

# Agenda of Ordinary Meeting of Council - Monday, 6 February 2023

commencing at 7pm

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



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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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Ordinary Meeting of Council held 5 December 2022

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Nil

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Nil

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**Closure of Meeting**

***Live Streaming of Council Meeting***

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*The livestream will be available on Council's Facebook and website [www.banyule.vic.gov.au](http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au)*

*The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 27 February 2023*



## **2.1 REMOVE THE TRIAL CLOSURE OF GLOUCESTER DR/BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG**

Author: Amy Woolcombe - Council Business Officer, Executive

Ward: Hawdon

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### **SUMMARY**

1. A petition titled "Remove the Trial Closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol Street" has been received with 154 signatories in support.
2. 152 signatories are from Heidelberg and 2 are from Rosanna.
3. The petition request is summarised as follows:

*"We the undersigned, petition or request Council to:*

1. *End and remove the trial closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol St due to the:*
  - a) *Unacceptable and ongoing negative impacts on, and decrease in amenity of, the surrounding streets because of the increased diverted traffic that is turning Berkeley Ave into a rat-run; and*
  - b) *Lack of local support for and acceptance of the permanent closure (54% of residents consulted did not express support for the closure with support decreasing for the closure over the course of the trial, Berkeley Ave residents were not consulted, and this petition)*
2. *Investigate and install more proportionate and appropriate traffic calming measures on Gloucester Dr/Bristol St (i.e. speed humps, chicanes, chokers, and/or local traffic signs etc.) that would effectively address the root cause of its residents' concerns and still allow the road to carry its fair share of traffic safely".*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives the petition;
2. Considers the petition as part of the Gloucester Drive Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure Council Report that is to be considered on 6 February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting; and
3. Advise the primary petitioner of this petition resolution and outcome from the Officer Report relating to Gloucester Drive Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure.

**REMOVE THE TRIAL CLOSURE OF GLOUCESTER DR/BRISTOL STREET,  
HEIDELBERG cont'd**

**DISCUSSION**

- A petition with 154 signatories from residents of Heidelberg and Rosanna has been received.
- A breakdown of the 154 signatories of this petition are included below:

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Number of signatories</b>
Banyule Road	2
Berkeley Avenue	75
Buckingham Drive	12
Dorset Avenue	2
Essex Court	5
Eton Court	5
Halifax Avenue	29
Hastings Court	7
Kent Court	12
Scarborough Drive	5

- The petition request is as follows:
  - “ We the undersigned, petition or request Council to:
    1. End and remove the trial closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol St due to the:
      - a) Unacceptable and ongoing negative impacts on, and decrease in amenity of, the surrounding streets because of the increased diverted traffic that is turning Berkeley Ave into a rat-run; and
      - b) Lack of local support for and acceptance of the permanent closure (54% of residents consulted did not express support for the closure with support decreasing for the closure over the course of the trial, Berkeley Ave residents were not consulted, and this petition)
    2. Investigate and install more proportionate and appropriate traffic calming measures on Gloucester Dr/Bristol St (i.e. speed humps, chicanes, chokers, and/or local traffic signs etc.) that would effectively address the root cause of its residents’ concerns and still allow the road to carry its fair share of traffic safely”.
- The petition has been reviewed and will be addressed in the ‘Gloucester Drive Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure’ Council Report at Agenda Item 6.2.

**REMOVE THE TRIAL CLOSURE OF GLOUCESTER DR/BRISTOL STREET,  
HEIDELBERG cont'd**

**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 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT - 1 DECEMBER 2022**

Author: Paul Wilson - Risk & Assurance Advisor, Corporate Services

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#### **SUMMARY**

1. The *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA) section 53 requires all councils to establish an Audit and Risk Committee.
2. The Committee operates under an adopted Charter determined by Council and based on the best practice guide from Local Government Victoria. It operates akin to an advisory committee of Council and makes formal recommendations to Council on matters set out in the Charter.
3. The Audit & Risk Committee's role is to report to the Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its Charter in order to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
4. In the main, the Audit and Risk Committee monitor the compliance of Council's policies and procedures in line with the overarching governance principles, the Local Government Act 2020 and associated regulations, monitor Council's financial and performance reporting, monitor and provide advice on risk management and fraud preventions systems and controls, and oversee the internal and external audit functions.
5. The Chairperson's Annual Report has been prepared by the Chair of the Committee who is currently Independent Committee Member, Dr Irene Irvine and Council officers demonstrating how the Committee has discharged its responsibilities, as set out in the Audit & Risk Committee Charter, for 2022 calendar year.
6. This report was presented and adopted by the Committee at its meeting held 9 December 2022.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Chairperson's Annual Report indicating how the Audit & Risk Committee has discharged its responsibilities for the 2022 year, as required by the Audit & Risk Committee Charter and as required pursuant to s 54(5) and 54(6) of *Local Government Act 2020*.

#### **COUNCIL PLAN**

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Enhance our relationship and work in respectful partnership with the Traditional Custodians of Banyule, the Wurundjeri people, identified Elders and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders".

**AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT - 1 DECEMBER 2022 cont'd**

**BACKGROUND**

**Audit & Risk Committee Annual Report 2022**

- The *Local Government Act 2020*, section 54(5) and 54(6) states an Audit and Risk Committee must —
  - a) prepare a biannual audit and risk report that describes the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee and includes its findings and recommendations; and
  - b) provide a copy of the biannual audit and risk report to the Chief Executive Officer for tabling at the next Council meeting.
- The Chief Executive Officer must—
  - a) ensure the preparation and maintenance of agendas, minutes and reports of the Audit and Risk Committee; and
  - b) table reports and annual assessments of the Audit and Risk Committee at Council meetings when required by this Act and when requested by the Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- The Charter states that the Chairperson will prepare a report to Council through the Chief Executive Officer on the Committee's activities twice per annum.
- One of these reports will be prepared after the meeting at which the annual financial report and the annual performance statement have been considered and recommended to Council for adoption, such report indicating how the Committee has discharged its responsibilities, as set out in this Charter, for the previous year.
- The Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report (1 December 2021 – 30 November 2022) was adopted by the Committee at its meeting on 9 December 2022 and is now tabled for adoption by Council.

**SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS**

**Legal Consideration**

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- It is important that Council consider the Chairperson's Annual Report to ensure compliance of Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

**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.

**AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT - 1 DECEMBER 2022 cont'd**

**Financial Implications**

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

**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**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Page</b>
1	Audit & Risk Committee - Annual Report 1 December 2022	

## **3.2 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES ARISING FROM THE 9 DECEMBER 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING**

Author: Paul Wilson - Risk & Assurance Advisor, Corporate Services

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### **SUMMARY**

1. The Audit & Risk Committee acts as an advisory committee of Council, and its role is determined by the *Local Government Act 2020*. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Audit & Risk Committee are defined in the Committee's Charter.
2. The Audit & Risk Committee Charter states the minutes of each meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee are required to be reported to an Ordinary Council Meeting.
3. Accordingly, the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 December 2022 are presented in this report for noting by Council.
4. These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Audit & Risk Committee at its next meeting scheduled for 24 March 2023.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note the unconfirmed meeting minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting that was held on the 9 December 2022 before presentation to the Audit and Risk Committee for confirmation at its scheduled meeting for 24 March 2023.

### **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**

#### **Audit & Risk Committee Meeting 9 December 2022**

- As part of Council's governance obligations to its community, Council has constituted an Audit & Risk Committee in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 to facilitate:
  - The enhancement of the credibility and objectivity of internal and external financial reporting.
  - Effective management of Council's strategic risks and protection and control of Council assets.
  - Monitoring of Council's Business Continuity Plans and processes.

**AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES ARISING FROM THE 9 DECEMBER 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING cont'd**

- The efficiency and effectiveness of significant Council programmes.
- Compliance with laws and regulations as well as use of Best Practice Guidelines.
- The effectiveness of the audit functions.
- The Committee will meet at least four times annually, with authority to convene additional meetings, as circumstances require.
- Minutes will be prepared for all meetings and will be provided to the Chair prior to being presented to Council as unconfirmed minutes and then submitted to the subsequent Committee meeting for confirmation.
- The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 December 2022 are being presented to Council for noting.

**SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS**

**Legal Consideration**

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- The confirmation of meeting minutes from the Audit and Risk Committee works towards achieving compliance with Council's Audit and Risk Committee Charter and obligations under the *Local Government Act 2020*.

