



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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11 AUGUST 2015

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- 12.1 under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for tender 2015.046 landscape assessment consultancy services.

Number of tenders received	Six (6)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$280,000

- 12.2 under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for Tender number 2016.014 Princes Park Oval 4 Redevelopment, Bambra Road Caulfield South.

Number of tenders received	Five (5)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$400,000 Exclusive of GST.

- 12.3 under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for Tender 2015.049 Booran Road Reserve, Construction of new Playground and associated works, Caulfield.

Number of tenders received	Eight (8)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$1.7 million Excluding of GST.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING



**MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2015**

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm in the presence of:

**His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Jim Magee
Councillor Mary Delahunty
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jamie Hyams
Councillor Michael Lipshutz
Councillor Oscar Lobo
Councillor Karina Okotel
Councillor Neil Pilling
Councillor Thomas Sounness**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of Council the Mayor read the following acknowledgement.

In the spirit of respect Council acknowledges the people and elders of the Kulin Nation who have traditional connections and responsibilities for the land on which Council meets.

2. APOLOGIES - Cr Esakoff, Cr Lipshutz and Cr Sounness

Crs Hyams/Pilling

That the apologies be received and noted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

3. OATH OF OFFICE AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

The Chairperson reminded Councillors that we remain bound by their Oath of Office to undertake the duties of the office of Councillor in the best interests of the people of the municipal district of Glen Eira and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement.

The Chairperson also reminded Councillors of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda, or which are considered at this meeting, in accordance with Sections 77 to 79 of the Local Government Act.

No Councillor disclosed any interest in any of the agenda items.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Copies of Minutes previously circulated.

Crs Hyams/Lobo

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 July 2015 be confirmed.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

5. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS – Nil**6. DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING – Nil****7. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS – Nil**

8. REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES

a. Advisory Committees

- i. Community Grants Committee, 26 June 2015
- ii. Community Grants Committee, 7 July 2015.

Crs Magee/Hyams

That the minutes of the above Committees be received and noted.

That the recommendations of the Committees be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

b. Records of Assembly

- i. 14 July 2015
- ii. 21 July 2015
- iii. 28 July 2015

Crs Okotel/Pilling

That the Records of the above Assemblies be received and noted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.



COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

26 June 2015

Yarra Yarra Room

Purpose:

To support and assist not-for-profit community based groups to meet identified community priorities and strengthen the Glen Eira community.

Aims:

- Support community initiatives committed to community strengthening.
 - Develop an accessible and inclusive community.
 - Encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency and innovation.
 - Help strengthen local participation in the planning and implementation of service and programs.
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Assembly of Councillors Record

Meeting commenced at 10.03am.

1. Present

Cr Jim Magee (Chairperson)
Cr Margaret Esakoff (member) *arrived at 10:05am*
Cr Thomas Sounness (member)
Peter Jones (Director Community Services) *arrived at 10:32am*
Mark Saunders (Manager Libraries)
Gaye Stewart (Manager Community Development)
Belinda Jordan (A/Team Leader Community Development)
Narelle Dowling (Community Development Officer – Community Grants)

2. Declaration of conflict of interest

Cr Esakoff declared a conflict of interest under Section 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in relation to the applications from Calvary Health Care Bethlehem and Community Information Glen Eira.

3. Matters considered

- (i) 2014 – 2015 Community Services Grant request for extension from Youth Connect
- (ii) 2015 – 2016 Community Services Grant applications (163)
- (iii) 2015 – 2016 Community Festivals and Events Grant Applications (11)

4. 2014-2015 Community Service Grants

Requests for extension

Youth Connect requested an extension to expend \$4,500 of their 2014-15 *Community Services Grant* by 15 August 2015.

The money was granted to hold a conference focussing on career and education pathway opportunities for people in years 9 and 10.

Recommendation: The Committee recommend that Youth Connect be granted an extension to expend their 2014-15 grant by 15 August 2015.

**Moved – Cr Magee Seconded – Cr Sounness
The motion was carried unanimously**

Cr Esakoff entered the meeting at 10:05am.

5. Assessment of Community Services Grant Applications 2015-2016

The Committee assessed 163 community grant applications from 149 community groups. The following table provides a summary of the community grant applications assessed by the Committee.

Peter Jones entered the room at 10:32am.

Grant categories	Number of applications	Amount requested	Recommendations from the Committee
Arts and Culture project	24	\$83,500.50	\$34,933.50
Active Seniors	46	\$161,627.00	\$85,290.00
Environmental sustainability	2	\$13,537.00	\$3,700.00
Family and Children's Services	27	\$127,430.00	\$52,978.20
Health and Wellbeing	38	\$182,625.49	\$83,024.00
Sports, Recreation & Youth	26	\$118,617.56	\$53,447.00
TOTALS	163	\$687,337.55	\$313,372.70

Cr Sounness left the room at 10.44am and returned at 10.46am. The application for AS10 – Caulfield Over 50s Group was assessed. No conflict of interest was recorded.

Cr Magee left the room at 11:29 and returned at 11:31. The committee paused deliberations until the Mayor returned.

Cr Esakoff declared a conflict of interest under Section 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and left the room at 1.01pm returning at 1.06pm. Applications for HW 07 Calvary Health Care Bethlehem and HW 10 – Community Information Glen Eira were assessed.

Action: The Committee recommendations for Community Services Grants are fully outlined in the Council report which is part of the 11 August Council agenda.

Action: The committee requested that Officers provide further information about applications from:

- **Murrumbeena Playgroup for alternative materials to build a treated pine retaining wall/seat;**
- **A group associated with the Ormond Seniors Club.**

6. Assessment of Community Festivals and Events grant applications 2015-2016

The Committee assessed 11 Community Festivals and Events grant applications from 11 Community groups. The following table provides a summary of the Festivals and events grant applications assessed by the Committee.

Grant category	Number of applications	Amount requested	Recommendations from the Committee
Festivals and Events grants	11	\$79,728.00	\$30,700.00
TOTALS	11	\$79,728.00	\$30,700.00

Action: **The Committee recommendations for Community Festivals and Events are fully outlined in the Council report which is part of the 11 August Council agenda.**

Meeting closed at 1:15pm

Next Meeting: TBA



Community Grants Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 7 July 2015

Purpose:

To support and assist not-for-profit community-based groups to meet identified community priorities and strengthen the Glen Eira community.

Aims:

- Strengthen community connections.
 - Encourage new initiatives that respond to community needs
 - Build a community that is inclusive of all people
 - Support the community in the planning and delivering of services.
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Assembly of Councillors Record

Meeting commenced at 6:05pm.

1. Present

Cr Jim Magee (chairperson)
Cr Thomas Sounness
Cr Margaret Esakoff
Peter Jones - Director Community Services

2. Matters considered

- i. Follow-up of 2015-2016 Community Service Grant Applications
 - a. Activity group of Ormond Senior Citizen Club - "Ulibka"
 - b. Murrumbeena Playgroup
- ii. New information on application from Scout Association of Australia - Victorian Branch

3. Follow-up of 2015-2016 Community Service Grant applications

- a. It was noted that the application from 'Ulibka' has been withdrawn.
- b. Murrumbeena Playgroup provided further detailed costings regarding installation of a retaining fence and seating. Their application will be assessed based on this data.

4. New information on application from Scout Association of Australia - Victorian Branch

Further information was provided in relation to the use of Mackie Reserve Scout Hall and its proposed use as a Scout museum. Their application will be held over until the proposed use is clarified.

Next meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 6:15pm

Assembly of Councillors

14 July 2015

Record under S 80 A (2)

Meeting commenced at 6.46PM

A. Present

Cr Jim Magee, Mayor	Andrew Newton
Cr Mary Delahunty (Arr. 6.52PM)	Peter Jones
Cr Margaret Esakoff	Peter Swabey
Cr Jamie Hyams	Peter Waite
Cr Michael Lipshutz	Karoline Ware
Cr Oscar Lobo	Paul Burke
Cr Karina Okotel	
Cr Thomas Sounness	

Apologies

Cr Neil Pilling

B. Matters considered.

- (i) Caulfield/Dandenong Level Crossing Removals – a presentation by the Level Crossing Removal Authority.

6.52PM Cr Delahunty entered the briefing room.

- (ii) North Road Grade Separation – Improvement works.

7.36PM Cr Delahunty left the briefing room.

7.37PM Cr Delahunty returned to the briefing room.

- (iii) Council Papers for the 21 July 2015 Council Meeting comprising seventeen officer reports together with standing items on the Agenda.

(a) Agenda Item 5 – Petitions and joint letters – one petition received.

(b) Agenda Item 9.1 - Virginia Park – Review Submissions.

9.01PM the meeting adjourned.

9.16PM the meeting resumed in the presence of:

Cr Magee, Mayor

Cr Delahunty

Cr Esakoff

Cr Hyams

Cr Lipshutz

Cr Lobo

Cr Okotel

Cr Sounness

(c) Agenda Item 9.2 - 23 Bent Street, Bentleigh.

(d) Agenda Item 9.3 - 641-685 North Road, Ormond.

(e) Agenda Item 9.4 - 75 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Magee declared a Conflict of Interest in this item.

9.23PM Cr Magee left the briefing room and Cr Delahunty assumed the Chair.

9.39PM Cr Magee returned to the briefing room and resumed the Chair.

(f) Agenda Item 9.7 - VCAT Watch - July 2015.

(g) Agenda Item 9.8 - Domestic Animal Management Plan Review.

(h) Agenda Item 9.10 - Lease to Caulfield Park Sports Club.

(i) Agenda Item 9.11 - MAV Councillor Development Weekend.

(j) Agenda Item 9.12 - 2014-15 Draft Financial Report Appointment of 2 Signatories.

(k) Agenda Item 11.1 – Request for a Report – Cr Lipshutz, Smart Cities.

(iv) Records of Assembly.

(a) Cr Hyams – 23 June 2015, Councillors present.

(b) Cr Hyams – 7 July 2015, Minute B(ii), include more detail.

(c) Cr Hyams – 23 June 2015, MinuteB(iii)(n), light pollution.

(v) Community Grants

10.26PM Cr Sounness left the briefing room.

10.31PM Cr Sounness returned to the briefing room.

10.45PM Cr Sounness left the briefing room.

10.46PM Cr Sounness returned to the briefing room.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Esakoff declared a Conflict of Interest in Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited and Community Information Glen Eira and Cr Okotel declared a Conflict of Interest in Community Information Glen Eira.

10.57PM Cr Esakoff and Cr Okotel left the briefing room.

11.06PM Cr Esakoff and Cr Okotel returned to the briefing room.

(vi) General Business raised by Councillors.

(a) Cr Lipshutz – Flower seller in Caulfield park would like 15minute parking restrictions installed for his business.

(b) Cr Sounness – advised that he will be seeking a Leave of Absence for the 11 August 2015 Council Meeting.

(c) Cr Hyams – street trees, damage to property.

(d) Cr Hyams – article on Mornington Peninsula Council, Insurances and Municipal Charge

(e) Cr Hyams – website search engine.

(f) Cr Hyams – GESAC water aerobics classes.

- (g) Cr Hyams – works in Uonga Road.
- (h) Cr Delahunty – Myrtle Street, parking conditions.
- (i) Cr Delahunty – a person renting in Bentleigh East can't obtain a parking permit.
- (j) Cr Delahunty – East Bentleigh Soccer Club.
- (k) Cr Delahunty – Carnegie Library forecourt, wifi potential.
- (l) Cr Okotel – article on Mornington Peninsula Council, Insurances.
- (m) Cr Okotel – email from National Alliance for Gambling Reform.
- (vii) General Business by Officers.
 - (a) CEO – visit in relation to Glen Eira being viewed as best practice in relation to governance matters.
- (viii) General Business by Councillors.
 - (a) Cr Esakoff – a recharge pod with wifi at Amsterdam Station.
 - (b) Cr Delahunty – bike parking trial in Elsternwick.

Fin 11.26PM

Council Pre-Meeting

21 July 2015

Record under S 80 A (2)

Meeting commenced at 6.46PM

A. Present

Cr Jim Magee, Mayor	Andrew Newton, CEO
Cr Mary Delahunty	Peter Jones
Cr Margaret Esakoff	Peter Waite
Cr Jamie Hyams	Ron Torres
Cr Michael Lipshutz	Peter Swabey
Cr Oscar Lobo (Arr. 6.47PM)	Paul Burke
Cr Karina Okotel	
Cr Neil Pilling	
Cr Thomas Sounness	

B. Matters considered.

- (i) Council Papers for 21 July 2015 consisting of seventeen Officer reports together with standing items on the Agenda.

(a) Agenda Item 4 – Minutes of previous Council Meetings.

(b) Agenda Item 9.1 - Virginia Park – Review Submissions.

6.47PM Cr Lobo entered the room.

(c) Agenda Item 9.4 - 75 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Magee declared a Conflict of Interest in this item.

6.57PM Cr Magee left the room and Cr Delahunty assumed the Chair.

7.07PM Cr Magee returned to the room and resumed the Chair.

(d) Agenda Item 9.7 - VCAT Watch - July 2015.

- (e) Agenda Item 9.11 - MAV Councillor Development Weekend.
- (f) Agenda Item 11.1 – Request for a Report, Cr Lobo, Solar.
- (g) Agenda Item 11.1 – Request for a Report, Cr Delahunty, open space.
- (h) Agenda Item 11.1 – Request for a Report, Cr Lipshutz, Microsoft CityNext Project.
- (i) Agenda Item 11.4 – Public Questions.
- (j) Agenda Item 5 – Petitions.
- (k) Agenda Item 12.2 - under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates awarding of the contract for Tender 2015.033 Business Analyst Consultancy Services.
- (l) Agenda Item 12.3 - under s89(2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for Tender 2016.004 Lyons Street Reconstruction, Lyons Street, Carnegie.
- (m) Agenda Item 9.4 - 4 - 75 Mackie Road, Bentleigh East.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Magee declared a Conflict of Interest in this item.

7.23PM Cr Magee left the room and Cr Delahunty assumed the Chair.

