

Agenda of Ordinary Meeting of Council - Monday, 27 February 2023

commencing at 7pm

Nellie Ibbott Chambers, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper
Heidelberg Road, 3079



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATUS EXEMPT (SECTION 38)

RELATING TO ITEMS IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE
MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

Inclusive Banyule Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

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Closure of Meeting to the Public

That in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council will consider closing the Ordinary Council Meeting to members of the public and adjourn for five minutes to allow the public to leave the Chamber prior to consideration of the following confidential matters:

11. Confidential Matters

- 11.1 Banyule Strategic Sites - Directions to Proceed
- 11.2 Strategic Sites - Homes Victoria Business Case

These matters have been designated as confidential pursuant to section 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The specific designations and rationale are listed below:

- 11.1 Banyule Strategic Sites - Directions to Proceed – designated as confidential pursuant to s 3(1)(g) of the 2020 Act as the information within the report contains information relating to commercial information, being information provided by a business commercial or financial undertaking and relates to either trade secrets and if released prematurely, could unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.
- 11.2 Strategic Sites - Homes Victoria Business Case – designated as confidential pursuant to s 3(1)(g) of the 2020 Act as the information within the report contains information relating to commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking and relates to either trade secrets and if released prematurely, could unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

Matters Discussed in Camera

That all confidential matters and reports related to the above items remain confidential unless otherwise specified.

Closure of Meeting

Live Streaming of Council Meeting

Please note that the Council Meeting will be livestreamed to ensure compliance with the Government's COVID -19 restrictions.

The livestream will be available on Council's Facebook and website www.banyule.vic.gov.au

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 20 March 2023

2.1 OBJECTION TO CONSULTATION AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DRAFT RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY 2016

Author: Amy Woolcombe - Council Business Officer, Executive

Ward: Chelsworth

SUMMARY

1. A petition titled "Objection to Consultation and Proposed Expansion of Draft Residential Parking Permit Policy 2016" has been received by Council with 28 signatures in support for it.
2. 26 signatories are from Ivanhoe and 2 are from Eaglemont.
3. The petition is summarised as follows:

We the undersigned petition Banyule City Council to acknowledge that the Draft Residential Parking Policy consultation process has failed to inform the community of the major changes made to the 2016 Policy, which is still in force until 30/6/23.

The proposal to combine three separate Ivanhoe Residential Parking Precincts 59, 60 and 61 into one large Precinct 60 was not the only change.

Exclude from Permits are: trucks, heavy vehicles, motor homes, caravans, boats, machinery or equipment, trailers or any vehicle or machinery that is designed or modified to be towed by another vehicle.

This is a substantial expansion of the 2016 Policy. Further the draft policy has not responded to innovations in for profit/private hire vehicle models. A revised strategy and further community consultation is required immediately.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition.
2. Refers the petition to the Transport and Environment Team for consideration and response to the primary petitioner.
3. Advise the primary petitioner of this resolution

- A petition with 28 signatories from residents of Ivanhoe and Eaglemont has been received.
- The petition request is as follows:

OBJECTION TO CONSULTATION AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DRAFT RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY 2016 cont'd

- *We the undersigned petition Banyule City Council to acknowledge that the Draft Residential Parking Policy consultation process has failed to inform the community of the major changes made to the 2016 Policy, which is still in force until 30/6/23.*

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This is a substantial expansion of the 2016 Policy. Further the draft policy has not responded to innovations in for profit/private hire vehicle models. A revised strategy and further community consultation is required immediately.

DISCUSSION

- Council has recently commenced a review its Banyule Residential Parking Permit Policy (BRPPP).
- The draft Banyule Residential Parking Permit Policy updates and replaces the Banyule Residential Parking Permit Policy 2016-2020. Its purpose is to enable reasonable and equitable access to residential on-street public parking for residents and their visitors while preserving access for all other road users.
- The draft Policy underwent a formal community consultation process for a six (6) week period between 12 September 2022 and 21 October 2022.
- All community feedback including the received petition will be considered and will assist in the formulation of the final Banyule Residential Parking Permit Policy.
- The final Banyule Residential Parking Permit Policy and Community Consultation Feedback Paper will be considered at a future Council Meeting.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

3.1 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL

Author: Krysten Forte - Governance Coordinator, Executive

SUMMARY

1. The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is the statutory peak body for local government in Victoria and should take a lead role in advocating to the State Government on a variety of issues of concern to local governments in Victoria.
2. The State Council is MAV's governing body and is made up of representation from each member council.
3. Members can submit business to be considered to the MAV State Council Meeting in accordance with MAV's Strategy 2021-2025.
4. All motions are due to the MAV on or before Monday 20 May 2023 and are required to be the subject of a Council resolution.
5. All motions must be submitted to the MAV 60 days prior to the meeting.
6. Cr Tom Melican is Council's appointed Council representative, and Cr Elizabeth Nealy is Council's nominated substitute, who can attend the MAV State Council Meeting with voting rights. It is important to note that Cr Nealy would only attend if Cr Melican was not able to, and therefore has the appropriate authorisation to vote as per Council's resolution from 7 November 2022- Statutory Council Meeting.
7. The Agenda and Business Papers for the MAV State Council Meeting will be made available on the MAV State Council website on 19 April 2023.
8. Submitting motions to the MAV State Council is an approach Council is taking to align with Council's responsibility of advocating on behalf of the community.
9. **Attachment 1** to this Report details the proposed motions to be submitted to the MAV State Council Meeting – May 2023 for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with this resolution, and the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Rules 2022, endorse the motions that are annexed to this report at **Attachment 1** to be submitted to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) for consideration at the MAV State Council Meeting scheduled for Friday 19 May 2023.
2. Note that the Motions close on 20 March 2023 and are required to be a resolution of Council for consideration.

BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL cont'd

3. Note that Council may amend the motions that are submitted in consultation with the MAV Governance Department up until 5pm Wednesday 12 April 2023.
4. In line with resolution 3, authorise for the Chief Executive Officer and Governance Coordinator the ability to:
 - a) submit the endorsed motions on behalf of Council; and
 - b) make any minor changes to improve the wording of the motion and/or to update the motion relative to any changes to the issue that may have occurred between this Council meeting and the date of its lodgement with the MAV so as to ensure that it can meet the requirements of the MAV Rules.
5. Note that any feedback received from the MAV on the acceptance, required amendment or rejection of any motion throughout the motion submission process is communicated back to Councillors accordingly.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Provide good governance, be accountable and make informed decisions based on sound evidence".

BACKGROUND

- The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is the statutory peak body for local government in Victoria and should take a lead role in advocating to the State Government on a variety of issues of concern to local governments in Victoria.
- The State Council is MAV's governing body and is made up of representation from each member council.
- State Council's powers include determining the Rules of Association, electing the president and other members of the Board, determining the MAV's strategic direction and appointing the auditor.
- State Council meet twice a year, or more if required.
- Members can submit business to be considered to State Council in accordance with the MAV Rules.
- In preparation for the next MAV State Council Meeting, Councillors were requested to provide a copy of the draft motions for consideration by Monday 6 February 2023 in an effort for Councillors to consider any motion(s) at this Briefing and refine any motions before Council endorsement.
- All motions are due to the MAV on or before Monday 20 May 2023 and are required to be the subject of a Council resolution.
- The MAV have set out criteria for councils to follow regarding the consideration and submission of motions.

BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL cont'd

- Each motion is required to be of strategic relevant to the MAV or of such significance to local government that they ought to be considered at State Council meeting.
- Motions are also required to be of strategic relevance and should relate to the MAV Strategy 2021-2025 which identifies six (6) MAV strategic outcomes.
- The six (6) MAV Strategic outcomes include:
 - Economically sound councils
 - Healthy, diverse and thriving communities
 - Well-planned, connected, and resilient built environment
 - Changing climate and a circular economy
 - Sector capability and good governance
 - Effective and responsive MAV
- The MAV Strategy 2021-2025 can be located via the below hyperlink https://www.mav.asn.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/27564/MAV_Strategy_2021-25.pdf
- The MAV can determine that that a motion does not meet the required criteria.
- All motions must be submitted to the MAV 60 days prior to the meeting.
- The motion(s) must have been subject of a Council resolution.
- Motions must be submitted to the MAV via the MAV approved form – not emailed directly.
- The Agenda and Business Papers for the MAV State Council Meeting will be made available on the MAV State Council website on 19 April 2023.
- Submitting motions to the MAV State Council is an approach Council is taking to align with Council's advocacy responsibilities.

KEY ISSUES

- A summary of the topics of proposed motions as attached to **Attachment 1** are below:
 - Motion 1: Urban Food Strategy
 - Motion 2: Affordable Housing
 - Motion 3: Protection and enhancement of biodiversity
 - Motion 4: Safe active transport
 - Motion 5: Electrification of swimming pools and community facilities.
 - Motion 6: Review of gas, water, and electricity service providers.
 - Motion 7: Circular Economy (Waste Reduction & Recycling Act 2021) Proposal to Amend Kerbside Glass Collection Methodology

BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL cont'd

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report aside from allocated officer time in the preparation of this Report and associated motions, all which are allocated in Council's 2022/2023 operating budget.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

No.	Title	Page
1	Draft Council Motions for MAV State Council	

3.2 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA)

Author: Krysten Forte - Governance Coordinator, Executive

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this Report is to seek endorsement from Council of proposed motions to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) – National General Assembly (NGA) conference scheduled to be held between 13-15 June 2023.
2. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing over 530 councils across the nation.
3. ALGA is a federation of state and territory local government associations.
4. ALGA is guided their key policies and strategic priorities which are determined by the AGLA Board, consisting of two representatives from each of the member associations and an independent chair.
5. Motions that are carried by the NGA become resolutions, and these resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and feed into the Australian Council of Local Government processes.
6. The strategic priorities are aimed at focusing on championing for financial stability, roads and infrastructure funding, waste and recycling, strong community resilience and addressing the risk of climate change.
7. Each June, Banyule City Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer are invited to attend the ALGA National General Assembly (NGA) which calls for motions that align to the theme of each year and aims to identify opportunities for new federal programs and policies that will support councils.
8. The theme for this year's AGLA conference is "Our Communities, Our Future".
9. Officers have worked with Councillors to consider the issues facing local government and key advocacy priorities of Banyule City Council.
10. The proposed motions that are detailed in the body of this Report, if resolved on, will be presented and submitted to ALGA for consideration and voting at the Conference.
11. Council has a role to play in advocating to state and federal government agencies on key priority matters and advocating through the ALGA is a key opportunity to support our community and sector, aligning to Council's Advocacy portfolio and Council Plan Strategic Objectives.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) cont'd

1. Endorse the motion(s) to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association General Assembly as annexed at Attachment 1 to this Report.
2. Note that the Motions close 24 March 2024 and are required to be a resolution of Council for consideration.
3. In line with resolution 2, authorise for the Chief Executive Officer and Governance Coordinator the ability to:
 - a) submit the endorsed motions on behalf of Council; and
 - b) make any minor changes to improve the wording of the motion and/or to update the motion relative to any changes to the issue that may have occurred between this Council meeting and the date of its lodgement with ALGA so as to ensure that it can meet the requirements of the ALGA NGA Criteria; and
4. Note that any feedback received from the ALGA on the acceptance, required amendment or rejection of any motion throughout the motion submission process is communicated back to Councillors accordingly.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Provide good governance, be accountable and make informed decisions based on sound evidence".

BACKGROUND

- The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing over 530 councils across the nation.
- ALGA was established in 1947, and its structure is a federation of member state and territory local government associations.
- ALGA is guided their key policies and strategic priorities which are determined by the AGLA Board, consisting of two representatives from each of the member associations and an independent chair.
- Motions that are carried by the National General Assembly become resolutions, and these resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and feed into the Australian Council of Local Government processes.
- The 2023 ALGA NGA Theme is "Our Communities, Our Future".
- This theme conveys the critical importance of our communities, how they are the focus of our attention, and how they are at the centre of all our work.
- The motions to AGLA are required to focus on practical and deliverable programs and policies that the Australian Government can support and work directly with the local government sector to build our communities; or be new program ideas that would help the local government sector to deliver national objectives.

BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) cont'd

KEY ISSUES

- The proposed motions found at **Attachment 1** are aligned to Council's endorsed Advocacy Priorities and are to be presented to ALGA accordingly.
- The motions align to the criteria set out in the ALGA Discussion Paper (**Attachment 3**).
- Motions are required to be an outcome of a Council resolution.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.
- **Sustainable Procurement Outcomes** There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implication arising from the recommendation contained in this report aside from officer resource time which has already been accounted for in the 2022/2023 operating budget.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

No.	Title	Page
1	Draft Council Motion - ALGA	
2	ALGA NGA Discussion Paper	
3	Pre Budget Submission Paper - Advocacy Priorities	

3.3 RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS

Author: Amy Woolcombe - Council Business Officer, Executive

SUMMARY

In accordance with section 60 of *the Local Government Act 2020*, Council at its meeting on 14 November 2022 adopted the Banyule Governance Rules. The Governance Rules, Chapter 6 Miscellaneous requires the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that a summary of the matters that are discussed, meet the following definition:

If there is a meeting of Councillors that:

1. Is scheduled or planned for the purposes of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors;
2. Is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
3. Is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee Meeting or a Community Asset Committee Meeting

Are tabled at the next convenient Council Meeting and are recorded in the meeting minutes of that Council meeting.

Record of Meetings

1	Date of Meeting:	30 January 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Culture Strategic Plan - Creative Banyule 2030 • Customer Service Quarterly Update • Support for Banyule Retail Centres - January Update • Draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy 2023 – 2028 • Council Plan 2021-25 - Draft Year 3 Actions Plan • Neighbourhood House Partnership Framework • Quarterly Financial Management Report - December 2022 	
Councillors Present:		
Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion arrived 7.47pm Cr Peter Dimarelos Cr Mark Di Pasquale Cr Rick Garotti Cr Tom Melican Cr Fiona Mitsinikos arrived 6.41pm Cr Elizabeth Nealy		
Staff Present:		

RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS cont'd

Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Joseph Linnestad – <i>Acting Director Corporate Services</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Megan Kemp - <i>Strategic Executive Assistant to CEO & Mayor</i> Cheree Hunter - <i>Manager Inclusive and Creative Communities</i> Karen Leeder – <i>Manager City Futures</i> Derek Ephrem - <i>Economic Development Coordinator</i> Dani Ahimastos - <i>Senior Economic Development Officer</i> Erica Hardie - <i>Senior Project Manager</i> Daniella Pariasella – <i>Economic Development Officer</i> Tania O'Reilly - <i>Manager Finance & Procurement</i> Tony Wu – <i>Acting Performance and Planning Coordinator</i> Hannes Berger - <i>Arts & Culture Coordinator</i>	
Others Present:	
Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

2	Date of Meeting:	06 February 2023 5.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Pre-Brief
	Matters Considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition – Remove the trial closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol Street, Heidelberg • Audit & Risk Committee - Annual Report - 1 December 2022 • Audit & Risk Committee Minutes arising from the 9 December 2022 Committee Meeting • Audit & Risk Committee Remuneration Review • Record of Councillor Meetings • Child and Youth Framework 2021-2031 - Year 1 Summary Report • International Women's Day Celebration Event • Support for the EveryAGE Counts grassroots movement to end ageism • Arts & Culture Strategy Review • Heidelberg Park Masterplan – endorsement • Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, Heidelberg - Review of Temporary Road Closure • Olympic Leisure Centre - Community Vision Report 	
Councillors Present: Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion – arrived 5:36pm Cr Peter Dimarelos – arrived 5:50pm Cr Mark Di Pasquale – arrived 5:36pm Cr Rick Garotti – arrived 5:36pm Cr Tom Melican – arrived 5:35pm Cr Fiona Mitsinikos		

RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS cont'd

Cr Elizabeth Nealy	
Staff Present: Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Joseph Linnestad – <i>Acting Director Corporate Services</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport and Environment</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Linda Chapple - <i>Governance & Council Business Specialist</i> Amy Woollcombe – <i>Council Business Officer</i>	
Others Present: Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

3	Date of Meeting:	02 February 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
	Matters Considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Apologies • Creative Banyule 2030 (Arts & Culture strategic plan workshop) 	
	Councillors Present: Cr Tom Melican Cr Elizabeth Nealy	
	Staff Present: Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Cheree Hunter – <i>Manager Inclusive & Creative Communities</i> Hannes Berger – <i>Arts & Culture Coordinator</i> Hiroki Kobayashi Blackney – <i>Arts & Cultural Development Officer</i> Jade Lillie – <i>Creative Industries consultant</i>	
Others Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Hansen • June Gassin • Janelle Dunstan • Genelle Ryan • Craig Eloranta • Amy Stephenson • Caroline Wall • Leah Crossman • Deb Lemcke 		

RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS cont'd

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Ritchie
	Conflict of Interest: Nil

4	Date of Meeting:	13 February 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy progress report and next steps on North East Link advocacy Banyule City Council Motions - Submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - State Council Meeting Banyule City Council Motions - Submission to Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Rates Hardship Assistance - Status Update Banyule Advisory and Population Committee Honorarium Options Paper Continuous Improvement Update Watsonia Pool Name Reference - Acknowledgement of Herb Norman Swimming Pool 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion Cr Mark Di Pasquale Cr Rick Garotti Cr Tom Melican Cr Fiona Mitsinikos	
	Staff Present:	
Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport & Environment</i> Shawn Neilsen – <i>Communications, Advocacy & Engagement Coordinator</i> Michele Purtle – <i>Advocacy Lead</i>		
Others Present:		
Nil		
Conflict of Interest:	Nil	

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the Record of Councillor Meetings report.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

3.4 ADVOCACY SIX MONTHLY REPORT

Author: Michele Purtle - Advocacy Lead, Executive

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Council's advocacy activities since July 2022.
2. Council endorsed its first ever Advocacy Framework and Action Plan in May 2022. An action of the Advocacy Framework is that update reports be provided to Council on the status of our advocacy work.
3. A four-year Advocacy Action Plan was also included within the Framework and is reported on each quarter to improve the effectiveness of Council's Advocacy efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the Advocacy Six Monthly Report for July 2022 to December 2022.
2. Promote the July to September 2022 Advocacy Quarterly Report and October to December 2022 Advocacy Quarterly Report on Council's website and feature it in the March 2023 edition of the Banyule Banner.
3. Receive a further report in August 2023 on the January 2023 – July 2023 Advocacy outcomes.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Advocate for community priorities and aspirations to improve service, infrastructure, land use, environmental and social outcomes".