**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.

**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.

**AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES ARISING FROM THE 9 DECEMBER 2023  
COMMITTEE MEETING cont'd**

**ATTACHMENTS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Page</b>
1	Unconfirmed Minutes Audit & Risk Committee meeting held 9 December 2022	

### **3.3 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REMUNERATION REVIEW**

Author: Paul Wilson - Risk & Assurance Advisor, Corporate Services

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#### **SUMMARY**

1. The Audit & Risk Committee acts as an advisory committee of Council, and its role is determined by the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Audit & Risk Committee are defined in the Committee's Charter.
3. Section 3.5 of the Audit & Risk Committee Charter states that once every Council term (4 years), the fee paid to Independent Committee Members will be benchmarked against no less than five other like councils to provide the Council with the information required to fully review fees.
4. The benchmarking process has indicated that our current remuneration fee paid to the Chairperson and Independent members are below the average fees being paid across various councils in the local government sector.
5. Independent Committee Members fees have remained unchanged since 2012.
6. This report proposes an increase in current fees paid to Independent Committee Members whilst remaining within the current approved operational budget.
7. The proposed increase in remuneration would remain in place until 2025.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council,

- a. Accept the recommendation to increase Independent Committee Member fees within the current operational budget from 1 March 2023 to the following:
  1. Member remuneration fees to increase by \$150 per meeting, to equate to a total fee \$1,450 (excl GST) per meeting.
  2. Chairperson remuneration fees to increase by \$128 per meeting to equate to a total fee of \$2,050 (excl GST) per meeting
- b. Apply the increases to each to become effective from 1 March 2023 until otherwise resolved.

#### **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".

**AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REMUNERATION REVIEW cont'd**

**BACKGROUND**

- The Audit & Risk Committee acts as an Advisory Committee of Council, and its role is determined by the Local Government Act 2020. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Audit & Risk Committee are defined in the Committee's Charter.

- Section 3.5 of the Audit & Risk Committee Charter states that:

*No less than once every Council term (4 years), the fee paid to Independent Members will be benchmarked against no less than five other like councils to provide the Council with the information required to fully review fees.*

- The benchmarking process listed below indicates that our current fees of \$1,922 (excl GST) paid to the Chairperson and \$1,300 (excl GST) paid to the Independent Committee Members are below the average fees of \$2,171 (excl GST) and \$1,549 (excl GST) retrospectively being paid across various Councils.

The summary below shows the benchmarking averages since 2020 of Committee remuneration (Fees excl. GST)

Year	Position	Benchmarked Rate	Banyule Rate	Variance
2020	Chairperson	\$2,014	\$1,922	\$92
	Independent	\$1,455	\$1,300	\$155
2021	Chairperson	\$2,029	\$1,922	\$107
	Independent	\$1,521	\$1,300	\$221
2022	Chairperson	\$2,171	\$1,922	\$249
	Independent	\$1,549	\$1,300	\$249

The following table shows a breakdown of current remuneration paid across the six benchmarked Councils as of 1 October 2022.

Council used for Benchmarking	Chairperson Per meeting	Member Per meeting	No. of meetings
Council A	\$2,500	\$1,750	4
Council B	\$2,295	\$1,530	4
Council C	\$2,109	\$1,663	4
Council D	\$2,100	\$1,600	5
Council E	\$2,100	\$1,450	5
Banyule City Council	\$1,922	\$1,300	4

**Proposal**

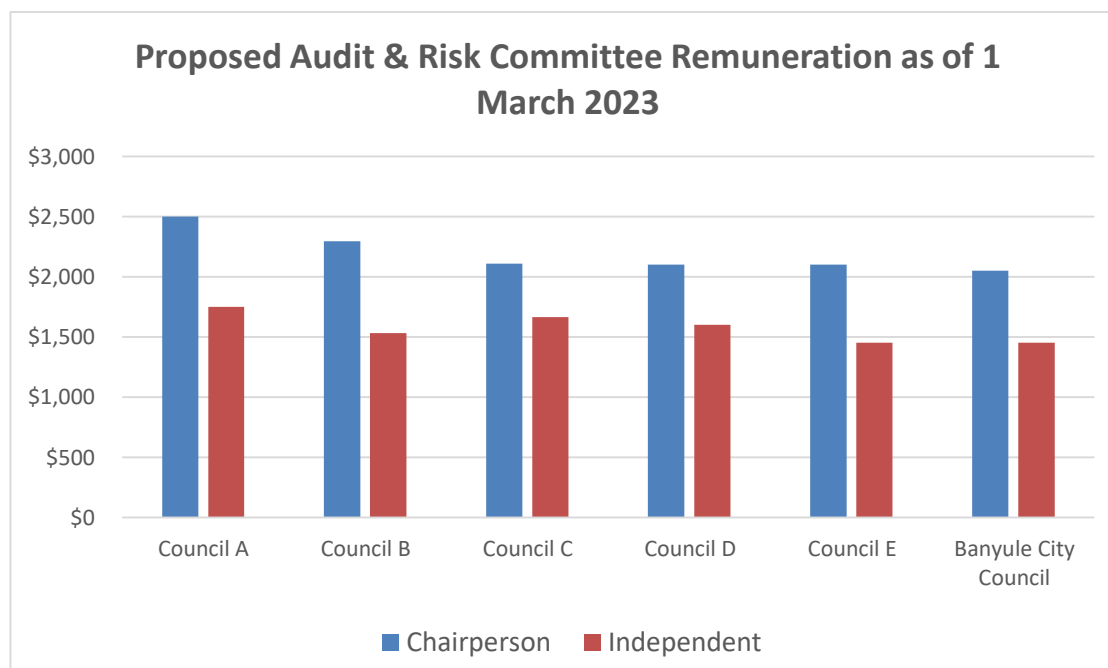
- To continue to adequately remunerate the Independent Committee Members, Council proposes the following to commence from 1 March 2023:



## **AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REMUNERATION REVIEW cont'd**

- Member remuneration fees to increase by \$150 per meeting to **\$1,450** (excl GST) per meeting
- Chairperson remuneration fees to increase by \$128 per meeting to **\$2,050** (excl GST) per meeting

The table below shows the future comparison based on recommended remuneration to be paid.



- Council will continue to benchmark through its collaboration group on an annual basis, it is not expected that fees will further increase until the next Councillor term being during the 2024/25 budget period.

### **KEY ISSUES**

- Banyule has not had an increase in Audit & Risk Committee Independent Committee Member fees since 2012 and has seen a considerable difference in remuneration paid to the Committee especially over the past 3 years.
- The benchmarking process has indicated that our current remuneration fee paid to the Chairperson and Independent members are below the average fees being paid across various Councils.
- It is important to note that Councillor delegates are not Independent Committee Members of the Audit and Risk Committee, and therefore no remuneration for their participation and attendance occurs that is in addition to their already set Councillor, Deputy Mayor or Mayoral Allowance.

### **SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS**

#### **Legal Consideration**

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

## **AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REMUNERATION REVIEW cont'd**

### **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.
- The increase will be funded from the current 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**

Nil

### 3.4 RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS

Author: Amy Woollcombe - 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

<b>1</b>	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5/12/2022
	<b>Type of Meeting:</b>	Pre-Briefing
	<b>Matters Considered:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petition – Objection to the Draft Residential Parking Permit Policy 2022</li> <li>• Uluru Statement from the Heart</li> <li>• Graffiti Strategy 2020 - 2024 - Year 2 Report</li> <li>• Advisory and Population Committees Report - September - November 2022</li> <li>• 3.4 Sporting Facilities User Guide and Allocation Policy Sporting Facilities Capital Works Policy.</li> <li>• 2021/22 State of the Environment Report</li> <li>• Draft Urban Forest Strategy 2022-2032</li> <li>• Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure</li> <li>• Wallace Street, Ivanhoe – Speed Reduction Treatment Consultation</li> <li>• 11 Livingstone Street, Ivanhoe – Request to Change Zebra Crossing to Pedestrian Operated Signals</li> <li>• 72 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna – Subdivision of Council land (P631/2022)</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Plan</li> <li>• Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul>		

**RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS cont'd**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instrument of Delegation from Council to Members of Council Staff</li> <li>• Instrument of Appointment to Authorised Officers under the Planning and Environment Act 1987</li> <li>• Instrument of Sub -Delegation and Appointment and Authorisation- Environment Protection Act 2017</li> <li>• Award of Contract No. 1168-2022 Provision of Smart Access Control and Security Solution including Managed Services</li> <li>• Record of Councillor Meetings</li> <li>• Award Contract No. 1222-2022- Implementation of Microsoft Dynamics 365 CRM and Managed Services</li> <li>• International Women's Day Event – 2023</li> <li>• NJ Telfer Reserve Long-Term Electricity Power Requirements for Solar and Building</li> <li>• Supply Chain Integrity</li> <li>• Banyule Blitz</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>Councillors Present:</b></p> <p>Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo                  Deputy Mayor Cr Alida McKern                  Cr Alison Champion                  Cr Peter Dimarelos                  Cr Mark Di Pasquale                  Cr Rick Garotti                  Cr Tom Melican                  Cr Fiona Mitsinikos                  Cr Elizabeth Nealy</p>		
	<p><b>Staff Present:</b></p> <p>Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>                  Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets &amp; City Services</i>                  Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i>                  Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i>                  Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i>                  Krysten Forte – <i>Governance Coordinator</i>                  Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport &amp; Environment</i>                  Michael Tanner – <i>Manager Parks &amp; Natural Environment</i>                  Jan Richardson – <i>Cemetery Administration and Support Officer</i>                  Linda Chapple – <i>Governance &amp; Council Business Specialist</i>                  Amy Woolcombe – <i>Council Business Officer</i></p>		
	<p><b>Others Present:</b></p> <p>Nil</p>		
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<b>2</b>	<p><b>Date of Meeting:</b> 7/12/2022</p> <p><b>Type of Meeting:</b> Multicultural Committee Meeting</p>
	<p><b>Matters Considered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Food Strategy consultation</li> </ul>

RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS cont'd

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harmony Week 2023</li> <li>• Refugee Welcome Pack</li> <li>• Days of significance calendar</li> <li>• ICAN</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Councillors Present:</b> Cr Fiona Mitsinikos</p>
	<p><b>Staff Present:</b> Jo Wilson – <i>Manager Resilient &amp; Connected Communications</i> Lisa King – <i>Community &amp; Social Planner</i></p>
	<p><b>Others Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baljit Singh</li> <li>• Susan Zhou</li> <li>• Mandira Panday</li> <li>• Ansum Sadik</li> <li>• Alaa Elzokm</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Conflict of Interest:</b> Nil</p>

<b>3</b>	<p><b>Date of Meeting:</b> 8/12/2022</p>
	<p><b>Type of Meeting:</b> Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting</p>
	<p><b>Matters Considered:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity working Group</li> <li>• Bushland Management</li> <li>• Green Factor Tool and the Planning Scheme</li> <li>• State of the Environment Report</li> <li>• ICLIE Membership</li> <li>• Urban Food Strategy</li> <li>• North East Link</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Councillors Present:</b> Deputy Mayor Cr Alida McKern</p>
	<p><b>Staff Present:</b> Jonathan Risby - <i>Manager Transport &amp; Environment</i> Damien Harrison – <i>Environment Coordinator</i> Ellie Hall - <i>Community Climate Action Lead</i> Paul Davis – <i>Biodiversity Advisor</i> David Moon – <i>Development Planning Coordinator</i> Tom Crawshaw – <i>Park Ranger</i></p>

**RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS cont'd**

	<b>Others Present:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>BECAAC Members;</i></li><li>• Denise Fernando</li><li>• Jacinta Humphrey</li><li>• Lynne Siejka</li><li>• Paul Gale Baker</li><li>• Michelle Giovas</li></ul>
	<b>Conflict of Interest:</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **4.1 CHILD AND YOUTH FRAMEWORK 2021-2031 - YEAR 1 SUMMARY REPORT**

Author: Tess Williams - Early Childhood Services Coordinator, Community Wellbeing

### **Previous Items**

Council on 15 Nov 2021 7.00pm (Item 3.2 - Final Draft Child and Youth Framework 2021-2031)

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### **SUMMARY**

1. On the 15 November 2021, the Child and Youth Framework 2021- 2031 (The Framework) was endorsed by Council to guide its work of continuing to support children and young people from birth to twenty- four (24) years.
2. The Framework is a long-term approach to supporting better outcomes for children and young people within the municipality.
3. The Banyule Child and Youth Committee are very proud to present the summary report highlighting outcomes and achievements of Year 1 of the Framework. **(Attachment 1)**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the Child and Youth Framework 2021-2031: Year 1 Summary Report at attachment 1 to this report.
2. Acknowledges and thanks the Banyule Child and Youth Committee for their continued support and partnership work in the implementation of the Framework and associated actions.

### **COUNCIL PLAN**

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Provide a range of services and programs that support the development of children, young people and families".

### **BACKGROUND**

- Council endorsed the Child and Youth Framework on 15 November 2021 to continue its work in supporting children and young people across the municipality.
- The Framework is a long-term approach to supporting better outcomes for children and young people within the municipality. Three operational action plans sit under the Framework.

**CHILD AND YOUTH FRAMEWORK 2021-2031 - YEAR 1 SUMMARY REPORT  
cont'd**

- These actions plans are based on the unique needs of children and young people over this period and reflects the way in which Council's role changes throughout different life stages.
- The Action plans are:
  - First 1000 Days (birth – 2 years)
  - Children's Action Plan (3 – 12 years)
  - Youth Plan (12 – 24 years)

**Overview of Year 1:**

- In Year 1, Council has committed to improving the liveability for children and young people by strengthening local resources that support children and young people to thrive. This includes physical, social, and psychosocial supports.
- Council has continued to engage with the community and external key stakeholders through well established and newly formed networks, committees and partner agencies to support and progress the Framework.
- There are three Action Plans outlined that guide the work of Council:
  - First 1000 Days (birth – 2 years)
  - Children's Action Plan (3 – 12 years)
  - Youth Plan (12 – 24 years)
- The summary report has formed a very important component of the evaluation process. Actions in the key strategic areas have been developed for Year 2 of the framework.

**Legal Consideration *Local Government Act 2020***

- The Child and Youth Framework contributes to progressing the state, federal and international priorities; strengthens the local support assets that contribute to a good life; commits to working alongside children, young people, and their families.

**Equality Impact Assessment**

- Assessment was undertaken in line with the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020*. It was determined that the Child and Youth Framework complies.
- The Child and Youth Framework specifically responds to Council's obligation to comply with the eleven (11) Standards of the Child Safe Standards.
- 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*.



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cont'd**

- It is considered that the subject matter promotes and supports the rights of children and young people and upholds obligations under the *United National Convention on Rights of the Child*.

**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.

**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	Child and Youth Framework - Year 1 Summary report	

## 4.2 **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT**

Author: Erin Ferrier - Councillor Support & Civic Events Officer, Executive

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### **SUMMARY**

1. At the 5 December 2022 Council meeting, Council resolved to receive a future report on costings for Council to host an International Women's Day Event in March 2023 for the Banyule Community.
2. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.
3. As Council does not currently hold a specific event to celebrate International Women's Day a budget allocation would be required of \$13,000 if the event was to proceed in 2023.
4. Officers propose to hold the event on 10 March 2023, including guest speakers, collections to support woman's charities and networking opportunities to celebrate the 2023 International Women's Day campaign theme of #EmbraceEquity.
5. If Council wishes to continue to hold events of such nature on an ongoing basis, then funding consideration will need to be made in future budgets.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Support the introduction of a Banyule Community Event to celebrate International Women's Day to be held in March 2023.
2. Allocate the additional amount of \$13,000 from operational savings to the Event to cover the costs associated with venue hire, catering, security and other event management requirements for the Event to be successfully held at The Centre Ivanhoe.
3. Consider ongoing funding support for a continued event to celebrate International Women's Day each year through its upcoming budget deliberations and process.

### **COUNCIL PLAN**

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy 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".
- Some of the annual target measures relating to this Council Plan strategy relate to a Council commitment to developing campaigns during International Women's

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT cont'd**

Day, Week Without Violence, and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence delivered.

- International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.
- This report is in response to Notice of Motion that was submitted by Cr Alida McKern and resolved by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 5 December 2022.
- The Council resolution stated that:  
*"A Report be presented to Council for consideration in February 2023 that provides the associated costings, planning and resource implications for Council to host an International Women's Day Event in March 2023 for the Banyule Community".*
- Currently Council do not formally celebrate International Women's Day (8 March) and that they would like to officially recognise and actively support the 2023 International Women's Day campaign theme #EmbraceEquity within the Banyule community.

### **KEY ISSUES**

- Previously Council has not hosted events that promote and celebrate International Women's Day (8 March). Whilst this is a key priority for Council through different activities and there is alignment to the Council Plan, formalising an Event has not previously been instated.
- International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day of celebration, however due to other Community events scheduled on this date, Council proposes to proceed with the proposed date of 10 March 2023.
- No allocation of funds has been made for this Event through Council's Operational Budget allocation process. At an estimate, Officers have determined that approximately \$13,000 needs to be allocated to support the hosting Event and aligned activities.
- Preliminary planning for this Event includes the hosting of 1.5-hour lunch time event (1:00 – 2:30pm) for 100 guests at The Centre Ivanhoe, Streeton Room, Ivanhoe.
- Preliminary costings include estimations of the provision of food & beverage package (canapes, 30 mins of champagne on arrival, soft drink, coffee & tea) for 1.5 hours and associated advertising.
- The Event program will include a range of activities including keynote speakers, Councillor presentations, Q&A and other networking activities.
- Community leaders will be considered as potential speakers.

