

## **GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

13 OCTOBER 2015

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## MINUTES of the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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

#### 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 Lipshutz/Okotel

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Monday, 21 September 2015 be confirmed.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

## 5. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

A petition signed by 32 signatories was tabled that read as follows:

'We the undersigned residents of the City of Glen Eira appeal to the Mayor Cr Jim Magee and all councillors to consider closing the laneway between 200- 202 Koornang Road that heads east towards Shepparson Avenue, Carnegie. It is currently not safe for local school children and other residents who use it to walk to school etc. This laneway is presently attractive as a means of 'rat running' by cars trying to avoid traffic congestion. The cars driving down the laneway do not give way and are endangering the lives of parents and children whilst on their way to and from Carnegie Primary School. It would only take one cars mistake for someone to be injured as the laneway is not wide enough to accommodate both cars and pedestrians. If a bollard was installed at the Koornang Rd end (as exists further east on the same laneway at Elliott Ave) the safety of children and families would not be endangered.'

## Crs Delahunty/Pilling

That the Petition be received and noted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

## 6. DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING - Nil

# 7. REPORTS BY DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS – Nil

## 8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. Advisory Committees Nil
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## **Crs Lipshutz/Sounness**

That the Record of the above Assembly be received and noted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

## **Assembly of Councillors**

## 15 September 2015

## Record under S 80 A (2)

## Meeting commenced at 6.47PM

#### A. Present

Cr Jim Magee, Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff Cr Jamie Hyams Cr Michael Lipshutz Cr Oscar Lobo Cr Neil Pilling Cr Thomas Sounness Andrew Newton, CEO Peter Jones Peter Swabey Peter Waite Ron Torres Paul Burke

## **Apologies**

Cr Mary Delahunty Cr Karina Okotel

## B. <u>Matters considered</u>.

- (i) Apartment boom.
- (ii) Plaques in parks.
- (iii) Transport Strategy actions.
- (iv) MAV Motions.
- (v) Council Papers for the 21 September 2015 Council Meeting comprising fifteen officer reports together with standing items on the Agenda.
  - (a) Agenda Item 9.1 483-493 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick.
  - (b) Agenda Item 9.2 294 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick.
  - (c) Agenda Item 9.3 VCAT Watch September 2015.
  - 7.50PM Cr Pilling left the briefing room.

(d) Agenda Item 9.6 - Rate Cap and Variations.

7.51PM Cr Pilling returned to the briefing room.

- (e) Agenda Item 9.7 Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.
- (f) Agenda Item 9.8 Reconciliation Action Plan.
- (g) Agenda Item 9.9 Smart Cities.
- (h) Agenda Item 9.12 Financial Report For The Period Ending 31 August 2015.
- (i) Agenda Item 12.1 under s89 (2)(d) "contractual" which relates the awarding of the contract for internal audit services.
- (j) Agenda Item 12.2 under s89 (2)(d) "contractual" which relates the awarding of the contract for Tender 2015.048, Provision of Traffic Management Services, various locations within the City of Glen Eira.
- (k) Agenda Item 12.3 under s89 (2)(d) "contractual" which relates to Council approved contracts.
- (vi) Records of Assembly.
  - (a) 25 August 2015 Cr Lobo, amend B (v)(b).
- (v) General Business raised by Councillors.
  - (a) Cr Lipshutz parking arrangements in Myrtle Street.
  - (b) Cr Lipshutz roadworks in Bambra Road.
  - (c) Cr Hyams roundabout at Kambrook/Station Streets.
  - (d) Cr Hyams review of Planning Fees.
  - (e) Cr Esakoff NORFI and planning processes.

- (f) Cr Esakoff naturestrips.
- (g) Cr Sounness dog issue.
- (h) Cr Pilling update on the renewal of the Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Track and netball courts.
- (i) Cr Magee Grade Separation projects, timing.
- (j) Cr Lipshutz Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust, MRC Masterplan.

Fin 8.34PM

## **Council Pre-Meeting**

## 21 September 2015

## Record under S 80 A (2)

## Meeting commenced at 6.51PM

## A. Present

Cr Jim Magee, Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff Cr Jamie Hyams Cr Michael Lipshutz Cr Oscar Lobo Cr Karina Okotel Cr Neil Pilling Cr Thomas Sounness Andrew Newton, CEO Peter Jones Peter Swabey Peter Waite Ron Torres Paul Burke

## **Apologies**

Cr Mary Delahunty

## B. Matters considered.

- (i) Council Papers for 21 September 2015 consisting of fifteen Officer reports together with standing items on the Agenda.
  - (a) Agenda Item 9.2 294 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick.
  - (b) Agenda Item 9.8 Reconciliation Action Plan.
  - (c) Agenda Item 11.1 Requests for Reports, Cr Lipshtuz Caulfield Park Rose Garden.
  - (d) Agenda Item 11.1 Requests for Reports, Cr Pilling recreation.
  - (e) Agenda Item 11.1 Requests for Reports, Cr Okotel Federal Government Stronger Communities Program, Goldstein Electorate.
  - (f) Agenda Item 11.1 Requests for Reports, Cr Sounness Caulfield Park flower seller.

- (ii) Other Business.
  - (a) Cr Hyams Landfill charges.
- (iii) General Business by Councillors.
  - (a) Cr Okotel Apartment boom.

7.26PM Cr Magee left the room and Cr Pilling assumed the Chair.

- (b) Cr Okotel Railway crossing, Centre Road, Bentleigh.
- (c) Cr Okotel a laneway between Shepparson Ave and Koornang Road.
- (d) Cr Okotel a resident query on planning zones.

Fin 7.29PM

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Item 9.1

## 31 Station Street CAULFIELD EAST APPLICATION NO. GE/PP-28130/2015

File No: GE/PP-28130/2015 Enquiries: Ron Torres Director Planning and Transport



## **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

DDODOCAL	Installation of a horse region timing system comprising 24					
PROPOSAL	Installation of a horse racing timing system comprising 31					
	antennas of which 19 to be attached to existing					
	infrastructure and 12 to be attached to purpose built poles					
RECOMMENDATION	Notice of Refusal					
KEY ISSUES	Visual impacts of the antenna poles					
	Purpose of the site as a Public Park					
	Impact on Park Users					
MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC	Phoenix Precinct					
STATEMENT	Open Space					
APPLICANT	Victorian Amateur Turf Club					
PLANNING SCHEME	Public Park and Recreation Zone					
CONTROLS						
EXISTING LAND USE	Public Park/Caulfield Racecourse					
PUBLIC NOTICE	All adjoining properties notified					
	<ul> <li>439 notices sent (owners and occupiers)</li> </ul>					
	12 signs erected on site					
	2 objections received					
Application fee payable	\$815					
(fee increased by the State						
Government in 2009)						

## 1. Community Plan

- Town Planning and Development
- Open Space, Recreation and Leisure: to enhance the recreation, leisure and sporting facilities in Glen Eira so as to improve community wellbeing.
- **Community Facilities and Assets:** to ensure that Council assets meet community requirements and are funded in a sustainable manner.

#### 2. Recommendation

That Council:

Issues a Notice of Refusal for Application No. GE/PP-28130/2015 for the
construction of buildings and works (installation of horse racing timing system
comprising 31 antennas of which 19 to be attached to existing infrastructure and
12 to be attached to purpose built poles) in accordance with the grounds of
refusal contained in the Appendix.

## 3. Applicable Policies and Codes

## Glen Eira City Council

 Municipal Strategic Statement – Adopted by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1999 and approved by the Minister on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1999.

## 4. Reasons For Recommendation

In recommending that Council determines to refuse the proposal, consideration has been given to:

- All written objections and matters raised at the planning conference
- · Council's MSS
- · Council's Open Space Strategy

The key issues influencing the recommendation are as follows:

## **Crown Grant**

The Crown Grant designates the land to be used for "Race Course Public Recreation Ground and Public Park" uses. The use of the crown land, past and present, has been heavily weighted towards race course activities.

#### The Proposal

It is proposed to install a track timing system which is used to determine the location, speed and position of each horse during races by using radio tags in each horse's saddlecloth. This will require the installation of 31 antennas around the racecourse of which 19 antennas will be attached to existing infrastructure including light poles and the grand stand. The remaining antennas will be attached to purpose built poles of approximately 13 metres in height. The applicant indicates that there will also be 4 system control boxes containing IT hardware within the existing buildings and 8 system connection boxes spaced evenly around the racetrack.

Seven (7) of the purpose built poles are proposed to be installed along the eastern boundary, having direct views to the residential properties along Queens Avenue. Four (4) purpose built poles are located on the western side of the site, adjacent to Melbourne Racing Club freehold land and one (1) purpose built pole is located on the northern side, internal to the racetrack.

## **Zone Objectives**

It is acknowledged that other buildings and works including construction of a permanent infield electronic screen have been approved in the past. However, these are mostly at the northern end of the Crown Land where the bulk of the Race Course infrastructure is located. It is considered that the number, location and height of the purpose built poles are contrary to the purpose of the Public Park and Recreation Zone which seeks to 'recognise areas for public recreation and open space'. It is considered the current application represents a 'tipping point' where the proposed works represent on over-emphasis of the use of the land as a racecourse. It is considered that the application does not adequately respect the balance of the use of the land as a public park area or the adjoining residential interface.

## **Open Space Strategy**

Council's Open Space Strategy (dated 8 April 2014) states that, "The Caulfield Racecourse is zoned Public Park and Recreation Zone, however only a small part of this is accessible at certain times for the public to use. The Strategy has therefore referred to Caulfield Racecourse as restricted open space, meaning it is not freely available at all times for the public to use".

## **APPENDIX**

ADDRESS: 31 Station Street Caulfield East APPLICATION NO: GE/PP-28130/2015

## 1. Proposal

Features of the proposal include:

- 31 antennas around the racecourse of which 19 antennas will be attached to
  existing infrastructure including light poles and the grand stand. The remaining 12
  antennas will be attached to purpose built poles of approximately 13 metres in
  height and positioned around the racecourse.
- There will also be 4 system control boxes containing IT hardware within the existing buildings and 8 system connection boxes spaces evenly around the racetrack.
- The applicant has provided a letter from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), the State Government body that is the public land manager for the Crown Land. The letter states that DELWP does not object to the application for the racetrack timing system.

#### 2. Public Notice

- All adjoining properties notified
- 439 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
- 12 signs erected on site
- 2 objections received

The objectors' concerns are summarised as follows:

- Interference with the use of the land as a Crown Reserve
- Visual clutter
- Signals may interrupt radio and television signals
- Potentially dangerous (radiation emissions)
- The works will be an eyesore

## 3. Planning Conference

The Conference, chaired by Cr Pilling, provided a forum where all interested parties could elaborate on their respective views. Objectors mainly emphasised their original reasons for objection. It is considered that the main issues arising from the discussions were:

- Visual Impacts and additional clutter from proposed poles;
- · Impact onto the health of the jockeys; and
- Impact onto TV reception.

#### 4. Grounds of Refusal

- 1. The proposed works are inconsistent with Clause 15 (Built Environment and Heritage) of the State Planning Policy Framework of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme in the following ways;
  - The proposed works do not contribute positively to local urban character and sense of place;
  - The proposed works do not reflect the particular characteristics, aspirations and cultural identity of the community (in particular; to retain public open space that is free from visual clutter);
  - The proposed works do not minimise detrimental impact on neighbouring properties (particularly due to their close proximity to residential properties to the east).
- 2. The proposed works (in particular the purpose built poles) through their height and proximity to adjoining residential land and recreational open space are inconsistent with the policy directions of Clause 22.06 (Phoenix Precinct) of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme due to the following reasons:
  - The works do not ensure the highest possible standards of built form and architecture; and
  - The works do not adequately respects the Queens Avenue streetscape and residential interface.
- 3. The proposal has the potential to inhibit the two other purposes for the Crown Land- Public Recreation Ground, and Public Park.
- 4. The proposal contradicts the intent and objectives of the Public Park and Recreation Zone.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cr Lipshutz declared a Conflict of Interest in this item pursuant to Section 78B of the Local Government Act by reason of conflicting duties inasmuch as he is a Trustee of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust.

Cr Esakoff declared a Conflict of Interest in this item under Section 78B of the Local Government Act an indirect interest conflicting duties as she is a Trustee of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust.

Cr Hyams declared a Conflict of Interest in this item under Section 78B of the Local Government Act conflicting duties as he is a Trustee of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust.