BACKGROUND

- Council endorsed its first ever Advocacy Framework and Action Plan in May 2022. The Framework provides the foundations for Council's future advocacy work and outlines the key initiatives that Council is seeking an investment from the State and Federal Governments to deliver.
- Since then, 25 Advocacy Priorities have been endorsed by Council and the amount of funding being sought from government to deliver the infrastructure and services has been identified.
- Fact sheets have been developed for each of the priorities and supporting evidence compiled to demonstrate why provision of each priority is essential.
- Local Members of Parliament and State and Federal Government Ministers have been engaged to support Council's request for funding.

ADVOCACY SIX MONTHLY REPORT cont'd

- An action of the Advocacy Framework is that quarterly reports be provided to Council on the status of advocacy work and the progress being made on each endorsed priority.
- A four-year Advocacy Action Plan was also included within the Framework and listed four key directions, each with a number of actions to be undertaken to increase the effectiveness of Council advocacy.

KEY ISSUES

- Quarterly reports covering July to September 2022 and October to December 2022 have been compiled and feature three components:
 - A snapshot of advocacy achievements and highlights
 - An update on how Council's advocacy priorities are tracking
 - Reporting against first year actions in the four-year Advocacy Action Plan

July – September 2022 highlights

- From July to September 2022 period fact sheets have been developed for each of Council's advocacy priorities and advocacy has progressed.
- Internal Working Groups were established to support the advancement of priorities.
- Meetings were held and correspondence sent to local MPs and relevant Ministers on 19 occasions.
- There were 17 opportunities to share our advocacy work with the community.
- The top five advocacy achievements for the quarter include:
 - Launch of the *Put A Lid On It* Campaign to inform the community of the State's proposal for the northern section of the North East Link and determine their support for Council's alternative proposal. An online website, postcards, Facebook messages etc have seen more than 1500 people back Banyule's proposal.
 - Secured an interview for the Mayor on ABC radio with Virginia Trioli to highlight Council's proposal for a better design outcome for North East Link.
 - Met with the Department Secretary and the Executive Director to discuss future-proofing the Greensborough Transport Interchange for an integrated future development of the site as a gateway to Greensborough.
 - Council's advocacy priority to achieve seven star compliance (NatHERS thermal performance) for all new homes has been achieved with Building Ministers throughout Australia agreeing to improve the energy efficiency of new homes through the National Construction Code (NCC). As of 2022, new residential dwellings will need to achieve the equivalent of seven stars.
 - Banyule is leading the advocacy for its highly successful Federal and State award winning Inclusive Employment Program to be rolled out in Councils throughout Melbourne's North. A \$12.5 million investment is being sought from the State Government as part of the Northern Councils Alliance priority pitch. If successful, the program (which provides jobs for local people experiencing barriers to employment) would enable 70 plus local people to receive paid employment in seven Councils in Melbourne's North for six

ADVOCACY SIX MONTHLY REPORT cont'd

months. The three-year funding pitch will enable 700+ inclusive employment outcomes.

October to December 2022 highlights

- The focus of the October to December quarter was primarily around the Victorian State Election with Council's advocacy team preparing an advocacy package, hosting a community forum, supporting campaign launches held by advocacy partners, tracking election commitments and corresponding with newly elected MPs.
- The top five advocacy achievements for the quarter include:
 - Secured a date to present to the North East Link Project executives and their preferred bidder who will construct the northern package of North East Link.
 - Hosted the Banyule Transport Forum and provided opportunities for our community to questions of local candidates prior to the State Election.
 - Developed a 24-page Advocacy Priorities booklet which provides a summary of our endorsed priorities.
 - Joined with the other six other Melbourne Councils to launch the Northern Councils Alliance's regional advocacy priorities.
 - Advocacy success was achieved with:
 - The Federal Government introducing the Electronic Car Discount Bill, which is designed to encourage more people to invest in electric vehicles as a transport option and
 - The State Government announcing a \$32.8 million commitment to deliver a new shared user path between Montmorency and Eltham.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

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Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- Reporting on our advocacy plan and achievements enables us to build capacity within the organisation and the community on identifying, influencing and sharing priorities that we need to partner with government agencies to deliver.

Community Engagement

- More than 1500 people supported Council's Put A Lid on It Campaign. Over three quarters left a comment as to why a lid on North East Link was important.
- More than 350 people participated in a survey detailing the need for better access between Greensborough Railway Station and the Activity Centre.
- 180 businesses were surveyed regarding their interest in Council advocating to the State Government for solar panel investment at the Heidelberg West Business Park.
- 70 people attended the Banyule Transport Forum in person and had the opportunity to ask questions of local candidates and another 70 people tuned in from home and were given the opportunity to ask a question online prior to the meeting.
- Concerned residents and traders were invited to present to Council on suggested alternative designs for the northern package of North East Link.
- An update on Council's advocacy priorities has featured in all editions (3) of the Banyule Banner that were distributed during the quarter.

Collaboration

- Council continues to work with the Northern Councils Alliance (NCA), Northern Areas Greenhouse Alliance (NAGA), NORTHLink, Municipal Association of Victoria to ensure regional advocacy priorities are identified and progressed.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
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4.1 BANYULE SCOUTS GRANTS PROGRAM - YEAR 2 REPORT

Author: Laura Cattapan - Community Connections Coordinator, Community Wellbeing

Previous Items

Council on 17 August 2020 (Item 3.1 - Proposal for the establishment of a Banyule Scouts Grants Program)

SUMMARY

1. At the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 17 August 2020, Council approved the establishment of the Banyule Scouts Grants Program which allocated \$100,000 per annum for capital works projects over the next four years.
2. In 2021/22, the second year of the program, the grant round occurred between May 2022 and June 2022.
3. Through a coordinated approach with Scouts Victoria, the District Commissioner (DC), the Banyule District Scouts Groups and Council officers, three grant applications totalling \$100,000 were prioritised and submitted for approval.
4. Grants were approved and distributed to 1st Eaglemont, 10th Ivanhoe, and Heidelberg Scout Groups.
5. Through the evaluation of the Year 2 program and feedback provided, opportunities for improvement for both years three and four of the program were identified, with a grants program that is supported through a collaborative approach with Scouts Victoria, the DC and Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the Banyule Scout Grants Program allocation for the 2021/22 financial year to the following Scouts groups:
 - 1st Eaglemont Scout Group \$40,000
 - 10th Ivanhoe Scout Group \$20,000
 - Heidelberg Scout Group \$40,000
2. Notes the collaborative process with the District Commissioner (DC), local Scouts groups and Scouts Victoria to deliver the Banyule Scouts Grants Program and the collaborative and coordinating role the DC for Banyule Scouts has taken in supporting the grant program.
3. Notes a program evaluation of the four-year program will be undertaken and the findings presented to Council on an annual basis.

BANYULE SCOUTS GRANTS PROGRAM - YEAR 2 REPORT cont'd

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Provide a range of services and programs, and work with relevant partners to enhance health and wellbeing outcomes and social cohesion".

BACKGROUND

- Banyule currently has 13 Scouts groups operating across the municipality:
 - 10 in Scouts' owned buildings situated on Council land
 - 1 Council owned land and building
 - 1 on Vic Track Land, and
 - 1 Scouts Victoria owned land and building
- The Banyule Scouts Groups operate in buildings that generally require ongoing maintenance and a financial injection of capital works. Scouts Victoria, as the legal auspice of the local Scouts groups, does not contribute to their operating costs. Banyule Scouts groups can apply to Scouts Victoria for upgrades of facilities if the works are deemed essential.
- To provide support to local Scouts groups, on 17 August 2020, Council resolved to establish a four-year grants program of \$100,000 per annum to enable capital works projects to be conducted on buildings the groups occupy.
- As the peak body Scouts Victoria act as the auspice for local Scouts Groups to enable the distribution of funds.
- In 2021/22 three Banyule Scouts Groups were invited to apply for the grant program for up to \$50,000 for a range of capital works projects inclusive of external construction works, building works, renovations or modifications to existing structures or equipment installation.
- An evaluation of the four-year program will be undertaken, and the findings presented to Council.

Overview of Year 2

- Year 2 of the Banyule Scouts Grants Program was well received by the local Scouts groups and Scouts Victoria, with the grant round opening in May 2022, closing in early June 2022 and the allocation taking place in late June 2022.
- In year 2 the District Commissioner (DC) for Banyule consulted and collaborated with Scouts groups and Council officers to determine agreed priorities across the municipality. This resulted in shortlisting three suitable Scouts groups, who submitted applications totalling \$100,000.

BANYULE SCOUTS GRANTS PROGRAM - YEAR 2 REPORT cont'd

Grant Allocations

The following allocations were made for the 2021/22 financial year:

- **1st Eaglemont Scouts Group**

A total of \$40,000 was allocated for improvements to the area under and around the hall to deal with surface water issues which are impacting on the safety and usage of these areas.

- **10th Ivanhoe Scouts Group**

A total of \$20,000 was allocated for building and grounds improvement work including replacing the back stairs, installing a concrete driveway and replacing the retaining wall.

- **Heidelberg Scouts Group**

A total of \$40,000 was allocated for recladding, toilet roof replacement, fixing base boards to make the area secure and guttering and drainage works.

Acquittals for the grants are due in July 2023.

KEY ISSUES

- The first two years of the Banyule Scouts Grants Program were deemed successful by all participating parties.
- Through the evaluation of the Year 2 program and feedback provided, opportunities for improvement for both years three and four of the program were identified, with a grants program that is supported through a collaborative approach with Scouts Victoria, the DC and Council.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

BANYULE SCOUTS GRANTS PROGRAM - YEAR 2 REPORT cont'd

Financial Implications

- The Banyule Scouts Grants Program allocates \$100,000 per year in grant funding over a period of four years, commencing in the 2020/21 financial year. Grant funds for the 2021/22 financial year will be delivered within the 2021/22 existing budget.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

- The evaluation of the 2021/22 Banyule Scouts Grants program has resulted in improvements being implemented for the distribution of Council funds to the local Scouts groups for the remaining two years that includes a closer collaboration with Scouts Victoria in playing an advisory role in the allocation of the grant funding.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

4.2 ADVISORY AND POPULATION COMMITTEES REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023

Author: Jo Graham - Executive Assistant to the Director Community Wellbeing,
Community Wellbeing

SUMMARY

1. Advisory committees are made up of Councillors and Community members.
2. They have terms of references and meet to discuss relevant issues, advise Council on specific matters based on the committee's purpose and objectives, and oversee the implementation of Council's strategic plan for their respective focus.
3. Advisory Committees provide important linkages between Council, Community, State agencies and interest groups. Following each advisory committee meeting, a report is submitted to Council to note the minutes from the committee meetings held during April - August 2022 and draw attention to specific recommendations that each advisory committee wishes to bring to the attention of Council.
4. Where there have been actions requested or recommendations made by the committee, officer comments have been provided in the report.
5. The following minutes are presented to Council for noting:
 - Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee – 7 December 2022
 - Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee – 14 December 2022
 - Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – 2 February 2023
 - Banyule Environment and Climate Action Committee – 8 December 2022
 - Multicultural Committee – 7 December 2022
 - Banyule Disability and Inclusion Committee – 6 December 2022
 - LGBTIQ+ Committee – 1 December 2022
 - Age Friendly Committee – 24 November 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the following meeting minutes and reports:
 - a) Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee – 7 December 2022
 - b) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Advisory Committee – 14 December 2022
 - c) Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – 2 February 2023
 - d) Banyule Environment and Climate Action Committee – 8 December 2022
 - e) Multicultural Committee – 7 December 2022

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- f) Banyule Disability and Inclusion Committee – 6 December 2022
- g) LGBTIQ+ Committee – 1 December 2022
- h) Age Friendly Committee – 24 November 2022
- 2. Notes a recommendation from the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee that Council align the terms of the advisory and population committees with the councillor mayoral term and that a report for Council consideration will be submitted at a future Council meeting, regarding the alignment of the mayoral and advisory committee terms.
- 3. Notes the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee congratulates and supports Council's endorsement of the Uluru Statement of the Heart.
- 4. Notes the Multicultural Committee supports Banyule City Council to become a signatory of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and that a report for Council consideration will be submitted at a future Council meeting, regarding the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and note that an officer report will be presented back to Council regarding the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).
- 5. Endorse the Age Friendly Committee would like for the Terms of Reference to be changed to enable the current number of community members to be increased from 12 to 15 members, to ensure there are enough community members in attendance at each meeting and to enable subcommittees to be established.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan key direction to "Promote community awareness and support a diverse, connected, and inclusive community that respects and celebrates different cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, ages, sexualities, genders and identities".

BACKGROUND

- Advisory committees are made up of councillors and community members. They have terms of references and meet to discuss issues, advise Council, and oversee the implementation of Council's strategic plan for their respective focus.
- Advisory committees provide important linkages between Council, community and state agencies and interest groups. Following an advisory committee meeting, a report is submitted to Council to note the minutes and consider any issue raised.

KEY ISSUES

1.	Report/Committee Name: Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee
	The aim of the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee is to deliver on Council's ongoing and embedded commitment to social justice and inclusion. The Committee brings together policy, practice and lived experience to work cooperatively on social inclusion issues. The Committee identifies issues for advocacy and works with Council to identify future policy issues and addresses the

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	<p>ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on social inclusion and considers social justice and equity in the community.</p> <p>7 December 2022 Meeting: The Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee met on 7 December 2022 at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub. The minutes from this meeting are in Attachment 1.</p> <p>The meeting was chaired by Cr Peter Castaldo and a total of 11 committee members were in attendance.</p> <p>The Committee received an update regarding Council and population committee progress on the Inclusive Banyule Integration Action Plan 2022/23 and working group outcomes. The Committee discussed the social housing priorities and social and affordable housing. The Committee also received an update regarding Banyule's Municipal Health and Wellbeing priorities and Bellfield Community Hub.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council align the terms of the advisory and population committees with the councillor mayoral term. <p>Officer Comment: Officers are supportive of aligning the terms of the advisory and population committees with the councillor mayoral term as this will enhance continuity of advisory and population committee representation and ensure committee participants are provided the opportunity to experience the outcomes of projects during their committee membership. A report for Council consideration will be submitted at a future Council meeting, regarding the alignment of the mayoral and advisory committee terms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. That Council notes the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee congratulates and supports Council's endorsement of the Uluru Statement of the Heart. <p>Officer Comment: Officers appreciate the support and congratulations from the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee for Council's endorsement of the Uluru Statement of the Heart, as the Statement is in line with the Banyule Council Plan 2021-2025 and Council's work with the First Nations community.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Report/Committee Name: Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee</p> <p>The aim of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Advisory Committee is to provide Council with advice and information on inclusion, access and equity issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and to oversee the development of Council's <i>Innovate</i> RAP between September 2020 and September 2022.</p> <p>14 December 2022 Meeting: The Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee met on 14 December 2022 online and in person. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 2.</p> <p>The Meeting was chaired by Cr Peter Dimarelos, Cr Peter Castaldo was in attendance and 16 committee members attended.</p> <p>The Committee received a presentation regarding the first year annual RAP questions, discussed the future waiving of rates for Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) tenants, discussed the plaque commission for First Nations service personnel, and received an update regarding Sorry Day Protocols.</p> <p>The Committee discussed Council's current stance on January 26 including citizenship awards/ ceremonies, Shaping Banyule review and an opportunity for the Banyule Banner to include a First Nations artwork to make the platform more</p>