Fin 7.25PM

Assembly of Councillors

28 July 2015

Record under S 80 A (2)

Meeting commenced at 6.47PM

A. Present

Cr Jim Magee, Mayor
Cr Mary Delahunty
Cr Jamie Hyams
Cr Oscar Lobo
Cr Neil Pilling
Cr Thomas Sounness

Andrew Newton
Peter Jones
Peter Swabey
Peter Waite
Ron Torres
Nicola Belcher
Paul Burke

Apologies

Cr Margaret Esakoff
Cr Michael Lipshutz
Cr Karina Okotel

B. Matters considered.

- (i) Toward Sustainable Transport, Action Plan update.
- (ii) Elsternwick bike parking trial.
- (iii) Myrtle Street, St Kilda East, parking conditions.
- (iv) Community Grants.
- (v) General Business by Officers.
 - (a) CEO – Essential Services Commission draft report on rate capping to be published shortly.

Fin 8.12PM

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Item 9.1**CHILD CARE CENTRES POLICY
PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C123****Enquiries: Hannah Pascoe
Strategic Planning****1. Community Plan**Development and Planning**2. Proposal**

The amendment proposes to update the Child Care Centres Policy.

3. Recommendation

That Council:

- Notes that an Independent Panel supports the amendment with recommended changes.
- Adopts Amendment C123 with the Panel's recommended changes.
- Requests the Minister for Planning to approve Amendment C123.

4. Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 8 April 2015 Council resolved to refer the amendment to an independent panel to consider submissions.

Residential zones in Victoria allow for non residential uses such as medical centres, schools and child care centres.

The Non Residential Uses in Residential Zones Policy was approved by the Minister for Planning in August 1999 and a separate Child Care Centres Policy was introduced in 2008. Council's Non Residential Uses in Residential Zones Policy was recently updated and approved by the Minister for Planning.

This amendment creates consistency between the two policies. In particular, a policy statement has been introduced for the height of child care centres to be within the mandatory height limit as specified in the new residential zones.

A map has been included to show the preferred locations of child care centres. The recommended car parking rate of 0.2 per child has been deleted from the Child Care Centre Policy, as a new statewide car parking rate of 0.22 to each child is specified in the car parking guidelines of the planning scheme.

Other changes to the policy have been made to formatting and preferred language to conform with the State Government's Practice Note for writing local planning policies.

Item 9.1 (cont'd)**5. Submissions**

Following exhibition, three submissions were received, two from residents and one from a child care centre proponent. The submissions can be summarised as follows:

- The amendment will result in a loss of safety for local residents, spoil the amenity of local area, impact traffic conditions and impact real estate values;
- Statements in the policy are too general;
- Do not support that child care centres should be located on corner sites;
- Do not support restrictions for tandem car parking and for pick up and drop off parking to be located towards the front of the site;
- It is not always necessary to have separate pedestrian access between the street and the facility;
- It is suggested that car stackers could be included in the policy as an option for staff parking;
- It is suggested that further guidance for waste collection and bicycle parking for staff and parents could be provided in the policy;
- Child care centres may benefit from high solid front fences which is contrary to the policy;
- Imposing a residential height control on a non-residential use is contrary to the purpose of the zones;
- Landscaping policy is too descriptive which may not contribute to the best outcome for a child care centre development; and
- Landscape buffer width requirements should align with the requirements for other non-residential uses in residential zones.

6. Panel Hearing

A Panel hearing was held on 1 June 2015. One resident submitter presented.

The Panel supports the amendment and recommends Amendment C123 should be adopted as exhibited subject to recommended changes.

The Panel is satisfied that the proposed changes to the policy are generally appropriate and improve both the policy and function of the policy and the planning scheme.

The main concern of the submitter who attended the Panel hearing was ensuring safe exiting onto the road and the need to maintain adequate sight lines for Child Care Centres. The Panel Report concluded that Australian Standard, *Parking Facilities – Off-street car parking, Standards Australia 2004* is an Incorporated Document to the Planning Scheme and addresses the Submitter's concern. The Panel notes there is no need for a policy to repeat what is already within the state or local provisions of the planning scheme as it only makes the planning scheme more complex.

The Panel supports the amendment subject to a number of recommended changes which:

- Further improve the drafting of the policy
- Removes repetition with other parts of the planning scheme
- Clarifies Council's intention with maximum building heights
- Responds to some matters raised in the submissions

Item 9.1 (cont'd)

Attachment 1 contains the current policy in the scheme with Council's tracked changes (as exhibited), and with the Panel's tracked recommended changes. The Panel's changes are considered to have merit.

7. Planning Scheme Amendment Process

With this amendment, Council is at Steps 5 & 6.

A planning scheme amendment must go through the following fixed statutory steps:

1. The Minister for Planning must firstly authorise preparation of the amendment before exhibition can occur. Following this, notice (exhibition) of the amendment will commence, inviting public submissions.
2. If there are no submissions Council can 'adopt' the amendment and forward it to the Minister for approval. It only becomes law if it is formally approved and gazetted.
3. If there are submissions opposed to the amendment, the Council has three options – abandon the amendment, change the amendment in accordance with the submitters' request, or request the Minister to appoint an Independent Panel to hear the submissions.
4. If a Panel is appointed, submissions are heard and the panel reports its findings in the form of a recommendation to Council.

The Panel may make a recommendation to:

- adopt the amendment
 - abandon the amendment
 - modify the amendment
5. Council then considers the panel report and makes its own decision. Council is not bound by the panel's findings. Again Council's options are to either abandon or adopt the amendment (with or without modifications).
 6. If Council adopts the amendment, it is then referred to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Crs Hyams/Pilling

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

ATTACHMENT 1 – REVISED CHILD CARE CENTRES POLICY

- CHANGES IN **RED** ARE COUNCIL CHANGES WHICH WERE EXHIBITED
- CHANGES IN **BLUE** ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE PANEL

22.11 CHILD CARE CENTRES POLICY

05/05/2011
G64C123

This policy applies to the use and development of land for child care centres (including kindergartens) within the municipality.

Policy Basis

~~The purpose of this policy is to establish reasonable location, design and, amenity and car parking standards to apply to child care centres within Glen Eira.~~

~~This policy provides guidance, on the preferred location and design of child care centres within the municipality.~~

This policy provides guidance on the preferred location, siting and built form, amenity, landscaping, car parking and traffic design of child care centres within the municipality.

The Municipal Strategic Statement recognises that the development and expansion of non residential uses, (such as child care centres) in residential areas is an issue that warrants further recognition and policy direction. Where possible these facilities should be integrated into residential areas with minimum impact or loss of residential amenity. They should also aim to protect the surrounding neighbourhood character of an area.

22.11-1 Objectives

05/05/2011
G64C123

The objectives of this policy are:

- To encourage child care centres to locate in strategic locations that have good access to public transport, commercial, community, educational and recreational facilities.
- ~~To ensure child care centres have minimal impact on adjoining properties neighbours.~~
- To encourage the design, location and form of child care centres which are compatible with the surrounding built form environment.
- ~~To ensure adequate provision for on site car parking and drop off areas.~~
- To ensure that traffic generated by the use is appropriate to the street and the locality does not adversely impact the street and the locality.
- To minimise the impacts of noise, overlooking, overshadowing, car parking and traffic on the surrounding neighbourhood.
- To maintain the garden character of the neighbourhood.

22.11-2 Policy

05/05/2011
G64C123

It is policy to:

Preferred location of centres

- ~~Encourage the location of child care centres in Housing Diversity Areas (as defined in Clause 22.07 of the planning scheme) and/or on main and secondary roads and preferably on corner sites.~~
- Encourage the location of child care centres near schools and pre-schools in Housing Diversity Areas and along main and secondary roads.
- Encourage the location of child care centres in "preferred locations" including main and secondary roads and on corner sites with vehicular access from a service or side road (as

shown on Map 1) see map on page 2 of policy for locations of main and secondary roads in Glen Eira).

- Ensure that The use and development of childcare centres must be at least 200 metres (measured by the shortest route reasonably accessible on foot) from an adult sex bookshop, a brothel and any sexually explicit adult entertainment venue.
- Discourage the location of child care centres on local streets within Minimal Change Areas (as defined in Clause 22.08 of the planning scheme).
- Map 1 – Preferred Location for Child Care Centres and Kindergartens



Car parking, vehicle access, car park layout and traffic

- ~~Provide car parking at the rate of 0.2 car spaces to each child.~~
- ~~Consider requests for dispensations, or reductions from the above rate, if the applicant can satisfy the responsible authority having regard to the Decision Guidelines of Clause 52.06 1.~~
- Ensure that tandem parking is only provided for staff parking, where necessary.
- ~~Avoid~~ ~~Avoid the~~ ~~Discourage the~~ need for vehicles to reverse across pedestrian areas.
- ~~Provide clear sight lines when entering and exiting the site and maintain good visibility of the child care centre from the street.~~
- ~~Avoid~~ ~~Discourage a~~ Awkwardly skewed and modified T and cross intersections within the site ~~are inappropriate and should be avoided.~~
- Avoid the use of accessways for pick up and drop off
- ~~Provide separate pedestrian access between the street and the facility. Typically at a minimum width of 1.2m, clear of parked cars. Pedestrian paths should be 1.2m in width and clear of parked cars.~~
- Ensure that the traffic generated by a child care centre has minimal impact on the street. An average peak hour rate of 0.91 trips per child should be adopted.
- ~~Locate parking used for pick up and drop off toward the frontage of the site. Ensure that parking used for pick up and drop off is located towards the front of the site.~~ Any parking to the sides, rear of the site or in a basement should be limited to staff parking unless on a corner site.

Siting and built form

- ~~Discourage high solid fences on the front boundary of the site, in local residential streets.~~
- ~~Ensure that the scale, height, materials of construction, setbacks, site coverage, building and roof form of child care centres complements the surrounding area respects the preferred and or existing neighbourhood character.~~
- ~~Ensure that the scale, height, materials of construction, setbacks, building and roof form of child care centres complements the surrounding area.~~
- Ensure that new buildings and extensions to existing child care centres are ~~constructed to minimise overlooking and overshadowing of adjoining residential properties.~~ constructed to minimise with minimal overlooking and overshadowing to adjoining residential neighbours. Adequate screening should be provided to avoid overlooking.
- ~~Require appropriate acoustic treatments, including but not limited to a fence, treatment of external walls, roofs, all floors, windows and play areas where centres may impact adjoining properties.~~ neighbours.
- ~~Discourage high front solid fences in local residential streets.~~
- Retain existing dwellings where appropriate in preference to purpose built facilities.
- ~~Ensure that new b~~Buildings proposed fronting the long side of a corner site, ~~to~~ have a minimum side street setback of 3.0m.
- ~~Ensure that new s~~Side walls of buildings setback a minimum of 2.0m from the side street.
- ~~Ensure w~~Walls proposed on side and rear boundaries to have an average height of ~~3.0m~~ 3.2m and maximum height of 3.6m
- ~~Buildings should not be greater than the mandatory maximum height, if specified in the zone.~~

- ~~Any buildings are not greater than the mandatory maximum height specified in the relevant residential zone applying to the subject land.~~

- Side walls (if the wall is not located on the boundary) setback 1m plus minimum 0.3m for every 1m in height over 3.6m and up to a height of 6.9m.

Note: the setback is measured to the wall face of the building. ~~E~~-eaves, porches and verandahs may project forward of this line.

General amenity

- Minimise the visual impact of car parking on the ~~site's frontage~~ frontage of the site.
- Ensure that the hours of operation are Monday- Friday between 7am-6.30pm (excluding ancillary functions i.e. cleaning, maintenance and administration). These hours may be varied depending on the location of the proposed development/use and its proximity to sensitive residential areas.

Landscaping

- Ensure that the frontage and perimeter of the site is planted in a manner and style that respects the landscaped character of the neighbourhood.
- ~~Provide~~ ~~Encourage~~ Ensure a generous landscape buffer is provided in the front ~~setback.~~ Where setback where car parking and drop off areas are proposed ~~in the front setback.~~
- ~~Provide~~ Ensure adequate landscape strips along the driveway to both 'soften' the appearance of the development and act as a noise and visual buffer to adjacent properties.
- Encourage the retention of mature vegetation on the site.
- ~~Encourage~~ Ensure an adequate landscape buffer (1.5m in width) where car parking areas abut residential dwellings. Ensure that the landscape buffer is heavily planted with large shrubs.
- Ensure the width of a driveway landscape buffer is 300-500mm wide.
- ~~Where car parking areas abut residential dwellings, an adequate landscape buffer (suggested width of 1.5m) is provided and is heavily planted with large shrubs.~~
- ~~The width of a driveway landscape buffer is 300-500mm in addition to the driveway width.~~

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Reference Documents

05/05/2011
C64

Glen Eira City Council Traffic Report-Child Care Centres Study March 2009.

Item 9.2**PLANNING APPLICATION FEES**

Chief Executive Officer

1. Purpose

To report on a review of Planning Application Fees.

An increase in Fees would take upwards pressure off Council Rates.

2. Community Plan

Theme 3: *Provide a fair, transparent and inclusive town planning decision-making process.*

3. Background

Glen Eira ratepayers are subsidising multi-unit property developers by more than a million dollars each year.

A fee has to be paid when a planning application is lodged. The fees do not cover the cost of processing developers' applications. The fees are set by State government and have not been increased at all in the last six years under both Coalition and ALP governments.

Processing applications is costly: requesting complete information from the applicant; referring the matter to traffic management, parking, urban design, flood management, vegetation, heritage, neighbourhood character; consulting the community and considering objections; conducting Planning Conferences (out of business hours) or meetings of the Delegated Planning Committee or submitting applications to a Council Meeting; enforcing conditions of permits; and taking part in VCAT appeals or mediations (for which Council receives no fee).

By contrast, VCAT is funded by State government. To offset government costs, appeal fees have been increased greatly over the same period. Developers are covering a high proportion of State costs but a low proportion of local costs.

For a multi-storey development with a cost of \$10m where Council makes a decision and it is appealed to VCAT, typical fees would be

- Council \$4,939
- VCAT \$10,261 (State)
- Metropolitan Planning Levy \$13,000 (State).

Typically, Council does about 90% of the work and receives about 20% of total fees.

