



**GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers,  
Corner Hawthorn & Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield  
At 7.30 pm**

*"The primary object of a Council  
is to endeavour to achieve  
the best outcomes for the local community  
having regard to the  
long term and cumulative effects of decisions."*

- s3c(1) Local Government Act

**Councillors:** The Mayor, Councillor Mary Delahunty  
Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos  
Councillor Clare Davey  
Councillor Margaret Esakoff  
Councillor Jamie Hyams  
Councillor Jim Magee  
Councillor Joel Silver  
Councillor Dan Sztrajt  
Councillor Nina Taylor

**Chief Executive Officer:** Rebecca McKenzie

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That pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council resolves that so much of this meeting be closed to members of the public, as it involves Council consideration of matters coming within some or all of the following categories listed in Section 89(2) of such Act.

- (a) Personnel matters;
- (b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayers;
- (c) Industrial matters;
- (d) Contractual matters;
- (e) Proposed developments
- (f) Legal advice
- (g) Matters affecting the security of Council property'
- (h) Any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) A resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.

- 12.1 which relates to the awarding of the contract for **Tender number 2018.021 Provision of Automotive Mechanical, Electrical and Panel Repair Services - Local Government Act 1989 - Section 89 (2)(d)**

Number of tenders received	Four (4)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$1,000,000.00

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**





**AGENDA for the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL to be held on TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**2. APOLOGIES**

**3. OATH OF OFFICE AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Councillors are reminded that we remain bound by our 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 us under the Local Government Act or any other Act, to the best of our skill and judgement.

Councillors are also reminded 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.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Copies of Minutes previously circulated.

**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 be confirmed.

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

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**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the following Committees be received and noted and that the recommendations of these Committees be adopted.

- a. Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee – 29 June 2017
- b. Community Consultation Committee - 24 July 2017
- c. Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – 7 August 2017
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**8.2 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLY**

- a. 1 August 2017
- b. 8 August 2017
- c. 15 August 2017

**Recommendation**

That the Records of the Assemblies as shown below be received and noted.

- a. 1 August 2017
- b. 8 August 2017
- c. 15 August 2017

## RECREATION & LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



### Minutes

Thursday 29 June 2017

Yarra Yarra Room, Glen Eira Town Hall

<b>Invitees</b>	<b>Councillors</b> Cr Joel Silver (JS) Cr Nina Taylor (NT) Cr Jamie Hyams (JH) Cr Tony Athanasopoulos (TA)  <b>Council Staff</b> Samantha Krull, Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure (DIEL) Mark Collins, Group Manager, Recreation & Leisure (GMRL) Andrew Barden, Manager, Recreation & Open Space (MRO)
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#### 1. Welcome

1.1. Declaration of Conflict of Interests - None declared.

#### 2. New terms of reference, role of the committee and forward agenda

##### ***Appointment of Committee Chair***

RECOMMENDATION: That Cr Silver be appointed Committee Chair for the next 12 months (moved JH, seconded TA)

Terms of Reference as outlined in Council Meeting Minutes dated 7 February 2017, Item 9.13 Review of Advisory Committees to be circulated.

ACTION: Officers to circulate Terms of Reference (*Post meeting note: circulated on 21/8/17*)

##### ***Advocacy on strategic objectives***

GMRL outlined that officers are continuing to work with officers from the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning about utilisation of the Crown Allotment 2031 (also known as Caulfield Racecourse Wedge).

It was determined that all strategies and policies relating to Recreation and Leisure will be presented to this committee. Officers advised that currently the Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy is out for community consultation and due to be presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 July 2017. Another important strategy about to commence is the Glen Eira Tennis Strategy; officers have met with Tennis Victoria officers to discuss the process. Discussion also included providing input into a future review of Council's Community Sport – Management of Grounds Policy.

ACTION: Officers to keep Councillors informed

GMRL outlined that officers are currently undertaking a Leisure Facilities Review to identify the gaps and needs for leisure provision in Glen Eira in the future, commencing with the redevelopment of Carnegie Swimming Pool.

ACTION: Officers to invite Councillors to a strategic workshop as part of consultation on the Leisure Facilities Review. (*Post meeting note: workshop held on 1 August 2017*)

### ***Community partnerships***

GMRL advised that discussions are underway with National Trust officers on access for the Glen Eira community to Rippon Lea Estate gardens.

**ACTION:** Officers to continue to keep Councillors informed on progress of these discussions.

### **3. Regular Reports**

Discussion included quarterly reports for the following:

- Club/sportsground requests for various types of sports
- GESAC indoor court allocations
- Recreation related capital works
- Open Space Strategy refresh update
- Sports club misconduct
- Pavilion strategy update

### **4. Other Business**

- Officers provided an overview of a Female Friendly Symposium facilitated by Sport and Recreation Victoria
- MRO advised that there had been an increased number of complaints about dog litter on off leash sportsgrounds
- Officers provided Councillors with an overview on the use of plinth, fencing and natural barriers used around the perimeter of parks and reserves

**ACTION:** Officers will inform Councillors on options for barrier treatments during the design development phase of projects.

- Officers advised there has been an increasing number of sports clubs approaching Council about upgrading sports lighting for match play. Council's previous position has been that any upgrades over and above the Australian Standards requirements for training (i.e. 50 Lux) would be considered on a case by case basis and that the costs of the upgrade be met by the respective clubs. Planning and building regulations would need to assess and consider amenity impacts as part of any decision.
- There was discussion around opportunities for community gardens and whether it should be considered by this Committee or the Community Wellbeing Directorate

**RECOMMENDATION:** That issues relating to Community Gardens remain with the Community Wellbeing Directorate

### **5. Next Meeting**

- Thursday 14 September 2017

**ACTION:** Officers to contact Committee Chair one week prior to next meeting to discuss proposed Agenda items



**Community Consultation Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
24 July 2017**

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**Purpose:**

*To make recommendations to Council in relation to the ways in which Council consults with residents, ratepayers and other stakeholders in the community to ensure maximum participation, communication and value to the community.*

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**Meeting commenced at: 6:34pm**

**1. Present and apologies**

**Present**

Cr Jamie Hyams	Councillor (chair)
Cr Dan Sztrajt	Councillor
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	Councillor
Dr Iris Levin	Community Representative
Megan Dunkley	Community Representative
Ann Van Leerdam	Community Representative
Elizabeth Orlov	Community Representative
Peter Jones	Director Community Services
Gaye Stewart	Manager Community Development and Care

**Apologies**

n/a

**2. Matters considered**

- i. Welcome to community representatives
- ii. Community and Council Plan initiatives
- iii. Introduction to community engagement in Glen Eira
- iv. VAGO Report on Public Participation and Community Engagement: Local Government Sector and Councils performance against quality elements
- v. IAP2 Training
- vi. Future meetings

**3. Welcome to community representatives**

Dr Iris Levin, Megan Dunkley, Ann Van Leerdam and Elizabeth Orlov were welcomed to the committee.

**4. Community and Council Plan Initiatives**

Peter Jones provided an overview of three key strategic initiatives that fall out of the Council and Community Plan 2017 - 2021 for this committee:

- Review and Enhance our community engagement strategy
- New Youth engagement strategy
- Development of an on-line community panel

## 5. Introduction to Glen Eira City Council and community engagement

The purpose of the Committee was discussed. In addition to the purpose outlined in the Terms of Reference it was noted that the focus of the Committee is to make recommendations for the way Council consults with the community including:

- Setting the framework for all consultation and
- Initiating new processes/approaches to consultation with the community

An overview of previous committee's activities was given including the development of the current Community Engagement Strategy, institution of quarterly reports on engagement, exploration of different models for engagement and the recommendation to form an on-line community panel

## 6. Report

Peter Jones lead discussion on the report from the Victorian Auditor-General on Public Participation and Community Engagement: Local Government Sector. A paper presented to the committee outlined where Councils' current engagement strategy meets, partially meets or doesn't meet the 12 best practice elements for community engagement outlined in the report.

The current strategy meets 5 of the elements in the report but some improvements were identified: These elements were: (1) Purpose, (3) Objectives, (8) When to Engage, (9) How to Engage and (10) Who to Engage.

- Actions include the creation of a 'tool kit' for engagement, ensuring more explicit statements around purpose and objectives.

The current strategy partially meets 4 elements: (4) Definitions, (6) IAP2 model, (7) principles and values, and (12) engagement resources.

- The first three of these elements (4, 6 & 7) can be fixed by improving the definition, principles and values statements, by strengthening the language and including new sections on commitments.
- The fourth element (12) related to engagement resources needs significant change. Including the IAP2 Model expansion, and creation of engagement resources (tool kit).

The current strategy doesn't meet 3 of the elements in the report: (2) scope), (5) responsibilities and (11) monitoring and evaluation.

- The first two of these (2 & 5) can be fixed with explicit statements and clearer targeting.
- The section on monitoring and evaluation (11) will need substantive change and more emphasis in the new strategy.

A proposed way forward for the review of the current strategy should include:



A section specifically on monitoring and evaluation may be included in the toolkit or made more explicit by having a dedicated section. Currently success is measured through a rating in the annual community satisfaction survey which is undertaken by

an independent group on behalf of Councils state wide. We might also want to consider the number engaged and think about how we determine the quality of engagement activities and outcomes.

**Action: Officers to bring examples of toolkits and a draft version to the next committee meeting.**

**Action: Officers to bring a draft engagement policy to the next meeting for discussion**

## **7. Other Business**

### *IAP2 Training:*

It was suggested that the committee should all have IAP2 training made available to them to understand fully engagement principles and actions. This entails a five day commitment to training and a cost of approximately \$3,000 per person. Two committee members are in the process or already have this training.

**Action: Officers to discuss training needs with committee members and bring details of IAP2 training and costs to the next committee meeting for discussion.**

### *Timing of future meetings:*

Clarification on the timing of meetings for this committee was sought: The committee determined that Monday meetings at 6:30pm could be accommodated on an as required basis. Notionally every 6 weeks.

**Next meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm in Ogaki Room

**Meeting closed at 7:55pm**





## **ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes**

**6.30pm – 7.30pm  
7 August 2017  
Ogaki Room**

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### **Purpose:**

The role and function of the Advisory Committee is to act as a steering Committee to assist Council by providing recommendations in relation to reviewing and improving arts and culture programs provided by Council to ensure maximum benefit, participation and value to the community.

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### **Assembly of Councillors Record**

#### **Present**

Cr Margaret Esakoff (Chairperson) (via phone)  
Cr Mary Delahunty (member)  
Cr Jamie Hyams (member)  
Lauren Bialkower – Manager, Libraries, Arts & Culture

#### **Apology**

Peter Jones – Director Community Wellbeing

#### **Matters considered**

1. Carols 2017 – update
2. National Reconciliation Week 2017 – post event report
3. Groove and Graze 16/17 – post event report
4. Groove and Graze 17/18 – proposal
5. Party in the Park series 2018 – proposal
6. Glen Eira City Council Gallery – 2018 program
7. Public Art's Role in the Fight Against Graffiti
8. History and Heritage Collection Policy and Procedure

**The meeting commenced at 6.38pm**

### **1. Carols 2017 – update**

The Committee noted that due to Jimmy Giggie/James Rees' withdrawal, the headline performer for December's Carols in the Park event would change to Sam Moran and the date of the event would move to Saturday 9 December. The budget saved will be spent on additional kids' activities and the other confirmed performers remain unchanged.

### **2. National Reconciliation Week 2017 – post event report**

Officers presented the Post Event Report for May's National Reconciliation Week event. Despite unpleasant weather the event attracted approximately 200 patrons who gave overwhelmingly positive feedback (100% of those surveyed described the event as 'very good' or 'excellent').

Officers will present a proposal for 2018's National Reconciliation Week program at the next meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. This will recommend persevering with an outdoor event at Mallanbool Reserve but having this as the culmination of a week or other activities.

Cr Esakoff requested Officers investigate how schools can be targeted as part of this proposal.

**Action:** Officers to present a proposal for a week-long National Reconciliation Week celebration at the November meeting. This will incorporate suggestions for targeting schools.

### **3. Groove and Graze 16/17 - post event report**

The Committee reviewed the Post Event Report for 2016/2017's Groove and Graze series. It was agreed that the 3 events had been extremely successful with considerable crowds drawn to each event.

Cr Delahunty queried why only 63 people had agreed to be surveyed at the Hopetoun Gardens event despite 6,500 people being in attendance. The Committee discussed whether the feedback forms needed to be simplified further to counteract the public's reluctance to answer survey whilst enjoying the event. It was agreed that the two most important pieces of information required were how residents would rate the event and also whether they had suggestions for changes or improvements. It was also noted that prizes like GESAC passes could be used as incentives and that containers could be placed at the Service Centre marquee where people could give feedback if desired.

**Action:** Officers to review the way feedback is gathered at Events.

### **4. Groove and Graze 17/18 – proposal**

Officers presented the proposal for 2017/2018's Groove and Graze Series, which responded to a number of 'behind the scenes' issues that occurred with the most recent events.

Officers recommended moving the April event to May and consolidating the three events into two multi-day events spanning from Saturday lunch through until Sunday dinner. It was also suggested that parks be selected with appropriate carparks which can be used to accommodate the large food trucks, alleviating the potential risk of damage to park infrastructure/environment.

Customer feedback strongly indicated that whilst patrons loved the 16/17 events they wanted to experience live music options rather than a DJ. Officers proposed working with Council's Youth Services area and tapping into their pool of young local musicians who could potentially deliver 'busking type' performances – an idea which was strongly supported by the Committee.

The Committee agreed that they would prefer to maintain 3 smaller events rather than consolidating and have the trucks park on the road around the perimeter of smaller parks rather than in parks or carparks. Suggested parks were Hopetoun Gardens, Gardenvale Park and potentially Halley Park, although it suffers from lack of shade.

Whilst wanting each event to run for only one day, the Committee was flexible with timings and is open to a longer event should this attract better quality food vendors.

So as to avoid Carols and the Party in the Park series, October, November and April were chosen as the best months to proceed with.

**Action:** A new proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

## **5. Party in the Park series 2018 – proposal**

The Committee considered the proposed entertainment for the 2018 Party in the Park series.

3 Party in the Park events will be held across January, February and March and will kick off with a Saturday evening 'Under the Stars' event at Packer Park on Saturday 20 January followed by 2 Sunday family days at Princes Park (Sunday 18 February) and Allnutt Park (Sunday 18 March).

The 'Under the Stars' event will incorporate a feature act, a support act and a 'Sounds of Glen Eira' finalist. The Committee endorsed the Officers' recommendation to engage singer, songwriter and guitarist Archie Roach as the feature act. A suitable support act will be chosen to complement him.

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends to Council that Archie Roach be engaged as the feature performer for January's Party in the Park 'Under the Stars' event

Moved: Cr Delahunty, Seconded: Cr Hyams  
The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

The main stage performers and roving acts selected for the Princes Park event were selected for their appeal to younger children and families. The 4<sup>th</sup> Glen Eira Idol will be programmed as part of the main stage entertainment.

The Committee agreed it was preferable to have 2 showings of 2 different mainstage shows rather than 3 showings of the same one. It was noted that Officers always try to schedule Main Stage shows around children's sleep times but that limitations exist in terms of how long performers will be present at an event for.

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends to Council that the following entertainers be engaged for the Party in the Park, Princes Park event:

- Janet McLeod
- Sesame Street – Elmo and Friends
- Peppa Pig – Jump in Muddy Puddles
- Stilt Flowers
- Tubby the Robot

Moved: Cr Esakoff, Seconded: Cr Delahunty  
The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

The Allnutt Park event will again incorporate the Pet Expo. On stage programming for both parts of the event will be staged to complement each other and staged so all attendees have an opportunity to experience as much on offer as possible.

**Recommendation:** The Committee recommends to Council that the following entertainers be engaged for the Party in the Park, Allnutt Park event:

- Alex Papps
- The Octonauts – Captain Barnacles and the Octopod Rescue
- Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
- Giant Snail Puppets
- Gemma Giraffe

Moved: Cr Hyams, Seconded: Cr Delahunty  
The MOTION was put and CARRIED unanimously.

## **6. Glen Eira City Council Gallery – 2018 program**

The Committee noted the 2018 program for the Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

18 exhibitions will be presented, including 5 that are Council-produced and 13 hire exhibitions. Several long-term hirers will continue their association with the Gallery, whilst a range of new clients has also been secured.

## **7. Public Art's Role in the Fight Against Graffiti**

Officers provided a report on how Public Art can be used to combat graffiti.

One example of where this has been successful is Traffic Signal Boxes, which are the most graffitied piece of equipment maintained by Local and State Governments.

Several municipalities have combatted the issue by painting the Signal Boxes with original artwork under various public art initiatives. An organisation called Urban

Smart Projects has coordinated numerous programs of this nature across the country and could be engaged by Council to coordinate the painting of an initial number of Boxes.

It was noted that Public Art could be used in other areas such as Rubbish Bins and that this could form part of a wider Public Art strategy.

As an initial foray into this area, it was agreed 20 boxes should be picked for painting. The locations of these will be decided amongst key Council stakeholders.

**Actions:**

1. Glen Eira will engage Urban Smart Projects to coordinate the painting of an initial 20 Signal Boxes. The artists selected must live, study or work within the City of Glen Eira and a breadth of designs must be incorporated.
2. The recommended designs will be ratified by the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
3. A broader graffiti management strategy utilising Public Art will be created

## **8. History and Heritage Collection Policy and Procedure**

The Committee considered the draft policy and procedure documents for Council's History and Heritage Collection.

It was raised that Officers should direct potential donors to the relevant Historical Society should Council not wish to accept their donation. The same should occur in terms of deaccessioning items.

A clause also needs to be added as to how Council will future-proof its Collection, especially in relation to social media posts and other intangible items that may have historical meaning into the future.

## **9. Other Business**

No other business was raised.

## **10. Next Meeting**

Monday 20 November, 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on 18 August 2017**

#### **Committee Attendees:**

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#### **Committee Members:**

- David Gibbs, Chairperson
- Lisa Woolmer, Independent Member
- Dr Craig Nisbet, Independent Member
- Cr Jim Magee

#### **Council Officers:**

- Rebecca McKenzie, Chief Executive Officer
- Peter Swabey, Director Corporate Services
- John Vastianos, Chief Financial Officer
- Diana Vaynrib, Risk Management Coordinator (Item 4)
- Mary-Anne Palatsides, Manager People and Culture (Item 5)

#### **Internal Auditors (Oakton):**

- Lisa Tripodi, Oakton Partner Accounting & Assurance (Item 4)
- Megan McCullagh, Internal Audit Senior Manager (Item 4)
- Linda Lim, Internal Audit Manager (Item 4)

#### **External Auditors (Victorian-Auditor General's Office):**

- Sanchu Chummar, Senior Manager, Financial Audit (Item 6)
- Tim Loughnan, Financial Audit Sector Director – Local Government, VAGO (Item 6)

#### **Apologies:**

- Cr Tony Athanasopoulos

#### **Minutes:**

- Alon Milstein, Financial Accountant
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The Committee met at 8am in-camera in discussion of broad issues facing Council and the risk elements thereof.

## **1. Matters for Agenda**

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At 8:30am, the Chairman noted an apology from Cr Athanasopoulos. Ms Vaynrib (Risk Management Coordinator) was introduced to the meeting.

The Chairman asked whether any person present was aware of any breaches of any Act, or any other irregularity which should be brought before the Committee. No breaches were reported.

## **2. Confirmation of Committee Minutes**

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The minutes of the previous Audit Committee meeting held on 26 May 2017 were confirmed.

## **3. Confirmation of Action Items**

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It was noted that the action items arising from the previous meeting had been attended to.

The Chairman requested that at the next Audit Committee meeting, Corporate Counsel provide an update to the policy register review.

In addition, the chairman requested the CFO to extend an invitation to the Manager Continuous Improvement & Innovation to provide a status report on Council's Transformation Program at the November Audit Committee meeting.

## **4. Internal Audit Reviews (Oakton)**

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### **a) Internal Audit Activity Report**

Ms Tripodi presented the Internal Audit Activity Report.

Audit works have commenced for Financial Compliance and Payroll Reviews and the reports will be tabled at the Audit Committee meeting in November 2017.

The Chairman discussed emerging themes including: rotation of job duties with respect to long standing suppliers and employees. An emphasis was placed on ensuring regular training occurred within the organisation.

### **b) Fraud Management Review**

Ms Tripodi presented the Fraud Management Report. The primary objective of this review was to assess the adequacy and application of the fraud and corruption control framework, policies and procedures, including compliance with legislative requirements.

Ms Tripodi stated that there were positive findings as part of the Fraud Management Review. It was noted that business units interviewed understood and applied Council's *Fraud & Corruption Policy* and procedures.

However, Oakton found areas for improvement including establishing and clearly defining governance responsibilities for the oversight and management of fraud and corruption control initiatives in the policy and procedures, as well as adoption of a *Fraud Control Plan* and updating the *Fraud Assurance Map*.

The Audit Committee noted the report, Internal Audit recommendations and management action plans to address these. Ms Woolmer requested that Management report back to Audit Committee once all recommendations have been implemented.

The CFO stated the Fraud Training had been launched during the week, including Protected Disclosure and Staff Code of Conduct.

The Chairman requested that the CFO provide a status update report to the Audit Committee on the e-learning fraud module and an update on employees who have completed the training.

**c) Follow Up Review**

Ms Tripodi presented the Follow Up Review Report. The review was to provide assurance that internal audit recommendations have been implemented in a timely manner and processes for implementing of internal audit recommendations were operating effectively.

Ms Tripodi stated that 16 of the 18 high and medium risk rated recommendations had been implemented in accordance with agreed timelines.

The Audit Committee noted the revised target completion dates for the remaining two medium rated recommendations. The Committee requested that the CFO provide a status report of low rated items and improvement opportunities.

**d) Parks Review**

Ms Tripodi presented the Parks Review Report.

Overall, Oakton noted that the current purchase order and invoicing processes at Council could be improved to enhance controls in these areas. Oakton found areas for improvement including re-tender of the Parks Services supplier panel and ensuring comprehensive documentation and future staff training.

The Audit Committee noted the report, Internal Audit recommendations and management action plans to address these.



**e) Glen Eira Sports & Aquatic Centre (GESAC) Café Review**

Ms Tripodi presented the GESAC Café Review Report. The objective of the audit was to review financial processes, transactions and records at the GESAC Café to determine whether sales revenue was being completely and accurately recorded and reported to Council.

The audit revealed that there were four discrepancies between the total monthly revenue recorded in the sales clearing account and the total revenue reported to GESAC.

The Committee were advised that Oakton would be conducting an annual audit of the GESAC Cafe. The Chairman recommended that Council be more reliant on internal self-assessment auditing by the relevant department rather than the need to employ Internal Auditors in this role.

**f) Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) Review – Confidential Item**

In accordance with section 77(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the Chief Executive officer has designated section 4(f) Community Information Glen Eira (CIGE) Review of the Audit Committee minutes as confidential under sections 89(2)(d) and (h) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**5. Risk Management Rolling Progress Reports**

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***People and Culture***

Ms Palatsides presented the People and Culture risk management review including an overview of the business area which provides a range of strategic and operational functions that are aimed at ensuring that Council's human resource activities, programs and strategies enhance staff performance and realise Council's vision.

Ms Palatsides reviewed the department's top 10 risks with the Committee.

The Chairman requested that Ms Palatsides provide the results of Council's *Employee Engagement Survey* to the November Audit Committee meeting.

The Chairman also reaffirmed the need for Council's external contractors and volunteers to be aligned with and have knowledge of Council's values. This could be achieved through appropriate training and education.

Ms Palatsides left the meeting at 10am.

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## **6. 2016-17 Year End External Audit**

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The Committee considered the 2016-17 Draft Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statements in detail and noted the questions emailed from Ms Woolmer before the meeting, and management's responses to these.

The CFO provided an overview of the accounts highlighting key variances against budget and new reporting requirements for 2016-17. The Audit Committee requested some editorial changes to the 2016-17 year-end accounts and Executive Summary.

Mr Loughnan presented the Closing Report which confirmed that there were no material business or audit risks identified.

The CFO confirmed that the final Clayton Landfill audited accounts as well as the Local Government Reporting Framework (LGPRF) Management Checklist would be provided at the November Audit Committee meeting.

The Chairman commended the CFO for a well-presented set of Financial Statements.

Following a review of the 2016-17 Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statements, the Audit Committee recommended that Council adopts, 'in principle', the Financial Statements and Performance Statement, subject to adjustments requested by the Committee at the meeting and subject to no significant changes by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO).

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## **7. Information Items (Action & Follow-up Items)**

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The Committee noted information items including: The Waste Management Group Assurance Fund, Annual Report of the Audit Committee, VAGO Annual Plan, Public Participation & Community Engagement: Local Government Sector and Risk Reports.

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## **8. Closure of Meeting**

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The meeting concluded at 10:50am.

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## **9. Next Meeting**

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The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, 24 November 2017.

## 10. Audit Committee Action Items

Item No.	Meeting Date Requested	Item	Responsible Officer	Proposed Completion Date
1	17 February 2017	Report on updated structural plans and activity centres.	Manager City Futures	24 November 2017
2	26 May 2017	Officers to provide an update to the policy register review.	Corporate Counsel	24 November 2017
3	26 May 2017	Update on Council's Transformation Program.	Manager Continuous Improvement & Innovation	24 November 2017
4	18 August 2017	Status update report to Audit Committee on the e-learning fraud module.	Chief Financial Officer	24 November 2017
5	18 August 2017	Circulate a listing of the low rated Internal Audit recommendations and improvement opportunities.	Chief Financial Officer	24 November 2017
6	18 August 2017	Provide a listing of organisations receiving funding from Council, including details of any common related parties to Council.	Director Community Wellbeing	24 November 2017
7	18 August 2017	Provide a report on the results of Council's Employee Engagement Survey.	Manager People & Culture	24 November 2017
8	18 August 2017	Audited 2016-17 Clayton Landfill accounts.	Chief Financial Officer	24 November 2017
9	18 August 2017	Final 2016-17 Local Government Reporting Framework (LGPRF) Management Checklist.	Chief Financial Officer	24 November 2017
10	18 August 2017	Report on updated Fraud Management recommendations.	Chief Financial Officer & Risk Management Coordinator	24 November 2017
11	26 May 2017	Claims Management progress update.	Corporate Counsel	23 February 2018

## **11. Schedule of Meeting Dates**

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The Audit Committee is scheduled to meet on the following dates during 2017:

- 24 November 2017



## **COMMUNITY GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday 22 August 2017**

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#### **Purpose:**

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

#### **Aims:**

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

Meeting opened at: 5.30pm

#### **1. Present and Apologies**

##### **Present**

Cr Nina Taylor

Cr Tony Athanasopoulos (assumed Chair by consent)

Peter Jones – Director Community Wellbeing

Andrew Barden – Manager Recreation and Open Space

Alex Fry – Executive Assistant

##### **Apologies**

Cr Dan Sztrajt

#### **2. Declaration of conflict of interest**

No declarations of conflict of interest under Section 79 of the Local Government Act were received in relation to grants discussed.

#### **3. Matters considered**

- I. 2017-2018 Facility Hire Only Grant Applications
  - Able Australia
- II. 2017-18 Grant Applications Assessment of grants requiring follow-up:
  - Bentleigh Rec Tennis Club;
  - Murrumbeena Tennis Club (two applications);
  - Ormond Tennis Club Inc; and
  - Wattle Tennis Club.

#### **4. 2017-2018 Facility Hire Only Grant Applications**

All 2017-18 applicants have now submitted their acquittal for the 2016-17 Community Grant Program.

- Able Australia

Able Australia submitted an application for a Facility Hire grant for the amount of \$283 to utilise the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion Community Room on 22 October 2017. They will be holding a Beginner Netball Coaches Conference 2017.

**Recommendation: The Committee recommends to Council that Council fund a Facility Hire Grant of \$283 for use of the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Pavilion Community Room by Able Australia to support their Netball Coaches Conference on 22 October 2017.**

**Moved: Cr Athanasopoulos  
Seconded: Cr Taylor  
Motion passed unanimously**

#### **5. 2017-18 Grant Applications**

- Assessment of grants requiring follow-up

Five applications from four tennis clubs reviewed at the meeting on 3 July 2017 were deferred for later assessment. The applications were from

- Bentleigh Rec Tennis Club;
- Murrumbeena Tennis Club (two applications);
- Ormond Tennis Club Inc; and
- Wattle Tennis Club.

The Committee reviewed the five applications received from the four tennis clubs and the further information provided by Murrumbeena Tennis Club since the 3 July 2017 meeting. The community consultation on the Tennis Strategy will commence in September 2017. Tennis Victoria will be working with Council and conducting a financial health check of all tennis clubs. Council will also be conducting an asset audit including courts and pavilions. The Committee considered that the appropriate approach was to consider all tennis applications when further information was available and the Tennis Strategy developed.

**Recommendation:**

**The Community Grants Committee recommends to Council that the applications from the Bentleigh Rec Tennis Club; the Murrumbeena Tennis Club (two applications); the Ormond Tennis Club Inc; and the Wattle Tennis Club be deferred for decisions to be made in context of the pending Tennis Strategy.**

**Moved: Cr Athanasopoulos**

**Seconded: Cr Taylor**

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting closed at 5:57pm**

**Next Meeting – TBA**

## **Glen Eira Leisure Facilities Needs Assessment Workshop**

### **Assembly of Councillors**

**1 August 2017**

**Record under S 80 A (2)**

**Meeting commenced at 5.00PM.**

#### **A. Present**

##### **Councillors**

Cr Mary Delahunty (Mayor)  
Cr Joel Silver  
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos  
Cr Jamie Hyams  
Cr Nina Taylor  
Cr Dan Sztrajt

##### **Council Officers**

Samantha Krull, Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure  
Mark Collins, Group Manager, Recreation & Leisure  
Andrew Barden, Manager, Recreation & Open Space

##### **External Consultant**

Jim Corbett – Sport & Leisure Solutions Pty Ltd

#### **B. Matters considered**

- (i) Purpose and project background
- (ii) *Overview of current facilities*
- (iii) *Future provision*
- (iv) *Principles and Vision*
- (v) *Priorities*

**Assembly finished at 7.00PM**



**Assembly of Councillors**

**8 August 2017**

**Record under S 80 A (2)**

**Meeting commenced at 6.42PM.**

**A. Present**

Cr Mary Delahunty (Mayor)  
Cr Jamie Hyams  
Cr Jim Magee  
Cr Joel Silver  
Cr Dan Sztrajt  
Cr Nina Taylor

**Council Officers**

Rebecca McKenzie, CEO  
Peter Jones  
Samantha Krull  
Peter Swabey  
Shiran Wickramasinghe  
Mark Collins  
Rachel Ollivier  
Janice Pouw

**B. Matters considered.**

6.49pm Cr Athanasopoulos entered the Assembly

- (i) Apologies – Cr Clare Davey, Cr Margaret Esakoff
- (ii) Angled Parking in Shopping Strips
- (iii) GESAC Wellness Centre

Council Papers for the 15 August 2017 Council Meeting comprising eleven officer reports together with standing items on the agenda.

- Item 9.11 Updated User Fees – Carnegie Swim Centre and Caulfield Recreation Centre – Draft Council Meeting item for 15 August 17
- Item 8 - Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee – Minutes

7.15pm Cr Sztrajt left Assembly and re-entered at 7.17pm

- (iv) Environmental Sustainability Strategy Action Plan 17/18
- Item 9.10 Compact of Mayors and Take2 Pledge

- Item 12.1 Confidential – Closure of South East Regional Waste Management Group Assurance Fund
- (v) Council Papers for the 15 August 2017 Council Meeting comprising eleven officer reports together with standing items on the agenda.
  - Item 4 Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meetings 25 July 2017
  - Special Council Meeting – Property Matter on 2 August 2017
  - 8(a) Advisory Committees
    - Community Grants Committee
  - 8(b) Records of Assembly
    - 11 July 17, 18 July 17, 25 July 17, 1 August 17
  - Item 9.1 VCAT Watch
  - Item 9.2 450 Dandenong Road Caulfield North – Planning Scheme Amendment C153
  - Item 9.3 Men’s Sheds
  - Item 9.4 Foundation for Youth Excellence Committee Grant Applications
  - Item 9.5 Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021

8.19pm Cr Silver left the Assembly and re-entered at 8.21pm

- Item 9.6 Indigenous acknowledgements and flag flying
- Item 9.7 Community Grants

9.04pm Assembly adjourned

9.12pm Assembly resumed

Present:

- Cr Mary Delahunty
- Cr Jamie Hyams
- Cr Jim Magee
- Cr Joel Silver
- Cr Dan Sztrajt
- Cr Nina Taylor
- Item 9.12 Councillor Appointment to the Victorian Local Governance Association
- Item 11 Ordinary Business
  - Item 11.1 Requests for Reports from Officers

9.17pm Cr Athanasopoulos entered Assembly

- (a) Cr Sztrajt – New single and dual dwelling applications to have a water tank, solar power etc

- (b) Cr Silver – Request for Assembly item - Building and Planning applications/regulations
- (c) Cr Magee – Graffiti - Issues and strategy in reducing graffiti across Glen Eira

(vi) General Business

- 1) Director Corporate Services – Rates notices going out this week
- 2) Director Infrastructure Recreation and Leisure
  - Property Matter
  - Murrumbeena Community Consultation
  - GESAC Update
  - Community Open Space Expert Panel (COSEP)
- 4) Cr Sztrajt – Meeting scheduled with resident
- 5) Cr Hyams – Request regarding small business initiative
- 6) Cr Magee – NBN in East Bentleigh
- 7) Cr Silver – Community consultation by external party
- 8) Cr Silver – Caulfield Coat of Arms
- 9) Cr Taylor – Waste Bins for Traders

**Assembly finished at 10.01PM**

**Council Pre-Meeting**

**15 August 2017**

**Record under S 80 A (2)**

**Meeting Commenced at 6.46pm**

**A. Present**

Cr Mary Delahunty, Mayor  
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos  
Cr Clare Davey  
Cr Jamie Hyams  
Cr Jim Magee  
Cr Joel Silver  
Cr Dan Sztrajt  
Cr Nina Taylor

**Apologies** – Cr Margaret Esakoff

**Officers**

Rebecca McKenzie, CEO  
Ron Torres  
Peter Swabey  
Peter Jones  
Samantha Krull  
Janice Pouw

**B. Matters considered**

- (i) Public Participation
- (ii) Item 9.3 – Establishment of a Men's Shed
- (iii) Item 9.6 – Indigenous Acknowledgement and Flag Flying
- (iv) Item 11.4 – Public Questions
- (v) Council meeting procedures – Apology

7.02pm Cr Davey left the pre-meeting and re-entered at 7.03pm

- (vi) Item 9.7 – Community Grants Recommendations
- (vii) COSEP - Community Open Space Expert Panel update

**Pre-meeting finished at 7.05pm**

**9. PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS REPORTS**

9.1	VCAT Watch
9.2	17-19 Loranne Street Bentleigh
9.3	219 Tucker Road, McKinnon
9.4	Place Making Projects
9.5	Memorial Structure for Holocaust Survivors
9.6	Narrow Naturestrip Street Tree Program
9.7	Harleston Park Open Space And Play Space Upgrade Consultation
9.8	EE Gunn Masterplan
9.9	Support for Marriage Equality
9.10	2016-17 Quarterly Reporting
9.11	Approve 2016-17 Annual Accounts in Principle
9.12	July Financial Management Report

**ITEM 9.1 VCAT WATCH****Author:** *Effie Tangelakis – Coordinator Town Planning***File No:** *N/A***Attachments:** *Table of new appeals lodged***PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To report to Council recent VCAT decisions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes:

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

**BACKGROUND**

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 1987* requires VCAT to “take into account” any relevant Planning Policy, not necessarily apply it.

**ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

ADDRESS	<b>6 LEINSTER STREET, ORMOND</b>
PROPOSAL	TWO DOUBLE STOREY DWELLINGS
COUNCIL DECISION	REFUSAL (MANAGER)
PROPOSAL CONSIDERED BY VCAT	<p>THE PROPOSAL WAS AMENDED BY THE APPLICANT PRIOR TO THE VCAT HEARING BY THE SUBSTITUTION OF DIFFERENT PLANS TO THAT ORIGINALLY CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL.</p> <p>THE KEY CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL WERE AS FOLLOWS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• REMOVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE SIDE BOUNDARIES</li> <li>• VEHICLES ABLE TO EXIT THE SITE IN A FORWARD MOTION</li> <li>• ADDRESS SOME CONCERNS FROM MELBOURNE WATER</li> </ul>
VCAT DECISION	REFUSAL
APPELLANT	FIRST ANGLE PTY LTD



***“...the extent of built form does have unreasonable consequences, particularly in terms of neighbourhood character...It would be a major departure from the existing character, representing a degree of change that is not supported by the zone provisions or the relevant policy in the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.”***

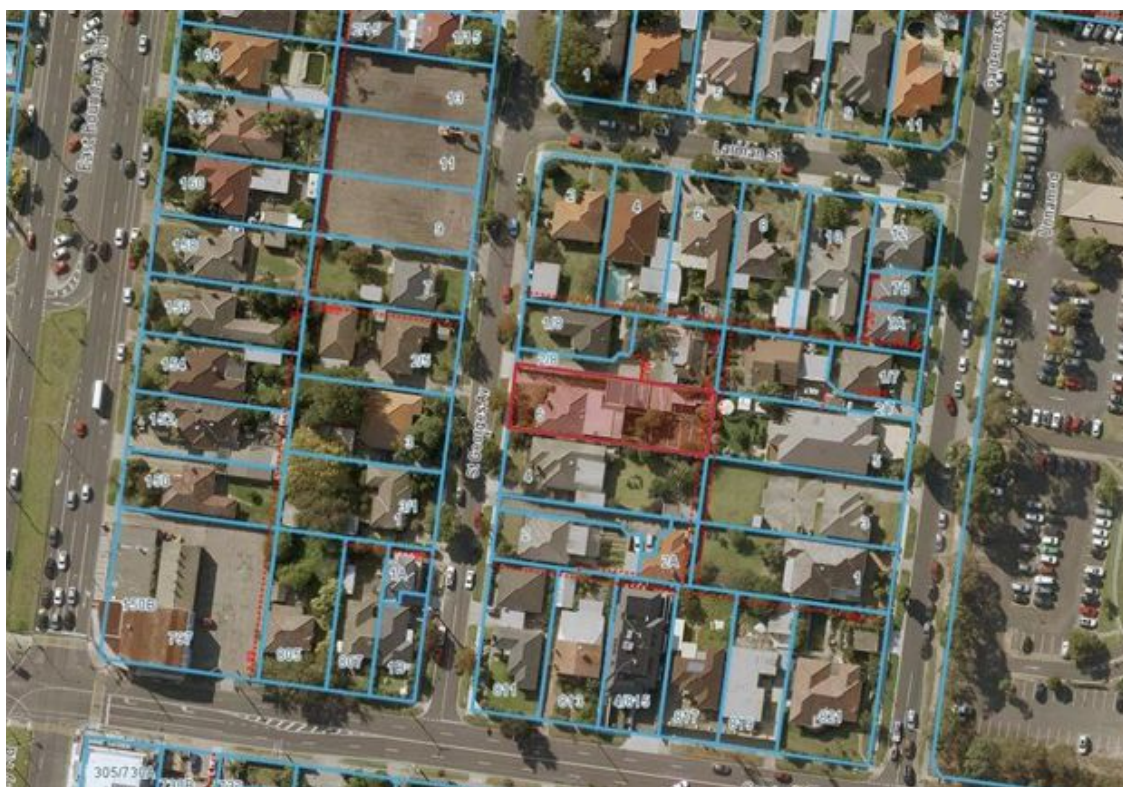
***“...neighbourhood character also includes such elements as the siting and scale of buildings, the space between them, the area’s landscape character, the way buildings integrate with open space areas and the nature and ‘feel’ of an area, including that experienced in the neighbouring rear yards.” – VCAT Member Vicki Davies***

- The subject site is located within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone and is affected by the Minimal Change Area Policy and the Special Building Overlay (SBO).
- Council’s refusal was based on the boundary construction, the Minimal Change Area Policy and non-compliance with ResCode. Melbourne Water also objected to the application.
- The Tribunal agreed with Council that the front setback would result in a two storey mass sitting forward of the neighbouring single storey dwellings and that this was unacceptable.
- The fact that there was other dual occupancy development in the broader area did not justify a similar outcome on the site, the Tribunal believed.
- In the broader concept of neighbourhood character, the Tribunal held that there is an open rear corridor to the east. As such, the height and scale of the building did not preserve a sense of openness, especially since a large two storey form was proposed in the rear of the site.
- The Tribunal concluded that the problem with the siting and form of the building was more about character, than amenity or visual bulk.

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- The Tribunal also identified that the proposed development could potentially be anticipated in a General Residential Zone, in a Housing Diversity Area and not in the Neighbourhood Residential Zone in a Minimal Change Area.
- On that basis, the Tribunal affirmed Council's decision and directed no permit be granted.

