 223 submissions were read on behalf of Emma Samuel and Roxanne Lah and Eddy Zupan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council owns land known as 1 Liberty Parade, Ivanhoe (Darebin Creek Reserve) and proposes to sell a 38m² portion of this land to the owners of 7A Curzon Street, Ivanhoe, subject to appropriate rezoning, removal of a restrictive covenant and easements.

The statutory procedures under sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) were commenced giving public notice of the proposal in the Herald Sun newspaper on 7 August 2020. Submissions closed on 4 September 2020 and three written submissions were received. Two submitters have requested to be heard in support of their submissions.

Council considered a further report at its meeting on 21 September 2020 where it was resolved to defer the consideration of submissions and the decision stages of the section 223 process of the Act, until after the election period and the incoming Council is elected. Council resolved to extend the submission period until 2 October 2020 and consider submissions at its meeting on 23 November 2020. At the close of the submission period on 2 October 2020, a further six submissions were received.

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive, hear and consider submissions received. The nine written submissions have been separately circulated to Councillors.

A further report shall be presented to the 14 December 2020 Council meeting for a decision.

Resolution (CO2020/206)

That Council:

1. Receive, hear and consider the verbal and written submissions pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, in response to the public notice given to the proposed sale of Council land described as Lot 1 on the plan of subdivision PS813368T (unregistered) at the rear of 7A Curzon Street, Ivanhoe.
2. Present a further report be to the 14 December 2020 Council meeting to resolve on the proposal.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

6. PARTICIPATION – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE

Nil

7. PERFORMANCE - USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY**7.1 RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS**

A pre-recorded video was played of Kevan Hill speaking on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1989* previously required that Assembly of Councillors (meetings of Councillors held outside of the formal Council Meeting program) were to be reported to the next available Council meeting, this section has now been repealed.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council at its meeting on 17 August 2020 adopted the Banyule Governance Rules which include the requirement to report to Council on Councillor attendance at Briefings and Advisory Committees.

RECORD OF MEETINGS

1	Date of Meeting:	4 August 2020 6pm
	Type of Meeting:	Arts & Culture Advisory Committee
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub – update • COVID-19 – Long-term Impact & Planning • End of Current BACAC Term • Other Business – Current opportunities for artists 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Peter Castaldo Craig Langdon	
	Staff Present:	
Hannes Berger – <i>Arts & Culture Team Leader</i> Steph Neoh – <i>Art Curator</i>		
Others Present:		
Rebecca Armstrong Anne Bennett Kevin Ritchie Craig Eloranta Joanne O'Hara Fran Lee Les Walkling Rosemary Crosthwaite Irianna Kanellopoulou June Gassin Lefa Singleton-Norton Sandra Diaz Genelle Ryan		
Conflict of Interest:	Nil	

2	Date of Meeting:	7 September 2020 6.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing – Virtual
	Matters Considered:	
	<p>Items on the Council Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of 7 September 2020 (excluding confidential items) as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Petition to Upgrade Greensborough Skatepark 3.1 Update on Advocacy re Gambling Harm and COVID-19 3.2 Adoption of Banyule's Reconciliation Action Plan 4.1 Climate Action Program - Solar on Leased Facilities 5.1 Development Planning and Building Activities Report (January - June 2020) 5.2 North East Link Project - Temporary limited opening of Drysdale Street, Yallambie 5.3 Consideration of Submissions - Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe - Proposal to Place Permanent Barriers 5.4 21 - 25 Bellevue Avenue, ROSANNA - Consent Order for the proposed Child Care Centre (P954/2019) 6.1 Community Vision Council Plan Project - Engagement Approach 7.1 Council Meeting Dates After the Election - Changes Required 7.2 Fraud and Corruption Control Policy 7.3 Risk Management Framework 7.4 Independent Representative Audit & Risk Committee 7.5 Victorian Government - Local Sports Infrastructure and Community Sports Stimulus Funding 7.6 Bellfield Project: Awarding of Lease for Delivery of Social Housing 7.7 Award Contract No 1051-2020 - Hard Waste Collection 7.8 Award of Contract No 1054-2020 "Reconstruction of DeWinton Reserve Oval and Cricket Nets" 7.9 Award of Contract No. 1058-2020 "Construction of Greensborough Preschool Expansion and Refurbishment Works" 7.10 Assembly of Councillors 	
Councillors Present:		
<p>Peter Castaldo Alison Champion Mark Di Pasquale Rick Garotti Craig Langdon Tom Melican</p>		
Staff Present:		
<p>Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Geoff Glynn – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Scott Walker – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett– <i>Director Community Programs</i> Gina Burden – <i>Manager Governance & Communication</i> Vivien Ferlaino – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Emily Outlaw – <i>Council Business Team Leader</i> Neale Lawrence – <i>Youth Outreach & Program Officer</i> Simon Eszeczy – <i>Youth Services Inclusion Officer</i></p>		