The cost of administering around 1,500 planning applications is approximately \$3.3m pa. This amount covers staff costs, legal, landscape, heritage, VCAT

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representation etc. Council receives approximately \$885K in planning permit application fees, and \$70K in subdivision fees.

More than \$1m pa of rates goes to administering planning applications which are not funded by planning application fees.

The fault does not lie with individual developers. They pay the fee which State governments have set.

At the Ordinary Meeting of 28 April 2015, Council resolved unanimously:

- a. *That Council note the enclosed case study in which Government set a fee of \$10,261 to cover State government costs for VCAT but only \$4,939 for much more work undertaken at the expense of Council (ie ratepayers).*
- b. *That Council note that ratepayers are subsidising property developers by more than \$1m each year because State Governments have not increased planning application fees at all since 2009.*
- c. *That Council notes that all rates are higher than they would otherwise be in order to cover the cost of processing developers' applications.*
- d. *That Council write to the Minister for Planning, enclosing this Item, and requesting him to increase the planning application fees for developments over \$500,000*
 - *to cover the full cost of administering applications (including the costs of taking part in VCAT proceedings and administering conditions of permits)*
 - *or to the levels already set by the State government for VCAT, whichever is higher.*
- e. *That Council copies this correspondence to the Premier of Victoria and the Minister for Local Government and also to the relevant state representatives of the Southern Metropolitan Region, Caulfield, Bentleigh and Oakleigh and also to the Chair of the Essential Services Commission for their information.*
- f. *That Council also forward a copy of this report and motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association to assist in their efforts to save the rate-payers of Victoria subsidising the costs of developers.*

Council's Resolution was conveyed to the Minister for Planning in a letter from the Mayor on 30 April 2015 (copy attached).

4. Update

Council has secured a commitment from the State Government to review town planning fees so that more of the cost is paid for by developers and less by ratepayers.

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On 17 June 2015 Glen Eira led a delegation of Councils to meet the Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne MP. Glen Eira was represented by the Deputy Mayor and the CEO.

Council proposed

- no change to fees for small projects such as a second storey addition, an extension or a renovation up to, say, \$500,000 but
- increased planning application fees on commercial projects to full cost recovery.

On 22 July 2015 the Minister wrote to Council (copy attached):

"I note your concerns about the decreasing value of planning fees over the past five years and that residents and ratepayers rather than applicants are meeting the costs of administering planning.

In 2011 [in the previous Term of Parliament], a draft regulatory impact statement was finalised but never released for public consultation.

I am now considering options for a review of the regulations, including the option to increase planning application fees. The process will provide an opportunity for local government and other stakeholders to offer formal feedback as part of the review.

Let me assure you that I am committed to ensuring that new planning and subdivision fees regulations will better reflect the cost of providing planning services at the local level."

Council hopes that the review will be completed this financial year. The State Government now controls both planning application fees and Council rates (rate capping). The Government will need to consider whether to increase application fees or whether to increase rates.

5. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

Crs Okotel/Delahunty

1. That the report be noted.
2. That Officers keep Councillors informed of developments.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.



Office of the Mayor Cr Jim Magee

30 April 2015

Hon Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning
1 Spring St
MELBOURNE 3000

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Dear Minister

Ratepayers Subsidising Property Developers – Government Action Required

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- f. That Council also forward a copy of this report and motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association to assist in their efforts to save the rate-payers of Victoria subsidising the costs of developers.

A copy of the paper is enclosed.

Glen Eira City Council

50 MCCs of parklands
enough footpaths to reach Sydney
enough drains to reach Mildura
enough roads to reach South Australia
\$500m of town planning projects
2,000 food safety inspections
4,000 off-street car spaces
23,000 tonnes of recycling
32,000 tonnes of waste
one million library loans
care for 4,500 elderly
services for 8,000 children
9,000 investigations
67 school crossings
46,000 street trees
8,500 street lights
45 sportsgrounds
4" playgrounds
and much more

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McKinnon • Murrumbidgee • Ormond • St Kilda East

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The current situation is unacceptable and puts significant upwards pressure on rates. Council asks you to exercise your powers to ensure that the costs of administering planning applications are met by applicants and not by residents and ratepayers.

Council will be informing all residents and ratepayers of this issue and will report your position if it is received within one month of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Cr JIM MAGEE
MAYOR

Copy Hon Daniel Andrews MP, Premier
Hon Natalie Hutchins MP, Minister for Local Government
Nick Staikos MP, State Member for Bentleigh
Steve Dimopoulos MP, State Member for Oakleigh
David Southwick MP, State Member for Caulfield
Phil Dalidakis MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
Sue Pennecuik MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
David Davis MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
Georgie Crozier MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
Margaret Fitzherbert MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
Dr Ron Ben-David, Chairperson, Essential Services Commission
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The Hon Richard Wynne MP

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Cr Jim Magee
Mayor, Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
CAULFIELD VIC 3162

Dear Mayor

**RATEPAYERS SUBSIDISING PROPERTY DEVELOPER'S PLANNING
APPLICATION FEES**

Thank you for your letters of 30 April 2015 and 15 June 2015 in relation to the current value of planning application fees.

I note your concerns about the decreasing value of planning fees over the past five years and that residents and ratepayers rather than applicants, are meeting the costs of administering planning.

As you may know, a review of the planning and subdivision fees commenced in 2008 and included a data collection exercise in 2009. I understand Glen Eira participated in this exercise. In 2011, a draft regulatory impact statement was finalised but never released for public consultation.

I am now considering options for a review of the regulations, including the option to increase planning application fees. This process will provide an opportunity for local government and other stakeholders to offer formal feedback as part of the review.

Let me assure you that I am committed to ensuring that new planning and subdivision fees regulations will better reflect the cost of providing planning services at the local level.

If you require further information, please contact Jim Papadimitriou, Acting Director, Planning Systems of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on telephone (03) 9947 1221.

Yours sincerely

Hon Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning

22/7/2015

CC State Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos MP

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Item 9.3**VCAT WATCH
August 2015****Enquiries: Michael Henderson
Supervising Planner (VCAT)****1. Purpose**

To report to Council recent VCAT decisions.

The VCAT process allows appellants to amend their proposal between the time that Council makes a decision and the time VCAT considers the matter. Section 84B of the Planning and Environment Act requires VCAT to “take into account” any relevant Planning Policy, not necessarily apply it.

2. Decisions

ADDRESS	24-26 MAVHO STREET, BENTLEIGH
PROPOSAL	CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING TWENTY-EIGHT (28) DWELLINGS
COUNCIL DECISION	PERMIT (RESOLUTION)
PROPOSAL CONSIDERED BY VCAT	THE PROPOSAL WAS AMENDED BY THE APPLICANT PRIOR TO THE VCAT HEARING BY THE SUBSTITUTION OF DIFFERENT PLANS TO THAT ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL. THE KEY CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL WERE AS FOLLOWS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALTERATION TO BASEMENT ENVELOPE TO IMPROVE LANDSCAPING OPPORTUNITIES; • ALTERATIONS TO CAR PARKING LAYOUT; & • INCREASED SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS AT GROUND, FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS.
VCAT DECISION	PERMIT
APPELLANT	2426 MAVHO PTY LTD (PERMIT APPLICANT); & L DRENEN, G & V ATHANASIADIS, D & N FIUMARA (OBJECTORS)

“The proposed built form is in response to Council’s zoning and planning policies which seek to direct intensive development to sites such as these, within activity centres and within a range of facilities and infrastructure”. VCAT Member – Tracey Bilston-McGillen

- The subject site is located within the Residential Growth Zone. A number of three and four storey residential developments are interspersed within the area.
- Council determined to support the application, subject to conditions that deleted the fourth storey, reduced the basement envelope (to improve landscaping opportunities) and increase the on-site visitor car parking requirements from 3 to 5.
- In determining the application, the Tribunal held that the height and mass of the building is consistent with the form of development that is occurring in the neighbourhood. Further, the Tribunal held that the basement envelope and

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- landscape plan appropriately resolved any concerns about landscaping opportunities.
- Council required the provision of five on-site visitor car spaces. However the Tribunal held that the proposed visitor car parking provision (three) was appropriate having regard to the access to public transport, bicycle parking and the availability of on-street car parking.
- On this basis, the Tribunal directed that an amended planning permit be issued.

ADDRESS	6 PRINCE EDWARD AVENUE, MCKINNON
PROPOSAL	CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING SIX DWELLINGS
COUNCIL DECISION	REFUSAL (DPC)
PROPOSAL CONSIDERED BY VCAT	THE PROPOSAL WAS AMENDED BY THE APPLICANT PRIOR TO THE VCAT HEARING BY THE SUBSTITUTION OF DIFFERENT PLANS TO THAT ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL. THE KEY CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL WERE AS FOLLOWS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALTERATION TO BASEMENT LEVEL TO IMPROVE LANDSCAPING OPPORTUNITIES; • ALTERATIONS TO CAR PARKING LAYOUT; & • INCREASED STREET SETBACK.
VCAT DECISION	PERMIT
APPELLANT	THE TOWN HALL CONSULTING GROUP PTY LTD

“I do not share concerns about inadequate opportunities for landscaping. To the street, I consider the 9 metre front setback combined with the inclusion of a single driveway allows for planting that will contribute to the street.” VCAT Member – Cindy Wilson

- The subject site is located within a General Residential Zone.
- Council previously refused an application for a three-storey building comprising ten (10) dwellings in 2014. This decision was affirmed by the Tribunal.
- Council refused the most recent application on grounds relating to its non-compliance with neighbourhood character and inappropriate transition to adjoining properties. The application also failed to satisfy a number of ResCode requirements.
- In determining the application, the Tribunal held that the proposed development will appropriately respond to the neighbourhood character and afford a high level of internal amenity for future occupants.
- On that basis, the Tribunal overturned Council’s decision and directed a planning permit be issued.

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ADDRESS	22-26 BENT STREET, BENTLEIGH
PROPOSAL	CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR-STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING UP TO THIRTY-SIX (36) DWELLINGS
COUNCIL DECISION	PERMIT (RESOLUTION)
PROPOSAL CONSIDERED BY VCAT	THE PROPOSAL WAS NOT AMENDED PRIOR TO THE VCAT HEARING
VCAT DECISION	PERMIT (CONDITIONS OVERTURNED)
APPELLANT	PITARD KNOWLES PTY LTD

“An appropriate graduation in built form is achieved and the prevailing pattern of detached siting is respected. There are no adverse amenity impacts arising from the proposed setbacks. I have not been persuaded that the increased setbacks are justified”. VCAT Member – Bill Sibonis

- The site is located within the Residential Growth Zone. A number of similar scaled developments have recently been approved within the area.
- Council determined to support the application, subject to conditions that reduced the extent of the basement (to improve post-construction landscaping opportunities), while increased side and rear boundary setbacks were also required to ensure an appropriate level of transition to adjoining properties. The applicant challenged these conditions.
- In determining the application, the Tribunal held that a reduction in basement extent would not assist in landscaping opportunities. The Tribunal held that suitable areas for landscaping are already proposed and capable of accommodating mature canopy trees. Further, the Tribunal held that the increased setbacks sought by Council were unwarranted.
- On this basis, the Tribunal varied Council's decision.

3. Recommendation

That Council note:

1. The reported planning decisions of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).
2. VCAT and officer comments

Crs Pilling/Hyams

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

VCAT WATCH**NEW APPEALS LODGED*****MAJOR CASES***

COMPULSORY CONFERENCE	FULL HEARING	APPEAL NO.	PROPERTY	PROPOSAL	ZONE	COUNCIL DECISION	APPEAL AGAINST
25 August 2015	16 November 2015	P1359/2015	40 Mavho Street, Bentleigh	Construction of a four- storey building comprising up to 25 dwellings	Residential Growth Zone	Refusal (Resolution)	Refusal (Applicant)
17 September 2015	4 November 2015	P1351/2015	247-251 Neerim Road, Carnegie	Construction of a four- storey building comprising up to 48 dwellings	Residential Growth Zone	Permit (Resolution)	Conditions (Applicant)
24 September 2015	7 December 2015	P1353/2015	441-461 Glen Huntly Road & 9 Beavis Street, Elsternwick	Construction of a ten storey building and two- four storey buildings comprising 227 dwellings.	Commercial 1 Zone & Residential Growth Zone	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)

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HEARING DATE	APPEAL NO.	PROPERTY	PROPOSAL	ZONE	COUNCIL DECISION	APPEAL AGAINST
8 September 2015	P1209/2015	13 Bundeera Road, Caulfield South	Construction of two double-storey attached dwellings	Neighbourhood Residential Zone	Permit (DPC)	Conditions (Applicant)
22 September 2015	P1300/2015	444 Glen Eira Road, Caulfield	Construction of two double-storey attached dwellings	Neighbourhood Residential Zone	Permit (Manager)	Conditions (Applicant)
20 January 2016	P1317/2015	52 Barrani Street, Bentleigh East	Construction of two double-storey attached dwellings	Neighbourhood Residential Zone	Refusal (DPC)	Refusal (Applicant)
20 January 2016	P1287/2015	1 St Georges Avenue, Bentleigh East	Construction of a three (3) storey building comprising 16 dwellings	General Residential Zone	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)
28 January 2016	P1321/2015	1-3 Carre Street, Elsternwick	Modification to an existing permit allowing the construction of a four-storey building comprising 34 dwellings. The proposed changes alter the design layout of car spaces.	Residential Growth Zone	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)

Item 9.4**COMMUNITY GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS**

Enquiries Peter Jones
Director Community Services

1. Proposal

To seek endorsement of the 2015/2016 Community Grant recommendations.

2. Community Plan Direction

Theme 5: Community Building – To strengthen community connections and develop an inclusive community.

3. Recommendations

- A. That Council endorse the Community Services Grants in attachment 1 and the Festivals and Events Grants in attachment 2 excluding all references to Calvary Health Care Bethlehem.
- B. That Council endorse the Community Grant for Calvary Health Care Bethlehem.

4. Background

Council's 2015/2016 Community Grants Program received 174 applications consisting of the following:-

- 163 community services grant applications from 149 not-for-profit community groups requesting \$687,337.55 in funding; and
- 11 community festivals and events grant applications requesting \$79,728.00 in funding.