ADDRESS	<b>6 ST GEORGES AVENUE BENTLEIGH EAST</b>
PROPOSAL	TWO STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING EIGHT DWELLINGS AND NO VISITOR CAR PARKING
COUNCIL DECISION	APPROVAL (SUBJECT TO PROVISION OF VISITOR PARKING)
PROPOSAL CONSIDERED BY VCAT	THE PROPOSAL WAS NOT AMENDED BY THE APPLICANT
VCAT DECISION	COUNCIL'S DECISION AFFIRMED WITH CHANGES TO THE WORDING OF THE CONDITION
APPELLANT	ANTONIO GATTO



- The subject site is located within the General Residential Zone and is within the Bentleigh East Neighbourhood Centre.
- The condition appealed read, "A visitor space provided on site in addition to the car parking required for the dwellings (1 space per two bedroom dwelling, 2 spaces per 3 bedroom plus dwelling)."
- The appellant used a traffic engineer as an expert witness to conclude that the reduction in car parking in this area is warranted.



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- Nonetheless, the Tribunal agreed with Council that there is no reason to reduce the visitor car parking requirement in this location, and that other developments in the area was required to provide the visitor car park.
- On that basis, the Tribunal varied Council's decision (Condition 1), but maintained that a condition relating to the visitor car space be included. This was an oral decision and the Tribunal did not put anything in writing to that effect.

## **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

## **LINK TO COUNCIL 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.

## **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

## **CONCLUSION**

N/A

**ATTACHMENT 1: TABLE OF NEW APPEALS LODGED**

<b>COMPULSORY CONFERENCE (MEDIATION)</b>	<b>FULL HEARING</b>	<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>ZONE</b>	<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>	<b>APPEAL AGAINST</b>
19/10/2017	4/12/2017	1-3 Horne Street, Elsternwick	The construction of a nine storey building and basement, use of the land for 25 dwellings, a retail premise, reduction of the car parking requirement and waiver of the loading bay requirement	C1Z	Refusal (Council)	S77 (refusal)
	11/1/2017	1032-1032A North Road, Bentleigh East	The construction of a three storey building comprising two shops and nine dwellings	C1Z	Planning Permit (Council)	S80 (conditions)
	16/1/2018	2 Marylin Court, Bentleigh East	Construction of a double storey dwelling to the rear of an existing dwelling	NRZ1	Refusal (Manager)	S77 (refusal)
13/10/2017	27/11/2017	450 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North	Construction of eight (8) dwellings (four (4) double storey dwellings with roof terraces, two (2) three storey dwellings and two double storey dwellings) above basement car park and to alter access to a Road Zone Category 1	GRZ1, RZC1	Refusal (Manager)	S77 (refusal)

	19/12/2017	1049 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield	Use of the land as a car wash (self operated), a reduction in the car parking requirement for a food and drink premises, associated car parking, buildings and works and illuminated signage	C1Z	Planning Permit (amended application) (Officer)	S80 (condition)
12/10/2017	27/11/2017	664-670 North Road, Ormond	Construction of part two, part three storey buildings comprising twenty one (21) dwellings above basement car park and a reduction in the statutory visitor car parking requirements, on land affected by the Special Building Overlay.	GRZ2	Refusal (Manager)	S77 (refusal)
23/10/2017	11/12/2017	2 & 2A Freeman Street, Caulfield	Construction of a two storey building, use of the land as a Place of Assembly (Active Living Centre incorporating place of worship and medical consulting rooms) and reduction of associated car parking, loading bay and bicycle parking requirements	GRZ1	Refusal (DPF)	S77 (refusal)
	31/10/2017	7 Brennan Street, McKinnon	Construction of 2 double storey attached dwellings on land affected by the Special Building Overlay	NRZ1	Refusal (Officer)	S77 (refusal)

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	31/1/2018	1 Grey Street, Caulfield North	Construction of 2 double storey attached dwellings	NRZ1	NOD (DPF)	S82 (objector)
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**ITEM 9.2        17-19 LORANNE STREET, BENTLEIGH****Author:**        *Effie Tangelakis, Coordinator Town Planning***File No:**        *GE/PP-30601/2017***Attachments:**    *1. Advertised plans***PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To consider a Planning Permit application.



<b>PROPOSAL</b>	A part three (3), part four (4) storey building with 21 dwellings above basement car park
<b>MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT</b>	Bentleigh Urban Village
<b>APPLICANT</b>	17-19 Loranne Street Pty Ltd
<b>PLANNING SCHEME CONTROLS</b>	17 Loranne Street - General Residential Zone (Schedule 2) 19 Loranne Street – Residential Growth Zone
<b>OBJECTIONS</b>	13

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council issues a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for Application No. GE/PP-30601/2017 allowing the construction of a part (3), part (4) storey building with up to 21 dwellings above a basement car park at 17-19 Loranne Street in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Before the commencement of the development, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by, the Responsible Authority. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must generally accord with the plans submitted with the application (identified as TP00-TP11 all Revision TP-B drawn by Taylor Reynolds dated June 2017) but modified to show:

**Built Form**

- (a) The southern portion of the building to be setback from the western boundary the following distances
  - a minimum of 4m at ground floor;
  - 5.5m at first floor;
  - 11.5m at second floor (with balconies setback no more than 9.5m)
- (b) A minimum setback of 6.95m from the eastern (street) boundary at ground, first and second floor whilst retaining appropriate articulation (and absorbed within the remaining building envelope) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- (c) Setbacks to the second and third floor increased from the northern and western boundaries (or reduced in height) to achieve full compliance with Standard B17 of Clause 55.04-1 (Side and Rear Setbacks) of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.
- (d) Setbacks to the second floor to the southern boundary to be reduced in height, or setback to achieve full compliance with Standard B20 of Clause 55.04-4 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

**Car Parking**

- (e) Car parking to be provided in accordance with the rate specified in Condition 30.
- (f) At least 25% of mechanical car spaces to accommodate a vehicle height clearance of 1.8m.
- (g) The aisle adjacent to the car stacker spaces to be increased by 0.25 metres (6.65 metres) in order to provide a 0.25 clearance to motorists entering the car stacker spaces, as per the clearance shown in Diagram 1 of Clause 52.06. The 6.65 metre aisle must be measured to the columns rather than to the spaces as shown.
- (h) The provision of a 2m wide and 2.5m long pedestrian sight triangle on both sides of the vehicular accessway wholly contained within the subject site (with the crossover to come no closer than 1.7m from street tree 2 – Willow Bottlebrush). These triangles must be 50% clear of any obstructions with no objects or vegetation greater than 900mm in height. Any modifications to the building envelope are to be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- (i) The proposed crossover should be shown measuring 3 metres in width and be aligned with the 3 metre trafficable section of the accessway. The crossover should be designed as splayed crossovers in accordance with Council's splayed crossover standard drawings.

- (j) The 1:8 transition at the bottom of the ramp to be increased to a minimum 2.5 metres. The 1:8 dimension must be annotated measured on the inside of the curve rather than the centre as currently shown.
- (k) The curved section of the ramp to meet the requirements of AS2890.1: 2004 with regards to minimum radii and clearances (inside radii of 4 metres and outside radii of 7.6metres min are required around the bend).
- (l) Pedestrian access through the basement car park to be at least 1 metre wide.
- (m) TH08's car spaces be increased to a minimum 11.4 metres.
- (n) All car spaces dimensioned in accordance with Clause 52.06 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

**General**

- (o) A Landscape Plan in accordance with Condition 3.
- (p) All recommendations required for tree protection zones and fences to tree group 1 (to the north of the subject site) as stated in the arborists report submitted with the application (and any subsequent documents) to be clearly marked on the plans.
- (q) The delineation of a separate Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) for the row of Italian Cypress Trees, aligned 1.5m to the south of the side northern boundary extending from points 1.5m past each of the last specimens.
- (r) The delineation of root sensitive permeable paving where any part of the development comes within 1.5m to the south of the row of Italian Cypress trees located to the northern boundary, extending from points 1.5m past each of the last specimens.
- (s) The provision of an overlooking plan (to the first, second and third floors) which demonstrates which habitable room windows and balconies require screening in accordance with Standard B22 of Clause 55.04-6 (with any screening techniques to comply with this standard).
- (t) All external screens/obscure glazing required for overlooking to be 1.7m in height from finished floor level and no more than 25% transparent.
- (u) Modification to the stairwell wall on the eastern elevation to provide a break in materials/finishes to provide visual interest to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- (v) A schedule of construction materials, external finishes and colours (incorporating paint/render samples).
- (w) An Environmentally Sustainable Design Report outlining how the amended development complies with Standard B35 and B39 of Clause 55.07 (Apartment Developments) of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme. Any recommendations within this report must be notated on the plans.

When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of this Permit.

2. Prior to the endorsement of amended plans, an amended/updated ESD report must be provided by a suitably qualified Sustainability Consultant outlining how the proposal complies with the requirements of Clause 55.07 the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

All recommendations of the approved ESD report must be carried out, completed and maintained/serviced to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority;

3. Before the commencement of buildings and works, a detailed Landscape Plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by the Responsible Authority. When the Landscape Plan is approved, it will become an endorsed plan forming part of this Permit. The Landscape Plan must incorporate:
- (a) All existing retained vegetation to be identified.
  - (b) Buildings and trees (including botanical names) on neighbouring properties within 3 metres of the boundary.
  - (c) A planting schedule of all proposed vegetation including botanical names; common names; pot sizes; sizes at maturity; quantities of each plant; and details of surface finishes of pathways and driveways.
  - (d) Landscaping and planting within all open space areas of the site.
  - (e) Advanced canopy trees (minimum 3.0 metres tall when planted unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Responsible Authority) in the following areas:
    - (i) 2 feature trees adjacent to the site entrance within the front setback;
    - (ii) 4 trees within the front POS of TH01;
    - (iii) 1 tree within the front POS of TH03;
    - (iv) 1 tree within the rear POS of TH03;
    - (v) 7 trees within the rear POS of TH04 – 6 and 9 – 12 (one per dwelling);
    - (vi) 4 trees within the rear POS of TH07;
    - (vii) 3 trees with the rear POS of TH08;
    - (viii) 3 trees along the central aspect of the rear West boundary;
- Or 25 trees as above in locations to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- Trees are not to be sited over easements. All species selected must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
4. The landscaping as shown on the endorsed Landscape Plan must be carried out, completed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
5. The landscaping as shown the endorsed Landscape Plan must be maintained, and any dead, diseased or damaged plant replaced in accordance with the landscaping plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
6. Prior to the commencement of the buildings and works (including demolition), a grouped tree protection zone (TPZ) must be established adjacent to the entire row of neighbouring Italian Cypress trees.
- Formalised ground protection is required, which must comprise strapped timber rumble-boards installed over a 75mm layer of mulch and base layer of geotextile filter fabric to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- The TPZ is to be aligned 1.5m to the South of the side North boundary extending from points 1.5m past each of the last specimens.
- The ground protection and tree protection fence must remain in place until the construction within the tree protection zone is required. The tree protection zone for that component of the development not required for construction must remain fenced until construction is complete. No vehicular or pedestrian access, trenching or soil excavation is to occur within the tree protection zone.



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No storage or dumping of tools, equipment or waste is to occur within the tree protection zone.

The ground surface of the tree protection zone must be covered by a protective 100mm deep layer of mulch prior to the development commencing and be watered regularly to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

7. Any pruning that is required to be done to the canopy or root system of any trees retained on-site or where the canopy of neighbouring property tree/s overhang the site, is to be done by a qualified Arborist to Australian Standard – Pruning of Amenity Trees AS 4373 – 2007, Standards Australia.
8. Any pruning of the root system of any retained site tree or neighbouring tree is to be done by hand by a qualified arborist.
9. Root sensitive permeable paving such as ‘on-ground’ or ‘no-dig’ paving (or similar) is to be used where any part of the proposed paving comes within the Tree Protection Zone of the row of Italian Cypress trees (1.5m to the south of the side north boundary extending from points 1.5m past each of the last specimens).
10. Specific tree root sensitive footings and/or paving are to be used where any TPZ is encroached more than the 10% as allowed in the Australian Standard (AS4970-2009) Protection of trees on development sites.
11. The proposed works must not cause any damage to the canopy, roots or the Tree Protection Zone of the existing street tree.
12. Prior to the commencement of the buildings and works (including demolition), a tree protection fence must be erected around the street tree at a radius of 6.8m to tree 1 (Brush Box) and 2.4m to tree 2 (Willow Bottlebrush) from the base of the trunk to define a ‘tree protection zone’. Temporary fencing is to be used as per AS 4870-2009 section 4.3. This fence must be constructed of star pickets and chain mesh (or similar) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The tree protection fence must remain in place until the construction within the tree protection zone is completed. The tree protection zone for that component of the development not required for construction must remain fenced until construction is complete. No vehicular or pedestrian access, trenching or soil excavation is to occur within the tree protection zone. No storage or dumping of tools, equipment or waste is to occur within the tree protection zone.
13. The ground surface of the tree protection zone must be covered by a protective 100mm deep layer of mulch prior to the development commencing and be watered regularly to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Above ground canopy TPZ (Tree Protection Zone) to be adopted. No works, structures or machinery will come within 1m of the trees crown/canopy as per AS 4870-2009 section 3.3.6.

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) fencing must be adopted to protect the street tree’s trunk. Set at edge of TPZ on all sides (Finishing at paved surfaces). Temporary fencing to be used as per AS 4870-2009 section 4.3.

Hand excavate any area within 1.5m of the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ). If roots over 40mm are found, Park Services are to be notified and further inspections will be carried out.

Ground protection is to be used if temporary access for machinery is required within the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ). Strapped rumble boards are to be used within TPZ to limit ground compaction as per AS 4870-2009 section 4.5.3.

14. No excavation is to come within 4.5m of street tree 1 (Brush Box) and 1.7m of street tree 2 (Willow Bottlebrush) measured from the centre of the trunk) without the prior consent of the Responsible Authority. Any excavation within 1.5m of the tree protection zones must be hand excavated. If roots over 40mm are found, Park Services are to be notified and further inspections will be carried out.

Ground protection is to be used if temporary access for machinery is required within the TPZ (Tree Protection Zone). Strapped rumble boards are to be used within the tree protection zone to limit ground compaction as per AS 4870-2009 section 4.5.3.

15. 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.

16. This Permit will expire if:

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

The Responsible Authority may extend the time referred to if a request is made in writing before this Permit expires or within six (6) months after the expiry date if the use/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 (12) months of the expiry date.

17. Disabled access to the building must be provided to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

All work carried out to provide disabled access must be constructed in accordance with in AS 1428.1 to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority

18. Written confirmation by a Licensed Land Surveyor must be provided to the Responsible Authority verifying that the development does not exceed 10.5m (for the portion of building on 17 Lorraine Street) and 13.5 metres (for the portion of building on 19 Lorraine Street) in height above natural ground level. This must be provided at frame stage inspection and at final inspection.

19. No plant, equipment, services or architectural features other than those shown on the endorsed plans are permitted above the roof level of the building/s without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

20. Adequate provision must be made for the storage and collection of garbage, bottles and other solid wastes in bins or receptacles, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

All bins and receptacles used for the storage and collection of garbage, bottles and other solid wastes must be kept in a storage area screened from view, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

All bins and receptacles must be maintained in a clean and tidy condition and free from offensive odour, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

21. Prior to the occupation of the approved development, the owner/permit holder must prepare and have approved in writing by the Responsible Authority a Waste Management Plan (WMP) for the site with respect to the collection and disposal of waste and recyclables associated with the proposed uses on the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The WMP must provide for the following:
- (a) The collection of waste associated with the uses on the land, including the provision of bulk waste collection bins or approved alternative, recycling bins, the storage of other refuse and solid wastes in bins or receptacles within suitable screened and accessible areas to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Commercial waste bins being placed or allowed to remain not in view of the public, and receptacles not emitting any adverse odours.
  - (b) Designation of methods of collection including the provision for private services, This must incorporate recycling services and must comply with the relevant EPA noise guideline relating to the time of collection.
  - (c) Appropriate areas of bin storage on site and areas of waste bin storage on collection days.
  - (d) Details for best practice waste management once operating.

Once approved the WMP will be endorsed to form part of this permit and must be complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must not be varied except with the written approval of the Responsible Authority

22. Prior to the commencement of any site works including demolition and excavation, the owner must submit a Construction Management Plan to the Responsible Authority for approval. No works including demolition and excavation are permitted to occur until the Plan has been approved in writing by the Responsible Authority. Once approved, the Construction Management Plan will be endorsed to form part of this permit and must be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The Plan must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must provide details of the following:
- (a) delivery and unloading points and expected frequency;
  - (b) Truck haulage routes, circulation spaces and queuing lanes;
  - (c) Details how traffic and safe pedestrian access will be managed. These must be in the form of a Traffic Management Plan designed by a suitably qualified traffic practitioner;
  - (d) a liaison officer for contact by owners / residents and the Responsible Authority in the event of relevant queries or problems experienced;
  - (e) an outline of requests to occupy public footpaths or roads, or anticipated disruptions to local services;
  - (f) any requirements outlined within this permit as required by the relevant referral authorities;
  - (g) hours for construction activity in accordance with any other condition of this permit;
  - (h) measures to control noise, dust, water and sediment laden runoff;

- (i) measures to ensure that sub-contractors/tradespersons operating on the site are aware of the contents of the Construction Management Plan;
  - (j) any construction lighting to be baffled to minimise intrusion on adjoining lots.
- 23. Privacy screens must be in accordance with the endorsed plans and must be installed prior to the occupation of the development. The privacy screens must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- 24. The location of any substation/services/metres to be clearly shown on the plans (to have limited visibility from the streetscape) and in a location to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Any on-site substation must not be located in the front setbacks and must not reduce any open space for each apartment.
- 25. Areas set aside for the parking of vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be:
  - (a) Constructed;
  - (b) Properly formed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
  - (c) Surfaced with an all-weather sealcoat;
  - (d) Drained;
  - (e) Line-marked to indicate each car space and all access lanes;
  - (f) Clearly marked to show the direction of traffic along the access lanes and driveways;to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Car spaces, access lanes and driveways shown on the endorsed plans must not be used for any other purpose.
- 26. The surface of the car park area must be treated to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority to prevent dust causing a loss of amenity to the neighbourhood.
- 27. Concrete kerbs or other barriers must be provided to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority to prevent direct vehicle access to an adjoining road other than by vehicle crossing.
- 28. Protective kerbs (minimum 150mm in height) or the like must be installed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority to prevent vehicle damage to the landscaped areas on the subject land and to the fences of adjoining properties.
- 29. Vehicular crossing(s) must be constructed to the road to suit the proposed driveway(s) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and any existing crossing or crossing opening must be removed and replaced with footpath, naturestrip and kerb and channel to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- 30. The car parking allocation for the approved development must be:
  - Not less than one (1) car space per one or two bedroom dwelling;

- Not less than two (2) car spaces per three (3) or more bedroom dwelling;
  - Visitor spaces (1 to every 5 dwellings) marked accordingly.
31. All disused or redundant vehicle crossings must be removed and the area re-instated with footpath, naturestrip and kerb and channel to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
32. The mechanical car stackers must be maintained by the Owner's Corporation in a good working order and be permanently available for the parking of vehicles in accordance with their purpose to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Should no Owner's Corporation be established, then the lot owner must bear responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the car stacker.
33. Prior to the occupation of the approved development, the owner/permit holder must prepare and have approved in writing by the Responsible Authority, a car stacker system management plan including but not limited to the following:
- (a) Allocation of car spaces according to vehicle size and type;
  - (b) Ongoing maintenance of the car stacker system;
  - (c) Instructions to owners/occupiers about the operation of the car stacker system; and
  - (d) Communicating to prospective residents about the availability of car stacker spaces and sizes.

Once approved this document must be complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must not be varied except with the written approval of the Responsible Authority.

34. Any modification to existing infrastructure and services within the road reservation (including, but not restricted to, electricity supply, telecommunications services, gas supply, water supply, sewerage services and stormwater drainage) necessary to provide the required access to the site, must be undertaken by the applicant/developer to the satisfaction of the relevant authority. All costs associated with any such modifications must be borne by the applicant/developer.
35. Prior to the completion of the basement floor construction, written confirmation by a Licensed Land Surveyor must be provided to the Responsible Authority verifying that the basement floor has been constructed generally in accordance with the endorsed plans (prior to the construction of the levels above being commenced.)
36. Prior to the completion of the ramp to the basement, written confirmation by a Licensed Land Surveyor must be provided to the Responsible Authority verifying that the basement ramp has been constructed generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.
37. The permit holder must inform all purchasers about this planning permit, particularly drawing attention to Note D.
38. Prior to the occupation of the approved development, a permanent sign must be erected by the applicable planning permit holder in a prominent position in the car park and in any foyer/s stating that "Residents of this development will not be issued Residential Parking Permits (including visitor parking permits)". The sign must measure approximately 0.2 square metres in area, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

39. Written confirmation from a suitably qualified Traffic Engineer demonstrating that the basement layout and vehicle access complies with Clause 52.06 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Notes

- A. The amendments specified in Condition 1 of this Permit and any additional modifications which are “necessary or consequential” are those that will be assessed by Council when plans are lodged to satisfy that condition. Any “necessary or consequential” amendments, in addition to those required by this condition, should be specifically brought to the attention of Council for assessment.

If other modifications are proposed, they must be identified and be of a nature that an application for amendment of permit may be lodged under Section 72 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. An amendment application is subject to the procedures set out in Section 73 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

- B. 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.
- C. This Planning Permit represents the Planning approval for the development of the land. Side and rear boundary fences do not form part of this Planning approval. All matters relating to the boundary fences shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Fences Act 1968.
- D. Residents of the dwellings allowed under this permit will not be issued Residential Parking Permits (including visitor parking permits).
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. Prior to the commencement of any demolition and/or building works, an Asset Protection Permit must be obtained from Council’s Engineering Services Department.
- H. The permit holder/applicant/owner must provide a copy of the Planning Permit to any appointed Building Surveyor. It is the responsibility of the permit holder/applicant/owner and the Building Surveyor to ensure that the development approved by this Permit is consistent with any Building Permit approved and that all works are consistent with the endorsed plans approved under this Planning Permit.
- I. Consideration is required when installing domestic services (i.e. – air conditioning units, heaters, pool pumps, water tanks and the like). The owner/occupier/permit holder/developer must take all reasonable and practicable measures in locating domestic services in position that reduce any amenity impact on adjoining properties. This includes selecting an appropriate installation position and enclosing the domestic service. Further information regarding noise from domestic services can be found in the Environmental Protection Act 1970.

- J. No net increase in peak stormwater runoff in Council drainage network. Post development peak storm water discharge to Council drainage network must be maintained to the predevelopment level for 10 year ARI. Detailed plans and computations prepared by a registered consulting Civil Engineer should be submitted to Council for approval prior any construction works. When approved these plans will be endorsed and form part of plans submitted with town planning permit application.

Councils Asset Engineering Department advises;

- Any firefighting equipment for the building shall be accommodated within title boundary. Submitted plans are not showing location of any fire services hydrant / booster. Firefighting facility as required under Building Act/Regulation shall be within the subject land and not in Council Road Reserve.
- Asset Protection Permit must be obtained from Council Engineering Services Department prior commencement of any building works.
- To construct proposed vehicle crossing, vehicle crossing permit must be obtained by lodging application for vehicle crossing permit.
- To connect storm water discharge to the Council drainage network and any work in the road reserve, Asset consent permit must be obtained by lodging application for Asset consent permit.
- Any modifications, amendments or a change that could impact Council's engineering assets to be discussed with Engineering for assessment, prior to issuing the planning permit.

## **BACKGROUND**

A planning application was lodged at Council in June 2015 for a three storey building (comprising six dwellings) above basement car park at 19 Lorraine Street. This was refused under Manager Delegation in December 2015 on grounds relating to neighbourhood character, inadequate street setbacks and a lack of car parking (for both residents and visitors).

There is no planning permit history for 17 Lorraine Street.

## **ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

- Zoning and policy context
- Neighbourhood character
- Height, scale and massing
- Amenity impacts
- Landscaping
- Internal amenity
- Car parking and traffic

### Proposal

- Construction of a part three/part four storey building with 21 dwellings
- Basement car parking comprising of 37 car spaces (one for each two bedroom dwelling, two for each three bedroom dwelling and 3 visitor car spaces)
- Reduction of 1 visitor car space
- Vehicular access via the southern crossover onto Lorraine Street
- Four storey component located on the northern lot (number 19) and three storeys on the southern lot (number 17)
- Ground and first floors comprise 12 double storey townhouses, each with three bedrooms
- Second and third floors comprise of two bedroom apartments
- Private open space located at ground floor and upper level balconies
- Maximum overall building height of 10.5 - 13.4 metres

- Site coverage of 58%.

#### Objectors' concerns

- Neighbourhood character
- Car parking and traffic
- Overdevelopment
- Visual bulk and mass
- Landscaping
- Overshadowing and overlooking
- Noise.

#### Referrals

##### Transport Planning

- The car parking requirement for the residential dwellings has been met (excess of 1 space) however results in a shortfall of 1 visitor space. This is acceptable as there will be approximately 5 on-street spaces adjacent to the site which can be used by visitors should the on-site visitor parking be occupied.
- It is estimated that the proposal would generate up to 11 vehicles trips during each of the peak periods. It is believed that this would not have a major impact on the operation and function of Loranne Street and the surrounding road network.
- Some changes are required to the access ramp and basement layout to ensure compliance with the Planning Scheme requirements.

##### Landscape Officer

- Mature tree planting required post construction.
- Tree protection zones required for during construction of trees on the adjoining properties.

##### Parks Services

- Street trees to be retained
- Tree protection zones required.

##### Waste Management

- Development not suitable for Council collection
- Private contractor to collect waste from the basement.

#### **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### **POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

##### Zoning and policy context

The site at 17 Loranne Street is within the General Residential Zone (Schedule 2) and 19 Loranne Street is within the Residential Growth Zone. The development has been designed so the four storey component sits wholly within the Residential Growth Zone with the proposal scaling down to three storeys within the General Residential Zone.





**Zoning Map**

Within the Residential Growth Zone and the General Residential Zone, a greater density of residential development is anticipated than other residential zones, and the consolidation of lots is encouraged to facilitate efficient use of land. Objectives of the zone are to facilitate development up to and including 3 to 4 storeys. The proposed development complies with this objective.

The site is located within the Bentleigh Urban Village. This Policy encourages a mix of density and housing types whilst also encouraging the managed change of the neighbourhood. It is considered that, subject to recommended conditions of approval, the proposal is compliant with these objectives.

#### Neighbourhood character

The character of Loranne Street is considered to be relatively varied, with a number of single dwellings (both single and double storey in scale), dual occupancies (both side by side and linear). There is a recently constructed four storey building at 29 Loranne Street and at 24 Mavho Street (to the north-west).

To the north of the site is a three dwelling townhouse development (one double storey and two single storey attached dwellings). This site is located within the Residential Growth Zone.

Directly to the west of the site (on Mavho Street), are two residential sites which are within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, and the General Residential Zone 2. To the south of the site is a double storey dwelling (which is part of a side by side development) which is within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone.

The architectural style and form of the building subject to conditions to increase setbacks is considered to be acceptable within the wider context of the neighbourhood. The development will achieve an acceptable level of visual interest and articulation as a result of contrasting construction materials and balcony and window locations along with the extra setbacks that the conditions will require.

Given the interface with the Neighbourhood Residential Zone to the west of the site, it is considered that increased rear setbacks are required in order to provide an appropriate transition.

#### Height, scale and massing

The proposed heights are below the maximum allowable height of the zones.

Front setbacks do not comply with State Government requirements. A condition of permit is recommended to rectify this. This will also improve the appearance of the proposal when viewed from the street.

There is some non-compliance regarding the requirements for side and rear setback, and the setbacks to north facing windows. Conditions are recommended so the development is fully compliant.

#### Amenity impacts

Overlooking from the proposed development generally complies with the State Government guidelines. A recommended condition requires notations to be added to the plans to ensure compliance is fully met.

There will be some additional overshadowing of neighbouring properties to the south and west, however the proposed overshadowing impacts from the development complies with the State Government guidelines.

External screens have been proposed to several windows and balconies, however additional screening (and detail regarding the screening techniques) is recommended as a condition.

#### Landscaping

A condition is recommended to ensure that the existing trees on the adjoining property to the north are not impacted by the proposal.

The proposal will allow for mature tree planting in the front setback and appropriate landscaping along the side and rear boundaries.

#### Internal amenity

The layout and design of the development will generally result in functional, well-proportioned dwellings with balconies which maximise access to daylight and direct sunlight where possible.

It is acknowledged that the site is an east-west running block, where south-facing private open space in apartment style developments often occurs. Directly south facing private open space (where it is the only private open space provided for the dwelling) is limited to three (3) out of the 21 dwellings. This is considered an acceptably low number.

The areas and dimensions of private open space for the dwellings are considered to be adequate and will a reasonable area for future residents.

#### Car Parking and Traffic

The State Government guidelines require a total of 38 car spaces to be provided on site (34 for residents, 4 for visitors). The reduction of one visitor car space is proposed, however given the residential nature of the street and location on the periphery of the Urban Village, the reduction of one visitor car space is not supported. Conditions requiring the full parking requirement are recommended.

Council's Transport Planning Department requires some changes to the design of the basement. These changes form recommended conditions in the Appendix. A condition will also state that occupants of the proposed development will be ineligible for residential parking permits.

#### Management Plan Requirements

The submission of a Construction Management Plan, a Waste Management Plan and a Car Stacker Management Plan are recommended as conditions of approval.

The applicant submitted an ESD (Environmentally Sustainable Design) Report with the application which outlines how the proposal complies with the new requirements of State Government guidelines regarding apartment developments. As the recommendation includes some changes to the building envelope, the submission of an updated report is recommended as a condition.

#### Draft Structure Planning for Bentleigh

Council is in the process of preparing a Structure Plan for Bentleigh and Quality Design Guidelines that will potentially inform future planning controls such as local policy, zoning and overlay provisions for the area. These will undergo two phases of consultation before going to Council for adoption in December 2017. The first round of consultation commenced in July, with a draft Concept Plan and the Quality Design Principles being released for public consultation and seeking feedback until 3 September 2017.

The draft Concept Plan seeks to manage growth in a way that responds to Bentleigh's suburban residential character. This includes supporting more dense apartment developments north of Centre Road in areas already affected by major transformation (e.g. Hamilton Street and Bent Street), while lowering the intensity of development to the south of Centre Road in areas such as Loranne Street. The plan provides direction for preferred building designs and heights by location.

The draft Plan identifies a preferred building type of "Side by Side Townhouse (1–2 storeys)" for the subject site at 17-19 Loranne Street. This encourages a low-scale townhouse form similar to that existing on adjoining land at 15 Loranne Street. The proposal clearly exceeds the scale and intensity of development outlined by the draft Plan.

The Plan is currently in draft form for community consultation, and may change subject to community feedback in subsequent rounds of consultation. From a VCAT perspective, only planning provisions currently in the planning scheme have statutory weight. However, should Council resolve to adopt the final Structure Plan in December 2017, this document would have greater 'weight' at VCAT despite the process that would still need to be undertaken to have it incorporated in the Planning Scheme.

As detailed above, the proposal generally accords with the current Urban Villages policy context and meets building height requirements that currently apply to the site.

### **COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

1. Public Notice (Statutory)
  - 16 properties notified
  - 19 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
  - 2 signs erected on site
  - 13 objections received
2. Planning Conference (Non Statutory)

The Conference, chaired by Cr 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:

- Impact on infrastructure
- Car parking in the surrounding area
- Overshadowing
- Construction concerns
- Boundary fence issues

#### Undertakings by the Applicant

- The applicant offered to re-assess the shadow diagrams
- The applicant tabled a revised arborists report addressing concerns raised by the neighbours for impact on the trees.

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#### **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

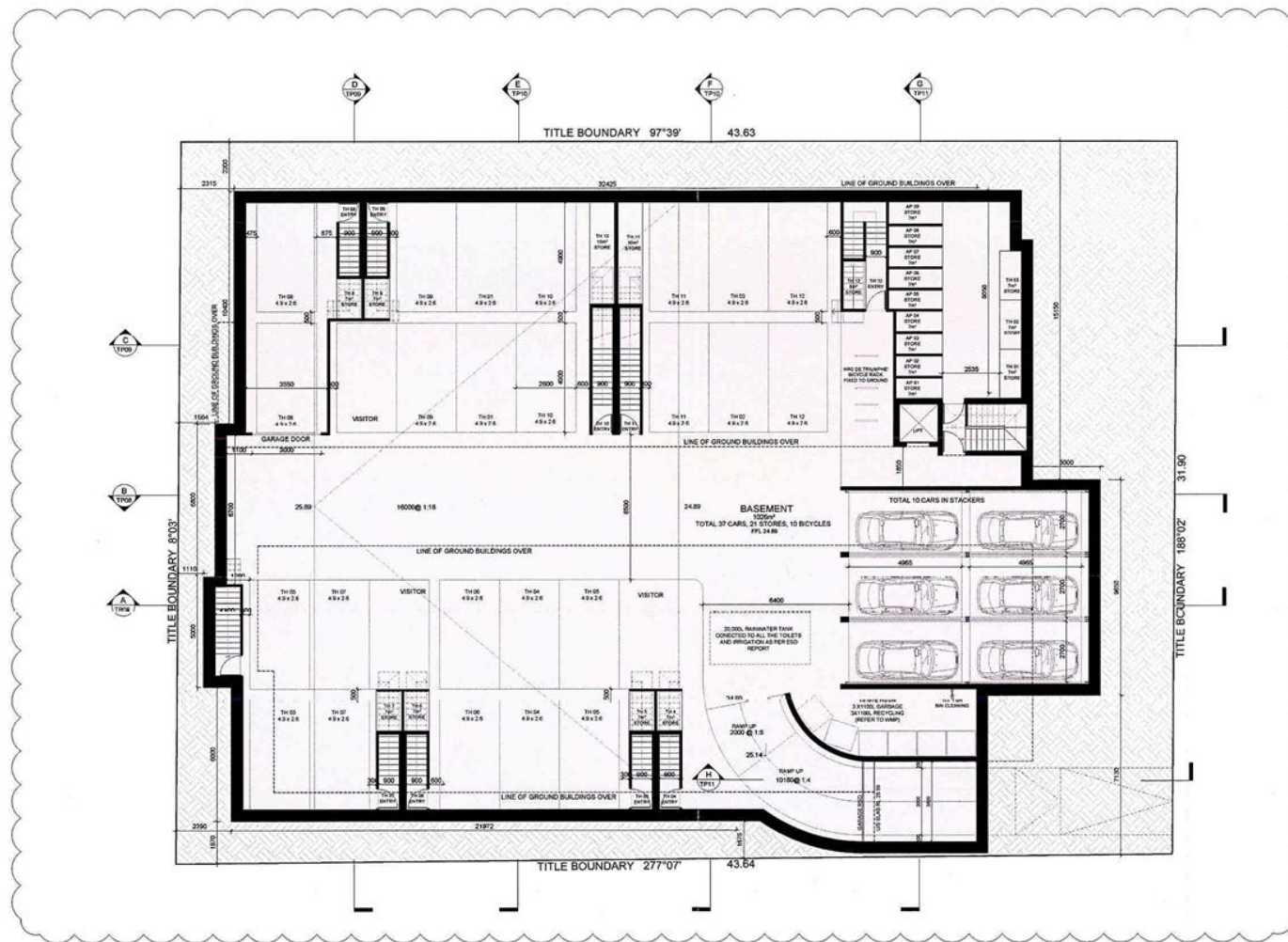
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#### **CONCLUSION**

That a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued.

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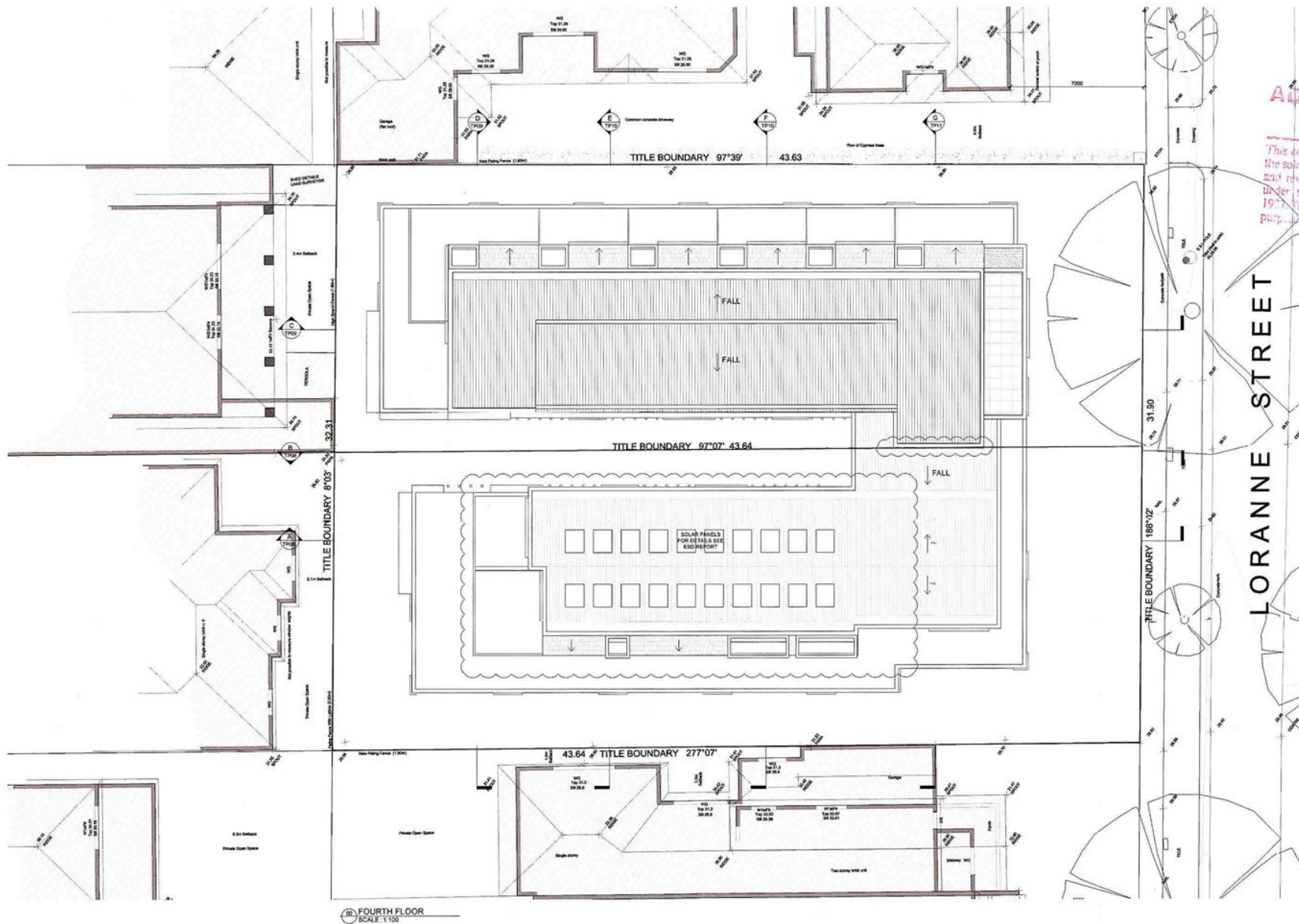
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**ITEM 9.3          219 TUCKER ROAD, MCKINNON****Author:**            *Effie Tangelakis, Coordinator Town Planning***File No:**            *GE/PP-30619/2017***Attachments:**    *1. Advertised plans***PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To consider a Planning Permit application.



<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Construction of a four (4) storey building comprising of five dwellings, a shop and basement carpark; reduction of visitor and shop car parking requirements
<b>MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT</b>	Housing Diversity Area Policy (Local Centre)
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Sharp Building Design
<b>PLANNING SCHEME CONTROLS</b>	Commercial 1 Zone
<b>OBJECTIONS</b>	14

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council issues a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for Application No. GE/PP-30619/2017 at 219 Tucker Road, McKinnon for the construction of a three storey building comprising of four dwellings and a shop in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Before the commencement of the development and use, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to, and approved by, the Responsible Authority. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and must generally accord with the plans submitted with the application (identified as TP03, TP06, TP5-7, TP6-7, and TP7-7, prepared by Sharp Building Design, dated 19/04/2017) but modified to show:
  - (a) Deletion of level three in its entirety.
  - (b) All balconies to dwellings increased in size to have a minimum dimension of two metres. Any consequential changes are to be absorbed within the remaining building envelope, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
  - (c) A notation on the plans that all first and second level west facing habitable room windows and/or balconies to have fixed screening or fixed obscure glazing to a height of 1.7m above finished floor level, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority
  - (d) The width of accessways between the dwelling entrances, the main bedroom, the bathroom and the living areas increased to a minimum of 1.2 metres in width for at least 50% of the dwellings. Any consequential changes are to be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
  - (e) Bathroom layout and design for at least 50% of the dwellings modified to comply with the specific requirements of Table D4 of Clause 58.05 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme. Any consequential alterations are to be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
  - (f) A variation in external finishes to better respond to the finishes of neighbouring buildings (i.e – replacement of the “applegate” paint finish color), to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
  - (g) Car spaces allocated on the plans as follows:
    - Not less than one (1) car space per one or two bedroom dwelling;
    - A minimum of two (2) car space allocated to the shop.
  - (h) The rear setback of the ground floor constructed at the same level as the right of way. Any consequential alterations are to be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
  - (i) A minimum height clearance of 4 metres provided between the ground floor and the first floor at the rear parking area, clear of any supports or columns. Any consequential alterations are to be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
  - (j) An alternative parking/Stacker arrangement to be provided with the exact model of car stacker to be delineated on the plans. In accordance with Clause 52.06 of the Planning Scheme, car stackers are to be provided with a minimum usable platform width of 2.6m, with this clearly indicated on the plans.