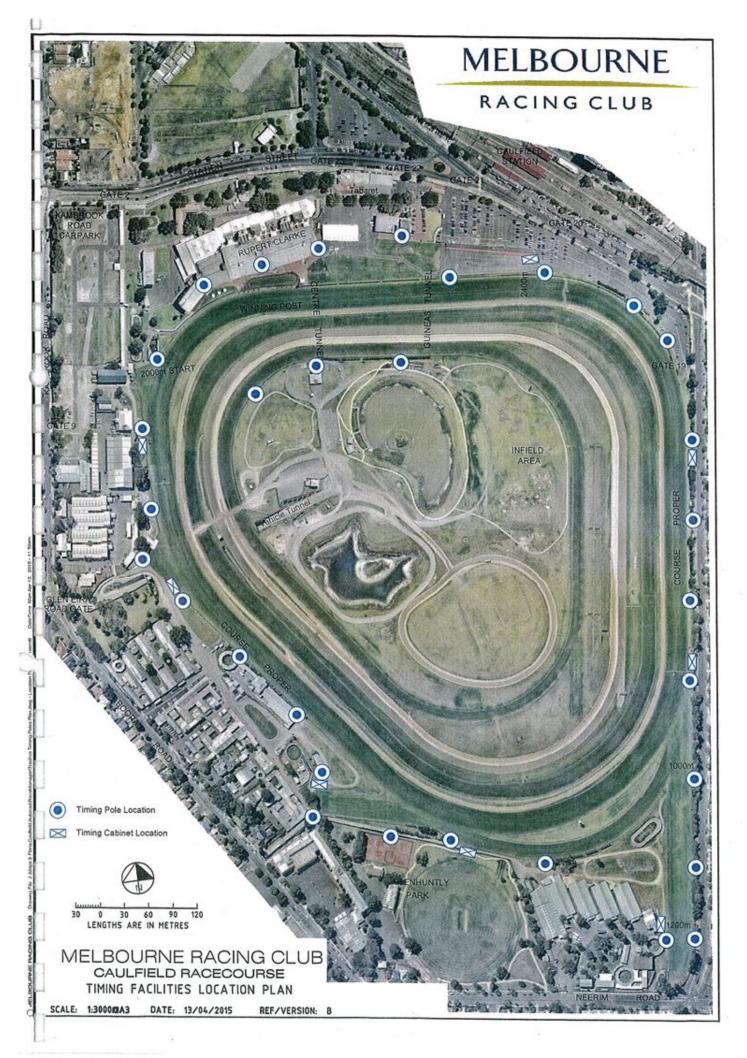
7.38PM Cr Esakoff, Cr Hyams and Cr Lipshutz left the Chamber.

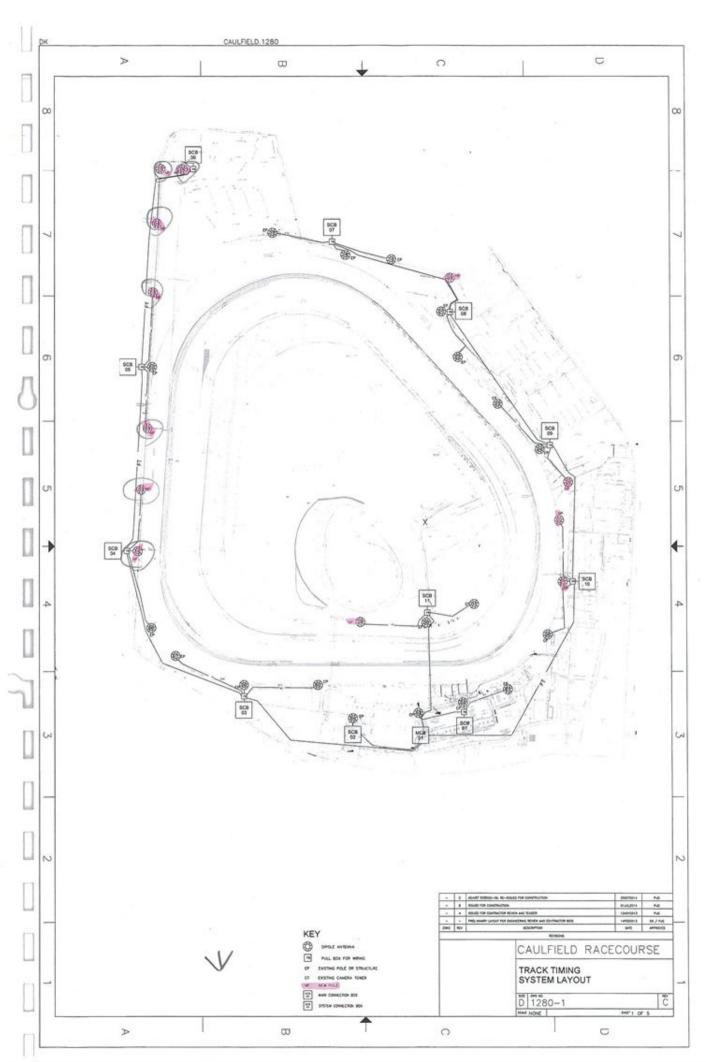
## **Crs Magee/Delahunty**

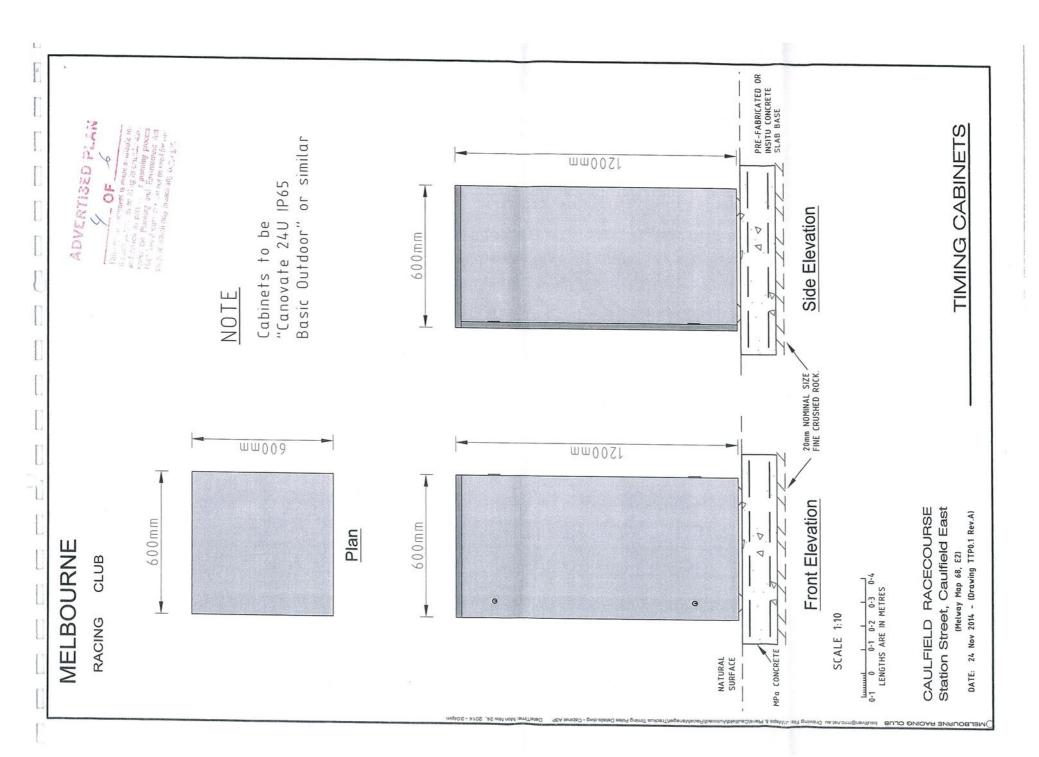
- 1. Council notes the report and adopts the recommendation.
- 2. Council writes to the State Government body that is the public land manager for the Crown Land at the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, (Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning) and ask for their approval to install six sports fields within the centre of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.
- 3. Upon reserving the Land managers consent, Council applies for a Planning permit to construct sports fields in the centre of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.
- 4. Council reports back to future Council meetings any responses they receive from the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning.
- 5. Council sends a copy of this Item to:
  - 1. Hon Lisa Neville, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water
  - 2. Hon Daniel Andrews MP, Premier
  - 3. Steve Dimopoulos MP, State Member for Oakleigh
  - 4. Nick Staikos MP, State Member for Bentleigh
  - 5. David Southwick MP, State Member for Caulfield
  - 6. Philip Dalidakis MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
  - 7. Sue Pennecuik MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
  - 8. David Davis MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
  - 9. Georgie Crozier MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan
  - 10. Margaret Fitzherbert MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan

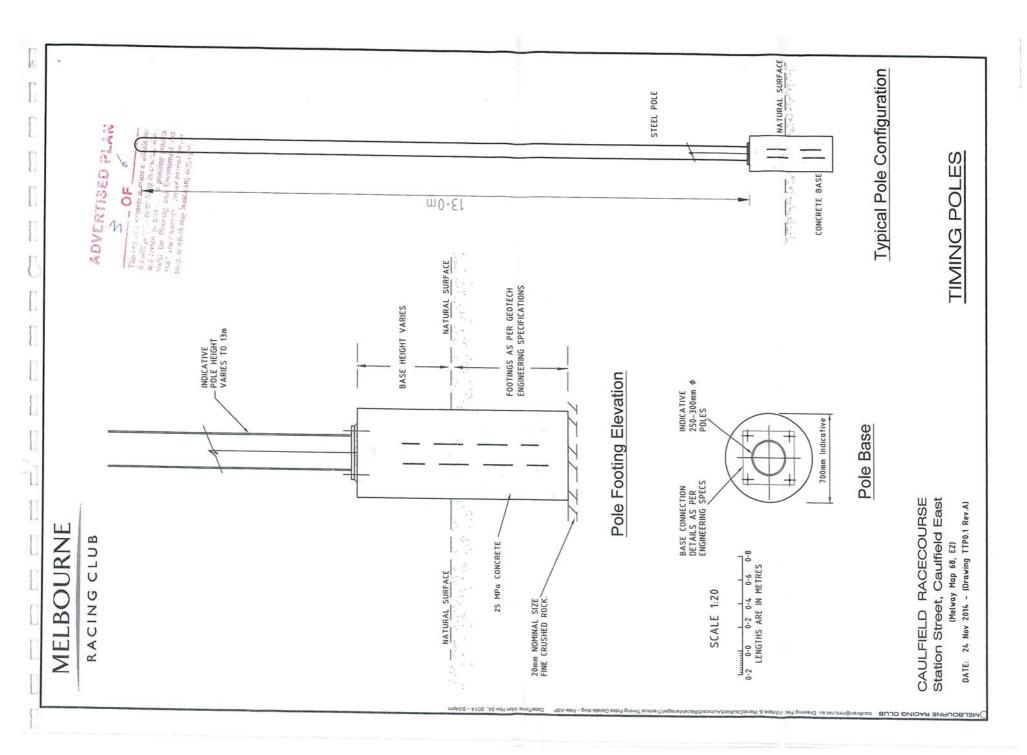
The MOTION was put and CARRIED.

7.55PM Cr Esakoff, Cr Hyams and Cr Lipshutz returned to the Chamber.









Item 9.2

86 Truganini Road CARNEGIE APPLICATION NO. GE/PP-28162/2015

File No: GE/PP-28162/2015 Enquiries: Ron Torres Director Planning & Transport



## **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

PROPOSAL	A three storey building above basement car park				
	comprising fourteen dwellings				
RECOMMENDATION	Notice of Refusal				
KEY ISSUES	Neighbourhood Character/Visual bulk				
	Car parking				
	Lack of landscaping				
	Compliance with ResCode				
MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC	Housing Diversity Area Policy – Tram Route				
STATEMENT					
APPLICANT	Buildstruct Group Pty Ltd				
PLANNING SCHEME	General Residential Zone, Schedule 2				
CONTROLS	Parking Overlay (PO2-3)				
	Special Building Overlay				
EXISTING LAND USE	Residential				
PUBLIC NOTICE	11 properties notified				
	16 notices sent (owners and occupiers)				
	1 sign erected on site				
	7 objections received				
Application fee payable	\$1,153				
(fee increased by the State Government in 2009)					

## 1. Community Plan

**Town Planning and Development:** to manage the rate and extent of change to the built environment consistent with State and Local Planning Policies to achieve a diversity of housing as sympathetic as possible to neighbourhood character.

#### 2. Recommendation

That Council:

Issues a Notice of Refusal for Application No. GE/PP-28162/2015 for the
construction of a three storey building above a basement car park comprising of
fourteen dwellings and a reduction in the visitor car parking requirements, on land
affected by the Special Building Overlay in accordance with the grounds of refusal
detailed in the Appendix.

## 3. Applicable Policies and Codes

## State Government

- Plan Melbourne
- Rescode

#### Glen Eira City Council

- Municipal Strategic Statement Adopted by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1999 and approved by the Minister on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1999.
- Housing Diversity Policy Adopted by Council on 18th October 2003, approved by the Minister on 28th October 2004

#### 4. Reasons For Recommendation

In recommending that Council determines to refuse the proposal, consideration has been given to:

- All written objections and matters raised at the planning conference
- · Council's MSS
- ResCode (Clause 55)
- · Other relevant considerations of the planning scheme

The key issues influencing the recommendation are as follows:

## Neighbourhood character and Visual bulk

The Housing Diversity Area Policy aims to encourage residential growth in areas that have been earmarked by the General Residential Zone as appropriate locations for increased density. These locations have been chosen due to their proximity to Commercial centres and good transport links.

However, the policy also seeks that the growth encouraged by the policy is sensitive of the interfaces with existing residential development on adjoining sites and respects the scale of existing residential development on adjoining sites.

In this case the proposed development does not achieve the above policy objectives. The large and bulky three storey building will dominate the adjoining single storey dwellings and create a visually obtrusive element in the street that does not respond to, or transition from, the dwellings to either side.