The budget allocation for the community grants program is \$360,000.00.

Officers considered all applications against the grant criteria and guidelines and developed recommendations for Council's Community Grants Committee.

The Committee, consisting of Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Jim Magee and Cr Thomas Sounness, met on 26 June 2015 and 7 July 2015 to consider Officer recommendations and make recommendations to Council.

The committee recommendations were further discussed at the assembly of Councillors on Tuesday 14 July 2015.

Item 9.4 (cont'd)**5. Key Points**

The total amount of funding recommended for community services grants is \$314,172.70. This represents funding of 129 grants to 126 organisations.

The total amount of funding recommended for community festivals and events grants is \$31,700.00. This represents 7 grants to 7 organisations.

The total allocated to community organisations through the Glen Eira Community Grants Program in 2015/16 is \$345,872.70.

Crs Magee/Hyams

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED.

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
1	10th Caulfield Scout Group	To contribute towards equipment (4 x burner cookers \$770 and 3 x Hot water units \$1197) for the scouts to attend Jamboree.	\$1,967.00
2	9th Caulfield (Murrumbeena) Scout Group	To contribute towards purchasing tents to accommodate an increase in membership.	\$3,500.00
3	Aleph Melbourne - Youth Development Australia Limited	To contribute towards making a short documentary video portraying the achievements of the past 20 years since forming in 1995 and the impact on the Jewish and LGBTIQ communities.	\$3,000.00
4	Association Of Former Inmates Of Nazi Concentration Camps & Ghettoes From The Former Soviet Union	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
5	Australian Friendship Circle	To contribute towards costs associated with running a weekend disability respite program run by volunteers.	\$3,500.00
6	Bentleigh Chinese Community Association	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities and events.	\$2,000.00
7	Bentleigh Chinese Seniors Support Group	To assist with providing program activities for an older adult multicultural group.	\$2,500.00
8	Bentleigh Cricket Club	To contribute towards the purchase of new training and playing equipment.	\$2,000.00
9	Bentleigh Early Child Education Cooperative	To contribute towards installing a new outdoor play space for children, including a new fenced area, soft fall matting and equipment.	\$3,000.00
10	Bentleigh East Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards sandpit redevelopment.	\$3,000.00
11	Bentleigh East Probus Club	To assist with promoting the club to attract new members.	\$670.00
12	Bentleigh Garden Club	To support expenses associated with running a community gardening club for older adults.	\$500.00
13	Bentleigh Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards upgrading of the existing sandpit to include connection to other key areas of the garden such as the digging patch and the stage area.	\$3,000.00
14	Bentleigh Ladies Probus Club	To assist with subsidising program costs for older adults activities.	\$2,000.00
15	Bentleigh Recreation Tennis Club	To contribute towards upgrading the tennis court surfaces, lines, nets and locks on gates.	\$2,000.00
16	Bentleigh West Kindergarten	To assist with purchasing custom built furniture for the kindergarten through an intergenerational partnership project with Bentmoor Men's shed building the furniture.	\$2,779.95
17	Bentmoor Community Men's Shed	To assist with running a Men's Health Day event, focussing on day to day health with an emphasis on responding to issues around alcohol and drugs.	\$1,500.00
18	B'nai B'rith Anti Defamation Commission	To contribute towards running the 'Click against Hate' program in at least one new Glen Eira school that has not previously been engaged in the program.	\$2,500.00
19	B'nai B'rith Victoria	To assist with providing monthly concerts for senior citizens.	\$2,500.00

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
20	Brady Road Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards upgrading the existing sandpit to increase the size and enhance accessibility for all children.	\$3,000.00
21	Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited	To contribute towards a training program for palliative care services to strengthen their engagement, understanding and responsiveness with the CALD community with a focus on Greek, Jewish and Chinese communities.	\$2,000.00
22	Carnegie 3 Year Old Activity Group	To assist with facility hire for running a multi-cultural playgroup.	\$1,251.00
23	Carnegie Choir	To assist with the cost of the hire of the Boyd Room for weekly Choir rehearsals.	\$1,000.00
24	Carnegie Murrumbeena Senior Citizen Club	To support expenses associated with an end of year function and operation of club activities.	\$500.00
25	Carnegie Neighbourhood Watch	To assist with facility hire for quarterly meetings for Neighbourhood Watch.	\$184.00
26	Carnegie Rostrum Club 68	To assist with facility hire to run the Rostrum club activities of promoting public speaking.	\$2,022.00
27	Caulfield Community Toy Library	To assist with purchasing and installing storage for the toy library.	\$1,000.00
28	Caulfield Over 50's Dance Group	To assist with the hire of the Auditorium on a weekly basis to run a weekly ballroom dance program for older adults.	\$7,500.00
29	Caulfield South Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards completing the development of a nature play area including a dry river bed and bridge, outdoor music space and digging patches within a landscaped setting.	\$3,000.00
30	Caulfield South Netball Club	To assist with facility hire.	\$453.00
31	Caulfield Tzofim Onnot Scouts Group	To assist with setup costs for a new Israeli Hebrew speaking scout group.	\$2,500.00
32	Centenary Park Tennis Club	To upgrade the female toilet block to an ambulant toilet and mothers changing room.	\$7,500.00
33	Churches Of Christ Community Care - Open Hands Project	To assist with weekly community meal and food parcel program run by volunteers.	\$2,700.00
34	Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di Bentleigh	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,500.00
35	City Of Glen Eira Band	To support the band by assisting with the costs associated with transporting equipment.	\$3,000.00
36	City Of Moorabbin Historical Society	To assist with ongoing operational expenses for Box Cottage museum.	\$1,700.00
37	Coatesville Sporting Association	To assist with subsidising the cost of children participating in netball for who come from low socioeconomic families.	\$1,160.00
38	D J Coakley East Bentleigh Senior citizens	To assist with expenses associated with running older adult club program activities.	\$3,000.00

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
39	Elsternwick Croquet Club	To assist with printing 1,000 flyers to advertise the club to increase membership numbers.	\$1,000.00
40	Elsternwick Toddlers Playgroup	To contribute towards replacing old indoor and outdoor play equipment and to assist with the Painting Area	\$2,069.00
41	Ethnic Magazine Menorah	To assist with publishing and distributing the Menorah Magazine.	\$1,000.00
42	Friends of Caulfield Park	To assist with the hire of the bandstand for the 2015-16 bandstand concert series.	\$1,200.00
43	Gladys E Machin Senior Citizens Club	To assist with encouraging older adults to socially connect through dinner dances and day trips by subsidising the cost of the events/outing.	\$2,500.00
44	Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre	To contribute towards running a series of health and wellbeing workshops to promote wellness and community connectedness.	\$5,400.00
45	Glen Eira Amateur Football Club	To contribute towards facility hire for a meeting room.	\$500.00
46	Glen Eira Artists' Society	To assist with promoting art, develop artists and involving the community in art programs through classes and exhibitions in Glen Eira.	\$4,387.00
47	Glen Eira Cheltenham Art Group	To assist with the hire of the Glen Eira Art Gallery.	\$500.00
48	Glen Eira Chinese Senior Citizens Club	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$3,000.00
49	Glen Eira City Choir	To assist with the hire of the auditorium for rehearsals and annual Choir concert.	\$3,434.00
50	Glen Eira Combined Probus Club	To assist with the cost of older adult program activities, including meetings, guest speakers and monthly outings.	\$2,000.00
51	Glen Eira Historical Society	To assist with collecting, preserving, sharing and promoting the understanding of the history of Glen Eira and its residents for current and future generations. Including \$830 for the hire of the Boyd room.	\$3,500.00
52	Glen Eira Italian Pensioners and Senior Citizens Club	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,500.00
53	Glen Eira U3a	To assist with an annual art exhibition to display the art work of U3A art classes to the public.	\$475.50
54	Glen Eira U3a	To assist with purchasing customised enrolment software to support the clubs administration needs.	\$2,000.00
55	Glover Street Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards rebuilding the current digging patch and build a play space that engages children in play based learning.	\$3,000.00
56	Greek Cyprian Senior Citizens Community Of Glen Eira	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$3,000.00
57	Greek Elderly Club Of Caulfield	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
58	Greek Senior Citizens' Association Of Moorabbin	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
59	Greek Senior Citizens Club Carnegie Murrumbena	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,500.00
60	Greek Senior Citizens of Southern Eastern Regions and Districts	To assist with expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
61	Greek Women's Senior Citizens' Club of McKinnon "Rhea"	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
62	Healthy Tourism Senior Citizens Club 'Vigor'	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$1,500.00
63	Ida Doubleday Bequest Trust (Music Lovers' Society)	To assist with facility hire for the annual classical recital music concert.	\$1,200.00
64	Inclusion Melbourne	To assist with facility hire to run two training sessions to increase the skills, knowledge and confidence of volunteers in the disability sector.	\$1,900.00
65	Italian Senior Citizens' Group Of Moorabbin	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$1,000.00
66	Jewish Care (Victoria)	To assist with the hire of the Auditorium for an international day for people with a disability event.	\$1,000.00
67	Jewish Care (Victoria)	To assist with costs associated with producing and distributing video vignettes of high-profile Jewish community members discussing mental illness.	\$2,257.00
68	Jewish Holocaust Centre	To assist with running a social support group the "Thursday Social Club" on a monthly basis (including speakers and light lunch) for Holocaust survivors and the local community.	\$3,000.00
69	Jewish Museum Of Australia	To assist with developing a volunteer training program.	\$1,500.00
70	K G Putt Senior Citizens Centre	To assist with the delivery of older adult club activities.	\$3,000.00
71	Kehillat David Hameleck (Kedem) Inc	To assist with the hire of the Kadimah Hall to run the Kedem Art Connect project.	\$2,000.00
72	Kondia Limnos Senior Citizens Club	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
73	Let's Connect	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
74	Lider School	To assist with facility hire for the school end-of-the-year production "Bremen Town Musicians"	\$1,834.00
75	Literary Creative Association "Lukomorie"	To assist with the launch of the Vitraji 2015 an almanac compiled of Russian art.	\$500.00
76	Maltese La Valette Association	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$1,000.00
77	Marriott Support Services	To contribute towards a project 'Volunteering with Disability in Glen Eira' a multimedia project to demonstrate how people with a disability are building a more inclusive community.	\$6,300.00

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
78	McKinnon Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards upgrading the outdoor play space at McKinnon Kindergarten with construction of an amphitheatre/dramatic area.	\$3,000.00
79	Melbourne Bipolar Network	To support the development of a website (\$1,840), Books (\$250) and meeting room hire (\$360) for Bipolar support group in Glen Eira. Contribution toward promotion (\$500) of group.	\$2,950.00
80	Melbourne Jewish Comedy Festival	To assist with facility hire and promotional costs for the Inaugural Melbourne Jewish Comedy Festival.	\$3,543.00
81	Moorabbin Area Toy Library	To contribute towards the purchase of new toys and the cost of the utilities to support the toy library program.	\$7,500.00
82	Murrumbeena Football Club	To assist with facility hire.	\$1,320.00
83	Murrumbeena House Occasional Care Group	To make a contribution towards facility hire.	\$2,000.00
84	Murrumbeena Junior Football Club	To assist with facility hire and hiring an interpreter for hearing impaired junior footballers.	\$5,347.00
85	Murrumbeena Kindergarten	To assist with enhancing the reading learning and rest area by purchasing new furnishings	\$2,285.45
86	Murrumbeena Playgroup	To assist with planters, soil and gardening tools, for outdoor play (\$400), swings (\$134.90), general maintenance of outdoor seating and cubby house (\$300), and installing a retaining fence with seating (\$800).	\$1,634.90
87	Murrumbeena Tennis Club	To contribute towards constructing a ramp, security lights and seats, and to purchase promotional banners.	\$4,000.00
88	Nadezhda Russian Senior Citizen Club	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
89	NCJW (Victoria) Community Services	To assist with subsidising day trips, and other costs associated with running older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
90	Neighbourhood Watch GE135	To assist with hire of the Ogaki and/or Caulfield cup rooms on a monthly basis and to assist with the printing of newsletters.	\$2,633.00
91	Nepean Region of the Australian Breastfeeding Association	To assist with facility hire to hold support groups and breastfeeding education classes.	\$1,110.00
92	Old Haileyburians' Amateur Football Club	To assist with facility hire at DC Bricker Pavilion.	\$2,000.00
93	Ormond Church Of Christ	To contribute towards running a local Café Night Jam, a café style amateur performing arts program.	\$5,000.00
94	Ormond Community Kindergarten	To assist with costs associated with creating a zoned garden play space.	\$3,000.00
95	Ormond Tennis Club	To assist with installing lighting to court 3 to support evening tennis sessions.	\$7,500.00
96	Orrong Rd Kindergarten (Glen Eira Kindergarten Association)	To contribute towards installing a mud patch.	\$3,000.00
97	Port Phillip Ecocentre	To assist the Sustainable House program in Glen Eira by funding the purchase of A-frames and a kerbside banner.	\$720.00