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	<p>culturally safe. The Committee were informed of Council's decision to formally adopt the Uluru Statement of the Heart and discussed the recommendation from the Inclusive Banyule Committee to align the advisory committee terms with the Mayoral term. The RAP committee supports the notion to extend the committees term to align with the Mayoral term.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: There were no recommendations to Council arising from this meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Report/Committee Name: Arts and Culture Advisory Committee</p> <p>The aim of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is to provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation in the strategic development of arts, culture and heritage planning, policy and development.</p> <p>2 February 2023 Meeting: The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee met on 2 February 2023 at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 3.</p> <p>Cr Elizabeth Nealy chaired the meeting and a total of fifteen committee members were in attendance.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the Creative Banyule 2030 project overview, Banyule Demographics, Draft Vision, Draft Focus Areas and Outcomes. The Committee also discussed Arts and Culture events programmed for February 2023.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: There were no recommendations to Council arising from this meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Report/Committee Name: Banyule Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee</p> <p>The aim of the Banyule Environment & Climate Action Advisory Committee is to provide feedback and advice to Council to support its work in developing and implementing long term environmental policy, goals strategies, and in commenting on the achievement of these.</p> <p>8 December 2022 Meeting: The Banyule Environment & Climate Action Advisory Committee met in person on 8 December 2022. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 4.</p> <p>Cr Alida McKern chaired the meeting and Cr Peter Castaldo and Cr Tom Melican were in attendance. Fourteen committee members attended this meeting.</p> <p>The Committee received an update regarding Bushland Management, Green Factor Tool and Tree Controls and the Biodiversity Working Group. The Committee discussed the benefits of becoming a member of the International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI), and the State of the Environment Report. The Committee received updates regarding Northeast Link, Urban Food Strategy and Council report updates.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: The were no recommendations arising from this meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Report/Committee Name: Multicultural Committee</p> <p>The aim of the Multicultural Committee is to provide Council with advice and information on the evolving context of multiculturalism, and on inclusion, access, equity and human rights issues, barriers and challenges facing, the opportunities available to, and the aspirations of, multicultural communities in Banyule.</p>

ADVISORY AND POPULATION COMMITTEES REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023 cont'd

	<p>7 December 2022 Meeting: The Multicultural Committee met on 7 December 2022 online. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 5.</p> <p>Cr Fiona Mitsinikos chaired the meeting and 8 Committee members attended.</p> <p>The Committee were consulted about the Urban Food Strategy and discussed Harmony Week 2023, welcome pack for refugees, and the Days of Significance Calendar. The Committee received an update from Council regarding the Mayoral election and were invited to complete an advisory committee survey. The Committee discussed the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: The Multicultural Committee supports Banyule City Council to become a signatory of ICAN.</p> <p>Officer Comment: A report for Council consideration at a future Council meeting will be prepared regarding the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).</p>
6.	Report/Committee Name: Banyule Disability and Inclusion Committee
	<p>The aim of the Disability and Inclusion Committee is to provide Council with disability, inclusion, access, equity and human rights advice and information on the evolving context of disability, and on the issues, barriers and challenges facing, the opportunities available to, and the aspirations of, people with disabilities in Banyule.</p> <p>6 December 2022 Meeting: The Disability and Inclusion Committee met on 6 December 2022 online. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 6.</p> <p>Cr Peter Castaldo chaired the meeting and Cr Alison Champion also attended. A total of 9 committee members were in attendance.</p> <p><i>Due to reduced attendance, a quorum was not reached at this meeting and therefore the following information will not be recorded as an official committee meeting, and the following is provided for information only.</i></p> <p>The Committee were consulted regarding the Urban Food Strategy and discussed the Inclusive Banyule Workplan for Disability, the existing Banyule City Council website page for People with Disability, and the Days of Significance calendar. The Committee also received a Council update regarding the Inclusive Banyule Committee membership, key projects, events, Changing Places Funding, Inclusion @Sport Forum and Project and were invited to complete an advisory committee survey.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: The were no recommendations arising from this meeting.</p>
8.	Report/Committee Name: LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee
	<p>The aim of the LGBTIQA+ Committee is to provide Council with advice and information on inclusion, access and equity issues facing the LGBTIQ+ community, and on the implementation and review of Council's LGBTIQ+ Plan.</p> <p>1 December 2022 Meeting: The LGBTIQA+ Committee met on 1 December 2022 in person at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 7.</p>

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	<p>Cr Alison Champion chaired the meeting and there was a total of 12 committee members in attendance. It was noted that 1 resignation was received.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged World Aids Day and received an update from Council. Associate Professor Ada Cheung, Head Trans Health Research Group, presented regarding the work of Austin Health to support the trans community and Maddi Cooper, Banyule Youth Services, presented on the ways the Rainbow Space Group welcomes and supports young LGBTIQ+ community members across Banyule. The Committee also received an update regarding Banyule Community Health's progress towards achieving Rainbow Tick Accreditation.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: There were no recommendations to Council arising from this meeting.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Report/Committee Name: Age Friendly Committee</p>
	<p>The aim of the Age-Friendly City Committee is to provide Council with advice on older adult issues and ageing well in Banyule. The Age-friendly Committee will oversee the relevant strategic plan and Council's involvement in the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities.</p> <p>24 November 2022 Meeting:</p> <p>The Age-Friendly Committee met on 24 November 2022 online. A report of this meeting is in Attachment 8.</p> <p>Cr Tom Melican chaired the meeting and 10 Committee members attended.</p> <p>The Committee discussed concerns regarding the current size of the Committee and received a Councillor Update from Cr Melican. The Committee also received updates regarding the Community Connection Age Friendly Program, Age Friendly Champions, Community Transport Projects. The Committee were consulted about Ivanhoe Library Seniors Takeover Night. The Committee discussed the EveryAge Counts Campaign.</p> <p>Actions/ Recommendations: The Age Friendly Committee would like for the Terms of Reference to be changed to enable the current number of community members to be increased from 12 to 15 members, to ensure there are enough community members in attendance at each meeting and to enable subcommittees to be established.</p> <p>Officer Comment: Officers are supportive of the Age Friendly Committee's recommended change to the Population Committee Terms of Reference.</p>

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- **Human Rights Charter** The Advisory Committees Report and the Committees themselves directly address the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2008*. The Committees provide important linkages between Council, Community, State agencies and interest groups and their existence ensures equalities and inclusion are at the heart of everything that Council does, from daily operations through to collaborative relationships.

ADVISORY AND POPULATION COMMITTEES REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023 cont'd

- This report relates to the following human rights and responsibilities:
 - Section 8 - The right to recognition and equality before the law.
 - Section 10 - The right to protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.
 - Section 14 - The right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief.
 - Section 19 - Cultural rights, including Aboriginal cultural rights.
- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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1	Minutes - Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee - 7 December 2022	
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5	Minutes - Multicultural Committee - 7 December 2022	
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7	Minutes - LGBTIQ+ Committee Meeting - 1 December 2022	
8	Minutes - Age Friendly Committee Meeting - 24 November 2022	

5.1 NJ TELFER RESERVE LONG-TERM ELECTRICITY POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR AND BUILDING

Author: Damien Harrison - Environment Coordinator, City Development

Ward: Grimshaw

Previous Items

Council on 5 December 2022 (Item 10.2 - NJ Telfer Reserve Long-Term Electricity Power Requirements for Solar and Building)

SUMMARY

1. At the 5 December 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved to receive a future report on the required actions and resource implications to address the long-term main supply power constraints at NJ Telfer Reserve.
2. As part of Council's climate action program of works, community facilities at NJ Telfer Reserve were investigated for potential solar installation. The investigation revealed that a power supply upgrade via group metering was required to enable solar to be installed at the Bundoora Scout Hall. This power upgrade is valued at \$184,800, significantly exceeding the cost of the solar installation and outweighing the environmental benefits of doing so.
3. Although the Scout Hall solar installation alone does not justify a power upgrade, it is acknowledged that the current power supply supports a number of community facilities, and it would be necessary to undertake a power upgrade should any future works be proposed as the current system is at full capacity.
4. Strong impetus exists for Council to pursue the power upgrade at NJ Telfer Reserve. In addition to supporting solar installations and Council's climate action objectives, the power upgrade may also support other future development opportunities and sustainability initiatives that are currently constrained.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the need for a power upgrade at NJ Telfer Reserve.
2. Refer the costs of upgrade of \$184,800 to the 2023/24 budget process for consideration.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Demonstrate leadership in addressing climate change and take action to become a carbon neutral Council by 2028 and City by 2040".

NJ TELFER RESERVE LONG-TERM ELECTRICITY POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR AND BUILDING cont'd

BACKGROUND

- NJ Telfer Reserve, located at 20 Noorong Avenue, Bundoora, is a Council-managed reserve that supports active recreation, open space and several community buildings. The locations of these buildings are identified in Attachment 1A, and information about each is provided in the table below.

Building	Owner	Occupant
A	Council	Bundoora Maternal & Child Health Centre
B	Council	Bundoora Preschool
C	Council	Diamond Valley Gem Club
D	Bundoora Scouts (Council owned upon vacant possession / not maintained)	Bundoora Scouts and Greensborough Girl Guides
E	Council	Bundoora Community Hall (multi-use)

- In early 2021 a feasibility assessment was undertaken on existing buildings at Telfer Reserve for the installation of solar power systems as part of Council's corporate emissions reduction program. The assessment included Bundoora Scout Hall, and the Bundoora Scouts were supportive of and eager to see a 15kW solar system installed at the hall to offset energy use.
- Following the investigation, a contract was awarded in April 2022 to install four solar systems. When installers conducted site inspections, they discovered several issues at the Scout Hall that would require a group metering arrangement with AusNet.
- In May 2022, Council engaged an electrical engineering consultant to investigate the requirements for group metering. To facilitate group metering AusNet would need to construct a new underground service pit within the reserve opposite a power pole on Noorong Ave (Attachment 1B). From the pit buried cabling would be installed to power buildings A, B, C and D. Building E would not require a new connection.

KEY ISSUES

- The costs (approximate only) to establish group metering at NJ Telfer Reserve have come back well over budget at \$184,800. The upgrade would take a minimum of 12 months to complete.
- The significant cost of the power upgrade would render the payback period of the Scout Hall solar installation beyond 100 years. This project alone would not justify upgrading power supply at the reserve. It is noted that the current power supply is at maximum capacity and any other developments at the reserve would require the power upgrade, as discussed below.

Increased facility use at Telfer reserve

- Another consideration that supports the need for a power upgrade is the anticipated increase in use of other facilities at the reserve. This includes:

NJ TELFER RESERVE LONG-TERM ELECTRICITY POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR AND BUILDING cont'd

- Possible increased needs of the Bundoora PreSchool in response to state kindergarten changes
- Increased use of the Gem Club due to the construction of a shed and expanding of activities
- The Girl Guides moving into the Scout Hall, increasing after-hours use
- The intent of the Bundoora Scouts to seek additional community users of the Scout Hall during business hours when the facility is underutilised
- Possible future construction of an additional tennis court
- A power upgrade may also support other future development opportunities at the reserve that are currently constrained. This may include other climate action initiatives to support Council's corporate and community emissions reduction targets.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- The power upgrade may provide further opportunities to maximise solar installation at the reserve in future, reducing Council's energy consumption and reducing demand on the grid. These opportunities (i.e. solar installation on the Scout Hall) are currently constrained.
- Sustainable procurement will be a key consideration in assessing any future tender submissions for contractor work through this project, and other developments at the reserve.

Financial Implications

- The minimum cost for Council to upgrade power at the reserve through a joint metering arrangement is \$184,800, as outlined in the table below.

Scope of Works	Price (ex GST)
Civil Works	\$ 65,524.00
Supply Pillar Supply and Install	\$ 24,555.00
Submains Cabling Supply and Install	\$ 74,060.00
Inspections, Certifications and Shutdowns	\$ 15,830.00
Maintenance Manuals & As built's	\$ 2,831.00

**NJ TELFER RESERVE LONG-TERM ELECTRICITY POWER REQUIREMENTS
FOR SOLAR AND BUILDING cont'd**

AusNet underground pit construction	\$ 2,000
Total (ex GST)	\$ 184,800.00

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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1	NJ Telfer Reserve Map and Electrical Connection Plan	

6.1 IBBOTTSON STREET, WATSONIA - PROPOSAL TO PLACE PERMANENT BARRIERS - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

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Previous Items

Council on 27 June 2022 (Item 5.1 - Watsonia Town Square - Community Consultation Summary & Preferred Concept Design)

SUMMARY

1. At the 27 June 2022 Council Meeting Council resolved to:
“Commences the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 to permanently place obstructions or barriers on Ibbottson Street to restrict access of vehicles to the western end.”
2. Public notice of the intention to install permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, at Watsonia Road was undertaken with a notice published in the Herald Sun, physical boards placed on-site and letters circulated to nearby properties and the emergency services.
3. The proposal was also submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on 19 August 2022 requesting a formal report as required by the Local Government Act 1989.
4. During the submission period, 7 written submissions were received. No submitters requested to speak on their submission.
5. This report is to enable Council to formally consider the written submissions received through this process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the submissions received as part of the public consultation to place permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, east of Watsonia Road/Ibbottson Street roundabout in accordance with the statutory process under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. Proceed with the proposed placement of permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, east of Watsonia Road/Ibbottson Street intersection in accordance with the preferred concept design for the Watsonia Town Square development.

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COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Deliver well designed places and spaces that enable stronger connections and liveability to meet the diverse needs of our current and future community".

BACKGROUND

- Council has funding to facilitate the design and construction of a Watsonia Town Square.
- At the 27 June 2022 Council Meeting Council resolved to:

"Commences the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 to permanently place obstructions or barriers on Ibbottson Street to restrict access of vehicles to the western end."

EXISTING CONDITIONS

- The subject site, Ibbottson Street, at Watsonia Road is classified as a local/residential street under Council's Road Hierarchy. The urban default speed limit of 50 km/h applies to this section and given it is residential in nature, the road is expected to carry less than 2,000 vehicles per day. A locality plan is presented in **Figure 1** below.



Figure 1. Locality Plan of Ibbottson Street, Watsonia at Watsonia Road.

- Ibbottson Street currently operates as a two-way arrangement and is approximately 6.6m wide. Access to Ibbottson Street is via Watsonia Road roundabout to the west and Nell Street West to the north.
- Ibbottson Street generally provides access to residential properties, however in its existing arrangement has vehicular access to a Church located at 72-80 Watsonia Road and pedestrian access to the Watsonia Library and associated car park located at 4-8 Ibbottson Street.

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- An on-street parallel disabled parking bay is located on Ibbottson Street along the frontage of the Watsonia Library.
- Parking restrictions along Ibbottson Street are generally 2P/4P (8am-6pm, Monday to Friday) time-restricted.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- Public notice of the intention to install permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, at Watsonia Road pursuant to Section 207 and 223 of the Act was subsequently undertaken with a Public Notice published in the Herald Sun on 22 November 2022.
- The notice was also posted on physical boards located at the site of the closure and circulated to approximately 100 properties proximate to the closure site, including Ibbottson Street, Crellin Crescent, Watsonia Road and Nell Street West.
- The physical signs were displayed on site between 22 November 2022 and 20 December 2022, which aligns with the submission period.
- The proposal has been submitted to the Traffic Management Unit of Victoria Police, the Metropolitan Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Fire Brigade for comments.
- Victoria Police have indicated no objections and no response has been received from Metropolitan Ambulance Service and Metropolitan Fire Brigade yet.
- The proposal was also submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on 19 August 2022 requesting a formal report as per the Local Government Act 1989 requirement. This report was received on 14 November 2022 and indicates that DTP have no objections to the permanent closure subject to receiving no objections from emergency service providers. This formal report is attached (**Attachment 1**).

SUBMISSIONS

- During the submission period, 7 written submissions were received. The main points have been summarised below.
- No submitters request to speak to their submission.
- A full copy of all the submissions has been attached to this report (**Attachment 2**). As they contain personal information they are marked as confidential with a summary provided below.

Opposition to the closure:

- *The traffic volume generated by the closure of Ibbottson Street will have a significant impact to the surrounding road network and increase congestion particularly on Nell Street West during school peak periods.*
- *Ibbottson Street provides an additional connection to Watsonia Road, the closure will require vehicles to take alternate routes.*
- *Vehicular access and disabled parking required for the Watsonia Library will be negatively impacted.*
- *The closure is not aesthetically pleasing.*
- *Emergency vehicle access will be negatively impacted.*

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- *Vehicles will not have sufficient turning ability.*

Support for the closure:

- *The proposed closure in addition to the Watsonia Town Square project will provide additional community facilities.*
- *The proposed closure will provide additional green space.*
- *It would improve the safety of pedestrians in the area.*
- *Vehicle speeds and traffic volumes will be reduced on Ibbottson Street.*
- *The occurrence of illegal parking behaviour will reduce.*

DISCUSSION

Traffic and Parking Impacts

- Due to the location of the proposed closure, it is likely that all existing vehicle movements along Ibbottson Street will be shifted to Nell Street West.
- Traffic counts conducted along Ibbottson Street and Nell Street West in March 2017 indicated 552 vehicles per day and 933 vehicles per day respectively.
- Council's Road Register classifies Nell Street West as a level 2, residential road, which is expected to carry less than 2,000 vehicles per day.
- Based on the traffic counts above, with the traffic along Ibbotson Street shifting towards Nell Street West, it is still within the capacity of Nell Street West to accommodate the increase in traffic. It should also be noted that a percentage of existing traffic on Ibbottson Street is currently using Nell Street West as an entry/exit point.
- Additionally, as Nell Street West is approximately 6.7 metres wide, vehicles are not able to park directly opposite each other as the road does not provide the necessary 3 metres through width for emergency vehicles to pass through. However, the north side of Nell Street West currently has 'No Parking, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm' restrictions reducing the likelihood of such parking behaviour. The south side of Nell Street West is unrestricted.
- If the road closure is to proceed, the existing parking restrictions along Nell Street West could be reviewed to maintain safe traffic flow as required in line with Council's On-Street Parking Management Program.