Duncan Stephen – <i>Jets Sound Engineer/Program Assistant</i> David Pascolo – <i>IT Technical Analyst</i>	
Others Present: Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

3	Date of Meeting:	21 September 2020 6.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing – Virtual
	Matters Considered:	
	<p>Items on the Council Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of 21 September 2020 (excluding confidential items) as listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Adoption of Social Enterprise Strategy & Action Plan 2020-2025 3.2 Adoption of Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy & Action Plan 2020-2025 5.1 Council Land at Rear of 7A Curzon Street, Ivanhoe - Deferral of Consideration of Submissions for Proposed Sale of Land 5.2 Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe - Proposal to place permanent barriers 5.3 73 Devon Street, EAGLEMONT - Proposed Four dwelling development (P117/2020) 5.4 1 Vasey Street, Ivanhoe East - Amendment to liquor licence hours at Ivanhoe Public Golf Course (P110/2020) 6.1 Banyule Community Engagement Policy 2020 (for adoption) 7.1 Council Meeting Dates 2021 7.2 Award of Contract No 1063-2020 "Construction of Lower Plenty Pavilion" 7.3 Award of Contract No. PA 2206-0221 for "Supply of Fleet Services and Consumables" 7.4 Certification of the Financial Statements and Performance statement for the year ended 30 June 2020 7.5 Amendments to Banyule's COVID-19 Economic Support Package 7.6 Record of Councillor Meetings 	
Councillors Present:		
<p>Peter Castaldo Alison Champion Mark Di Pasquale Rick Garotti Craig Langdon Tom Melican Wayne Phillips</p>		
Staff Present:		
<p>Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Geoff Glynn – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Scott Walker – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Programs</i> Gina Burden – <i>Manager Governance & Communication</i> Vivien Ferlaino – <i>Governance Coordinator</i></p>		

Emily Outlaw – <i>Council Business Team Leader</i> Neale Lawrence – <i>Youth Outreach & Program Officer</i> Simon Eszky – <i>Youth Services Inclusion Officer</i> Duncan Stephen – <i>Jets Sound Engineer/Program Assistant</i> David Pascolo – <i>IT Technical Analyst</i>	
Others Present: Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Cr Wayne Phillips declared a conflict of interest in item 5.1 and left the room when the item was discussed.

Resolution (CO2020/207)

That Council receive the Record of Councillor meetings report.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion

Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

7.2 ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

A pre-recorded video was played of Kevan Hill speaking on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Banyule's Annual Report 2019/2020 is a report to our community in relation to the achievement of Banyule's strategic direction as set out in its Council Plan 2017-2021 and Budget 2019/2020.

The Annual Report 2019/2020 was approved in principle by Council and certified by Council representatives, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer on 21 September 2020 for submission to the Victorian Auditor General and the Minister for Local Government (the Minister).

The report was due to be submitted to the Minister by 30 November 2020, in line with the Covid-19 related deadline extension advised as part of Bulletin 26/2020 from Local Government Victoria. The report is also required to be considered by Council within 1 month of submission to the Minister. These deadlines were met with the Annual Report 2019/2020 submitted to the Minister on 27 October 2020.

The Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 contains:

- A Report of Council's Operations;
- Audited Performance Statement of Council;
- Audited Financial Statements of Council.

The Annual Report 2019/2020 has been made available for public inspection via Council's website for greater than the legislatively required 14 day period.

Resolution (CO2020/208)

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Annual Report 2019/2020 incorporating the Report of Operations, Performance Statement and Financial Report.
2. Make available the Annual Report on Council's website and when restrictions are eased, copies be made available for inspection at Council's Service Centres.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

CARRIED

7.3 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES - 18 SEPTEMBER 2020**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Audit & Risk Committee is a Committee advisory in nature and its role is determined by the *Local Government Act 2020*. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Audit & Risk Committee are defined in the Committee's Charter.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee are required to be reported to a Council Meeting.