- (k) Dimensions of car stackers and car stacker spaces clearly indicated on the car park layout plans, showing space width and lengths, clear platform widths and lengths, space heights, pit depths, and height clearances, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- (l) The provision of a minimum of one accessible car parking space, and the provision of pedestrian access between the car park and commercial use (indicating no stairs, and ramps no steeper than 1:14), to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- (m) Pedestrian access within the building to measure a minimum of 1m in width, with this clearly dimensioned on the plans.
- (n) The verandah on the Tucker Road frontage set back 750mm from the face of the kerb, with this clearly dimensioned on the plans.
- (o) All plans designed and dimensioned in accordance with Clause 52.06 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of this Permit.

2. 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
3. This Permit will expire if:
  - The development does not start within two (2) years from the date of this Permit; or
  - The development is not completed within four (4) years of the date of this Permit.

The Responsible Authority may extend the time referred to if a request is made in writing before this Permit expires or within six (6) months after the expiry date if the use/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 (12) months of the expiry date

4. Prior to the commencement of the development, a schedule of construction materials, external finishes and colours (incorporating paint samples) must be submitted to, and approved by, the Responsible Authority. When approved, the schedule will be endorsed and will form part of the permit.
5. The amenity of the area must not be adversely affected by the use or development as a result of the:
  - transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land; and/or
  - appearance of any building, works, stored goods or materials; and/or
  - emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil; and/orin any other way, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority
6. Provision must be made on the site for letter boxes and receptacles for newspapers to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

7. Prior to the occupation of the approved development, the owner/permit holder must prepare and have approved in writing by the Responsible Authority a Waste Management Plan (WMP) for the site with respect to the collection and disposal of waste and recyclables associated with the proposed uses on the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The WMP must provide for the following:
- (a) The collection of waste associated with the uses on the land, including the provision of bulk waste collection bins or approved alternative, recycling bins, the storage of other refuse and solid wastes in bins or receptacles within suitable screened and accessible areas to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Commercial waste bins being placed or allowed to remain not in view of the public, and receptacles not emitting any adverse odours.
  - (b) Designation of methods of collection including the need to provide for private services or utilisation of council services. If private collection is used, this method must incorporate recycling services and must comply with the relevant EPA noise guideline relating to the time of collection.
  - (c) Appropriate areas of bin storage on site and areas of waste bin storage on collection days.
  - (d) Details for best practice waste management once operating.

Once approved the WMP will be endorsed to form part of this permit and must be complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must not be varied except with the written approval of the Responsible Authority.

8. Prior to the commencement of any site works including demolition and excavation, the owner must submit a Construction Management Plan to the Responsible Authority for approval. No works including demolition and excavation are permitted to occur until the Plan has been approved in writing by the Responsible Authority. Once approved, the Construction Management Plan will be endorsed to form part of this permit and must be implemented to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The Plan must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must provide details of the following:
- (a) delivery and unloading points and expected frequency;
  - (b) Truck haulage routes, circulation spaces and queuing lanes;
  - (c) Details how traffic and safe pedestrian access will be managed. These must be in the form of a Traffic Management Plan designed by a suitably qualified traffic practitioner;
  - (d) a liaison officer for contact by owners / residents and the Responsible Authority in the event of relevant queries or problems experienced;
  - (e) an outline of requests to occupy public footpaths or roads, or anticipated disruptions to local services;
  - (f) any requirements outlined within this permit as required by the relevant referral authorities;



- (g) hours for construction activity in accordance with any other condition of this permit;
- (h) measures to control noise, dust, water and sediment laden runoff;
- (i) measures to ensure that sub-contractors/tradespersons operating on the site are aware of the contents of the Construction Management Plan;
- (j) any construction lighting to be baffled to minimise intrusion on adjoining lots

9. Areas set aside for the parking of vehicles and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be:

- (a) constructed;
- (b) properly formed to such levels that they can be used in accordance with the plans;
- (c) surfaced with an all weather sealcoat;
- (d) drained;
- (e) line-marked to indicate each car space and all access lanes;
- (f) clearly marked to show the direction of traffic along the access lanes and driveways;

to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Car spaces, access lanes and driveways shown on the endorsed plans must not be used for any other purpose

10. Vehicular crossing(s) must be constructed to the road to suit the proposed driveway(s) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and any existing crossing or crossing opening must be removed and replaced with footpath, naturestrip and kerb and channel to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority
11. The car parking allocation for the approved development must be:
- Not less than one (1) car space per one or two bedroom dwelling;
  - A minimum of two (2) car spaces allocated to the shop.
12. During the construction of the buildings and works allowed by this permit, the laneway(s) adjacent to the subject land must be kept free of parked or standing vehicles or any other obstruction, including building materials, equipment etc. so as to maintain free vehicular passage to abutting benefiting properties at all times, unless with the written consent of the Responsible Authority
13. The permit holder must inform all purchasers about this planning permit, particularly drawing attention to Note A.
14. Prior to the occupation of the approved development, a permanent sign must be erected by the applicable planning permit holder in a prominent position in the car park and in

any foyer/s stating that "Residents of this development will not be issued Residential Parking Permits (including visitor parking permits)". The sign must measure approximately 0.2 square metres in area, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority

15. Prior to the completion of the car stacker pit, written confirmation by a Licensed Land Surveyor is to be provided to the Responsible Authority verifying that the car stacker pits have been constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans.

Notes:

- A. Residents of the dwellings allowed under this permit will not be issued Residential Parking Permits (including visitor parking permits).
- B. The amendments specified in Condition 1 of this Permit and any additional modifications which are "necessary or consequential" are those that will be assessed by Council when plans are lodged to satisfy that condition. Any "necessary or consequential" amendments, in addition to those required by this condition, should be specifically brought to the attention of Council for assessment.

If other modifications are proposed, they must be identified and be of a nature that an application for amendment of permit may be lodged under Section 72 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. An amendment application is subject to the procedures set out in Section 73 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987

- C. 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
- D. This Planning Permit represents the Planning approval for the development of the land. Side and rear boundary fences do not form part of this Planning approval. All matters relating to the boundary fences shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Fences Act 1968
- E. 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
- F. 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
- G. Prior to the commencement of any demolition and/or building works, an Asset Protection Permit must be obtained from Council's Engineering Services Department
- H. The proposed pedestrian access to the retail use and the apartments are to be DDA compliant.
- I. Any public/private lighting in the laneway is to be provided by, and maintained by the developer.

- J. No net increase in peak stormwater runoff is to occur to Council's drainage network. Post development peak stormwater discharge to the Council drainage network must be maintained at the predevelopment level for 10 year ARI. Detailed plans and computations should be submitted to Council Engineering Services for approval prior to the commencement of any construction works.
- K. Engineering Services encourage the use of rainwater tanks for storage and reuse for toilet and irrigation purposes and/or stormwater detention systems.
- L. Drainage associated with the basement (seepage and agricultural waters must be filtered to rainwater clarity) are to be discharged to the nearest Council Drain/Pit.
- M. All stormwater runoff must be connected to the Council underground drainage network. No uncontrolled discharge is to occur to adjoining properties and footpaths.
- N. Any firefighting equipment for the building is to be accommodated within the Title Boundary. Council will not allow private fire equipment in the Road Reserve.
- O. Prior to the commencement of any works within the Road Reserve and/or stormwater connection to the Council Drainage Network all relevant Engineering Permits must be obtained from Council Engineering Services.

**BACKGROUND**

N/A

**ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

- Zoning and policy context
- Neighbourhood character
- Height, scale and massing
- Amenity impacts
- Internal amenity
- Car parking and traffic
- Objectors concerns

Proposal

- Construction of a four storey building
- Ground floor comprising a shop with car parking to rear in a car stacker providing 7 parking spaces (6 spaces for dwellings, 1 for retail component)
- First floor comprising 2, two-bedroom dwellings
- Second floor comprising 2, two-bedroom dwellings
- Third floor comprising 1 three-bedroom dwelling
- Reduction of the car parking requirement for one visitor space and one shop space
- Maximum building height of 13.3 metres (inclusive of lift overrun)

Objectors' concerns

- Neighbourhood character
- Scale and bulk
- Traffic and parking impacts
- Potential impacts upon neighbouring buildings during construction
- Waste management
- Overlooking
- Overshadowing
- Transition to neighbouring buildings.
- Accessibility of parking

Referrals

## Transport Planning

- The car parking requirement for the residential dwellings has been met however the proposal results in a total shortfall of 2 spaces (1 residential visitor space and 1 shop space).
- It is not expected that visitor parking be provided on the site as there is ample parking in the area, especially after business hours on Tucker Road
- Some changes to the access to the car stackers is required to ensure convenient and safe access.

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**Zoning and policy context

The site is located within a small strip of properties running north-south, located within the Commercial 1 Zone, which seeks to create mixed use commercial centres which incorporate a variety of uses. In addition, the zone seeks to provide for residential development at densities complementary to the role and scale of the commercial centre.

Within the Commercial Zone, there are no height restrictions imposed, which enables consideration of the four storey form proposed.

The commercial zone is positioned within an area of primarily residential dwellings, located within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, to the rear, to the east across the road and further north beyond the shopping strip.

The Housing Diversity Area policy emphasizes that whilst development of greater density can be considered within such locations, it should be of a complementary and responsive scale and form in relation to the more sensitive interfaces with residential areas.

Neighbourhood character

There is a variation of height of the adjoining buildings within the small commercial strip. Similarly, within the wider built environment, there are a number of two storey buildings and dual occupancy developments; however overall, the scale of buildings in the vicinity is two storeys.

It is therefore considered that a development of a four storey building in this small shopping strip and surrounding area that is of not more than two storeys would result in an overbearing built form that is not consistent with the area. That notwithstanding, it is not considered that a development of increased scale would be inappropriate, but that a reduction in the height of the proposed building to three storeys would result in a better transition to neighbouring forms, and would be respectful of the policy intent for the small commercial strip and the character of the neighbourhood.

Height, scale and massing

The application proposes to retain the existing (zero) setback from Tucker Road, which will retain the continuous retail frontages of the shopping strip. The building is recessed at the upper floor levels which will reduce the visual impact, and therefore impression of mass, of those levels. That notwithstanding, as detailed above, a reduction in height to three storeys is considered appropriate as it will further reduce visual bulk and mass and better reflect the character of the neighbourhood.

There will be greater visibility of the building from all directions, but this is considered acceptable within the context of the site, as there are increased setbacks at third floor level which will reduce the potential impact upon the immediate streetscape, and will enable the building to integrate with the neighbouring two storey forms in an acceptable manner, noting that there are no mandatory maximum building heights applicable to the site.

Amenity impacts

There will be overshadowing of the rear open space of the neighbouring property immediately to the south, however State Government requirements remain silent in relation to the overshadowing of neighbouring properties. They makes specific reference to overlooking impacts, but does not provide detailed requirements for overshadowing compliance.

There is the potential for overlooking to the rear and side of the property, from the upper floors and associated balconies. A condition of permit is recommended to address this potential.

#### Internal amenity

While generally compliant with the State Government requirements in terms of internal amenity, there are a number of areas of non-compliance, such as the width of internal corridors, the minimum dimension of balconies, and the design of bathroom areas including circulation spaces.

It is considered that these areas of non-compliance are relatively minor, and compliance with these requirements is recommended to be secured via a condition of permit.

The proposal provides a number of balcony areas to each dwelling, which will ensure good access to natural light, with living areas and bedrooms featuring either windows or direct balcony access.

No bedrooms are reliant upon “corridor” style windows, and the light-courts located on the northern edges of the site will ensure that the adjacent bedroom, bathroom, and stairwell areas receive an acceptable level of solar access.

Dwellings are considered to be well-proportioned within the context of the site, and are considered to provide a sufficient level of amenity to future occupants.

#### Car Parking and Traffic

State Government guidelines recommends a total of nine car parking spaces to be provided on site (two for the shop, one for residential visitors and six for the dwellings).

The proposal provides for 7 onsite car parking spaces, which satisfies the requirements for the dwellings however results in a shortfall of one space for the shop and one visitor space.

Given the recommended deletion of the third level, the total number of dwellings will be reduced to four. As visitor car parking is required at a rate of one to every five dwellings, a visitor car space will no longer be required. The deletion of the third level (which contains a three bedroom dwelling) will create a surplus of two car spaces which were previously allocated to this dwelling. It is recommended that one of these spaces be reallocated to the shop so that the statutory rates is met for this use and the remaining space can be used as a surplus space for the dwellings, or deleted entirely). This will result in full compliance with the car parking requirements.

Council's Transport Planning departments have indicated that the proposal will not result in any adverse impacts upon the road network as a result of additional trip generation.

Conditions are recommended to provide an alternative car stacker system, and to ensure plans are in accordance with the design requirements of the Planning Scheme to ensure the safe operation of the parking area and the adjacent accessway.

#### Management Plan Requirements

A construction management plan, and waste management plan have been recommended to be provided via condition of permit.

**COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**1. Public Notice (Statutory)

- 9 properties notified
- 12 notices sent (owners and occupiers)
- 1 signs erected on site
- 14 objections received

2. Planning Conference (Non Statutory)

The Conference, chaired by Cr Athanasopoulos, 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:

- Car parking
- Traffic
- Scale and built form
- Neighbourhood character
- Waste management
- Overlooking and overshadowing

Undertakings by the Applicant

The applicant did not attend the Planning Conference and therefore no undertakings were made.

**LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN**

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**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

That a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued.





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AREA SCHEDULE			
Zone Name	Measured Area	Parking Spaces	Notes
SHOP	55.48	1 (stacker)	
UNIT 01	69.85	1 (stacker)	2
UNIT 01 Bal	8.82		
UNIT 02	71.90	1 (stacker)	2
UNIT 02 Bal	8.84		
UNIT 03	69.82	1 (stacker)	2
UNIT 03 Bal	8.70		
UNIT 04	71.85	1 (stacker)	2
UNIT 04 Bal	8.84		
UNIT 05	96.79	2 (stacker)	3
UNIT 05 Bal	8.61		

SITE ANALYSIS	
GROUND FLOOR AREA	170.3m²
1st LEVEL FLOOR AREA	159.5m²
2nd LEVEL FLOOR AREA	159.5m²
3rd LEVEL FLOOR AREA	96.6m²
TOTAL BUILDING AREA	187.4m²
TOTAL SEALED AREA	187.4m²
SITE AREA	187.4m²
SITE COVERAGE	100%
PERVIOUS SURFACES	0%

#### LEGEND

\* FURTHER GLAZING UP TO 1.1M ABOVE THE FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL

	Roof Below
	Concrete Driveway
	Proposed new walls
	Bathroom Tiles
	Balcony Tiles

ADVERTISED PLAN  
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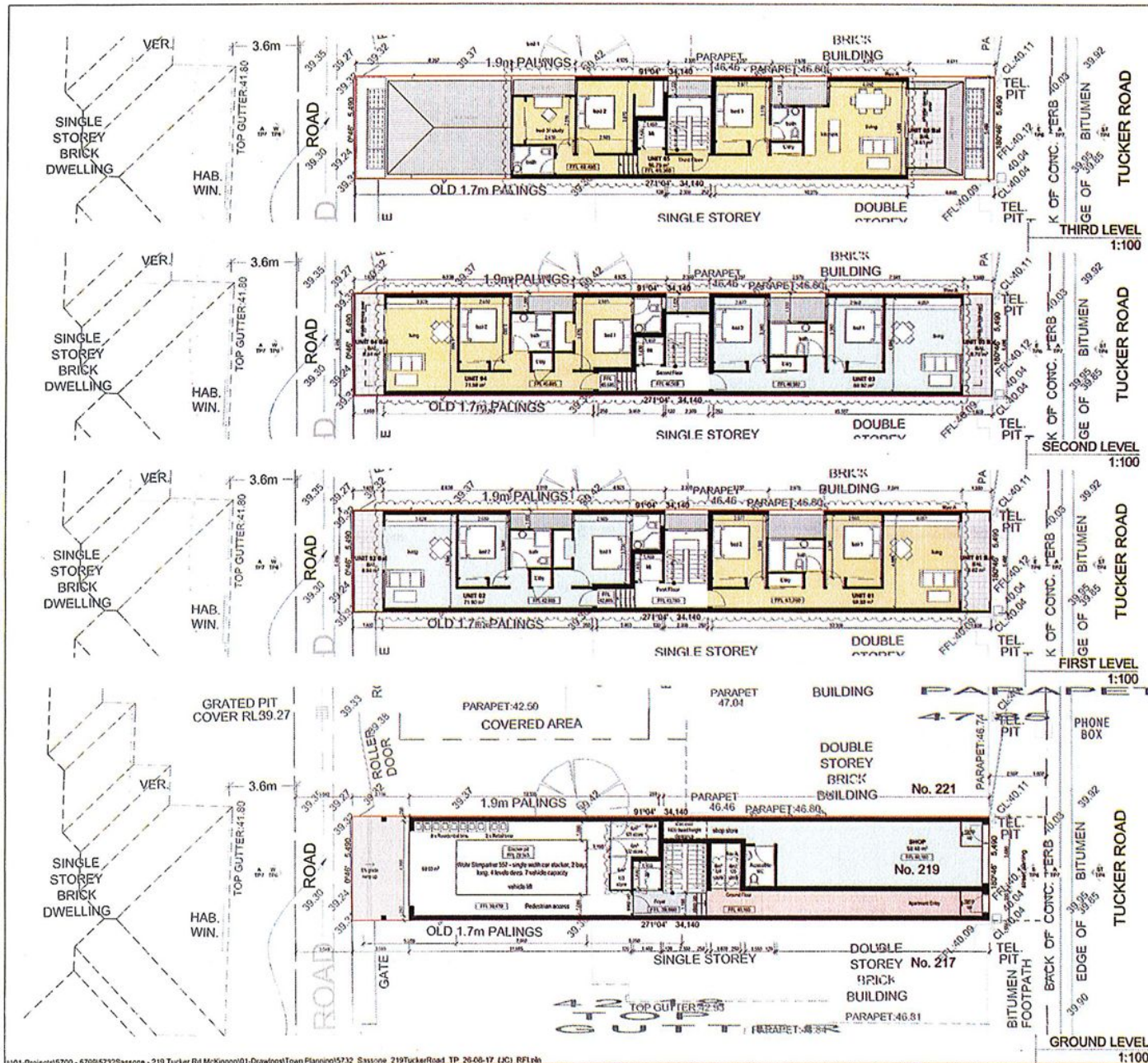
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1 Retail Shop & 5 Apartments at 219 Tucker Road McKinnon for Vince Sassone



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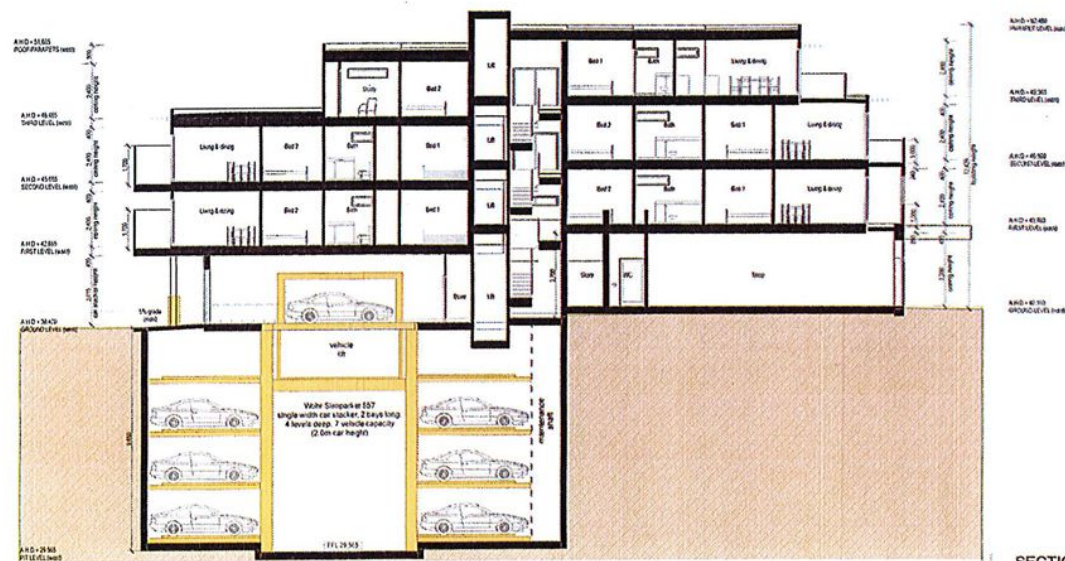
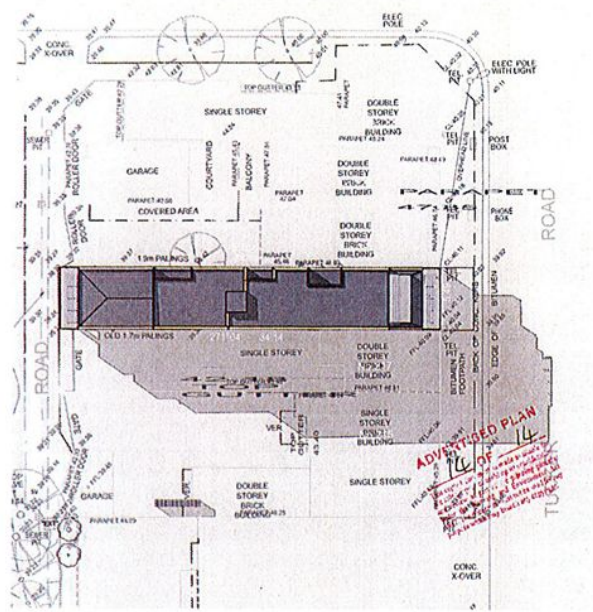
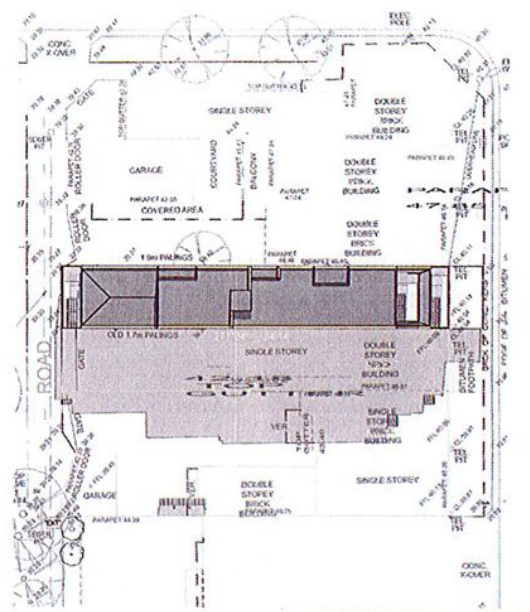
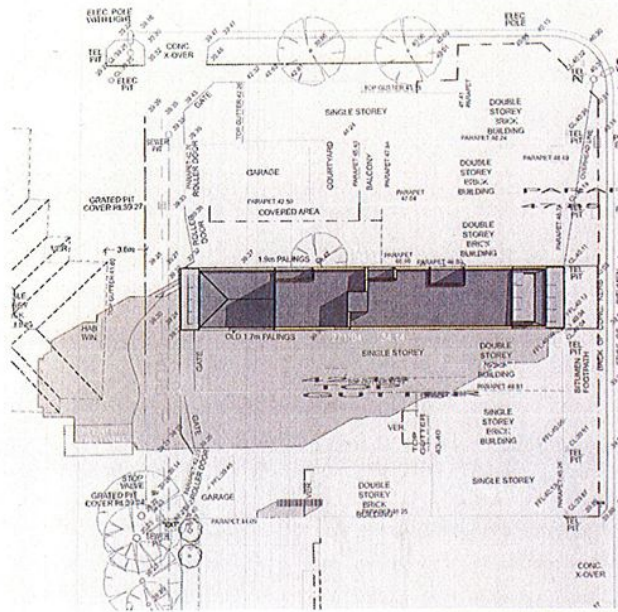
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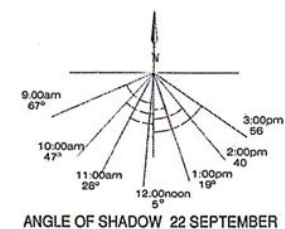
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DATE <b>JD</b>	VALUE <b>5732</b>
	<p>Multi-submitter to check and verify all information and details of the application, commencement of any work, and submit only when a check has been made by the applicant for correct BUILDING DETAIL for any work being submitted. <b>NO</b></p>

**1 Retail Shop & 5 Apartments  
at 219 Tucker Road  
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for Vince Sassone**



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**ITEM 9.4 PLACE MAKING PROJECTS**

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**File No:** N/A

**Attachments:** 1. Proposed community place making projects

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

Glen Eira is currently experiencing a time of significant change with level crossing removal works along two railway lines, a Melbourne-wide housing boom and a transition of the local job market, business demands and land uses.

These significant, externally-driven changes present both challenges and opportunities which Council have committed to address through strengthen the sense of place in our retail centres and undertaking future planning across our major activity centres.

This report seeks to provide Council with an overview of proposed community place making projects to be explored that support traders, activate activity centres and help to achieve the community visions for Murrumbeena, Carnegie, Elsternwick, Bentleigh, Ormond and McKinnon.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- Note this report and the Council led community place making projects which will be further investigated.
- Note that Officers will provide further updates to Council as the projects are undertaken.

**BACKGROUND**

Throughout 2017 Council has undertaken a series of community consultations leading up to the development of Council's *Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy*.

A number of key themes emerged throughout the consultation including:

- Create places for people – respondents wanted unique, vibrant community spaces, community hubs and places for people to gather
- More greenery and amenity – there was a desire for more greenery, open space and amenities
- Support small local businesses including organising activities to bring business back to the centres

This consultation informed the development of a vision for each of Glen Eira's activity centres. Place making projects identified in this report aim to contribute towards these centre visions and help to invigorate the centres during a time of change.

Community consultation, discussions with traders and inspection of the centres by Council's neighbourhood response group also identified a range of small scale improvements for each centre.

## ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

In recent time local shopping centres have experienced significant disruption to local business and community vibrancy due to level crossing removal works and building development works. Council has an opportunity to significantly aid these centres through a focus on 'place-making', which includes the exploration of local opportunities that Council can deliver or facilitate.

Council's proposed place making projects aim to make the activity centres more vibrant and foster a strong sense of community ownership and place attachment. Projects will focus on our major centres which are undergoing structure planning work as well as those centres affected by level crossing removals.

The following table lists projects that are considered to help achieve the community visions.

Many of these projects are not standard Council projects, often involving other stakeholders for successful delivery and as such need further exploration before determining which projects can be practically implemented and within existing budget.

Although complicated, these place making projects are worth investigating as they present a number of opportunities including:

- Trialing temporary changes linked to structure plans
- Responding to community consultation by implementing visible small-scale centre improvements
- Supporting traders who have been affected by level crossing removal works
- Strengthen the identity of Glen Eira's activity centres

## PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2017/18 AND 2018/19

**MURRUMBEENA – *Murrumbeena will be a leafy and green local centre with a strong community focus. With a mix of local businesses to meet residents daily needs, the accessible, pedestrian friendly centre will maintain a safe village feel and embrace its local history.***

### **1. Encourage community connection through community art**

Art projects can bring different sections of the community together to create the art and foster connection and pride in the centre. Public art will be sought to be placed on key blank walls within the centre including the laneways leading to the train station.

### **2. Promote Murrumbeena's local history**

Murrumbeena has a rich history which the community is proud of. Celebrating the centres history can attract people to the centre and help support local businesses. This project could include:

- History walks
- History passport trail

### **3. Use lighting to enhance safe village feel**

Night lighting enhances feelings of safety and brings vibrancy to the centre. This project could include:

- Strip lighting along shop canopies leading to the station
- Lighting down the laneways leading to the station

**HUGHESDALE – *Hughesdale will be a rejuvenated and inviting centre with a mix of small local businesses, cafes and restaurants and boosted by strong transport connections. The family friendly centre will have a cohesive community feel enhanced by consistent urban treatments including green spaces and opportunities for social interaction.***

**4. Enhance village feel through community art and celebration**

The Hughesdale centre is undergoing a time of change through the removal of the level crossing. This projects aims to create opportunities to bring the community together and strengthen attachment and pride in the centre. The project could include:

- Neighbourhood art project
- Pop up garden

**5. Improve cohesions throughout the strip**

Feedback suggested that people want a more consistent looking strip. This project will work with Monash Council to identify opportunities to make the strip more cohesive. The project could include:

- Unified shopping strip signage
- Strip lighting

**ELSTERNWICK – *Elsternwick will be a safe, accessible and livable centre that embraces its historic character and strong cultural and village feel. The centre will be a destination for its longstanding cultural and entertainment offerings, business and employment opportunities, and a range of quality local retail outlets and community spaces.***

**6. Improve the feeling of safety within the centre**

Elsternwick has a proud and diverse community; however recent consultation has shown a rise in community concern for safety, particularly at night. Lighting and activating community spaces can help to make centres feel safer. This project could include:

- Explore night time activities around the Station precinct
- Up lighting in the trees
- Encourage Elsternwick traders association to hold regular events in the plaza area

**7. Strengthen Elsternwick's Cultural Precinct**

Elsternwick has a unique cultural role which should be strengthened and become a key foundation of activity for the centre. The Structure Plan explores exciting long term proposals for this area however there are many opportunities to activate this precinct with festivals, markets, outdoor cinema and other events.

**CARNEGIE – *Carnegie will be a safe, connected and welcoming centre that embraces its authentic urban character and cultural identity. The centre will be a destination for nightlife, shopping and employment, supporting a range of businesses and interconnected community spaces that meet the needs of the local community.***

**8. Enhance village feel through community art and food**

Community consultation supported the activation of laneway opportunities to bring the community together. This project could test future long-term changes to the centre. The project could include:

- Improving laneways with art, lighting and clean-up of garbage bins



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Night time laneway entertainment</li> <li>• Weeknight or weekend market</li> <li>• Encourage Carnegie traders association to hold regular events in the library forecourt area</li> </ul>
<p><b>BENTLEIGH – <i>Bentleigh will be an accessible, local shopping destination with a vibrant café and restaurant culture. It will maintain its community feel with open space, places for people to meet and gather and a broad range of local businesses which meet the needs of a diverse community.</i></b></p>
<p><b>9. Activate Bentleigh Plaza</b></p> <p>Bentleigh Rotunda is currently underutilized. Council has allocated budget for design of the space in the 2017/2018 financial year. By activating the space we can start to build connection to the space and potentially piggy-back off activation activities to involve participants in community consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community activities in rotunda area</li> <li>• Explore opportunities for footpath trading</li> <li>• Encourage Bentleigh traders association to hold regular events in the rotunda area</li> </ul>
<p><b>ORMOND – <i>Ormond will maintain a local feel with a strong sense of community connection which is enhanced by greenery and landscaping. Embracing its local character and heritage, the centre will be an accessible and well-connected destination for urban retail and dining.</i></b></p>
<p><b>10. Ormond renewal projects</b></p> <p>Consultation identified a number of small-scale centre improvements ‘quick wins’ which can improve the presentation of activity centres and add to the amenity. In Ormond these could include greenery, seating and improving presentation of the centre.</p>
<p><b>MCKINNON – <i>McKinnon will be an accessible centre with a strong village feel, which recognizes and celebrates its heritage and local history. With a unique offering of retail and hospitality options the centre will cater for the local community while retaining its charm.</i></b></p>
<p><b>11. McKinnon renewal projects</b></p> <p>Consultation identified a number of small-scale centre improvements ‘quick wins’ which can improve the presentation of activity centres and add to the amenity. In McKinnon these could include more seating, bike hoops and improving presentation of the centre.</p>
<p><b>GENERAL PROJECTS</b></p>
<p><b>12. Neighbourhood renewal projects ‘quick wins’</b></p> <p>Throughout the community consultations a number of small-scale centre improvements were identified. While the focus of the consultations were identifying long term visions for the centres, small issues were also identified and many can be easily rectified. Undertaking these small projects provides an opportunity to show the community that we are listening to their concerns. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving presentation of the centres</li> <li>• Review and repair of existing street furniture and rubbish bins</li> <li>• Garden bed rejuvenation</li> <li>• Bin-wraps</li> <li>• Extra centre cleaning</li> <li>• Greenery</li> </ul>

- Responding to emerging issues eg. 'o-bikes'

**13. Install additional bike-hoops across these centres**

The need for additional bicycle infrastructure was a common theme throughout the consultation process. The recent introduction of 'O-Bikes' and other dock-free bike share systems will further increase the need for widespread availability of bike hoops across the centre. Officers will follow existing procedures to identify suitability of proposed locations.

See Attachment one for more detail about each of the projects.

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Further exploration of these projects will be undertaken to determine which can be practically delivered and within the allocated approved capital and operational budget.

Grants and opportunities to partner with Monash Council or Traders Associations will be sought where appropriate.

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Projects undertaken will align with Council's *Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy*.

**COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Officers will liaise with traders and community members who in the implementation of these projects.

**LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN**

These projects link to the Council and Community Plan under:

- Theme 1: Liveable and well designed; and
- Theme 3: Safe, healthy and inclusive

**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Council officers will further investigate the feasibility of proposed projects. Officers will liaise with traders and community members and other business units in the planning and implementation of these projects.

The City Futures team will provide regular updates to Council about place making projects.





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### ATTACHMENT ONE

### PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLACE MAKING PROJECTS

BENTLEIGH  
BENTLEIGH EAST  
BRIGHTON EAST  
CARNEGIE  
CAULFIELD  
ELSTERNWICK  
GARDENVALE  
GLEN HUNTLY  
MCKINNON  
MURRUMBEENA  
ORMOND  
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# PROPOSED COMMUNITY PLACE MAKING PROJECTS

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## MURRUMBEENA

VISION: MURRUMBEENA WILL BE A LEAFY AND GREEN LOCAL CENTRE WITH A STRONG COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT FOCUS. WITH A MIX OF LOCAL BUSINESSES TO MEET RESIDENTS' DAILY NEEDS, THE ACCESSIBLE, PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY CENTRE WILL MAINTAIN A SAFE VILLAGE FEEL AND EMBRACE ITS LOCAL HISTORY.

### 1. ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY CONNECTION THROUGH COMMUNITY ART

Art projects can bring different sections of the community together to create the art and foster connection and pride in the centre. Public art will be sought to be placed on key blank walls within the centre including the laneways leading to the train station. This could include both permanent and non-permanent (chalk) displays. Opportunities will be sought for collaborative art projects between local artists, traders and community groups.

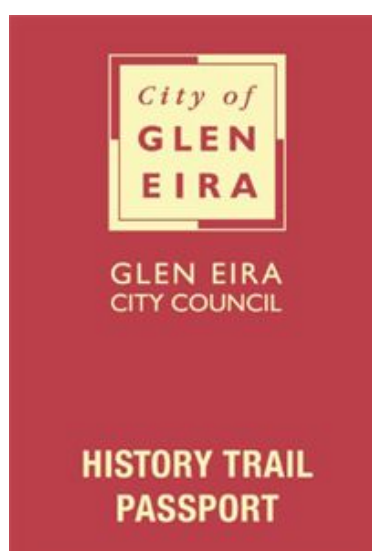


### 2. PROMOTE MURRUMBEENA'S LOCAL HISTORY

Murrumbeena has a rich history which the community is proud of. Celebrating the centres history can attract people to the centre and help support local businesses. This project could include:

- History walks
- History passport trail

Council has undertaken similar projects in the past which have been successful. Murrumbeena has a long history of artists including the Boyd family but also many interesting facts in Murumbeena for example the Lions Op Shop used to be a Tea Room serving Squizzy Taylor, Boyds etc.



### 3. USE LIGHTING TO ENHANCE SAFE VILLAGE FEEL

Night lighting enhances feelings of safety and brings vibrancy to the centre.

This project could include:

- Strip lighting along shop canopies leading to the station  
A number of residents were concerned about safety around the train station following the station redevelopment. This would enhance lighting at night and increase the ambience of the local activity centre.
- Lighting down the laneways leading to the station  
Trees make a strong visual impact on the landscape, adding a solar powered hi output up lights ensures their beauty is enjoyed at night as well as during the day. This adds to both feelings of safety and also enhances the village feel.



## HUGHESDALE

**VISION:** HUGHESDALE WILL BE A REJUVENATED AND INVITING CENTRE WITH A MIX OF SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS AND BOOSTED BY STRONG

TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS. THE FAMILY FRIENDLY CENTRE WILL HAVE A COHESIVE COMMUNITY FEEL ENHANCED BY CONSISTENT URBAN TREATMENTS INCLUDING GREEN SPACES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION.

#### 4. ENHANCE VILLAGE FEEL THROUGH COMMUNITY ART AND CELEBRATION

The Hughesdale centre is undergoing a time of change through the removal of the level crossing. This projects aims to create opportunities to bring the community together and strengthen attachment and pride in the centre. The project could include:

- Neighbourhood art project  
The Neighbourhood Project (TNP) grant funded by MAV, Myer Foundation and Resilient Melbourne encourages neighbourhoods to be stronger and more connected. Poath Road Traders have put in an EOI to paint a community mural on a blank wall. A community celebration could follow the completion of the art project.
- Pop up garden  
Innovative ways of introducing more greenery into the centre will be sought. These can involve community participation in the development.



#### 5. IMPROVE COHESION THROUGHOUT THE STRIP

Feedback suggested that people want a more consistent looking strip. This project will work with Monash Council to identify opportunities to make the strip more cohesive. The project could include:

- Unified shopping strip signage  
This would help to brand the centre and give it more of a cohesive community feel.
- Strip lighting  
Strip lighting will help to unify the strip but also make the centre more appealing and add to the village feel that many people wanted.



## ELSTERNWICK



**VISION:** ELSTERNWICK WILL BE A SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND LIVABLE CENTRE THAT EMBRACES ITS HISTORIC CHARACTER AND STRONG CULTURAL AND VILLAGE FEEL. THE CENTRE WILL BE A DESTINATION FOR ITS LONGSTANDING CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT OFFERINGS, BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND A RANGE OF QUALITY LOCAL RETAIL OUTLETS AND COMMUNITY SPACES.

## 6. IMPROVE THE FEELING OF SAFETY WITHIN THE CENTRE

Elsternwick has a proud and diverse community; however recent consultation has shown a rise in community concern for safety, particularly at night.

Lighting and activating community spaces can help to make centres feel safer.

This project could include:

- Explore night time activities around the Station precinct  
Centres which are vibrant at night feel safer. Following on from the success of the piano in Carnegie, music, street performers and other place activation activities can increase the number of people in the centre.
- Up lighting in the trees  
Trees make a strong visual impact on the landscape, adding a solar powered hi output up lights ensures their beauty is enjoyed at night as well as during the day. Night lighting assists with safety and brings vibrancy to the centre.
- Encourage Elsternwick traders association to hold regular events in the plaza area.  
City Futures will work with Elsternwick Traders Association to support them to hold more community events in the plaza.





## 7. STRENGTHEN ELSTERNWICK'S CULTURAL PRECINCT

Elsternwick has a unique cultural role which should be strengthened and become a key foundation of activity for the centre. The Structure Plan explores exciting long term proposals for this area however there are many opportunities to activate this precinct with festivals, markets, outdoor cinema and other events.



## CARNEGIE

**VISION:** CARNEGIE WILL BE A SAFE, CONNECTED AND WELCOMING CENTRE THAT EMBRACES ITS AUTHENTIC URBAN CHARACTER AND CULTURAL IDENTITY. THE CENTRE WILL BE A DESTINATION FOR NIGHTLIFE, SHOPPING AND EMPLOYMENT, SUPPORTING A RANGE OF BUSINESSES AND INTERCONNECTED COMMUNITY SPACES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

### 8. ENHANCE VILLAGE FEEL THROUGH COMMUNITY ART AND FOOD

Community consultation supported the activation of laneway opportunities to bring the community together. This project could test future long-term changes to the centre. The project could include:

- Improving laneways with art, lighting and clean-up of garbage bins  
Laneways were seen as being dirty, however there was a high level of support for cleaning up and activating laneways.
- Night time laneway entertainment  
The desire for more night time activity was expressed in most centres.
- Weeknight or weekend market  
One of the projects proposed in the Carnegie structure plan is a market. This project could test out the idea.
- Encourage Carnegie traders association to hold regular events in the library forecourt area  
City Futures will work with Carnegie Traders Association to support them to hold more community events in the library forecourt.