## Car parking

The application proposes to waive of one visitor car parking space. Access to car spaces within the basement also relies upon a 'turntable' (due to the limited width of the site). The waiver of one visitor car space and the overall design of the car park are not considered appropriate.

## Lack of Landscaping

The boundary to boundary nature of the basement car park will not allow for any meaningful landscaping along the side boundaries.

#### Compliance with ResCode

The proposal fails to comply with several ResCode standards relating to neighbourhood character, street setbacks, site coverage, side and rear setbacks, north facing windows, design detail and front fences. The non-compliance with these standards is indicative of a design that is not site responsive and is an overdevelopment of the site.

## **APPENDIX**

ADDRESS: 86 Truganini Road, Carnegie APPLICATION NO: GE/PP-28162/2015

## 1. Proposal

(Refer to attached plans)

Features of the proposal include:

- 14 Apartments in total (12 x 2 bedroom apartments & 2 x 3 bedroom apartments)
- Basement car parking comprising of 28 car spaces in 14 stackers
- Reduction of 1 visitor car space
- Vehicular access via a new crossover onto Truganini Rd
- Maximum overall building height of 9.45 metres
- Site coverage of 60.9% per cent

#### 2. Public Notice

- 11 properties notified
- 16 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
- 1 sign erected on site
- 7 objections received

The objectors' concerns are summarized as follows:

- Overshadowing
- · Traffic and car parking
- Overdevelopment/out of context
- Visual bulk and impact on adjoining private open spaces
- Devaluation of property of values
- Extent of basement
- · Apartments are not suitable for families
- · Safety of vehicular entry and egress
- Insufficient visitor parking
- Noise impacts
- · Insufficient landscape opportunities
- · Removal of street tree

## 3. Referrals

The application has been referred to various departments and individuals within Council for advice on particular issues. The following is a summary of relevant advice:

## Transport Planning

Transport planning object to the proposal for the following reasons:

• The waiver of one visitor car parking space is not supported due to the number of apartments proposed and the location of the site in an area where on street parking is at a premium.

- There are a number of issues with the car park layout that would need to be resolved prior to Transport Planning being satisfied with the layout. This may result in a further reduction in car parking spaces to achieve this.
- The use of dependent car stackers is not supported as they require the bottom vehicle to be moved to access the top space. As the basement has limited space it is unclear where the cars will be stored while this takes place.

## Parks Services

If the proposal is to proceed the street tree would need to be removed and replaced at cost to the permit holder. This is due to the location of the proposed crossover.

#### Melbourne Water

No objection.

## 4. Planning Conference

The Conference, chaired by Cr Jamie Hyams, provided a forum where all interested parties could elaborate on their respective views. Objectors mainly emphasized their original reasons for objection. It is considered that the main issues arising from the discussions were:

- Concerns with the level of excavation for the proposed basement and potential damage to buildings on surrounding land due to the excavation.
- The extent of the basement will not allow for landscaping on the site.
- The proposal is an overdevelopment of the site.
- The proposal is out of context with surrounding lower scale development and will have unacceptable visual bulk impacts onto surrounding residents.
- There is insufficient car parking provided on site and car stackers are not an ideal parking solution.
- · Noise impacts from future dwellings.

#### 5. Refusal Grounds

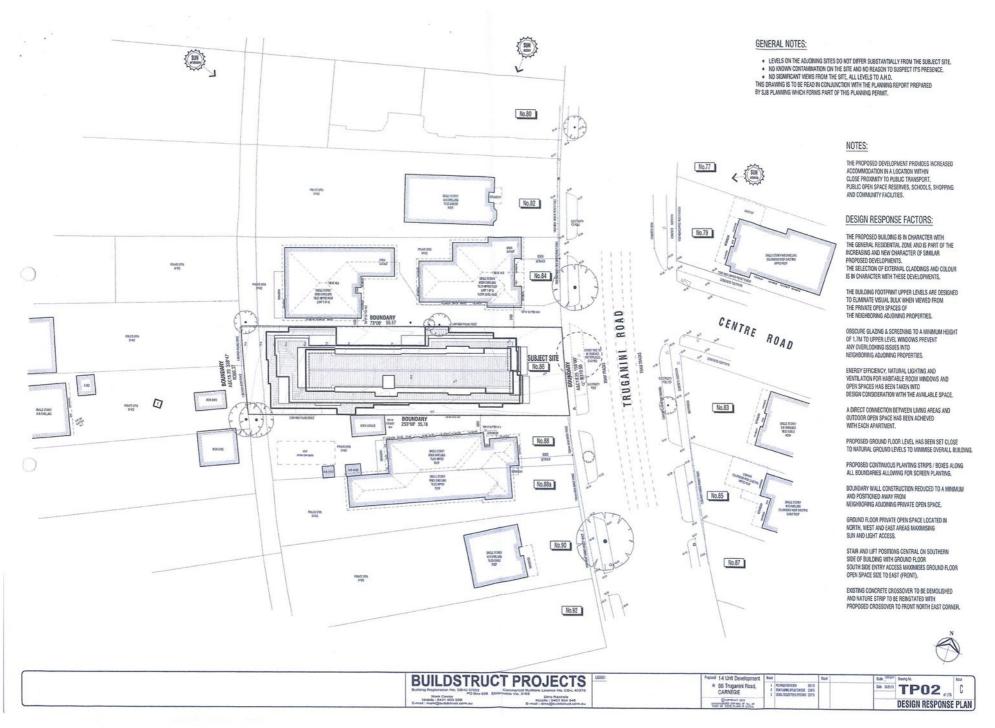
- The proposed development is inconsistent with the intent and objectives of Clause 22.07 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme (Housing Diversity Area Policy) in relation to:
  - Massing and extent of the development and lack of transition to the adjoining residential properties.
  - Excessive and unreasonable visual bulk impacts on the adjoining residential properties.
  - Visual dominance of the development within the existing streetscape.

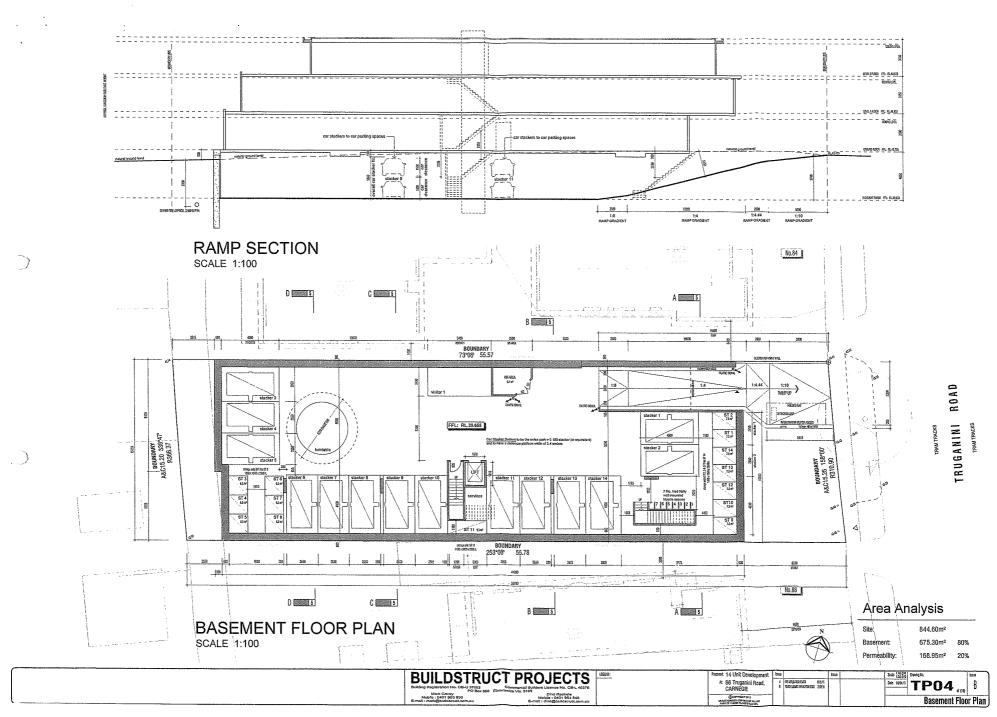
- 2. The proposal fails to meet a number of objectives and standards of Clause 55 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme including:
  - Clause 55.02-1 Neighbourhood Character
  - Clause 55.02-2 Residential Policy
  - Clause 55.03-1 Street Setbacks
  - Clause 55.03-3 Site Coverage
  - Clause 55.03-8 Landscaping
  - Clause 55.04-1 Side and Rear Setbacks
  - Clause 55.04-4 North Facing Windows
- 3. The proposal does not satisfy the requirements of Clause 52.06-8 (Design Standards) in relation to access, car parking spaces, access, ramp gradients and basement design.
- 4. The proposal does not satisfy the requirements of Clause 52.06 (Car Parking) as it seeks a waiver of one visitor space. This will result in an unreasonable reliance on street parking.

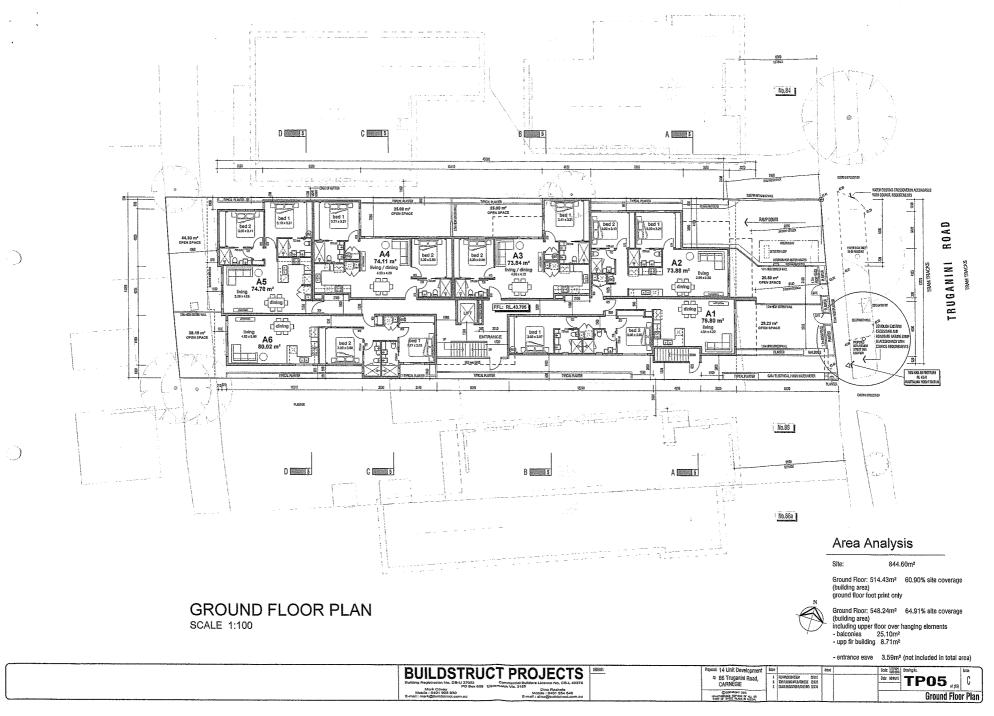
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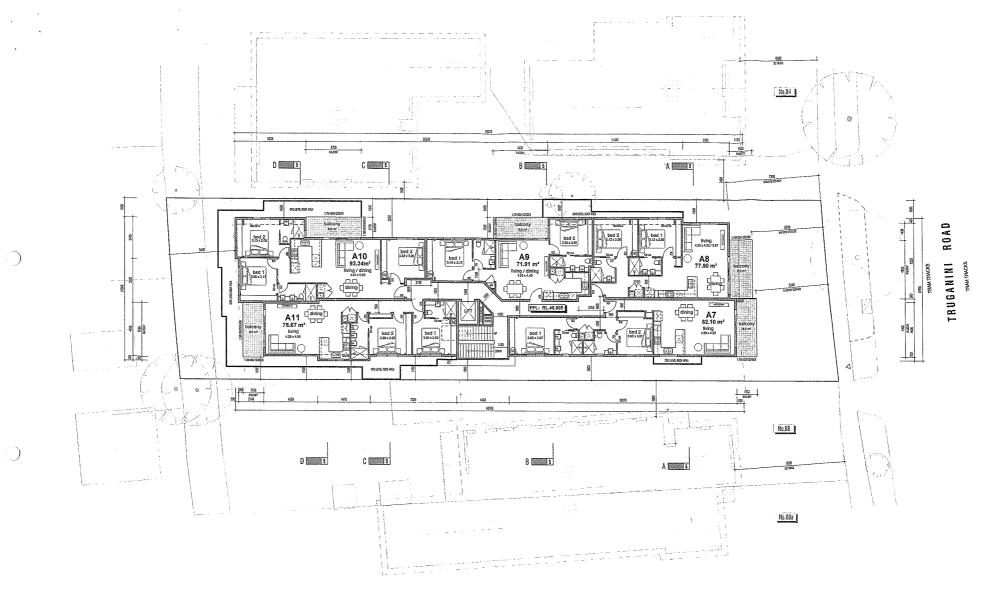
That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.