### **SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS**

#### **Legal Consideration**

- There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.
- It is important to note that Council's commitment to gender equality is enshrined in legislation that Council must adhere to, in particularly the *Gender Equality*

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT cont'd**

*Action Plan 2020, the Local Government Act 2020, and the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.*

### **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**

- This Event has not been budgeted for in Council's Operational Budget 2022/2023.
- Costings in the vicinity of \$13,000 will need to be allocated to the Project if it is to go ahead.

### **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

## **4.3 SUPPORT FOR THE EVERYAGE COUNTS GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TO END AGEISM**

Author: Laura Cattapan - Community Connections Coordinator, Community Wellbeing

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### **SUMMARY**

1. The EveryAge Counts (EAC) organisation sent correspondence to Banyule City Council inviting Council to join other Local Government areas around Australia to support the work of EAC and provided information for Council's to consider if Council wanted to take action and establish a formal position on EveryAge Counts.
2. EAC correspondence was taken to Banyule's Age Friendly Committee on the 29 September 2022 for consideration in the first instance and the Committee advised and recommended that Council's support on the campaign.
3. Supporting the EAC Campaign will enable Council to directly address the impacts of ageism on Banyule's older community members and enable Council to demonstrate meeting our responsibilities under the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Support the EveryAge Counts (EAC) Notice of Motion recommendations, which includes:
  - a. Stating its deep concern about the profound impact of ageism on the community. Recognise that ageism can negatively impact the job prospects, confidence, health, quality of life and control over life decisions of Banyule constituents. Ageism can limit people from participating in communities as full citizens. Ageism also has proven negative impacts on the physical health, mental health, and longevity of our constituents.
  - b. Supporting the EAC campaign to end ageism and join with others in the community to create a society where every person is valued, connected, and respected, regardless of age.
  - c. Taking the pledge to stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. Commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life.
  - d. Signing the pledge to raise awareness of the impacts of ageism, and for this to take place in March 2023 to align with the relaunching of the Age Friendly Champions program post the COVID-19 restrictions.

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- e. Informing relevant Federal and State parliamentarians of Council's support for the EAC campaign and advising that Banyule have taken the pledge to end ageism.
- 2. Agree to Council delivering the actions outlined under Key Considerations on Page 3 of this Report, as advised by the Age Friendly Committee.

**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".
- Annual Action for 2022/23, 1.2.8 Undertake public awareness and promotional activities and advocacy to address ageism and elder abuse.

**BACKGROUND**

- The EveryAge Counts (EAC) organisation sent correspondence to Banyule City Council inviting Council to join other Local Government areas around Australia to support the work of EAC and provided some information and draft wording for Council to consider when preparing a formal position on the campaign.
- EAC is Australia's national coalition and grassroots movement to end ageism. Eighteen councils across Victoria have already expressed their support by either joining as a member, passing a motion to highlight the impacts of ageism and committing to take action to address it, or by rolling out local campaigns to raise awareness.
- As part of their campaign EAC draft motions for councils to consider with recommendations outlining for councils how they can support the EAC campaign to end ageism.
- Council responded to EAC's Co-Chair and Director notifying that the EAC correspondence would be taken to Banyule's Age Friendly Committee to consider and provide advice to Council.
- At the 29 September 2022 Age Friendly Committee meeting the Committee advised they would like for Council to support the Campaign.

**KEY ISSUES**

- As outlined on the EAC website 'Ageism can have a profound impact on people's job prospects, confidence, health, quality of life and control over life decisions. It can limit people from participating in our communities as full citizens and has proven impacts on physical health and longevity'.
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has also increased older people's experience of ageism and has had both a negative economic and social impact on them.
- Through Council's support of the EAC Campaign Council will be able to directly address the impacts of ageism on Banyule's older community members.

**SUPPORT FOR THE EVERYAGE COUNTS GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TO END AGISM cont'd**

- In 2014 Banyule became a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities with the vision to be an inclusive and accessible community that promotes positive and active ageing. Through supporting the EAC campaign Council will be able to demonstrate delivering actions as outlined in Part 8. Social Participation, Part 9. Respect and social inclusion and Part 10. Civic participation and employment in the *Global Age-Friendly Cities: A Guide*.

**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 promotes and supports the rights of the older person and upholds our responsibilities under the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

**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 recommendations contained in this report.
- Any expenses relating to the recommendations will be delivered within the existing budget.

**Community Engagement**

- At both the 29 September and 24 November 2022 Banyule Age Friendly Committee meetings, the Committee were consulted and advised on the EAC recommendations and advice.
- The outcome from both meetings is the recommendation for Council to implement the recommendations outlined in the EAC resources, and the action based on those delivered by other councils.

**Collaboration**

- EAC has invited Council to work in collaboration with them to end ageism and join with others in our communities to create a society where every person is valued, connected, and respected, regardless of age.

**SUPPORT FOR THE EVERYAGE COUNTS GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TO END AGISM cont'd**

**Key Considerations**

- Through Council supporting the EAC campaign to end ageism, the Age Friendly Committee have requested that Council implement actions similar to that delivered by other Victorian councils who have supported the EAC campaign. These actions include for Council to:
  - Sign up to be a Member of EAC.
  - Conduct ageism awareness information sessions for Councillors, Council officers and relevant external organisations.
  - Encourage the Age Friendly Champions to sign the pledge and provide them with the EAC tools that support them to champion ageism awareness.
  - Develop an Ageism Awareness page on Council's webpage and include an update in the Banner, social media platforms and other relevant Council communications.
  - Display EAC posters in Council buildings including reception areas and Council run community facilities and invite other community facilities to also display these posters.

**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



## **4.4 ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY REVIEW**

Author: Hannes Berger - Arts & Culture Coordinator, Community Wellbeing

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### **SUMMARY**

1. Council's Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021 sets a vision, cultural outcomes and guided actions related to arts and culture in Banyule until 2021.
2. The Strategy expired in December 2021. Since, Council has undertaken a review of the Strategy to consider its success and key learnings for future strategic arts and culture planning.
3. The review demonstrated that despite Covid-19 impacts, the Strategy was successful. Arts and culture activity helped to achieve cross-Council strategic objectives; significant programming opportunities were delivered to support community members to engage in cultural experiences including major events; there was significant investment in public art, and the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub was established and enabled a greater number and diversity of cultural opportunities for community including exhibitions and creative sector professional development.
4. A key learning of the review is the importance of having clearly defined outcomes and strategic planning that takes an integrated whole-of-Council approach that pragmatically considers what is achievable within Council's allocated resources.
5. Throughout the Strategy period, community voice and interest surrounding Council's investment in arts and culture has remained high and continues to increase.
6. Strategic planning and development to guide Arts & Culture in Banyule for the next decade will be undertaken throughout the 2022/23 financial year.
7. "Creative Banyule 2030" will solidify a new strategic direction and will aim to elevate arts and culture's role in achieving Council's Community Vision; while taking an integrated and place-based approach that enhances the activation of cultural outcomes alongside social, economic and environmental outcomes.
8. Council has established a comprehensive community engagement plan, with community consultation to commence in February 2023. This will support the co-design of the Strategy and related action plan for Council consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note the achievements of the Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021.
2. Acknowledge the contribution of members of Banyule's Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, both past and present.
3. Acknowledge the value and positive impact of arts and culture activities in Banyule and commit to ongoing investment through the development of a new arts and culture strategic plan – Creative Banyule 2030.

## **ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY REVIEW cont'd**

4. Note that the strategic planning and development to guide Arts & Culture in Banyule will be undertaken throughout the 2022/23 financial year for Arts and Culture Strategy – ‘Creative Banyule 2030’; and
5. Supports the Community Engagement Plan (1 Feb – 15 March) which includes a dedicated Shaping Banyule page and survey, two community workshop (online and in person), a workshop with Banyule’s artists and creative sector, workshop with internal departments and staff survey, Councillor survey and consultation with Banyule’s Advisory Committees, to help inform the development of the draft ‘Creative Banyule 2030’ document.
6. Receives a further report detailing the draft ‘Creative Banyule 2030’ document once it has been developed.

## **COUNCIL PLAN**

- This report is in line with Banyule’s Council Plan strategy to "Provide and promote arts and cultural experiences to enhance community connectedness, engagement and a sense of wellbeing".

## **BACKGROUND**

- Guided by Council’s Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021, arts and cultural activity has played an important role in supporting Council’s goals of strong, healthy and inclusive communities since 2017.

## **KEY ISSUES**

- This report summarises the plan’s achievements, key learnings and outlines the development of Banyule’s next arts and culture strategy – Creative Banyule 2030.

## **Arts and Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021 – Review**

- Council’s Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021 set a vision, embedded a set of ‘cultural outcomes’ and guided actions related to arts and culture in Banyule until 2021 through two Goals, with specific cultural outcomes measured against each.
- The Strategy expired in December 2021. Following this, Council undertook a review of the Strategy to consider its success and key learnings for future strategic arts and culture planning.
- The review demonstrated that despite Covid-19 impacts, the Strategy was successful in achieving its two goals and activating desired cultural outcomes (**Attachment 1**).
- A strong indicator of the success of the Strategy was growth in both resourcing and output for arts and cultural activity at Banyule throughout the lifespan of the Strategy.
- Through arts and culture activity, cross-Council strategic objectives were realised, and significant programming opportunities were delivered to support community members to engage in cultural experiences including major events.

**ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY REVIEW cont'd**

- Additionally, there was significant investment in public art, and the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub was established and enabled a greater number and diversity of cultural opportunities for community including exhibitions and creative sector professional development.
- Programming highlights included Council's annual Arts & Culture Project Grants, Banyule Award for Works on Paper, Chillin' in Banyule, From My Window, Lantern Festival, Homefront Sculptures, Future Histories Exhibition, Kids Arty Farty Fest, New Hope Exhibition, 1000 Stars Project, Pinpoint Artist Network Workshops, Malahang Community Festival, Urban Lightbox Galleries, Arts in Public Spaces Program, 3081 Neighbourhood Panels, Public Toilet Mural Program, and Banyule Art Salon.
- Throughout the lifespan of the Strategy, Council's major festivals also became platforms for many teams across Council e.g. Youth Services, Inclusive Enterprise & Local Jobs, Waste and Sustainable Transport to engage with community in creative ways. The design of these large-scale events included cross-council content as much as possible, which helped to both pool resourcing and diversify the experiences for participants.
- Council's Arts & Culture Advisory Committee continues to successfully support effective arts and cultural programming and has helped Council to gain broader community perspective and insights, as well as attract new audiences and discover new artists.
- A key learning of the review is the importance of having clearly defined outcomes and strategic planning that takes an integrated whole-of-Council approach that pragmatically considers what is achievable within Council's allocated resources.
- Delivery of an annual program designed to a Cultural Outcomes Framework, was a new approach for Council. The review has demonstrated how arts and cultural activity could help achieve cross-council strategic objectives, and across the life of the plan led to an increased appreciation – both internally and within the community – of the value of arts and culture in daily life. This finding was further evidenced by community feedback received during the Shaping Our Future 2040 consultation in 2021.
- The successes of the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021 are a result of its achievement in giving arts and cultural activity a clearer line of sight to the Council Plan. The introduction of 'Cultural Outcomes' as a means of reaching broader strategic goals led to increased collaboration across Council and richer experiences for community.
- With Council's continued focus on community connections and social value, as well as a place-based approach to planning, there is an opportunity to integrate arts and culture outcomes more strategically into Council planning moving forward.
- Further, the review has emphasised the essential role of cultural vitality in planning for Banyule's future by aligning with national and international trends recognising that 'culture' has equal value to the other policy and planning domains (social, environmental, civic and economic) – and that arts and

## **ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY REVIEW cont'd**

culture can activate alongside cultural outcomes, social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

- There are great opportunities to build on this through a new Arts and Culture Strategy with stronger alignment to Council's integrated planning, across the next decade.

### **Creative Banyule 2030 – A New Strategic Plan**

- Throughout the Strategy period, community voice and interest surrounding Council's investment in arts and culture has remained high and continues to increase.
- In 2021, during community consultation for the 'Shaping Our Future' project – which led to the Banyule Community Vision 2041 – Arts and Culture featured regularly. The key findings report states that 'there was a desire to see an increase in spending on arts and culture' and many commented on arts and culture's value to:
  - Health and wellbeing – *'Participants often referred to the many Council services that promote positive health and wellbeing including sports, neighbourhood houses and events. We also heard that participants value the opportunities and events that council facilitates for the community, especially the variety of opportunities.'*
  - Strong sense of community – *'Many commented on the great community festivals and events for all ages and the opportunity for community interactions through festivals'*
  - Strong local economy – *'A strong local economy that embraces innovation and supports local businesses... "Arts and culture in our local areas to encourage more focus on neighbourhoods, rather than travelling to the city".'*
- Strategic planning and development to guide Arts & Culture in Banyule for the next decade will be undertaken throughout the 2022/23 financial year:

<b>Timeline</b>	
Literature Review	September – October 2022
Draft Vision & Outcome Setting	October – November 2022
Community Engagement Planning & Delivery	December 2022 – February 2023
Strategy Development	February – June 2023
Draft Strategy Public Exhibition	May – June 2023
Final Strategy submitted to Council for adoption	July 2023

- Council Officers have recently commenced the co-design of Banyule's next Arts and Culture Strategy – 'Creative Banyule 2030'.
- Creative Banyule 2030 will solidify a new strategic direction and aims to elevate arts and culture's role in achieving Council's Community Vision; while taking an integrated and place-based approach that enhances the activation

## **ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY REVIEW cont'd**

of cultural outcomes alongside social, economic and environmental outcomes.

- In line with the above timeline, a literature review has been completed and has informed the development of a draft vision, outcomes and priority themes for Creative Banyule 2030.
- Further, Council has established a comprehensive Community Engagement Plan and the next step is to commence community consultation with internal and external stakeholders, which will support the co-design of the Strategy and related action plan for Council consideration. This will include consultation via Shaping Banyule, in person and online workshops, and surveys.

### **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.

### **Community Engagement**

- A comprehensive Community Engagement Plan to support the co-design of the new strategy 'Creative Banyule 2030' has been established.
- The Community Engagement Plan (1 Feb – 15 March) includes a dedicated Shaping Banyule page and survey, two community workshop (online and in person), a workshop with Banyule's artists and creative sector, workshop with internal departments and staff survey, Councillor survey and opportunity for discussion and consultation with Banyule's Advisory Committees.

### **Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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- Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

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1	Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021 - Summarised Review	

## 6.1 **HEIDELBERG PARK MASTERPLAN - ENDORSEMENT**

Author: Joe Doak - Senior Open Space Planner, City Development

Ward: Griffin

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### **SUMMARY**

- The Heidelberg Park Masterplan was an initiative project in the 2019/20 financial year.
- An important recommendation in the *Public Open Space Plan (2016 – 2031)* is to prepare a master plan for Heidelberg Park.
- The Masterplan provides a long- term vision for this park that will service both current and future community needs.
- A final Masterplan was produced in November of 2022 after three phases of public consultation totalling 5,163 Shaping Banyule views, 308 online contributors and 25 emails received.
- The final Masterplan is supported by the local community with 87% of respondents confirming they support the inclusions of the document.
- To deliver all elements detailed in the Masterplan would cost in the region of \$7,600,000 (inclusive of oval redevelopment – approximately \$2.2million) and there are opportunities to seek external funding to support delivery.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Adopt the final Heidelberg Park Masterplan;
2. Consider the discreet projects as part of the future ten-year Capital Works Program.
3. Actively seek external grants and funding opportunities to assist with delivery.

### **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**

- Heidelberg Park is a Crown Allotment and Banyule City Council is the Committee of Management.
- Heidelberg Park is one of many interconnected parks and reserves located along the Yarra River that provides both active and passive recreational opportunities.

## **HEIDELBERG PARK MASTERPLAN - ENDORSEMENT cont'd**

- The Park is a large parcel of public open space approximately 14 hectares in size and park facilities comprise a network of paths, an oval, a pavilion, a car park, toilets, a rotunda and picnic facilities. Salt Creek meanders through the central portion of the park and the established gardens and mature trees contribute significantly to the character and amenity.
- The Burgundy Street shopping strip is located to the west.
- Warringal Parklands is located to the immediate east. This park includes football, cricket facilities and a large regional playground and picnic amenities.
- The site is located within the Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct, an area predicted to grow significantly in population.
- Urban intensification (both residential and commercial) will increase the usage and importance of Heidelberg Park going forward.
- Key direction 3.7 of the *Council Plan (2021 - 2025)* is to provide and maintain public parks and open spaces for a range of uses for all ages and abilities.
- An important recommendation in the *Public Open Space Plan (2016 – 2031)* is to prepare a master plan for Heidelberg Park, including the identification of:
  - A formalised path network to improve connectivity to and within the park;
  - Locations for the establishment of future family activity nodes; and
  - Potential to formalise the Heidelberg Gardens as a horticultural show piece.

The *Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct Public Realm Strategy (2019)* and *Heidelberg Structure Plan (2021)* also contain recommendations for improving access, permeability, aesthetics, amenities/facilities, ecology and maintenance for Heidelberg Park.

- The master plan project commenced in the 2019/20 financial year but was paused as a result of Covid-19 and resumed in the 2021/22 financial year.
- A Councillor Briefing Paper was prepared on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2022, following the last round of consultation. No changes, other than those minor changes outlined in the paper resulting from the consultation, were made.

### **KEY ISSUES**

- A Masterplan has been prepared for Heidelberg Park in consultation with the community.
- The Masterplan provides a long- term vision for this park that will service both current and future community needs, whilst preserving the park's heritage values and provide guidance for future maintenance and development.
- Delivery of all elements detailed in the Masterplan would cost in the region of \$7,600,000 (inclusive of oval redevelopment – approximately \$2.2million) and there are opportunities to seek external funding to support delivery.