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
98	Port Phillip Housing Association Limited	To assist with creating a community garden program for older persons.	\$2,437.00
99	Probus Club of Bentleigh	To assist with meeting the costs of older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00
100	Probus Club of Moorleigh Inc. (Mens)	To assist with subsidising day trips as part of the clubs older adult program activities.	\$1,000.00
101	Project Deborah in Partnership with the National Foundation of Australian Women	To contribute towards a capacity building initiative, empowering women with opportunities of personal and professional development, by developing a digital platform for a skills bank.	\$5,000.00
102	Rotary Club Of Glen Eira	To assist with completing a sustainability garden project including garden benches, gate installation, soil and tan bark.	\$2,980.00
103	Russian Cultural And Tv Association - Sputnik	To assist with operational costs, equipment and technical items, to enable the production of two, weekly Russian language C31 television programs.	\$3,250.00
104	Sandbelt Ladies Probus Club	To assist with ongoing expenses for older women's program activities including a 25th anniversary celebration.	\$1,800.00
105	Scope (VIC) Ltd	To assist with the hire of the McKinnon Public Hall for weekly discos that provides an opportunity for people with a disability to engage and express themselves through dance and music.	\$3,528.00
106	Self Help Addiction Resource Centre	To assist with training volunteer group presenters and for library resources for the Carnegie Family Drug Help Support Group and Supper Club.	\$2,250.00
107	Shalom Association	To assist with staging a Russian cultural theatrical/music and dance event. Funding is provided for venue hire, rehearsals and filming.	\$1,700.00
108	Shalom Association	To assist with the hire of the Auditorium.	\$900.00
109	Soloukhin's Literature Society	To assist with the hire of the Auditorium for a 'Day of Russian Culture' an annual concert run by the Russian community.	\$1,000.00
110	South Eastern Multiple Birth Association Vic	To assist with two guest presenters on topics relevant to parents.	\$450.00
111	South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter	To assist with providing education talks to schools, clubs and senior citizens centres to educate about how to assist wildlife in their community.	\$3,513.00
112	St Kevin's Out Of Hours School Care Centre	To contribute towards the purchase of toys and storage for the program.	\$2,698.00
113	St Pauls Community Playgroup / Holy Trinity Parish.	To contribute towards the purchase of children toys including a wooden stove and wooden BBQ to replace broken toys.	\$499.90
114	St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria - Bentleigh/Moorabbin Conference	To assist disadvantaged families in the Bentleigh area by providing supermarket food cards and food parcels in times of crisis.	\$4,000.00
115	St. John Ambulance Australia (Victoria)	To contribute towards purchasing portable radios for use at Glen Eira events.	\$2,000.00
116	The Argos And District Australian Greek Senior Citizens Club Of Kastoria	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,000.00

	Organisation	funding description	Amount funded
117	The Italian Pension Club Of Kingston	To support expenses associated with running multicultural older adult program activities.	\$2,500.00
118	The Southern Cross" Club of Bards' Song	To assist with facility hire for the Theatrette on two occasions.	\$884.00
119	Tony's Café - St Anthony's Catholic Church Glen Huntly	To contribute towards running an outreach program providing a weekly meal and food parcels to approx. 100 community members.	\$4,000.00
120	U3a Moorleigh	To assist with upgrading classroom equipment and to hire the gym in the south wing for U3A programs.	\$1,820.00
121	Victorian Association of Jewish Ex & Servicemen & Women Australia	To assist with hire of the Auditorium to hold a commemorative ANZAC service for Jewish residents and the wider community.	\$1,176.00
122	Victorian Association Of World War 2 Veterans From The Ex Soviet Union	To assist with expenses associated with running multicultural older adult programs, and the hire of the Auditorium.	\$2,000.00
123	Victorian Masters Athletics -Glen Eira	To assist with hiring Duncan Mackinnon to run athletics training and events for men and women on a weekly basis.	\$2,500.00
124	Victorian YMCA Youth & Community Services	To contribute towards conducting a weekly fitness program for supported residential services participants for one hour each week which includes a social gathering after exercise.	\$4,700.00
125	Virginia Park Child Care Assoc	To assist with an education program to teach about producing food, composting, worms, harvesting and eating.	\$1,500.00
126	Washington Park Senior Cricket Club	To assist with installing an electronic scoreboard at Packer Park. (This is a joint project with Glen Eira Saints Football Club).	\$7,500.00
127	Wattle Tennis Club	To assist with running a community open tennis day during senior's week.	\$200.00
128	Womens Health In The South East	To contribute towards the delivery of tailored sexual health workshops to women over 50 years old.	\$4,000.00
129	Yachad Senior Citizens Club	To assist with expenses in running older adults program activities.	\$2,000.00

	Organisation Name	Briefing paper funding description	CGC \$ Recommendation
1	Anti Cancer Council Of Victoria	To assist with staging the Murrumbeena Relay For Life	\$5,000.00
2	Glen Huntly Village Traders Association Inc	To assist with staging the Glen Huntly Street Festival.	\$2,200.00
3	Jewish Holocaust Centre Inc	To assist with staging the 'Jewish Refugees in Shanghai' exhibition.	\$5,000.00
4	Ormond Traders Association Inc.	To assist with staging the Ormond Community Festival.	\$5,000.00
5	Rotary Club Of Bentleigh Moorabbin Central Inc	To assist with staging an outdoor arts and culture festival.	\$2,500.00
6	Shir Madness Melbourne Jewish Music Festival Incorporated	To contribute towards assisting with the hire of the Marquee for the staging the Shir Madness Melbourne Jewish Music Festival.	\$2,000.00
7	The Jewish Cultural Centre And National Library Kadimah	To assist with staging the "In One Voice" festival.	\$10,000.00

Item 9.5**SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Peter Waite
Director Assets and Facilities
File no:
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Group Manager Environmental
Strategy and Services

1. Proposal

To provide a report to Council on the sustainability education activities undertaken in the two years from July 2013.

2. Community Plan

Environmental sustainability strategies are integrated across many themes of the Community Plan.

3. Background

Council, at its meeting of 11 June 2013 resolved to:

- a. Boost recycling education activities (\$60,000 pa).*
- b. Provide support for Schools Environment Network and other community environment groups (up to \$70,000 pa) – this may include provision for a designated Sustainability Education Officer.*
- c. Investigate implementing additional community based sustainability programs (\$15,000).*
- d. Allow for the above activities in the 2013-2014 Budget.*
- e. Increase advocacy activities to encourage the State government to undertake further school sustainability initiatives.*
- f. After the expiration of two years undertake a review of the results and benefits from the above funding arrangements.*

Council, at its meeting of 12 September 2014 noted a report which provided an update on activities to date.

This is the final report on the outcomes for the two year period.

4. Overall

The 2015 Community Satisfaction Survey found a three per cent increase in satisfaction (to 68 per cent) on environmental sustainability compared to 2014. Since 2012, satisfaction has increased from 62 per cent. 73 per cent rated environmental sustainability as important. The additional education activities may have assisted in improving the level of community satisfaction.

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The additional support in the last two years for recycling education and community education has significantly increased communications with the community on sustainability issues and recycling, particularly via schools and community groups, e-newsletters and public events.

Many schools have improved their own practices, and a number have also introduced recycling drop-off points that their communities can access, which helps to reduce waste to landfill.

4. Boost Recycling Education Activities

In addition to Council's other recycling education activities (waste services guide, and a range of community information), the additional resources for recycling education have been targeted to address gaps in knowledge and access to services. Activities have included:

- Translation of materials including the waste services guide into five different languages.
- An 'ad style' campaign on 'what can be recycled' ran in Glen Eira news and local Leader to address common knowledge gaps.
- Community presentations on composting, waste and recycling events and outreach at Parties in the Park and other events and tours of the recycling plant.
- Targeted communications to commercial areas to increase the use of recycling bins.
- Development of internal signage for a range of community use buildings such as cafes, schools, pavilions and offices to support and reinforce correct recycling.
- Cross checking recycling bins at some multi-unit developments to better match bins with residents' needs.
- A recycling education campaign in 2013 based around a survey to 53,000 households, which was a finalist in the *Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards*. Around 10,000 households (almost one in five) responded and participants' knowledge of recycling improved from 81 percent to 92 percent correct.
- In 2013, a green waste recycling campaign that targeted larger properties (likely to have gardens) and increased the number of households recycling green waste by around 1,000 extra households took up a new service. It is estimated the campaign reduced greenhouse gas emission by the equivalent of 62 tonnes of carbon dioxide¹.

¹ Assumes 0.23t CO₂ equivalent avoided per tonne of green waste diverted from landfill to composting facilities.

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Please note, that although it was a major initiative, the 2014 green waste bin roll out was a separately funded project and is not covered by this report. The number of green waste services provided increased by 15,122 since the start of financial year, due largely to the green waste bin roll out 16% more green waste was recycled compared to the previous year.

5. Support for the School Environment Network and community groups

To support schools and community groups, Council appointed a sustainability education officer (SEO) for a two year term. With this extra resource, Council has extended the reach of its existing education activities to school and community audiences (the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening, recycling and Energy Saving programs), established the Teachers Environment Network Group (TEN) and built networks with local community groups on sustainability matters.

2,483 students/children have attended SEO presentations on sustainability topics such as recycling, composting, worm farms and stormwater. A survey during 2013-14 found over three quarters of students spoke to their parents about the presentation from Council.

The Schools Environment Network

Since late 2013, regular teacher network meetings (which Council hosts) have been held including tours and presentations. Typically 16 representatives attend and 29 schools (of a total of 45 in Glen Eira) have participated. 13 preschools have also participated. Education staff exchange information, access professional development and network together.

The schools network has proven an engaged and interested segment of the community, and their involvement has assisted in reaching a broader group in the community. Kids talk to their parents and Council communicates information via school newsletters and events. Practical outcomes of the network include:

- Several schools and preschools have introduced recycling drop off points for their community members for soft plastics and battery recycling.
- 14 schools, nine preschools and 1440 students joined together to make an up-cycle mural made with recycled materials showing landmarks, animals and plants of the local Glen Eira area, which was displayed at Party in the Parks and Carnegie library in 2015.
- 14 schools and 786 students took part in an art project to develop sustainability flags which were displayed at Party In The Parks in 2014.
- 15 local schools, 450 students, Rotary Club of Caulfield and Bentmoor Community Men's Shed – built 150 native bee hotels – displayed at Rotary Club of Caulfield's Honey Festival.
- 100 students from Grade 3 and 4 at St Paul's Primary School took part in a stormwater education project which included a survey completed by the student and their families.

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- Several schools and preschools have started their own compost bins/worm farms.
- Two schools actively worked with Council to undertake a composting trial and explore whether better results can be achieved working with a school.

Feedback about the value of the network has been almost entirely positive and has included:

- Glen Eira Kindergarten Association, 11/12/14 said "...The educators and children at our services have really appreciated and learnt a lot from your knowledge and guidance. You'll be pleased to know that in 2015, we are going to establish a GEKA Green Team "
- A teacher from Melbourne Montessori School said that she found the teachers environment network meeting which included a tour of Bentleigh Secondary College inspirational.

Engagement with Community Groups

There are a wide range of community groups active in Glen Eira, from voluntary groups such as Rotary, to social and cultural groups. The Sustainability Education Officer has met with and presented at a range of social and cultural meetings and has worked with volunteer groups to help them assist others with environmental projects. Practical outcomes of this work include:

- The Rotary Club of Glen Eira sponsored a chicken coop at Caulfield Junior College.
- The Rotary Club of Caulfield, Bentmoor Community Men's Shed and around 450 students from 15 local schools worked together to build 150 native bee hotels, displayed at the Honey Festival 2014.
- Caulfield Lions Club planted an indigenous garden in the Bentleigh West community, Carnegie Church of Christ gardening club has replanted their front garden with indigenous plants, and Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre is running an indigenous garden project by establishing a new front garden.
- Rotary Club of Glen Eira is in discussion with Katandra Special School regarding sponsoring a vegetable garden and composting system.

Feedback has included

- 12th Caulfield Scout Group, 19/6/15 Said [the sustainability education officer] "was very effective in engaging (and holding) the attention of the Cubs (8 to 11 years old) – not an easy thing to do! More importantly, the Cubs (and their Leaders) learned some new things concerning recycling. I commend the City of Glen Eira for providing this service".

Item 9.5 (cont'd)Reaching the broader Community

Council has significantly increased sustainability and recycling information that reaches the community, which also reinforces messages in other channels.

Activities included:

- Stalls and activities at community events including Party In the Parks, and Bentleigh Farmers Market.
- Regular e-newsletters also go to over 3000 people on sustainability and recycling topics.
- Promotional information from Council via school or community group newsletters reached around 27,000 households.
- A number of events in Council's community presentation program have been run in school and community venues.

As an indication of the outcomes of the additional resources:

- The Sustainably Education officer signed up an additional 253 participants for the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program which was a finalist of Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Awards 2014. Indirectly, the additional resources and work of the sustainability education officer is likely to have contributed to participation rates beyond direct sign ups. The program now has 647 participants, including 27 schools or preschools.
- The Sustainably Education officer was responsible for 180 bookings to the end of June 2015 for the Glen Eira Energy Saving Program, and which is estimated to reduce greenhouse emissions by 1,327 tonnes over 10 years.

6. Investigate implementing additional community based sustainability programs

Officers engaged a consultant to provide advice on the options for community based sustainability education programs. The consultant has provided preliminary advice on possible initiatives that Council may consider undertaking.

Officers will feed this advice into the development of Council's new Environmental Sustainability Strategy which is expected to be considered by Council in late 2015.

7. Increase advocacy activities to encourage the State government to undertake further schools sustainability initiatives

Council's Children's Centres and Family Day Care have been selected as one of a handful of preschools to trial additional education sector programs for early learning. Council has received a grant as part of this trial which is with Sustainability Victoria and their community sector partner (CERES) and includes conducting energy audits.

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As resolved at its 3 February 2015 meeting, Council wrote to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change to express Council's support for a range of sustainability initiatives that would assist schools and the broader community.

In July 2015, the Victorian Government announced additional funds to support the ResourceSmart program in schools which helps schools to reduce water, waste and energy use. Many of the teachers in Glen Eira's Schools Environment Network share knowledge and experience about how to do this in practice in their schools.

8. Resources

Council has spent around \$290,000 over the last two years on these additional education activities. Council's 2015-16 Budget allows for these activities to be on-going including appointing a full time sustainability education officer.

The Victorian Government plans to impose rate capping from 1 July 2016. The above activities include in-school programs and teachers networking which are state government responsibilities. Due to rate capping, Council may need to reconsider to what extent it can subsidise other levels of government in the future.

9. Recommendation

That Council:

- i) Note the report
- ii) Note that the environmental sustainability strategy is currently being reviewed and will provide a strategic framework to community education activities and priorities for attention.

Crs Pilling/Delahunty

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Item 9.6**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY –
ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT TO END JUNE 2015**

File No:
Peter Waite
Director Assets and Facilities
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Environmental Strategy and Services

1. Purpose

To report on progress against the Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) Action Plan for the year 2014-15.

2. Community Plan

Sustainability is integrated across the themes of the Community Plan.

3. Background

Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy was adopted by Council in September 2010. The 2014-15 Action Plan was adopted by Council in May 2014 and is part of the Strategy.