Emergency Vehicle Access

- The proposed closure will result in a maximum detour of approximately 800 metres which equates to a time delay of approximately 1 minute and 9 seconds.
- All emergency service providers have been given the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal.

Closure Design

- A final design for the road closure is currently being reviewed as part of the Watsonia Town Square proposal, however it is expected that a compliant disabled parking space will be provided as part of the design in Ibbottson Street.

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- Traffic assessments and relevant swept path diagrams will be undertaken to ensure that sufficient turning circles are provided for all standard vehicles accessing the street.
- Vehicular access to all properties including the Watsonia Library will be maintained as per existing.
- The traffic team recommend that sufficient signage be provided indicating 'No Through Road' at either end of Ibbottson Street. 'Local Traffic Only' sign is not recommended as it will not promote access to the Watsonia Library.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- Council's powers over traffic is defined under The *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), Section 207 and Schedule 11, which allows Council to permanently place obstructions or barriers on a road under its management (Ibbottson Street is under Council's control and management) after considering a report from the Head, Transport for Victoria on the proposed closure. Additionally, Council must seek and consider public submissions on the proposal under Section 223 of the Act.
- Under Section 233, Council must publish a public notice:
 - Specifying the matter in respect of which the right to make a submission applies
 - Containing the prescribed details in respect of that matter;
 - Specifying the date by which submissions are to be submitted, being a date, which is not less than 28 days after the date on which the public notice is published;
 - Stating that a person making a submission is entitled to request in the submission that the person wishes to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting to be heard in support of the submission.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implication arising from the recommendation contained in this report. Funding for the proposed changes has been obtained through North-East Link project.

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Community Engagement

- The public notification carried out as part of this statutory process builds on the extensive engagement that has already been carried out with the community including:
 - Picture Watsonia Vision in 2014.
 - A Shaping Banyule page and the projects Community Reference Group were created in February 2021.
 - Broader community consultation period for the Watsonia Town Square Project was from 5 November – 5 December 2021. The overall consultation approach and outcomes are summarised in the Watsonia Town Square Consultation Update – March 2022.
 - The project Community Reference Group which has been guiding the design development process is still active and will continue to be updated as the project progresses into the next phase.

Collaboration

- In forming the concept design options and the preferred design of the overall Watsonia Town Square project, Council has proactively engaged with the North-East Link Project design and planning team, AusNet Services, APA and the Department of Transport.
- The State Government requested several changes including additional bus bays in the preferred design to accommodate for future services. The preferred design accommodates for current bus services to minimise further car parking losses. The parking configuration has been designed in a way that it can be changed in future to adapt to changing needs.
- Further collaboration will be required as part of the detailed design process and if the High Street roundabout removal is progressed.
- The construction of the Town Square is anticipated to commence from April 2023.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

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1	Department of Transport - Formal Report	
2	Section 223 Received Submissions - CONFIDENTIAL	

6.2 NORTHERN TRAILS 2022 - NORTHERN TRAILS STRATEGY REFRESH - ENDORSEMENT

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SUMMARY

1. The Northern Regional Trails Strategy 2022 has been prepared to establish a framework for the planning and development of regional trails in Northern Melbourne for the next 10 years and beyond. The strategy is a collaboration between six Councils: Darebin, Banyule, Hume, Merri-bek, Nillumbik and Whittlesea.
2. The main purpose of this Strategy will be to act as a key advocacy document to attract funding from State and Federal Government to deliver the Northern Region Trail Network over the next decade and beyond.
3. This strategy reviews and updates the 2016 strategy, taking into consideration the significant changes in the landscape as a result of large-scale state government infrastructure projects. The 2016 strategy successfully leveraged approximately \$11 million of State Government funding to deliver priority projects across the region.
4. Community engagement identified strong support for the strategy with some minor adjustments identified to reflect community feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft Northern Trails 2022, Northern Trails Strategy Review and Update and the regional advocacy opportunities it presents in the Northern Region.
2. Actively seek external grants and funding opportunities to assist with further delivery, whilst preparing necessary plans and permits for trail projects to expedite this grants process where opportunities arise.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Lead on the use of sustainable modes of transport, and encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport".

BACKGROUND

- The Northern Trails 2022, Northern Trails Strategy Review and Update (Strategy) is a refresh of the *Northern Regional Trails Strategy (2016)* and builds on the work that was completed in the 2016 strategy, focused on delivering regionally

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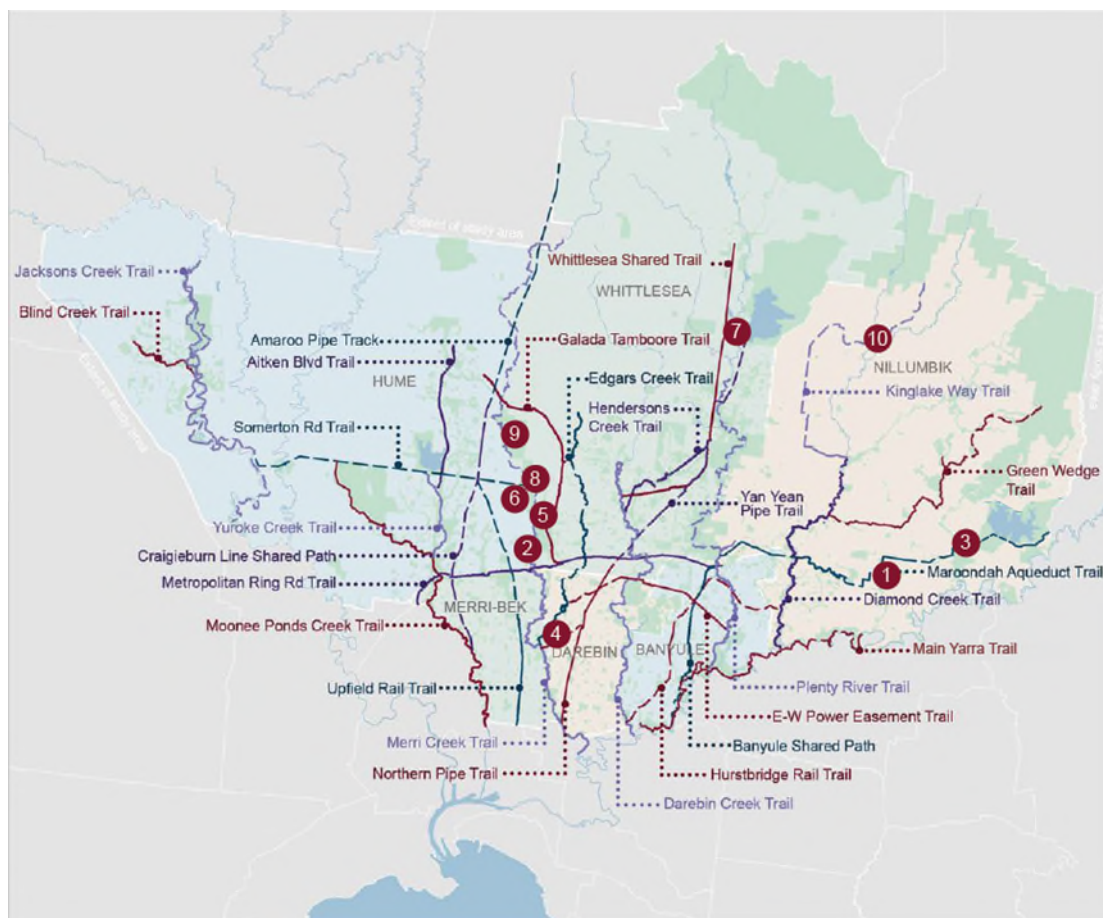
significant trails that connect multiple municipalities and regionally significant features while providing wide scale, quantifiable benefits.

- The delivery of projects and recent significant State Government infrastructure projects have necessitated the review and update of the strategy to reflect the changing circumstances and priorities.
- The 2016 strategy has successfully leveraged approximately \$11 million of State Government Funding to deliver the key priorities identified in the strategy with priority given to trails which were already planned and documented and could be delivered within a specified timeframe.
- This updated Strategy will be a key advocacy document to attract funding from State and Federal Government to deliver the Northern Region Trail Network over the next decade and beyond.
- The Strategy has been a collaborative project and equally funded between the six member Councils; Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Merri-bek, Nillumbik and Whittlesea Councils.
- Twenty-five existing and potential regional trails were identified within the study area, from which more specific actions have been identified and mapped. A list of trail improvement projects and actions were identified and assessed against a set of agreed criteria, allowing them to be prioritised.
- As part of the strategy, there is a list of 'top 10 unfunded trail action items' across the region. There are also separate lists for each of the Council's top ten action items.
- The participating Councils are currently in the process of endorsing the Strategy. At time of writing Darebin Council is the only Council to have endorsed it, with others having reports scheduled for their respective February or March Council meetings to consider adoption of the strategy.

The top ten unfunded trail action items across the region are outlined below:

No.	Region wide Trail action item	Description
1	Maroondah Aqueduct_01	Construct new section of trail connecting the Plenty River Trail near Lear Court, east along the aqueduct across Diamond Creek Road to the Diamond Creek Trail at Allendale Road.
2	MerriCreekTrail_08	Complete missing section of trail from the Metropolitan Ring Road to existing section of trail south of Horne Street
3	Maroondah Aqueduct_02	Construct new section of trail from Main Road Diamond Creek, along Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Creek Road, Eltham Road and Carters Lane while ensuring minimal impact to the Warrandyte - Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve
4	EdgarsCreekTrail_01	Construct new section of trail from the Merri Creek Trail to Ronald Street on the west bank
5	MerriCreekTrail_02	Partner with Parks Victoria and DELWP to extend the Merri Creek Trail from Merri Concourse (north) to Cooper Street
6	UpfieldRail_02	Advocate to Department of Transport to construct a new section of trail from the Metropolitan Ring Road to Somerton Road
7	WhittleseaShared_01	Construct a new trail along the train line from Mernda Station to Laurel Street, Whittlesea. Ensure there is provision for horse riders on parts of the trail
8	MerriCreekTrail_03	Advocate for and investigate the staged extension of the Merri Creek Trail from Cooper Street Somerton/Epping north to OHerns Road as a part of the Upper Merri Creek Regional Parkland Plan.
9	MerriCreekTrail_04	Advocate for and investigate the staged extension of the Merri Creek Trail from OHerns Road to Craigieburn Road as a part of the Upper Merri Creek Regional Parkland Plan.
10	KinglakeWay_01	Establish a new trail from Hurstbridge to Arthurs Creek.

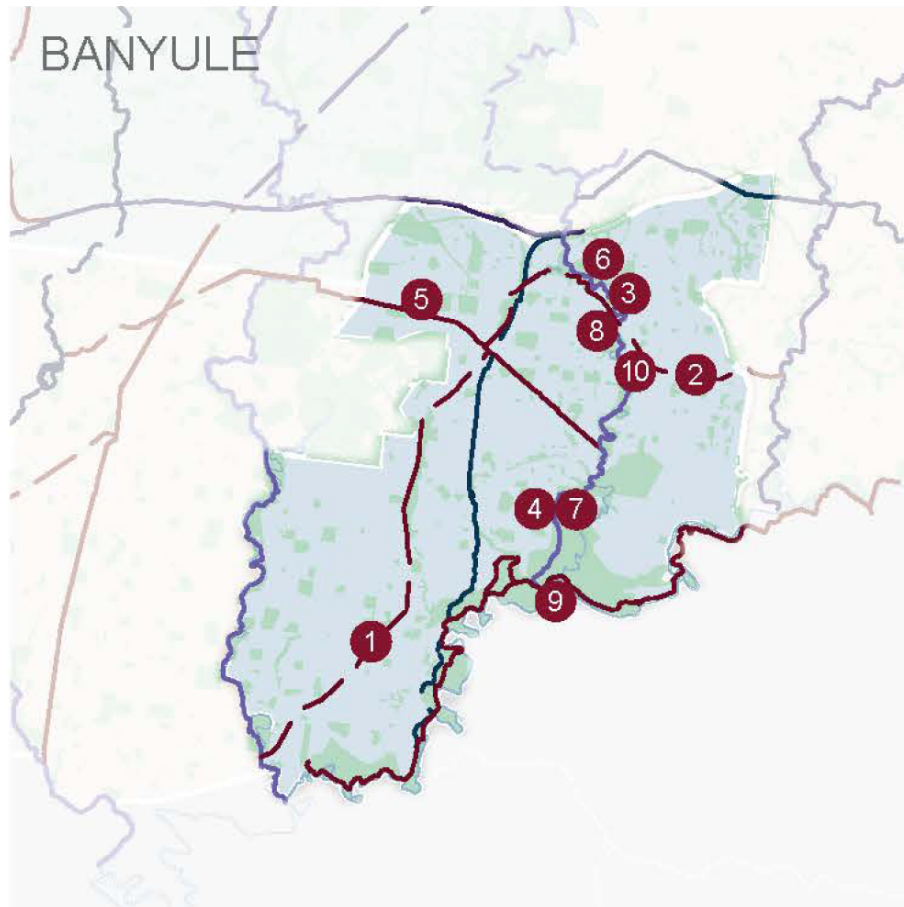
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The top ten priority trail improvement projects within of Banyule are outlined below:

No.	Banyule wide Trail action item	Description
1	Hurstbridge RailTrail_01	Construct a new section of trail along the Hurstbridge rail line from the Darebin Creek Trail north to Macleod Station.
2	Hurstbridge RailTrail_04	Construct a new section of trail along the Hurstbridge rail line from the Plenty River Trail to the Diamond Creek Trail.
3	PlentyRiver_07	Construct a new section of trail at Bicton Street
4	PlentyRiver_11	Upgrade pedestrian bridges on the Plenty River Trail where required and improve sight lines where appropriate
5	EastWestPower_07	Investigate options for providing a new section of trail from Dilkara Avenue to Gleeson Drive
6	PlentyRiver_06	Improve wayfinding signage at Poulter Reserve to direct users to the wider trail network west of the reserve.
7	PlentyRiver_10	Improve wayfinding signage along the length of the trail.
8	PlentyRiver_12	Investigate the feasibility of realigning the Plenty River Trail to the eastern bank of the Plenty River between George Court and Para Road in order to avoid the steep grade on the west bank.
9	YarraTrail_08	Construct a bridge crossing over the Yarra River to Birrarrung Park.
10	PlentyRiver_08	Upgrade and widen section of trail with wayfinding signage at Montmorency Park.

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ENDORSEMENT cont'd**



KEY ISSUES

- A revised Northern Regional Trails Strategy has been prepared following internal and external consultation.
- This project provides an in-depth strategic analysis of the network that has been created and seeks to determine the key trails of regional importance and their top improvement actions.
- This strategy reviews the 2016 strategy and provides an updated framework taking into consideration the significant changes in the landscape as a result of large-scale state government infrastructure projects.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

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Sustainable Procurement

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- Sustainable procurement outcomes will be pursued as a function of the detailed designs of the individual projects recommended in the strategy, should Council resolve to adopt the strategy.

Financial Implications

- The Northern Regional Trail Strategy 2022 will guide Council's advocacy and infrastructure priorities.
- Region wide advocacy will continue for a 10-year pipeline of funding (estimated \$110 million) to complete all stages of the Northern Trails project, including delivery.
- To deliver Banyule's top three priority trail improvement projects, it would cost in the region of \$3,500,000.
- To deliver all of Banyule's top ten priority trail improvement projects, it would cost in the region of \$7,710,000.
- Should the Strategy be endorsed by Council officers would be actively seeking external grants and funding opportunities to assist with delivery, particularly where projects involve multiple land managers.

Community Engagement

- The consultation as part of the development of the Strategy comprised:
 - Targeted consultation with industry, Council stakeholders and land managers.
 - An initial community questionnaire in July 2021 to understand use, need and feedback.
 - Between 8 August and 28 September 2022, in partnership with member councils, Banyule City Council hosted a region wide questionnaire to test whether the refreshed Strategy met community needs and expectations.
- Feedback received from the 2022 consultation was generally supportive.
- A breakdown of the region wide key metrics is outlined below:
 - Number of online views was 4096
 - 281 people ranked their top 3 trail region wide trail projects
 - The draft Strategy project priority list was generally in alignment with that of the responders, especially the "top three" priorities, with no stand-out errors in the feedback or long answer submissions.
 - The main themes for the region wide feedback were:
 - These trail projects will improve user safety (71 mentions)
 - These trail projects will improve connections (51 mentions)
 - Appreciate the strategy / encourage quick delivery (32 mentions)

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- There has been broad community support for the strategy across all six Council areas.

Collaboration

- The Strategy has been a collaborative project between the six member Councils; Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Merri-bek, Nillumbik and Whittlesea Councils.
- Banyule Council was the lead Council through this Strategy refresh project.