## BENTLEIGH

**VISION:** BENTLEIGH WILL BE AN ACCESSIBLE, LOCAL SHOPPING DESTINATION WITH A VIBRANT CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT CULTURE. IT WILL MAINTAIN ITS COMMUNITY FEEL WITH OPEN SPACE, PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO MEET AND GATHER AND A BROAD RANGE OF LOCAL BUSINESSES WHICH MEET THE NEEDS OF A DIVERSE COMMUNITY.

### 9. ACTIVATE BENTLEIGH PLAZA

Bentleigh Rotunda is currently underutilized. Council has allocated budget for design of the space in the 2017/2018 financial year. By activating the space we can start to build connection to the space and potentially piggy-back off activation activities to involve participants in community consultation.

- Community activities in rotunda area  
Many people felt that the rotunda is underutilized. Consultation around the transformation projects showed a high level of support for activating this space. This could include such things as a community piano, yoga or Tai Chi or a community table tennis table.
- Explore opportunities for footpath trading  
Footpath trading adds to the vibrant café and restaurant culture that forms part of the community's vision. It also contributes towards maintaining a village feel.
- Encourage Bentleigh traders association to hold regular events in the rotunda area.  
City Futures will work with Bentleigh Traders Association to support them to hold more community events in the rotunda.



## ORMOND

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**VISION:** ORMOND WILL MAINTAIN A LOCAL FEEL WITH A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY CONNECTION WHICH IS ENHANCED BY GREENERY AND LANDSCAPING. EMBRACING ITS LOCAL CHARACTER AND HERITAGE, THE CENTRE WILL BE AN ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-CONNECTED DESTINATION FOR URBAN RETAIL AND DINING.

## 10. ORMOND RENEWAL PROJECTS

Consultation identified a number of small-scale centre improvements 'quick wins' which can improve the presentation of activity centres and add to the amenity. In Ormond these could include greenery, seating and improving presentation of the centre.

MCKINNON

**VISION:** MCKINNON WILL BE AN ACCESSIBLE CENTRE WITH A STRONG VILLAGE FEEL, WHICH RECOGNIZES AND CELEBRATES ITS HERITAGE AND LOCAL HISTORY. WITH A UNIQUE OFFERING OF RETAIL AND HOSPITALITY OPTIONS THE CENTRE WILL CATER FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHILE RETAINING ITS CHARM.

## 11. MCKINNON RENEWAL PROJECTS

Consultation identified a number of small-scale centre improvements ‘quick wins’ which can improve the presentation of activity centres and add to the amenity. In McKinnon these could include more seating, bike hoops and improving presentation of the centre.

**ITEM 9.5            MEMORIAL STRUCTURE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

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**File No:**            *17/1249071*

**Attachments:**    *Not applicable*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

At the Council meeting of 4 July 2017 it was resolved that “officers prepare a report to establish and fund a permanent memorial structure in the Caulfield-Elsternwick area for victims and survivors of the Holocaust”. This report responds to that resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. establish a project working group, consisting of three Councillors and four Community representatives by invitation, to:
  - a. develop a brief detailing what the memorial structure/public artwork should entail
  - b. invite a range of suitably qualified artists to respond to this brief by submitting their concepts/ideas
  - c. subsequently recommend a preferred artist/artwork to Council
  - d. review potential locations and recommend to Council a suitable location.
2. officers present a report to Council based on the recommendation of the project working group.
3. considers the item in conjunction with the 2018/19 budget.

**BACKGROUND**

By 1961, approximately 35,000 pre-war Jewish refugees and post-war Holocaust survivors had immigrated to Australia, with 85% settling in Melbourne or Sydney. Many established homes in Glen Eira and in particular the suburbs around Caulfield.

These immigrants made significant contributions to Australia in fields as diverse as food, industry, theatre, art, medicine, architecture, science, academia and literature. For many, this was their way of giving something back to the country which had given them a new start.

72 years after the end of World War Two, the lives of the Holocaust survivors who settled in Glen Eira are sadly coming to an end. It is therefore timely to mark the substantial positive impact made by these people with a fitting local commemoration.

Whilst it is important to remember the 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust, stakeholders agree this initiative could also celebrate the lives of those who survived and their contribution to Australia. Glen Eira will be one of the first sites in the world that houses this sort of tribute as most memorials/tributes globally have focused on victims rather than survivors.

When asked what they value most in life, most Holocaust survivors will answer ‘their family’. As the ability to produce children, grandchildren and - in some instances - great grandchildren, is the greatest evidence of ‘survival’ the commemoration may usefully revolve around this theme.

## ISSUES

### Development of a Project Working Group

It is important for this project to have broad community involvement in its development so that the outcome is well accepted. Community involvement will enable any finished structure to be meaningful to those it represents and their families. The placement and composition of such a memorial can raise a number of issues which are best addressed by involvement of key stakeholders in the decision making process.

Officers consider that project working group of Councillors and key stakeholders including representatives from the Jewish Holocaust Centre; Kadimah; and the Jewish Museum of Australia will assist greatly in achieving an outcome that has community acceptance.

The key task of this working group would be to create a brief and invite a range of suitably qualified artists to respond to this before recommending their preferred artist/artwork to Council.

### Type of Art Work

The artwork selected will need to be durable, easy to maintain and it should have longevity in terms of design and be meaningful to those it represents and their families. From initial consultation with key stakeholders an artwork which focuses on contribution of survivors and their children seems to have broad support.

### Potential Locations

The project working group will select the location of the memorial. Potential locations include, but are not limited to:

#### 1. Selwyn Street, Elsternwick

Selwyn Street, Elsternwick has been 'the heart' of Survivor contribution to the area for many years. With discussions underway to create a Jewish Cultural Precinct around Selwyn Street, Elsternwick, this maybe the optimal space for a permanent tribute; especially due to the high number of children who visit the Holocaust Centre each day. The disadvantage of Selwyn Street is that the cultural precinct is only in the early planning stage and thus finalisation of a memorial would be contingent upon development of this area.

#### 2. Greenmeadows Gardens in Green Street, St Kilda East

Greenmeadows garden is seen as another good site to locate this proposal. It serves as a hub for the Jewish Community - particularly on Sundays after the Sabbath - and is heavily utilised by children seven days a week. The artwork could be located away from the play equipment to create another point of interest for visitors to the Park and its presence would be widely embraced by the local community.

#### 3. Harleston Park, Elsternwick

Like Greenmeadows, Harleston Park is a well-used park which is popular with families and children. However, it is perhaps a less iconic location than the two options above.

It is expected that any Project Working Group would review all locations and make a recommendation to Council.

### **BUDGET**

At this stage it is difficult to assess an approximate budget for this project. However, in addition to Council funds a number of funding sources may also be available these include: philanthropic trusts, State government grants, a community appeal and potentially corporate sponsorship. The final budget should be set in conjunction with the project working group taking into consideration other sources of funding obtained, the location and the style of memorial proposed. Like other capital bids it is recommended that the proposal be considered for funding as part of the 2018/19 capital bid process as it could be a capital project of \$100,000.

### **LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN**

Theme 3: *A strong and safe community that brings people together and enhances health and wellbeing.*

### **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

Officers recommend to Council that to ensure community involvement and acceptance of any proposed memorial that a project working group with broad community representation prepare a brief to establish and fund a permanent memorial structure.



**ITEM 9.6            NARROW NATURESTRIP STREET TREE PROGRAM**

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**File No:**            *N/A*

**Attachments:**    *1 – Narrow Naturestrip Tree Planting Report*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

At the 12 April 2017 Ordinary Meeting, Councillors considered a report on narrow naturestrip street tree planting and replacement and resolved to:

- 1. Endorse the use of smaller tree species for naturestrips that are less than 2m wide and greater than 400mm in width.*
- 2. Endorse the use of specially engineered tree planting pits and smaller canopy tree species in hard surfaced footpath with no naturestrips, where the footpath is 2m wide or greater.*
- 3. Endorse the installation of these tree pits only where the width of the remaining useable footpath is a minimum of 1.2m wide to enable safe pedestrian access.*
- 4. Authorise officers to prepare a report for Council consideration on alternate tree species, a narrow naturestrip planting program, timelines for implementation and associated costs.*

This report proposes a naturestrip street tree planting program for streets with no naturestrips (concrete footpath only) and streets with narrow grass naturestrips. It proposes a 3-4 year program for upgrades to 11 streets which do not have naturestrips, and that the works are funded through future capital works budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council :

1. endorses the installation of tree planting pits with smaller tree species in Hopetoun Street Elsterwick in 2017/18;
2. requests officers to prepare a capital works bid for consideration in the 2018/19 budget process for the installation of tree planting pits in a further 10 streets with no naturestrips;
3. endorses the replacement of street trees in streets with existing narrow naturestrip plantings with the smaller tree species, as they reach the end of their useful life.

**BACKGROUND**

In October 2013, Parks commenced two alternative planting trials to explore the practicality of planting smaller tree species in streets with narrow naturestrips. This was to address two different situations and involved two different trial methodologies, namely:

1. Streets which had concrete only on their naturestrips (Hopetoun Street Elsternwick Trial)
2. Streets which had narrow grass naturestrips (Regent Street Elsternwick Trial)

The aim of undertaking this trial was to plant species that limited potential damage to footpaths and private assets caused by tree root growth, increase the tree canopy cover for the city, and responding to residents' requests for tree plantings in narrow road reserves which did not have street trees.

Key outcomes of the trial were:

- The narrow naturestrip tree planting alternatives utilised in both Regent and Hopetoun Streets could successfully be used in streets where the size of the naturestrip or footpath is sufficient.
- The outcome of the trial validated the selection of the new species, *Lagerstroemia indica* (Crepe Myrtle), with healthy well-formed trees being observed, which were performing well and provided summer colour to the street.
- Whilst *Lagerstroemia* were used in the trial, there are other small to medium sized trees that would also prove to be successful to use in such plantings. Council officers will list other trees for narrow naturestrip plantings when preparing a business case for Council consideration.
- The cost of the Hopetoun Street trial, which has no grass and only concrete on their naturestrip, using the specially engineered tree planting pits, is significantly more than standard street tree planting costs. It is proposed a business case be developed for future implementation in relevant streets. Officers were to identify streets to be included in this program, including a program of implementation and the associated costing for the works.
- The construction materials all performed well, with the only proposed significant change for future plantings being use of wooden stakes to stabilise the trees during the establishment period. Results from other sites where tree anchors were used to stabilise the trees revealed that the anchors were either ineffectual on smaller root sizes or that it damaged the root balls. This change would achieve minor savings with future installations.
- One of the benefits of the narrow naturestrip plantings, aside from minimising infrastructure damage, is both these styles of planting allows for the establishment of avenues of trees without having to plant in the road pavement. This means that the availability of car park spaces and effective drainage can be maintained.

Since the completion of the trial, officers have completed an audit of 11 streets throughout the municipality that have a concrete naturestrip, with existing cut outs in the footpath with trees planted in them. The aim of this audit was to collect information to enable the development of a narrow naturestrip street tree planting program for these streets as the first focus area for planting. Part of these works would involve the installation of tree planting pits as previously endorsed. It is proposed that these new plantings will be carried out as a rolling program over a number of years, planting the whole street at a time.

Officers have also audited a further 50 streets that were identified as having narrow grass naturestrips, with a width of less than 1m. The aim of collecting this data was to enable officers to make considered decisions on whether the selected tree species as listed within Council's current *Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette* was still appropriate for use in these particular streets. This information would also assist in investigating alternate tree species to inform the refresh of the *Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette* which is planned for 2018. It is proposed that these new plantings will be carried out as the old trees in these streets reach the end of their life and need to be replaced.

Five streets were identified in the audit as not having any pits or trees. It is proposed further work needs to be done on the suitability of these streets for tree planting and subject to the outcome added to the rolling program.

## ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Issues that have been identified by officers whilst completing the audits are as follows:

### Issues Identified

- In recent years Council has experienced an increase in the number of customer enquires related to trees causing damage to Council infrastructure.
- There has also been an increase in claims on private property damage from residents.
- The tree species causing the damage is often the selected species for the street, and is listed as the replacement species in the *Street Tree Planting Preferred Species Palette*.
- Sometimes trees left in place when the damage has been repaired, even when a root barrier has been installed, cause further damage in the future, requiring more expenditure and still not solving the issue.
- At some locations, particularly in narrow naturestrips, it has been determined that the only solution is to remove the tree. In these locations, the tree pits are usually capped with concrete to provide a safe walking surface and avoid planting another tree that would create the same level of damage.
- Trees within these streets generally did not exhibit good health or structure due the confined planting spaces.

### Coordinated Approach

There is opportunity to improve efficiency, reduce cost to Council and reduce impact on residents in the street, if works in the street are planned and undertaken in a coordinated way.

Traffic control is required to enable any works in the road reserve to take place in a safe manner, such as when street trees are being removed and replaced, or surrounding infrastructure works such as footpaths and drains are undertaken. This comes at both a cost to Council as well as creating a disturbance for the local residents. On some occasions, this can be repeated in short succession when a further tree removal is required in the street, or a planned infrastructure renewal program is carried out, such as footpath renewals. This creates more disturbance and adds extra costs, both of which could have been reduced if these works were completed as part a single works program.

As part of this audit, information on these streets as well as the street trees located in them, has been collected based on a set of descriptors. The information has been selected to consider streets from a risk management perspective, as well as assessing the amenity and required improvements.

A rating has been allocated to each street so that works can be prioritised based on the current condition of the street.

The main aim of this approach is to identify if renewal works in a whole street could be undertaken at the one time. This could include planned footpath renewals, street tree planting and kerb and channel works. This may not be possible in all cases, however presents an opportunity for consideration prior to any works being undertaken in a particular street.

#### Street tree planting program in narrow naturestrips

With regard to street trees, the benefit to our community of this program and coordinating works are:

- Increase in overall canopy cover for Glen Eira.
- Minimise disturbance to residents.
- Economies of scale enabling cost advantages for Council.
- Establishment of avenues of trees without having to plant in the road pavement, thereby maintaining car parking and efficient drainage.
- Trees are able to mature at the same rate, giving continuity to the streetscape.
- Leaving a streetscape that should not require major works for 30+ years.
- Demonstrating to the community that Council is listening to their concerns.

#### Tree Species

Streets that have narrow naturestrips will have the selected tree species reviewed. The key considerations that will guide this decision making process are:

- The environmental factors for the site such as width of nature strip, soil volume, exposure, proximity of infrastructure.
- The outcomes of the street tree trials undertaken.
- The historical context/character of the street.
- Available stock.
- Species that will deliver the best amenity to the street.
- The number of streets that utilise this species to ensure diversity within Councils street tree population.

These street trees would then be planted based on removal of existing street trees when they have reached the end of their useful life. This may be demonstrated by trees showing poor health, trees being impacted by developments or trees creating risk issues for Council by damaging surrounding infrastructure.

The initial street tree trial successfully used *Lagerstroemia indica* (Crepe Myrtle). The table listed below shows other species that are currently being investigated for their suitability. These trees have been chosen based on their size, availability and suitability to growing within confined planting spaces.

<i>Dias Cotinifolia</i> ( Pompom Tree )	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> 'Forest Pansy' ( Eastern Redbud )
<i>Eucalyptus victrix</i> 'Little Ghost Gum' ( Little Ghost Gum )	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Oakville Crimson Spire' ( Crimson Spire Flowering Plum )
<i>Magnolia</i> 'Little Gem' ( Dwarf Bull Bay magnolia )	<i>Leptospermum petersonii</i> ( Lemon-Scented Teatree )
<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i> 'Magnet' ( Eucalyptus Leucoxylon Dwarf )	<i>Malus ioensis plena</i> ( Pink flowering Crab Apple )
<i>Hakea bucculenta</i> 'Red Pokers' ( Red Pokers )	<i>Olea europaea</i> 'Tolley's Upright' ( Tolley's Upright Olive )

The following streets did not contain any tree planting pits and as such there are currently no street trees planted:

- Parkside Street, Elsternwick.
- Mulgrave, Street, Elsternwick.
- Garden Street, Elsternwick.
- Eastaway Street, Elsternwick.
- Leslie Street, Elsternwick.

Upon completion of the initial 11 streets identified for replacement under the proposed program, the above listed streets will be investigated further to determine if they can facilitate tree planting pits and a program will be developed. It is noted that Council has already received a petition from the residents in Leslie Street requesting that trees be planted.

## FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Costs related to the construction of planting pits, as well as the replacement of the surrounding infrastructure have been calculated based on Council's existing contracts. It would be expected that there would be cost savings in allocating larger packages of works.

Listed in the table below are the 11 streets that are recommended for streetscape upgrades based on either a 3 year or 4 year replacement program. These streets have a concrete naturestrip, with existing cut outs in the footpath for trees.

A standard naturestrip street tree planting costs \$123.00 per tree, whereas the trial in Hopetoun Street had a cost of \$1,952.00 per tree. The works were based on the installation of 5 trees only and it is probable that by ordering larger volumes, the cost would reduce slightly through economies of scale.

Additional funds that would be required to plant street trees in the 11 streets over the coming 3 – 4 years are shown below. These streets would also be reviewed for other infrastructure upgrade works at the same time, such as footpath or drainage renewals, which will be funded from the annual infrastructure renewal budgets. The costs below are for planting of the street trees only.

Street Name	Estimated Cost (to plant trees)	Option A - 3 Year Program	Option B - 4 Year Program
Hopetoun St, Elsternwick (Completion of the tree pit Installations)	\$99,415	2017/2018 financial year \$99,415	2017/2018 financial year \$99,415
Edward St, Elsternwick.	\$305,559	2018/2019 financial year \$781,112	2018/2019 financial year \$581,524
Prentice St, Elsternwick.	\$275,965		
Park St, Elsternwick.	\$199,588		
Mars St, Caulfield South.	\$29,398	2019/2020 financial year \$681,419	2019/2020 financial year \$582,886
Seymour Ave, Carnegie.	\$121,587		
Marlborough St, Caulfield Nth.	\$89,446		
Main St, Elsternwick.	\$142,867		
Curral Rd, Elsternwick.	\$139,960		2020/2021 financial year \$298,121
Salisbury St, Caulfield Nth.	\$140,442		
Curral Plc, Elsternwick.	\$17,719		

It is recommended that remaining planting sites within Hopetoun Street, Elsternwick be completed within the 2017/2018 financial year. Five specially engineered planting pits were installed as part of the trial and a further 12 pits are required to complete the streetscape. This is currently not budgeted in 2017/18 and an operating budget forecast adjustment would be required for these works to proceed.

It is recommended that officers prepare capital works bids for the 2018/19 budget process for the installation of tree planting pits in the remaining concrete naturestrip streets identified as part of this report. Part of this process would involve accurate costing of the works. These funds are significant and Councillors may wish to consider extending the length of the program

There is no additional cost relating to the 50 streets with the narrow grass naturestrips. These will be replaced as needed as part of Council's existing new plantings program.

## POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

- Alignment with Council's Street Tree Strategy 1997 vision: "Consistent avenues of attractive, appropriate trees, enhancing the character and quality of the Glen Eira Landscape."

- Within the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy 2014 it is a stated Key Value that “Trees are the most highly valued feature of open space as identified by the community in the open space survey.”
- Removal and replacement of trees within these streets is in line with Councils Street Tree Removal Policy

### **COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

A communication plan would be required to inform residents of these works as the program would involve a major disruption to the streets. This would be in line with communication already undertaken for other major works programs Council undertakes in streets such as drainage replacement.

### **LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN**

- Community Plan Theme 4  
An attractive and sustainable environment for future generations

### **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

Glen Eira is well known for its leafy green streets which are a much loved feature for residents in the municipality. However, not all residents have been able to enjoy this feature fully due to the difficulty in growing and maintaining trees in streets with narrow naturestrips. This program has been developed and successfully trialled by officers to overcome some of the issues caused by narrow naturestrips and allow residents in these areas to fully enjoy the amenity so well enjoyed by the majority of Glen Eira residents.



# Narrow Naturestrip Tree Planting Report.

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# Introduction



Figure 01. Example of one of the Hopetoun trial planting pits.

After successfully trialling Crepe Myrtle plantings within engineered tree pits in Hopetoun Street, as well as plantings in narrow nature strips within Regent Street Elsternwick, Council Officers have completed a comprehensive audit of all Council owned roads. The aim of this audit has been to identify concrete footpaths containing older style tree cut outs, as well as streets that have a nature strip width recorded as less than 1m. From this data an action plan has been developed to expand this treatment throughout the city.

Council managed main roads and VicRoads roads have not yet been surveyed due to their size but will be audited at a later date to ensure that the species that has been selected meets Councils requirements. Tree pits within Council shopping strips have also not been included in this report as they are managed under a separate program and planted accordingly with *Ficus hillii*.

The rationale behind conducting this audit is to continue implementing Councils Street Tree Strategy 1997 vision: "Consistent avenues of attractive, appropriate trees, enhancing the character and quality of the Glen Eira Landscape." In recent years Council has also experienced an increase in the amount of customer enquires related to trees causing damage to Council infrastructure. There has also been an increase in claims for damage from residents. Due to the soil profiles found throughout the city a lot of this root growth tends to be in the upper profile of the soils.

Where asset damage is identified, combined inspections of sites have been carried out by officers from both Parks and Glenworks. The aim of this approach has been to resolve issues within the fastest possible time frame, often with contractors from both departments on site at the same time to limit the disturbance to residents and limit the time areas of footpath are excavated. The purpose of this report is to provide a business case for capital works funded upgrades of entire streetscapes.

Another issue that Council has been facing is that when a tree is removed from a planting site within the city, it must be replaced with the species that has been listed in Councils Street Tree Planting Palette. This often means that the same species that has created the issue for Council is planted again. Many sites have been identified where this issue has been noted and these sites not been planted. In these situations, a change to a more suitable species is required. In some cases trees have been retained as they are the selected species for the street and the footpath has been replaced around them. This newly laid footpath then cracks within a short timeframe resulting in further costly works, or the site being reinstated in asphalt.

Some sites where Council trees are being removed and replaced, as well as surrounding infrastructure, traffic control is required to enable the works to take place in a safe manner. This comes at both a cost to Council as well as creating a disturbance for the local community. On some occasions this is then repeated in short succession when another tree removal is required. This creates more disturbance and adds extra costs that could have been reduced if these works were completed as part a single work order.

The following images are examples of some of the issues that have been identified as part of the audits for this report.



*Figure 01,02. Example of a Pyrus located within Edward st, Elsternwick that has outgrown the original planting pit and damaged the footpath to the extent that the concrete has been replaced with asphalt. The cracks in the new asphalt indicate an active root system high in the soil profile. This species is the selected species for the street.*





*Figure 03,04,05. Example of another Pyrus located within Edward st, Elsternwick that has outgrown the original planting pit and damaged the footpath has been replaced. New cracks and further lifting of concrete is occurring.*





Figure 06. Example of semi mature *Corymbia* located within Bayview st, Elsternwick growing in a narrow nature strip. This tree has completely outgrown its planting space already.

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Figure 07. Example of *Melaleuca* outgrowing a standard planting pit in Prentices st. Elsternwick.



Figure 08. Example of *Melaleuca* in Park st, Elsternwick. Of note is the limited access between the tree and the fence trunk for prams and wheelchairs or mobility scooters.

# Methodology

Data collection for this report was carried out via individual inspections of streets that were highlighted as containing narrow nature strips, or streets that had trees listed as growing within planting cut outs. The information relating to the size of the nature strips has been extracted from Councils Confirm data base and represents all of the Council managed streets where this information has been recorded against tree assets. It is expected that there will be other streets that may fit this category that have not been captured and this information is not currently stored within Councils data base. These streets will be captured as data is returned and collated under Councils Comprehensive Tree Pruning Contract. Streets have been divided into three categories based on the planting space:

- Streets that have no nature strip and cut outs. (Will require the construction of tree planting pits based on the Hopetoun model.)
- Streets that have narrow nature strips. (such as Regent Street.)
- Streets that have no nature strip and no cut outs/plantings. (These streets may be considered for planting pit creation at a later date.)

Information on streets, and the trees located within them has been collected based on a set of descriptors. This information has been selected to look at streets from a risk management perspective, as well as looking at the amenity that the streets currently offers to the community and if it can be improved. Comments have also been recorded to enable strategy's to be formulated on the future management of Council's tree assets and what species may be best to plant within these streets. The intended outcome from this methodology is to enable whole street works to be considered as part of Councils capital works program. The streets that are identified will be checked against Councils asset renewal program to see if there is any correlation that will enable them to be completed at the same time to look for cost efficiencies for Council.

Costs related to the construction of planting pits, as well as the replacement of the surrounding infrastructure has been calculated based on Councils existing contracts. It would be expected that there would be cost savings involved for Council by allocating larger packages of works. Listed below is how the costings were derived for this report.

- **Cost of tree removals** - These costs have been taken from Council's existing annual supply contract 'Annual supply 2014042 - H'
- **Cost to install individual tree pits** - This cost is based on a quotation that was requested Councils tree planting contractor currently operating under annual supply contract 'Annual supply 2014042 - K.
- **Cost to replace footpath and Kerb** - This rate has been established under the current 'Footpath Contract 15001'. Costings are based on replacement of entire street.

Rating Descriptors For Each Street—Total of 1 (best) to 18 (worst)							
Avenue of Trees	Rating	Tree Health	Rating	% of Trees in Street Causing Footpath Damage	Rating	% of Trees in Street Causing Kerb Damage	Rating
Complete	1	Good	1	0-20%	1	0-25%	1
Semi	2	Average	2	20-40%	2	25-50%	2
Partial	3	Fair	3	40-60%	3	50-75%	3
None	4	Poor	4	60-80%	4	75-100%	4
				80-100%	5	80-100%	5

The main aim of this approach is to enable a whole street renewal to be completed at the one time. The benefit of this to our community in streets with concrete footpaths and tree planting pits is:

- Alignment with Councils Street Tree Strategy 1997 vision: *“Consistent avenues of attractive, appropriate trees, enhancing the character and quality of the Glen Eira Landscape.”*
- Increase in overall canopy cover for Glen Eira.
- Minimise disturbance to residents.
- Economies of scale enabling cost advantages for Council.
- Establishment of avenues of trees without having to plant in the road pavement. .
- Trees are able to mature at the same rate so giving continuity to the street scape.
- Greatly reducing Councils exposure to risk.
- Leaving a streetscape that should not require major works for 30+ years.
- Demonstrating to the community that Council is listening to their concerns.

# Observations

## 1. Streets With No Nature Strip.

The initial data that was collected for this report looked at the streets located within the city that contained only concrete footpaths with planting cut-outs. These streets consistently showed:

- Trees that were not very healthy.
- Sites where trees had been removed in the past and not replaced due to concerns about future damage to infrastructure.
- Sections of footpath that had been replaced with asphalt.
- Sections of footpath that were damaged and lifted.
- Sections of curb that were damaged and lifted.

These factors combined lead to a street scape that was inconsistent and did little to enhance the amenity of the streets for the local community. Below is a listing of the data collected on the streets as well as associated costings for replacement works. The streets are listed from worst to best. It should be noted that Marlborough St, Caulfield North is already listed in Council's 5 year asset renewal program for construction in 2021.

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Hopetoun St, Elsternwick - Completion of trial pit installation.</b>		
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Lophostemon, Crepe Myrtle)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	16
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	12	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$4,270
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$30,000	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$29,928
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$35,217	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$99,415</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	The first priority for rectification works within streets with concrete footpaths and tree pits is to complete the construction of pits within Hopetoun st. As such this street has been removed from the rating structure.		



<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Edward St, Elsternwick.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Pyrus, Melaleuca, Plane)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	42
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	37 (88%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	23 (54%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	56	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$16,575
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$140,000	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$65,360
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$83,624	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$305,559</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Road has been reconstructed recently. Many sites where trees have been removed with old damage where infrastructure replacement is required.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Prentice Street, Elsternwick.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Pyrus main species)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	33
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	26 (78%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	20 (60%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	56	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$13,208
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$140,000	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$65,188
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$70,777	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$275,965</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Road has been reconstructed recently. Many sites where trees have been removed with old damage where infrastructure replacement is required.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Park St, Elsternwick.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Melaleuca, Pyrus).	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	23
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	Partial	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	23 (100%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	16 (70%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	29	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$9957
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$72,500	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$63,468
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$63,620	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$199,588</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Multiple areas of new concrete cracked and damaged.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Mars St, Caulfield South.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Pittosporum, Melaleuca)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	2
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	1 (50%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	1 (50%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	5	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$575
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$12,500	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$14,140
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$15,546	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$29,398</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	North side of street has narrow curb/path not suitable for planting.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Seymour Avenue, Carnegie.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Melaleuca, Callistemon, Eucalyptus)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	15
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	3 (20%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	7 (47%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	22	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$3222
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$55,000	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$36,980
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$29,552	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$121,587</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Multiple areas of concrete cracked and damaged. Very low aesthetic value.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Marlborough Street, Caulfield Nrth.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Lophostemon, Melaleuca, Prunus).	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	7
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None.	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Good
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	4 (57%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	4 (57%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	7	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$2,152
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$17,500	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$30,272
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$39,522	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$89,446</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Street is listed for replacement under Asset Engineering 5 year plan.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Main Street, Elsternwick.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Pyrus main species)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	16
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Poor
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	4 (25%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	0
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	27	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$4,503
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$67,500	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$31,304
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$39,560	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$142,867</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Asphalt section at top of street, general poor specimens.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Curral Road, Elsternwick.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Pyrus.	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	18
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	Semi	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Poor
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	9 (50%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	0
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	24	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$4,486
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$60,000	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$34,056
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$41,418	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$139,960</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Poor specimens throughout street.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Salisbury Street, Caulfield Nth.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Mix (Eucalyptus, Lophostemon)	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	11
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	Partial	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Good
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	4 (36%)	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	5 (45%)
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	11	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$11,152
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$27,500	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$48,418
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$53,372	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$140,442</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Partial avenue of mature Eucalyptus nicholii.		

<b>Street Name:</b>	<b>Curral Place, Elsternwick.</b>	<b>Rating for Street:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Current Tree Plantings:</b>	Pyrus	<b>No. of Existing Trees:</b>	1
<b>Avenue of Trees:</b>	None	<b>Average Tree Health:</b>	Fair
<b>Footpath Damage:</b>	0	<b>Curb Damage:</b>	0
<b>Number of Replacement Sites:</b>	4	<b>Est. Cost of Tree Removals:</b>	\$148.00
<b>Est. Cost of Replacement Pits:</b>	\$10,000	<b>Est. Cost of Footpath Replacement:</b>	\$3,440
<b>Est. Cost of Kerb Replacement:</b>	\$4,131	<b>Total Cost of Works:</b>	<b>\$17,719</b>
<b>Comments:</b>	Small court running off Curral Rd.		

## 2 List of other streets with nature strips.

The second list shows the streets that have been identified as having narrow sections of nature strip that measure less than 1m in width. The aim of this audit was to capture a snapshot of the street looking at:

- The streets amenity for the community.
- Assessing the overall health of the trees.
- Looking at what species currently make up the streetscape.
- Looking at the number of trees contributing to infrastructure damage.

This data will assist officers in determining if the selected species for the street is appropriate, or which species will best serve the community as the replacement species for the street. Once the capital works program for streets without a naturestrip is completed, the worst of these streets could also be considered for entire street scape replacement under a similar plan with the tree stock replaced and nature strip repairs carried out.

Street Name	Suburb	Selected Species	Current Plantings	No. of Trees	No. Planting Sites	Avenue of trees	Tree Health	Footpath Damage	Kerb Damage	Street Rating	Comments
Augusta Street	Glen Huntly	Lophostemon confertus	Mix (Lophostemon, Melia).	18	27	Partial	Fair	2	0	8	
Manchester Grove	Glen Huntly	Ulmus procera	Pyrus.	37	37	Yes	Good	7	0	5	Avenue of Pyrus consider species change from Ulmus.
Woodville Avenue	Glen Huntly	Pyrus ussuriensis (with a minimum of two per house frontage)	Mix (Lophostemon, Melaleuca, Pyrus).	60	60	Partial	Good	0	12	7	Whole street footpath recently replaced. Limited space but current trees are giving a good effect densely planted in front of units.
Bolinda Street	Bentleigh	Ulmus parvifolia	Mix (Eucalyptus, Ulmus, Angophora).	18	3	None	Good	0	0	7	Adjacent to the park only.
Huntley Road	Bentleigh	Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Mix (Acer New Plantings, Prunus Fastigate).	47	50	Partial	Fair	3	0	8	
Marion Street	Bentleigh	Acer platanoides 'Norway Maple'	Mix (Acer New Plantings, Plane).	10	11	None	Fair	0	0	9	Mixed width in street. Acer to be used in wider section, Lagastromia in narrow section.
Morres Street	Bentleigh	None	Italian Cypress.	3	5	None	Good	0	0	7	
Buckley Street	Carnegie	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Lophostemon, Pyrus, Prunus, Melaleuca).	27	27	None	Good	10	9	9	

Street Name	Suburb	Selected Species	Current Plantings	No. of Trees	No. Planting Sites	Avenue of trees	Tree Health	Footpath Damage	Kerb Damage	Street Rating	Comments
Edgewood Street	Carnegie	Alternate Lophostemon confertus and Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Lophostemon, Pyrus, Prunus, Melaleuca).	24	29	None	Fair	9	3	11	
Jersey Parade	Carnegie	Tristaniopsis laurina	Mix (Tristaniopsis, Melaleuca, Camphor, Eucalyptus, Laganeria).	26	32	None	Good	2	2	7	
Lake Street	Carnegie	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Fraxinus.	9	26	Partial	Good	0	0	6	Newly constructed road and curb. 4 new plantings this year. Naturestrip is <80cm, change species and remove newly planted.
Munro Avenue	Carnegie	Magnolia x grandiflora	Magnolia (north side).	20	22	Full	Very good	0	0	4	Good example of an alternate species planted in a narrow naturestrip.
Shepparson Avenue	Carnegie	Pyrus ussuriensis	Pyrus.	20	26	Partial	Fair	3	0	8	Narrow Naturestrip section is north of Neerim Road, has car parking and commercial on south side as well as library.
Tranmere Avenue	Carnegie	Lophostemon confertus	Mix (Lophostemon, Pyrus).	24	24	Partial	Good	3	6	7	Good quality Lophostemon, outgrowing planting spaces damaging kerb. Change species, replace trees as needed.
Derby Crescent	Caulfield East	Ulmus parvifolia	Mix (Melaleuca, Lophostemon, Other).	29	42	None	Good	8	12	10	South west side only, many new Lophostemon plantings nature strip not suitable, change species.
Epsom Street	Caulfield East	Lophostemon confertus	Lophostemon.	15	15	Full	Good	2	0	4	Majority of footpath replaced recently. 5 semi mature specimens out of 15.
Carnarvon Road	Caulfield North	Acer platanoides 'Norway Maple'	Mix (Melaleuca, Birch, Pyrus, Agonis, Alnus).	47	50	Partial	Good	4	4	6	
Cobden Street	Caulfield North	Alternate Tristaniopsis laurina and Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Tristaniopsis, Melaleuca, Pyrus).	21	25	None	Good	3	2	7	
Cromwell Street	Caulfield North	Alternate Tristaniopsis laurina and Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'	Mix (Melaleuca, Fraxinus, casurina, Tristaniopsis, Callistemon, Maple).	28	36	None	Good	3	0	7	
Derby Parade	Caulfield North	Robinia pseudoacacia	Mix (Mela, Robinia, Callistemon).	18	20	Partial	Fair	4	0	9	
Glenferrie Street	Caulfield North	Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'	Mix (Melaleuca, Fraxinus, Corymbia, Prunus).	16	5	Partial	Good	5	1	7	Major footpath lift at no.10



Street Name	Suburb	Selected Species	Current Plantings	No. of Trees	No. Planting Sites	Avenue of trees	Tree Health	Footpath Damage	Kerb Damage	Street Rating	Comments
Hawthorn Avenue	Caulfield North	Robinia pseudoacacia	Mix (Robinia, Lophostemon, Melia, Tristaniopsis).	25	29	None	Fair	0	0	9	Footpath has been replaced in sections.
Mayfield Grove	Caulfield North	Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'	Mix (Melaleuca, Fraxinus, Acer).	28	28	None	Fair	6	0	10	
Normanby Avenue	Caulfield North	Alternate Tristaniopsis laurina and Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Melaleuca, Fraxinus, Pyrus, Tristaniopsis, Corymbia).	27	31	None	Good	9	3	8	
Raphael Street	Caulfield North	Lophostemon confertus	Lophostemon.	18	20	Full	Good	8	0	6	
Sebastopol Street	Caulfield North	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	Mix (Pyrus, Fraxinus, Other).	37	44	None	Poor	0	0	10	
Wyuna Road	Caulfield North	Lophostemon confertus	Lophostemon.	42	42	Full	Good	4	0	4	all trees are juvenile/semi mature specimens. Infrastructure damage to occur in future. Change species
Alder Street	Caulfield South	Lophostemon confertus	Lophostemon.	38	41	Partial	Good	2	4	6	Blue Stone curb with normal N/S north of Sycamore St. No N/S or trees south of Sycamore St. Small section of Narrow N/S at north end of street close to Glenhuntly Rd
Larch Street	Caulfield South	Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'	Mix (Mostly Melaleuca, Juvenile Acer west of Jasmine St).	28	36	Partial	Fair	0	5	8	Bluestone curb. Numerous sections of new f/path laid. Narrow N/S west of Jasmine St.
Baxter Street	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Pyrus, Melaleuca).	20	25	None	Fair	1	1	9	
Bayview Street Elsternwick	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Mainly Melaleuca).	21	30	Partial	Good	16	9	11	Very Narrow Naturestrip.
Blanche Street	Elsternwick	Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Mix (Acer, Pyrus, Prunus).	20	28	None	Poor	2	0	10	
Burreel Avenue	Elsternwick	Lophostemon confertus	Lophostemon.	13	24	Semi	Fair	1	2	7	Top end of street close to Kooyong Rd has a public car-park on the Northern side.
Hoddle Street	Elsternwick	Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Euky Dwarf'	Mix (Eucalyptus, Melaleuca).	43	49	None	fair	10	9	10	Euky Dwarf Recommended
Leslie Street	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Plantings on north side only pyrus main species.	22	Currently 23 on North side.	Partial	Good	0	0	6	Scope to create 26 pits on the south side and plant with pit species.
May Street, Elsternwick	Elsternwick	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	One Acer only, not doing well.	1	N/a	N/a	Poor	0	0	6	Naturestrip is <50cm, no scope to grow trees. Street to be changed to NTBR.

Street Name	Suburb	Selected Species	Current Plantings	No. of Trees	No. Planting Sites	Avenue of trees	Tree Health	Footpath Damage	Kerb Damage	Street Rating	Comments
Meaney Street	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Prunus, Melaleuca, other).	16	13	None	fair	9	7	13	New footpath for most of the street High proportion is now damaged again.
Prahran Grove	Elsternwick	Alternate Tristaniopsis laurina and Pyrus ussuriensis	Melaleuca.	48	47	Semi	Good	1	11	6	Good streetscape. Replace trees as needed.
Rowan Street	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Pyrus, Acer, Melaleuca).	35	24	None	Good	3	0	7	wide section close to riddell
Somerset Street	Elsternwick	Alternate Pyrus ussuriensis and Tristaniopsis laurina	Melaleuca.	10	17	Semi	Fair	3	8	11	
Stanley Street	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix Melaleuca, Pyrus).	31	35	None	Fair	4	1	9	Several shopping centre carparks located within this street on the North side.
Victoria Street	Elsternwick	Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix.	14	13	None	Fair	2	1	9	Top section off Glen Huntly Rd on the West side is narrow.
Alison Street	McKinnon	fastigate Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Prunus Old, Acer New.	12	12	Partial	Fair	0	0	8	Plane tree on Crn, Remove.
Brough Street	McKinnon	Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Mix, Main planting Prunus.	12	12	None	Fair	0	0	9	
Landles Street	McKinnon	Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Mix, Main planting Prunus.	16	19	Partial	Poor	0	0	9	
Hobart Road	Mur-rumbeena	Alternate Tristaniopsis laurina and Pyrus ussuriensis	Mix (Melaleuca, Pyrus, Lophostemon).	50	63	Partial	Fair	11	11	10	Mostly bluestone curb. No N/S across front of Mur-rumbeena Primary & part of road opposite the school.
Melbourne Street	Mur-rumbeena	Melia azederach	Mix (Melaleuca, Melia).	22	27	Partial	Fair	5	5	10	Bluestone curb.
Malua Street	Ormond	Acer platanoides 'Crimson Sentry'	Mix (Callistemon, Prunus, Acer, Pittosporum).	24	27	None	Fair	0	0	9	Curved/Wavy road with varying narrow & wide N/S. Some houses have multiple trees in front.
Murray Road	Ormond	Melia azederach (N) Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred' (S)	Mix (Melaleuca, Callistemon, Fraxinus, Lophostemon, Melia, Ligustrum, Juvenile Acer).	50	68	None	Fair	9	9	13	Section east of rail line has wider N/S. No trees between Thomas St & Amelia St, and between Wheatley Rd & Glen Orme Ave where N/S approx 30cm wide
Carrington Grove	St Kilda East	Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'	Mix (Lophostemeno, Fraxinus, Agonis, Melaleuca, Juvenile Acer)	33	38	None	Fair	4	0	9	Bluestone curbing looks new. Ripponlea Primary school in street - school crossing & drop off zone

# Recommendations

## Streets That Have No Nature Strip And Cut Outs.

It is recommended that:

- Streets that currently have tree planting cut-outs within the footpath be replaced with the tree pit design as per the trial in Hopetoun Street.
- The streets are replaced as part of a holistic program inclusive of footpath and curb and channel works.
- These works are funded under Councils capital works program.
- The tree species for these streets change to *Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei* 'Tuscarora' (Coral-Red Crepe Myrtle).