This report compliments the Community Plan Report and the items are grouped in the same themes as the Community Plan. For capital projects, this report focusses on the specific sustainability aspects of the projects, rather than the project as a whole.

4. Progress

The ESS Action Plan 2014-15 includes 42 actions which span most of the themes in the Community Plan. Most actions were completed at end of June. Four actions were delayed, including:

- the review of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy to allow further time for research and development;
- installation of solar panels (40 per cent complete, expected to be complete by end December 2015); and
- installation of energy efficiency at Town Hall as part of replacing the HVAC system (expected to be complete by end August 2015).
- Installation of WSUD features during construction of the car park at Centenary Park Pavilion, which is in progress.

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5. Recommendation

- i. That Council notes this report.

Crs Okotel/Pilling

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Appendix A

2014-15 Environmental Sustainability Strategy Action Plan 2014-15

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
Theme 2: Traffic, Parking and Transport					
Continue to promote walking, cycling and public transport options in Glen Eira as alternatives to motor vehicle use	2.1	Implementation of any actions identified for 2014-15 from the Transport Strategy, Bicycle Strategy and Walking Strategy	Actions complete	Scheduled works now complete.	Completed
Inform the community about local active transport options such as pedestrian, bicycle and public transport options	2.2	Articles through GE News and Council's website	Actions complete	Four active transport articles have been published in the GE News this financial year.	Completed
Theme 3: Town Planning and Development					
Encourage environmental sustainable design (ESD) for new buildings	3.1	Continue to provide an information kit for new developments on options for sustainable design	Kits available online and at Service Counter	Kits are available online and at the Service Counter.	Completed
	3.2	Continue to advocate to the state government for statewide improvements in environmental performance requirements including energy efficiency and WSUD.	Advocacy activities complete	Council advocated for WSUD in its <i>Plan Melbourne</i> submission and is awaiting the chance to comment on the proposed <i>Victorian Apartment Design Standards</i> (still in development).	Completed
	3.3	Monitor the current State Government review on state-wide planning policies (SPPF), and the recommendations of the Environmentally Efficient Design Local Policy (Ministerial) Advisory Committee.	Report the outcomes to Council and assess the options available in implementing ESD and WSUD for new buildings.	The State Government is currently reviewing (through an Advisory Committee) the role of building and planning systems in relation to ESD and WSUD matters.	Completed
Theme 4: Governance					
Develop staff skills on sustainability issues	4.1	Provide regular training to staff.	At least 10 staff training sessions	10 staff training sessions were held on topics including vegetable gardening, energy efficient house design and solar power.	Completed

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
Minimise impact of purchasing on environment	4.2	Continue to use Forest Stewardship Council certified paper for Glen Eira publications	Over 90% of publications use FSC Certified paper	Over 90% of publications used FSC Certified paper.	Completed
	4.3	Continue to use sustainably sourced copy paper	% of copy paper from sustainable sources	All copy paper purchased was Council's preferred sustainably sourced product.	Completed
	4.5	Continue to use recycled concrete and other recycled materials in road, footpath and drainage works	Recycled concrete used	Scheduled works projects utilised recycled quarry products for backfilling drains/other trenches and as road base and sub-base fill under roads and footpaths.	Completed
	4.6	Review chemical use for any services tendered during 2014-15	Chemical use reviewed in relevant tenders	The street cleansing service specification was reviewed in 2014-15 and requirements included to ensure that chemicals used for weed control minimize risk and are suitable for aquatic environments.	Completed
	4.7	Update the Climate Risk Report	Report updated	This risk report was substantially complete and will inform the review of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.	Substantially completed
	4.8	Review The Environmental Sustainability Strategy	Strategy reviewed and 2015-16 Action Plan developed	Review of the strategy has been delayed by around six months to allow for further research and development.	Delayed
Theme 5: Recreation and Open Space					
Use native, indigenous and drought tolerant plants in parks and gardens	5.1	Native, indigenous or drought tolerant plants to be prioritised in new plantings and maintenance plantings	% of plants that are native, indigenous and drought tolerant	As well as maintenance plantings, some new planting was done at Mackie Reserve, Memorial Park, Riddle Park and Brentwood St Reserve which prioritised drought tolerant species to best suit these locations. About 60% of all the plants planted were native or indigenous. The balance were drought tolerant.	Completed
	5.2	Implement any recommendations adopted in 2014-15 Community Plan from the Open Space Strategy relating to Natural Heritage values	Recommendations implemented	In line with the Open Space Strategy, a number of open space projects currently incorporate the use of indigenous plantings, water re-use and additional	Completed.

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
		and biodiversity (Strategy to be finalised in early 2014)		tree cover in their design. This includes the creation of new open space at Archibald and Gisborne Streets which will increase permeable surfaces and tree cover.	
When specifying lighting and other energy using assets in parks, prioritise energy efficient options	5.4	Specify energy efficient lighting and other technology during design and end of life replacement works	Energy efficient technology installed	All park lighting installations have selected energy efficient technology including six sports ground light towers at Caulfield park and LED pathway lighting at Bailey Reserve.	Completed
Reduce water use in parks	5.5	Continue to establish warm season grasses.	Grounds converted to warm season grasses as per Council's 2014/15 Capital Works Program	Works scheduled for 2014-15 at Murrumbeena oval number two were completed.	Completed
Theme 6: Waste, Graffiti and Cleanliness					
Increase recycling in Council operations	6.1	Implement any changes to waste services at events identified during 2013-14 review.	Recycling implemented at arts events	Recycling has been implemented at all arts events and composting toilets are planned for use at Party in the Park events.	Completed
	6.2	Continue to improve recycling rate by Council staff at Council buildings	Increased recycling rate at Town hall	The recycling rate at Town Hall is now at 67% up from 39% in the previous year.	Completed
	6.3	Review at least five staff buildings to check that they have adequate internal recycling bins and signage and address gaps as needed.	Five buildings reviewed and provided with adequate bins and signage as appropriate.	Additional recycling bins rolled out to eight sites in April 2015 including libraries and children's centres.	Completed
Develop and implement programs to reduce waste and increase recycling in the community	6.4	Roll out green waste services to households that do not currently have them.	Roll out complete	Bin rollout completed and over 15,122 bins were delivered during 2014- 2015.	Completed
	6.5	Establish recycling of wider range of hard rubbish and dumped rubbish materials including ewaste.	% hard rubbish recycled	Recycling in place since first July. Around 20% of hard rubbish and dumped rubbish collected was recycled.	Completed

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
	6.6	Continue to participate in regional tender for new green waste recycling service that may include food waste	Contract executed	Contract executed and due to commence in April 2016.	Completed
	6.7	Investigate the benefits and costs of additional promotion and/or further subsidy of Council providing composting bins to households as a means of diverting green waste from Council's green waste service.	Report on the options to Council	Investigation complete. Cost of bins was not identified as the main barrier to composting.	Completed
Theme 7: Sustainable Community Assets and Infrastructure					
Use renewable energy as a source of electricity for Council operations	7.1	Continue to purchase 25% of electricity used by buildings and facilities from renewable sources (Green Power).	Green Power purchased	Green power purchased throughout the year and ongoing.	Completed
	7.2	Install solar panels on around fourteen Council buildings including pavilions, libraries, independent living units, public toilets and child care centres	Works complete as per Council's 2014/15 Capital Works Program	Solar panels were installed at Bentleigh Library, Elsternwick Library and Bentleigh Maternal and Child Health Centre. (40 per cent of planned installations). Remaining works to be completed by December 2015.	Delayed
Improve energy efficiency of Council assets and infrastructure	7.3	Include energy efficiency measures during HVAC replacement at Town Hall (stage 4 of 4)	Works complete as per Council's 2014/15 Capital Works Program	60 per cent of works completed, remaining works due for completion August 2015. The works to replace the Water Cooler require decommissioning the old system and installing the new in sequence.	Delayed
	7.4	Complete energy efficiency upgrades of a range of medium sized buildings (subject to capital funding)	Works complete as per Council's 2014/15 Capital Works Program	2014/15 works completed May 2015.	Completed

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
	7.5	Investigate further energy efficiency options and review energy efficiency opportunities	Investigations complete	Several investigations are now complete and have identified opportunities for energy efficiency in buildings and street lighting.	Completed
Implement strategies to reduce the use of potable water, energy and natural resources of Council assets and operations	7.6	Implement any recommendations adopted from the report to Council on options for becoming carbon neutral (to be considered by Council in early 2014)	Recommendations implemented	Council adopted a recommendation from the Environment Advisory Committee, <i>"to continue with current strategies to reduce emissions with a view to establishing targets for emission reduction when developing new 2014 Environmental Sustainability Strategy"</i> . The strategy review is in progress (see item 4.8).	Completed
Reduce water use in parks	7.7	Monitor water consumption and whether fixing leaks has addressed higher consumption levels. Review water minimisation options if needed.	Review complete	Water use is being minimized by selecting drought tolerant plants, mulching, and prompt detection and repair of leaks. Ongoing monitoring will continue.	Completed
	7.10	Install WSUD features during construction of the car park at Centenary Park Pavilion.	Features operational	The car park will have WSUD features which are being jointly funded with Melbourne Water.	In-progress
	7.11	Provide technical support to Manningham City Council's trial of 'no additional maintenance' WSUD naturestrip feature options	Results of trial shared.	Manningham trial has progressed from prototype to trial stage and so far demonstrated that the method may be suitable in some situations.	Completed
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions from fuel use	7.12	At replacement, consider lower emissions vehicle options	Emissions intensity of vehicles	Council's fleet includes four hybrid vehicles. The program of changing six cylinder vehicles to four cylinder vehicles continues. Two vehicles in fleet now comply with Euro 6 emissions standard. This standard is not mandated until 2017.	Completed
Build new facilities to be highly efficient	7.14	Include a range of water and energy efficiency features in construction of Duncan McKinnon	Features included	Designs for both Pavilions include a range of energy and water efficient features.	In-progress

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
		and Centenary Park Pavilions		For example, the carpark for Centenary Park includes bio-swales and Duncan McKinnon includes stormwater harvesting and passive solar design. Both projects will be completed in late 2015.	
	7.16	During building and renovation design activities, investigate sustainability features	Features included	Examples include the Booran Reserve which is now under construction. It includes 100% recycling of existing concrete walls, clay and topsoil, energy efficient light fittings, and stormwater harvesting.	Completed
Advocate for improved infrastructure at state and federal level	7.17	Advocate for wider range of efficient street lights to be approved by electricity distribution networks and for approval process to speed up.	Participate in consultation with Distribution Businesses ahead of next AER pricing determination and write to AER.	Officers have participated in a range of formal and informal consultation and advocacy activities seeking better energy efficiency outcomes relating to street lighting.	Completed
Theme 8: Community Building and Engagement					
Support the community, including school communities, to reduce impact on the environment	8.1	Continue to roll out the Glen Eira Energy Saving Program	Number of households that have participated	355 new participants in the Glen Eira Energy Saving Program have had energy saving products installed in their homes at no charge.	Completed
	8.2	Increase participation in the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program	Number of households registered	647 total participants in the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program	Completed
	8.3	Facilitate sustainability education activities with school and community networks, including hosting a Glen Eira Teachers Environment Network	Support provided to network. Report to Council on outcomes of education activities	Seven teachers' environment network meetings were held with very good attendance levels. These supported staff to find sustainability resources and develop programs at their schools. 23 schools and preschools (around 1,400 students) took part in a project to develop a mural from recycled materials	Completed

Key Strategic Activity	Item	Actions for 2014-15	Measure	Report to end June	Progress
				for display at the Princes Park Party in the Park.	
	8.4	Run regular ongoing recycling education activities targeted to address key barriers. These to include regular articles, direct email and mail and distribution of the Waste Services Calendar in July 2014.	Regular communications activities in GE news, leader and direct mail and email; waste services calendar distributed.	A wide range of recycling education activities were complete including distribution of the Waste Services Guide to all residents, recycling education material as part of the green waste bin roll out, seventeen articles in Glen Eira News; regular adverts in the two local Leader newspapers and eleven in Glen Eira News.	Completed.
	8.6	Incorporate sustainability as a theme in one Party in the Park	One Party in the Park incorporates sustainability as a theme.	The Princes Park Party in the Park held in February 2015 had a sustainability theme.	Completed
Support local community groups through the provision of community grants to assist groups to meet identified community needs	8.7	Run targeted grants promotion to increase the number of environmental projects proposed by the community	Targeted workshop and promotions activities complete.	Two applications were received in the 2015-2016 grant round (closed May 2015). This is thought to be the result of limiting grants to education activities and raising awareness. Many groups seek support to install hardware, such as water tanks, building seals or solar systems, which have not been supported by the grants committee.	Completed

Item 9.7

**Melbourne Racing Club
Access arrangements at the Caulfield
Racecourse**

**Enquiries: Paul Burke
Director Community Relations**

1. Purpose.

At the 9 June 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council unanimously resolved:

“That a report be prepared reviewing the agreement resolved upon by Council on 27 April 2011 between the City of Glen Eira and the Melbourne Racing Club (item 9.12) in relation to the Centre of the Racecourse and related matters. In particular I seek information on on-going access arrangements being met, the continuing provision of infrastructure within the centre of the racecourse and the progress made in improving community visibility through changes to the perimeter fencing.”

2. Discussion.

Following Council's resolution Council wrote to the Chief Executive Officer of the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) seeking his advice. A response was received on Friday 31 July 2015. A copy is attached.

3. Recommendation.

That Council note this report and that a further report be submitted when further information is to hand.