Consequently, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 September 2020 are being circulated for noting by Council, though they are subject to confirmation by the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting being held in 8 December 2020.

Resolution (CO2020/209)

That Council note the Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on the 18 September 2020.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican
Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

8. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - ALLISON BECKWITH

On behalf of Council, Cr. Alison Champion acknowledged CEO, Allison Beckwith's first year of service as the head of Banyule City Council.

Cr. Champion noted that while Ms. Beckwith's official start date isn't for another month, the councillor group of November 2019 remembers participating in the lengthy and very challenging selection process which ended this time last year.

In her first year as leader of approximately 1000 staff Allison has overseen and successfully achieved the following:

- Relocation of over 300 office-based staff to work from home within days of the State Government's advice of such at the commencement of lockdown in March
- Seamless transition of online Council meetings to ensure Banyule City Council Meetings presented professionally, and ran smoothly, gaining positive comments from other Councils
- Weekly video updates to staff to ensure they were kept well informed, and ensured the councillors were all engaged and informed every step of the way during the lockdown periods.
- Promotion of mindfulness and well-being to staff whilst working from home
- Delivery of the implementation of Council's COVID-19 Economic Support Package, Community and Business Support Package, Rediscover Local Campaign

Allison's first year as CEO also fell during a council election year in which Banyule transformed from 7 wards to 9, consequently an increased councillor group and the first time Banyule has held 9 councillors. Allison has managed the process very effectively including during the Election period, ensuring there has been a smooth transition and created a welcoming environment for the newly elected Council.

Cr. Champion remarked that Council looks forward to many more years of Allison's sound leadership, which will hopefully be easier than her first.

Closure of Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 7.55pm.

DATED: DAY OF 2020

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MAYOR

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 14 December 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Mandira Panday – Heidelberg West</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Toilets in Malahang park is in horrendous condition. Though its the kids playground, toilet is not kid friendly. Plus its dirty all time. Can council upgrade these amenities and make it safer and cleaner to use for all?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services</i></p> <p><i>A new public toilet facility at Malahang Reserve is scheduled for construction in the current financial year (2020/21) and is expected to commence in March 2021 following the completion of design and tender process?</i></p>
2	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Jeremy Daniell – Greensborough</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>As detailed in the 2020 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey, Banyule recorded a 55% resident satisfaction rating for Building and planning permit decisions, a 59% rating for traffic management and 58% rating for Town Planning policy. These follow similar low results from the 2019 survey.</p> <p>What actions is the new expanded Council going to take to better engage with residents and improve the decision making process regarding the granting of building permits, town planning and traffic management within residential areas?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p> <p><i>The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey results vary significantly across industry categories and should also be analysed in the context of the State average and other similar metropolitan Councils. In regard to Planning and Building Permit decisions, Town Planning Policy and Traffic Management, the relevant comparisons are as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Planning and Building Permits in 2020 (55%) compared to 53% in 2019 and 50% in both 2018 and 2017. The 2020 result is better than the Metro average of 54% and the State average of 51%.</i></p> <p><i>Town Planning Policy in 2020 (58%) compared to 57% in 2019, 54% in 2018 and 53% in 2017. The 2020 result is better than the Metro average of 55% and the State average of 54%.</i></p>