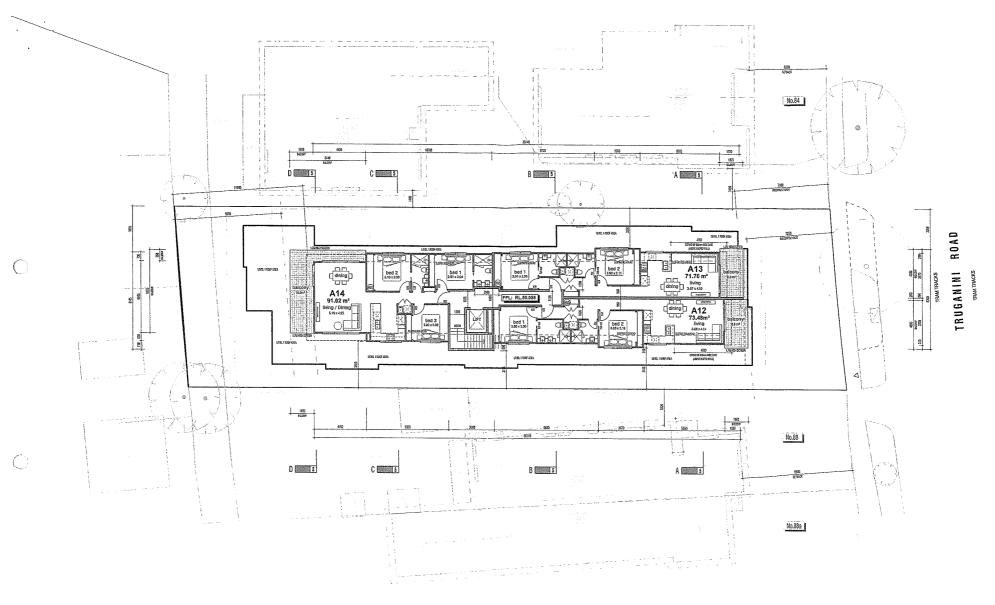
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Area Analysis

Level 1 Floor: 445.78m<sup>2</sup> (not including balconies)

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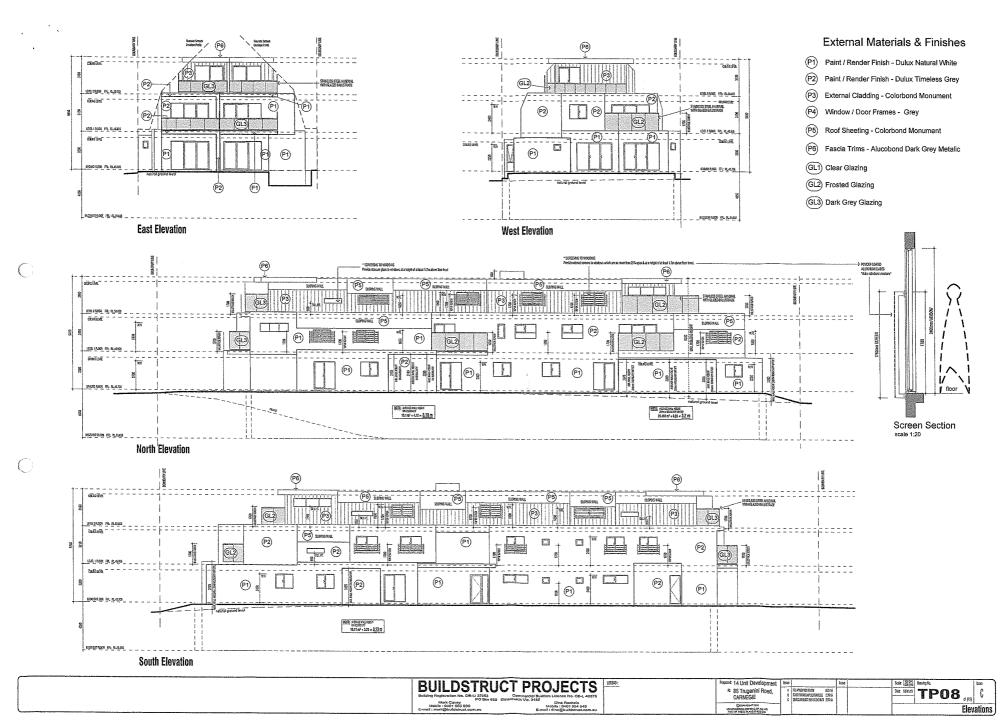
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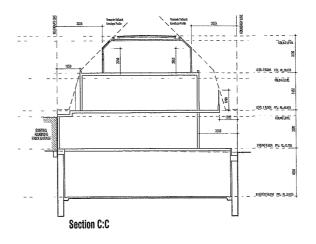
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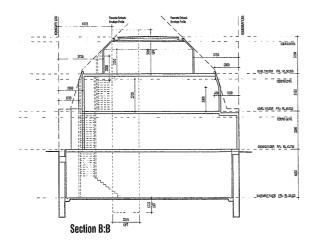
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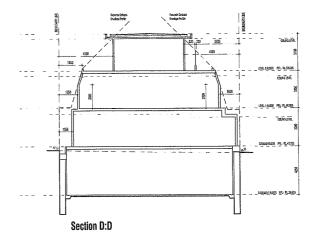
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#### Item 9.3

136-138 & 140-146 GLEN EIRA ROAD, ELSTERNWICK PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C139 **Enquiries: Russell Smith Principal Strategic Planner** 



## 1. Community Plan

## Town planning and development

To manage the rate and extent of change to the built environment consistent with State and local planning policies to achieve a diversity of housing as sympathetic as possible to neighbourhood character.

## 2. Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Adopts Amendment C139 as exhibited; and
- b) Requests the Minister for Planning to approve Amendment C139.

## 3. Proposal

The Amendment proposes to:

- Rezone the land at 136-138 and 140-146 Glen Eira Road from Commercial 2 Zone to the Mixed Use Zone.
- Introduce a new Schedule 3 to the Mixed Use Zone.
- Apply the Environmental Audit Overlay (EAO) over the land.

#### Item 9.3 (cont'd)

The amendment has been sought in order to allow for future mixed use development which incorporates dwellings. Under the current zoning (Commercial 2) dwellings are prohibited.

The request is a straight rezoning request in that there are no specific development plans.

#### 4. Planning Merits

#### Rezoning (Attachment 1)

A Commercial 2 Zone allows offices, manufacturing and light industry, and bulky goods retailing. Dwellings are prohibited.

The Mixed Use Zone seeks to "provide for a range of residential, commercial, industrial and other uses which complement the mixed-use function of the locality".

The Mixed Use Zone is considered to be a more appropriate zone in this location given that the abutting land to the west is already zoned Mixed Use and the land to the south and east is zoned Neighbourhood Residential.

A new Schedule 3 will form part of the Mixed Use Zone. This schedule will ensure detailed design issues can be considered to ensure any future development is compatible in this neighbourhood. The schedule will incorporate a mandatory maximum building height of 10.5 metres (3 storeys). The schedule will also include rear setback requirements of 4 metres for ground floor, 5.5 metres for first floor and 11.5 metres for second floor levels. Whilst it is acknowledged that properties to the rear (within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone) do not currently have their backyards abutting the subject properties, it is considered that the rear setback requirements are appropriate should these adjoining properties be redeveloped in the future.

Should the rezoning of the land be successful, any future development would still need to go through the standard town planning application process, together with public notice of the application. Any application must satisfy the approved mandatory maximum heights and should meet the rear setbacks.

#### **Environmental Audit Overlay**

The application of the Environmental Audit Overlay will ensure land is appropriate for residential and other sensitive land uses.

#### 5. Exhibition

The amendment was exhibited from 6th August - 7th September 2015.

There were no opposing submissions received regarding the amendment.

The EPA sent a letter supporting the application of the Environmental Audit Overlay.

#### Item 9.3 (cont'd)

As Council has <u>not</u> received a submission in opposition to the amendment an independent panel process is not required to be undertaken.

Council can therefore request that the Minister for Planning approve the amendment as exhibited.

#### 6. Planning Scheme Amendment Process

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. If Council agrees to exhibit an amendment, it does not necessarily follow that Council supports the proposal. Placing an amendment on public exhibition has an element of "testing the water". During the authorisation process, the Minister may also authorise Council to approve the amendment (if minor in nature).
- 2. If there are no submissions Council can 'adopt' or 'abandon' the amendment and forward it to the Minister for certification or approval. It only becomes law when / if it is formally approved and gazetted.
- 3. If there are submission/s opposed to the amendment, the Council has three options abandon the amendment, change the amendment in accordance with the submitter's 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.
- 5. The Panel may make a recommendation to:
  - adopt the amendment;
  - abandon the amendment; or
  - modify the amendment.
- 6. 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).
- 7. If Council adopts the amendment, it is then referred to the Minister for Planning for approval or certification.

With regard to the current proposal, Council is at Step 2. Given that no submissions have been received which opposes or requests a change to the amendment, Council is able to adopt the amendment and forward it to the Minister for approval.

# Item 9.3 (cont'd)

Crs Lipshutz/Delahunty

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

# Attachment 1 - Zone Map



PACKER PARK, CARNEGIE APPLICATION NO. GE/PP-28236/2015

File No: GE/PP-28236/2015 Enquiries: Ron Torres Director Planning and Transport



# **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

PROPOSAL	Erection of an electronic scoreboard sign
RECOMMENDATION	Planning Permit
KEY ISSUES	Visual and amenity impacts based on location of sign.
MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC	Open Space
STATEMENT	
APPLICANT	Andrew Kindred
PLANNING SCHEME	Public Park and Recreation Zone
CONTROLS	Special Building Overlay (pertaining to a portion of the
	site).
EXISTING LAND USE	Sporting ground / public open space
PUBLIC NOTICE	81 properties notified
	103 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
	No sign erected on site
	No objections received
Application fee payable	\$604

### Item 9.4 (cont'd)

# 1. Community Plan

- Town Planning and Development
- Recreation and open space: to enhance recreation facilities and open space to meet current and future needs of the local community.
- Sustainable community assets and infrastructure: to enhance and develop sustainable community assets and infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future generations.

#### 2. Recommendation

That Council:

 Issues a Planning Permit for Application No. GE/PP-28236/2015for the erection of an electronic scoreboard sign in accordance with the conditions contained in the Appendix.

# 3. Applicable Policies and Codes

#### State Government

Plan Melbourne

#### Glen Eira City Council

- Municipal Strategic Statement Adopted by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1999 and approved by the Minister on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1999.
- Dealing With Planning Applications and Planning Scheme Amendments Which Affect Council Owned Properties – Adopted 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2003

#### 4. Reasons For Recommendation

The sign will be located in the same location and face the same direction (south-west) as the existing scoreboard.

Council's assessment of the proposal is limited to the appearance, location and scale of the works. On each of these tests, it is considered that the proposed structure is reasonable, site responsive, and in an appropriate location in terms of facing the main sporting oval.

The screen will be well set back to any residential properties (to the east) and is considered appropriately located to avoid any unreasonable visual or amenity impacts.

# Item 9.4 (cont'd)

# **APPENDIX**

ADDRESS: 120 Leila Road CARNEGIE APPLICATION NO: GE/PP-28236/2015

# 1. Proposal

Features of the proposal include: (refer to attached plans)

- Electronic scoreboard located in the north-east corner of the main oval in the place of the existing scoreboard.
- Dimensions of the visual display: 2.8m high x 3.25m long.
- Screen will be mounted 3.0m above ground level with an overall height of 5.8m.

#### 2. Public Notice

- 81 properties notified
- 103 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
- No signs were erected on site
- No objections were received

#### 3. Referral Responses

The application was referred to Melbourne Water, who stated that they do not object to the proposal.

# 4. Conditions

- 1. The layout of the site and size, design and location of buildings and works as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority. Note: This does not obviate the need for a permit where one is required.
- 2. This Permit will expire if:
  - \* The buildings/works do not start within two (2) years from the date of this Permit; or
  - \* The buildings/works are not completed within four (4) years of the date of this Permit.

The Responsible Authority may extend the times referred to if a request is made in writing before this Permit expires or within three (3) months after the expiry date.

Advertising displayed on the scoreboard must only be displayed during the period of fixtured competition.

# Item 9.4 (cont'd)

#### NOTES:

- A. This Planning Permit represents the Planning approval for the use and/or development of the land. This Planning Permit does not represent the approval of other departments of Glen Eira City Council or other statutory authorities. Such approvals may be required and may be assessed on different criteria from that adopted for the approval of this Planning Permit.
- B. Any failure to comply with the conditions of this permit may result in action being taken to have an Enforcement Order made against some or all persons having an interest in the land and may result in legal action or the cancellation of this permit by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- C. Nothing in the grant of this permit should be construed as granting any permission other than planning permission for the purpose described. It is the duty of the permit holder to acquaint themselves, and comply, with all other relevant legal obligations (including any obligation in relation to restrictive covenants and easements affecting the site) and to obtain other required permits, consents or approvals.

# Crs Pilling/Okotel

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.