Crs Delahunty/Magee

- 1. That Council notes the Report and that a further report be submitted when further information to hand.**
- 2. That Council further notes there is a current arrangement between the public-private alliance completing the Burke Road level crossing project and the Melbourne Racing Club that allows commuters to park for free in the Guineas Carpark. That this arrangement is a sub-lease arrangement and is valued at approximately \$90,000 to \$100,000 for a 2 month duration.**
- 3. That council writes to The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust to ensure they are aware of the sub-lease valuation to aid the current overall lease discussions. That a copy of this be forwarded to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water the Hon Lisa Neville MP, and to the Victorian Auditor General, the Valuer General and all relevant Members of Parliament with jurisdiction over the area.**

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

MELBOURNE

RACING CLUB

Josh Blanksby
General Manager – Legal & Corporate
Affairs

30 July 2015

Ms Linda Smith
Manager Recreation and Youth Services
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42, Caulfield South, 3162

Dear Ms Smith,

I refer to your letter dated 23 June 2015 and our subsequent discussions regarding the report the Council is seeking in respect of the *"agreement resolved upon by Council on 27 April 2011 between the City of Glen Eira and the Melbourne Racing Club in relation to the Centre of the Racecourse and related matters"*.

I note the agreement you have sent me via email on 9 July 2015 is labelled draft.

I have conducted a search of our records and I have been unable to locate a final signed version of the agreement. Our records indicate that the parties were discussing the management of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve from June 2008. Such discussions included the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trustees – the landlord of the Reserve.

Regardless of the status of the draft agreement, the Club has implemented a number of measures, in conjunction with the Council and the Trustees, in respect of improved facilities and access to the Centre of the Racecourse.

I think it would be worthwhile for representatives of the Council and the Club to meet to discuss the current status of the draft agreement and review the measures that have been implemented. This will assist the City of Glen Eira in preparing the report for the Council.

Can you please let me know suitable times for a meeting? I look forward to hearing from you.



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Yours sincerely



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Item 9.8**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN GLEN EIRA**

File No:
Enquiries: Peter Jones
Title: Director Community Services

1. Purpose

At the Ordinary Council meeting of 30 June 2015 Council requested that ‘an updated report to item 9.9 “Violence against Women in Glen Eira” of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 July 2014 be presented, to include the recent work by the Municipal Association of Victoria in this area and tabling the correspondence received by the family of Nikita Chawla.’

2. Background

Council received an email from the family of Nikita Chawla, a former resident of Glen Eira whose life was taken in January this year in an act of domestic violence (see Appendix A). This tragic loss for the Chawla family highlights the ongoing issues of family violence in our community.

Violence against women is defined as “any gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life”. (UN 1993)

The true extent of violence against women is unknown as it is often unreported and is easily concealed or hidden behind a range of other social and health related issues. However, research identifies that most violence against women is inflicted within families and for this reason, family violence data provides a relevant measure of the incidence of violence against women in the community.

Across Victoria the number of family violence incidents is measured by police callouts. The table below, which incorporates the 2013/14 data update, shows that Glen Eira has a median incidence of family violence callouts when compared to neighbouring municipalities. The data trend generally shows that callouts are increasing, with more than ten a week currently being recorded. The number of police callouts in Glen Eira increased by 45 (8%) between 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Police Callouts for Family Violence Incidents Rate [per 100,000 population]						
	Glen Eira	Stonnington	Port Phillip	Bayside	Kingston	Monash
2013/2014 (current)	560	558	836	541	850	647
2012/13	515	688	829	524	847	633
2011/12	440	523	728	465	744	515
2010/11	417	435	677	379	605	388
2009/10	372	489	635	344	501	339
5 year% increase	51%	23%	32%	57%	70%	91%

Note: Victoria Police update existing records with new information as it becomes available, and revise records when investigation identifies additional information. As a result statistics produced at different times from the same data may vary slightly.

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Violence against women is a complex social issue that requires a range of interventions and a whole of community response. This includes strategies that protect safety and provide counselling, advice, support, education and awareness. Education and awareness strategies aim to prevent violence and address underlying causes such as gender inequality, before violence has occurred.

In February 2015, the State Government established a Royal Commission into family violence. The Commission will inquire into and provide practical recommendations on how Victoria's response to family violence can be improved. The Commission will report to the parliament in February 2016.

3. Council response to violence against women

Since the last Council report on *"Violence against Women in Glen Eira"* which was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 July 2014, Council has continued to support the prevention of violence against women through services that assist in the detection of family violence, educate the community and support local community organisations.

These activities are:

- Undertaking a formal family safety assessment with all new mothers to identify victims of violence. Maternal Child Health nurses complete a family violence assessment and develop a safety plan for all identified or potential victims. Clients are also referred to the relevant support services to protect families and children.
- Delivering a range of gender equity programs to young people including a Young Women's and Young Men's program in local schools focused on building healthy and respectful relationships.
- Providing funding through the community grants program to local community houses and community groups including Moongala Women's Community House and Peninsula Community Legal Centre to support a range of initiatives that strengthen community connections and support women, families and children in our community.

Initiatives implemented since the report to Council on 22 July 2014 are:

- Developing a Family Violence Fact Sheet to assist residents to access relevant services. The Fact Sheet is available on Council's website, in the Service Centre and in community meeting places such as libraries, maternal and child health centers and senior citizen centres.
- Promoting 'White Ribbon Day' in 2014 with an article in Glen Eira News and making merchandise available to promote the cause.
- Listing preventing violence against women as a high priority for funding in Community Grants guidelines, encouraging local community groups to undertake activities which shape cultural norms and attitudes that are based on respect and gender equality.
- Taking an active role in local, regional and statewide family violence networks.
- Facilitating female employees to attend women in leadership training.

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Planned activities for the next twelve months are:

- Incorporating family violence training into Council's staff training calendar.
- Identifying a male champion at senior management level within Council who will lead a working group to organise a '*White Ribbon*' event – inviting other male staff to be involved.
- Profiling female staff members or community members in GE People and Glen Eira News to coincide with 'International Women's Day'.
- key family violence messages in Mayor/CEO column in Glen Eira News.

Through active participation in the Southern Melbourne Primary Care Partnership - Family Violence Working Group, Council has contributed to implementing an action plan including:

- Providing family violence training to partners and other local organisations.
- Creating a family violence policy/statement of commitment template for organisations.
- Planning a local event which focuses on the prevention of violence against women.
- Delivering the '*Be Strong @ School to be Safe @ Home*' pilot program in three local schools including one in Glen Eira.

4. Recent work by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) on preventing violence against women

The MAV has championed work in Local Government to raise awareness about violence against women including the development of:

- ten gender equity fact sheets to assist Local Government to advance gender equity for women;
- twelve '*Prevention of Violence against Women*' information sheets to build knowledge within Council and help Council to engage on the issue with key community partners, the media and Council staff; and
- presenting a submission to the Royal Commission into Family Violence on behalf of member councils.

The MAV established the *Preventing Violence against Women Network (PVAW)*. This is a statewide network made up of Local Government representatives (officers and elected councillors) and key community partners. The aim of the network is to:

- share knowledge, practice wisdom, successes and challenges of preventing violence against women work in Local Government;
- support members to develop skills and expertise in PVAW through guest speakers and professional development opportunities;
- provide networking and mentoring opportunities to build the capacity of the sector;
- encourage Local Government partnerships with other sectors to drive change; and
- liaise with relevant government departments regarding PVAW related work.

Item 9.8 (cont'd)**5. Correspondence received by the family of Nikita Chawala**

Nikita Chawla's life was taken in January this year in an act of family violence. Nikita grew up in Glen Eira and her family continue to live here. She was living in the City of Moreland at the time of her death. On 21 June 2015, a candlelight vigil in memory of Nikita and other victims of violence was held in Moreland.

6. Recommendations

- a. That Council notes the report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Crs Hyams/Lobo

That Agenda Item 9.8 and 9.9 be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Appendix A

Dear Thomas,

My name is Tarang Chawla. I'm the brother of Nikita Chawla, whose life was taken in January this year. I was given your contact details by Cr Samantha Ratnam from the Moreland City Council.

Nikita and I grew up in the City of Glen Eira. Our parents bought in the area in 1998, when I was 11 and Niki was 7. I moved in 2014, however my parents remain in East Bentleigh.

Moreland City Council has moved a motion in council (text below)

Nikita's life was tragically taken in a senseless act of domestic violence in Brunswick on Friday January 9, 2015. Niki was 23. A daughter, sister, friend and artist, she had her whole life ahead of her. Nikita contributed to the Moreland community in many ways, particularly through the Arts. It is with great sadness that we acknowledge her passing and in memory, we pay tribute to her life.

Nikita was born on 21 June 1991 in Melbourne. Niki attended St. Catherine's Primary School and later Presbyterian Ladies College where she completed her VCE in 2009. A creative spirit from the beginning, Niki loved Bollywood music and movies and performed and choreographed dances from the age of 5.

From the age of 7 she studied Mohiniattam at Natya Sudha Dance School and progressed as a graceful classically trained dancer. In 2006 she performed at the closing ceremony of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games. In all of her performances Niki's natural talent, determination and commitment to her craft shone through. In 2010 Niki established BollyFunk Creations, her own dance academy. BollyFunk was her true pride and passion where she taught, choreographed and danced in both classical and Bollywood style. Niki also choreographed and performed dances for many special events for family and friends. Niki's creativity flourished at Monash University where she completed a Bachelor of Performing Arts degree. She was due to graduate this year. In 2014, Niki choreographed and produced a music video clip for international acapella group Naturally 7. Niki dreamed of one day travelling the world as a famous Bollywood dancer and choreographer.

The loss of Nikita has left an inconceivable void in the lives of her family and friends. Niki leaves behind a distraught and heartbroken mum, dad and brother.

Niki's death is a tragic reminder of the insidiousness of family violence in our community. It is costing the lives of our daughters, sisters, friends and loved ones. We must do everything we can to stop this from happening ever again.

[On June 21st 2015](#), a candlelight vigil will be held in memory of Nikita and other victims of violence. Nikita would have turned 24 [on June 21st](#). In support of the Justice for Nikita Chawla campaign, Moreland City Council resolves to publicise the vigil through its social media, city news and other communication channels. Moreland City Council stands with the Chawla family united in our efforts to honour Nikita and end family violence.

I was hopeful that you're able to do something similar with the City of Glen Eira to acknowledge Nikita and her connection to home. There is a candlelight vigil held in honour of victims of violence this [coming Sunday](#), and I would be appreciative if you could please assist in distributing the message about it through social media? I can send you more information about this for a facebook/twitter update.

Kind Regards,
Tarang Chawla

Item 9.9**TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP**

File No:
Enquiries: Rachel Ollivier
Group Manager Environmental
Strategy and Services

1. Purpose

At the Council meeting of 19 May 2015, Council resolved:

“That a report be prepared on consider possible impacts arising from the Trans Pacific Partnership on Glen Eira’s Local Government activities, such as leases, policies or exposure to overseas laws.”

This report responds to that resolution.

2. Community Plan

Advance the public interest by good governance and responsible management of community assets and finances and risks.

3. Background

As the Government has not finalised the Trans-pacific Partnership (TPP), public information on this matter is limited. Accordingly, the Mayor wrote to the *Minister for Trade and Investment* requesting such information. The Minister’s Adviser responded in a letter dated 24 June 2015 saying, in part:

“The Australian government is not intending to sign up to the international agreements that would restrict the capacity of local governments to govern in the interests of its constituents – whether in the area of healthcare, leasing or any other regulated area of the economy.

Procurement by local councils will not be included in the TPP.

Local governments will continue to be subject to Australian law only. The TPP will not impact on local government exposure to overseas laws.”

A full copy of the letter is attached.

Item 9.9 (cont'd)

4. Recommendation

That Council note this report.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Crs Hyams/Lobo

That Agenda Item 9.8 and 9.9 be deferred to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

ATTACHMENT 1



OFFICE OF THE HON ANDREW ROBB AO MP

MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Mr Jim Magee
Mayor
Glen Eira City Council
PO Box 42
CAULFIELD VIC 3162

24 JUN 2015

Dear Mr Magee

Thank you for your letter of 27 May 2015 to the Minister for Trade and Investment, the Hon Andrew Robb AO MP, regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement negotiations. Mr Robb has asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

As a region-wide free trade agreement, the TPP offers an opportunity to strengthen job-creating trade and investment, and further integrate Australia into the fast-growing Asia-Pacific region by pursuing common and liberalising policy outcomes.

The TPP will be unprecedented in its scale and level of ambition. The twelve countries negotiating the TPP – Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam – represent almost 40 per cent of the global economy – or around US\$28 trillion.

Benefits of the TPP will be broad-ranging:

- for Australian businesses – by creating more export and investment opportunities in the Asia Pacific;
- for Australian consumers – by lowering the costs and increasing the variety of goods available in Australia; and
- for the Australian economy – by promoting economic growth in the Asia Pacific, further integrating Australia into the region, and creating a common platform for expanding trade into the 21st Century.

The TPP will be the largest trade agreement since the creation of the World Trade Organization, and the most significant restatement and enhancement of trade policy rules since the mid-1990s. Once the TPP is finalised, membership will be open to other Asia-Pacific economies in order to promote prosperity and strategic stability.

The Australian Government is not intending to sign up to international agreements that would restrict the capacity of local governments to govern in the interests of its constituents – whether in the area of healthcare, leasing or any other regulated area of the economy.

Procurement by local councils will not be included in the TPP.

Local governments will continue to be subject to Australian law only. The TPP will not impact on local government exposure to overseas laws.

Thank you for bringing your views to the attention of the Minister. I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gareth Simpson', written over the typed name and title.

Gareth Simpson
Adviser

Item 9.10**PROVISION OF BOUNDARY FENCE INFORMATION****1. Purpose**

At the 30 June 2015 Ordinary Council meeting, Council resolved:

“That Council provide a report regarding how the provision of information regarding boundary fences could be improved, for example by having information available on Council’s website.”

2. Background

A dividing/boundary fence is a fence built to separate two pieces of adjoining land. It does not include a retaining wall or any wall that is part of a house, garage or other building.

The Fences Act 1968 (“the Act”) is the State legislation that sets out the rules and obligations regarding dividing fences. It covers issues such as:

- Who pays for a dividing fence;
- The type of fence to be built;
- Notices that neighbours are required to give each other; and
- How to resolve disputes that arise between neighbours.

Dividing fences are the responsibility of the owners themselves, not any public authority. Therefore, any works that are required for the dividing fence must be negotiated between the two property owners. If both neighbours aren’t “on the same page” when it comes to the dividing fence, conflict can arise. It is for this reason that the Act contains a section dedicated to resolving fencing disputes.