Key Considerations

- The 2016 strategy successfully leveraged approximately \$11 million of State Government funding to deliver priority projects as the regional planning approach was recognised as an effective and coordinated way to deliver trail infrastructure.
- The Northern Trails Strategy 2022 builds on the success of the previous strategy and provides an updated picture on what has changed in the region and provides an up to date priority list to enable continued advocacy for delivery funding.
- The Northern Trails Strategy 2022 has broad community support across the six participating Council areas.
- To ensure Banyule is well placed to receive future external funding, emphasis should be placed on preparing all required plans and permits for Banyule's priority trail improvement projects.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

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1	Northern Trails 2022	
2	Northern Trails 2022_Appendix A_Strategic Framework	
3	Northern Trails 2022_Appendix B_trail improvement projects	
4	Northern Trails 2022_Appendix C_Cost Benefit Analysis	

6.3 EAST IVANHOE STREETScape DELIVERY

Author: Nick McKay - Senior Project Manager, City Development

Ward: Griffin Ward

SUMMARY

1. The East Ivanhoe Streetscape renewal project is one of the projects on the capital works - streetscape renewal list. Preliminary planning works for this project commenced in early 2022. This included community consultation via several workshops, completion of surveys and preparation of initial concept plans.
2. Scoping of works for the project has determined it is currently underfunded based on a number of factors, including community feedback, geographical complexity, Department of Transport involvement (Lower Heidelberg Road is a DoT asset) and also the level of asset renewal required in this area.
3. This report provides details on the anticipated scope, costs and timeline for the proposed works and requests that Council makes a decision outside of the budget process regarding additional funding to complete the works.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the progress on the concept plan for the East Ivanhoe Streetscape renewal project and endorses concept plan Option 2 to progress to detailed design.
2. Notes that work to be completed this year includes completion of detailed design, obtaining relevant approvals from external parties, as required, for the proposed scope of works, and procurement of a builder so that works can commence in late 2023/early 2024.
3. Agrees to additional funding to be reallocated from a future streetscape project to the East Ivanhoe Streetscape project to enable it to be delivered over the next two years.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Deliver well designed places and spaces that enable stronger connections and liveability to meet the diverse needs of our current and future community".

BACKGROUND

- The East Ivanhoe streetscape project was identified as part of the capital works programme for streetscape renewal works a number of years ago. At this time, a budget was allocated to the project as part of future budgetary forecasting without the benefit of any community consultation.

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- The project commenced in early 2022, with much of the past year dedicated to community consultation and the preparation of concept plans.
- The feedback from these community engagement activities has indicated the required works exceeds the scope of the original budget. Additionally, inspections of the existing conditions show that the street would benefit from additional investment and asset renewal.
- As part of Council's 'one touch' approach, it makes sense that all the works are completed as part of a single project. This is not only more efficient, but it minimises disruption to traders and the community and will provide cost savings.
- This report presents the works completed for the project to date and requests that this project continue to be delivered, with budget brought forward to complete the works.

KEY ISSUES

- Current and planned streetscape upgrades are based on 2-year budgets which assume that year 1 is spent on planning - including consultation, design, detailed design and procuring a builder and year 2 is the construction phase.
- Both costs and timeframes are not reflective of the post COVID environment, where project delivery can be impacted by:
 - escalation of material costs;
 - lack of skilled labour and contractor availability
 - delays in delivery of materials;
 - rising fuel prices;
 - interest rate hikes;
 - inclement weather; and
 - international issues, such as the ongoing war in Europe and China's ongoing COVID19 outbreaks.
- All of these elements have contributed to the delay in delivery of capital works projects across the board, including streetscape works.
- The 2-year timeframe also impacts on being able to deliver 'whole of place', well designed public realm improvements that respect and respond to existing and emerging community needs and values and build the solid foundation of data required to deliver a high-quality outcome.
- The East Ivanhoe streetscape project is a prime example of the complex challenges of delivering a project within existing macro and micro economic, social and environmental conditions.
- The key purpose of the East Ivanhoe streetscape project is to improve accessibility, broaden appeal of the centre, prioritise places for people to meet and connect, and encourage a greater range of uses all of which provide greater reasons for community members to visit and stay in the area. By creating a more people focused environment, the return is a better economic development platform for the centre to flourish.
- East Ivanhoe is complicated in that Lower Heidelberg Road is a Department of Transport (DoT) main road and cannot be closed off or worked on without appropriate permissions and standard requirements being met. The process of

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obtaining feedback from DoT impacts Council's turnaround times and what can be delivered.

- **Figure 1** below shows the extent of the works which runs along Lower Heidelberg Road. This is from Carmichael Street to the eastern edge of the village (283 Lower Heidelberg Road) and includes the intersections of Wilfred Road, Burton Crescent and Warnccliffe Road and Council carparks to the north and south of the village.



Fig 1: East Ivanhoe Streetscape Works Project Area

- The scope of works for the project include:
 - Improvements to accessibility within the village, including new footpaths, raised pedestrian crossings and feature paving at intersections, lighting improvements within Council parking areas and upgrades to existing disabled parking to meet DDA standards.
 - A review of opportunities to introduce disabled parking closer to the activity centre as well as more greenery and trees (limited due to service locations and parking).
 - The establishment of three new parking bays (to replace the removal of four parking bays on Lower Heidelberg Road by DoT due to construction of a pedestrian operated signal crossing):
 - One new parking bay on Warnccliffe Road - through removal of redundant crossovers, subject to landowner agreement; and
 - Two new parking bays in Wilfred Road which includes a kerb re-alignment
 - Replacement of existing street furniture with new bins and seating and installation of a drinking fountain.

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- Upgrades to services, utilities and drainage.
- Improvements to parking time limits within the activity centre.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- A review of the current approved project budget and scope has shown that only a portion of the project could be completed with the available funding. A complete costing for the East Ivanhoe project is provided as confidential **Attachment 1**.
- There are options that Council could consider in funding the budgetary shortfall. These are shown below in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Delivery Options for East Ivanhoe Streetscape Project

Option	Budget	Risks	Benefits
Complete 'whole of place' upgrade	<p>Option 1: Use current budget plus additional funding identified as part of 23/24 budget process and request this now.</p> <p>Option 2: Bring forward funding available for future neighbourhood activity centre streetscape upgrades from the 10-year financial plan as part of future reprioritisation works.</p> <p>Option 3: Seek additional funding through a special rates and charges scheme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional budget will reduce available funding for other projects • A rates and charges scheme may not be well received by the community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certainty for community and traders • Council reputation • Delivers on Council's commitment • Economies of Scale - One Tender, One Contractor • Delivers on Place Based Framework as a pilot neighbourhood activity centre • Will address reported access & mobility issues • Delivers 3 additional parking bays
Complete only partial upgrade works that fall within current approved budget	<p>Option 4: Use current budget and look to do remaining works when and if additional funding becomes available</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current budget does not meet scope of works for the entire village to be upgraded • Council reputation • Potential divide where traders who do not receive an upgrade will be disappointed • Disruption to traders and community if works are undertaken in separate stages • Does not achieve economies of scale. Increase in total construction (materials and labour) cost to complete works in stages • Inconsistent quality of delivery - may not be one contractor delivering the entire project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certainty for community and traders • Partially delivers on Council's commitment • Delivers on Place Based Framework as a pilot neighbourhood activity centre • Partially addresses reported access & mobility issues • Additional parking bays may not be able to be delivered

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a risk of not securing funding to support completion of remaining areas of the village 	
<p>Completed detailed design only and look to undertake construction in future years when entire budget is available</p>	<p>Option 5: Current budget is reallocated to another project in the 10-year financial plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community disappointment as have already completed the process of engagement and visioning • Does not deliver on Council's commitment which may impact reputation and confidence in Council to deliver • Increase in future construction costs (both materials and labour) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The detained design will provide direction and certainty • Delivers on Place Based Framework as a pilot neighbourhood activity centre however construction not completed • Could redirect budget and resources towards other more important initiatives and projects

- It is recommended that Option 2 - bring forward available funding for future neighbourhood activity centre streetscape upgrades from the 10-year financial plan be agreed by Council. This will provide certainty for the community and traders, will build on the works already completed to date and will address the current access and mobility issues identified for the area.
- A cost breakdown of the scope options is provided in confidential **Attachment 2**. Both Attachments 1 and 2 are confidential so as not to adversely affect the procurement of a building contractor.

Community Engagement

- There has been a significant amount of community engagement for this project. There is a very active and responsive Community Reference Group (CRG) established and there have been several workshops completed in the past 12 months, including a successful pilot place activation in Burton Crescent, which included installation of outdoor dining infrastructure.
- Previous community engagement has included:
 - Shaping Banyule page, which provided for on-line feedback and surveys;
 - Community pop-ups;
 - Discussions with traders to share findings and listen to feedback; and
 - Two CRG workshops to share feedback on community engagement and insights from parking and traffic surveys, as well as provide details on how feedback has been applied, including constraints (negotiables and non-negotiables), and to begin to develop a vision and priorities for the centre.
- All of this has culminated in a consultation data summary report and the preparation of draft concept plans, both of which have been shared with the community.
- The concept plans are attached in **Attachment 3**. It is recommended that concept plan Option 2 be adopted to progress to detailed design. Note that there are three possibilities for works on Burton Crescent (refer to page 2 of **Attachment 3**). The costs to extend the existing parklet or create a hybrid will be similar.

Key Considerations

- There have already been substantial works completed for the East Ivanhoe streetscape project. Weighing up the risks and benefits of each option in **Table 1**, as well as the impending changes to alter the current two-year timeframe for project delivery to a rolling 3-year timeframe (subject to Council approval), it is considered that Option 2 provides the most reasonable outcome.

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- By shifting funds from future streetscape projects, this project will be able to be delivered by early 2025.
- An indicative timeline to deliver the project has been generated and included as **Attachment 4**. This timeline proposes that the adopted concept plan be issued for final community comments prior to moving into the detailed design phase. It is anticipated that detailed design will be completed, and a builder procured, by end 2023 with construction commencement in late 2023 (or potentially early 2024). The total construction programme is approximately 16 months.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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1	East Ivanhoe Streetscape Costings - CONFIDENTIAL	
2	East Ivanhoe Streetscape - Funding Options Assessment - CONFIDENTIAL	
3	East Ivanhoe Streetscape Layout Options	
4	East Ivanhoe Streetscape Works Indicative Programme	

6.4 PLANNING AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES REPORT - JULY TO DECEMBER 2022

Author: Jonathan Atkinson - Development Planning Team Leader, City Development

SUMMARY

1. This report presents and provides commentary on the July to December 2022 activities of Development Planning and Building with key highlights from the review period.

Development Planning

2. The number of planning applications and requests received decreased by 9.9% for the 2022 calendar year as compared to the previous year.
3. The average number of 'Live' (current) planning applications and requests reduced by an average of 40 per month as compared to the previous review period.
4. 81.5% of applications were determined within the statutory timeframes (60 days) across the six-month average, which improves from the 75% result from previous six months.
5. Applications for multi dwelling development increased by 36.7% in the six-month review period from 79 in the previous review period to 108 but remains comparatively since 2019.
6. There has been a slight reduction in the number of Council decisions overturned by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal throughout the review period with 60% of applications for review set aside by the Tribunal. This is compared to 67% overturned in the previous six months.
7. One 'out of time' appeal was received in the review period.

Building Services and Banyule Bpi

8. 388 building permits were issued compared to 391 for the previous July to December 2021 review period. This is a 0.8% decrease.
9. Banyule BPI's financial position for July to December 2022 is a \$11,630 cost, excluding corporate overheads.
10. The number of outstanding enforcement investigations have reduced by 17% over the review period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the Planning and Building Activities Report for the period July to December 2022.

PLANNING AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES REPORT - JULY TO DECEMBER 2022 cont'd

COUNCIL PLAN

- Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Deliver well designed places and spaces to enable stronger connections and liveability to meet the diverse needs of our current and future community" is relevant to Planning and Building activities.

BACKGROUND

- On 13 September 2010, Council received the first of a number of ongoing reports regarding town planning activity at VCAT affecting Banyule City Council. That report outlined the types of appeals, the number of appeals lodged, the number of decisions received, as well as the types of decisions. Subsequent reports have presented six monthly or yearly data from 2010 to date but with an expanded range of key performance indicators and data sets across Development Planning and Building Approvals and Enforcement.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS – DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

- Detailed metrics, previous year trends and commentary is set out for Development Planning in **Attachment 1**.

Planning applications and related requests

- In 2022 year, 2382 planning applications (planning permits, Section 72 Amendments, VicSmart and subdivision applications) and related requests (Secondary Consent, Extension of Time, Development Plan Approval, variations to a section 173 legal agreement, requests to endorse 'condition 1' plans) were received compared to a total of 2643 in 2021, resulting in 261 (9.9%) less requests.

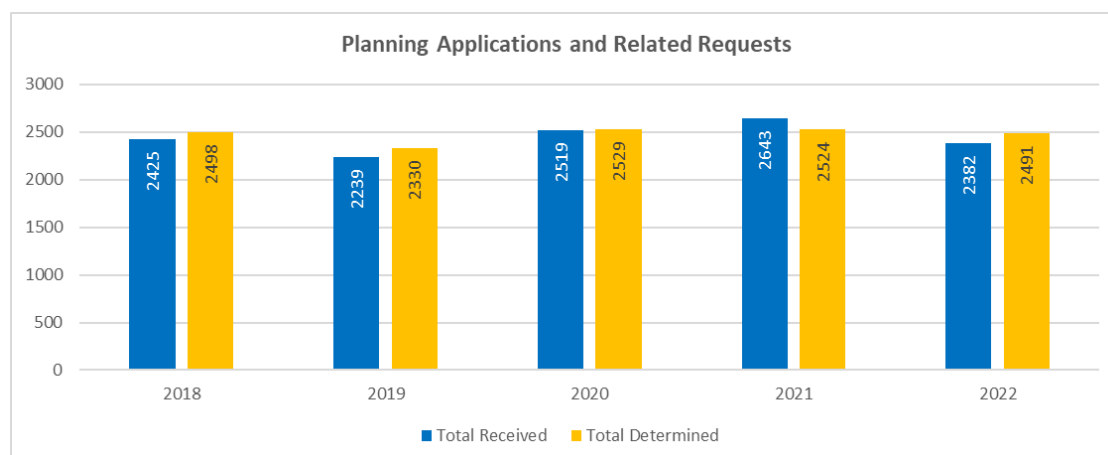


Figure 1 – Comparison with previous years

- The total number of requests determined over the calendar year was 109 more than the number received with a total of 2491 determinations. The number of determinations in 2022 was less than the previous year by 33 determinations.
- During the review period the number of 'live' (current) applications and requests has remained below the live target of 400 in all months other than August which received the highest influx of applications for the calendar year.

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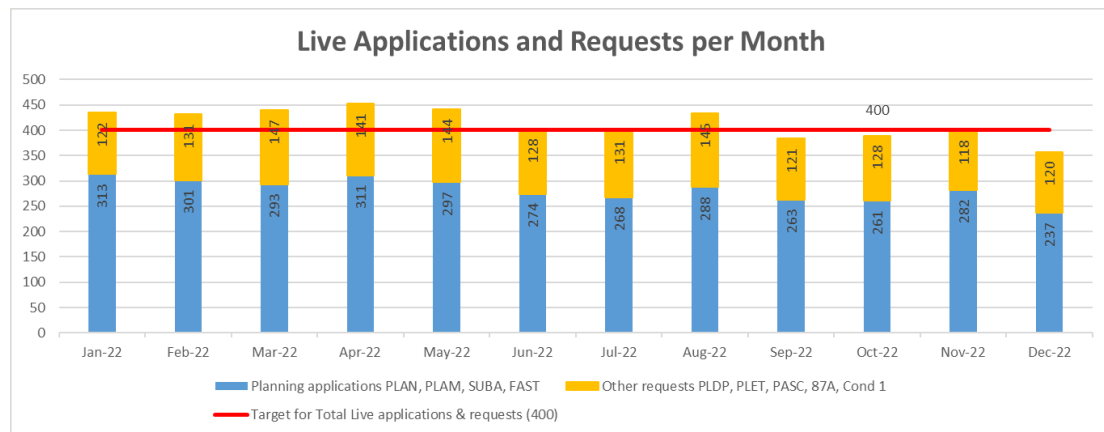


Figure 2 – Live applications and requests per month

Processing Timeframes

- On average for the six-month review period, 81.5% of planning applications were determined within the 60 statutory days and 88% of VicSmart applications were determined within the 10-business day statutory timeframe.
- The average gross days for a determination during the review period reduced when compared to the previous review period.

Applications by Type

- The number of applications for tree removal and pruning was noticeably less than the past few review periods with a total of 308 applications.
- Applications for multi dwelling development increased in the second half of the year by approximately 36.7% from 79 to 108.
- Subdivision applications dropped to a low of 62 applications received which is the lowest figure since January -June 2018. This may reflect delays in completing development projects as a result of increased building costs.