Indicative pricing has been listed and as such a bid for \$1.6m in funding delivered over a two year rolling program. The first street that would be actioned under this program would be the completion of the Hopetoun Street trial. From there the street replacements would be delivered based on the ratings that have been given to them within this report.

This program would be managed by Park Services in conjunction with both Glen Works and Asset Engineering. It would be expected that there would be some cost savings to Council in streets where sections of the infrastructure could be retained with only sections that have been damaged replaced. Savings that have been made here would act as a contingency for expanded under ground works that may be required such as hydro excavation around under ground services. The project would be managed based on PMBOK project management principles and all internal stakeholders would be further consulted prior to the project commencement. If streets are deemed to require full curb and channel replacement, then these works may require replacement of the street surface as well. If this occurs then the re-construction works would need to be completed by Asset Engineering. It has been noted that Marlborough Street, Caulfield North is already listed for reconstruction as part of Councils 5 year program.

Consultation with the residents within the streets will consist of development of an information sheet as well as a letter outlining timings of works. Once approval has been given for this program to proceed the information sheet will be created and then delivered to the affected streets 6 months prior to any work beginning. This will leave a large window for public comment and further consultation if required. One month out from the start date of any works, a letter will be delivered to residents giving due warning of works beginning. The program will be set up to ensure the least amount of disturbance to the residents.

### Streets That Have Narrow Nature Strips.

It is recommended that all streets that have been identified as having narrow nature strips have the selected species for the street revised based on the data that has been collected. The key considerations that will guide this decision making process is:

- What are the environmental factors for the site such as width of nature strip, soil volume, exposure, proximity of infrastructure.
- What the historical context/character of the street is.
- What stock is available and will be into the future.
- What species will deliver the best amenity to the street.
- The number of streets that utilize this species to ensure diversity within Councils street tree population.

These trees would then be planted based on removal of existing street trees when they reached the end of their useful life. This may be the result of trees showing poor health, trees being impacted by developments or trees creating risk issues for Council by damaging surrounding infrastructure. Once the first part of the recommendations are completed it is recommended that these streets are re-visited and considered for further capital works streetscape replacement.

Part of compiling this report has involved Council Arborists researching currently available tree species that may be utilised as replacements within these streets. The following is a list of some of the species that are being investigated for their suitability. These trees have been chosen based on their size, availability and suitability to growing within confined planting spaces. It has been noted that Hoddle Street, Elsternwick is listed in Councils 5 year asset renewal program for re-construction in 2018.

<i>Dias Cotinifolia</i> ( Pompom Tree )	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> 'Forest Pansy' ( Eastern Redbud )
<i>Eucalyptus victrix</i> 'Little Ghost Gum' ( Little Ghost Gum )	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Oakville Crimson Spire' ( Crimson Spire Flowering Plum )
<i>Magnolia</i> 'Little Gem' ( Dwarf Bull Bay magnolia )	<i>Leptospermum petersonii</i> ( Lemon-Scented Teatree )
<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i> 'Magnet' ( Eucalyptus Leucoxylon Dwarf )	<i>Malus ioensis plena</i> ( Pink flowering Crab Apple )
<i>Hakea bucculenta</i> 'Red Pokers' ( Red Pokers )	<i>Olea europaea</i> 'Tolley's Upright' ( Tolley's Upright' Olive )

### Streets That Have No Nature Strip And No Cut Outs/Plantings.

Five streets were identified out of the audit that did not contain any pits and as such there were currently no trees planted. These streets were:

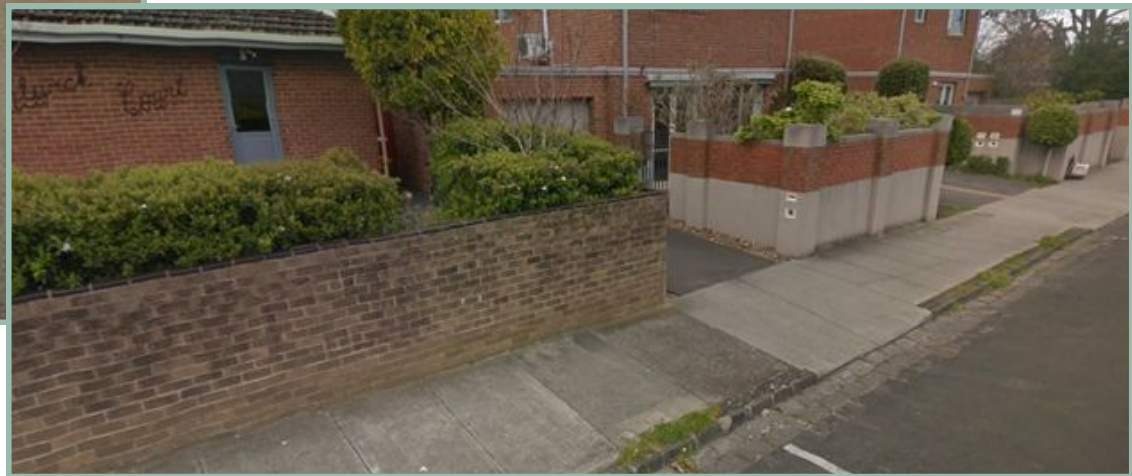
- Parkside Street, Elsternwick.
- Mulgrave, Street, Elsternwick.
- Garden Street, Elsternwick.
- Eastaway Street, Elsternwick.
- Leslie Street, Elsternwick.

It is recommended that once the initial streets identified for replacement under the proposed capital works program have been implemented then the above listed streets are investigated further to determine if they can facilitate tree planting pits and a program can be developed. Please note that Council has received a petition from the residents in Leslie Street requesting that trees be planted.



*Figure 09. Section of footpath in Leslie Street, Elsternwick.*

*Figure 10. Section of footpath in Parkside Street, Elsternwick.*



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**ITEM 9.7 HARLESTON PARK OPEN SPACE AND PLAY SPACE  
UPGRADE CONSULTATION**

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**Attachments:** 1. Revised concept plans  
2. Feedback – Email, mail and phone  
3. Feedback – ‘Have Your Say’ Forum comments

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**PURPOSE**

To present Council with the outcomes of community consultation for the Harleston Park upgrade and seek approval to implement a revised design.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. notes the feedback received and alteration to concept plans;
2. endorses the concept plan for the playground, toilet and picnic shelter upgrade; and
3. endorses a smaller option for the multi-sport area for further community consultation.

**BACKGROUND**

The Harleston Park play space is over 25 years old and has reached the end of its serviceable life. Areas of particular note include fatigued rubber under-surfacing, rust on sections of the standing platforms and a number of compliance issues which are difficult to address due to the age of equipment and difficulty sourcing replacement parts. Existing play elements also have limited challenging play opportunity for growing children.

Recently there has been a shift in the Australian Standards (AS 4685:2014) that guide playground developments. The new Australian Standard encourages play elements that enable safe risk taking and provide challenging play opportunities. There is strong evidence that reinforces the positive elements of safe risk taking and play adventure as a key developmental stage for children.

The concept design for the play space seeks to complement the existing natural water play, which is very popular, and introduce new sensory and challenging play elements. This includes incorporating nature based play such as timber cubby houses, scrambling rocks, challenging logger steps, a sensory maze and a giant sand pit. Native plantings will feature throughout the play space and a feature Acorn cubby pays tribute to the Pin Oaks that grace the site.

The inclusion of a multi-play court area was in response to a number of requests over recent years. The location was chosen to enable an adequate buffer to residential properties. The incursion into the open space would be offset the removal and replanting of the existing chess board and bocce area which is underutilised and found to no longer meet community needs. The multi-purpose sports space was intended to cater for broader community use, particularly older children who are beyond the play equipment.

**Community Consultation****Engagement Snapshot**

- The forum was open between 1 June and 28 July 2017 and received 524 unique visits
- 54 people contributed on the discussion forum – including comments/like/dislikes
- 14 comments on Council's Facebook – which were posted onto the forum
- The Facebook post received 25 comments and 46 likes
- 154 people viewed a 3D image
- 127 people downloaded the aerial plan
- 43 emails were received
- 9 phone calls were received
- 33 people set in a pro-forma flyer regarding the multi-purpose space

**Consultation**

The play space design was promoted for six weeks from Thursday 1 June to Friday 28 July 2017. The original consultation date was extended due to printing delays and later distribution of information flyers.

The consultation consisted of the following.

- Officers letterbox dropped all properties within the block radius of Harleston Park undertaken on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 June 2017 (between Orrong Rd, Glen Eira Rd, Kooyong Rd and Glen Huntly Rd, approximately 860 properties)
- In park consultation with officers on 1, 16 and 27 June and 7 July
- Information posted on Council's website and Have Your Say page on 1 June
- Posted to Council's Facebook page 7 June
- Article in Caulfield Leader on 18 July
- July Edition of the Glen Eira News
- Emails to Council's Consultation E-Newsletter; and
- Park signage installed on 3 July – with the closing date updated.

All consultation feedback received on the Have Your Say forum, by email, phone and mail is contained in the attachments:

- Attachment 2 – Email, mail and phone.
- Attachment 3 – 'Have Your Say' Forum comments.

**ISSUES AND DISCUSSION****1. Feedback and Comment**

The following provides analysis and discussion of themes raised during the consultation and officer comment, explanation or proposed actions are provided.

**Multi-Play Court Area**

The proposed multi-purpose sports space was the most divisive element in the Harleston Park consultation and drew a large amount of negative comment and criticism.

Concerns included:

- increased noise and disruption in the local area
- reduction in green and undeveloped open space area
- inviting conflict with existing users of the area
- incompatibility with eastern side of park and park character in general



- reduction in the dog off leash area available, and
- suggestions that it will encourage anti-social activity.

There was still a level of support for the multi-purpose sports space, with comment suggesting it could provide recreational and social opportunities for older children who have outgrown the play equipment.

### ***Comments***

It is recommended that the multi-purpose area be removed from the eastern open space area, and that a smaller 3 point basketball court area is provided to the northern section of the Park. This option will provide opportunity for older and active children; while preserving the undeveloped and open green space in the eastern section of the park.

It is recommended that this smaller 3 point basketball court area is taken back to the community for further consultation. This proposed location will not impact on the layout and footprint of the proposed play space.

The chess board and bocce areas would still be removed and returned to green open space.

### ***Accessibility – Play Space Design***

There were some comments which raised concerns about the ability of play equipment to cater for a wide range of ages and abilities. However this was limited, with more support for the design themes and the proposed equipment.

There was some concern about reducing the number of swings, with the park currently having four traditional swings.

### ***Comments***

A key design driver for the play space was to utilise the existing features and create a unique space. Play experiences range from adventurous to reflective, social to independent and are intended to promote physical and emotional wellbeing, while allowing children to develop a sense of connection to nature.

Through design, material selection and use of existing site features – the play space will provide multi-sensory (auditory, visual, tactile) stimuli, these include:

- Tactile — rocks, sand, mulch and a variety of shrubs and grasses with different textures.
- Visual — can be seen through changes in seasonal plantings, canopy trees, the sensory maze and a range play elements like the acorn cubby and sound sculptures.
- Balance and feel — the rock scramble, see saw, multi spinner, different surfaces and giant hill slide.
- Auditory — sounds in the watercourse and sound sculptures.
- Social — the variety of spaces and equipment encourages both independent play and social opportunity.

The play space and surrounding areas are accessible and inclusive for children and adults of all backgrounds and abilities.

The revised playground concept proposal will now introduce a 5-way swing, which will include two toddler seats, two regular seats and an all abilities seat. With the new proposal for a 3 point basketball court area to be located to the north of the park the birds nest swing will be removed from the design to ensure adequate green open space is preserved.

### ***Giant Slide***

There was some concern that the existing giant slide would be removed – this is a signature item of Harleston Park and has entertained generations of children (and adults).

#### ***Comments***

The concept proposes two slides in place of the existing slide. The main slide will be slightly longer than the existing long slide and is slightly taller, by around 400mm. The second slide is a double junior slide, perfect for introducing young toddlers to this activity. This double slide will provide a short and exhilarating ride that can be shared with carers or other children.

There will be a number of ways to access the giant hill, including an indented rubber stair case (similar to the existing rubber staircase), rope hauls and a main rock stair case. Access will also be possible via the northern grass bank.

### ***Shade***

There were questions to why shade sails are not included across all play equipment.

#### ***Comments***

No changes proposed

The Harleston Park play space has a priority towards using existing and new canopy trees to provide shade and add to the character of the park. This is consistent with

Council's Open Space Strategy which recommends a focus towards natural play features and established trees providing shade. The Strategy also recommends that play areas receive some natural shade during the middle of the day and that the play areas are not in total shade during the day.

SunSmart recommend playgrounds are provided with a level of shade, with natural shade preferred. They also recognise that a level of sun exposure for vitamin D is required, especially over winter. Beyond infrastructure, SunSmart also recommends residents follow the SunSmart guidelines whilst being outdoors.

Shade sails are appropriate where there is no level of natural shade.

### ***Cost***

Some residents expressed concerns regarding the cost of project.

#### ***Comments***

Cost estimates are consistent with this type of equipment and landscaping works. More definitive estimates will be provided as part of detailed design.

Since the Harleston Park playground was initially constructed 25 years ago, community needs, demands and play space designs have changed. It is recognised that play spaces provide significant community benefit; therefore the investment goes beyond the physical infrastructure.

Asset management practices and principles also recognise that equipment of this age is difficult to service, source parts for and maintain. Over time playground standards have also changed which leads to compliance issues when significant maintenance is required.

***Dog Off-Leash Areas***

There was concern the introduction of the larger multi-purpose area would reduce the dog off leash area available in the eastern section of the park.

***Comments***

If Council decides to exclude the multi-purpose sports space in this area, this concern would be removed.

Should the proposed 3 point basketball court area proceed following the community consultation process the current dog off leash provision in this as part of this park would need to be reviewed.

***Additional Seating Request***

There were some comments about providing adequate seating as part of the new development.

***Comments***

A range of seating is included in the play space design including near the hill slides, both sides of the play area, overlooking the watercourse area and a new picnic and bbq shelter. The existing rotunda and picnic tables remain.

***Request to include other items – outdoor gym, table tennis table***

There were some requests to provide other outdoor activities, such as table tennis tables and outdoor gym equipment.

***Comments***

Based on the feedback regarding the multi-purpose space it is not proposed to replace this area with either an outdoor gym or table tennis table. Feedback on the multi-purpose sports area suggested this type of infrastructure/activity would be incompatible with the existing park character and impact on open green space and off leash areas.

***Request to include lighting***

There were some requests to provide new pathway lighting through the park.

***Comments***

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles do not suggest lighting necessarily improves safety, and in some cases it may attract people to use the park later in the evening and night. This is not an intended outcome of the project and as such lighting has not been included – consistent with the status quo.

To address safety the design has incorporated CPTED principles such as:

- clear lines of sight (reducing concealment opportunities),
- opportunity for passive surveillance (i.e. from other park users or people nearby),
- provide alternative paths of travel, and

- positioning facilities in visible locations (i.e. toilet entrances).

**Wildlife in Harleston Park**

There was a question as to whether Council had conducted any wild life surveys in the park and any future provisions to support fauna.

**Comments**

No wildlife surveys were undertaken for this project. A priority of Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy is to 'protect biodiversity and environmental heritage on Council-managed land and advocate for protection by others.' There is currently a focus on locations where native vegetation, wetlands or significant fauna observations have been reported – such as Boyd Park, rail corridors, Caulfield Park and areas of remnant vegetation.

The upcoming development of an urban forest strategy will provide further direction on how to collectively manage, protect and enhance trees within the municipality.

New tree species have not been selected yet, but will comprise a mixture of native and exotic – consistent with the current plantings.

**Tree Removals**

There were many concerns raised about proposed tree removals.

**Comments**

An arboricultural inspection has been undertaken on 26 trees within the upgrade footprint. Excluding trees that were proposed to be removed as part of the multi-purpose area, only **two** trees are proposed to be impacted from the play space area:

- A Peppercorn tree at the top of the slide mound. This has decay in the trunk which presents a risk and is not considered a high value specimen.
- A juvenile Pin Oak located where the picnic and bbq shelter is proposed is able to be transplanted within the park due to its size.

The majority of trees within the upgrade area are established mature trees with fair to good health or young trees with good potential. 11 trees or shrubs within the upgrade area have been assessed as being in either poor health or condition. At this stage there are no plans to remove these as part of the project.

Outside of the upgrade area there are some trees which are in declining or poor health and will likely be removed within the next 5 years regardless of the redevelopment. Removal, replacement and regeneration is part of open space management.

**Security concerns**

Concerns were raised on the current condition of some residential fences abutting the park.

There were also comments regarding current night time disturbances. Further comment focused around the multi-purpose area and anticipation of young people using it late into the night.

**Comments**

Fencing concerns have been relayed to the relevant Council department for immediate action.

Any current night time disturbances should be reported through to Victoria Police. The recommendation to remove the multi-purpose area addresses the potential concern of additional disturbances.

***Operational questions***

Will the area be controlled through bookings?

***Comments***

The existing rotunda can currently be booked by the community and no change is proposed to this arrangement. The proposed new shelter will also be able to be separately booked under the same arrangements. There are no plans to book the play space or other areas.

Can car parking time limits be implemented?

***Comments***

There are no plans to alter the provision at this stage. Transport Planning is aware of this situation and will continue to monitor.

Could construction be staged so the whole park is not closed for an extended period?

***Comments***

For the play space area this will not be possible as it would likely add considerable time and expense to the project.

Can noise during construction be kept to a minimum?

***Comments***

There are no significant works where noise should be an issue. There will be some heavy equipment used to remove and reshape some areas. Residents will be notified of any significant disruption.

There were comments that suggested the multi-purpose sports space was being provided to service a local school.

***Comments***

This was not the case.

***Consultation Approach***

There were some comments on consultation approach, including timelines, transparency, level of promotion and concern that no consultation with residents has occurred.

***Comments***

As previously noted, the original consultation date was extended due to unexpected delays in printing and distribution of information flyers.

The consultation was beyond that of previous similar open space projects, with approximately 860 information flyers distributed to properties in the area. There was in-park engagement with officers where approximately 40 additional flyers were distributed as well as community members viewing the plans on officer's iPads. Further

to this information signs were installed at the park, there was Facebook and online promotion, and distribution through Glen Eira News and Leader Newspapers.

The high level of feedback and comment is a strong indication that the consultation was adequately promoted and the timelines were adjusted to enable people to have ample time to view the plans and provide feedback.

In relation to the question of consultation with residents, it should be noted that the purpose of this consultation process was to seek community feedback. This is then presented to a Council for further action.

## **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The budget allocated in the draft 2017/18 Council budget for the play space upgrade is \$650,000. The cost estimate based on the draft concept plan for the play space upgrade is \$625,000 including 5% contingency.

The budget allocated in the draft 2017/18 Council budget for the public toilet replacement is \$350,000. The cost estimate based on the draft concept plan for the public toilet replacement and surrounding landscape enhancement work is \$340,000 including 5% contingency.

No further funding will be required for these elements.

The cost estimate based on the draft concept plan for additional picnic area (shelter and BBQ) and area is \$75,000 including 5% contingency. This was not included in the original budget estimate, however is integral to the redevelopment. It can be funded partly through the Recreation and Open Space annual Park Furniture Infrastructure Upgrade Program and potentially through any capital budget program savings.

These costs will be refined during the detailed design process.

## **POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Community Plan 2017-21

- **Liveable and Well Designed.** Create prosperous, accessible and vibrant urban places – We will deliver improvements to buildings, open spaces, parks and roads, as well as progress planning for future improvements to key Council facilities.
- **Clean and Sustainable.** Preserve and develop our open space to meet current and future needs. We will Improve and upgrade our open spaces for passive and active recreation through our capital works program.

Open Space Strategy 2014

Action 6.9D-1 Undertake minor upgrades to this open space to ensure it is meeting the local community needs as the population changes.

Glen Eira Public Toilet Strategy Review, 2015

## **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

There was a clear desire of the community to maintain the existing open space in the eastern section of Harleston Park. This section provides not only a range of recreational and social amenity, but also adds to the character of the park which is highly valued by the local community. It is recommended that the multi-purpose area be removed from the eastern open space area, and that a smaller 3 point basketball court area is provided to the northern section of the Park.

This smaller 3 point basketball court area is shown in the revised concept (Attachment 1) design with the footprint of the larger multi-purpose sports area highlighted to indicate size comparison.

This option will provide opportunity for older and active children; while preserving the undeveloped and open green space in the eastern section of the park. It is recommended that this smaller 3 point basketball court area is taken back to the community for further consultation.

The play space, picnic shelter and toilet upgrade elements were well received and provide a contemporary update, one which is reflective of the park, with nature based play, social opportunities and interactive experiences.

Public open spaces are a shared community asset. Living in proximity to parks does not afford residents greater rights over the use and development of these spaces than the wider community.



**Attachment 1 – Revised Concept Plans (with proposed 3 point basketball court)**









7-tall tower with 5m high embankment slide down tapered rubber mat.



8-Multi-person seesaw.



9-Small playhouse and house.



10-Tall tower with 5m high embankment slide down tapered rubber mat.



11-Tall tower with 5m high embankment slide down tapered rubber mat.



12-Multi-person seesaw.



13-Log stepping around water.



14-Log stepping around water.



15-Rocky steps up around.



16-Wooden play structure with green roof.



17-Wooden play structure with green roof.



18-Wooden play structure with green roof.



23. Scenic view with sculptures, sliding slides and playery.



24. Acorn valley



25. Picnic shelter and BBQ



26. Exposed aggregate paving and sound sculptures.



**Attachment 2 – Feedback Email, phone call, mail**

\*Names and locations removed.

#	Comments
1	<p>Thank you for asking for feedback. Comments/points below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toddlers like to be daring.. make larger slides accessible for toddlers eg: not roped ladders or walking planks etc... that toddlers can not use</li> <li>• large closed area for toddlers to run and play</li> <li>• Adult areas or picnic areas should be as close to the playground as possible</li> <li>• kids like themes eg: mine ask to go to the pirate park a lot because it looks like a pirate ship or the fairy park because one has fairies in the garden</li> <li>• little kids like slides and swings</li> <li>• big kids like anything dangerous</li> <li>• Everyone loves the St Kilda adventure park</li> <li>• Sandpits are messy and you never know what is in them! do with out...</li> <li>• The current water feature is soo dangerous.. kids get in it in summer and it is full of moss! the squirt fountains are much better..</li> <li>• It is not only kids that like to use the park. So also good to have areas for adults to picnic and not be near playground.</li> </ul>
2	<p>I am writing on behalf of the Body Corporate of XX Seymour Road, Elsternwick. My property and that of my neighbour are on the boundary of the park - Unit X and X. There are two concerns we have to express here:</p> <p>1. The lack of contact by the Council. I only found out about the proposed changes last week when approached by two young ladies, handing out plans. My neighbour didn't know anything about the plans at all. I think this is inconsiderate, considering how we could be adversely affected by this proposal.</p> <p>2. The major concern is the changing of the policy of "No Ball Games" in this park. The proposed Multi-purpose court will create two adverse possibilities - the one of greatest concern is the noise of constant bouncing of balls and the ball noise on the backboard of the goal. The other is the possibility of even more graffiti and damage to the park facilities.</p> <p>Both myself and my neighbour are retired and we would be greatly disturbed by the noise from the multi-purpose sports court. I do not think it is a suitable venue for such a facility. It needs to be in a much larger venue than such a small park that is completely surrounded by a residential area. I am a dog owner, as many of the local residents are, and the area proposed for the court is where dogs run and exercise in the mornings. We are also concerned about losing the beautiful, mature trees in that area.</p>
3	<p>The plans look quite good except for the area around the basketball court.</p> <p>I'd like to suggest an outdoor gym (as in Point Ormond) next to the basketball court.</p> <p>This outdoor gym does not take up much space and can be used by children while waiting to use the courts.</p> <p>Also, the outdoor gym can be used by all age groups and rate payers all day and evenings. Inclusion of solar lighting would extend these activities to all rate payers.</p> <p>Solar installation of lighting in the gym area would be highly desirable.</p> <p>This would show our council has a green hand and renewable consciousness about our future.</p> <p>I have already written to express my dismay about the Multi-purpose court proposal facing Allison Road and the poor communication by the Council with residents next to the park and in</p>

	<p>the area. This morning, I was walking my dog and I noticed a sign with information about the upgrade display along the Allison Road side of the park. It was put on the 5th July and it displayed the date of the 7th July as the closing date for comment. Is this a ploy by the Council to limit the Public's ability to have a say? There have been several confusing "end dates" all of which have only been extensions by only one week.</p> <p>As this proposed upgrade will last for many years, I think that extensive consultation with the ratepayers must take place, especially those who are neighbours of the park. I share a fence with Harleston Park, on two boundaries, I only found out about the proposed upgrade by chance. After an email of complaint, there was a letter box drop of my units as the only communication. I am very disappointed with the poor publicity and the opportunity for feedback for this project by the Council.</p> <p>On further research I feel that the plans should keep the open spaces that we have at present. I feel that the basketball court is not necessary and will take away the open space and bring more noise to the tranquil gardens.</p> <p>By all means upgrade the toilet facilities and seating facilities.</p> <p>Also I think there are too many new structures in the new plans.</p> <p>The money can be better spent on improving the toilets, seating, planting vegetation, garden maintenance and keeping the open spaces.</p>
4	<p>The Brochure for the upgrade of Harleston Park looks well catered for children.</p> <p>However, having frequented the park firstly with our children and now grandchildren over the past 35 years, and as Grandparents being able to sit comfortably on the park benches watching the children, according to the drawings on the Brochure the seating displayed does not seem to be Senior Citizens/ Grandparents friendly.</p> <p>It is hoped that the plans incorporate benches that would be suitable to the many elderly cares that frequent the park.</p>
5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new facilities just look great.</li> <li>2. Buffer zones to neighbouring properties have been maintained which is positive</li> <li>3. Great to see the "creek" has been retained as this is a very attractive and popular feature. Maybe some work on the water inlet "fountain" is needed.</li> <li>4. The only paved access into the park from the south west corner is via the curved path which doubles as the Alison Road footpath. It would improve access and strolling options if an additional concrete path was added from the south west corner and winding around to the path at the double swing combination. This would also open up this section of the park for additional bench seating.</li> <li>5. Provision for some additional seating adjacent to the paved path ways would be welcome in my view.</li> <li>6. The Harleston Park car parking on the south side of Seymour Road is usually taken up by residents or hospital staff from Kooyong Road and on occasion a trailer padlocked to the electricity pole. Are there plans to restrict this parking for use by park visitors to give them a better chance of getting a spot here considering they may have kids and strollers? Maybe just set a two hour parking limit 7am to 7pm.</li> <li>7. How will park usage be controlled? There are currently booking requirements for use of the public BBQ and gazebo facilities and demand will likely increase with the planned improvements. Will this be extended to control the use of equipment as an extension of commercial operations and local school facilities?</li> <li>8. It appears that the Chess Board and Botchy Lane will be removed as part of the upgrade. I would like to suggest an outdoor table tennis table be located toward the north east corner (Where the old wooden arbour is situated), to allow players to bring their own bats, balls and net. This is something often seen in European cities such as Munich where they employ concrete tables for this purpose that can also double as a large picnic tables.</li> <li>9. The "big slide" is a local legend for kids. Any chance it could be made a bit higher and longer?</li> <li>10. There are limited ball throwing and kicking options due mainly to the high density of trees. The south east corner is almost there and away from other park users. Maybe just one tree</li> </ol>



	toward the north end of this open space could be moved toward the corner to improve the situation.
6	<p>We are the owners of XXXXX Rd Elsternwick - the house which adjoins the park. The new plans for the park are no doubt great for the area and is likely to attract many more people to the area as evidenced by the upgrade to the park in Bambara Rd Caulfield.</p> <p>We have concerns being the next door neighbours to the development.</p> <p>When is it likely to start? When will it finish? We have a newborn on the way (in August 2017) and would be massively effected if there was construction going on during the day for a year whilst this is underway.</p> <p>The new park will draw many people. Currently the park has no after hours security and it is with regularity that we call police because teens hang out in the park and make noise past 11pm. It has on numerous occasions woken our 2 year old up and once someone rang the doorbell and disappeared waking us all. This was no doubt from the park. As mentioned the new park will no doubt bring more people to the area and it is likely after hours even more groups of teens will be attracted. This is of genuine concern. The police, have been contacted many times by us with these late night concerns but are slow to react. What are your plans for security? How can you ensure that we will not be effected after 11pm by young kids?</p> <p>At present the fencing which aligns the park is made from thin wooden strips. It is partially see through. Currently, it is not really an issue since the park is not overly busy. If the Bambara rd park is anything to go by then certainly the numbers entering the Harleston park post upgrade will enormously increase. We do not believe the stick fence that we have currently is private enough, nor safe enough for this new park. We ask that you please look into the creation of new fence (which aligns with the current design of our house). The drawings show a different fence to be built. What is the plan for our fence? This year many trees have been cut also making our home more visible from the park. We are concerned. Please reply asap.</p>
7	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to contribute our ideas on the proposed upgrade of Harleston Park.</p> <p>We own 2 properties in Allison Rd – our home at no XX, and a flat at XX Charles St, opposite the park. Thank you for your excellent attention to and maintenance of Harleston Park – it is a pleasure to have and to use. We walk past it every day.</p> <p>We have received your notice about the planned upgrade. In broad terms we welcome the plan to replace infrastructure that is in need of replacement. However, we question the need to increase the available facilities rather than just replace. As you say in your leaflet the park is a wonderful open space which has well established trees, grassed lawn and play space.</p> <p>In our urban area undeveloped grassed areas that are accessible to the community for general, non specified use are hard to come by. In particular the grassed area in the south east corner of Harleston Park is well used by the local community – people walk their dogs, dads play kick to kick with their kids, people lie out there in summer and read books, they run and exercise, and from time to time there is a large family party. Children use the play equipment in the park, but they are not the only park users. They should be catered for but not privileged over other users.</p> <p><b>WE OPPOSE ANY ENCROACHMENT ON CURRENT GREEN SPACE IN HARLESTON PARK.</b> In particular, we strongly oppose the building of a basket ball court in the south east corner or on any current undeveloped grass. In addition, we oppose any increase in the size of the current built play areas.</p> <p>The proposed basket ball court would seriously reduce the amenity in the park for multiple users. It would increase the noise in the flats opposite, including those at XX Charles St. It would reduce the space available for unstructured recreational activity. It will be ugly and reduce the visual availability of a green area, and reduce opportunities for the range of activities mentioned above – exercising, walking with or without dogs, playing kick to kick, lying around with friends, or holding larger gatherings.</p>



	<p>No evidence has been presented for the need for the additional built recreational facilities proposed. Do children really need built structures or are they better served by having green areas in which they can participate in unstructured play? As an aside, our view is that the new Boorong Reserve is an eyesore.</p> <p>We would appreciate answers to the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is there an opportunity to lodge a formal objection to this proposed development?</li> <li>2. If yes, what is the process?</li> <li>3. If not, what is the decision-making process?</li> <li>4. Has the need for a basket-ball court been established through any means?</li> <li>5. If so what is the evidence?</li> <li>6. Has the need for additional built play equipment been established through any means?</li> <li>7. If so what is the evidence?</li> </ol> <p>We would appreciate timely answers to our questions so we can make further submission to the decision-making process.</p> <p>WE OPPOSE ANY ENCROACHMENT ON CURRENT GREEN SPACE IN HARLESTON PARK. In particular, we strongly oppose the building of a basket ball court in the south east corner or on any current undeveloped grass. In addition, we oppose any increase in the size of the current built play areas.</p> <p>The proposed basket ball court would seriously reduce the amenity in the park for multiple users. It would increase the noise in the flats opposite, including those at XX Charles St. It would reduce the space available for unstructured recreational activity. It will be ugly and reduce the visual availability of a green area, and reduce opportunities for the range of activities mentioned above – exercising, walking with or without dogs, playing kick to kick, lying around with friends, or holding larger gatherings</p>
8	<p>I live very close to this lovely park, and am delighted you have plans to make it even better. it looks like you have employed the same designer/architects as you did for the amazing Booran Rd playground.</p> <p>The design looks very promising in many ways. However I did observe that there are <u>many areas which are unshaded</u> - no tree cover and no shade cloth. The diagram shows for example the giant nest swing is in full sun, as well as other elements.</p> <p>This Harleston Park shade issue has been a long term correspondence of mine with council, and in the past the responses have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it's entirely parents' responsibility to <i>slip/slop/slap</i> so council basically isn't interested</li> <li>- Harleston Park is due for an upgrade and shade cloth is costly and not worth installing in an old park, but the <u>upgrade will be properly shaded</u></li> </ul> <p>I recently visited the new little playground behind bangbang near Elsternwick Station, and could see how solid the shade cloth fixture is there.</p> <p>I would like to see cancer council standard shading over ALL areas where children (and adults) congregate for extended play - be it a water feature, a sandpit, or climbing/ sliding/ swinging/ bouncing activities. In fact inadequate shading is a real drawback at the Booran Rd ground, and I do not want to have to battle for proper shading arrangements - with trees and/or cloth - at Harleston Park.</p> <p>Let me add that in terms of risk management, while council may not be directly responsible for skin cancers in children or adults exposed to UV as children, that is a very cynical approach to modelling the care of our most vulnerable small people. There is also the matter of indirect responsibility. Honestly, I shouldn't have to spell this out in this day and age, when Australians are known to be so very susceptible to UV radiation and its ghastly long term impact. The SunSmart <i>slip/slop/slap</i> message has included <b>seek</b> shade or shelter, (and <b>slide</b> on sunnies) for a very long time.</p> <p>Please reassure me that you will take my concerns very seriously and will act to rectify gaps in this area.</p>

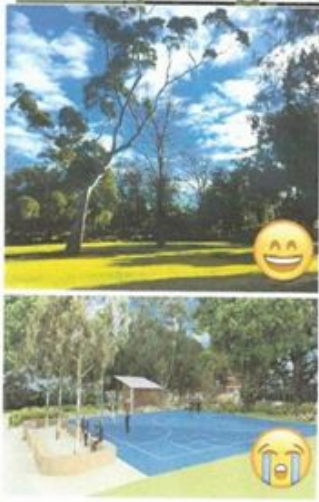
9	<p>Overall it looks inviting.</p> <p>I would be eager to retain more of the lovely grassy area and trees.</p> <p>Are there any shade cloths over the central play area?</p> <p>My main reservation is the double combination swing- there really should be at least 2 infant swings given the great number of young children who frequent this park. I think you will have many unhappy children if the swing goes ahead as planned!!!</p>
10	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>Include backs on some of the bench seats for older people. Otherwise she was pleased with the design</p>
11	<p>I live in Camden Ward and am dismayed about the process of and recommendation for the development of Harleston Park.</p> <p>This beautiful and serene green space that provides joy and comfort for so many senior citizens and pre school children and their parents will be devastated by the proposal as outlined. The construction of netball and basketball courts will increase noise, traffic and congestion and destroy the ambience that Harleston Park now provides.</p> <p>The process of informing residents about this proposal has been disgraceful. The sign outlining the proposal was not in the park last Sunday and yet comments regarding the development will not be accepted after tomorrow! According to your Council staff, posting of the sign was delayed by a "printing problem"! There is only one sign, on Allison Rd. There is no sign on Seymour St and those entering from Seymour St will be unaware of the proposal.</p> <p>The proposal has been made during school holidays when many young families are away and are therefore deprived of the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>I received no notification of this proposal by letter even though I live in Hopetoun St.</p> <p>In my opinion, these actions have been undertaken in a way that deprives rate payers of their legitimate right to protest against what many would regard as an entirely inappropriate plan for the park. In no way can I see the conduct of Council in this matter as being appropriate and the very best that can be said is that Council has been dismissive in its attitude to its rate payers.</p> <p>I believe it is paramount that Council be transparent in the rationale for this proposal for a park that is perfect in its current form. In particular, what is the relationship between Council and schools in the immediate area in the proposal to develop sports grounds in this park. Until reassured otherwise I believe that the park will be used as de facto sports grounds for schools that have failed to provide adequate recreational facilities on their own existing campuses.</p> <p>As a resident and rate payer of Elsternwick for over 15 years, I am seriously disturbed by the manner in which Glen Eira Council has conducted itself in this matter.</p> <p>I respectfully request your response to these concerns and sincerely hope you can see a way to halt a plan that to many amounts to desecration of this magnificent park.</p>
12	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>(Nb. Outside of distribution footprint)</p> <p>Concerns:</p> <p>Concern regarding basketball area</p> <p>Concern regarding funds being spent on playground upgrade</p> <p>Nb. would also like details on when the item will be discussed at Council as she would like to attend.</p>
13	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>Concern with increased traffic/parking (However they also raised concerns with increase in development, lack of parking that these developments have etc, so the concern isn't directly</p>

	<p>related to Harleston Park)</p> <p>Concern with loss of Tree</p> <p>Concerned that it will become part of the schools playground program</p>
14	<p>Just found the brochure and have seen the images - I think many of the changes are not appropriate, essentially everything that the little kids use now (and there are so many little kids that come) has been removed - no monkey bars, no curly/bumpy slides, no wobbly bridges or balancing beams, no large structures to run around. And what is to be retained such as the swings will be reduced from 4 swings to 2 swings. I ask the council to please spend an hour at the park on a busy day and see what the children use now, that's the kind of play that needs to be preserved, adding sound sculptures and sand pits, while removing everything they use today will mean taking away all the children love. Please do not proceed as planned with the play area changes.</p> <p>Subsequent correspondence:</p> <p>The development around the slide could be a lot of fun <b>as long as</b> very small children can use the slide also as is the case now. To make the slide inaccessible to small children (such as is the case in Booran Road) would be an entirely backwards step, they adore it, as I did when I was a small child. Harleston Park is a park where small children gather, so we must ensure that smaller curly slides, flying fox and monkey bars continue to exist, the children love them. They also love wobbly bridges and running around the existing structure - any change to this must be very carefully thought out to ensure smaller children can still enjoy it.</p> <p>A basketball court is a fair addition, but should replace the checkerboard area (which is almost never used) - moving it to the green area near the existing public toilet block breaks up the area (which is stunningly beautiful at present) and also means that picnickers and people lazing on the grass are going to have basketballs flying at them, which will destroy the current peace of the area. It's also an extremely natural backdrop that children living inner city desperately need maintained. Forget the sound sculptures, children never use them more than once (our of curiosity) and absorb space that is better used for foliage.</p> <p>Also, any upgrade that occurs should be done <b>one section at a time</b>, please do not close the whole park to make changes, our children are all using it now. In short, the park needs no real upgrade, fixing up the slide area and replacing the chess board with a basketball court is fine, but please make no changes to the extremely popular middle area unless they are truly positive changes.</p> <p>Regards and hope the comments assist, we love the park, we moved here because of it, Careful change is fine, but change for the sake of change can very easily damage one of the most beautiful parks in the area. our feeling is (and all I spoke to in the park today agreed) small improvements are okay (slide hill area/chess board), but leave the trees and open space, don't add clutter or remove types of play that the children already love today.</p>
15	<p>I am a resident of Allison Rd and saw your plans for Harleston Park.</p> <p>Some of the plans sound great, such as the multipurpose court area. However, I am concerned about your removing the middle play area which is fantastic as is (&amp; relatively new). I (&amp; the other parents at the park today) would strongly suggest that this stays.</p>
16	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>Don't do it, or you will be in trouble.</p>
17	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Appreciates the open space, removing this for a basketball court is a negative</li> <li>2. Car parking concerns</li> <li>3. Concerns around safety of basketball's bouncing into elderly adults</li> </ol>
18	<p>I have lived in the adjoining Hopetoun Street for the past 35 years and use our park daily for</p>