	<p><i>Traffic Management in 2020 (59%) compared to 58% in 2019, 57% in 2018 and 56% in 2017. The 2020 result is equivalent to the Metro average of 59% and better than the State average of 58%.</i></p> <p><i>The 2020 results therefore tell us that Banyule has a better community satisfaction rating on all three categories than the metropolitan and State average except for Traffic Management which is equivalent to the State average. The results also indicate that for all three categories the satisfaction rating has improved each year for the last 4 years.</i></p> <p><i>The Planning, Building and Traffic Departments have all put in place a number of initiatives and strategies to improve their engagement with the community and overall performance. The Planning and Building Department provide a report to Council every six months on performance and relevant action plans. The last report to Council was on 7 September 2020. Further, the Transport Department reports regularly on Council actions under the Integrated Transport Plan, Transport priorities and Transport Advocacy. A Transport Advocacy Report is due in December 2020 and Transport priorities report in mid-2021.</i></p>
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3	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Kevin Biaggini - Ivanhoe</p> <hr/> <p>Question:</p> <p>During the recent election this writer was told of people in Banyule getting hurt due to the poor state of the footpaths in Banyule. This is no small matter and others have spoken out about it. I have become aware that a small sum of slightly more than two million dollars has been put aside for repairs to footpaths.</p> <p>Only 2 million (Page 102 Budget 2021) is earmarked for this, 5 million would be more sensible but 2 million is a poor response.</p> <p>Given that a new councillor had expressed the same sentiments as this writer, will Council re-examine the matter and look at fixing the problem by allocating more funds, at least \$3 million in the next four budgets set by this new council, as it has a responsibility to properly maintain its assets and prevent public liability claims due to trips, falls and of course injuries.</p> <hr/> <p>Response:</p> <p><i>Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services</i></p> <p><i>Every year, Council reviews the footpath replacement program to address defects across the municipality and recommends an appropriate budget to Council for budget consideration.</i></p>
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4	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Kevan Hill - Ivanhoe</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Buxton has sought two Contract Variations to the original quoted price for Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Centre. Please advise the individual sum sought and agreed with Buxton in relation to each of these Contract variations, including the latest/current variation sought by Buxton.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services</i></p> <p><i>It is common practice to have variations for large building projects and when they occur, they are assessed based on their validity, quantity of work performed and value proposed for the work. The financial impact of any approved variations will be included in the final project budget for the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub project. Any variations undertaken between the contractor and Council are undertaken in a commercial in confidence arrangement as detailed in the contract.</i></p>
5	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Craig Langdon - Bellfield</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Information that was distributed by candidates during the election lead the public to believe that Council sold the Disability Employment Centre in Bellfield to build apartments. Can Council provide an update on the HiCity facility and Council's involvement?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p> <p><i>HiCity approached Council in 2017 and expressed interest in selling their land at 98 and 98a Oriel Rd, Bellfield. Soon after this time, HiCity advised they would be merging with the Bedford Group. Council offered to purchase the site for \$4,000,000. The offer was accepted and continued access to the premises was negotiated to allow the Bedford Group to relocate their services.</i></p> <p><i>At the time that HiCity/Bedford approached Council to purchase the site, Council did not own the land nor the building on the site. The decision to both sell and close down the operations were commercial decisions made by HiCity/Bedford. The three parcels fronting Oriel Road, which includes the former HiCity site, are being developed for market housing by a developer in accordance with the approved Bellfield Urban Design Guidelines that were approved by Council following consultation in 2018.</i></p>

6	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>In Council's budget for 2018, Rosanna Library was allocated \$50,000 for a "feasibility study" and in 2019 was allocated a budget of \$200,000 for "Upgrade - Design". After numerous requests, the study (or other documents) cannot be obtained from Council, presumed not to be done. Can Council explain why after 3 years, that this has not been progressed, given that newly added items to the budget last year are already underway?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Kath Brackett – Director Community Programs</i></p> <p><i>Council is committed to pursuing the redevelopment of Rosanna Library as evidenced by the budget commitments and is working closely with Yarra Plenty Regional Library to investigate preliminary options. Further discussion with the new Council to progress and outline future community consultation will occur over the next few months.</i></p>
7	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Michelle Giovas - Heidelberg</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>I refer to the proposed tree removal at 39 Grand Boulevard, Montmorency (P1139/2020) which is an application by Council to remove native vegetation, namely 28 out of 65 trees, 3 which have high retention value. On 17 August 2020, Council adopted the Community Climate Action Plan (CAP) which recognises how our urban forest can help mitigate extreme heat and has economic, environmental and social benefits. Will Council be integrating the principles of the CAP in considering this application, which intends to remove many mature habitat and shade trees to upgrade an existing car park. I believe that improved safety can be achieved without the removal of so much native vegetation.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p> <p><i>The assessment of the planning application for tree removal at 39 Grand Boulevard, Montmorency must balance a range of environmental as well as economic development, amenity and safety considerations. At a high level, the objectives of the Community Climate Action Plan are relevant to the proposal however, the Banyule Planning Scheme will provide more specific guidance on achieving a balance in the sometimes competing considerations stated above.</i></p> <p><i>It is noted that the proposal will result in a net reduction to the overall carpark surface area which will also reduce vehicle movements over the tree protection zones of protected trees which are proposed to be retained. This will also provide for replanting opportunities.</i></p>