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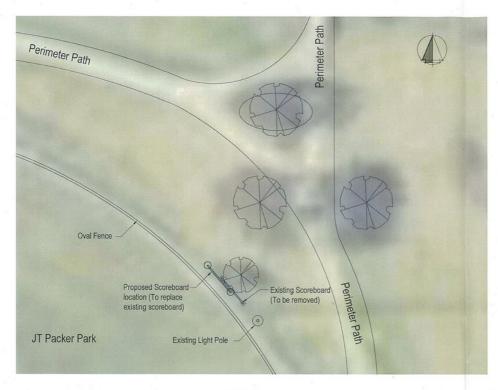


Washington Park Cricket Club Glen Eira Saints Football Club Proposed Replacement Scoreboard Locality Plan



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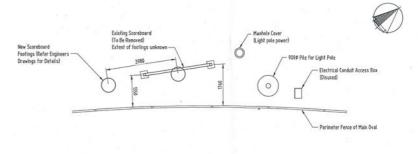
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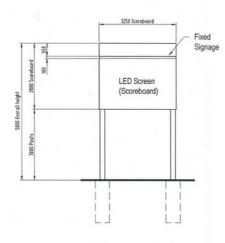
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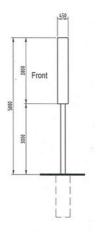


Washington Park Cricket Club Glen Eira Saints Football Club Signage and Illumination





New Scoreboard - Front Elevation Scale 150



New Scoreboard - Side Elevation Scale 150

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BENTLEIGH HODGSON RESERVE 1A HIGGINS ROAD, BENTLEIGH APPLICATION NO. GE/PP-28210/2015

File No: GE/PP-28210/2015 Enquiries: Ron Torres Director Planning and Transport



# **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

PROPOSAL	Convert the playing surface from natural turf to synthetic
	turf.
RECOMMENDATION	Planning Permit
KEY ISSUES	
MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC	Open Space
STATEMENT	
APPLICANT	Garry Moore
PLANNING SCHEME	Public Park and Recreation Zone
CONTROLS	Special Building Overlay
EXISTING LAND USE	Sports ground / public open space
PUBLIC NOTICE	87 properties notified
	<ul> <li>133 notices sent (owners and occupiers)</li> </ul>
	No sign erected on site
	No objections received
Application fee payable	\$102
(fee increased by the State	
Government in 2009)	

### Item 9.5 (cont'd)

# 1. Community Plan

- · Town Planning and Development
- Recreation and open space: to enhance recreation facilities and open space to meet current and future needs of the local community.
- Sustainable community assets and infrastructure: to enhance and develop sustainable community assets and infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future generations.

#### 2. Recommendation

That Council:

 Issues a Planning Permit for Application No. GE/PP-28210/2015 for the carrying out of works to Green No. 2 in association with the existing bowls club in accordance with the conditions contained in the Appendix.

# 3. Applicable Policies and Codes

# State Government

Plan Melbourne

# Glen Eira City Council

- Municipal Strategic Statement Adopted by Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1999 and approved by the Minister on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1999.
- Dealing With Planning Applications and Planning Scheme Amendments Which Affect Council Owned Properties – Adopted 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2003

#### 4. Reasons For Recommendation

The resurfacing of the existing green is proposed to significantly reduce the reliance on water, ongoing maintenance and costs associated with greens keeping.

The proposed resurfacing upgrades for the bowling green will improve the quality of the existing facility.

It is considered that the proposed works will not result in any unreasonable impacts on nearby residential properties.

#### Item 9.5 (cont'd)

# **APPENDIX**

ADDRESS: BENTLEIGH HODGSON RESERVE 1A HIGGINS ROAD, BENTLEIGH

APPLICATION NO: GE/PP-28210/2015

#### 1. **Proposal**

The replacement of the existing grass surface of Green No. 2 with a synthetic

#### 2. **Public Notice**

- 87 properties notified
- 133 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
- No signs erected on site
- No objections received

#### 3. **Conditions**

The layout of the site and size, design and location of buildings and works as 1. shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

#### 2. This Permit will expire if:

- The development does not start within two (2) years from the date of this Permit: and
- The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of this Permit.

The Responsible Authority may extend the times referred to if a request is made in writing before this Permit expires or within six months after the expiry date, if the development has not commenced. If the development has commenced, the Responsible Authority may extend the time referred to if a request is made in writing within twelve months of the expiry date.

#### Note:

- A. This Planning Permit represents the Planning approval for the use and/or development of the land. This Planning Permit does not represent the approval of other departments of Glen Eira City Council or other statutory authorities. Such approvals may be required and may be assessed on different criteria from that adopted for the approval of this Planning Permit.
- B. Any failure to comply with the conditions of this permit may result in action being taken to have an Enforcement Order made against some or all persons having an interest in the land and may result in legal action or the cancellation of this permit by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

# Item 9.5 (cont'd)

C. Nothing in the grant of this permit should be construed as granting any permission other than planning permission for the purpose described. It is the duty of the permit holder to acquaint themselves, and comply, with all other relevant legal obligations (including any obligation in relation to restrictive covenants and easements affecting the site) and to obtain other required permits, consents or approvals.

# Crs Hyams/Lobo

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

VCAT WATCH October 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	2 MALANE STREET, BENTLEIGH EAST
PROPOSAL	CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STOREY BUILDING
	COMPRISING NINE DWELLINGS
COUNCIL DECISION	REFUSAL (MANAGER)
PROPOSAL	THE PROPOSAL WAS AMENDED BY THE APPLICANT
CONSIDERED BY	PRIOR TO THE VCAT HEARING BY THE SUBSTITUTION
VCAT	OF DIFFERENT PLANS TO THAT ORIGINALLY
	CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL.
	THE KEY CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL WERE AS
	FOLLOWS:
	<ul> <li>ALTERATIONS TO THE VEHICLE ACCESSWAY; &amp;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>MODIFICATIONS TO DWELLING LAYOUTS AND</li> </ul>
	SIZES.
VCAT DECISION	REFUSAL
APPELLANT	MONARCO NOMINEES PTY LTD (APPLICANT)

"This [locating in a housing diversity area], however, does not mean that any form of apartment development is acceptable on the land. Regard must be given to the impact on the streetscape and also to the interfaces with adjoining properties." VCAT Member – Bill Sibonis

- The subject site is located within the General Residential Zone and is separated by commercial properties along Centre Road by a laneway.
- Council determined to refuse the application on grounds relating to its compatibility with the neighbourhood character, inadequate setbacks and insufficient car parking layout. The application also failed to satisfy a number of ResCode Standards.
- In determining the application, the Tribunal held that the built form of the
  proposed development did not respond appropriately to the existing
  residential development in Malane Street. Further, the Tribunal
  determined that the front setback, landscaping and residential use of the
  land was not a sufficient basis on which to conclude that the proposed
  development was an appropriate response to the neighbourhood
  character.

# Item 9.6 (cont'd)

 On that basis, the Tribunal affirmed Council's decision and directed that no planning permit issue.

# 3. Recommendation

That Council note:

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

# **Crs Lipshutz/Sounness**

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

# **VCAT WATCH**

# **NEW APPEALS LODGED**

# PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT LIST

HEARING DATE	APPEAL NO.	PROPERTY	PROPOSAL	ZONE	Council Decision	APPEAL AGAINST
05 October 2015	P1630/2015	31 Station Street Caulfield East	Construction of building and works to the Caulfield Racecourse "Glasshouse" building	PPRZ	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)
13 November 2015	P1705/2015	1A Moore Street Caulfield South	Partial demolition, alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	NRZ	Permit (Manager)	Conditions (Applicant)
24 November 2015	P1737/2015	33 Lahona Avenue Bentleigh East	Construction of two double-storey attached dwellings	NRZ1	Permit (DPC)	Conditions (Applicant)
21 January 2016	P1669/2015	27 Lilac Street Bentleigh East	Construction of four double-storey dwellings	GRZ1	Refusal (DPC)	Refusal (Applicant)

28 January 2016	P1708/2015	10 Sunnyside Grove, Bentleigh	Partial demolition, alterations and additions to the existing dwelling	NRZ	NOD (DPC)	NOD (Objector)
16 February 2016	P1739/2015	75 Mackie Road Bentleigh East	Use of the land to sell liquor in association with the existing supermarket	C1Z	Refusal (Resolution)	Refusal (Applicant)
22 February 2016	P1637/2015	2G & 2F Hudson Street, Caulfield North	Construction of two double-storey dwellings	NRZ	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)
02 March 2016	P1725/2015	12-14 Quinns Road Bentleigh	Construction of a three-storey building comprising thirty (30) dwellings	GRZ1	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)
03 March 2016	P1766/2015	2 Draper Street McKinnon	Construction of two double-storey attached dwellings	NRZ1	Refusal (Manager)	Refusal (Applicant)

# HALL STREET, McKINNON PARKING CONDITIONS

Ron Torres Director Planning and Transport

# 1. Proposal

At the 17 March 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved:

"That another assessment take place further into the school year, to determine whether the increased enforcement of illegal parking has changed the behaviour of motorists."

# 2. Community Plan

<u>Transport Planning</u> – To promote the safe movement of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic in a way that minimises the impact of traffic and parking on the local amenity and physical environment.

#### 3. Background - February 2015 Investigation

An assessment of the pedestrian, traffic and parking conditions at the intersection of McKinnon Road and Hall Street (see **Figure 1**) was undertaken by the Manager Transport Planning on the following occasions:

# Tuesday 10 February

- 7.45am to 9am; and
- 2.30pm to 4pm.

# Thursday 19 February 2015

- 7.45am to 9.15am; and
- 2.45pm to 3:45 pm.



Figure 1 - McKinnon Road and Hall Street intersection and surrounds

### Item 9.7 (cont'd)

The following observations were made during the February inspections:

- Traffic and pedestrian activity at the intersection increases during the school drop-off and pick-up periods. The increased activity occurs for approximately 15 to 20 minutes in the morning and approximately 10 to 15 minutes in the afternoon.
- Pedestrian activity along the northern side of McKinnon Road was highest particularly by students of the secondary college walking to school from the west.
   Pedestrians were able to safely cross Hall Street at McKinnon Road as there are good sightlines in all directions between pedestrians and drivers.
- Drivers turning into Hall Street gave way to pedestrians crossing Hall Street. This
  does cause traffic to queue behind them, but without any significant delay.
   Drivers turning out of Hall Street also gave way to pedestrians crossing Hall
  Street; again this caused no significant delay.
- A small number of school staff and a small number of parents park their cars in Hall Street both north of McKinnon Road and to an even lesser extent to the south. (There is adequate availability of parking for residents of the street.)
   Parked cars on both sides of Hall Street do not allow simultaneous two-way traffic. However, drivers are able to give way to oncoming traffic without any significant delays to either Hall Street or McKinnon Road traffic.
- A very small number of drivers illegally parked in No Stopping areas to drop off students although there was adequate availability of parking within a short distance. This is a matter that can be resolved through patrolling and enforcement.
- The observations indicate that the intersection is busiest for a very short period of time during each of the school-drop off and pick-up periods. It operates satisfactorily without any significant delays to motorists and pedestrians.
- The existing traffic conditions at the intersection of McKinnon Road and Hall Street do not warrant any further traffic management treatments.

# 4. Parking Enforcement

Parking enforcement was increased at the intersection. Over the four month period between May and September 2015 the area in the vicinity of the McKinnon Secondary College was patrolled during the school drop off and pick up periods. A total of 10 parking infringements were reported. The offences reported were for:

- Stopping in a No Stopping area (9 offences); and
- Stopping on footpath (1 offence).

Only one of these offences occurred at Hall Street; the offence of stopping on a footpath.

# Item 9.7 (cont'd)

# 5. Investigation

The Manager Transport Planning reinspected the intersection during the following periods:

#### Wednesday 19 August 2015

- 7.45am to 9am; and
- 2.30pm to 4pm.

#### Tuesday 15 September 2015

• 2.45pm to 4pm.

#### Wednesday 16 September 2015

7.45am to 9am.

The inspections revealed that the pedestrian and traffic conditions at the intersection have not changed since the February assessment. That is, there were no significant safety issues identified apart from motorists unlawfully parking in *No Stopping* areas. However, the number of vehicles illegally stopped in *No Stopping* areas to drop off/pick up students has decreased.

Enforcement will continue in an effort to further reduce any ongoing unlawful parking during these periods.

#### 6. Recommendation

That Council notes this report.

#### Crs Esakoff/Okotel

- a) Note this Report
- b) That enforcement continue in an effort to further reduce any ongoing unlawful parking and stopping, especially during drop-off and pick-up periods
- That a further assessment take place within twelve months to monitor any changes.

#### WOMEN'S SPORT - COUNCIL PAVILIONS

Paul Burke DCR

# 1. Purpose

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 1 September 2015, Council resolved:

"That a report be prepared setting out the work required so that all of Council's pavilions that accommodate women's and girls' sport cater appropriately for female users, including the officers' best estimate of the overall cost of bringing them to this standard."

# 2. Background

This report is independent of Council's Pavilion Strategy and should be read as such.

Council is the primary provider of community based sports and recreation facilities and is responsible for the maintenance and development of this infrastructure. Pavilions play a key role in the development, support and provision of community based sport. Over time community expectations have increased in relation to the quality and type of infrastructure provided.