	<p>exercise and connection to nature and especially the birdlife.</p> <p>Please do not remove a single tree as they are currently a wonderful haven for a rich birdlife including parrots and owls.</p> <p>The blue multi purpose court in our beautiful natural park is a terrible eye sore.</p> <p>The design seems to be all about the young and provides little for the older generation. "Luna Park comes to Elsternwick" as will the cars and more traffic issues.</p> <p>The current park configuration and play equipment is more than adequate so why waste our rate money on this fanciful design.</p>
<b>19</b>	<p>Hi we live locally to Harleston Park on Allison road. It's great for our 2 &amp; 1/2 yo and 1yo.</p> <p>In your plans you need to consider a park that allows small children to play on age appropriate equipment. My eldest was so excited to visit the new Booran Park but it's unsafe for toddlers her age. It won't be long before there is an accident on the slide there.</p> <p>It's important to keep Harleston Park an area where toddlers can still enjoy some of the equipment like the slide- my daughter loves it. Don't lose the traditional playground attractions.</p> <p>By all means extend it to have an area for elder kids but don't sacrifice the fun of young ones. maybe consider a fenced area with play equipment so dogs don't mess on the bark and do the upgrades a bit at a time- don't close our park completely for a prolonged period whilst it gets upgraded.</p>
<b>20</b>	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>Concerns regarding noise, increased car parking, basketball area and ball area.</p> <p>Comments about the school using the park area.</p>
<b>21</b>	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>Concern that the park will become the nearby schools pseudo playground.</p>
<b>22</b>	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concerns regarding distribution/flyer and timing for response</li> <li>2. Objects to sports centre vehemently objects to basketball</li> <li>3. He feels it is a community park, this takes away the community</li> <li>4. Inappropriate in size and type, utilisation and ratepayers money</li> <li>5. Playground will become a primary playground used by schools who have built over their open space</li> </ol>
<b>23</b>	<p>I object strongly to the proposed upgrade plans. Harleston Park is used for quiet recreational activities from young families to senior citizens. The City of Glen Eira is already short of green space it is astounding that consideration is even been given to removing green space and reinstating with mix use sports area. I would like to understand what rationale and useability studies have been undertaken for removing this space currently used for peaceful activities and repurposing it into a loud area aimed at adolescents, who typically use Caulfield and Elsternwick Parks</p> <p>On the face of it seems that this proposal has not been thought through in its entirety, which is very concerning.</p> <p>I have only recently received notification of an open space and play upgrade at Harleston Park. I have been away for 3 weeks due to school holidays and knew nothing about this proposal. My neighbour informed me that the due date for feedback was July 7<sup>th</sup>. This is most unacceptable and not a good way to start a community consultation process.</p> <p>There are so many issues with this proposal I have decided to list them in bullet point.</p>

	<p><b>Issues with communication:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No time to prepare feedback and is in clear breach of the statutory regulations</li> <li>• Timing during school holidays when many families are away, does not look good</li> <li>• Lack of transparency</li> <li>• Council officers gaining feedback in the park at various times [ does not give a true indication of demographic] when half the population is away.</li> <li>• Should not have been a mail box drop, should have been posted to ensure it is received by the recipient.</li> </ul> <p><b>I do not agree with the introduction of a new multi play area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• Strongly object to the removal of mature trees, threat to birdlife and wildlife</li> <li>• Supporting documentation regarding above, arborist report?</li> <li>• Area should be retained as a peaceful open space for all ages to enjoy from the elderly, to young families</li> <li>• Will the area be flood lit at night?</li> <li>• Have noise and impact assessments been completed to ensure immediate wildlife is not affected?</li> <li>• Have noise and impact studies been completed in regards to immediate neighbours?</li> <li>• Of leash dog area: This will be reduced by half. How will the dogs be toileted? The new sandpit may become the default for dogs? Not a great combination with children playing in the sand pit</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will the increased traffic flow be managed? Parking?</li> <li>• How will the adolescent element be managed in regards to anti-social behaviour/ graffiti?</li> <li>• Will there be an increase in council safety officer's patrolling?</li> <li>• Will there be a 24 hour call out number we can call in regards to unruly behaviour?</li> <li>• Cubby houses: I am very concerned that the introduction of cubby house could also be an issue. The homeless and disadvantaged using the cubby's as sleeping quarters / needle stick injuries. We already have number of homeless living in cars in Allison rd. [I have reported this to council and have been told that it is a policing issue not a council issue. When I speak to the police they tell me it is a public health issue and they can't do anything about it. ]</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Consultation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will there be a public forum to voice concerns?</li> <li>• What information/ studies were used regarding the demographic and community needs? Supporting documentation? The census/ letters?</li> <li>• As a mother of teenagers ,I know of very few teenagers living in the immediate area.</li> <li>• As the population is ageing surely the elderly should be considered and also provided for?</li> <li>• Is all the supporting documentation available to be viewed by the public?</li> <li>• How will a decision be made?</li> <li>• Can the courts mixed use court be booked by local schools</li> <li>• Will it be used by schools in close proximity that do not have open space on a regular basis?</li> </ul> <p>I have been a resident at XX Allison Road Elsternwick for 4 years, we moved from the City of Port Phillip because we wanted a quieter more peaceful less congested environment to bring up our children. So far it has been a wonderful journey but I am most concerned that this will be coming to an end with such a major overworking of Harleston Park. Change doesn't always equate to progress On the face of it seems that no consultation was undertaken prior to these plans being put forward to the community. This is very disappointing</p>
24	<p>My son is really looking forward to the basketball court being built at Harleston Park and hopes that you build that first before the playground</p>

25	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Its not broken so don't fix it</p>
26	<p>I am a local resident and I fully support the proposal. Harleston Park is great for small kids (the creek provides opportunity for a unique sensory experience and is very safe) while the proposed court will provide much needed recreational facility for older kids. Please ensure there is shading (from tree canopy or sails) over the play areas in the summer months (the park currently has limited shading around the play equipment in summer).</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment and great work Glen Eira.</p>
27	<p>We acknowledge the two week extension organised by Mayor Delahunty to be given for a response on the Harleston Park redesign; however we query why the steps in Glen Eira's own community engagement policy have not been adhered to. Furthermore, we do wonder about the timing of a major change to a child-friendly park being posted during the longest term holiday when people with children, who are amongst the highest users of the park, are most likely to be away. Were you aware that several of your key stakeholders, including neighbours to the park, had not yet been provided with the information or opportunity to participate? The current situation, where 'notice' was provided by a sign in the park just days before responses were due is in clear breach of the statutory regulations, and unless we receive a speedy response acknowledging that other interested stakeholders, including neighbours to the park, are given extended time to evaluate the information, we believe this is a reportable matter to VAGO for evaluation under criteria 3.3.1 "Agencies can demonstrate that the time frames identified are sufficient and appropriate to allow for meaningful participation."</p> <p>We object strongly to the plan as proposed given that Harleston Park is known widely within Glen Eira as a meeting place for young families, for senior citizens to sit and relax, for people to walk with their dog on lead, or off-leash during the restricted hours. Within a Council already short on green space, the intention to transform the small green area remaining on one side of the park, already highly used for passive recreation and enjoyment into a structured sports area which will preclude use by existing users is bizarre. What usability studies have been completed, and what is the rationale for removing space currently used extensively for peaceful activities such as tai-chi, birdwatching and passive enjoyment to a louder place aimed at adolescents who typically use the parks with existing sporting equipment such as Caulfield and Elsternwick Parks. Will regular use by school and sports groups be monitored so it does not become a default school playground at the expense of open space for residents?</p> <p>We strongly object to the removal of mature trees, and ask to see the arborists report as to the health of these trees, and the likelihood of success at transplanting them elsewhere in the park. We would like to understand how the wildlife currently relying on vegetation in the park for food and habitation will be protected. Please provide us with the assessment on existing wildlife and the management plan to ensure there is not unnecessary damage. Will the area be floodlit at night in order that it can have 24 hour use? If this is the case, what impact will this have to amenity for neighbours in regard to both the lighting and noise? Have noise and lighting impact assessments been completed to ensure wildlife (particularly bats and birds) will not be scared off from their existing migration patterns by the consequent impacts?</p> <p>What are the new plans for parking and controlling of traffic in an area that will now attract an older group of users? How many safety officers will be employed to ensure the area does not become a late night meeting place for adolescents who may engage in anti-social behaviour, such as graffiti which is already a huge issue in this area. We are also worried by the personal safety aspect of the proposed cubby houses with children possibly not known to each other being outside of adult's vision, or needles or similar being left in said cubby houses which may be used as sleeping quarters by the more disadvantaged in the area.</p> <p>As members of a local animal welfare group we query whether there is an intention to follow through with a ban on dogs in Harleston Park, to further restrict the rights of dog owners, as surely there is no other way a large and accessible sandpit could be installed that would effectively become a dog toilet. Who is going to be on call to clean this up? Young children playing and dog faeces do not mix. And as there is a requirement for no dog to be off leash within 50 metres or on leash within 20 metres of a children's area what is left for the</p>

	<p>dogs? What plans do you have in place to ensure the older citizens with dogs who currently use Harleston Park for exercise are not discriminated against and are able to maintain their healthy lifestyle?</p> <p>As residents of Glen Eira for more than 30 years and adjacent to Harleston Park, both with and without young children, we have enjoyed the pleasant ambiance of the park, the laughter of young children, the birthday parties, the early morning tai chi classes in the quiet of the park, the lovely beds of petunias(sadly missed this year), the seniors sitting quietly in the sun, people walking their dogs and chatting to each other, and the care of a remarkably diligent parks officer.</p> <p>Change does not always equate with progress and we query what consultation was undertaken before these plans were put forward, without feedback from current park users and neighbours.</p> <p>We await your urgent response to the questions raised, including the provision of information so we can provide a thorough response.</p>
28	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Observes poor maintenance and presentation of the current park, so what is going to happen when the upgrade happens. There are dead trees that need to be addressed. “You can’t maintain it now, so imagine what it’s going to look like in the future!”</p> <p>The whole playground should shift easterly, so it sits away from the property boundaries.</p>
29	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided</p> <div>  <p><b>Save your green space!</b></p> <p>Glen Eira council want to develop <b>Harleston Park.</b> Their plans reduce our precious grass areas. Changes include replacing grass with a synthetic turf multi-court area. Tranquility will be lost!</p> <p>Act now! You only have until <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> to express your feedback. Go to: <a href="http://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/harlestonpark">http://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/harlestonpark</a> Email: <a href="mailto:recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au">recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au</a> or <a href="mailto:mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au">mail@gleneira.vic.gov.au</a> Call: 9524 3333</p> </div> <div> <p>If you agree, fill out and post this letter today!</p> <p><b>Post to: Glen Eira City Council</b> Corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads Caulfield PO Box 42 Caulfield South VIC 3162</p> <p>(We oppose the proposed development of Harleston Park, Elsternwick. (We believe that the current plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the green spaces and natural beauty of the park</li> <li>Increase noise pollution (in particular related to ball sports and planned "sound sculptures")</li> <li>Harm the natural environment</li> <li>Will be a loss of a tranquil and calm space</li> <li>Will destroy established trees and plants</li> <li>Does not consider all people including elderly people who may not use the park as a sporting/play area</li> <li>Will be detrimental to the appearance and character of the local environment</li> </ul> <p>Other comments:</p> <p>Sincerely, Household name/s: _____ Address: _____ Sign: _____</p> </div>
30	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>This park is used by lots of families with young children. Leave it alone</p>
30	Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided
31	Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided



<b>32</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>This beautiful well maintained much used and loved park is an oasis for all, especially the elderly. What you are proposing is not a quiet relaxing natural park anymore.</p>
<b>33</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Tranquility and calm is needed in our world today. It's very difficult to comprehend why Council would want to change Harleston Park into a mini theme park.</p>
<b>34</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Strongly oppose this. This is a small green pocket, barely a park in a residential street. It already has a children's play area-totally inappropriate.</p>
<b>35</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>As a dog owner and regular user of the space as it is I oppose this strongly</p>
<b>36</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>We've lived here for 30 years and actually got married in Harleston Park. Over the past few years we've watched as more and more of the park is allocated to children's playground area. There is now a massive children's park on the corner of Booran &amp; Glenhuntly Roads. Please leave our park alone.</p>
<b>37</b>	<p>I live in Edward Street in Elsternwick.</p> <p>There was someone doing a letter drop in my street about the Alison Road Park</p> <p>I went online to look at the plans.</p> <p>They look fantastic. I am very impressed. My children will love playing there. I am particularly impressed that there will be a basketball court. As this will allow my children to age with the park.</p> <p>Don't give in to the haters.</p>
<b>38</b>	<p>We think that the proposed play equipment looks great.</p> <p>The existing play equipment is getting old, and the new plans seem to be terrific.</p> <p>We were initially concerned that there might not be enough lawn left, but when we looked closely at the aerial plan, we could see that there will still be plenty of grassed area left next to the basketball court and near the chess board.</p> <p>The grassed areas and established trees are very important to us.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<b>39</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Please if you must change our beautiful park, do not split the open green space into two sections as you currently propose. Please place the basketball court where the current bocce/bowls area is; this space is currently a 'dead space' and by placing the half court here, the natural beauty of the open GREEN space can be maintained in size and functionality.</p> <p>Whilst I accept your need to upgrade the park, I personally would rather see you put your money towards buying another open space for local communities in the Elsternwick area and leaving our very well patronised park as is.</p>
<b>40</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>We are supportive of Council's wish to protect and enhance the wonderful open space mixture of well established trees, grassed areas and play space in Harleston Park.</p> <p>We do, however, object to the hard surfacing of a section of the park to construct a</p>

	<p>basketball/netball court.</p> <p>Green spaces in heavily built-up environments are precious.</p> <p>They are the lungs of an increasingly congested city.</p> <p>Ball games are already possible on the existing grassed area of the park, and in our experience many people of all ages enjoy access to that area for that purpose, especially in the afternoon and on weekends.</p> <p>Please do not hard surface the grassed area.</p>
41	<p>I'm a resident who <b>supports</b> your proposal to add a multi-court area to Harleston Park in Allison Road, Elsternwick.</p> <p>Today I read a leaflet that was placed in my letterbox in Allison Road that urged my family to oppose this proposal.</p> <p>However, I believe this initiative will encourage more school-age users to make use of the park, which has to be a good thing at a time when youth obesity and mental illness rates are rising.</p> <p>A park should be multi-purpose because it is for ALL residents, not just for the lucky few who live near a park and are unduly worried about noise levels and their version of aesthetics.</p> <p>To summarise the candid responses from my daughter and two sons: "Awesome! This area needs a public basketball court. And anyway, hardly anyone uses that part of the park now."</p> <p>Even though I often walk my dog in that space (6-9 am), I don't mind shifting to the SW or NE of the park if it means more residents have access to better recreational facilities.</p> <p>Of course, my support is on the proviso that Council sticks to its multi-purpose principles and does not ban dogs from the park altogether.</p> <p>A final point: the comments the Council will hear from the community are bound to be more negative than positive – I don't expect those who support the proposal will put together a leaflet like the naysayers have already done – but that doesn't mean the noisier ones are the majority.</p> <p>You are welcome to table this email at a Council or community meeting.</p>
42	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Please listen to your locals. We love our park as it is. No to the multi purpose court!</p>
43	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>We use and love Harleston Park as it is. One of the reasons we voted for our new Councillor was his values for Elsternwick and his love of open spaces.</p>
44	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>The grassed areas are often used by picnicing families. Please don't remove these and replace with sports/play areas</p>
45	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>We don't want the park to become a concrete jungle</p>
46	<p>Comment received from community distributed flyer:</p> <p>We like the proposal. Please include a space for dogs in an enclosed area where they can be left off a leash. There are many residents who own dogs.</p>
47	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>This park is terribly popular with small children. Leave it alone. No multi court area as this will lead to lighting which we don't want.</p>
48	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p>

	I cannot believe this beautiful tranquil park will be ruined by putting in a court area which is certainly not needed. There are ample sporting arenas in the Glen Eira area.
<b>49</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided
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<b>51</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer comments: Particularly object to the sporting area. Suggest picnic tables and BBQ area for this.
<b>52</b>	<p>Harleston Park is a bright spot in Elsternwick. I have been a resident of Elsternwick for thirty seven years and have frequently taken my children and, now, grandchildren to this park.</p> <p><u>Harleston Park at present</u></p> <p>It is a very attractive park because of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The undulating grassed areas.</li> <li>2. The trees.</li> <li>3. Its ability to function as a collection of separate areas that combine as an attractive whole park.</li> </ol> <p><u>My suggestions and observations on the planned changes</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Don't alter the overall nature of the park by replacing green grass with plexi-pave.</li> <li>2. More swings are needed as there are never enough single swings for children.</li> <li>3. The creation of a sandpit in a park is not practical as it creates problems with hidden syringes and animal droppings.</li> <li>4. Shade is important but we need sunlight too, so don't overdo the tree planting.</li> <li>5. The multi-court area needs to be available to the general public and not used by school groups as their pseudo-playground/sports court.</li> <li>6. Please don't change things for the sake of changing things. Sometimes leaving things as they are is the best solution.</li> </ol>
<b>53</b>	<p>I am a regular dog walker at Harleston Park and used it extensively when my children were young. The play equipment needs upgrading but the proposed concept plan is not appropriate. In particular the introduction of sport play areas is unnecessary and will probably attract groups of teenagers which can be problematic in a park which caters well for younger age groups. The main area of the park which is currently underused is the bocce court/chess area. This part is dark and not attractive but no plans have been proposed to change this area at all. I have never seen anyone use these courts nor have I seen anyone sit in this area as it is cold and dark all year round.</p> <p>The sand pit will quickly become filled with leaves and rubbish and parents will be reluctant to have their children play there. A sensory area is completely unnecessary as visiting the park is a sensory experience for young children and no extra equipment is required.</p> <p>Please do not overdevelop a very small park just because it fits in with some recreation plan.</p>
<b>54</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer comments: The park is very popular and used by a broad range of the community for Picnics, BBQ's Etc. Why spend rate payers money to destroy a beautiful space. Just upgrade play equipment.
<b>55</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided
<b>56</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer comments: It would be a shame to lose such a tranquil space-open spaces are so rare in Glen Eira. It is a

	much loved well utilised park. Please don't spoil it.
<b>57</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided
<b>58</b>	<p>I have been visiting this park for 13 years now, it the most beautiful park in Glen Eira. It is a well used and loved park, every time I visit there are many people of all ages, toddlers, children, parents and even grandparents, all enjoying it. I feel that by changing the green space to synthetic turf, the whole natural atmosphere of the park would change. Synthetic turf is a very unimaginative solution to integrating a basketball court. The blue artificial affect produced by the turf would turn the green space into an ugly blimp in such a beautiful park.</p> <p>I do feel that the rest of the design of the park well integrates the natural environment with existing infrastructure, but the blue court, and it's positioning is rather grotesque. I adamantly believe that 'inserting' this section would destroy the vibe of the park beyond repair. It seems like such a waste to take away some of the only grassed parkland in Glen Eira as many parks these days are losing their natural beauty.</p> <p>The parkland next to the Elsternwick station has gone through thoughtful urban renewal, and is now an attractive and well utilised sight. I can see that adding a basketball court would draw in an older audience, but it can go somewhere else in the park, in a less utilised area. I can think of several under utilised areas for that to go without detracting from the beauty of the park.</p> <p>I ask for your reconsideration in the current proposed location of the turf court. Please don't let Harlestone park just be another one of "those parks".</p>
<b>59</b>	<p>Please do not change the layout of our beautiful park. We have been using this park on a daily basis for 16 years and our whole family love the serenity of this open green space.</p> <p>We understand that the children's current playground needs an update however to add in a multi court area and all the other busy areas will take away the natural beauty of the park.</p> <p>We are disappointed that our rates will be wasted on such developments. You will turn a peaceful place into a noisy over developed environment. We all need a quite green space so our children can play in nature and we can sit and enjoy the quietness which is hard to find these days.</p> <p>We object to these changes</p>
<b>60</b>	<p>We oppose the proposed development of Harlestone Park, Elsternwick.</p> <p>Our young family loves Harlestone Park. It is unanimously our park of first preference and we go there many times a week.</p> <p>The features that we enjoy about the park are:</p> <p><b>Slides</b></p> <p>There are 4 slides that offer different challenges and enjoyment for different age ranges. Young toddlers can progress from the short red slide to the bumpy and helical slides. The giant slide provides the ultimate thrill-seeking adventure for children and toddlers of all ages.</p> <p>Whilst the proposed concept design has three slides they do not provide the range of thrill-seeking challenges for children in that they all run from the top to bottom with no turning or bumping up and down. We would be disappointed if access to the giant slide was restricted under the proposed concept design.</p> <p><b>Swings</b></p> <p>There are 4 swings at the park – 2 with harness and 2 flat seats – allowing babies/toddlers to progress from being strapped in to the seat to the challenge of maintaining their own balance whilst swinging on a hard seat. The swings are one of the more popular pieces of play equipment as they provide an exciting flying sensation for children. At busy times, there is often a queue of eager children waiting for their turn on the swings.</p> <p>The proposed concept design has 2 swings and 2 nest swings (small and large). From our observations at other playgrounds the nest swings are consistently under utilised in comparison to the seated swings. As such, it would be better to maintain the 4-seated swings (2 with</p>

	<p>harness and 2 flat seats).</p> <p><b>Other play equipment</b></p> <p>The existing play equipment - monkey bars, flying fox, balance beams, bouncing bridge, abacus - currently provide physical and educational benefits for young children through their developmental stages.</p> <p>Replacing these with sound sculptures, a sensory maze, nest swings and a sandpit diminishes these benefits.</p> <p><b>Colour</b></p> <p>Whilst we appreciate the trend for a more natural look in play equipment, children always like bright colours as it brightens their mood and activates their growing minds; the coloured play equipment provides an environment to teach infants basic colours. Similarly, for infants, bright colours are the only way they are able to distinguish between shapes.</p> <p><b>Open green space</b></p> <p>The existing open green space provides for multi-purpose recreational activities, including unstructured play, picnics and contemplative space for health and wellbeing.</p> <p>As such, the proposed use of replacing this space with a multi-court area for active, structured, competitive team sports will increase noise pollution and destroy the existing tranquil and calm space. This use consumes a disproportionate percentage of limited recreational real estate. Likewise, the sensory maze and the use of rubber surfacing, particularly around the climbing mound and giant slide, reduces the green space and natural beauty of the park.</p> <p><b>Safety</b></p> <p>As parents supervising young children in a public play space, the sight lines provided by the design of the existing playground enable us to safely observe and monitor the movements of active young children at play and respond quickly to any first signs of danger. For example, we are able to watch a child climb the hill to the giant slide as well as check across to the stream area from the one vantage point and react in a timely manner.</p> <p>Our concern is that the proposed concept, in particular the sensory maze, will break up these sight lines and create blind spots, making it more difficult to supervise children safely.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>Our main recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominantly retain the existing design of the park; mostly upgrading and maintaining existing equipment, rather than a complete redesign</li> <li>• Keep the open green spaces and established trees</li> <li>• No multi-court area</li> <li>• Upgrade existing toilet facilities</li> <li>• Provide seating with back support, e.g. existing park benches</li> <li>• Do not install sound sculptures, sensory maze, nest swing and sandpit at the expense of the existing play equipment - monkey bars, flying fox, balance beams, bouncing bridge – that currently provide superior developmental benefits for young children.</li> <li>• Include spinning equipment, like the spicas at Princes Park and Caulfield Park (central-western play area near croquet club) and/or spinning tea cup at Hopetoun Gardens</li> </ul> <p>Our family, and many other families in the area, like many features of the current Harleston Park. It would be a shame to lose these important play spaces to less desired and less required play elements.</p>
61	<p>I currently live up the road from Harleston Park on Seymour road, and had lived for several years directly over the road from it.</p> <p>Many of the proposed changes seem reasonable, others are overdue. (The toilet block, for instance, desperately needs to be updated.)</p> <p>Others are perplexing, others still almost distressing.</p> <p>I don't understand why every open space in the council has to be turned into a sports ground? I</p>

	<p>sincerely doubt that there is any "need" for another sports ground taking away grassed space from general use. (It sometimes seems that there is some sort of mania for turning pleasant parks into unwelcoming sports palaces which actively repel anyone who isn't playing that sport. There are old people who use that park. There are young children who use that park. This basketball court takes space away from them, and for the talk about "ensuring that the park is meeting the local community needs", I have not seen any evidence that the community needs this, or that the population changes are to include that many basketballers replacing everyone else. That all sounds like a rationalisation in search of an already decided change for the sake of it.) The basketball court seems overkill for a local park, and I worry about the neighbours with the particularly piercing noise that basketballs make. Similarly with the "Sensory Maze". I'm guessing it will involve bells and xylophones and similar things which generate noise for no particular purpose, which consists of moving parts which won't be maintained, and will fall into disrepair within months. I mean, that's what has happened in every other similar installation I have seen, so I see no evidence that things will be different here.</p> <p>The extra barbecue area can't hurt, and I would recommend more drinking fountains (including bottle filling taps) than the current total of one.</p> <p>But please, please, please don't take away the chess board. Little kids learn to ride their bikes and scooters on that patch of concrete, but I will admit to a more selfish reason. The group my wife and I are the current leaders of (the Barony of Stormhold, the local branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism) hold an event in Harleston Park every year, and have done for the last eight years or so, in March. It is called the Chess Challenge, and features chess games on the board, and SCA combat (which is very carefully regulated and controlled) on the grass under the hill. We always draw a lot of interest, and the tourney usually features people sitting on the hill watching the activities. Taking away the chess board would remove the reason for the event.</p> <p>We even, as a group, went to the effort of making our own chess pieces specifically for that board. Why did we make them, and not use the pieces which the Council keeps for the board? Because the Council has made it clear that it doesn't want anyone to use them. Look up the procedure for getting those pieces (you may need to find someone who knows that they exist, and where they are kept, first). There is a four digit security deposit, the rental charge, and paying the wages for a council worker to deliver and collect them. That's \$180 for the worker, \$400 for hire, plus a thousand dollars deposit, just to play chess. And does anyone wonder why no-one ever does? But if it was all too much bother to provide pieces, redeveloping the park to remove the need to even pretend to seems like spite.</p>
62	<p>I am very opposed to the proposed development plan for Harleston Park. The proposal would ruin the serenity and beauty of the park, and take away something very special that residents of Glen Eira don't have that much access to with our lower levels of open space per head compared to other local council districts.</p> <p>I have been a resident of Allison Road for over 30 years, and my children and I (and the dog) have been using the park for all of that time. Our favourite area is the open natural park area on the south east side which you will totally ruin if you put a massive multicourt with artificial plastic ground and concrete areas in that space. It will be so ugly and noisy, and will destroy the amenity and beauty of any open area that is left there. If it has to be built please put it over near the double combination swing area or where the underutilised chequerboard is now rather than ruin one of the best areas of the park.</p> <p>The new plan would have way too much children's play area to the detriment of the current green spaces, shrubs, trees and open park area which is so beautiful and what a park should also be all about. Parks are for all generations and types of people, and should not be predominantly full of children's play equipment. Children can also appreciate nature and play in open spaces rather than requiring lots of man-made fixtures.</p> <p>If the rate of high density apartment living in Elsternwick continues we will need all of the open green space we can get for people who need parks for their outside recreation and have no other option were they live. Many people visit parks to de-stress and appreciate the quiet and calm and beauty of nature. They need open natural spaces, not too much play equipment and man-made surfaces.</p> <p>My 17 year old son's response when looking at your plans was more than doubling the children's play area with lots of built up stuff would make it a better area for groups of teenagers</p>

	<p>to go drinking and smoking at nights where they can be not so out in the open!!</p> <p>The proposals will change the whole nature of the park. They will take away something really special in a Council area with not enough open space already. We need to treasure our parks and preserve them for all people to be able to unwind and relax in all different ways.</p> <p>Please please just replace the existing play infrastructure if it needs to be done without touching the current beautiful natural areas of our park.</p>
<b>63</b>	<p>I am 17 and have been going to Harleston Park all my life.</p> <p>I don't think you should take away the current open space for more play areas. Too much development will change the great relaxing vibe of the park and make it noisy and stressful and a good place for late night teenager goings on.</p> <p>The park is really beautiful and special as it is. You don't find grass and trees and shade and birds enough in cities. We don't want to lose the natural open areas we have by building all over them.</p>
<b>64</b>	<p>I am a very common visitor to Harleston Park as I walk the dog there every morning. I love this Park, it is my local park and I can walk to it easily. it is so beautiful with the grass areas, and the big old trees and it lifts my spirits every day when I go there. I am 94 years of age.</p> <p>I am very worried about the proposed redevelopment. The beautiful natural environment of the park is a tonic to me, and to all of the people I chat with on my visits. We would be so sorry to see much of it replaced with basketball pitches and sandpits and noise making sculptures.</p> <p>Please do not reduce the green spaces and natural beauty of the Park. Please do not make us lose our tranquil and calm space, and please consider all the people of the area who use this Park including elderly or lonely or stressed people who like me find the Park a tonic.</p> <p>We need to treasure these beautiful links with nature so that children who no longer have back yards as we did can still experience this wonderful asset.</p>
<b>65</b>	<p>Harleston Park as it is is one of the remaining open areas available for the public to use in whichever way they like. Rather than create a bunch of structures for kids to utilize and fight over and have to wait while others take turns why not leave it as an open area where imagination of the kids can take over (sorely need by kids these days) , and allow new games or team games to be invented allowing all to participate. Manicuring playgrounds may look nice but is costly and impractical. The multi-use court area is not needed, kids need to have uneven surfaces to hone their skills on, and in addition I am sure that the court will be taken over by older kids on skate boards etc. to the detriment of younger kids. Leave the park as is, it is fulfilling its role and is cherished by the local community in its present state.</p>
<b>66</b>	<p>I am opposed to the proposed plans for redevelopment of Harleston Park. I live in Allison Rd and have been using the park with my family for over 30 years.</p> <p>There is way too much focus on children's play equipment/infrastructure at the cost of the natural elements of the park. Particularly the proposal for an artificial surface multi court in one of the most calming and natural areas of the park would totally destroy it.</p> <p>As apartment living becomes the norm in Elsternwick we will need all of the access to nature we can get. We need to hold on to those areas which we currently have and not lose them in overdevelopment/redevelopment.</p> <p>It is also important for children to have access to simple nature like trees bushes and grass to build their immune systems by exposure to different and natural environmental conditions. Being close to nature is also essential for all of us for our mental wellbeing, as a place to escape from noise, crowds and stress. Research has shown that fresh air and being around plants and trees is very beneficial for lowering blood pressure and improving mental health. The proposed redevelopment would undermine all this at Harleston Park.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider this proposed redevelopment and just replace the existing play equipment if required without touching the wonderful open park trees and grass areas which are</p>



	currently in the park.
67	<p>I would not like this proposed development to proceed.</p> <p>It appears to me that this plan reduces open space and amenity.</p> <p>The idea of a Park in suburbia is to provide open space for people, of all ages, to enjoy nature (trees, grass, birds, etc.).</p> <p>There is certainly an argument to provide equipment for the amusement of children. However with such limited space (area) this should be kept to a minimum.</p> <p>It could be said that the current park is over-developed as it is.</p> <p>May I suggest that the budget for this project be fed into a fund for the purchase of new open park land.</p>
68	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed improvements to Harleston Park.</p> <p>I have lived in Prentice St, Elsternwick for 17 years and have always appreciated access to this beautiful park in an area where backyard space is limited for many families.</p> <p>I would like to register my very strong support for Council's plan to continue to invest in this park and add a multi-court space. I showed the plans to my sons aged 11 and 14 and they could not be more excited about this development.</p> <p>This initiative will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expanded our community's limited sports facilities</li> <li>- Enhance appropriate play and sports infrastructure for children aged over 10 years</li> <li>- Encourage the team sports that bring communities together as players and observers</li> <li>- Encourage children to play outdoors, with all the health benefits that brings</li> </ul> <p>I never understood why balls sports were banned in this space and congratulate Council on this initiative.</p>
69	<p>The Save Our Green Space Team <b>OPPOSE ANY ENCROACHMENT ON CURRENT GREEN SPACE IN HARLESTON PARK ELSTERNWICK.</b></p> <p>In particular, we strongly care for our <b>green space along Allison Road (between the current public toilets &amp; 57 Allison Rd / opposite 24 Charles St)</b>. This area is loved with passion by the local community - people walk their dogs, parents run around with their kids, people lie out and read books, they do yoga, run and exercise; many of us just enjoy a simple walk in this beautiful natural space. We consider this green space a local treasure.</p> <p>We strongly oppose the building of a multi-purpose court in this area of the park (between the current public toilets &amp; 57 Allison Rd / opposite 24 Charles St) or on any current undeveloped grass. In our urban area undeveloped 'passive use' grass areas for non specified use are hard to come by. We must save these precious green spaces for ourselves and for future generations.</p> <p>We believe that the current plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the green spaces and natural beauty of Harleston park</li> <li>• Increase noise pollution</li> <li>• Harm the natural environment</li> <li>• Does not consider the size of the park that is not suited to be a sports park or big enough to be a sports park</li> <li>• Will be a loss of a tranquil and calm space loved by many locals</li> <li>• Will destroy established trees and plants</li> <li>• Does not consider all people including elderly people who may not use the park as a sporting/play area</li> <li>• Is an unwanted use of tax-payer money</li> <li>• Does not consider an overwhelming number of locals who oppose the proposed plans</li> </ul> <p>The council must refer to the many personal comments written on the 'Have Your Say' site by</p>

	<p>many of our group members. These comments must be included in the report to council.</p> <p>In addition, we believe the council has been unprofessional in the way it has handled the proposal. Initially we were only given a few days to respond – this was notified by a single sign in the park. After complaints about this extremely short timeframe, the council extended the feedback period and an additional two signs were placed in the park. Even still, council did this during school holidays when many people were away and unable to respond in time.</p> <p>Council claim to have provided brochures to locals in the area but many of us did not receive them. The council has blamed 'printing issues' for the lack of notification. We believe this is completely incompetent.</p> <p>To now say that our feedback will not be included in the next upcoming council meeting is incomprehensible and unjust. Many comments / emails / phone calls / letters have been provided to the council since the beginning of July (and earlier!). To claim that the council has not had enough time to prepare a report again shows unfairness and an incompetence by the current council members. We of course assume that absolutely no changes will be made to Harleston Park until this meeting has taken place and proof our feedback has resulted in action.</p> <p>We request that all feedback the council has received is used at the local council meeting. We request that all locals that have been in contact with the council regarding Harleston Park are contacted to be made aware of and invited to the council meeting to truly 'have their say.'</p>
70	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>I am against any redevelopment of Harleston park ..... keep it the same ..... no synthetic grass ..... tranquillity will be lost .</p>
71	<p>I'm writing in reference to the development of Harleston Park.</p> <p>Living across the road in Charles Street I can foresee major issues with parking in the surrounding streets.</p> <p>The Booran Road park development is great however driving and parking in the area over weekends is a nightmare.</p> <p>What plans are in place to accommodate all the extra traffic and parking in the surrounding areas over the weekends?</p> <p>The demographics of the area would suggest that the multi purpose sports court may not be the right fit. Over weekends you see younger kids under 10 with parents kicking the footy, playing cricket, walking and throwing balls for dogs on the grassed area planned for the multi court space.</p> <p>The increased noise coming from the multi court area will also be detrimental to the tranquillity of the park.</p> <p>Again, what plans are in place to accommodate these people that will lose access to the grassy area and to the increase in the noise level? Perhaps the multi court area could be moved into the middle of the park?</p> <p>I think the development is a great idea however it needs to be fine tuned to accommodate local residents concerns.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing what can be done to address these concerns.</p>
72	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>I find it appalling that you would consider altering this delightful Park.</p> <p>Why would you replace real grass for blue synthetic turf? Do you plan to remove trees too?</p> <p>Let the children play in a natural environment and not synthesized false areas.</p> <p>It is a breath of fresh air at present. Leave it alone.</p> <p>All our Family of various generations enjoy it very much. We have used it for a work picnic day too.</p>

<b>73</b>	<p>I am writing in the relation to the Harleston Park promoting to take away the grass with synthetic turf multi-court area.</p> <p>I cannot express enough how awful this idea is, there are many families, adults, and animals that attend this park and enjoy the natural green land.</p> <p>We are asking of you to please not go ahead with this.</p>
<b>74</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Please keep the green space. We don't want the traffic mess as at Booran Rd/Glen Huntly Rd.</p>
<b>75</b>	<p>As a resident of Elsternwick and the locality for over 65 years I!We ("I") wish to strongly object and express my deep concerns to the proposed redevelopment of Harleston Park ("the park").</p> <p>I reside about 150 metres from the park and find it to be one of the most tranquil and serene areas, which, with the proposed redevelopment will be lost.</p> <p>The park is loved with passion by the local community in the beautiful natural space which must be saved for ourselves, our children and for future generations.</p>
<b>76</b>	Objection received – Objection flyer no further comments provided
<b>77</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>I am particularly concerned/against the ball sports area (loss of grass area and noise)</p>
<b>78</b>	<p>Phone call notes:</p> <p>Objects to the multi play area in its entirety</p> <p>Objects to the playspace upgrade unless it is to address safety issues and prevent risks to children.</p>
<b>79</b>	<p>I am writing to provide comment on the proposed park works to the Harleston park in Allison Rd, Elsternwick. We live at XX Hopetoun St near the corner of Allison Rd and use this park every day for both walking our dog and activities with our kids. We use it at various times and so see its use more than most.</p> <p>Overall we are ok with the concept of improving and refreshing the park, however have the following 2 concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loss of green space. We do not support the basketball 1/2 court in the South east area of the park. This area is a very tranquil and green space. It is the only area in both the Park and local area that provides this small but really valuable green space.</li> </ol> <p>It is quieter during the day and also suitable area for a range of uses such as off dog lead time, picnics, just sitting in the space, kicking a soccer ball etc. These uses change throughout the day and so the space gets a large variety of users. It importantly provides a quiet green space for older visitors, and just people relaxing. We consider the installation of a basketball court will significantly change this space and limit its use. It will not be suitable for these range of uses and we will lose one of the small remaining quiet green spaces in the area.</p> <p>We ask that the south east area remains fully a green space, and that if a basketball is included within the scope, it be included within the more activity focused zones such as near the bocce court or slide.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Parking. This is a big issue for us as we do not have off street parking. Hopetoun St, is unfortunately is the only street in the area that is unrestricted. Every other street has zoned parking, with permits for residents. We do not. During the week our street fills up with cars from workers at the Caulfield hospital facilities. Then on the weekend we have people visiting the park for events etc. Often we have to park in other streets or in restricted zones with no permit. We simply have no choice. The improved park will increase the park use</li> </ol>

	<p>and so add to this problem.</p> <p>We are seeking review of our parking controls so the residents of Hopetoun St can retain some priority in our street and ask that this is referred to your parking dept for review and action.</p>
<b>80</b>	<p>Great to see the park being upgraded. Our daughter, now 24 spent years enjoying the space and particularly the big slide – a firm favourite. However I am concerned to see so little of the proposed plan providing unstructured space simply for relaxing. The large grass area is being dramatically encroached on by the synthetic surfaced multi-court area. I am not in favour of this feature and would prefer to see this large grass space left alone with perhaps some more seating. Also, whilst a large sand pit sounds good in theory, in practice it would quickly become a health hazard to children playing in the sand due to the risk of accumulating animal faeces. A sand pit needs to be covered at night and this is highly unlikely to occur in a public park.</p>
<b>81</b>	<p>Objection received – Objection flyer comments:</p> <p>Elsternwick has very few open spaces and this council and previous councils seem intent on concreting over the little that remains. When will you actually listen to the people of this area and stop building over our open spaces. Leave it alone!</p>
<b>82</b>	<p>Harleston Park is our local and most favourite park.</p> <p>I have noticed that upgrades of other parks have included automatic toilets.</p> <p>These toilets cannot be used by orthodox Jews on the Sabbath and as a result either discourages Jews from visiting these parks at this time or leave parents feeling pressured to allow their children to urinate elsewhere in the park.</p> <p>The installation of such toilets therefore not only leads to exclusion of part of the Glen Eira community, but is also a public health and safety concern.</p> <p>Please take this into consideration when planning the park upgrade.</p>
<b>83</b>	<p>I am writing to say that I am extremely unhappy about the proposed redevelopment of Harleston Park. I strongly oppose the plans that have been put forward.</p> <p>My husband and I live in Hopetoun Street, very close to the corner of Allison Road. We moved to Hopetoun Street about three years ago and have two children, aged 2 and 3.</p> <p>A big reason for buying in Hopetoun Street was the proximity to Harleston Park. It is such a beautiful green space. We love the established trees, the open area and the very functional play space that provides activities and fun for children of all ages. We have had mother's group picnics, birthday parties, family outings and catch ups with friends in the park. It has been a very important part of our life in Elsternwick. I have found it a very important social hub in my early days of being a mum. If I am stuck at home and it is hard to go out too far with young children, I have found it very easy to chat to people in the park and have made friendships just through those interactions.</p> <p>I am very happy with the way that the park is at the moment and would have no problem at all if it stayed exactly as it is. My children love the current play equipment, rolling down the hill next to the water feature and playing hide and seek and chasey in the green spaces. Others obviously also love the park in its current form. The park is packed on weekends, particularly when it is a warm day. There are also lots of people there during the week – mostly parents with small children. When friends have visited from other suburbs, they have been very impressed and envious that we have such a great and unique resource so close to our house.</p> <p>I am most opposed to the planned multi sport court space. That green area is beautiful and I think it would be a real tragedy to see it replaced with blue synthetic material. I see lots of people using that green space to relax, play football and just enjoy having some open area in the inner city.</p> <p>Please think again Council. The proposed development feels like change for change sake. Surely the Council can put the money to another use which would better reflect the wishes and needs of the community.</p>