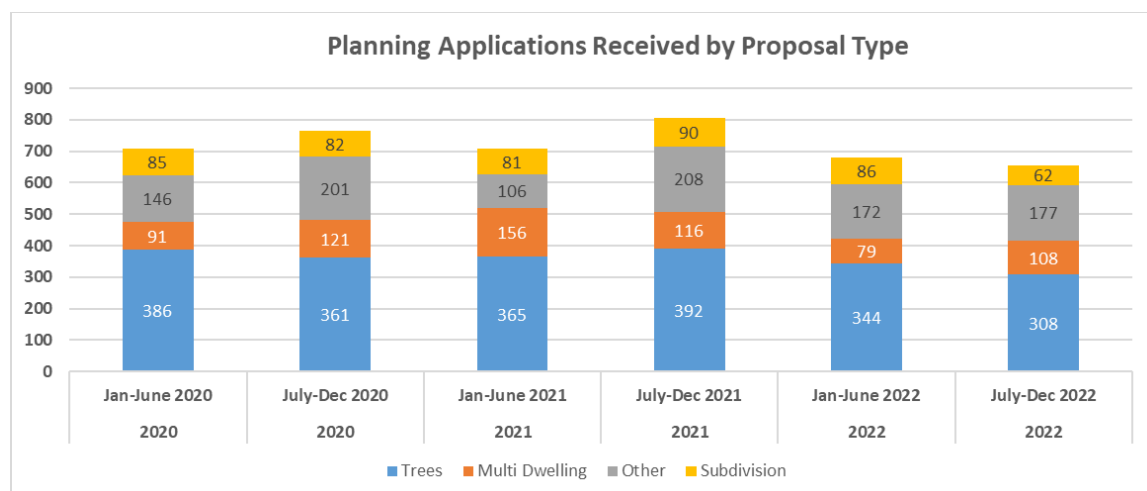


Figure 3 - Planning permit applications received by proposal

- The number of other applications (single dwellings, dwelling additions and change of use) only increased by 2.9% from 172 to 177 when compared to the previous review period.

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Investigations

- An average of 11 breaches per month of Planning Permits and the Planning Scheme were brought to the attention of the Development Planning team in the six-month review period. These breaches relate to built form (such as development, overlooking and signage), land use and vegetation removal.
- The total number of investigations instigated in the review period decreased by from 83 between January - June to 64 between July - December. The number of investigations finalised was greater than those commenced with 87 investigations closed.
- A total of 23 Planning Infringement Notices (PINs) were issued during the review period and five outstanding PINs remain at the conclusion of the period.

VCAT Appeals

- There were 19 reviews lodged with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) in the six-month review period, which is consistent with the previous two review periods.
- The majority of reviews lodged continue to be by permit applicants with 14 reviews lodged against refusals to issue a permit during the review period. This is one more than the previous review period. The number of reviews lodged by objectors reduced from five to one in the review period.
- In the six-month review period, one review was lodged against Council not making a decision within the statutory timeframe (i.e. 'out of time'). This is one less than the previous review period which received two appeals of this nature.
- There has been a slight reduction in the number of decisions which have been overturned by the Tribunal in the review period:
 - 60% of applications for review were set aside (overturned) by the Tribunal. 67% of decisions were set aside (overturned) in the previous six months.

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS – BANYULE BPI AND STATUTORY BUILDING SERVICES

Financial Position and permit activity

- The financial position for Banyule BPI including statutory services for end of the 2022/23 (**Half Yearly**) year is a \$11,630 cost (excluding corporate overheads). Figure 3 outlines this position in comparison to previous years.

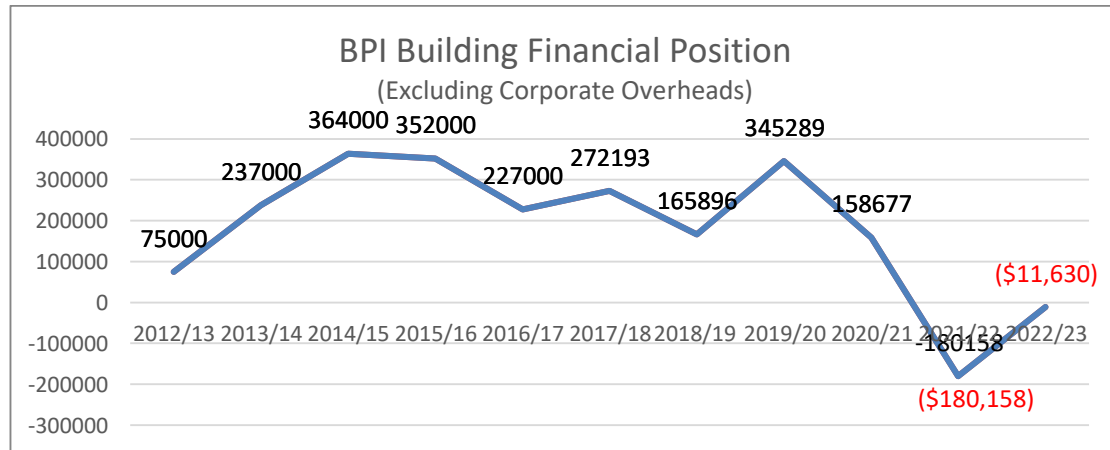


Figure 4: Banyule Bpi profit by financial year (note: overhead costs not included)

Between July – Dec 2022 there were 388 permits issued, compared with 391 in the corresponding period for the previous year which is a 0.8% decrease (figure 4). Incoming Permits and workloads have been consistent with the previous year timeframe.

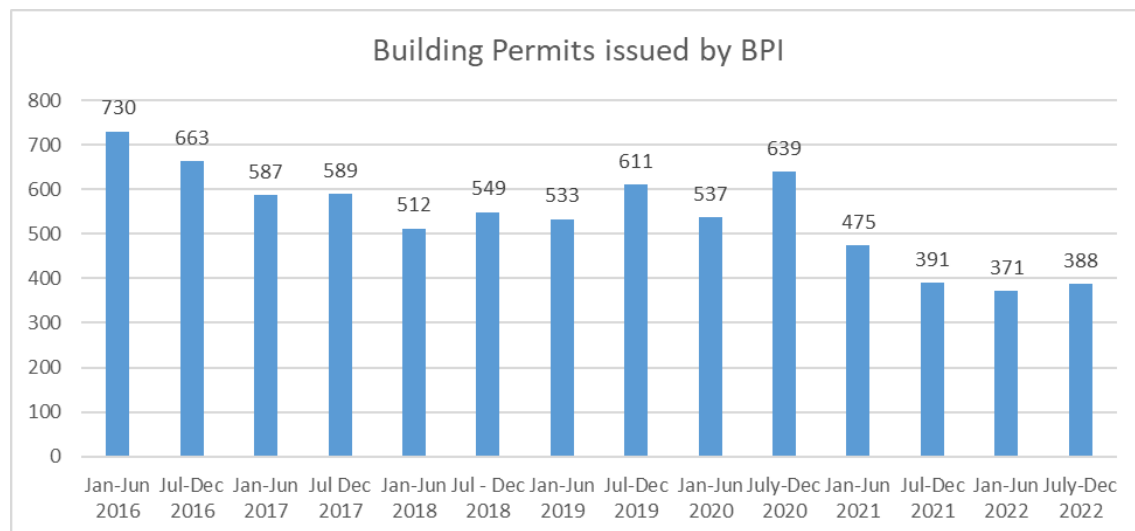


Figure 5: Building permits issued over 6-month periods

Investigations

- There was an average of 16.5 new investigations received per month between with this backlog decreasing by 30 over the review period.

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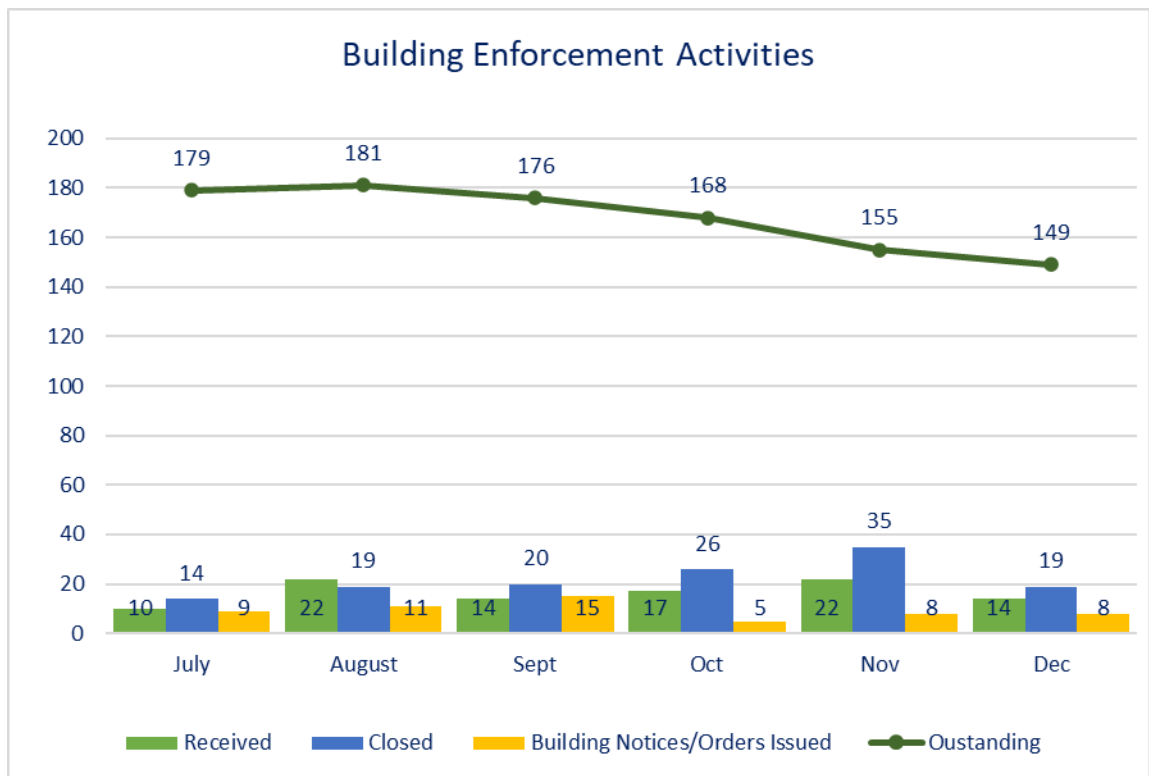


Figure 6: Shows the overall activity of the enforcement area within the building department

Figure 7 details investigations by risk rating and it is noted that a number of high-risk matters were able to be reclassified in July to a lower risk rating.

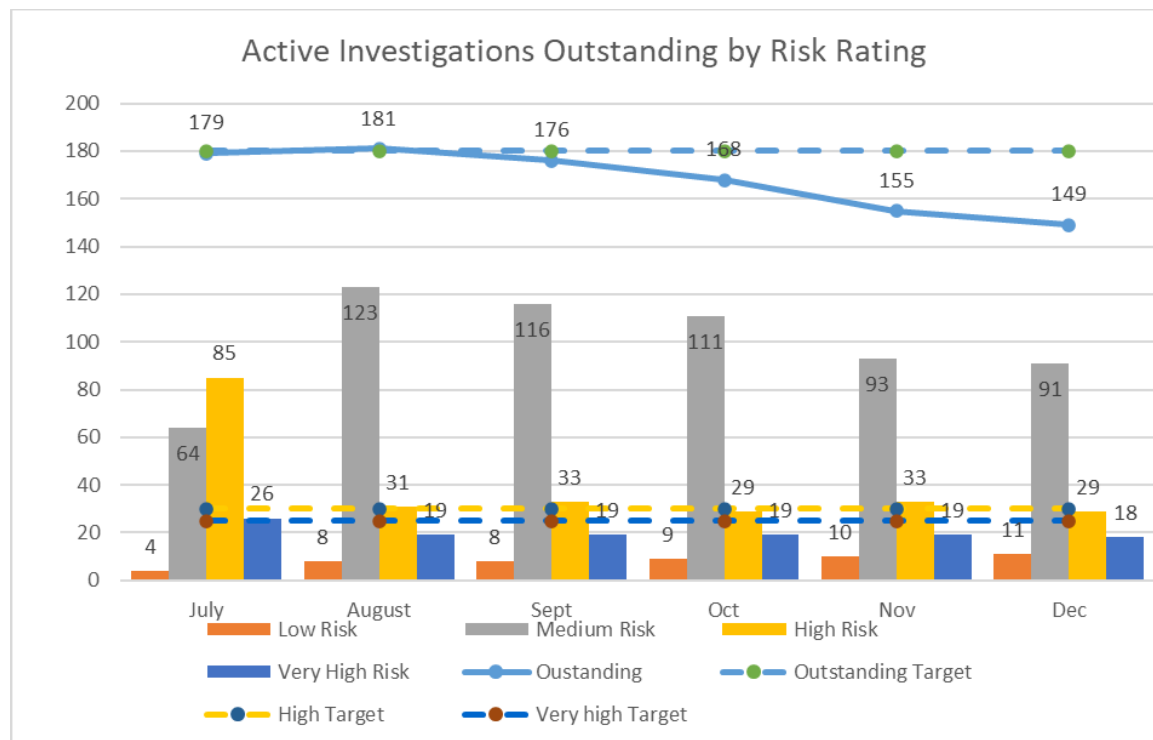


Figure 7: This graph indicates the total active number of investigations and the level of risk associated with the type of investigation as well as the total numbers of investigations per month.

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Swimming Pool Registrations

- A further 181 registrations were received over the 6-month review period. A total of 4,651 residents with properties containing swimming pools or spas are now registered with Council in accordance with new regulations.
- 1998 Form 23 Compliance Certificates (certification that Pool Barrier is compliant) have been received, 502 of these were within the last 6 months.

Combustible Cladding Enforcement

- Council continues to work with Cladding Safe Victoria (CSV) and the Victorian Building Authority VBA to address buildings identified as containing combustible cladding. Council has closed 57 of the 80 outstanding orders administered by Banyule or VBA with 23 remaining active sites.
- There is an ongoing challenge for Council with additional buildings being inspected and identified as having combustible cladding which has increased the total numbers over the last 6 months.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implication arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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1	Attachment - Development Planning Activities Report 2022	

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6.5 WATSONIA TOWN SQUARE - PROJECT UPDATE

Author: Nick McKay - Senior Project Manager, City Development

Ward: Bakewell

SUMMARY

1. Following successful negotiations with the State Government as part of the North East Link planning approval, Council secured \$5.5m in funding to facilitate the design and construction of a Town Square for Watsonia (\$500,000 is for the design phase and \$5 million for the construction phase).
2. Since the funding was secured, the project has progressed significantly, with completion of the planning, community consultation and concept design phases.
3. In June 2022, Council agreed on the preferred concept design, which included the removal of the High Street roundabout and provision of additional carparking (Stage 2). At this meeting Council was advised that, given the nature of the current town square proposal and the inclusion of the additional items, it is likely to exceed the \$5 million construction budget. These costs will be able to be more accurately determined following tendering of the project.
4. The concept design progressed into the detailed design phase in July 2022 and is due for completion in mid-March 2023. Very preliminary costings for the project have been obtained based on the substantially complete detailed design and are presented as a confidential attachment in this report (**Attachment 3**).
5. This report provides an update of works completed since the last report to Council in June 2022 and provides details on the next steps and an indicative timeline.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes that there has been a significant amount of work since the concept plan was endorsed by Council in June 2022 and that the detailed design for Watsonia Town Square will be completed by mid-March 2023.
2. Notes that an Expression of Interest (EOI) has been completed to shortlist a building contractor for the project and agrees to proceed to a Request for Tender (RfT), with a separate report to come to Council to award the building contract in mid-2023.
3. Note that the RfT will be structured with separable portions for each stage of the build to assist with value management of the project.
4. Notes that the construction costs for the Watsonia Town Square will be refined following receipt of tenders and Council may choose to wind back, omit or defer project components based on value for money.

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COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Deliver well designed places and spaces that enable stronger connections and liveability to meet the diverse needs of our current and future community".

BACKGROUND

- After successful negotiations with the State Government as part of the North East Link planning approval, Council secured \$5.5 million in funding to facilitate the design and construction of a Town Square for Watsonia (\$500,000 is for the design phase and \$5 million for the construction phase, including works for the town square and alterations to the local road network and associated civil infrastructure).
- Since that time the project has progressed significantly, with a number of milestones being met including:
 - The production of four concept design options for Watsonia Town Square in collaboration with the project's Community Reference Group and authorities
 - Extensive community consultation regarding the four concept design options
 - Advocacy to encourage the State Government to commit to funding the construction of monopoles
 - Production and Council endorsement of a preferred concept option that responds to the community feedback, strategic context, and technical advice. A copy of the preferred concept plan is included as **Attachment 1**
 - Commencement of detailed design for the preferred option, which is due to be completed by mid-March 2023.
- This report provides details on:
 - Tasks that have been completed since the last report to Council in June 2022
 - The next steps and an approximate timeline for these activities
 - A proposed project staging plan and the scope of works proposed for each stage.

KEY ISSUES

Works completed to Date

- There have been several activities completed since the last report to Council in June 2022. These activities have included:
 - Commencement of the detailed design process, including Stage 2 elements requested by Council (i.e. removal of the High Street roundabout and provision of additional carparking);
 - Purchase of 72 Watsonia Road from the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne (known as the Church land) to ensure inclusion in the project area;
 - Preparation and issue of an Expression of Interest (EoI) to procure a builder for the project;

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- Assessment of the EoI submissions and creation of a shortlist of builders to be invited to the next stage Tender process;
- Commencement of preparation of the Request for Tender (RfT) documentation;
- Preparation of a staging plan for the works;
- Preparation of planning permit information;
- Development of cost estimates with the assistance of a Quantity Surveyor; and
- Notification to service authorities for future connections and works around services.