Planning for community facilities is a dynamic and changing process, which is influenced by sporting trends, community needs, opportunities and the financial environment. The notion of single use pavilions has been replaced with the idea of multi-purpose facilities which are able to cater for sports clubs, male and female sports, all abilities, community groups and casual community users.

While the primary focus is to provide multi-purpose facilities, the amenities of each pavilion will vary in provision, size and scope depending on site constraints and local opportunity.

#### 3. Achievements to date

Many years ago, Council made provision in its ten-year Strategic Resource Plan to redevelop or upgrade pavilions progressively.

In November 2007 Council adopted the Priorities for Pavilion Upgrade Report which provided Council with a planned and evidence-based approach to the future redevelopment and upgrade of Council's 25 sports pavilions. The strategy is under continual review to ensure that changing circumstances are reflected and the scores and criteria remain relevant.

Council also developed a rolling budget allocation for the minor refurbishment (e.g. painting, replacement of bench tops, etc) of pavilions which includes change rooms and kitchens.

# Item 9.8 (cont'd)

The approach integrates community needs, the circumstances of particular pavilions and Council finances.

By implementing this approach, Council has redeveloped or partly upgraded the following facilities so that, among other improvements, they cater for male and female sports although not exclusively:

Pavilion Name	Facilities for females	Female teams use Pavilion
Caulfield Park Pavilion and	Yes	Yes
Community Room		
DC Bricker Pavilion Princes Park	Yes	Yes
Duncan McKinnon Reserve	Yes	Yes
Pavilion		
J Cooper Pavilion Centenary Park	Yes	Yes
Packer Park Pavilion	Yes	Yes
Princes Park Multipurpose	Yes	Yes
Pavilion		

Pavilion Name	Facilities for females	Female teams use Pavilion
* Bailey Reserve Cricket/Soccer	Yes	Yes
Pavilion		
Bentleigh Reserve Pavilion	Yes	No
* Caulfield Park Main Pavilion	Yes	Yes
East Caulfield Main Pavilion	Yes	No
Glenhuntly Reserve Pavilion	Yes	No
* McKinnon Reserve Pavilion	Yes	Yes
Murrumbeena Park Pavilion	Yes	Yes
* Victory Park Pavilion	Yes	Yes

Pavilion Name	Facilities for females	Female teams use Pavilion
** Bailey Reserve Softball Pavilion	Yes	Yes
** Moorleigh Pavilion	Yes	Yes

<sup>\*</sup> have one set of change / bath room facilities suitable for women sport however require works to the second set.

In many cases, the projects also provided facilities for all-abilities, first aid rooms, umpires' rooms, better kitchens and kiosks and community rooms for both the sporting and non-sporting communities.

This represents a substantial investment of council finances, a substantial improvement in facilities, increased participation and consequential benefits for community health and well-being.

<sup>\*\*</sup> have not had any change / bath room works undertaken; however they are currently fit for purpose.

#### Item 9.8 (cont'd)

#### 4. Future Needs

The Council Plan includes continuing to redevelop or upgrade pavilions to meet contemporary needs. The Strategic Resource Plan allocates \$1m per financial year from 2017/18. This is likely to see projects of approximately \$2m spread over two financial years.

The most effective way to continue to provide facilities for women and girls is as part of the redevelopment or upgrade of a particular pavilion as part of Council's existing Pavilion Strategy to which Council is already committed in terms of priorities and funding.

If, hypothetically, changing rooms for women and girls were upgraded or added, separately from the overall redevelopment or upgrade of pavilions, there would be a number of implications:

- Some pavilions or sites might not lend themselves to such an addition or upgrade other than as part of a coherent redevelopment.
- Some pavilions could have new female changing rooms but without addressing other fundamental needs (e.g. all-abilities access, first aid rooms, umpire facilities).
- Expenditure on female change facilities may not achieve value for money when the building is demolished and fully redeveloped.

For the purposes of responding to Council's resolution, a rough estimate of "the work required so that all of Council's pavilions that accommodate women's and girls' sport cater appropriately for female users", separately from the redevelopment or major upgrade of the buildings, that is to say outside of the Pavilion Strategy, would be of the order of \$3.1m. Officers do not recommend this approach.

If Council wishes to obtain more detailed and precise costings for each pavilion then each pavilion would require thorough investigation by a quantity surveyor to ensure that all considerations are factored into the costings.

There are nine remaining pavilions listed below. There are no specific facilities for females but in eight out of nine cases, the pavilions are used by female teams. These situations will be improved as each pavilion is upgraded or redeveloped.

Pavilion Name
Caulfield Park (grey brick) Pavilion
EE Gunn Baseball Pavilion
EE Gunn Football Pavilion
King George Reserve Pavilion
Koornang Park Pavilion
Lord Reserve Hex Pavilion
Lord Reserve Pavilion
Mackie Road Reserve Pavilion
Marlborough Reserve Pavilion

# Item 9.8 (cont'd)

# 5. Resourcing and Advocacy

In future years municipal rates will be capped by the State government under arrangements yet to be finalised. This will affect the total resources available to meet all community needs.

The state government has recently committed \$10m over four years to upgrade women's change rooms and facilities. This program is available to all councils. It would average \$31,000 per annum per council. That would have minimal impact. The federal government has no such funding program currently available.

Councils will need to advocate for further state and federal funding to address this issue.

#### 6. Recommendation

That Council note this report.

#### Crs Magee/Hyams

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

#### **REVIEW OF KING GEORGE RESERVE PAVILION**

Paul Burke DCR

#### 1. Purpose

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 11 August 2015, Council resolved:

"That a report be prepared as follows:

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

#### 2. Discussion

Council manages 25 sports pavilions which vary in in size, age, suitability and usage. Many were built as single purpose facilities and lack a number of key elements that are required to address today's needs and expectations. Problems include a lack of female toilets, insufficient and cramped rooms and a lack of support spaces such a first aid and referee's rooms.

In order to provide a strategic approach to redeveloping facilities, Council adopted a report, 'Priorities for Pavilion Upgrades' at its meeting on 27 November 2007. This strategy is a 'live' document that recognises changing circumstances to ensure that the scores and criteria remain relevant.

Since adopting the 'Priorities for Pavilion Upgrades' Council has progressively been upgrading/rebuilding its pavilions. In addition, various pavilions have had some minor works undertaken on their bathrooms, change rooms and kitchens.

King George Reserve Pavilion currently sits 8th in the priority list.

The Council Plan includes continuing to redevelop or upgrade pavilions to meet contemporary needs. The Strategic Resource Plan allocate \$1m per financial year from 2017/18. This is likely to see projects of approximately \$2m spread over two financial years.

In future, rates will be capped by the State government under arrangements yet to be finalised and announced. This will affect the total resources available to meet all community needs.

# 3. Estimated Capital Cost

The pavilion upgrade strategy lists King George Reserve Pavilion for major renovations, not replacement, at an estimated cost of more than \$2m.

#### 4. Recommendation

That Council note this report.

# Item 9.9 (cont'd)

# **Crs Magee/Delahunty**

- 1. Council notes the report
- 2. Council sends a copy of this Item to Nick Staikos MP, State
  Member for Bentleigh. And the tenants of the King George Reserve
  Pavilion

#### STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

File No:

**Enquiries: Peter Jones Director Community Services** 

# 1. Purpose

At the Ordinary Council meeting of 21 September 2015, Council resolved

'That Council prepare a report regarding what infrastructure projects Council may consider applying for a grant under the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme noting that eligible projects can attract up to \$27,200.00 on the basis that Council match the Federal Government's contribution on a dollar-for-dollar basis.'

# 2. Background

Stronger Communities Programme

The Stronger Communities Programme is a Federal Government initiative aimed at funding small capital projects that deliver a social benefit. In 2015/16 and 2016/17 \$150,000 is available to each Federal electorate to fund the Programme.

Not for profit incorporated organisations and Local Councils are eligible to apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000. All applications are required to demonstrate matched funding for the project in cash or in-kind.

#### Assessment Process

Each Federal Electorate is required to establish a consultation committee to identify priorities and subsequently invite applicants to lodge an application form.

Members of Parliament are responsible for undertaking an initial eligibility assessment; however the final assessment is undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

# 3. Council's Role

Council has a role to play in ensuring that the Programme is well publicised and that community groups are assisted to apply if required. Council has a data base and mailing list of all community groups in Glen Eira and frequently uses this data base to alert community organisations of funding opportunities. Each year Council, through its Community Grants process, receives grant requests totalling \$750,000 these organisations also frequently seek other funding opportunities.

Council is also eligible to apply for grants under the Stronger Communities Programme. Each electorate appears to be taking a slightly different approach to Council applications. Goldstein electorate has provisionally provided the two Councils within the electorate (Bayside and Glen Eira) to have access to \$80,000 of the total funding. Glen Eira City Council's proportion of this is \$27,200. Other electorates appear to be focusing more on applications from community groups.

### Item 9.10 (cont'd)

It is recommended that Council apply to the electorate of Goldstein Stronger Community Grants Programme to construct a toddler's playground at Allnutt Park. This Park is well used by families and hosts Council's most popular Party in the Park. The total cost of this project is approximately \$45,000 and Council could seek \$20,000 of funding for this project.

For those electorates where the focus appears to be on funding for community groups Council could assist by distributing information using Council's community group data bases and also assisting groups to apply.

#### 4. Recommendations

- a. That Council publicises the Stronger Communities Programme to all Community Groups within the municipality.
- b. That Council review 2015/16 community grant applications to specifically identify any community groups that meet the eligibility criteria and are still seeking funding for an infrastructure project. Council could then subsequently assist these organisations to apply for funding if appropriate.
- c. That Council apply to the Stronger Communities Programme in the Goldstein electorate for \$20,000 to assist with funding a toddler's playground at Allnutt Park

# **Crs Okotel/Pilling**

- (a) That Council publicises the Stronger Communities Programme to all Community Groups within the municipality that fall within electorates where grants are still open.
- (b) That Council review 2015/16 community grant applications to specifically identify any community groups that meet the eligibility criteria and are still seeking funding for an infrastructure project. Council could then subsequently assist these organisations to apply for funding if appropriate.
- (c) That Council apply to the Stronger Communities Programme in the Goldstein electorate for \$20,000 to assist with funding a toddler's playground at Allnutt Park.

# **WOMEN'S REFUGES IN GLEN EIRA**

File No:

**Enquiries: Peter Jones** 

**Title: Director Community Services** 

# 1. Purpose

At the Ordinary Council meeting of 1 September 2015, Council resolved

- 'That a report be prepared on:
- 1) the demand for Women shelter & refuges from family violence in the region,
- 2) the need for such a shelter to be based in Glen Eira which would provide a service for the region.
- 3) advocacy & funding roles that Council may offer for the development of such a shelter.

# 2. Background

Women's refuges are high security accommodation services for women and their children at immediate risk of harm, who need to find safe accommodation away from a violent partner or family member. The official term is 'secure women's refuge'. They operate throughout Victoria as a state-wide service.

The locations of secure women's refuges across Victoria are kept strictly confidential. All location information is highly restricted.

Women's refuges form part of the family violence service system where specialist domestic and family violence services, and other community and statutory service providers (including Victoria Police and Victorian Magistrates' Courts) work together and share information to support the safety of those experiencing family violence. This family violence service system is funded by the State Government.

There are three types of secure women's refuges;

- The communal model where up to five families are accommodated in the one residency (this is the traditional Women's Refuge Model);
- The cluster model which has up to five separate units on a block with a purpose built office; and
- The dispersed model which provides crisis assistance or spot houses in separate locations (this model provides medium security with no office on site).

If these accommodation options are exhausted, the women's refuge system often uses motels to accommodate women and children.

In Victoria, access to the secure women's refuge system is through *Safe Steps – Family Violence Response Centre*, a telephone crisis line that serves as the central contact point for women's refuges in Victoria.

# Item 9.11 (cont'd)

# 3. The demand for Women's refuges in the region

The demand for women's refuges has increased throughout Victoria. In Victoria, Safe Steps places 50 women and their children in motels every night, where they wait for a place in a refuge to become available. Five years ago, this wait was only one night in a motel, now the wait is on average five nights. The wait is getting longer because refuges are filled with women who are unable to move on into affordable housing and have nowhere else to go<sup>1</sup>.

The need for refuges can also be demonstrated by looking at homelessness data. The principal cause of homelessness among women is domestic/family violence. The Vichealth report – Preventing Violence against Women in Australia identifies that 55 per cent of women who seek housing support do so because of domestic/family violence. In addition;

- 43.5% are single women aged 25 years and over, and
- 23% are young women under the age of 25.<sup>2</sup>

# 4. The need for such a shelter to be based in Glen Eira that would provide a service for the region.

Officers made contact with various family violence service providers in the preparation of this report including *Emerge, Safe Steps and Connections*, and were able to confirm that there are no secure women's refuges based in Glen Eira. However, there is a women's refuge in very close proximity to Glen Eira's borders.

A woman who lives in Glen Eira would rarely be housed in women's refuge in the Southern Region. They would usually be sent to a secure women's refuge based in the Northern, Eastern or Western Regions or in a rural location. On this basis, it would not benefit women of Glen Eira escaping violence to have a women's refuge located in the municipality.