84	<p>Hello, I would like to voice my disapproval of the planned Harleston park upgrade, council should ask residents what we want before wasting our ratepayer money on these kind of proposal plans.</p> <p>Don't assume that most residents want this 'upgrade' just because 90% of us have not had the opportunity to write to you.</p> <p>Parks are a nature reserve for trees, NOT for sports courts.</p> <p>The 'upgrade' near Elsternwick train station was a disaster; you turned a nice natural tree rich area into a cement wasteland.</p> <p>I'm guessing my words will fall on deaf ears, if anyone of you at council bother to even read this in the first place.</p> <p>Residents concerns are rarely upheld or respected by councils &amp; governments.</p> <p>If even one resident opposes this planned re-development of Harleston Park, then the proposal/plan should be scrapped.</p> <p>But will it be?</p> <p>Somehow, I suspect I already know the answer.</p>
85	<p>I saw the sign at Harleston Park for the first time today so I apologise that my feedback is a bit late. I take my elderly mother who lives close by for a walk through the park at least 3 times a week. It is a park I know well and took my children there to play. It is currently a beautiful green park with lots of mature shade trees in summer and open green space for different users. My mother walks with a wheelie walker and can navigate safely on the paved path from the Seymour road end to the Allison road end. There are benches available on the way adjacent to the path that she can sit on if she would like to rest or enjoy the atmosphere. I had a look at the proposal and it is not clear where the different play areas will be placed and how much open space will be retained. My concerns in regard to any development is that there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provision of a "safe" thorough fare for elderly and toddlers by placing any basketball activities at a distance</li> <li>• provision of benches for quiet contemplation close to paths</li> <li>• minimal removal of the existing mature trees</li> <li>• retain green grass areas</li> <li>• minimise the disruption /closure time to use of the park when being redeveloped.</li> </ul>

**Attachment 3 – 'HAVE YOUR SAY' online forum feedback**

Date	Officer responses	Comment
07 Jun 2017		I lived in Allison Rd near this Park for 16 years and was a frequent user for much of this time, my young son growing up an enthusiast for the playground. It is good that the play area has been upgraded almost every generation including the wonderful slide. The new plan attempts to add value also for more use of open space on the Allison Rd side. A couple of concerns. 1. That this should not include removal of the few mature trees and leave a little grassed space. 2. The blue colour shown is totally & glaringly out of character with the rest of the park. Surely this could be a colour more in harmony with the rest of the park environment. Finally an additional 'colour' comment on the play areas which seem to be 'beige/orange/brown' and less green soothing.
08 Jun 2017		Exciting to see an upgrade of the park is scheduled. The play areas in the park appear to be aimed at 5 year olds and under. It would be good if some of the play equipment was aimed at kids a bit older, Flying fox, climbing nets etc. The blue basketball court is a bit garish, green might fit in better. I don't see the point of the sensory area, just appears to be some plants and a small pathway. Consider some grass interspersed in some of these areas, some of them do seem a touch brown and lacking general greenery.
10 Jun 2017		as a user with grandchildren between 18m and 7 years I feel it should remain a young child park it doesnt need basketball and running tracks. During school hours there are so many mums and babies frequenting the park an the passive facilities with grassy picnic areas are wonderful in such a built up area that Glen Eira is and and will become more so with the new planning strategies of both council and state government. The wonderful waterplay area is brilliant please dont make it into a Booran Reserve (which is great for older children) Dont touch Harleston Park leave it for 0 to 6 year olds
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Don't remove the iconic long slide - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Don't let them take the big slide!! - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Double the court space, as it will just be a mess when ppl are wanting to use it for multiple games as happens to the new park on Glenhuntsly Rd, and it is looking really good - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Phew the big slide is staying! - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Bring back the water in the pond! It's just a dry hole now and the lovely big rocks where the water came out of have been removed. Also, you need more than 2 BBQs and some more seating with shelter. There was never enough back in the 80s when I was a kid, and surely there's more people likely to visit the park after it's been revamped? - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun	Recreation Services	hopefully they will put a big fence around it so there isn't dog mess right by the equipment. we haven't gone back since it was so disgusting last time - What's

2017		on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Leave it as it is - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	BIGGER SLIDE - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Basketball and netball rings with court markings - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Save the slide!!! All other ideas are great - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Please don't turn it into Booran Rd mark2 too much play equipment, not enough native vegetation. It's like going to Chad stone- cheap false environments constructed to look like you care about 'children & families' so you can tick that box with little overall , linking vision of being in nature as enough 'entertainment'. Spent truckloads of money too. Nice places for gangs or the homeless to sleep though - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Can't wait so excited !! - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	Basketball court for sure. If the idea is to have kids use the park beyond 6 yrs of age. - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
13 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toddlers like to be daring.. make larger slides accessible for toddlers eg: not roped ladders or walking planks etc... that toddlers can not use</li> <li>• large closed area for toddlers to run and play</li> <li>• Adult areas or picnic areas should be as close to the playground as possible</li> <li>• kids like themes eg: mine ask to go to the pirate park a lot because it looks like a pirate ship or the fairy park because one has fairies in the garden</li> <li>• little kids like slides and swings</li> <li>• big kids like anything dangerous</li> <li>• Everyone loves the St Kilda adventure park</li> <li>• sandpits are messy and you never know what is in them! do with out...</li> <li>• The current water feature is soo dangerous.. kids get in it in summer and it is full of moss! the squirt fountains are much better..</li> <li>• It is not only kids that like to use the park. So also good to have areas for adults to picnic and not be near playground.</li> </ul> <p>- Recreation Services email feedback</p>
14 Jun 2017	Recreation Services	As a resident of Seymour Rd, I feel Harleston park should remain a quiet and safe local park for mums with babies and below school aged kids. The grassed area is important as are the mature trees. I don't support the multipurpose court or some of the more grown up play equipment as there are plenty of playgrounds and sporting fields for older children and their families (including the new booran reserve). - What's on in Glen Eira Facebook Page
14		Hi, I live very close to the park and go there multiple times per week.



Jun 2017		One big piece of feedback I have is that the stream is incredibly unsafe. The rocks on the ground are covered in algae and can very easily slip. And the rocks around it are sharp. It's unsafe for adults (I have already cut my foot badly) and kids.
14 Jun 2017		I agree with this too. As a resident of Allison road
15 Jun 2017		Yes to the basketball court!
16 Jun 2017		Thank you for your feedback. We will follow this up.
17 Jun 2017		#savetheslide!
17 Jun 2017		We are a family of 5 who live close to the park and use it at least once a week for playing, walking the dog or just enjoying the green space. Absolutely - please keep the slide. Really welcome some facilities for older children. Are not keen on the bright blue court - please consider making it green and moving it to the chess/bocce area, as this area is never used (we have lived here for 10 years and never seen it used), whereas the proposed location is used a lot for a variety of purposes, and adds a nice area of 1) open green space and 2) a place to kick a ball without hurting a young child. Also, please add soccer goals - my sons are keen players and there is no where nearby for them to practice. Agree with the comments re the sensory area - doesn't seem like a good idea and will likely end up being a place for dog poo. Please don't touch the stream - it is always used, kids love it and we have never seen anyone hurt.
19 Jun 2017		<p>Is there a reason why the Council feels all play should be structured? Why can't the kids have a park for freeform play without the need for a sports team? The multi purpose sports area is unneeded. Surely if something must be done with the area then perhaps an enclosed dog section could be there instead? Harlestone Park has offleash times so long as the dogs are voice controlled but I have also seen dogs running out onto the road and hit by passing cars (as the dogs are far from being voice controlled).</p> <p>I also feel that the chess board should be kept. I hire the park every year specifically for using the chess board. Perhaps the Council should make the pieces more readily available to use instead of charging a \$1000 bond, \$180 for someone from the Council to drop off &amp; pick up the pieces and usage charges. The board is also used by personal trainers, kids playing games on it, as well as people learning tai chi.</p> <p>I would also recommend more drinking fountains around!</p>
28 Jun 2017		<p>1. Please prioritise grass over the multipurpose court. Soccer goals can be added to either side of the grassy area but the proposed multipurpose court is over-the-top, removes too much natural vegetation and is less welcoming than an open grass area for children to run, enjoy picnics, play soccer, etc.</p> <p>2. Please ensure there is sufficient shade when the park is complete (not only in 20 years when trees have grown). There is insufficient shade at the Booran St Park so please don't make the same mistake. We have a hot and at times, unforgiving summer. Take this into consideration</p>

30 Jun 2017		<p>Live in Curral Rd and visit frequently with three kids. Also sometimes go on my own to exercise.</p> <p>Removing, replacing or updating any of the existing equipment is a ridiculous waste of ratepayers money. It is all good, servicable and well utilised. Why change that?? For young kids, the park is more than adequately serviced and new equipment won't entertain them any more than what is there now.</p> <p>The one exception is perhaps the chess board which is a good idea that is virtually never used and that space could be better utilised.</p> <p>The proposed blue court is appropriate - it is targetted at older kids who have limited activities of interest in the park at present. Keeping it to about a quarter of the southeast block as proposed means there is enough free-form space for soccer, footy etc on the remaining grass. However I agree that a green base, rather than blue would be more aesthetically pleasing.</p>
30 Jun 2017		<p>Three comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disappointingly short time for rate payers to comment.</li> <li>2. Presumably Council is aware that the indented carparking adjacent to the park in Seymour Rd is actually the defacto Caulfield staff carpark. Lucky ratepayers who paid for this. How does Council propose to deal with parking for increased patronage?</li> <li>3. The concept plan does not show any shading to the children's play areas. The general public should be made aware that Glen Eira Council is NOT a 'sun smart' Council</li> </ol>
01 Jul 2017		<p>Love it. Especially love the basketball and netball court. Have heard so many kids in the area saying they would love to have this in the park.</p> <p>I think the stream is beautiful and not unsafe. I think it all looks great</p>
01 Jul 2017		<p>I think the court is perfect where it is on the plan. Away from the play equipment</p>
02 Jul 2017		<p>I am a neighbour and regular visitor to the park, and am really hoping the two mature <i>Corymbia ficifolia</i> near Allison Rd and the huge <i>Corymbia citriodora</i> in the lawn area near the new multi-court area will be retained. These trees are so full of bird life and provide great shade and a beautiful mature canopy and visual interest. On the plan it looks like there are new trees proposed to replace these but I hope I am just reading the Legend on the plan incorrectly!</p> <p>It will be great to have a place for sport that is balanced by green space.</p> <p>I think a less structured and more nature based play space would be better than the proposed plan, with less equipment and more garden and green elements as the focus - not just equipment built from natural materials. I think this would be a more contemporary concept such as the space at the Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden at the RBG.</p>
02 Jul 2017		<p>I think a reasonably small sports play area for older kids is a good idea and there isn't anything similar within walking distance for older children to go to to play a ball game</p>
02 Jul 2017		<p>As a frequent visitor to the park and nature play enthusiast, I am grateful that the little creek will remain as is. There are not many places for city kids to learn all they do in that water. If possible more contextual nature based play outlets would be fantastic. My son plays in the bushes along the boundaries of the park so I hope that some unlandscaped places will remain. It is a fantastic park as is and don't think it is that important to redo. I have also noticed that the big slide can only be accessed by rope such as the Booran one I think this is extremely unfair to toddlers who love slides but are unable to climb the ropes</p>

		on their own. Please add a ladder or steps to rectify this as it will be a huge disappointment that young kids will not be able to have access to the slide.
03 Jul 2017		<p>I agree, there is nothing close by for older kids to play ball games. There are lots of kids in the area who play basketball and netball and its a great place for them to practice shooting. It will encourage them to get out and do something active close by.</p> <p>I think the people with younger kids will appreciate this when their kids get older!</p>
03 Jul 2017		<p>We love the park, the nature and the mature trees. The park has been fantastic for when our kids were young. Now that they are older the need for basketball/netball rings and soccer goals is really important to keep them outside, occupied and exercising. The creek is fantastic. It is not unsafe. What a great way for parents to teach children about water and waterways. My kids loved it growing up and now my dog enjoys it twice a day! The mature trees are precious and should be preserved. I think the current equipment and the focus on nature is a key trademark of this park. Upgrades should not be overdone. I am really glad to see a proposal that has considering our growing children.</p>
05 Jul 2017		i agree with these comments & concerns! i live 2 doors from the park, and received the plans document on Monday 3rd - responses required by Friday 7th!
05 Jul 2017		<p>the design looks very promising in many ways. however i did observe that there are many areas which are unshaded - no tree cover and no shadecloth. the diagram shows for example the giant nest swing is in full sun, as well as other elements.</p> <p>this harleston park shade issue has been a longterm correspondence of mine with council, and in the past the responses have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it's entirely parents' responsibility to slip/slop/slap so council basically isn't interested (cynical)</li> <li>- harleston park is due for an upgrade and shadecloth is costly and not worth installing in an old park, but the upgrade will be properly shaded (delayed promise)</li> </ul> <p>we need to see cancer council standard shading over ALL areas where children (and adults) congregate for extended play - be it a water feature, a sandpit, or climbing/ sliding/ swinging/ bouncing activities. in fact inadequate shading is a real drawback at the booran rd ground, and i do not want to have to battle for proper shading arrangements - with trees and/or cloth - at harleston park.</p> <p>let me add that in terms of risk management, while council may not be directly responsible for skin cancers in children or adults exposed to UV as children, that is a very cynical approach to modelling the care of our most vulnerable small people. there is also the matter of indirect responsibility. honestly, i shouldn't have to spell this out in this day and age, when australians are known to be so very susceptible to UV radiation and its ghastly long term impact. the sunsmart slip/slop/slap message has included seek shade or shelter, (and slide on sunnies) for a very long time.</p>
05 Jul 2017		In terms of the basketball court; will residents (and therefore rate payers) have unrestricted access to it, or is it councils intention to allow block booking of the faculty by community groups, schools etc?

06 Jul 2017		<p>The development around the slide could be a lot of fun AS LONG AS very small children can use the slide also as is the case now. To make the slide inaccessible to small children (such as is the case in Booran Road) would be an entirely backwards step, they adore it, as I did when I was a small child. Harleston Park is a park where small children gather, so we must ensure that smaller curly slides, flying fox and monkey bars continue to exist, the children love them. They also love wobbly bridges and running around the existing structure - any change to this must be very carefully thought out to ensure smaller children can still enjoy it. A basketball court is a fair addition, but should replace the checkerboard area (which is almost never used) - moving it to the green area near the existing public toilet block breaks up the area (which is stunningly beautiful at present) and also means that picnickers and people lazing on the grass are going to have basketballs flying at them, which will destroy the current peace of the area. It's also an extremely natural backdrop that children living inner city desperately need maintained. Forget the sound sculptures, children never use them more than once (out of curiosity) and absorb space that is better used for foliage. Also, any upgrade that occurs should be done ONE SECTION AT A TIME, please do not close the whole park to make changes, our children are all using it now. In short, the park needs no real upgrade, fixing up the slide area and replacing the chess board with a basketball court is fine, but please make no changes to the extremely popular middle area unless they are truly positive changes.</p>
06 Jul 2017		<p>Just found the brochure and have seen the images - I think many of the changes are not appropriate, essentially everything that the little kids use now (and there are so many little kids that come) has been removed - no monkey bars, no curly/bumpy slides, no wobbly bridges or balancing beams, no large structures to run around. And what is to be retained such as the swings will be reduced from 4 swings to 2 swings. I ask the council to please spend an hour at the park on a busy day and see what the children use now, that's the kind of play that needs to be preserved, adding sound sculptures and sand pits, while removing everything they use today will mean taking away all the the children love. Please do not proceed as planned with the play area changes.</p>
06 Jul 2017		<p>The concept as presented represents a fundamental change to the fabric of this area of Elsternwick. The community must therefore be given ample opportunity to consider and respond. In this instance public feedback on the concept was invited on 23 June, a \$650k project budget was adopted by council on 27 June and the community given (according to the small sign at the park) until 7 July to respond. The council website now indicates, on separate pages, feedback close dates respectively of 12 July and 21 July (noting that a large part of the feedback period spans the school holiday period when many people are away). In comparison the 'Tell us what you love about your shopping strip' feedback process lasted approx. four months from November 16-February 17.</p> <p>In terms of the park itself it is a hidden, quiet, unassuming and green oasis which is much-used and much-loved by local children and (rate-paying) parents alike. Whilst I appreciate the council's need to respond to and plan for growth and changing demographics (and ageing infrastructure), in this instance I can't help but sense the desire to Booranify, in other words to provide a disproportionate response, at great rate-payer expense, to a need which was perhaps not there to begin with - and in the process to harm the very thing the council was seeking to improve. Specifically I would ask for careful consideration as to the need for and location of the multi-court area and the cost/potential issues v benefits of this infrastructure.</p>

07 Jul 2017		There are two tawny Frogmouths that reside in the peppercorn tree above the chess board and any ball court would destroy what has been their longtime breeding and nesting ground. I disagree and think the ball court area proposed in the plan is much more appropriate
07 Jul 2017		<p>I find the plans are well thought out and use of wood and stone will blend the playground better with the gardens. I find the rubber covering on the long slide hill is too extensive and needs to be minimised to fall areas and high erosion risk areas only. The kids love rolling down the grass on this hill. I would recommend replacing the existing lawn with a hardy native grass which requires little mowing:  <a href="https://www.nativeseeds.com.au/uses/lawns-landscaping/">https://www.nativeseeds.com.au/uses/lawns-landscaping/</a>          And the interplanting of some open low trees such as mallee gums would provide a bit of shade on this exposed hill, reducing reflective heat and glare. No need for horrible shade sails just stick to nature and use trees.          I think the seesaw and small bumpy slide, small flying fox and more swings (including one for disabled adults) is necessary as these are currently used or required and are not in the proposed plan.          I agree with a ball court and think it's location is ideal as long as the gum trees in the centre of that grassy area are unharmed in the installation (although subsequent calls for protecting that open grassy space may mean this older children's ball court might need further consideration - but then where will older kids play?).          I am glad the peppercorn trees and other trees in the shady picnic area near the chessboard and bocce pit remain unharmed as there are longterm resident tawny Frogmouths who breed in the peppercorn trees every year and have been there for many years. The chess board area could be changed in future to a sandpit or other small children's area which won't affect the tawny frogmouths and make more use of this shady area. If this area is to be off leash dog area I fear for the baby tawny frogmouths which fall from the nest every year before they learn to fly.          I like the idea of more natives and indigenous plants used as shade trees and garden beds as these will be habitat and food for native animals (much better than the highly manicured dietes and diosma that exists now). The more shade trees you can incorporate to the playground the better. Please avoid shade sails. They are an abomination.          Great plan!</p>
09 Jul 2017		<p>This park is great for young children; this is not a good space to create another Booran Rd style park. We don't need a destination park, rather something that services the local community like it does currently but with a modern facelift. Don't lose the accessibility that all young kids have in this space currently, it's what makes a great community asset. The traffic / parking in a residential area is already busy on nice days, so we don't need a big showpiece for non rate payers to blow into Alison &amp; Seymour Roads.</p>
10 Jul 2017		<p>I regularly visit this park with my 18mo daughter, and only recently discovered it. It is arguably one of the best parks in Glen Eira for small children! I am sad and disappointed that the Council sees fit to unnecessarily spend ratepayers' money on changes to what is currently a fantastic park. Toddlers and young children can play here untroubled by older, more boisterous children, and families often sit on blankets between the stream and the swings/playground on the grassy slope in the shade of the beautiful trees. This particular space is touted for a sensory play area, etc, which in my opinion is not a fair trade. I urge the council to reconsider these works, and leave Harleston Park to remain a wonderful asset to the local community. If money needs to be spent I'd rather GESAC was made more affordable for rate paying families!</p>

12 Jul 2017		<p>By in large I agree and support the changes to the park on the basis that it is and continues to be an area that can be used by residents of all ages. My two daughters (aged 9 and 7) have been regulars at the park since we moved to the area 10 years ago so it will great to see them get continued use of the park.</p> <p>As a resident of Seymour Road, my concern is is the lack of traffic controls around the park on Seymour Road. While Alison Street has speed bumps on either side of the park, Seymour Road does not. If the facilities of the park are to be enhanced and attract (non-resident) visitors this needs to be addressed to get motorists using Seymour Road to slow down and provide a safe environment for all.</p> <p>While this may not be the right forum prior concerns raised with council have been ignored.</p>
13 Jul 2017		<p>I use the large grass area each morning with my dog. Don't touch it. The mature trees, birdlife and grassed areas are perfect as they are. Don't fill it up with synthetic turf and a multi-court area. Precious nature and tranquilly will be lost. By all means upgrade carefully the play areas but don't waste money and destroy something precious - the grass areas give that park character and are already well used, by dog lovers before 9am, by kids playing ball and enjoying unstructured play, and picnicking couples and families. I strongly object to this proposed change and hope you listen to the voices of residents that say LEAVE IT ALONE! Don't put in a proverbial 'parking lot' and cram every space with objects. This is a park - that means grass, mature trees and some actual nature.</p>
13 Jul 2017		<p>Totally agree - don't forget the needs of dogs, who also love the green space and the creek. The creek is fantastic, and not unsafe. Mature trees are precious. Focus on nature, not on needless new equipment and man made surfaces that replace grass.</p>
13 Jul 2017		<p>My family and I have been grateful users of this park over 20 years. We do not want our precious green areas reduced.</p> <p>We must save the foundations of this park. I have seen the proposed plans and the park is almost unrecognisable with so much synthetic turf. Why are you so drastically changing something that is wonderful as it is?</p> <p>Upgrading the the play equipment over time is important for safety, but an expensive and over-the-top redevelopment is unnecessary and will take away what so many love about this park.</p> <p>Melbourne already has too many parks that are overdeveloped and crammed with equipment leaving no space for unstructured play or meditating in nature. The trees, grass, plants and general nature of the park make it a unique oasis for all.</p> <p>Save our green space.</p>
13 Jul 2017		<p>I'm a resident who fully supports your proposal to add a multi-court area to Harleston Park in Allison Road, Elsternwick. Today I read a leaflet that was placed in my letterbox in Allison Road that urged my family to oppose this proposal.</p> <p>However, I believe this initiative will encourage more school-age users to make use of the park, which has to be a good thing at a time when youth obesity and mental illness rates are rising.</p> <p>A park should be multi-purpose because it is for ALL residents, not just for the</p>

		<p>lucky few who live near a park and are unduly worried about noise levels and their version of aesthetics.</p> <p>To summarise the candid responses from my daughter and two sons:          “Awesome! This area needs a public basketball court. And anyway, hardly anyone uses that part of the park now.”</p> <p>Even though I often walk my dog in that space (6-9 am), I don’t mind shifting to the SW or NE of the park if it means more residents have access to better recreational facilities. Of course, my support is on the proviso that Council sticks to its multi-purpose principles and does not ban dogs from the park altogether.</p> <p>A final point: the comments the Council will hear from the community are bound to be more negative than positive – I don’t expect those who support the proposal will put together a leaflet like the naysayers have already done – but that doesn’t mean the noisier ones are the majority.</p>
13 Jul 2017		<p>It is just one of the best park and playground in this area. I have a 16 months old daughter and we are living at the corner of Charles&amp;Allison st. We have been visiting the park almost everyday since my girl was a little baby. The playground is so safety and suitable for toddlers. We do not need another Booran Reserve here. Please keep the park as it is now.</p> <p>Just the toilets can be renewed.</p>
14 Jul 2017		<p>This park is used by lots of young families with children. These children use the play equipment and their parents are able to sit and socialise. It is one of the few open spaces in our area and should not be altered in any way. Leave it alone, it works well as it is. No change is needed.</p>
14 Jul 2017		<p>There is nothing I enjoy more than walking my dog in the Allison rd grass area. I also like to take the newspapers and read them there on a picnic rug away from all the action of the main kids area. I agree with previous comments that this oasis will be lost if it is turned into a sport area. This is one of the few places for refuge and down-time outdoors in such a busy city. I hope the council can appreciate this.</p>
14 Jul 2017		<p>Totally agree. Don't let this precious green space go.</p>
14 Jul 2017		<p>Totally agree. An so called upgrade would destroy something precious. Leave a large grass area as it is.</p>
14 Jul 2017		<p>I agree that teenagers need encouragement to get outdoors. My daughter is 17 and plays netball but we don't want the public basketball court situated where it is on the plan. Don't destroy that precious bit of green - leave it as it is, untouched. Think creatively about where else that court could go. Maybe where the current 'chess set' is so it's replacing something else man made/hard surfaced, not replacing grass and mature trees.</p>
14 Jul 2017		<p>Is council providing any avenues (other than this website) for people to have their say? I've run into several people - locals - at the park unhappy about the short period we have to comment and unaware of the website. Will there be a public meeting on this topic or it this the only channel? Where do we go if we feel strongly on this topic? Not everyone is going to jump online to comment.</p>
14 Jul		<p>QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL: Are there any plans to make the park dog on-leash only? This morning the park was full of happy dogs frolicking off leash</p>



2017		while owners chatted. We don't have many places for dogs to go off leash and Harleston Park is only off leash until 9am -is this going to change?! Oh and the point was made - why is the consultation period running in school holidays when a lot of families are away -can this be extended to give sufficient time for people to comment?
16 Jul 2017		Our kids love this park and have been playing and running around in it since they were born. It would be such a shame to see it changed. It's perfect the way it is.
16 Jul 2017		My family appreciates the off leash area , we want that preserved With a multi purpose court in place that area will shrink What about longer hours?
17 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx and xxxx  There are no plans to alter the dog off leash areas.  The chess board, bocce area and adjoin shelter will be returned to grassed open space and will be part of the off leash area. This will offset the new multipurpose area.
17 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx  You can contact Council's Recreation and Open Space Unit on 9524 3333 or email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au.
17 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx  The chess board, bocce area and adjoin shelter will be returned to grassed open space and will be part of the off leash area. This will off set the new multipurpose area.  A total of 4 trees will be removed to make way for the for the multi play area. As part of the upgrade 33 new trees are proposed to be planted. As we haven't begin detailed design as yet, it is too early to nominate the species type of these trees, but it will comprise a mixture of both natives and exotics and complement the existing character.
17 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx  The current equipment is due for replacement, and this presents an opportunity to enhance the play experiences, social opportunities and park amenities. This will provide a better Harleston Park for now and into the future.
17 Jul 2017	xxxx	Yes, I am aware there is a phone number and email. What about some kind of public meeting?
17 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx  There are no areas of synthetic turf in the playground areas. The only synthetic surface proposed is in the multi-court area - this will most likely be a hard court surface, not fake grass.  The chess board, bocce area and adjoin shelter will be returned to grassed open space and will be part of the off leash area. This will offset the new multipurpose area.  The play equipment, accessible and interactive landscape design will enhance the unstructured play and social opportunities that are so important for children.
17 Jul	Recreation	Hi xxxx

2017	Services	The multi-purpose space is open for all. It is not a space that can be booked.
17 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>Dear Glen Eira Council,</p> <p>Firstly, thank you and well done for the informative leaflet and website describing the proposed upgrade to Harleston Park. Our family fully supports the proposed changes. You have achieved an appropriate balance between quiet, green space for those less inclined to be active and a range of play areas that will appeal to a broad section of the community.</p> <p>We have been local residents for over 30 years. Our children spent a significant part of their childhood enjoying Harleston Park in its various forms over the years. From experience, we can advise that children and families are inspired and motivated to participate in the environment when it offers them challenges and excitement. The proposed upgrades will ensure the current and next generation of children will find Harleston Park a challenging and fun-filled place. It will enhance the reputation of the park as a go-to place for local families.</p> <p>An addition I would like to see is the installation of a wall for hitting a tennis ball. Something similar to that installed at Elsternwick Park.</p> <p>We hope the proposed changes are approved and the upgrades go ahead as soon as possible.</p>
17 Jul 2017	xxxx	Not sure who the lucky few were that got an information leaflet from the council. I have spoken to many locals in the immediate area surrounding the park and they did not get them either!
17 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>The synthetic multi-court is being placed in the only natural and peaceful area of the park. Why can't the council appreciate the beauty and enjoyment of something that is untouched?</p> <p>If the multi-court must be installed why can't it be placed where the chess board / bocce area is? That area has already been modified and it would not be taking away that green space that many of us love. We are requesting that the green space be left as it is - quiet, natural, green!</p> <p>I agree with the comment below from xxxx, when will there be a public meeting on this? Many residents we have spoken to feel that the council have tried to commence this development without proper consultation and discussion with the immediate locals.</p>
18 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	<p>Hi xxxx</p> <p>Thanks for your comments, it will be noted as part of the feedback. This will all be presented to a public Council meeting for discussion and direction. Anyone can attend these meetings. There are no project specific meetings planned.</p>
18 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	<p>Hi xxxx</p> <p>Information leaflets were delivered to all households in the block bordered by Glen Eira Road, Orrong Road, Kooyong Road and Glen Huntly Road.</p>
18 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	<p>Hixxxx</p> <p>There are no project specific meetings planned. All feedback will all be presented to a public Council meeting for discussion and direction. Anyone can attend these meetings.</p> <p>If there are any specific issues you would like to discuss, please contact Recreation Services on 9524 3333.</p>
18	Recreation	Hi xxxx

Jul 2017	Services	There is a focus towards natural play features and established trees providing shade. The provision of shade structures does not bare comparison to the self-renewing, dynamic, habitat providing function of trees. Utilising existing tree play areas receive some natural shade and are not in total shade during the day.
18 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi Consultation closes on the 28 July. This was extend due to delays in printing and distribution of some of the information leaflets.
18 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx There will be a number of ways to access the giant hill slide. There will be an indented rubber stair case (similar to the existing rubber staircase), rope hauls and a rock scramble stair case. You will also be able to access the slides via the northern grass embankment.
18 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi LeslieStreetResident There will be a number of ways to access the giant hill. There will be an indented rubber stair case (similar to the existing rubber staircase), rope hauls and a main rock stair case. You will also be able to access the slides via the northern grass bank
18 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>WE OPPOSE ANY ENCROACHMENT ON CURRENT GREEN SPACE IN HARLESTON PARK. We have received your notice about the planned upgrade. In broad terms we welcome the plan to replace infrastructure that is in need of replacement. However, we question the need to increase the available facilities rather than just replace. As you say in your leaflet the park is a wonderful open space which has well established trees, grassed lawn and play space.</p> <p>In our urban area undeveloped grassed areas that are accessible to the community for general, non specified use are hard to come by. In particular the grassed area in the south east corner of Harleston Park is well used by the local community – people walk their dogs, dads play kick to kick with their kids, people lie out there in summer and read books, they run and exercise, and from time to time there is a large family party. Children use the play equipment in the park, but they are not the only park users. They should be catered for but not privileged over other users.</p> <p>WE OPPOSE ANY ENCROACHMENT ON CURRENT GREEN SPACE IN HARLESTON PARK. In particular, we strongly oppose the building of a basket ball court in the south east corner or on any current undeveloped grass. In addition, we oppose any increase in the size of the current built play areas.</p> <p>The proposed basket ball court would seriously reduce the amenity in the park for multiple users. It would increase the noise in the flats opposite, including those at xxxx Charles St. It would reduce the space available for unstructured recreational activity. It will be ugly and reduce the visual availability of a green area, and reduce opportunities for the range of activities mentioned above – exercising, walking with or without dogs, playing kick to kick, lying around with friends, or holding larger gatherings.</p> <p>No evidence has been presented for the need for the additional built recreational facilities proposed. Do children really need built structures or are they better served by having green areas in which they can participate in unstructured play? As an aside, our view is that the new Boorong Reserve is an eyesore.</p>
18 Jul	xxxx	Maybe no basketball court at all is the answer.

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18 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>thankyou rec services, for responding to my posting.</p> <p>I agree that trees are the best shade option, and there are already some wonderful old plus promising new peppercorns, oaks, and a magnolia providing shade to some areas. however from the designs as provided there are significant play areas with no visible shade plan at all, and that is simply not good enough.</p> <p>Unfortunately I feel that your response rather seeks to justify a bit of a half-baked approach to the wellbeing of our children, in the same way as responses to my earlier attempts to have this matter addressed. Fully and responsibly.</p>
18 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>I am a parent of a 16, 15 and 12 year old. I feel that there is already enough play equipment for young children and am a little tired of the focus always being on small children when it comes to outdoor facilities. The existing equipment was always enough for my children to enjoy when they were small and we frequented the park often as I live very close by. However apart from the occasional game of bocce, there has been only the open space for kicking a ball around to entertain them since they outgrew the facilities. I am pleased to see the basketball court but would also suggest a tennis wall and even a small skateboard ramp. We bemoan the fact that teenagers spend too much time indoors on screens but give them few options outdoors. I hope that there will still be plenty of open free space as well as the bocce area. It would be good if there were easy access to chess pieces to utilise the chess board. Good to see more barbecues too.</p>
18 Jul 2017	xxxx	When is this Public Council meeting?
18 Jul 2017	xxxx	Are you going to provide the date of this meeting??
18 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>xxxx - My family and I completely agree with you. We do all the activities you mentioned above in that grassed area of the park. Thank you for writing.</p> <p>Question for council - How can the ignore this?</p>
18 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>I feel that our parks should be designed for the use of all age groups and varying activities that suit the users. I think the proposed design addresses this and also highlights and adds to the natural beauty of the park. The current playground is being replaced with play equipment that not only addresses the needs of a broader age group of children, it blends with the natural environment of the park. I love the addition of sand play, see saw, multi spinner, nest swing and development of the giant slide area but I'm not sure about the acorn cubby. I imagine it is an area for quiet imaginative play but not sure how well used it will be? The basketball court is a great addition which I imagine will be used by all age groups. I have read many of the comments and am undecided about the positioning of the basketball court but do agree that the addition of a tennis wall would complete this park and should be added. There appears to me to be ample seating, grassed and treed areas for general park enjoyment. I love the changes being made to the parks in Glen Eira and appreciate the addition of the sensory play aspects, challenging and fun play equipment and designs that attract all age groups and enhance the natural beauty of our green areas. I think that this park redesign should go ahead.</p>

19 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	xxxx We are hoping to present a report to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 5 September.
20 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi Thank you both for providing feedback, this will all be used to inform a Council report.
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	Seymour Rd resident. Long term park user. Children 17, 15 and 11. Have used the park for childrens parties, play dates, Christmas gatherings, weekend play and lazy days in the sun.  Love the new river works and impressed with councils other parks improvements but don't want the facility overcrowded with infrastructure like Booran rd. Must keep open graced space and established trees  Some thoughts 1. Bulk of play equipment seems larger than just replacement. 2. Keep as much grass. 3. Keep Bocce court. Lovely seeing older people active in the park. 4. Half court is good to attract late primary/early secondary children. 5. Maybe a goal key is more appropriate and less hard surface. 6. Don't want to loose the established ghost gum. 7. Would like a small kiosk/café/coffee van for weekends. 8. Extend the bike path behind the large slide to the full perimeter of the park. 9. Resolve street parking. Its currently used by staff from the hospital. Parking restrictions need to extend to Orrong Rd. No spaces for park users. 10. Reward the gardener. He does such a good job.
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	I think the only change to existing facilities should be the addition of the synthetic court possibly make it full basketball court size so there can 2 games going on at same time. Everything looks like a waste of money by replacing current facilities
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	Hi, as someone who lives 100m from Harleston park i 100% agree with this statement. I think that there is absolutely no need for a basket/netball court in that park and i would hate to see that beautiful greenspace where people run their dogs and play footy and soccer ruined by an ugly and synthetic court.
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	Firstly i would just like to say thank you for giving the community the option to comment and provide feedback on this proposed development.  As a 17 year old who lives 100m from Harleston park i use it as a place to relax, to walk my dog and give my mum a break from my younger siblings. I think its great that the playground equipment is being upgraded, but i would mostly like to use this feedback opportunity to say that i oppose the building of an ugly and concrete/ synthetic court in the 1 beautiful greenspace near my house.  For so much of our life we are surrounded by walls and concrete and i love escaping to walk my dog in the greenspace of Harleston park, and i would hate to see it destroyed (like many other parks have been) by man-made additions. Although there is absolutely no need for a huge court in the park, if you feel one must be added i would like to suggest that you move its proposed position to the location of the chess court/ bocce court area instead. In the 10 years i have lived in Hopetoun st (i.e. Just across from the park) i have never seen a single person use the chess area, and maybe 1 or 2 using the bocce court. If anything that is the wasted space that could be transformed into a court.  Please please consider my proposal as i would hate to see the park loose its

		greenery!
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	No court please
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	All in all the court is unnecessary and would be an eyesore to the park
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	I agree
21 Jul 2017	xxxx	I agree that a multipurpose court could be good for older kids but maybe moving it away from the grass area in the south east of the park would be better as that place should remain untouched. I would recommend putting the court where the chess and bocce area is as nobody uses that area of the park whereas the other area is heavily utilised.
23 Jul 2017	xxxx	Excellent points about the consultation process and the multi-court area. Now we need to see Council respond, rather than run a 'fake' consultation process. You've invited us to 'have your say'. Now let's see how Council listens and responds. If the plans go ahead without alteration I'd see that as proof this consultation has been nothing more than window dressing - a feel good exercise and a complete con. I'm already suspicious due to the short period given for feedback. CALLOUT FOR COUNCIL - don't prove my cynicism right, prove me wrong by listening and responding. Tell me exactly how this feedback will be used, and how we'll see it reflected in the next iteration of the plan. Or are you just going to roll on regardless?
23 Jul 2017	xxxx	Good. When do we get to see the report? What is the timing and next steps after this consultation process? How do we get proof this feedback is being considered and used?
24 Jul 2017	xxxx	I live directly adjacent to the Harleston Park. There are so many flaws in the way the City of Glen Eira has approached this planned upgrade. Botched dates / Community consultation/ roving council officers in Harleston Park during school holidays when half the community is away. It is not a good start. I am also completely opposed to the mixed use court. As a community we have so little green space why is the council proposing to reduce it even more? That green space is used by so many locals for off leash dog walking, games etc and quiet reflection. I am also concerned about the mix use court attracting an undesirable increase in late night adolescence anti social behaviour. What surveys have the council used to come up with this plan that it will cater for our local community. I am ceratinly not against upgrading play equipment and change, but change for change sake can be a dangerous precedent. This smacks of lack of transperancy and I do hope there will be community consulation/ meeting date set.
24 Jul 2017	xxxx	We have sent detailed comments to Glen Eira Council but why spend hundreds of thousands of dollars destroying a quiet valued unstructured open space by instalng a basketball court. Teenagers need activities and should be given them but this is not the place. What is happening to the lovely trees being removed? And the wildlife that currently makes use of them. To walk through that open space with your dog with nothing but the birds calling, and the happy laughter of children echoing from the play area is such a boon in suburban life. Please no bouncing basketballs on hard courts. This is not and should not be a structured sports area - let us keep our passive space which is already in such short supply in Glen Eira. And a giant sandpit - a giant dog toilet you mean.

		Or are dogs to be banned also as the next step. Lack of consultation with hundreds of thousands spent on destroying one of the most well used and loved parks In Elsternwick. Park equipment may need upgrading, but why destroy an area that so many people continue to have such pleasure from. One of the most pleasant aspects is seeing older people sitting or wandering through the park and enjoying the happiness of young children using the facilities. Use the bigger parks for your multi use sports activities. Change in this case is not progress.
25 Jul 2017	xxxx	I agree if we have to have a court, but I still don't want one at all.
25 Jul 2017	xxxx	Can you please notify individuals who have posted on this site when the issue will be discussed at Council when it is confirmed?
25 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Sure can.
26 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	Hello locals! We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com - that way we can contact you once we have details of the council meeting. Together we can save our green space! Thank you for your support.
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26 Jul	elsternwickgreenspace	Hi xxxx, we agree with your comments. We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com - that



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26 Jul 2017	xxxx	Please do not double the court
26 Jul 2017	xxxx	Agree, no court please.
26 Jul 2017	xxxx	Thanks I've just sent you my email details. I feel strongly that this as an inappropriate development unless changes are made. I am happy to lend my voice to your group and to attend a council meeting.
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26 Jul 2017	xxxx	I agree, leave it alone! Don't take away that green space and replace it with a synthetic multi court. 1) bad for dog lovers like me. 2) hideous - completely destroys atmosphere 3) if you HAVE TO put the ugly multi-court down, at least put it somewhere different where we don't have to see it!
26 Jul 2017	xxxx	Abolish the court. Everything else is good. DON'T DOUBLE IT'S SIZE! KIDS CAN PLAY ON THE GRASS
26 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	Hey xxxx, SO TRUE! We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com - that way we can contact you once we have details of the council meeting. Together we can save our green space! Thank you for your support.
26 Jul 2017	xxxx	Enhance. No destroy what is a rare amenity.
26 Jul 2017	park user dog owner	Great work! Thank you!
26 Jul 2017	park user dog owner	This park is too small for a multi-purpose court. Leave the green space as it is. I use the lovely green space everyday. The council needs to listen to us!
26 Jul 2017	xxxx	i am commenting again, since there's time. 1. planning infrastructure glitch: is this playground too fancy so deep in a residential area? if it seeks to attract crowds, where will residents and their guests be able to park? 2. on the plans i see the water feature remains in full sun: neither trees nor shadecloth. there is simply no excuse. FIX THIS!! 3. close inspection of the plan suggests a reduction in climbing/running/unstructured play equipment. the current equipment includes a clever mixture activities graded for multiple ages and skills. will this be lost?