In the first instance, neighbours can contact the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (“DSCV”) who can assist with mediation between the neighbours. If mediation is unsuccessful then the Magistrates Court is the only avenue left to resolve the issue.

Residents will sometimes contact Council because they believe that Council will be able to resolve their situation and/or force their neighbour to contribute to the cost of the dividing fence. This is not the case; Council has no power to intervene in a dispute regarding a dividing fence. The Act does not give Councils the power to make orders or enforce fencing agreements. This must be done via the Magistrates Court.

Item 9.10 (cont'd)**3. Provision of Information**

The first place most members of the public will likely go when wanting to find out information is “Google”. A few key words entered into the Google search engine will usually reveal a wealth of information on a myriad of topics.

A simple search involving the words “boundary fence” revealed 32,600,000 results. The third in the list of results was a link to a page called “*Fences FAQ – Dispute Settlement of Victoria*”. (Figure 1)



Figure 1

This page contains all the information needed to fully understand the legislation, responsibilities and rights regarding dividing fences.

It would be uncommon for members of the public to go, in the first instance, to the Glen Eira Council website to search for information on boundary fences.

At present, if residents telephone Council wanting assistance with their dividing fence they are directed to the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria. In other words, the exact same website where a Google search will lead them. The DSCV website contains all the information required to assist the public with their dividing fence enquiries.

4. Enquiries regarding non-Council matters

It is common for Council to receive requests from residents regarding issues that Council has no control over. These are just a few examples:

- requests regarding power, telephone, or broadband cable works or maintenance;
- gas and/or water supply works or maintenance;
- public transport works;
- removal of asbestos from private premises;
- Occupational Health and Safety on worksites;
- Centrelink enquiries.

Council's Customer Service Centre assist residents by directing them to the appropriate organisation.

Item 9.10 (cont'd)Should information be provided on Council's website?

Council's website provides a wealth of information. The following are just a few of the topics covered:

- About our City;
- Getting around;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Venues for hire;
- Library;
- Garbage and Recycling;
- Rates;
- About Council;
- Family and children's services;

The purpose of Council's website is to provide residents with information about issues that Council can assist with. It is not to provide them with information on every issue that may affect them, such as dividing fence issues.

If residents were to see information on issues that Council has no control over, such as dividing fences, then it may lead to the question – *"If Council can't help me then why do they have information about it on their website?"*

It follows that placing information on Council's website about boundary fences warrants placing information on the website about other non-Council controlled matters. Taken further, it could be argued that Council's website should include information about income tax returns, or passport applications; matters which are also important to the community.

Item 9.10 (cont'd)**5. Recommendation**

That Council:

- a) Notes that Council's Service Centre directs all enquiries on non-Council controlled matters to the appropriate organisation.
- b) Notes that the purpose of Council's website is to provide information about services that Council can control and assist with.
- c) Note that dividing fences is not an issue Council has any control over.

Crs Okotel/Hyams

That Council:

- (a) provides contact information in line with relevant legislation to residents and ratepayers concerning neighbouring properties where a boundary fence issue has arisen.**
- (b) suggests to residents and ratepayers the appropriate services for further assistance on matters concerning boundary fences if this is sought; and**
- (c) will update its website to include details about what information Council can provide to residents and ratepayers where boundary fence issues arise and what external services they can contact for further assistance.**

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Item 9.11**CREATION OF EASEMENT – LAND ABUTTING
79 ROBERT STREET, BENTLEIGH**

File No:
Enquiries: Noel Kiernan -
Manager Buildings and Properties

1. Purpose

To seek approval to create an easement in favour of Council in relation to land abutting 79 Robert Street, Bentleigh.

2. Community Plan

Community Facilities and Assets: to ensure that Council assets meet community requirements and are funded in a sustainable manner.

3. Background

Council officers were approached by the solicitor acting for the owner of 79 Robert Street in relation to an adverse possession claim. The owner proposes to claim the abutting drainage reserve (approx. 108.8m²) at the side of their property at 79 Robert Street by adverse possession (shown in the location plan Attachment 1).

There are Melbourne Water and Council drainage assets in the vicinity and the land forms part of a natural overland flow path¹. To protect Council's interest in the land, Council's Infrastructure Planning Unit recommends a drainage easement be created over the land in favour of Council.

The Victorian Title Registration Services (VTRS) may consent to an adverse possession claim in certain circumstances. The claimant claims to have occupied and maintained this land for in excess of fifteen years and is agreeable to creation of an easement in favour of Council at their costs. A copy of the plan of creation for the easement is provided (shown in Attachment 2).

4. Issues

Section 6.1.2 of Council's Road and Reserves Discontinuance and Sale Policy 2015 states:

"Having considered whether a section of a Road or Reserve is redundant,

Council may:

where the land is subject to an adverse possession claim, decide whether to contest such a claim."

Council does not own the reserve so cannot contest the claim. There is also no community benefit in retaining this small area of (2.79m wide) reserve.

To protect the necessary overland flow path and legal access for maintenance purposes of Council's assets, Council should agree to create the easement.

¹overland flow path is an above-ground component of a drainage system that caters for generally localised flooding when underground drainage pipes reach their capacity after heavy rainfall.

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5. Recommendation

That:

- i) Council authorises officers to finalise the creation of easement documentation associated with the land abutting 79 Robert Street, Bentleigh; and
- ii) Council authorises the execution of the creation of easement documentation in an appropriate manner including the affixing of the common seal.

Crs Pilling/Delahunty

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

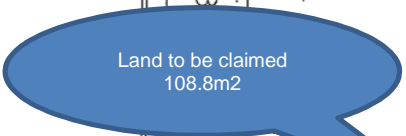
The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Robert Street, Bentleigh - Location Plan

ATTACHMENT 1



79 Robert Street - Land to be claimed by adverse possession



Item 9.12**STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN – LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

**Enquiries: Peter Swabey
Chief Financial Officer**

1. PURPOSE

To update the Financial Performance Indicators in the Strategic Resource Plan.

2. COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme 4 – Governance.

3. BACKGROUND

The Local Government Performance Reporting Framework ('LGPRF') is a mandatory system of performance reporting for all Councils. The Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations became operational on 18 April 2014. Performance information will be reported in Council Annual Reports for the 2014-15 year.

The new regulations set our reporting requirements for Local Government including a set of 12 financial indicators which aim to provide information on the effectiveness of financial management. These financial indicators (plus note references) are incorporated into Council's Strategic Resource Plan (pages 11 & 12).

On assessing the financial indicators as part of the end-of-year accounts review, officers identified a number of formulaic inconsistencies and errors in the indicators listed in Council's Strategic Resource Plan compared with the calculations in the LGPRF template.

To ensure consistency with the Local Government Performance Reporting calculations, officers have recalculated the financial indicators and have reproduced these (refer attached). They will be updated in Council's Strategic Resource Plan.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the amended Financial Performance Indicators and updates the Council Strategic Resource Plan with this information.

Crs Hyams/Delahunty

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Financial Performance Indicators for the years ending 30 June 2015 - 2025

Indicator	Measure	Notes	2014-2015 Forecast	2015-2016 Estimate	2016-2017 Estimate	2017-2018 Estimate	2018-2019 Estimate	2019-2020 Estimate	2020-2021 Estimate	2021-2022 Estimate	2022-2023 Estimate	2023-2024 Estimate	2024-2025 Estimate	Trend +/-
Operating Position Adjusted Underlying Result	Adjusted Underlying Surplus	1	8.64%	7.66%	7.68%	7.51%	8.85%	8.92%	9.07%	9.45%	9.89%	9.98%	10.38%	+
	Adjusted Underlying Revenue													
Liquidity Working Capital	Current Assets/ Current Liabilities	2(a)	90.75%	85.78%	93.01%	98.65%	109.49%	113.44%	117.64%	124.24%	130.86%	130.60%	131.64%	+
	Current Assets/ Current Liabilities (adjusted for residential aged care deposits)													
Adjusted Working Capital		2(b)	133.24%	125.23%	135.04%	142.45%	157.27%	162.10%	167.20%	175.88%	184.23%	182.81%	183.34%	+
Unrestricted Cash	Unrestricted Cash/ Current Liabilities		17.87%	4.24%	19.98%	23.93%	33.23%	47.38%	54.46%	61.84%	69.32%	69.73%	71.53%	+
Obligations Loans and Borrowings	Interest-bearing Loans and Borrowings	3	23.37%	20.97%	18.68%	16.45%	14.28%	12.35%	10.27%	8.22%	6.23%	4.42%	2.48%	+
	Rate Revenue													
Loans and Borrowings	Interest and Principal Repayments		3.51%	3.05%	3.10%	2.96%	2.85%	2.73%	2.63%	2.54%	2.43%	2.34%	2.26%	+
	Rate Revenue													
Indebtedness	Non-current Liabilities Own Source Revenue		17.00%	15.45%	13.68%	12.00%	10.30%	8.83%	7.17%	5.58%	3.98%	2.53%	0.97%	+
Asset Renewal	Asset Renewal Asset Depreciation	4	88.60%	83.87%	69.34%	63.76%	64.06%	61.18%	61.21%	59.19%	61.07%	59.89%	60.43%	-
Stability Rates Concentration	Rate Revenue	5	61.88%	62.39%	62.50%	63.28%	63.61%	64.24%	64.61%	65.21%	65.58%	66.20%	66.60%	o
	Adjusted Underlying Revenue													
Rates Effort	Rate Revenue		0.21%	0.19%	0.20%	0.20%	0.21%	0.21%	0.22%	0.22%	0.23%	0.23%	0.24%	+
	Property Values (CIV)													
Efficiency Expenditure Level	Total Expenditure No. of Assessments		\$ 2,163	\$ 2,276	\$ 2,353	\$ 2,412	\$ 2,447	\$ 2,505	\$ 2,571	\$ 2,621	\$ 2,678	\$ 2,736	\$ 2,794	+
	Residential Rates Revenue No. of Residential Assessments													
Revenue Level			\$ 1,433	\$ 1,505	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,614	\$ 1,669	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,783	\$ 1,841	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,959	\$ 2,020	+
Workforce Turnover	No. of Resignations & Terminations Average Number of Staff		7.26%	7.72%	7.80%	7.87%	7.95%	8.03%	8.10%	8.18%	8.26%	8.34%	8.43%	o

Key to Forecast Trend:
+ Forecasts improvement in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator
o Forecasts that Council's financial performance/financial position indicator will be steady
- Forecasts deterioration in Council's financial performance/financial position indicator

Notes to Financial Performance Indicators

1. Adjusted Underlying Result

An indicator of the sustainable operating result required to enable Council to continue to provide core services and meet its objectives. Council continues to retain a positive result over the next 10 years.

2. Working Capital

(a) The proportion of current liabilities represented by current assets. This measures the ability to pay existing liabilities in the next 12 months. A ratio of more than 100% means there is more cash and liquid assets than short-term liabilities.

(b) The Adjusted Working Capital is forecast to decrease in 2015-2016 year due to a run down in cash reserves to fund the capital program. The trend in later years is to remain steady at an acceptable level.

3. Debt Compared to Rates

Trend indicates Council's reducing reliance on debt against its annual rate revenue through redemption of long term debt.

4. Asset Renewal

This percentage indicates the extent of Council's renewal against its depreciation charge (an indication of the decline in value of its existing capital assets).

5. Rates Concentration

Reflects extent of reliance on rate revenues to fund all of Council's on-going services.

10. URGENT BUSINESS - NIL

11. ORDINARY BUSINESS

11.1 Requests for reports from Officers

(a) Crs Magee/Lobo

That a report be prepared as follows:

- (a) Council to conduct a review of the King George Reserve Pavilion against the pavilion strategy guidelines.**
- (b) Give Councillors an estimation of the likely costs of either a pavilion upgrade or replacement.**

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Right of reply - NIL

11.3 Councillor questions - NIL

11.4 Public questions to Council - NIL

12. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS IN CAMERA**Crs Hyams/Lobo**

That the meeting be now closed to members of the public under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 in order to consider:

- 12.1** under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for Tender 2015.046 Landscape Assessment Consultancy Services.

Number of tenders received	Six (6)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$280,000

- 12.2** under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for Tender number 2016.014 Princes Park Oval 4 Redevelopment, Bambra Road Caulfield South.

Number of tenders received	Five (5)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$400,000 Exclusive of GST.

- 12.3** under s89 (2)(d) “contractual” which relates to the awarding of the contract for Tender 2015.049 Booran Road Reserve, Construction of new Playground and associated works, Caulfield.

Number of tenders received	Eight (8)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$1.7 million Excluding of GST.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

OUTCOME OF CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**Item 12.1****Crs Pilling/Hyams**

1. That Council appoints Tree Logic Pty Ltd (A.C.N. 080 021 610) as the contractor under Tender number 2015.046 in accordance with the schedule of rates submitted.
2. That the contract be prepared in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the tender.
3. That the contract be executed in an appropriate manner by affixing the Council Seal.
4. That this resolution be incorporated in the public minutes of this Meeting.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Item 12.2**Crs Okotel/Delahunty**

1. That Council appoints Turf Renovations Australia Pty Ltd (A.C.N. 082 775 193) as the contractor under Tender Number 2016.014 for an amount of \$419,554.35 exclusive of GST (\$461,509.79 inclusive of GST).
2. That the contract be prepared in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the tender.
3. That the contract be executed in an appropriate manner by affixing of the Council Seal.
4. That this resolution be incorporated in the public minutes of this Meeting.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Item 12.3**Crs Okotel/Delahunty**

- 1. That Council appoints Landcon Landscape Solutions Pty Ltd (A.C.N 124 460 500) as the contractor under tender number 2015.049 for an amount of \$1,714,978.00 exclusive of GST (\$1,886,475.80 including GST) in accordance with the Lump Sum submitted.**
- 2. That the Contract be prepared in accordance with the Conditions of Contract included in the tender.**
- 3. That the Contract be executed in an appropriate manner by affixing of the Council Seal.**
- 4. That this resolution be incorporated in the public minutes of this Meeting.**

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

Crs Delahunty/Pilling

That the meeting be resumed in open Council.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.52PM.

CONFIRMED THIS 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

CHAIRPERSON