Because women seeking refuge are usually placed outside of the municipality, the need for women's refuges is managed as a state-wide issue.

#### 5. Council's role in issues associated with Family Violence.

As previously outlined in the report to Council on 11 August 2015 'Violence against women in Glen Eira', Council undertakes a number of activities fostering family violence prevention and cultural change. These include:

- Providing information in places accessible to women;
- Undertaking family safety assessments with new mothers in Maternal and Child Health;
- Promoting 'White Ribbon Day';
- Encouraging local community groups to undertake activities which shape cultural norms and attitudes that are based on respect and gender equality; and
- Taking an active role in local, regional and state-wide family violence networks.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Home Truths – The costs and causes of Domestic Violence – Jess Hill, 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Preventing Violence Against Women in Australia – Research Summary pg 7 Vic Health 2011

# Item 9.11 (cont'd)

The Report of the Royal Commission into family violence is due to be presented to the Government on 29 February 2016. A key theme in community consultations of the Royal Commission has been difficulties in accessing crisis services; including housing and women's refuges.

The Commission is currently analysing the evidence and information gathered through hearings, submissions and consultations. A series of private stakeholder and expert roundtables is expected to be held in September 2015, and a limited number of hearings in mid-October 2015 to finalise information gathering. The Royal Commission is likely to address the issue of housing associated with family violence and any future advocacy on this issue would be better informed once the recommendations of the Royal Commission are known.

#### 6. Recommendations

That Council notes the report.

#### Crs Sounness/Delahunty

- (a) That Council adopt the recommendation in the report.
- (b) On the handing down of findings of the Royal Commission into Family Violence, a report be prepared on any relevant recommendations relating to Town Planning, Local Government and to Glen Eira.

# FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE GRANT APPLICATIONS

**Enquiries: Paul Burke Director Community Relations** 

# 1. Proposal

To seek Council agreement to the attached recommendations in respect of grant applications made to the Foundation for Youth Excellence and to authorise the nominated payments.

# 2. Recommendation

That Council;

- a. Agree the recommendations contained in the attached document.
- b. Authorise the nominated payments in the documents.

# Crs Esakoff/Hyams

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

### Item 9.12 (cont'd)

#### FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH EXCELLENCE GRANTS

#### **Background**

The Foundation for Youth Excellence is a Glen Eira City Council program, which recognises young people who have achieved excellence in the fields of creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport. Grants are awarded to young people who aim to achieve further success in their chosen field.

Young people aged between 10 and 25 (inclusive), living in the City of Glen Eira who are competing or performing at state, national or international level in creative and performing arts, education, leadership or sport activities, are eligible to apply.

#### **Selection Criteria**

Categories cover Creative and Performing Arts, Education, Leadership and Sport. Within these categories are three levels upon which grant amounts are decided. These levels are State, National and International competition.

STATE: Up to \$360 NATIONAL: Up to \$600.00 INTERNATIONAL: Up to \$1,200.00

Applicants are required to provide the following as part of the set guidelines for the Foundation:

- A letter outlining the significance of the nominated event as recognised by a state, national or international body, including the impact that this event will have on the applicant with a view to enhance their chosen pursuit;
- The individuals state, national and or international ranking;
- Evidence of potential to achieve success at national and or international level;
- Evidence from the organisational body outlining how the applicant was chosen for the event and the selection criteria used to make this decision;
- An indication of the number of training / study hours per week, or additional documents that supports their application.

#### Recommendations Quarter 3, 2015

COCHRAN, Erica
Category: Sport
Level: National

Applicant selected to represent Victoria at the Under 19's Australian Badminton Championships in Burnie, Tasmania.

**Recommendation:** \$600

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses.

# Item 9.12 (cont'd)

**DIXON**, Hannah

Category: Sport

Level: International

Applicant selected to represent Australia at the World Dragon Boat Racing

Championship in Welland, Canada.

Recommendation: \$1200

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses.

FELDMAN, Rashelle

Category: Sport Level: National

Applicant selected to represent Victoria at the 2015 Australian Gymnastics

Champions in Melbourne, Victoria

Recommendation: \$600

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses.

JOBLING, Hamish

Category: Sport Level: National

Applicant selected to represent Victoria at the 2015 Australian Karate Federation

National Championship in Adelaide, South Australia.

**Recommendation: \$600** 

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses.

LISTON, Caitlin

Category: Creative & performing arts

Level: International

Applicant selected to study ballet at the International Dance Academy Berlin in Berlin,

Germany.

Recommendation: \$1200

Funding to contribute towards tuition and equipment expenses.

MCMILLAN, Ailsa

Category: Sport

Level: International

Applicant selected to represent Australia at the FAI (Fédération Aéronautique Internationale) Junior World Gliding Championships in Narromine, Australia

Recommendation: \$800

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses.

Note: The full international amount was not awarded as the competition is held within

Australia.

# Item 9.12 (cont'd)

MORRISSEY, James

Category: Creative and performing arts

Level: State

Applicant selected to perform as part of the Melbourne Youth Wind Symphony 2015 ensemble program. Performing at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Recommendation: \$360

Funding to contribute towards registration fees

MORRISSEY, Teresa Category: Sport Level: National

Applicant selected to represent Victoria at the 2015 Girls Football Federation

Australia National Talent Challenge in Canberra, ACT

Recommendation: \$600

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses

O'LEARY, Charlotte

Category: Leadership Level: National

Applicant nominated to attend the National Student Leadership Forum in Canberra,

**ACT** 

Recommendation: \$600

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses

PAI, Siddharth

Category: Sport Level: National

Applicant selected to represent Victoria at the 2015 National Karate Championships

in Adelaide, South Australia

Recommendation: \$600

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses

PUTAMORSI, Ben

Category: Sport Level: National

Applicant selected to represent Victoria in swimming at the School Sport Australia

Pacific School Games in Adelaide, South Australia

Recommendation: \$600

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses

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# STAEDEL-ARNOULD, Yanni

Category: Sport

Level: International

Applicant attending a basketball tour and training camp in the USA.

Recommendation: NIL

Not eligible for FFYE funding. Application does not meet FFYE funding criteria as application is for neither a recognised representative team nor a recognised competition

# **WAKIM**, Sabastian

Category: Sport

Level: International

Applicant selected to represent Australia at the World Dragon Boat Racing

Championship in Welland, Canada.

Recommendation: \$1200

Funding to contribute towards registration and competition expenses

# **CAULFIELD PARK - AMPHITHEATRE ROSE GARDEN**

Paul Burke DCR

# 1. Purpose

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 September 2015, Council resolved:

"That a report be prepared for the next Council Meeting as to the feasibility and if suitable the implementation for the planting of an extensive rose garden on the site of the former amphitheatre at Caulfield Park. The report should identify an appropriate area and cost of planting."

# 2. Background

The Caulfield Park Master Plan contains a reasonably comprehensive history of Caulfield Park. The following information pertaining to rose gardens in Caulfield Park is drawn from the research undertaken in developing the master plan.

"Little remains in the way of shrub plantings or garden beds within Caulfield Park. Any

major garden areas were believed to have been removed as part of the 1970's Master

Plan works, including the removal of the large rose garden in the south west of the site" (page 27) (Note – this is the site of the lake).

"The lake was constructed in the 1970's as the major feature of the Caulfield Park Master

Plan prepared by Earle and Partners. Previously a large sector shaped rose garden had occupied the area". (page 39)

"...high-maintenance municipal gardening is a practice which has been largely phased out in public parks and gardens".

# 3. Caulfield Park Master Plan

The recommendation in the approved Caulfield Park Master Plan that relate to rose gardens is as follows:

"Ornamental rose plantings are proposed to provide a major decorative feature to the north-west of the site. This should be maintained to the highest standard, not only by the effective pruning and under-planting of roses but also by the use of seasonal display colour to enhance the area." (page 85). (Note – this is the corner of Hawthorn and Inkerman Roads and would create a focal point entry to the Park)."

# Item 9.13 (cont'd)

# 4. Estimated Development and Maintenance Costs in the area identified in the Master Plan.

Former Amphitheatre site. The area of the former amphitheatre is approximately 251m2. An indicative cost to develop a 250m2 rose garden on a greenfield site (excluding any structural elements and architectural embellishments) is approximately \$115k - \$140k. An allowance of \$5k would need to be made for establishment costs and the recurrent maintenance cost would be approximately \$10.5k per annum.

<u>Corner Hawthorn and Inkerman Roads</u>. A more detailed landscape concept plan would need to be prepared to consider the existing vegetation and infrastructure if developing the north-west site as per the Master Plan.

An indicative cost to develop a 2200m2 rose garden on a greenfield site (excluding any structural elements and architectural embellishments) is approximately \$650k - \$800k. An allowance of \$50k would need to be made for establishment costs and the recurrent maintenance cost would be approximately \$100k per annum.

# 5. Resourcing

Due to the very short turnaround for this report, these costings are rough estimates. If Council were to decide to proceed then more work would need to be undertaken to establish detailed and precise costings.

The Open Space Strategy has identified a number of Gap Areas where there is no public open space. Resources are being prioritised to addressing those situations. Caulfield Park is probably already the best park in the municipality. (In the last 10 years Council has invested \$12.7m in capital projects in Caulfield Park.)

In future, rates will be capped by the State government under arrangements yet to be finalised and announced. This will affect the total resources available to meet all community needs.

#### 6. Consultation

There has been no consultation on any proposal for the addition and implementation of a rose garden in any part of Caulfield Park.

#### 7. Recommendation

That Council consider any potential rose garden in the budget process for 2016-17 in the context of

- the Open Space Strategy to address areas of the municipality with no public open space and
- the arrangements for rate setting.

# Item 9.13 (cont'd)

Crs Lipshutz/Sounness

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

# **Street view, corner Hawthorn and Inkerman Roads**



# Aerial, corner Hawthorn and Inkerman Roads



# 2200m2 (approximately)



# BOORAN RESERVE, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Paul Burke DCR

# 1. Background

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

"That a report be prepared on options for Council to consider at the new Booran Park that would provide permanent acknowledgement and recognition of the indigenous peoples on whose traditional lands the new park will be created. The report should also outline indigenous involvement at the official opening of the park. All options are to be presented after undertaking consultation with local indigenous groups."

#### 2. Discussion

The design team have sought to provide the permanent acknowledgment and recognition of indigenous peoples at what is the principal entry point to the new park at the site of the former sluice which is itself a major feature reflecting the sites former use. The sluice entry is sited on Booran Road. Even though the design of the new park was already substantially advanced at the time of this request the design team believe the principal entry point to the new park is the most fitting place within the park for the acknowledgement and recognition of indigenous peoples. A graphic is attached.

The acknowledgement and recognition will outline the connection to the land of the indigenous peoples with information specific to the Port Phillip region. This will include an overview of local clans, way of life and significant societal customs.

This builds on the acknowledgement and recognition of indigenous peoples in Mallanbool Park. Murrumbeena.

The text is currently with **The Boon Wurrung Foundation** who represents the traditional people and custodians of the lands from the Werribee River to Wilson Promontory and members of the Kulin People. Mr Dean Stewart from the Foundation's heritage consultancy team wrote the information for Mallanbool Reserve.

Whilst the opening of the park is still some time away, initial thoughts to date are to include a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony in the official opening of the new park which will be subject to further discussions with the **Boon Wurrung Foundation**.

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# 3. Recommendation

That Council note that the representative of the Boon Wurrung Foundation heritage consultancy team who wrote the information for Mallanbool Reserve is working on the information for Booran Reserve.



# **Crs Lipshutz/Pilling**

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

#### **DUMPED RUBBISH HOTSPOTS**

File No:

**Enquiries: Peter Waite** 

Title: Director Assets and Facilities

# 1. Purpose

On 12 August 2014, Council noted a report on dumped rubbish in Glen Eira and Council's approach to addressing it. In response, Council resolved in part:

"... 2. Provide a report in 12 months measuring the success of the new reporting mechanisms available in hard rubbish collection trucks in combatting dumped rubbish."

On 5 November, Council further resolved:

"That Council investigate the success or otherwise of new measures taken by Port Phillip, Whitehorse and Monash Councils to combat dumped rubbish and report back to an Assembly of Councillors within 12 months."

This report responds to both resolutions

# 2. Community Plan

The Community Plan seeks to maintain a safe, clean and attractive City.

#### 3. Background

In the City of Glen Eira most 'dumping' is done by residents putting relatively small quantities of household goods on nature strips. While some people undoubtedly know this is illegal, others do so because they are unaware of the legal alternatives or are making the goods available for others to reuse.

In 2013, Council completed a comprehensive review of its hard rubbish collection service and associated approach to dumped rubbish (refer to Item 9.3, Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes, 21 May 2013). The review examined the experiences of over 30 metropolitan councils.

A new contract for hard rubbish and dumped rubbish collection started on 1 July 2014. Having regard to the 2013 review, it includes a new component of proactive monitoring by the contractor. Previously, identifying dumped rubbish for removal relied almost entirely on reports from residents.

Dumped rubbish is now identified in four ways; through customer requests, through a monthly inspection of all streets by the contractor, by the contractor's operator of the hard rubbish collection vehicle and by Council officers own inspections. The contractor collects dumped rubbish within four days of it being reported.