Next steps

- Detailed design for the project is continuing and expected to be completed by mid-March 2023. Documentation generated from this process will go into the tender documentation for project construction.
- As indicated above, an Expression of Interest (EoI) for a builder was issued in November 2022, with EoI submissions received mid-January 2023. A shortlist of preferred builders has been agreed by the evaluation panel and an RfT will be issued in April, with the preferred builder to be appointed to commence works by July 2023.
- As part of the tender, builders will be asked to provide a detailed breakdown of costs in a series of project stages. A plan showing the indicative stages and approximate timing for each stage is attached (**Attachment 2**).
- Tenderers will be asked to cost each stage as a separable portion. This will allow officers to assess the tenders from a value management perspective and provides Council with the ability to wind back, defer or omit project elements if required.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- In the last report presented to Council, at its meeting of 27 June 2022, when the preferred design was endorsed, Council requested that additional elements be

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added (Stage 2) and for a separate report be sent to Council on budget funding implications.

- Since receiving the State Government grant to construct the town square in 2020, there has been a significant increase in the costs to deliver capital works projects. The increase across the board has been around 25% to 30% and is predominantly due to increases in labour, freight and materials.
- Much of the work to be completed for the town square includes creation of carparking, road, paths, kerb and channels and this is the major factor contributing to the increase in the cost estimates.
- Very preliminary costings have been obtained from a Quantity Surveyor on the current detailed design drawings (which are now substantially complete). These costing are summarised in **Attachment 3**. They will be verified once costs have been obtained following the RfT process as they may change.
- Officers will review the tender prices and complete a value management exercise. This will be provided to Council as part of awarding the building contract. At this time Council may elect to wind back, omit or defer works for some project stages or agree to additional funding, depending on the outcome.

Community Engagement

- During 2021 and early 2022, extensive community consultation was undertaken to inform the concept plan and build on the extensive engagement carried out with the community to create the *Picture Watsonia Vision* in 2014.
- The project Community Reference Group, which has been guiding the design development process, is still active and will continue to be updated as the project progresses into the next phase. It is expected that the next meeting with the CRG will be scheduled to coincide with completion of the detailed design.
- It is also proposed that other key stakeholders are regularly kept up to date on project progress. To guide this continued engagement, a draft community engagement plan has been prepared and is included in **Attachment 4**. This is an iterative document and will evolve as the project progresses.
- On-going communication regarding project progress will be via a number of media including updates to the project website (Shaping Banyule), updates in the Banyule Banner and Ward News, letter drops, flyers, update bulletins, social media, including Facebook, and face to face meetings and e-mail correspondence with the CRG and local Traders.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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1	Watsonia Town Square Preferred Concept Plan	

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- 2 Staging and Scheduling Plan
- 3 Estimated Project Costs - **CONFIDENTIAL**
- 4 Draft Community Engagement Plan Watsonia Town Square

6.6 31 WATSONIA ROAD WATSONIA - LIQUOR LICENCE FOR A BAR (P1392/2022)

Author: Ben Capuana - Development Planner, City Development

Ward: Bakewell

SUMMARY

- The application is for a Liquor Licence, building extension and associated car parking reduction associated with a bar (as-of-right use).
- The parcel of land is located within the Watsonia Neighbourhood Activity Centre, separated from residential dwellings via a laneway to the rear.
- A total of 30 objections were received during the public notification period, raising concerns with the hours of liquor service, number of patrons, parking reduction, location of smoking area, noise from live music, and use of the premises for non-standard operation (functions).
- The proposal for a liquor license (associated with a bar) supports the enhancement and improvement of nightlife in the Watsonia Traders strip, will facilitate a greater night-time economy and use of the site. Consideration must also be given to the amenity of the nearby residential area.
- On balance, it is recommended the proposal be supported, subject to conditions which provides for staff parking, result in greater compliance with parking scheme rates, reduced hours of operation/liquor, venue/patron management, removal of smoking area and an increased buffer to residential interface.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council having complied with Section 52, 58, 60, 61 and 62 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, resolves to issue a **Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit** in respect of Application No. P1392/2022 for Liquor Licence, Parking Waiver of Five (5) Spaces and Buildings and Works Associated with a Section 1 Use – Food and Drink Premises (Bar) at 31 Watsonia Road WATSONIA subject to the following conditions:

General Plans

1. Before the development permitted by this permit commences, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and be submitted in an electronic format acceptable to the Responsible Authority. The plans must be substantially in accordance with the plans submitted 25 November 2022 with the application but modified to show:

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- (a) Deletion of the rear smoking area, and the rear and Northern extensions enclosed;
- (b) Advice from a suitable qualified acoustic engineer demonstrating that acoustic performance of the approved addition is acceptable having regard to the operation of the venue, noise transmission and proximity of residential properties or recommendations for changes to achieve an appropriate performance.
- (c) Any changes to the plans required to implement any recommendations established through condition 1 (b).
- (d) The rear (west) elevation referenced in Condition 1 (a) to be setback 5 metres from the rear boundary/laneway;
- (e) The roller shutters and blinds on the North elevation facing Black Street to be solid insulated wall panels;
- (f) The licensed area (red line plan) to align with changes referenced in Condition 1 (a) of this permit;
- (g) The space created at the rear of the site to be line marked, appropriately signed and used for two angled staff car parking spaces;
- (h) All patron entry and exit to be done via Watsonia Road, with the exception of emergency entry/exit points;
- (i) A material schedule, provided on a separate sheet detailing all surface treatments and finishes;
- (j) Development Drainage Plans in accordance with Condition 3 of this permit;

Layout Not to Be Altered

- 2. The use and development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

Development Drainage Plans

- 3. Before the use and development permitted by this permit commences, Development Drainage Plans must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The plans must be prepared by a suitably qualified engineer including:
 - (a) The use of an On-site Stormwater Detention (OSD) system;
 - (b) The connection to the Council nominated Legal Point of Discharge;
 - (c) The integration, details and connections of all Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) features in accordance with the endorsed Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA)/Sustainable Management Plan (SMP) and STORM report and include drainage details as a result of landscaping;

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- (d) A properly prepared design with computations for the internal drainage and method of disposal of stormwater from all roofed areas and sealed areas;

Noise and Amenity Action Plan

4. A Noise and Amenity Action Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority prior to the commencement of the use. The Noise and Amenity Action Plan must address the following:

- (a) Identifying all noise sources associated with the premises likely to impact on adjoining residents (including, but not limited to, music noise, entries and exits to the premises);
- (b) Measures to be undertaken to address all noise sources identified, including on and off-site noise attenuation measures;
- (c) Location of signs in prominent locations within the premises exhorting patrons to respect the amenity of neighbours and the need to avoid causing noise and disturbance to neighbours and discomfort to passing pedestrians;
- (d) The nomination of a person responsible for the behaviour of patrons and a telephone number for the said responsible person ('the Hotline') which must be available during operation hours and must be provided to residents and business proprietors;
- (e) The method for linking the telephone number of complaints to the complaints register;
- (f) The nominated person responsible for the behaviour of patrons to monitor congregation of patrons to avoid causing noise and disturbance to neighbouring properties and discomfort to passing pedestrians;
- (g) The method used to demonstrate that maximum patron numbers permitted on site at any one time are not exceeded;
- (h) Details of training provided for bar staff in the responsible serving of alcohol;
- (i) Hours of operation for all parts of the premises;
- (j) Lighting within the boundaries of the site;
- (k) Security lighting outside the premises;
- (l) Details of waste management (including storage and hours of collection for general rubbish and bottles associated with the licensed premises), bottle crushers, and delivery times associated with the licensed premises;
- (m) Details of smoking areas (should any be approved by amendment to this permit) including location, noise controls, restriction of liquor and any acoustic fence details;
- (n) The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Noise and Amenity Action Plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and shall not be changed or altered without the further consent of the Responsible Authority.

Amenity

5. The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected by the development and/or use, through:
- (a) The transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land;

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- (b) The appearance of any building, works or materials;
- (c) The emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil;
- (d) The presence of vermin;
- (e) Any other way, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Hours of Operation

6. The service of liquor must operate only between the hours of:

Wednesday to Thursday:	3:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday:	3:00pm to 10:00pm
Saturday:	2:00pm to 10:00pm
Sunday:	2:00pm to 9:00pm

Unless with the further written consent of the Responsible Authority.

- 7. The total number of non-standard events operating between the hours of 12:00pm (Midday) till 11:00pm on Friday or Saturday Nights (functions, sports club nights or engagement/birthday type functions) must not exceed 12 per calendar year.
- 8. The permit holder must maintain a written record of all non-standard events held, including the date, event type, duration and number of attendees. This record must be provided to the Responsible Authority on request.
- 9. Live music may be played in the premises whilst achieving compliance with SEPP N-2 music noise limits during the following times to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:

Friday-Saturday between 12:00pm and 09:00pm

- 10. During times when non-standard events are held, the external façade windows and doors must be closed.

Hours of Operation (Rubbish Collection)

- 11. No rubbish is to be collected from the site or deliveries be made to the site before 7.00am Monday to Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday.

No External Sound System or Amplified Equipment

- 12. Without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority no form of public address system or sound amplification equipment shall be used on the premises so as to be audible outside the premises.

Compliance with State Environment Protection Regulations 2021

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13. The development and use (commerce, industry and trade) of the site must not cause nuisance or be detrimental to the amenity of the neighborhood by the emission of noise. Noise emissions from the land must comply with *State Environment Protection Regulations 2021*.

14. At the Responsible Authority's request, the permit holder at their own expense, must engage a suitably qualified professional acoustic consultant to determine the extent of compliance with *State Environment Protection Regulations 2021*. A copy of the consultant's report must be submitted to the Responsible Authority. If measures under the *State Environment Protection Regulations 2021* are being exceeded then the permit holder must carry out such structural alterations and/or management measures to achieve compliance to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Exterior Lighting Development

15. Exterior lights must be installed in such positions to effectively illuminate all pathways, car parks and other public areas to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Number of Patrons

16. The total number of patrons within the premises at any one time must not exceed 100 except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.

Property Appearance

17. The subject land must be kept neat and tidy at all times and its appearance must not, in the opinion of the Responsible Authority, adversely affect the amenity of the locality.

Public Address System

18. Except with the further consent of the Responsible Authority no form of public address system shall be used on the premises so as to be audible outside the building.

Car Park

19. Areas set aside for the parking of vehicles together with the aisles and access lanes must be properly formed to such levels that they can be utilised in accordance with the endorsed plans and must be drained and provided with an all-weather seal coat. The areas must be constructed, drained and maintained in a continuously useable condition to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

20. Areas set aside for the parking and movement of vehicles as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be made available for such use and must not be used for any other purpose.

Development Contribution Levy

21. Prior to the commencement of development, the permit holder must pay to Banyule City Council a development infrastructure levy in accordance with the

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amount specified in Table 6 of the Banyule Development Contributions Plan 2016-17, September 2018. The contribution amount payable in the table will be adjusted annually from 1 July 2017, each year to cover inflation, by applying the Consumer Price Index for Melbourne (All Groups) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Time Limits

22. In accordance with section 68 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, this permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

- (a) The development is not commenced within two (2) years from the date of permit issue;
- (b) The development is not completed within four (4) years from the date of permit issue.
- (c) The use is not commenced within four years of the date of this permit; or
- (d) The use is discontinued for a period of two years.

PERMIT NOTES

(A) Permit Extension

In accordance with section 69 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, within six months afterwards, or within twelve months afterwards if the development started lawfully before the permit expired.

(B) Building Permit Required

Prior to the commencement of the development or use you are required to obtain the necessary Building Permit.

(C) Health Approval Required

Prior to the commencement of the development or use you are required to obtain the necessary Council Health Department approvals.

(D) Copy of Endorsed Plans to Building Surveyor

The applicant/owner must provide a copy of this planning permit to any appointed Building Surveyor. It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner and Building Surveyor to ensure that all building development works approved by any building permit is consistent with the planning permit.

(E) Noise Levels

Permissible noise levels emanating from the site must comply with the requirements of the State Environment Protection Authority.

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(F) Food and Drink Premises

Prior to the commencement of the use permitted by this permit, the proprietor shall apply and obtain from Council, approval to operate under the Food Act 1984 as beverages (including alcohol) are deemed to be 'food'.

Planning Permit Application:	P1392/2022
Development Planner:	Ben Capuana
Address:	31 Watsonia Street WATSONIA
Proposal:	Liquor License, Parking Reduction and Buildings and Works Associated with a Section 1 Use – Food and Drink Premise (Bar)
Existing Use/Development:	Unoccupied building
Applicant:	The Trustees of The Travelling Kitchen Trust
Zoning:	Commercial 1 Zone
Overlays:	Vegetation Protection Overlay – Schedule 5 (VPO5) Development Contributions Plan Overlay – Schedule 1 (DCPO1)
Notification (Advertising):	Two (2) Signs on site Notices to surrounding properties
Objections Received:	Thirty (30)
Ward:	Bakewell

- The application is for a liquor licence to the subject site, in association with an as of right use (bar).
- The proposed works include extending the existing building towards the rear laneway to increase internal patron capacity.
- The external addition would consist of a second bar area and raised section (with the slope of the land) leading to an internal decked section with seating and rear outdoor smoking area.
- The works to the existing building do not include external building alterations to the front entrance off Watsonia Road other than new security roller shutters. The floorspace incorporates a seated section, main bar, toilets and internal bin store.

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Hours Proposed by Applicant	Hours Recommend for Conditions
Wednesday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm	Wednesday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm
Thursday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm	Thursday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm
Friday: 3:00pm – 12:00am (Midnight)	Friday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday: 2:00pm – 12:00am (Midnight)	Saturday: 2:00pm – 10:00pm
Sunday: 2:00pm – 10:00pm	Sunday: 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Note: The applicant has advised of the intent to hold functions starting earlier in the day, this has been reflected in the conditions.

BACKGROUND

- There is no notable permit history other than sign permits from the mid 1990s.

SUBJECT SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA

- The subject site is on the corner of Watsonia Road and Black Street and is part of the Watsonia Neighbourhood Activity Centre. The immediate area to the west is residential, whilst to the east of Watsonia Road is the timber yard and train line beyond. The subject site has a history of commercial use including a pharmacy and a fashion shop, however, has remained vacant for almost two years.

Locality Plan



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Advertising Period	20 th December 2022 – 17 January 2023
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Advertising methods	Two (2) Signs on Site and Notices Provided to 21 surrounding properties.
Grounds of objections (summarised)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hours of liquor service • Number of patrons • Parking reduction • Location of smoking area • Noise from live music • Use of the premises for non-standard operation (functions) • Number of Licensed Premises in the area
Consultation	A community consultation meeting was held on the 3 rd of February 2023 at the Watsonia Library community meeting room, with attendance from the applicants, council delegate and team leader, and approximately 18 objectors/community members.

REFERRAL COMMENTS

External	Objection?	Conditions /Comments
North East Link Project (NELP)	No	Nil

Department/ Officer	Conditions /Comments
Drainage	<p>Council's Developments Drainage Department have reviewed the proposal and advised that there are no concerns raised.</p> <p>Drainage plans are to be conditioned as standard requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OSD - LPOD - WSUD
Economic Development	Council's Economic Development Department have reviewed the proposal and support the application as it can provide economic benefit to the whole shopping strip and an

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	increased consumer draw to Watsonia.
Property	Council's Property Department have reviewed the proposal and advised that they have no issues or concerns with the application.
Traffic	Council's Traffic Engineering Department have reviewed the proposal and advised that a parking reduction could be accepted. As the statutory requirement is for seven spaces, the traffic report provided by the applicant demonstrates suitable parking availability and other transport options in the surrounding area. It is noted, however, that a better outcome would be to provide two angled car spaces to the rear, similar to other nearby businesses, off the rear laneway.

PLANNING CONTROLS

- The planning controls applicable to the site are outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Applicable Planning Controls

Control	Clause	Permit Triggered
Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z)	34.01	Yes
Vegetation Protection Overlay – Schedule 5 (VPO5)	42.02	No
Development Contribution Plan Overlay – Schedule 1 (DCPO1)	45.06	Yes
Car Parking	52.06	Yes
Licensed Premises	52.27	Yes

POLICIES CONSIDERED

Table 2: Relevant Planning Scheme Policy

Policy	Clause
Economic Development	02.03-6
Transport	02.03-7
Planning for Places	11.03
Noise	13.05
Amenity, Human Health and Safety	13.07
Built Environment	15.01
Economic Development	17

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TECHNICAL CONSIDERATION

- Council must consider this application within the strategic context of the site location, the response to the land use, the built form and amenity of the area, traffic and car parking impacts.
- The consideration of this application is limited in scope to the controls of the liquor licence (Clause 52.27), building works and parking reduction. A food and drinks premises, including a bar, is a Section 1 use in the zone and does not require a permit to operate. Moreover, it is noted these uses help stimulate a night time economy and can attract new clientele to the area which can assist surrounding businesses.

Building Works

- The proposed rear extension is acceptable as it is a continuation of the existing building and would not be imposing on Black Street, offers more passive surveillance and provides a better outlook than the current paling fence.
- With the proposed conditions to reduce the length of the extension, removal of the smoking area, and provision of two staff parking spaces, this is a suitable response to the site and surrounding context and provide a better response to the residential interface.

Amenity

- The amenity impacts on the residential area to the west must be considered alongside the service and decision guidelines provided for liquor service against planning policy which supports a thriving local economy. However, it cannot be expected that the amenity for the immediately abutting residential areas will be the same as a site centrally located in a residential zone.
- Notwithstanding, it is appropriate to reduce the proposed hours of operation to better align with nearby businesses. Other restrictions on use, including live music and non-standard events, can be regulated through permit conditions, whilst enabling commercial activity.