## HEIDELBERG PARK MASTERPLAN - ENDORSEMENT 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.
- Sustainable procurement outcomes will be pursued as a function of the detailed design should Council resolve to adopt the Master Plan.

#### Financial Implications

- A breakdown of the Masterplan's recommended actions costs, per priority level, is given below:
  - High priority actions = \$2.9 million  
Expected to be delivered within 5 years.
  - Medium priority actions = \$3.9 million (inclusive of \$2.2 million oval redevelopment).  
Expected to be delivered from 5 to 10 years.
  - Low priority actions = \$795,000.  
Expected to be delivered from 10 years.
- Should the Masterplan be endorsed by Council, works would be referred to the long-term Capital Works Program for evaluation and prioritisation against existing programs.
- As with any endorsed Masterplan, officers would be actively seeking external grants and funding opportunities to assist with further delivery.
- The table below describes the main elements to the Master Plan.

Item	Description
Burgundy Street Entrance	Provide horticultural displays, walkway with sitting areas and woody meadow displays.
Salt Creek improvements	Replace bridge railings, repair bluestone channel (southern portion), restore northern areas of Salt creek to a natural creek system.
Improved access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Formalise various desire line paths throughout the park, particularly those leading to the existing shared path.</li><li>• Providing a shared path link through the car park connecting to existing shared paths.</li></ul>

**HEIDELBERG PARK MASTERPLAN - ENDORSEMENT cont'd**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional paths include those providing greater access to the north east of the park and around the oval.</li> </ul>
Picnic areas	Provide three new picnic areas: One near Brown Street, one amongst the oaks north of the oval and one near the car park and shared path.
Oval redevelopment	Improve turf, drainage, fencing and irrigation.
Stormwater harvesting	Investigate stormwater harvesting and storage opportunities.
Path lighting	Investigate lighting needs along the existing and future paths throughout the park.
Multipurpose Court	Investigate feasibility of installing a multipurpose court, incorporating cricket nets.
Weed eradication	Remove weed species throughout the park, with the largest area being the Indigenous escarpment to the north.
Tree and garden bed plantings	<p>Additional plantings to, primarily, reinforce existing vegetation character.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous escarpment &amp; Eucalyptus Spur: revegetate with indigenous species.</li> <li>Oak Escarpment: focusing on oak woodland understory planting.</li> <li>Pinetum: focusing on pine, conifer and other complimentary species plantings.</li> <li>Garden beds: concentrated in the south / west of the park with an emphasis on exotic species. Native elsewhere.</li> </ul>

**Community Engagement**

- Community consultation for the Heidelberg Park Masterplan consisted of three phases. Key metrics for the total three phases are outlined below:
  - Shaping Banyule views: 5,163
  - Shaping Banyule contributors: 308
  - Emails received: 25
- An average of 90% support for the final Masterplan was recorded.
- Phase 1 – 26 Aug to 1 Oct 2021: This phase focused on usage, experience and ideas to improve Heidelberg Park.
- Phase 2 – 04 April to 2 May 2022: This consultation represents the first time the draft Masterplan was displayed to the public and focused on asking whether they supported it and an option to provide any comments.
- Phase 3 – 18 July to 15 August 2022: This represents the second time the draft masterplan was presented to the public and focused on asking whether or not residents broadly supported it and if they had any suggestions.
- A copy of the updated final Masterplan post phase three public exhibition is included in Appendix 1.

**Key Considerations**

- The project aligns with key directions nominated in the *Council Plan (2017 - 2021) & (2021 - 2025)*, the *Public Open Space Plan (2016 – 2031)*, and the project advances recommendations contained within the *Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct Public Realm Strategy (2019)* and *Heidelberg Structure Plan (2021)*.
- The final masterplan has been broadly supported by the community through three phases of detailed community consultation.

**HEIDELBERG PARK MASTERPLAN - ENDORSEMENT cont'd**

**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**

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1	Heidelberg Park final Masterplan_Ver.4	

## **6.2 GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

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### **Previous Items**

Council on 5 December 2022 (Item 5.1 - Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, Heidelberg - Review of Temporary Road Closure)

Council on 20 Sep 2021 7.00pm (Item 5.2 - Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, Heidelberg - Temporary Road Closure)

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### **SUMMARY**

1. Council resolved, at its meeting on 20 September 2021, to proceed with a 12-month trial road closure at the intersection of Bristol Street and Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg.
2. The temporary road closure was installed on 9 December 2021 which includes semi-barrier kerbs with flexible bollards, separation kerbs and warning signage.
3. Quarterly reviews of the closure were undertaken during the last year. All concerns raised were investigated. Responses to the concerns are provided in this report.
4. A survey on the trial resulted in 33 responses from 65 surveys sent. From the received responses, 91% were supportive of the permanent closure.
5. Traffic data demonstrates that the traffic in the local network is more uniformly distributed and that the speed in which drivers are travelling is safe.
6. At its meeting on 5 December 2022, a further report was presented to Council reviewing the operation of the temporary road closure. At the meeting Council resolved to defer the matter in order to consider further information and community input and hear a foreshadowed petition regarding the matter.
7. A petition titled "Remove the Trial Closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol Street" has been received on 13 January 2023 with 154 signatories.
8. Traffic data demonstrates that the traffic in the local network is more uniformly distributed and that the speed in which drivers are travelling is safe in comparison to data prior to the speed humps and road closure being put in place.
9. A statutory process is required to consider the permanent closure of Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue. This process includes formal public consultation.

**GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Notes the speed and volume data analysis, feedback during the trial closure and the community submissions received.
2. Commence the statutory process under the *Local Government Act 1989* to permanently place obstructions or barriers on Bristol Street to restrict vehicle access via Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg.
3. Retain the current temporary road closure arrangement in Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg, until the statutory process has been completed.

**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**

- As part of the 2020/2021 Council capital works program, a series of speed humps were installed along Berkeley Avenue to address identified higher than desirable speeds along the street.
- After the speed humps were installed, concerns were raised regarding an increase of traffic volume and vehicle speed along Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street due to motorist avoiding the speed humps.
- Vehicle speed and volume surveys were undertaken in Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street for a week commencing 19 April 2021. The data indicated that there was an increase in traffic volume in Gloucester Drive, when compared to previous data.
- Although the level of traffic was considered suitable for a local residential street, it was clear there was strong community sentiment that the increase in traffic had negatively impacted on the safety and amenity of the surrounding streets.
- On 24 June 2021, a public meeting between the Manager Transport, Mayor, Ward Councillor and residents was held. At the meeting, a request was made for Council to consider closing Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue to prevent cut through traffic.
- Investigations were undertaken to determine if a road closure could be achieved and still accommodate large vehicles turning around in a safe manner. A concept plan was developed, and swept path analysis indicated that this could be achieved.
- At its meeting on 20 September 2021, Council considered a report proposing a 12-month trial road closure at the intersection of Bristol Street and Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg. The report presented the community submissions received and highlighted the majority support for the closure.

**GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd**

- Council resolved to proceed with the temporary road closure and present a further report to Council following the trial to consider whether or not to proceed with permanently closing Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue.
- At its meeting on 5 December 2022, a further report was presented to Council reviewing the operation of the temporary road closure. At the meeting Council resolved to defer the matter in order to consider further information and community input and hear a foreshadowed petition regarding the matter.

**PETITION**

- A petition with 154 signatories from residents of Heidelberg and Rosanna has been received.
- The petition request is as follows:
  - We the undersigned, petition or request Council to:
    1. End and remove the trial closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol St due to the:
      - a) Unacceptable and ongoing negative impacts on, and decrease in amenity of, the surrounding streets because of the increased diverted traffic that is turning Berkeley Ave into a rat-run; and
      - b) Lack of local support for and acceptance of the permanent closure (54% of residents consulted did not express support for the closure with support decreasing for the closure over the course of the trial, Berkeley Ave residents were not consulted, and this petition)
    2. Investigate and install more proportionate and appropriate traffic calming measures on Gloucester Dr/Bristol St (i.e. speed humps, chicanes, chokers, and/or local traffic signs etc.) that would effectively address the root cause of its residents' concerns and still allow the road to carry its fair share of traffic safely.

**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

- Gloucester Drive, Berkeley Avenue and Bristol Street, Heidelberg are classified as local/residential streets under Council's Road hierarchy and are expected to carry less than 2,000 vehicles per day, and the urban default speed limit of 50 km/h applies to each street.
- The temporary road closure was installed on 9 December 2021 and includes semi-barrier kerbs with flexible bollards, separation kerbs and warning signage. Images of the installation can be seen in Figure 1 below.

## GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd



**Figure 1. Temporary Road Closure at intersection of Berkeley Avenue and Bristol Street, Heidelberg**

- Reviews of the road closure were undertaken at numerous intervals through its 12-month process to record any issues occurring throughout the trial.
- Summary of findings during the site-visits undertaken include:
  - Signage was found to be damaged and/or defaced via graffiti.
  - Screws for semi-barrier kerb had come loose in certain areas, however, the kerb themselves were not loose in any way.
  - Minor build-up of debris/leaves within the separation kerb, however, this is not uncommon within the street away from the closure.
- Concerns were raised by the Waste Collection team regarding the ability for waste collection vehicle to manoeuvre within Bristol Street. An alternative arrangement was required for Bristol Street residents whereby they place their bins along Gloucester Drive for collection. Additionally, any hard waste collection is required to be placed on Gloucester Drive.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- A consultation seeking residents' views on the trial was conducted in October 2022 with those residents on Gloucester Drive, Bristol Street and Shropshire Street.
- During the submission period, 65 surveys were sent to the same residents previously surveyed in 2021 and 33 responses were received (51% response rate). From the responses received, 30 respondents (91%) were supportive of the proposal. Residents who did not provide a response to the survey were not considered as in support or against the proposal.
- In addition to the above, numerous enquiries and feedback from residents within the municipality and more specifically Berkeley Avenue were received during the 12-month trial period.
- Summary of the opposition received for the closure:
  - No cyclist access is provided thru the closure.

**GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd**

- The closure is unnecessary.
- The advanced warning signage in place is not sufficient.
- The proposed closure concept design is too simplistic and does not identify materials, dimensions and details of the pop-up park.
- Existing waste collection arrangement is not suitable and disruptive to properties where bins and hard waste will be placed in front of.
- Summary of the support received for the closure:
  - It improved the safety of pedestrians travelling in the area.
  - It resulted in a decrease in the volume of traffic using Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street as a detour around Berkeley Avenue.
  - It resulted in a decrease of vehicle speeds and hoon behaviour in the area.
  - The proposed pedestrianised area and open space area would be an asset to the community.
- Summary of the opposition received for the closure from residents outside of the consultation survey area include:
  - The closure prioritises the needs of residents within Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street over those in Berkeley Avenue despite both roads being the same classification.
  - Residents in Berkeley Avenue were not consulted during the trial closure process.
  - Temporary road closure is not considered aesthetically pleasing and will reduce property values on Berkeley Avenue.
  - Road closure does not solve wider traffic issue of vehicles detouring through the area from arterial road network, including there is likely to be an impact from the North East Link Project.
  - Traffic volumes would shift to Berkeley Avenue and adjacent streets (Buckingham Drive).
  - No cyclist access is provided through the closure.
  - The closure will affect the property values in the area.

**DISCUSSION – TRAFFIC SPEED AND VOLUME SURVEYS**

- Speed and volume surveys have been undertaken twice since the installation of the temporary road closure and have been used as a comparison for survey results received prior to the closure and the speed hump installation of Berkeley Avenue.
- As expected, the analysis of the speed and volume data indicates that the speed and volume of traffic have reduced along both Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street. Traffic on Gloucester Drive has dropped from 538 to 226 vehicles per day with 85% of vehicles travelling at or below 50 km/h. Prior to the speed humps being installed Gloucester Drive carried 257 vehicles per day. Comparing prior to the speed hump and now, the volume of traffic using Gloucester Drive has reduced by 31 vehicles per day.



**GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd**

- Traffic volumes on Berkeley Avenue have increased from 644 to 746 vehicles per day since the installation of the road closure as expected, this is due to vehicles not having the option to bypass the speed humps. Prior to the speed humps being installed Berkeley Avenue carried 1170 vehicles per day. Comparing prior to the speed hump and now, the volume of traffic using Berkeley Avenue has reduced by 424 vehicles per day.
- Concerns were raised regarding the closure impacting the surrounding road network, specifically Buckingham Drive. The data indicates that there is no discernible increase in traffic. Vehicle speed has increased; however, the 85%ile speed for the road is below the speed limit.
- The volume on Shropshire Street has increased by approximately 60-100 vehicles per day since the road closure likely due to residents from Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street using Shropshire as an access to Berkeley, or possibly due to a few vehicles avoiding two of the speed humps on Berkeley via Gloucester Drive. No concerns from properties fronting Shropshire Street following the trial road closure. The current volume is considered to be low.
- Overall, the data indicates that traffic operates in a more uniform arrangement and that vehicles speeds within the road network are at an acceptable level.
- A summary of traffic and speed data collected is contained in Attachment 1.

**KEY CONCERNS - RESPONSE**

- The table below details the key concerns raised by the community and stakeholders during the trial closure period including the recent petition submissions, each item has been provided a response and/or an action item to be undertaken.

**Table 1. Key Concerns and Responses**

Key Concern	Response/Action
<p>Consultation Area and Result Analysis</p>	<p>The outcome of any consultation survey is determined by the response rate and support received in the responses. In accordance with Council practices, the minimum response rate required to proceed with a proposal is around 25% and more than 50% of responses received must be in support of the proposal. As indicated, in this instance the response rate was 51% and the support rate was 91%, which is adequate to proceed to the next stage of the process.</p> <p>A non-response during the consultation period is not considered as either support or non-support for the proposal and was not included in the assessment of the results.</p> <p>The consultation area was maintained from the previous consultation in 2021. If the closure was to be made permanent, it would be subject to a wider scale community consultation, which includes signage being installed on both sides of the road closure, advertisement in the newspaper and letters being sent to wider selection of surrounding streets. All submissions would be received in writing and considered by Council.</p>
<p>Trial-Closure Aesthetics</p>	<p>The temporary closure devices were subject to the consultant’s inventory and the limited timeframe. Colours are typically vibrant for safety and visibility reasons.</p>

**GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd**

Permanent Closure Design	A more in-depth design will need to be undertaken on the permanent closure if it is to proceed. There has been no decision on materials, dimensions, and inclusions within the area.
Advanced Warning Signage and Cyclist Access:	Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street provide a suitable link for cyclists connecting to River Gum Walk. Therefore, proposed permanent closure design to investigate feasibility of cyclist access.  Additional warning signage to be included specifically northbound on Gloucester Drive just prior to Shropshire Street to direct vehicles.
Traffic Impacts on Road Network	Addressed in the speed and volume discussion in the report.
Impacts of North East Link Project	It is not anticipated that the North East Link Project will have an impact on traffic volumes in this specific local area. The North East Link will be underground nearby to this area of Heidelberg.
Property Value	Property value is not a factor considered by Council when investigating speed and volume traffic concerns or road closures.  The amenity of the area is considered to benefit from the closure, while access to all properties is maintained.
Waste Collection	Resident concerns were raised regarding the existing waste collection operation due to inconvenience and impact on properties where bins are being placed.  The Waste Collection team is supportive of the existing arrangement moving forward and have indicated that they do not support the waste vehicle entering Bristol Street or performing a turnaround movement.  Considering the conditions in the area it is unlikely that updated designs will allow for a waste collection vehicle to turnaround in a suitable manner.  Therefore, it is recommended that the waste collection arrangement adopted during the trial closure period be maintained if the road closure is to become permanent.  Any future developments will need to be made aware of the waste collection arrangement.
Use of alternative traffic control devices (e.g. speed humps, chicanes)	This was discussed in the Council report prior to the trial closure installation on 20 September 2021, and the survey results indicated that the vehicle speeds along Gloucester Drive do not warrant the installation of speed reduction measures. Speed humps do not directly influence reduction of traffic volume in streets.

- When considering the speed and volume data analysis and the community submissions received, it is recommended to proceed with the process to consider the permanent closure of the road pursuant to sections 207 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE cont'd**

**SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS**

**Legal Consideration**

- To permanently installed permanent barriers to close a local road, the process under the *Local Government Act 1989* will need to be followed including submission period in accordance with section 223.

**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**

- The permanent closure installation would need to be funded via Council's Capital Works Program.