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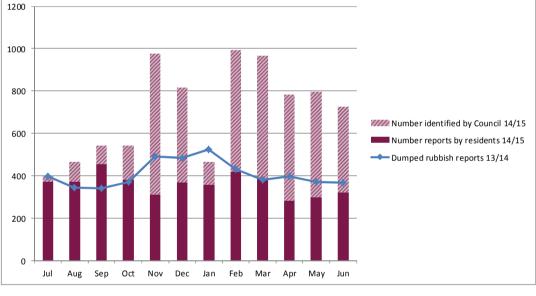
# Report on success of new reporting mechanisms

Dumped rubbish reports received from the public decreased slightly since proactive reporting of dumped rubbish by the contractor has been introduced. Anecdotally, there seems to be less rubbish visible on Glen Eira streets.

The increase in proactive reporting and collection has reduced the length of time that dumped rubbish persists on naturestrips, which improves the amenity of the City. The amount of rubbish proactively identified and removed increased markedly in November 2014-15 when the contractor commenced the new process of proactive identification<sup>1</sup>.

**Dumped Rubbish 2014/15** 1200 1000 800

Extract from the Services report 2014-15: Dumped rubbish



# Reducing the incident of dumped rubbish

Council's main tool to reduce dumped rubbish is to provide a convenient, easy to use hard rubbish collection service. Residents are able to book a collection on-line (now more than 20 per cent of bookings), over the telephone or in person at Council's Customer Service Centre. Council then arranges to collect within four days; usually less.

Where dumping has occured, Council collects the rubbish and then letter drops nearby households. The letter provides details of how to correctly dispose of hard rubbish and reminds residents that dumping rubbish is an offence.

 $^{
m 1}$  In January, the contractor had problems with resourcing and did little to proactively identify and collect dumped rubbish in that month.

# Item 9.15 (cont'd)

It is likely that total number of collections of dumped rubbish will decline over time as Council removes the "backlog" of rubbish from the streets and the effect of ongoing follow up education takes hold. This should mean that dumped rubbish continues to become less visible in Glen Eira's streets.

#### Recycling

Recycling of dumped rubbish has been introduced since the new contract started and is now at around 20 per cent.

Ewaste, steel, cardboard and hard plastic are now picked up. Gas bottles are safely handled and then also recycled.

#### 5. Update on experience of other councils

A report to the 5 November 2014 Ordinary Council meeting outlined the results of a survey of the approach of neighbouring councils. It found that they are doing similar things to combat the problem. Further, it found that several neighbouring councils still only collect dumped rubbish when a community member reports the dumping.

The 2014 report identified three councils using different options for which an update is provided below.

# Port Phillip City Council

This council collects hard and dumped rubbish in each street on a weekly basis. In the last 12 months it has seen an increase in the number of hard rubbish collections but, number of dumped rubbish collections has remained about the same.

The disadvantages of the Port Phillip model compared to the Glen Eira's likely outweigh advantages. Disadvantages include:

- it is considerably more expensive;
- it takes up to a week before people reporting dumped rubbish see it removed (in Glen Eira it is four days);
- hotspots are only serviced weekly (the Glen Eira model allows more frequent collection if necessary); and
- hard rubbish collections can take up to a week from date of booking (it is only four days in Glen Eira).

#### The main advantages are:

Port Phillip can guarantee dumped rubbish will be collected within a
week of dumping (in Glen Eira it can be up to a month although the
average is likely to be much less, especially in hotspots); and

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• as collections days are known in advance, hard rubbish can be placed out the night before rather than up to four days prior in Glen Eira.

# Whitehorse City Council

Whitehorse has been trialling monthly collections within some multi-unit properties where dumping has been an historic problem. In 2014 they reported some initial success with this approach in localised areas. Whitehorse has confirmed that they provide this option when they are asked to do so by the owners' corporation, but do not have information available about how many properties it reaches. It is not an approach that could be used at all properties.

It remains officer's view that Whitehorse's approach to multi-unit developments would have very limited application to reducing dumped rubbish in Glen Eira.

# Monash City Council

Monash uses some education materials in languages other than English. The approach they have used appears to be similar to Council's approach which is to have a range available in other languages. Monash were not able to provide information about how effective or widespread this has been.

#### 6. Discussion

The service changes Council made in 2014 appear to have started to reduce the amount of dumped rubbish reported by residents. Performance is reported regularly as part of the services report.

Officers continue to work with the contractor to refine their monitoring schedule. It is anticipated that overtime, the service changes and the associated education activities will continue to reduce the impact of dumping.

Officers recommend persisting with the operational adjustments and education to see if further improvements can be made.

#### 7. Recommendation

That Council note this report.

#### **Crs Okotel/Sounness**

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

9.24PM Cr Delahunty left the Chamber.

#### **COMPLAINT HANDLING**

# Enquiries Paul Burke DCR

# 1. Purpose

This report responds to a Resolution at Agenda Item 9.9 of the Council Meeting held on 30 June 2015 as follows:

That the recommendation in the report be adopted and that officers continue to consult with the Ombudsman on the incorporation into the Complaints Handling Policy of reporting on performance, and report back to Council with their recommendations in relation to this.

# 2. Background

As the Ombudsman Victoria said in her recent report entitled 'Councils and Complaints – A report on current practice and issues' and 'Councils and Complaints – A good practice Guide', published February 2015;

"....complaints are one of the most valuable sources of data available to councils. They represent free feedback about services and, if used effectively, are a catalyst for service improvement."

Over the years Glen Eira City Council has used such feedback to develop practices and processes that have led to significant service improvements that in turn have led to greater community satisfaction with Council. The Council has a recognised positive culture around dealing with complaints and Council's Service Centre is an award winning industry leader providing residents with a one stop shop to have their matters dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Even where Council is a regulator, Council's approach is one of 'Reasonable Laws, Reasonably Enforced'.

The progress that Glen Eira City Council has made is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that in recent years State Government Community Satisfaction Surveys, Glen Eira has been rated 1st in the State for Customer Service.

#### 3. Outcomes of Complaints

It is not always easy to say that a complaint has been upheld, partially upheld or not upheld.

Example A: A resident complains about a single dwelling being built next door. The dwelling did not require a planning permit and the building permit was issued by a private surveyor. A Civic Amenity officer attends, notices something is wrong, points it out to the private building surveyor who corrects his mistake. Was the resident's complaint upheld, partially upheld or not upheld?

Example B: A Council Agenda goes public at noon one Friday. It recommends refusal of a permit on specified grounds. The developer complains that the recommendation has got it all wrong. Council carries the recommendation as printed and refuses the application. VCAT sets aside Council's grounds and grants a permit. Was the resident's complaint upheld, partially upheld or not upheld?

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Example C: A resident asks for a traffic treatment on a main road. Council declines saying that it asked VicRoads for permission last year and permission was not given. The resident follows up asking again. This time, VicRoads gives consent and Council puts in the treatment. Was the resident's complaint upheld, partially upheld or not upheld?

Many of Council's functions involve third party organisations and it is not straight forward to classify the outcome of complaints into "upheld, partially upheld or not upheld". The focus should be on

- the reasonableness of Councils' policies
- the reasonableness of Council's actions and
- achieving an outcome for the resident wherever possible.

Officers have had further discussion with the office of the Ombudsman Victoria. They advise that their work on complaint handling in local government is complete. In the discussions the point was made that the report published by the Ombudsman is designed as a resource to assist Councils rather than to prescribe how each individual Council drafts and implements its own complaint handling policy. The three formal recommendations in the Ombudsman's report all relate to the State Government.

Council will disclose the number of complaints received.

Council's reviewed Complaints Handling policy is now on Council's website and changes have been made to the website to reflect the changed processes flowing from the reviewed policy adopted at the 30 June 2015 Council Meeting. Council continues to provide assistance to other Councils following the publication of the Ombudsman's report.

#### 4. Recommendation

That Council note that Council discloses the numbers of calls, requests, complaints received annually.

# Crs Hyams/Okotel

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

9.27PM Cr Delahunty returned to the Chamber.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING CYCLE 2016**

# 1. Proposal

To set the dates for Ordinary Council Meetings for 2016.

#### 2. Recommendation

That Ordinary Council Meetings of the Glen Eira City Council be held on the following dates in 2016, all meetings to be held in the Glen Eira Council Chamber, corner Hawthorn Road and Glen Eira Road, Caulfield commencing at 7.30pm:

- Tuesday, 2 February
- Tuesday, 23 February
- Tuesday, 15 March
- Tuesday, 5 April
- Tuesday, 26 April
- Tuesday, 17 May
- Tuesday, 7 June
- Tuesday, 28 June
- Tuesday, 19 July
- Tuesday, 9 August
- Tuesday, 30 August
- Monday, 19 September
- Monday, 10 October
- Tuesday 8 November
- Tuesday, 29 November
- Tuesday, 20 December

# 3. Background

The Council election is scheduled for Saturday 22 October 2016. Following the election, Councillors would be expected to take the Oath of Office on approximately Tuesday 25 or Wednesday 26 October 2016. The Melbourne Cup public holiday will be Tuesday 1 November 2016.

The Caretaker period is expected to commence on Tuesday 20 September 2016. During the Caretaker period, Councils cannot award infrastructure contracts etc above specified monetary thresholds. Contracts to implement the approved Capital program and Budget would need to be awarded before or after the Caretaker period.

The above dates are suggested for the holding of Ordinary Council Meetings in 2016, which continues the long standing practice of conducting meetings on a three weekly cycle and enabling Council business to be transacted in an efficient and timely manner.

# Crs Hyams/Sounness

That the recommendation in the report be adopted.

# 10. URGENT BUSINESS

# (a) Crs Lipshutz/Hyams

That a matter of security in relation to Council land be regarded as a matter of Urgent Business and that it be dealt with in the Confidential part of the Council Meeting pursuant to S89(2)(g) which is a matter affecting the security of Council property.

The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

#### 11. ORDINARY BUSINESS

# 11.1 Requests for reports from Officers

# (a) Crs Delahunty/Sounness

That a report be prepared to advise Councillors on the recent changes to the parking arrangements in Myrtle Street, St Kilda East. That the report include the alternative options assessed by Officers when deciding upon the new parking conditions and feedback provided by residents since the changes were implemented. That this feedback be passively gathered from correspondence via councillors or directly through the current feedback channels available to residents. The report should also provide advice on the status of the rooming house in the street to aid Councillor's understanding of parking pressures.

# 11. ORDINARY BUSINESS (cont'd)

# (b) Crs Sounness/Delahunty

A Report to be supplied on the first available meeting date detailing:

- 1. itemised estimates of removing the depot currently in Caulfield Park, including rehabilitation/decontamination of the ground, removal of unnecessary services & closure of the heavy vehicle crossover.
- 2. itemised estimates of relocating the depot & construction of appropriate buildings to a location near or on Caulfield Park Racecourse, such as the triangle piece of land abutting Glen Eira Road.

# **DIVISION**

Cr Sounness called for a DIVISION on the voting of the MOTION.

FOR	AGAINST
Cr Sounness	Cr Lipshutz
Cr Delahunty	Cr Hyams
Cr Magee	Cr Esakoff
	Cr Lobo
	Cr Okotel
	Cr Pilling

On the basis of the DIVISION the Chairperson declared the Motion LOST.

#### PROCEDURAL MOTION

# Crs Hyams/Lipshutz

That an extension of time be granted for tonight's Council Meeting to conclude at 11.00PM.

The PROCEDURAL MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

# 11. ORDINARY BUSINESS (cont'd)

# 11.2 Right of reply

(a) Cr Magee: Referred to an article on the front page of today's Leader Newspaper and pointed out that the article did not fairly represent the remarks he provided.

# 11.3 Councillor questions - Nil.

#### 11.4 Public questions to Council

From: Rosetta Manaszewicz
Subject: Planning zones

"The Caulfield Leader (September 29, Page 1) stated that Minister Wynne had written to councils seeking 'feedback' on the new residential zones. In the interests of full transparency and accountability, will council -

- 1. Provide residents with at least a summary of the nature of the feedback requested?
- 2. Provide residents with the response or, the bases for the upcoming response to be submitted by council in particular any statistics or commentary on the new zones?
- 3. Will, or have, councillors 'ratified' this 'feedback'?
- 4. Will council disclose what it sees as the 'negatives' of the new zones as they specifically apply to Glen Eira?"

The Mayor read Council's response. He said:

"The Minister for Planning wrote to Council on 27th August 2015. The Minister invited Council to provide some informal initial comments on what elements of the zones are working well and what could be improved.

Council's input, which focussed on the content, definitions and other elements of the State controls, was considered by Councillors at the Assembly of Councillors meeting held on 6 October 2015.

Council's input and the Minister for Planning's letter will be placed on Council's website on this week.

Included in Council's response is the following paragraph regarding consultation:

'We look forward to full consultation, as foreshadowed in the Minister's letter, including the opportunity for Council, community and all stakeholders to make submissions on the application of the zones in their local contexts."

# 12. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

# Crs Hyams/Lipshutz

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 an item of urgent business under s89(2)(g) "matters affecting the security of Council property" and s89(2)(h) "a matter which would prejudice the Council or any person" which relates to the provision of security services for events on Council property'.

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