Car Parking

- The traffic report submitted with the application references the availability of parking around the subject site, as well as the abundance of transport options provided within the Principal Public Transport Network, including the train station and bus network.
- A statutory parking reduction of seven spaces is proposed based on the rate for a bar premise in Clause 52.06. The inclusion of two on site spaces would result in a statutory reduction of five spaces than that required, which is acceptable in this locality to ensure the proposal does not only rely on public parking, or other transport options, but acknowledges the variety of access options.
- The site area would remain at approximately 212~sqm leasable floor area with the conditions proposed, hence the statement above regarding car parking waiver remains accurate.

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OBJECTORS CONCERNS

- The majority of objectors' concerns have been addressed in the Technical Consideration section of this report and attachments, however the following require further discussion:

Security and Event Management

- Security considerations and personnel for staffing are not matters for a planning permit and are privately managed.

Lack of Food Provided

- The applicant has advised there is no intention to prepare or serve food in-house, instead directing patrons to visit other traders in the strip – this is appropriate as food service in a bar is not a requirement.

Waste Collection

- Being an as-of-right use, waste management is not a considered decision guideline for the application. However, a permit condition restricting collection hours proposed can be included.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

- **Legal Consideration** There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- **Human Rights Charter** In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

- The proposed development, subject to permit conditions, is considered acceptable, and should be supported with conditions.

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7.1 PETER ROWLAND GROUP CONTRACT UPDATE AND KPI'S FOR THE CENTRE IVANHOE

Author: Karen Taylor - Civic Precincts Coordinator, Community Wellbeing

Ward: Chelsworth

Previous Items

Special Council on 16 December 2019 (Item 6.1 - Award of Contract No '0999-2019, The Centre Ivanhoe - Venue Management, Catering and Hospitality Services')

Council on 22 Mar 2021 7.00pm (Item 7.7 - Extension of Contract No. 0999-2020 - The Centre Ivanhoe - Venue Management, Catering and Hospitality Services)

SUMMARY

1. Council awarded The Centre Ivanhoe - Venue Management, Catering and Hospitality Services Contract to the Peter Rowland Group (PRG) in September 2019 to commence January 2020 for an initial term of three years to 31 December 2022 with the options for Council to extend the contract for a further period of two x three-year terms.
2. The commencement of this contract was significantly delayed due to COVID-19, industry restrictions and shutdowns and the delayed completion of the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.
3. Given the impact on business, Council considered and approved at its 22 March 2021 Council meeting an official request by PRG for a 1-year extension so that the initial three-year term could commence from 1 January 2021.
4. Recommendations from this meeting also included receiving a further report on negotiated Key Performance Indicators in 2021 and Contract Performance Report at completion of the first 3 years.
5. COVID-19 and further restrictions continued from the revised start date of January 2021 which has presented challenges to develop meaningful and realistic key performance indicators for this contract until now.
6. Officers and PRG are pleased to see some positive steps towards recovery for the hospitality and event industry from mid-2022 and now moving into 2023 there is some optimism that the most difficult period is over.
7. This report presents the proposed negotiated Key Performance Indicators for 2023, **Attachment 1 – The Centre Ivanhoe - Key Performance Indicators 2023.**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note the negotiated Key Performance Indicators for The Centre Ivanhoe 2023, **Attachment 1.**

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2. Receives a further report on the Contract Performance after the conclusion of the first term (3 years) on 31 December 2023.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Manage Council's commercial assets, leases and contracts to deliver sustainable, accessible and inclusive outcomes for the community".

BACKGROUND

- On the 16 December 2019, Council awarded the contract management, catering and hospitality service for The Centre Ivanhoe to Peter Rowland Group.
- The contract period is for up to nine years (3+3+3 years) with commencement from 1 January 2020.
- Peter Rowland Group was not able to commence the contract and trade at The Centre Ivanhoe given the following;
 - COVID-19 and government restrictions for events and gatherings.
 - Components of The Centre Ivanhoe to be redeveloped with the construction of Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub were impacted. For example, the replaced Great Hall kitchen handover was delayed due to COVID-19 and other project challenges.
- In January 2021, Council received a written request from Peter Rowland Group seeking an extension to the contract for a period of one year so that the initial three-year term can commence from 1 January 2021.
- At the Council meeting held on 22 March 2021, a report was considered on the proposed variation to The Centre Ivanhoe contract for the extension of the initial contract term by one year.
- Council resolved at this meeting to;
 - Approve an extension of the initial term of contract for a period of one (1) year so that the initial three (3) year term commence from 1 January 2021.
 - Receive a further report in October 2021 on the negotiated Key Performance Indicators.
 - Receive a further report on the Contract Performance after the first term (3 years).
- The continuation of COVID-19 and restrictions held further challenges on the contract with Peter Rowland Group and the negotiated Key Performance Indicators.
- Peter Rowland Group are a progressive and reputable hospitality company with over 50 years industry experience. They were selected for their ability to offer best value for money, with value added services such as, innovative approach to marketing and sales, environmentally and socially conscious, strong customer focus and flexible price point approach.

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KEY ISSUES

- COVID-19 hit the events and hospitality industry hard and the last two years has had a major impact on this sector and subsequently the performance to date of this contract resulting in loss of anticipated revenue for PRG and Council. The budget forecasts have been adjusted to reflect the non-operation and loss of trade capacity due to COVID-19.
- Despite this PRG maintained some presence in the market, as opposed to many of their competitors who went into hibernation or dissolved. While its core business of weddings, events and meetings couldn't proceed from March 2020 onwards, they pivoted and focused on the delivery of a special range of @home meals for people to still enjoy the PRG experience at home whilst in lock down.
- Whilst the industry is still in recovery and dealing with post co-vid challenges of staff recruitment, rising food prices and changing consumer patterns around events, there is a sense of optimism about the future.
- Council officers have been working closely with PRG to develop Key Performance Indicators (KPI) that support recovery and reflect a growth and return to events and functions at the Centre Ivanhoe.
- The Key Performance Indicators are one of the key tools that the Contract Manager will utilise to monitor contract performance and ensure accountability for the delivery of outstanding catering and hospitality services at The Centre Ivanhoe. Other performance management tools include:
 - Regular contract monthly meetings to report on budget and actual performance.
 - Quarterly contract meetings with Director and Senior Management Team from Peter Rowland.
 - Submission of annual business and marketing plans for approval to Manager Healthy and Active Communities.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

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Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- One of the key KPIs focuses is on creating social inclusion opportunities through Council's Inclusive Employment Program. Peter Rowland Group Venue Manager and Council's Inclusive Employment Officer will work in partnership to deliver inclusive employment outcomes that can be further developed each year. The target in relation to this KPI is as follows:
 - Minimum of three casual staff positions created for Banyule residents facing barriers to employment that support a variety of roles including but not limited to catering assistance, set up and pack down of rooms, event administration and marketing support.

Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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1	The Centre Ivanhoe - Key Performance Indicators 2023	

8.1 DRAFT BANYULE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2023 - 2028 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Author: Derek Ephrem - Acting Economic Development Coordinator, City Development

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for public release of the draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy (EDS) (**Attachment 1**) to gain further input and feedback from the community.
2. Community feedback regarding the draft EDS will be sought through the Shaping Banyule website and a meeting with the Project Reference Group during the month of March 2023.
3. The EDS is a five-year plan that has been developed over a 12-month period in collaboration with the community including a designated Project Reference Group.
4. The Strategy and is structured into six key themes and strategic directions:
 - A Dynamic & Supported Business Community
 - Workforce Growth, Attraction & Diversity
 - A Prosperous National Employment and Innovation Cluster (La Trobe NEIC)
 - Thriving & Vibrant Activity Centres
 - A Desirable Destination for Visitors
 - An Environmentally Sustainable Local Economy
5. The draft EDS presents an opportunity for Council to transform its Economic Development service from a reactive, opportunistic approach to a planned, proactive, evidence-based service that prioritises high-impact initiatives.
6. This service transformation is considered essential to guide Banyule's economy towards sustainable and inclusive growth in the post COVID-19 recovery period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy for a period of community consultation from 1 March 2023 to 31 March 2023.
2. Acknowledge the community consultation will include a presence on Shaping Banyule and a meeting of the Project Reference Group.

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3. Receive a further report in April/May 2023 to report on the consultation outcomes, and any recommended changes or additions for consideration in the final adoption of the draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Stimulate and support a vibrant and resilient local economy to encourage business, employment and investment opportunities".

BACKGROUND

- The draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy (EDS) is a five-year plan to support economic activity and sustained growth for the municipality. The document provides long-term economic development strategies and objectives, aligning with the Banyule 2041 Community Vision, as well as short-term deliverables for Council to implement.
- The Banyule economy was in a fragile position as it emerged from the significant economic, social and health impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, economic recovery and sustainable growth are both important elements of the EDS.
- In August 2021, Council engaged Urban Enterprise to prepare a three-year Economic Development Strategy & Recovery Plan for the City of Banyule. During the process of developing the plan a decision was made to expand the scope of the plan to a strategy that covered a five-year period to allow sufficient time to resource and implement the Strategy.
- The major economic influences that were taken into consideration in the developing the EDS were: COVID-19 and Business Recovery, Growing Demand for Health Care, Remote and Flexible Working Arrangements, Workforce Shortages, Manufacturing, Demand for Co-Working Space, Transition of Retail, Environmental Sustainability and Circular Economy, and Renewable Energy.

Economic Development Strategy Content Overview

- The EDS is included in **Attachment 1** of this report.
- The EDS outlines six key themes and strategic directions for the Banyule economy. They have been used to identify opportunities and future actions for council to achieve desired outcomes and are as follows:
 - A Dynamic & Supported Business Community
 - Workforce Growth, Attraction and Diversity
 - A Prosperous National Employment and Innovation Cluster (La Trobe NEIC)
 - Thriving & Vibrant Activity Centres
 - A Desirable Destination for Visitors
 - An Environmentally Sustainable Local Economy

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION cont'd**

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Human Rights Charter

- It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- There are no sustainable procurement activities arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Financial Implications

- Community consultation on the draft EDS has no financial implications for Council.
- Financial implications associated with the implementation of the EDS will be presented to Council in April / May 2023, alongside of community consultation feedback and recommendations for implementation.

Initial Community Engagement and Research

- The EDS was developed over a 12-month period by consultants Urban Enterprise. The information in the Strategy is informed by independent research and analysis, as well as consultation with industry representatives, community groups, businesses, Council, and other Government stakeholders.
- A Project Reference Group (PRG) was established and comprised of representatives from a diverse group of industries including retail, construction, food service, government, education and training, professional services, health care, social assistance, arts and performance. The PGR was chaired by Councillors Garotti and Dimarelos and four meetings were held during the initial consultation period.
- Targeted interviews were held with subject matter experts including government, businesses, community members and Council staff.
- An online survey was conducted on Shaping Banyule, from which Council received over 70 contributions.
- The culmination of the initial research and engagement efforts resulted in the production of the EDS Background Report that was made available on Shaping Banyule.

Proposed Community Consultation

- The following community consultation is proposed for the draft EDS:
 - Exhibit the EDS on Shaping Banyule for 31 days in the month of March 2023.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION cont'd**

- Use social media, Banyule Banner, and Banyule Business e-Newsletter to promote public exhibition of the EDS
- Make hardcopies available to read at public libraries and Council's Customer Service centres at 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough and at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.
- Schedule a meeting in March 2023, to present the draft EDS to the Project Reference Group to seek feedback.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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8.2 ROSANNA STATION KIOSK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Author: Paul Thia - Inclusive & Social Enterprise Officer, Community Wellbeing

Ward: Ibbott

Previous Items

Council on 15 Jul 2019 7.00pm (Item 3.2 - Rosanna Station Kiosk - Lease between Metro Trains Melbourne Pty Ltd and Banyule City Council)

Special Council on 16 December 2019 (Item 2.1 - Rosanna Station Kiosk Lease between Banyule City Council and Youth Projects Ltd)

SUMMARY

1. On 15 May 2019 Council commenced a lease with Metro Trains Melbourne for the Rosanna Station Kiosk, with the intent to sublease the facility to a social enterprise operator enabling the creation of local job outcomes for local people experiencing barriers to employment.
2. On 24 February 2020, Council endorsed the negotiations to lease the Rosanna Station Kiosk to Youth Projects Ltd. (trading as The Little Social).
3. In July 2020, a lease was established with Youth Projects. However, on 30 November 2022, the social enterprise ceased operation at the site.
4. In December 2022, Council commenced an Expression of Interest (EoI) process to engage social enterprises interested in leasing and operating the Rosanna Station Kiosk for a term of approximately 14-months.
5. Council received 2 EoI applications. A cross-functional assessment panel completed a thorough assessment process and unanimously determined Now and Not Yet Inc as the recommended operator.
6. It is proposed that Council consider entering a lease with Now and Not Yet.
7. The proposed partnership would enable the creation of four employment opportunities for local people experiencing barriers to employment.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes an Expression of Interest process for the lease of the Rosanna Station Kiosk has been completed.
2. Notes that the assessment panel recommended Now and Not Yet as the preferred social enterprise operator.
3. Commence negotiations to lease the Rosanna Station Kiosk (75 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna VIC 3084) for a term of approximately 14-months to social enterprise Now and Not Yet for the purpose of operating a new social enterprise café that provides four local job outcomes for local people experiencing barriers to employment.

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4. Subsidise the fixed lease rental costs for a term of 14 March 2023 – 13 May 2024 that supports the start-up of Now and Not Yet in Banyule.
5. Authorise the Director Community Wellbeing to execute the new retail lease.

COUNCIL PLAN

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Lead as a social enterprise capital of Victoria by encouraging innovative social enterprises to set-up their operations and offices within the City of Banyule".

BACKGROUND

- On 15 May 2019, Council commenced a five-year agreement with Metro Trains Melbourne via its property manager Cushman & Wakefield for the lease of the Rosanna Station Kiosk, with a communicated intent to sublease the property to a social enterprise operator, delivering training and employment outcomes for local people facing barriers to entering the workforce.
- On 9 July 2020, a lease was established with Youth Projects Ltd. and the social enterprise began trading at the Rosanna Station Kiosk as The Little Social (TLS).
- TLS final day of trading was 30 November 2022, and the lease was surrendered 2 December 2022 - **Confidential Attachment 1**.
- In December 2022, Council completed a review of the site and lease to determine the feasibility of a new social enterprise partnership for the Rosanna Station Kiosk site.

Information that has been designated as confidential information pursuant to section 3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020 has been provided to the Council via a confidential attachment. The information has not been detailed in this public report as the information is private commercial information if it was prematurely released would unreasonably expose a business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

KEY ISSUES

- In December 2022, Council commenced an invite-only Expression of Interest (EoI) process to engage social enterprises interested in leasing and operating the Rosanna Station Kiosk for a term of 14-months, commencing from 14 March 2023 until 13 May 2024.
- Council established a cross-functional assessment panel to evaluate any applications received against three criteria: capacity and capability; social, economic and environmental impact; and accredited management systems and procedures.
- In consultation with Social Traders, Council invited twelve social enterprises to apply.
- Two applications were received and assessed by the panel. Now and Not Yet Inc (NaNY) received the highest assessed score and were invited for a further interview. Following the interview, the assessment panel unanimously

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recommended NaNY as the preferred operator. For further information refer to **Confidential Attachment 1**.

- It is proposed that Council enter a sublease term with NaNY for the Rosanna Station Kiosk. For further lease details refer to **Confidential Attachment 1**.

Premises:	Lot 22, Rosanna Kiosk (75 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna VIC 3084)
Term:	Commencing on the Commencement Date and Expiring on 13 May 2024
Commencement Date:	14 March 2023 (To be confirmed)
Operating Hours:	6:00am – 1:00pm Monday to Friday Saturday trading to be confirmed Except for gazetted public holidays in the State of Victoria
- Additionally, with the aim of supporting NaNY's successful start-up in Banyule, and increasing community awareness and commercial engagement, Council will provide access to tailored capability building support via its Social Enterprise Partnership Program.
- The trading and branding of NaNY in Banyule are yet to be determined; and is to be further considered by NaNY as part of any lease negotiation.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legal Consideration

- Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is not triggered given the rent for any period of the lease is less than \$100,000, the current market rental value of the land is less than \$100,000 and the term of the lease is less than 10 years.

Human Rights Charter

- In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.
- The content in this report enhances the rights of those in community facing barriers to employment, which in Banyule includes Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, young people, people living with disability, LGBTIQ+ and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Furthermore, the proposed lease agreement enables equity of employment opportunity, leveraging the *Equal Opportunities Act 2010* 'designated roles' special measure.

Sustainable Procurement Outcomes

- Any items to be procured by Council in support of the partnership will be sought from social benefit and/or local suppliers, where possible.

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Financial Implications

- There are no financial implications as any costs incurred will be addressed within the existing budget.
- The proposed capability building support via Council's Social Enterprise Partnership Program will be delivered as part of Council's existing operational budget.

Key Considerations

- The Rosanna Station Kiosk is currently vacant. The intent is to occupy the site with a qualified social enterprise café operator without delay to ensure continuity of service to the local community.

Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The *Local Government Act 2020* requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract who provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.
- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

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