**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**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Page</b>
1	Bristol Street, Heidelberg - Temporary Road Closure - Summary of Traffic Volume and Speed Data	



## 7.1 OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT

Author: Jo Wilson - Manager Resilient and Connected Communities, Community Wellbeing

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### Previous Items

Council on 04 Oct 2021 7.00pm (Item 3.3 - Reimagining Olympic Leisure Centre)

Councillor Briefing on 24 March 2022 (Item 2.3 - Olympic Leisure Centre Co-design Team update)

Councillor Briefing on 12 May 2022 (Item 1.1 - Community Co-design Team - Olympic Leisure Centre - presentation of community concept design for new leisure centre)

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### SUMMARY

- On 4 October 2021, Council adopted a set of project principles that underpinned the Olympic Village Leisure Centre (OLC) re-imagining project that included being sustainable and connected, flexible, transformational, predictive, proactive, and collaborative for everyone.
- The OLC Community Co-Design Team was formed through an Expression of Interest (EoI) process and the membership reflected the demographics of the community.
- The Community Co-Design team presented the outcomes of the reimagining process to a Council briefing on 12 May 2022.
- Representatives of the team shared a new Community Vision as presented in the attached OLC Concept Design Report, (**Attachment 1**), that responds to local needs and strongly emphasises the retention and possible expansion of aquatics.
- The OLC Co-design team were very clear about the need to retain an aquatic facility at the site to meet the unique and diverse needs of the Heidelberg West Community.
- The OLC recently reopened in October 2022 from an 18-month closure for extensive emergency rectification works. Approximately \$1.5 million has been spent on upgrading the pool concourse and stadium which has resulted in a considerable uplift and improvements to the aquatics, gym, and basketball courts.
- The re-opening presents an opportunity to trial and test new program options identified by community as part of the co-design process and gauge the level of renewed community interest and participation at the leisure centre going forward.

**OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT cont'd**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Receives the Olympic Leisure Centre (OLC) Community Vision, as presented in the attached OLC Concept Design Report.
2. Acknowledges the work of the Community Co-Design team in the development of the OLC community vision and thanks them for their contribution.
3. Supports the continued partnership with the West Heidelberg Key Partners Collaborative Working Group, the OLC Co-design Team and Council Officers, to continue to work through community needs and potential future options for OLC.
4. Reviews the Community Vision concept and associated reports to analyse viability, opportunities, outcomes, funding strategies, partners and any further work, investigations or options that may be required to support achieving the community aspirations reflected in the Vision.
5. A further report be presented to Council by late 2024 to report on these investigations and analysis of the Vision, as well as the OLC operations, engagement and programming since OLC was reopened and outline the proposed next steps.
6. Endorses inclusion of the Olympic Leisure Centre as a local level facility within the Draft Banyule Aquatic Strategy to retain a level of aquatics.

**COUNCIL PLAN**

- This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan strategy to "Strategically plan, build and renew community assets and facilities that meet current and future service needs and instil a sense of civic pride".

**BACKGROUND**

- The Olympic Leisure Centre Community Vision Report is the outcome of the community engagement process for re-imagining of the Olympic Leisure Centre.
- This process was initiated in response to the draft Aquatics Strategy that proposes an aquatic hierarchy for Banyule that does not include Olympic Leisure Centre. It also recommended undertaking a detailed feasibility and planning study with the local community for the purpose of determining a future role, use and priorities for OLC.
- On 4 October 2021, Council endorsed the community co design process to reimagine the OLC with community members and stakeholders. This included endorsing a set of project principles that underpinned the OLC re-imagining project that align with the Banyule Community Vision.
  - **Sustainable & connected** - in harmony with the natural environment, interfaces with the public realm, supports economic and social prosperity, and is delivered in a financially responsible way.

**OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT cont'd**

- **For everyone** - upholds the rights of everyone, creates opportunities to participate, improves access experiences for all and promotes equity.
  - **Flexible** - adaptable to meet changing needs; supports intergenerational use; used for multiple purposes; unlocks opportunity for use; promotes innovative uses over time.
  - **Transformational** – designed to build community wealth, celebrate culture and history, support people to discover their potential.
  - **Predictive & proactive** - proactively responds to the diversity of communities & emerging community need; strives to uplift health, wellbeing & liveability over the long term; achieves ongoing safety and quality standards; integrates new technology to improve usability.
  - **Collaborative** – we will pursue initiatives that aspire to achieve significant, community-wide progress on complex, systemic issues by enlisting and engaging key partners to work together toward a shared vision.
- In response to the project principle ‘collaborative’, and with reference to the complex needs of the Heidelberg West residents, Council progressed an opportunity to work with the 3081 community through a Co-design process to address the future of the Olympic Leisure Centre. This process positioned the community to redefine the future of OLC, who it should provide a service for and the functions it should offer. The OLC Co-Design Team was formed through an Expression of Interest process and the membership reflected the demographics of the community.
  - Once formed, the OLC Co-design Team established an objective to create “the Village hub – “green, actively connected, flexible, adaptable, culturally appropriate and intergenerational” and to re-imagining the OLC for “a proud 3081 community; with diverse backgrounds, experiences and needs; for our past generations, long standing residents, for the newly settled from lands near and far and for generations to come; and for every age group; for those who use OLC, those who don’t want to lose it and those that don’t know they need it; for people with aspirations to live a local, sustainable and connect lives; who seek opportunities to learn, share, connect, heal, and belong”.
  - The outcome of the OLC Co-design process is the OLC Community Vision, as presented in the attached OLC Concept Design Report (**Attachment 2**) and an OLC Opportunities Analysis Report (**Attachment 3**).
  - Supported by architects, a landscape architect and a heritage advisor, the community defined a vision that represents a localised, place-based response. The vision considers the unique and generational social and health inequities experienced by this community. The key features of the OLC Community Vision are reflected in the functional elements of the OLC concept design, which include:
    - 3410sqm of gross floor space
    - Aquatics - 25m four lane swimming pool; learn to swim pool; spa; sauna; and wet amenities.
    - Dry recreation - multipurpose sports court; gym; classes room; bleachers; and dry amenities.
    - Community - large multipurpose community rooms (2); arts & craft space; commercial kitchen; community seminar room; small meeting rooms (2); and community break out areas (2).
    - Staff - reception; workspaces, lunchroom.

**OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT cont'd**

- Enclosed outdoor - community courtyard; community terrace; changing places facility.
- Landscape/ urban realm - entry plazas; youth program space; heritage plaza; outdoor half court; ceremonial gathering; barbeque facilities; nature play; bicycle parking; outdoor gym.
- As a result of this co-design process, and extensive community engagement and consultation activities, the 3081 community report sentiments of genuine community engagement, leading to an amplified level of trust in Council.
- With reference to the unique and generational social and health inequities experienced by the 3081 community, this project represents a strategically aligned opportunity to initiate a catalyst for further neighbourhood renewal within the Olympic Village precinct.
- The OLC Co-design team were very clear about the need to retain an aquatic facility at the site to meet the unique and diverse needs of the Heidelberg West Community.

**Next Steps**

- Activate, program and monitor use of OLC. The re-opening represents an opportunity to further trial and test new program options identified by community as part of the co-design process and gauge the level of renewed community interest and participation and engagement in the leisure centre.
- Continue engagement with key stakeholders and working groups around the programming activation and future development of OLC.
- Resolve the Aquatics Strategy.
- Officers review and analyse the community vision, its components and feasibility and allow time for investigation into how this might be reasonably progressed in the longer term and present options back to Council.

**KEY ISSUES**

- The OLC Co-Design Team worked in partnership with Council in good faith to develop a Community Vision that would ensure that the re-imagined facility at the OLC site would engage local community and provide for the needs of the community now and into the future.
- Council committed to a codesign process for this study where there were no non-negotiables - aquatics could be considered. The Aquatics Strategy can be updated to reflect retaining aquatics at OLC as a local facility, however the form, function and type of aquatics that might be included requires further analysis and investigation.
- The attached Community Vision Concept report presents an initial cost plan of \$30 million. There is currently no budget allocation to progress work on the OLC Community Vision.
- Council has a current commitment to the redevelopment of Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre and any future redevelopment of Aquatics at OLC will need to consider role and purpose as well as local community need to support a complimentary approach.



## **OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT cont'd**

### **SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS**

#### **Legal Consideration**

The *Local Government Act 2020* outlines Council's governance principles including placing priority on achieving best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations, and engaging the municipal community in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

- *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* outlines Council's obligations to create an environment which supports the health of community members and strengthen the capacity of people to achieve better health.
- *Disability Act 2006* requires Council to reduce barriers to accessing goods, services and facilities. Promote inclusion and participation in the community and achieve tangible change in attitudes and practices that discriminate.
- *Climate Change Act 2017* outlines Council's role in supporting vulnerable communities and promoting social justice and intergenerational equity. It also includes principles of equity and community engagement to inform decision making.
- *Multicultural Victoria Act 2011*, in alignment with this Act, all Banyule residents are equally entitled to access opportunities and participate in and contribute to the social, cultural, economic and political life.

#### **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.

#### **Innovation and Continuous Improvement**

- The proposed OLC Community Vision provides an opportunity for an innovative renewed facility that would meet the needs of the diverse Heidelberg West community now and into the future.
- The re-opened existing OLC also has the opportunity to offer new programs that meet community need and works to re-engage community at the site and increase patronage.

**OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT cont'd**

**Collaboration**

- Council has worked in collaboration with the OLC Co-design team (made up of key members of the Heidelberg West Community representing the broad diversity of the area) to develop a community vision for the future of the OLC.

**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**

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1	OLC Site Investigations Report	
2	OLC Opportunities Analysis Report	
3	OLC Concept Design Report	