26 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	COUNCIL: With only 2 days left of the official feedback period we request you set the meeting date that is specific to this discussion. Bringing this discussion up as part of the Ordinary Council Meeting in September is insufficient given the high number of unsatisfied locals.
26 Jul 2017	xxxx	Leave the park alone ! It is a hidden gem and not everything in Elsternwick needs to be redeveloped. Leave the grass , leave the plants don't replace with synthetic turf. Please , please , please don't fix what isn't broken , use this money to fix roads or clean up bins which are always overflowing on glenhuntly Rd.
26 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	These are the public Council meetings where all key decisions are discussed. All reports presented to these meetings need to be prepared in advance - the report deadline for the August 15 meeting is 28 July - so presenting to the 15 August Council meeting is not possible. The next meeting is in September 5.
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>I am very unhappy about the proposed development to Harleston Park. We have two young children and live very close to the Park and have visited there nearly every day over the last three years.</p> <p>We love the park the way it is. Others do too judging from the numbers there on a warm weekend. It is a sanctuary of green space in the inner city and a real reason that we bought in the area.</p> <p>I am particularly concerned about taking away well used green space to install a multi sport court. We have loved playing chasey and hide and seek in that area and would be devastated if it was replaced with a blue artificial surface. It does just not seem right in a quiet residential area.</p> <p>Council - please listen to the residents and users of this wonderful space. The changes feel like change for change sake rather than because there is any real desire or need for something different.</p>
27 Jul 2017	Reasonident	<p>'m glad to see some sane residents voicing disapproval of this so called upgrade, council should ask us residents what we want Before wasting our ratepayer money on these kind of proposal plans. Don't assume that most residents want this 'upgrade' just because 90% of us have not had the opportunity to send a written rejection of these plans.</p> <p>Parks are a nature reserve for trees, NOT for sports courts. The park is beautiful AS IS, it does not need to be altered.</p> <p>The 'upgrade' near Elsternwick train station was a disaster, It turned a nice tree rich area into a cement wasteland.</p> <p>Residents concerns are rarely upheld or respected by councils &amp; governments. If even one resident opposes this planned re-development of harleston park, Then the proposal/plan should be scrapped. But will it be? Somehow, I suspect I already know the answer.</p>
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	As a local resident who uses Harleston Park nearly every day to walk my dog. I'm not keen to see it developed into a playground. I prefer that it remain a park with playground equipment, which caters for all users. I understand that some play equipment may need to be upgraded, but I see no need for a multi-purpose court, which would extend the play area into the, now green section.

		This is a relatively small park, and I would suggest that the development should be done accordingly - not a major overhaul as indicated in the plans.
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	Hello there! We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com - that way we can contact you once we have details of the council meeting. Thank you for your support.
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	Hello! We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com - that way we can contact you once we have details of the council meeting. Thank you for your support.
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com - that way we can contact you once we have details of the council meeting etc. Thank you for your support. Let's save our green space!!
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	Why is there not a community consultation WITH residents BEFORE this 'key decision' is discussed. Sadly lack of recognition that the residents have a say is too often overlooked - the lack of transparency is very disappointing. We find it hard to believe when the inadequate notice of plans for the park were done in such a way that there was minimal public awareness. Shame on those involved.
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	Enhancement? or destruction of another passive green area.
27 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi xxxx The purpose of this consultation is to gauge everyone's opinion. Having an open discussion forum like this is an ideal way for you to see what everyone thinks. The comments provided in this forum regarding the multi-purpose space will be reflected in the report to Council and subsequently any future plans.
27 Jul 2017	Recreation Services	Hi elsternwickgreenspace Please remember to provide specific feedback on any elements of the proposal before the consultation closes. This can then be used as part of a report to Council. i.e. Which parts are you unhappy with? Which elements do you like? etc.
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	Council,  The Save Our Green Space Team OPPOSE ANY ENCROACHMENT ON CURRENT GREEN SPACE IN HARLESTON PARK ELSTERNWICK.  In particular, we strongly care for our green space along Allison Road (between the current public toilets & 57 Allison Rd / opposite 24 Charles St). This area is loved with passion by the local community - people walk their dogs, parents run around with their kids, people lie out and read books, they do yoga, run and exercise; many of us just enjoy a simple walk in this beautiful natural space. We consider this green space a local treasure.  We strongly oppose the building of a multi-purpose court in this area of the park (between the current public toilets & 57 Allison Rd / opposite 24 Charles St) or on any current undeveloped grass. In our urban area undeveloped 'passive use' grass areas for non specified use are hard to come by. We must save these precious green spaces for ourselves and for future generations.  We believe that the current plans:

		<p>--Reduce the green spaces and natural beauty of Harleston park  --Increase noise pollution  --Harm the natural environment  --Does not consider the size of the park that is not suited to be a sports park or big enough to be a sports park  --Will be a loss of a tranquil and calm space loved by many locals  --Will destroy established trees and plants  --Does not consider all people including elderly people who may not use the park as a sporting/play area  --Is an unwanted use of tax-payer money  --Does not consider an overwhelming number of locals who oppose the proposed plans</p> <p>The council must refer to the many personal comments written on the 'Have Your Say' site by many of our group members. These comments must be included in the report to council.</p> <p>In addition, we believe the council has been unprofessional in the way it has handled the proposal. Initially we were only given a few days to respond – this was notified by a single sign in the park. After complaints about this extremely short timeframe, the council extended the feedback period and an additional two signs were placed in the park. Even still, council did this during school holidays when many people were away and unable to respond in time.</p> <p>Council claim to have provided brochures to locals in the area but many of us did not receive them. The council has blamed 'printing issues' for the lack of notification. We believe this is completely incompetent.</p> <p>To now say that our feedback will not be included in the next upcoming council meeting is incomprehensible and unjust. Many comments / emails / phone calls / letters have been provided to the council since the beginning of July (and many even earlier!). To claim that the council has not had enough time to prepare a report again shows unfairness and an incompetence by the current council. We of course assume that absolutely no changes will be made to Harleston Park until this meeting has taken place and proof our feedback has resulted in action.</p> <p>We request that all feedback the council has received is used at the local council meeting. We request that all locals that have been in contact with the council regarding Harleston Park are contacted to be made aware of and invited to the council meeting to truly 'have their say.'</p>
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	<p>Apologies, did you not read this page / our emails / our letters / hear our phone calls? Don't worry, we have emailed you again just in case they 'got lost in the mail.' And just in case you miss that.... We oppose any encroachment on the current green space of Harleston Park, in particular the proposal for a multi-purpose court area. Regards, Save Our Green Space Team</p>
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	<p>Thank you to one of our members who sent us this link which shows even more locals who are unhappy about the proposed changes to Harleston Park!</p> <p>Go to: <a href="https://gleneira.wordpress.com/2017/05/07/the-budget-1/">https://gleneira.wordpress.com/2017/05/07/the-budget-1/</a></p>
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	<p>One of our members has just sent us a link to the Facebook Page of Glen Eira Councillor Joel Silver's where he writes.....</p> <p>"Growing up, I went to and played at Harleston Park a lot (between Allison and Seymour Roads, Elsternwick) - even with Booran Reserve, I consider it Glen Eira's premier children's venue. Council are currently running a consultation on some proposed changes.</p> <p>Some good and bad news (or all good news, if you don't share my concern about one aspect of the proposal). Good news - we're investing some money to</p>

		<p>freshen the park up, and make it even more fun! And for the most part, I love it...</p> <p>Bad news - one aspect of the proposal is the introduction of a "multi-purpose sports court." While I understand that some residents feel the park should have facilities for "older kids," what this would mean is a fundamental change to the character of what has, for over 30 years, been the perfect park for younger children. A sports court will wreck that atmosphere.</p> <p>I encourage all residents to give their feedback to Council (unfortunately, the window for consultation closes in a few days, so you'll need to be quick)"</p> <p>..... Thanks Cr Joel Silver!! We agree with you!!</p>
27 Jul 2017	park user dog owner	That's awkward.. Glen Eira's own councillors know it's a bad idea!
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>Having moved to Elsternwick 3 years ago our 2 children both under 4 years of age have been regulars at Harleston Park most weeks. Surprisingly they spend most of their time in the green areas that this plan seeks to remove. Their interaction with nature has had its beginning at this place. When they see the mighty snow gum they point and try and kick there balls all the way up.</p> <p>There is a peacefulness about the park that represents what was originally intended by our forebears who were so wise in setting aside the precious land for all of us to use. Please only replace existing infrastructure that is flawed.</p>
27 Jul 2017	elsternwickgreenspace	Hello xxxx! We have a 'Save our Green Space' group. Please send an email to us at <a href="mailto:elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com">elsternwickgreenspace@gmail.com</a> - that way we can contact you once we have details of the council meeting. Together we can save our green space! Thank you for your support
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27 Jul 2017	xxxx	So no opportunity for a community consultation to discuss the views expressed but plans presented to council as is with comments noted - not good enough.
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>Agree totally. When I first learnt of this forum, I thought I'd voice my concerns but I wasn't necessarily expecting change as I felt, well, maybe I'm in the minority. Through this consultation process I've heard time and time again similar comments. Preserve what is precious about this park. Don't overdevelop. No ball court. Leave the nature - the greenspace, the grass, the mature trees - they are precious and don't need to be touched. They are loved and appreciated for being a slice of nature in a busy, hectic world. This park matters to families and to residents. Surely this warrants a specific meeting to discuss given the consistent, persistent and very concerned feedback by locals.</p>
27 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>Shame indeed. Running a sham consultation process is worse than no consultation at all. Let's take this bigger if we don't have an adequate council response. Any ideas for creating a public relations nightmare for council? How do we get bigger press coverage? What about our local press? It's ironic that there is even dissension amongst the ranks within council (given other comment below). We don't just want to HAVE OUR SAY - we want to BE HEARD! Listened to and RESPONDED to. PS: Social media would also play nicely into this space if we don't get a meeting with Council and need to go bigger.</p>

27 Jul 2017	xxxx	xxxx, loved your comments and couldn't agree more. There is peacefulness about the park that is absolutely precious.
28 Jul 2017	xxxx	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I live in Orrong Road and use the park regularly. It was a great park for my kids were growing up and one of them now uses it when she nannies. These days I use it for a sneaky dog walk/run before 9am when I'm short on time. I have looked at the plans as carefully as possible and I have three main concerns.</p> <p>1. It is known by several generations of children as "The Big Slide Park." From what I can see from the plans there will no longer be a big slide, but a series of smaller features resembling Greenmeadows Park and the new Park in Glenhuntly. Kids need a challenge - they have always loved the fact that this is the park with the BIG SLIDE. Could this or some semblance of it be retained. It would also be a shame if all the parks in the City of Glen Eira all look alike.</p> <p>2. There also seems to be a serious lack of just open green space. People need room just to be, throw a ball for their dog and just feel a sense off openness in what is an increasingly populated residential area.</p> <p>3. It looks as though some of the lovelier more mature trees are going to disappear while the scrubby trees along the western side of the park are being maintained. It seems a shame and could result in a significant loss of character for the park.</p> <p>On the more positive side - I do love what you did with the water feature a few years back. It's lovely and really adds to a sense of tranquility in the park. I do hope you listen to what the community has to say.</p>
28 Jul 2017	xxxx	Why do councils always seem to want to change good things. Fake turf is horrible! Harlestone park is lovely just how it is, quiet, natural, and doesn't need modernising or changing. Just leave it alone!

**ITEM 9.8            EE GUNN RESERVE LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN –  
CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

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**File No:**            *n/a*

**Attachments:**    *1. EE Gunn Reserve Landscape Masterplan  
2. Feedback – Email and Phone  
3. Feedback – ‘Have Your Say’ Online Comments*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To provide comment on feedback received during the community consultation process and outline changes made to the draft EE Gunn Reserve Landscape Masterplan.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council:

1. notes the feedback received from the community consultation and the changes made to the draft landscape masterplan;
2. endorses the EE Gunn Reserve landscape masterplan;
3. authorises distribution of the revised masterplan, noting the relocated cricket facility to the Reserve Advisory Committee and nearby residents; and
4. authorises officers to commence the statutory procedure to discontinue the section of road to the south of the Scout Hall, acting under section 206 and clause 3 Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act (1989)*.

**BACKGROUND**

The draft EE Gunn Reserve Landscape Masterplan was presented to Council at the 28 February 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting (Item 9.8). This report presented an overview of the plans and proposed community consultation.

Development of the draft landscape masterplan was consistent with recommendations made in the Open Space Strategy (Very High priority – 6.13C-1).

As part of the Victorian Government’s level crossing removal project, EE Gunn Reserve was licensed to VicRoads (as project lead for the Level Crossing Removal Authority-LXRA). Council authorised a Licence Agreement with VicRoads at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 24 November 2015 (Item 9.10). This report specifies the licence fees, project areas, reinstatement of Ovals 2 & 3, replacement of pathways and associated community projects schedule, as committed to by VicRoads.

The community projects included as upgrades to the main pavilion and baseball pavilion, replacing baseball fencing and painting of the tennis club rooms. The east – west shared pathway to the north was constructed and funded by VicRoads.

Grade separation works are now complete and the redevelopment of the outer ovals is nearing completion.

## ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

### *Consultation Overview*

Consultation on the draft masterplan commenced on 1 March and concluded late April and included the following:

- Distribution of 350 information flyers to nearby residents;
- Four advertising boards located at prominent positions in the reserve;
- On-site community meeting on 21 March, attended by 35 people;
- Two meetings with the Reserve Advisory Committee;
- Distribution to registered 'Have Your Say' users;
- 341 Unique views of the Have Your Say forum (with 157 people downloading concepts or the draft masterplan)

### *Key feedback themes*

The purpose of the masterplan is to provide structural framework, design intent and strategic direction. It is not to provide specific design detail such as finishes, layouts of pavilions, etc.

Feedback themes are discussed below.

#### 1. Scout Hall location could be a location for cricket nets / Remove Scout Hall

The most notable change from the presented masterplan is the removal of the Scout Hall and relocation of the four bay multi-sport (cricket and baseball) training facility to this location.

This new location would not require the removal of established trees and will reduce potential conflict with tennis court users. It also enables a multi-purpose half court to be provided directly adjacent to the cricket nets.

Officers have been in discussions with Scouts Victoria regarding the scout hall, and they have confirmed that the hall is surplus to their needs and have provided in-principle support for its removal. There is currently no scout group occupying the building as their primary place of activity. It is occasionally utilised for regional scout leaders group meetings.

In order to accommodate the necessary footprint of the multi-sport training facility, a partial road discontinuance will be required at the eastern end of Foch Street.

It is proposed to discuss this change with the Reserve Advisory Committee and nearby residents over the coming weeks. Councillors will be informed of the feedback through a Current Issue, prior to commencing the statutory procedure to discontinue the section of road to the south of the Scout Hall (end of Foch Street).

#### 2. More seating / shelters for respite.

This will be incorporated in the perimeter circuit pathway, with seating potentially also provided under the existing shelter. Seating locations will be sought in areas that provide suitable views and shade.

#### 3. Circuit path Pathway lighting.

Pathway lighting will be included along the primary pathway network with final locations to be determined by a lighting design.



4. Dog off leash area / improved provision e.g. bags, signs, water.

There are no changes to dog off leash areas proposed, with ovals 2 & 3 to remain off leash. Compliance signs and dog waste bags will be addressed as an operational issue.

5. Location of sporting pavilion.

This included concerns the proposed area would be too small to accommodate existing users, relocation of baseball, spectators would be looking into a setting sun, loss of vegetation and a desire to have spectator areas behind the main oval goals.

Following discussions during the consultation, the appropriate orientation and design of the pavilion will be considered when the concept design for the building is undertaken in future. This process would consider actual usage, future use and opportunities for community use; this would then inform size, facilities and orientation.

Council has recently endorsed a Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy which provides some clarity on the timing of any works.

6. Multi-use pavilion with community space.

This level of detail will be part of a pavilion redevelopment. The Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy notes that pavilions are becoming essential community assets that have the ability to provide a range of recreation, social and sporting opportunities to the broader community.

7. Female friendly sporting facilities

This level of detail will be part of a pavilion redevelopment. At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 October 2015, a report was presented which outlined the most effective way to continue to provide facilities for women and girls is as part of the redevelopment or upgrade of a particular sports pavilion.

Funding for female friendly facilities is actively being pursued through Sport and Recreation Victoria's grants program.

8. More challenging play space / upgrade for more diversity / more shade sails / incorporate mounding.

The design of playgrounds is not part of the masterplan process. However this feedback is noted and will be considered in the separate design process when the play space is renewed.

9. Mini skate park or off road dirt path for kids.

It is not possible to incorporate this type of space given the proximity to residential boundaries, existing facilities and desire to install separate shared user path to the north of the playground.

10. Conflict of shared user path in front on pavilion and play space area.

A shared user pathway behind the pavilion would not meet design standards due to clearance requirements and concerns about visibility/surveillance. However these risks need to be considered in context of the current risks which see the shared user path run adjacent to the playground and in front of the sports pavilion.

'Context sensitive design' is an approach that provides flexibility to utilise design parameters that are beyond the normal design domain to satisfy competing project objectives. This is an approach endorsed by VicRoads.

An independent 'context sensitive design' audit was undertaken and has confirmed that the pathway can be constructed behind the current pavilion and this has been included in the masterplan.

11. Provide a multi-purpose activity area.

A small space has been included adjacent to the cricket practice area. In the longer term if the baseball pavilion is no longer required this space could accommodate an expanded multi-purpose space.

12. Show existing sports ovals actual boundary including baseball fields.

The masterplan is updated to include the baseball diamond and turf wicket boundaries on ovals 2 and 3. Concurrent games of turf cricket are played on ovals 2 and 3.

13. Removing any potential link between Dorothy Avenue and Beatty Crescent.

The plan will show this, there is no intention to provide a link.

14. Less car parking rather than more / Remove all car parking from within the reserve.

This approach may be feasible for smaller local parks, however EE Gunn Reserve is a municipal space and draws users from a wide catchment, many of whom are not within safe or reasonable walking distance, therefore car parking is required. It is not feasible or reasonable to drastically reduce the existing number of car spaces in the reserve.

Car parking provision will be further assessed when the pavilion is redeveloped.

15. Foch Street car parking should be set back so cars are fully off the street.

This will be updated in the masterplan.

16. Provide pathway from car parks to avoid people walking on Foch Street

This will be noted in the masterplan.

17. Significant trees along Foch Street need to be protected.

This will be shown in the masterplan, with potential to incorporate raised platforms into tree protection outstands.

18. Use permeable surfaces for car parking areas.

Opportunities will be investigated as part of future car park design.

19. Opportunity for storm water capture.

The masterplan outlines water sensitive urban design elements to treat run-off water along Foch Street.

Suggestions that water could be harvested from Melbourne Water drains that run through the reserve, and stored onsite would require feasibility, modelling, approvals from Melbourne Water and cost/benefit analysis. This was outside the scope and budget of the recent grade separation occupation/reinstatement.

Opportunities for water capture will be investigated in the future as part of a broad Council initiative. As an example the 2017/18 budget includes a feasibility/cost benefit analysis of water capture opportunities at Caulfield Park.

20. More areas should be provided for passive use/users.

The masterplan proposes a number of enhancements aimed at providing for a range of users – both passive and active. This includes improved pathways, new planting areas, seating and activity areas. This can be achieved without reducing the number of sports fields.

21. Increase biodiversity through shrubs and lower planting

It is important that plantings in public spaces do not obscure views along paths, around buildings and should not create secluded, hiding areas. EE Gunn Reserve is highly

utilised and active area and there is a preference to have clear lines of site for passive surveillance.

There is intent to incorporate local and indigenous elements through Foch Street car park works, WSUD elements and replanting along the eastern side.

22. Retain and protect existing established trees.

The intention is to provide outstands around existing trees along Foch Street, with potential to incorporate traffic calming – and is shown on the masterplan. Future detailed design of the car park will assess to what extent this can be incorporated.

Locating the cricket nets in the Scout Hall location will see trees to the east of the tennis courts maintained.

23. Pathway between two ovals is not required / introduces risk.

This has been removed. As a risk management measure, clubs generally discourage movement between the main and outer ovals. Existing boundaries on oval 2 and 3 are currently constricted; however a pathway would reduce boundary distances and encouraging people to walk through and create a potential risk.

The perimeter pathway provides a circuit walk around the whole reserve and links all facilities. This can be safely accessed while games are being played.

24. Location of playspaces / fitness node area (17) would be a risk with vehicles.

Future design of this area would be considerate of vehicle movement.

25. Opportunities for all viewing tennis courts / seating.

This will be incorporated.

26. Location of retaining wall should allow pathway behind courts.

This will be noted and incorporated into design work.

27. Relocation of tennis pavilion to hill on north.

Council is set to prepare a Tennis Strategy for the City. The Strategy will provide high level and site specific direction on the development of Tennis facilities and Council's role in assisting the growth of tennis in the city.

The retaining wall works currently being prepared for North of the tennis courts/open space area will be futureproofed to ensure that any relocation of facilities within this area can be constructed with minimal disruption.

28. Investigate potential opportunity to provide a 6th tennis court.

As per response to theme 27, the Tennis Strategy will provide direction on the future use and upgrade of Tennis facilities. Should the Tennis Strategy determine that changes at this site are appropriate, there is potential for a 6<sup>th</sup> court to be accommodated within the existing facilities footprint, (if the pavilion is relocated).

29. Proposed Ormond Station Development - impact

The State Government's 'value capture' development at Ormond Station is proposed to include a temporary pop-up space - this will include some sports activity areas; basketball rings, soccer goals and an urban plaza. In the longer term a residential/retail development will potentially see increased vehicle traffic from Newham Grove into Foch Street. Traffic assessment will be part of the formal planning submission.

Traffic calming will be considered as part of the design for the Foch Street car parking.

**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Implementation of an adopted Landscape Masterplan will be subject to future budget allocations and/or external funding.

\$500,000 has been allocated in the 2017/18 Budget to commence the implementation actions.

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This will address actions outlined in Council's Open Space Strategy.

**LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN**

Community Plan 2017-21

- **Liveable and Well Designed.** Create prosperous, accessible and vibrant urban places – We will deliver improvements to buildings, open spaces, parks and roads, as well as progress planning for future improvements to key Council facilities.
- **Clean and Sustainable.** Preserve and develop our open space to meet current and future needs. We will Improve and upgrade our open spaces for passive and active recreation through our capital works program.

**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Changes to the draft masterplan have been made based on feedback received from the community consultation, most notably to relocate the cricket nets to the existing scout hall location at the end of Foch Street. It is proposed to discuss this change with the Reserve Advisory Committee and nearby residents.

Councillors will be informed of the feedback through a Current Issue, prior to commencing the statutory procedure to discontinue the section of road to the south of the Scout Hall (end of Foch Street).

## ATTACHMENT 1 – EE Gunn Reserve Landscape Masterplan



**ATTACHMENT 2 — Feedback****Email and Phone**

Ref #	Comments
1	<p>What I like most about the reserve and would like to see continue is the access to an all year around, off leash dog space. Not only is this a fantastic space for exercising dogs, it also allows for the building of community as so many other dog walker meet and chat whilst walking their dogs. This is a really significant way of keeping in touch, reducing loneliness and isolation, and keeping healthy. Good lighting at night is important too.</p> <p>I would like to see more seating and structures (such as pavilions) where people can go to escape the heat or rain.</p> <p>If there are to be new buildings I would like there to be indoor community spaces that might accommodate recreation opportunities other than cricket, AFL and tennis which currently dominate the reserve, and the built spaces around it. It would be great to see spaces that might support for example, opportunities for exercise groups, yoga, Pilates etc, or community activity groups - such as a community kitchen, mothers groups or similar.</p>
2	<p>I wish to contribute my Ideas &amp; issues to the EE Gunn Reserve consultation forum.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I request a path loop (circuit) around the entire park be constructed.</li> <li>2. That the path loop (circuit) around the entire park have lights fitted and be well lit at night.</li> <li>3. The recent half-hearted up-grade of some of the Playground equipment needs more and challenging play equipment. As it is very popular to many families creating overcrowding.</li> <li>4. No shade sails were fitted to the new play equipment and the existing shade sails are insufficient for the existing play equipment.</li> <li>5. The bike path THROUGH the playground area is absolutely absurd and requires urgent relocation. Glen Eira council have acknowledged the DANGER and place "SLOW DOWN" signs on the path, which are ignored by many. I have witnessed many incidents and near misses of collisions between babies and bicycles.</li> <li>6. I don't understand the location of the new walking/bike path on the Western perimeter of the park along the back fences of houses. I think this is not what my walk in the park looks like. Or will a walking path be installed within the park? Maybe around the perimeter of the ovals?</li> </ol>
3	<p>The proposed upgrade to the EE Gunn reserve looks great. As a local to the area, we use the reserve daily and have loved the playground upgrade. We love playing football, cricket and having fun on the oval so having access to the other ovals again will be fantastic. We feel that the one thing that the reserve seems to be missing is a basketball court or half court. As a child I loved going down to the local park with my parents to play basketball or netball so it would be fantastic if a basketball court could be included, so I could share my love of ball sports with my children.</p> <p>Looking forward to seeing the finished facilities.</p>

4	<p>We recently tried to book a function space in the City of Glen Eira and were met with a wall of bureaucracy and responsibility shifting.</p> <p>The Council area could seriously do with a multi-purpose 200 seat venue for fundraisers and community events.</p> <p>There are no cheap options for this as yet.</p> <p>In my professional role I am always looking for venues to run workshops, hold performances and so on.</p> <p>Also as the Family Feud audition host, we are looking for a venue in the area with adequate parking to hold our regular auditions for families.</p> <p>Venues need to be low cost, as the arts/community/entertainment industry doesn't have the budgets of 30 years ago.</p> <p>This could be a jewel in the crown for Glen Eira and add to its sense of putting communities first.</p>
5	<p>When is the replacement turf for the dirt and weed patch created by the new shared user path going to be laid?</p> <p>And when are you going to concede that the path has to be continued behind the club rooms? I have witnessed numerous accidents and close encounters between fast moving bikes and unsuspecting people in the confined space along the front. It is a matter of time before a serious injury occurs. At that time I will be encouraging the injured party to take legal action against Glen Eira Council, and will happily supply them with copies of correspondence I have sent in the past regarding this matter. Fore warned is fore armed, do something before this happens.</p>
6	<p>I live in Foch St, Ormond and my family has used the EE Gunn Reserve for over 30 years for sport and recreation.</p> <p>In the Draft Masterplan I like the way the walking paths are continuous and the bike path has been linked up and is separated from vehicle traffic.</p> <p><b>Draft Landscape Masterplan</b></p> <p>Note 2: Modification to Mounding</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Leave the existing mounding as it is. Children often play on the mound and people like to sit on it.</p> <p>Note 11: WSUD Planting in Foch St</p> <p>Cross section 2 shows the WSUD Planting, a low wall, grassed area, a spoon drain, and presumably the car parking.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Provide a physical barrier to prevent cars parking on the grassed area.</p> <p>Note 14: Tennis Court Retaining Wall</p> <p>The viewing lawn should be for both the oval and the tennis courts.</p>

	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Also provide 2 to 3 seats for viewing of tennis courts. Suggest leaving a gap in the planted batter for seating. Currently parents supervising children's tennis competitions or lessons are crowded at the clubhouse and cannot see courts 3, 4 and 5.</p> <p>Note 15: New Facilities Building</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Ensure there are adequate facilities (change rooms, showers etc) to cater for women's sport as well as for men's sport.</p> <p>Note 18: Parking Access from Beatty Crescent</p> <p>Providing parking access from Beatty Crescent will create a short cut (or rat run) from Beatty Crescent to Dorothy Ave. This will increase traffic congestion in neighbouring streets as well as being a danger to children and pedestrians.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Provide a physical barrier to through traffic near the proposed facilities building, and signage indicating it is a no through road. Consider locked gates (at Beatty Cres and Dorothy Ave) at night to deter hoons in cars and vandals.</p>
7	<p>Relating to Parking on Foch St, at the Southern end of the Park, Items 10 &amp; 11 on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plinths bordering the park need to be relocated in a northerly direction to enable cars to be fully parked off the road (Foch Street).</li> <li>• The drain culvert needs to be relocated or covered so as not to impede the above mentioned parking area.</li> <li>• The length of the parking spaces needs to increase by at least 2m, in order to provide parking that will not intrude onto Foch Street. Note these spaces should be made longer than normal so as to accommodate the large 4x4 vehicles that park there when junior sports take place. Note: Most large 4x4 vehicles are over 5 metres in length; possibly these spaces should be made 5 ½ or 6 metres in length?</li> <li>• A new footpath should become the Northern border of the parking area. This would enable safe passage along Foch Street between the Scout Hall and the Tennis Club. The plinth should be relocated north of the new footpath.</li> <li>• As an after-thought, possibly the spaces closest to the train line and in front of the Scout Hall could be made even larger to accommodate a small bus? Note: As there isn't any passing traffic in this area, it might be possible to allow the parked buses to protrude into Foch Street?</li> </ul> <p>Relating to an item not on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For safety reasons, consideration needs to be given to the Bike Path. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It should be separated from the footpath adjoining Playground 3.</li> <li>○ The bike path should be located to the North of the playground (3) and the adjoining BBQ area.</li> <li>○ The Bike Path along the Northern Boundary of the park needs to be more inviting so as to encourage its use; possibly make it wider,...</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Relating to Parking at the Northern end of the Park, Item 18 on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration needs to be given to ensure that this parking area does NOT become a</li> </ul>



	<p>thorough fare for traffic between the Viaduct/Dorothy Ave and Beatty Cres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bollards (or such)?</li> <li>○ Off-set fencing/traffic control?</li> </ul> <p>Relating to the Park Maintenance Shed, Item 13 on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The footprint of this building needs to be larger to accommodate the various park/oval maintenance equipment.</li> </ul> <p>Relating to one of the new paths, Item 6 on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The path between the Main Oval (9) and the Eastern Oval, connecting the New Sports Pavilion and the Rotunda (marked red on map), should NOT be installed. This section of pathway would encourage foot traffic between the two ovals endangering spectators, pedestrians and participants when various activities are taking place.</li> </ul> <p>Relating to Items 5 and 17 on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For safety reasons, Area 17 would not be a desirable Location for children play equipment due to the traffic. Any additional children play equipment should probably go into an expanded Area 3</li> <li>• Area 17 could then be used for a couple of basketball rings and Area 5 would remain as a fitness area.</li> <li>• Alternatively, Area 5 could be used for the Basketball rings and the fitness equipment could be moved to Area 17.</li> </ul> <p>Relating to an item not on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration needs to be given for Dog Owners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Placement of Plastic Bag Dispensers at all Entry Paths to the park.</li> <li>○ Placement of refuse bins near the Entry Paths.</li> <li>○ Inclusion of dog watering facilities at the water taps especially those adjoining the "Leash Free Area"</li> <li>○ Increased (more prominent) signage of "Leash" and "Leash Free Areas". Possibly include the Council/Ranger phone number on the signage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Relating to the Main Pavilion, Item 15 on the Draft Landscape Master-plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The footprint of this building needs to be <u>MUCH</u> larger. Considerations need to be given for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Home base/office for the Football Club, Cricket Club and Baseball Club</li> <li>○ Separate and dedicated storage area for each sporting group.</li> <li>○ Secure Notice Boards for each sporting group as well as the Council.</li> <li>○ Minimum of four teams and one umpire change rooms; Shower and toilet facilities for each.</li> <li>○ Pavilion Seating for spectators</li> <li>○ Canteen Area</li> <li>○ Large Function Room with Kitchen Area</li> <li>○ Meeting Rooms</li> <li>○ Public Toilets</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8	<p>Thanks you for the information evening to discuss the EE Gunn upgrade. i have lived within walking distance of the park for more than 40 years and my children and now grandchildren are familiar with it. The general first draft is fine with just a few suggestions which I hope you will take into consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The internal path between the 2 ovals is unnecessary.(pt 6)</li> <li>2. The parking spaces in Foch street could be formalised but I am concerned about the removal</li> </ol>

	<p>of the existing trees along the fence of the tennis courts. (pt 10)</p> <p>3. The playspace/fitness area at Dorothy Ave. entrance could be dangerous with cars accessing the area and the underpass curve. (pt17)</p> <p>4. The removal of mature trees is of great concern to me. I know that there is a plan to re-plant but mature trees need to be protected especially in the spaces 15, 16 14.</p> <p>The new bike/walking path at the northern end has already replaced a beautiful mature tree.</p> <p>5. My suggestion for the club facilities is to develop, update and combine the clubs on the existing sight. Resources would not be wasted, trees removed and more open space taken over. My thought is to keep it simple and not over develop. (pt15)</p>
	<p>My busy schedule and technological inabilities direct me to write this email in response to public feedback about the EE Gunn Reserve development, and in particular to cycling infrastructure.</p> <p>As initial President to the GE Bicycle Users Group when it reformed in 2010 I am immersed with understanding about the shared pathway in the EE Gunn Reserve that forms part of the celebrated Rosstown Rail Trail. I have assisted riding groups through this Reserve and cycled along its shared path many hundreds of times over the last decade -weekday, weekend, day, night, fair and foul weather...</p> <p>Images provided feature the journey on the shared path travelling west from the approach to the sports club/ grandstand.</p> <p><u>Key recommendations for EE Gunn Reserve cycling improvements are:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Build an 'additional' westbound pathway linking the Rosstown Rail Trail from the east of the grandstand and linking up again to the existing path before Booran Rd. (This would continue on from the recently built path roughly following the Parks North fence line).</li> <li>*Bench seats south of the existing shared pathway around the playground at the grandstand to be relocated to be on the same side as the playground equipment so dogs, prams, and young children are not traversing back and forth and have less need to stand in the pathway.</li> <li>*Resurfacing and night lighting to be maintained for existing and any new pathway areas.</li> <li>*Safety alert signage to address pedestrian responsibility/assistance to watch for bikes, especially around the grandstand and playground (this is in addition to "slow down" signs etc directed at cyclists).</li> <li>*I expect the Council will advocate to the Sports Clubs, park users, and nearby residents about the advantages of improving cycling infrastructure to alleviate pressure on EE Gunn Reserve car parking. Additional bike parking would encourage cyclists, and positioning would be useful near the grandstand.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to share my knowledge and assist improvements to the municipality we work and live in.</p>

	P.S. It is great to see the new section of cycling track east of the grandstand that has already been constructed
9	Would like fencing to be included around all leash areas to improve the safety of dogs. Resident would like this treatment incorporated into park design for off leash areas across the municipality.
10	<p>On behalf of Ormond Tennis Club, we welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Master Plan. Our comments are detailed below.</p> <p>Formalise Car Park along Foch St (Item 10)</p> <p>We welcome this initiative, together with what appears to be a footpath along the fence line of the tennis courts. Currently to access the tennis gates along the middle and eastern end of the Foch St (courts 3-5) requires players to walk along the road due to parked cars and the bushes against the fence. This is not safe, particularly for juniors. A narrow footpath, perhaps behind a new kerb would be a vast improvement.</p> <p>Retaining wall along tennis court (Item 14)</p> <p>We have no objection in principle with the retaining wall at the rear of the tennis courts. However, our players are instructed from an early age to leave service faults to hit the back fence during matches. If the fence is replaced by a wall then the balls will rebound onto the court and disrupt play. To avoid this, it is requested the retaining wall is installed around 1-2m behind the existing fence / spoon drain, enough space to maintain the drain and fetch errant tennis balls (via existing gate at middle court 3).</p> <p>Landscaping Behind Retaining wall along tennis court (Section 01)</p> <p>The existing trees along the northern tennis fence drop leaves, sticks and branches on the courts, particularly in Autumn and after high windy events. It would be appreciated if the replacement tree canopies were set back a few metres from the tennis fence to minimise the debris falling onto the courts. We also see an opportunity for some seating for parents to watch the junior tennis matches, say on the upper level somewhere near the middle court 3.</p> <p>Cricket Nets</p> <p>For the last three seasons the tennis club has more teams than can be accommodated on five courts. For the upcoming winter season two teams have to hire outside venues to play 'home' matches. If the club had a 6<sup>th</sup> court, then all teams could play home matches at Ormond. If possible, it would be preferred if the location of the cricket nets could be positioned to not preclude a 6<sup>th</sup> court.</p>
11	<p>I am a resident in Malane Street Ormond and am writing in relation to the park development at EE Gunn Reserve.</p> <p>Given the number of trees already removed for the railway development I believe it would be in the best interests of the park and its heritage if the large 100 or so year old oak tree between the ovals at the northern end be retained.</p> <p>Also the existing grandstand should be retained. This style of grandstand is of historical significance and is adequate for the needs of sports people and spectators.</p>

12	<p>I know everyone has lots of differing conflicting ideas, so I understand that you have a difficult job.</p> <p>Firstly, safety must be the most important issue. This means the path along the railway line must be made safe by being well lit. I can't believe there are not lights now.</p> <p>Secondly, do not open the Beatty Cres corner to allow traffic into the car park. I walk my dog here, at least twice a day, so I witness the traffic dangers now every day of the week. The children who play on the equipment are in dream land and would have no idea where the cars would be. Also children that have arrived for sport at the oval or who have just played tend to wander around like "Brown's Cows", so they would also be unaware of the traffic.</p> <p>It seems from looking at the new plans there is really not much room for lots of kids to congregate, as they do now, if you open the Beatty corner up. Adults who bring their children to the play equipment and the bbq facilities will not have a chance to relax if you add cars to the mix.</p> <p>The Council has just spent plenty of money upgrading the play equipment and the bbq area to be a top class facility. If you add cars here, people will stop coming to this area with children.</p> <p>Thirdly, I have seen the young P plate drivers coming to and from football and cricket training and matches. Some of these young adults are in stupid mode showing off to their friends. Some of them are dangerous. You add little kids to this and there will be a death.</p> <p>Please don't do it.</p> <p>On a lighter note, please consider adding a synthetic cricket wicket to the centre of the Eastern ovals.</p> <p>It just makes sense in Melbourne weather.</p> <p>From a point of logistics, why is the very expensive turf going to be laid just before winter when there is no growth and the possibility of turf death? Why didn't they finish this project in Spring when they were supposed to?</p> <p>By the way, where is your Heritage department? They allowed the removal of our old "Bluestone shed" and the removal of five eighty plus year old trees to make a pathway.</p>
13	<p>There are major flaws in this consultative process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The consultation has been pre-empted by renovation works already underway or completed.</li> <li>2. The public has not been privy to the agreement(s) signed off on by Council with the Level Crossing Removal Authority.</li> <li>3. The public has not been privy to any agreement, formal or informal, made by Council with sporting organisations regarding the renovation of E.E. Gunn Reserve.</li> <li>4. The public has not been privy to any agreement re-funding made with any government or other agency for the renovation of E.E. Gunn Reserve, or any conditions tied to such funding.</li> <li>5. The costs of any of the proposed renovation works has not been disclosed</li> <li>6. Only one Draft Plan has been presented, and all the indications are that no changes whatsoever will be made to that plan, no matter what public input is received. This is what has frequently happened in the past.</li> <li>7. No rationale has been presented for the form of the current Draft Plan.</li> </ol> <p>Lack of clear information, especially about where taxpayers and rate payers money is going, and who is getting it, leads to suspicion about corruption in government, which is apparently</p>

	<p>sophisticated, pervasive and at high levels.</p> <p>Criticisms of the Draft Plan</p> <p>1. Increasingly, areas of public open space are being given over to car parks, infrastructure and commercial developments. In E. E. Gunn Reserve the Draft Plan proposes a large increase in area allocated to car parking. Although, as far as I know, car parks on public land in Glen Eira are still defined as public open space, this is a patent absurdity. Try telling a football club that from now on their ground will be used as a car park, and they will have to get used to playing around cars. Yet that is what other park users are being told.</p> <p>I suggest, given the limited public open space available, that the current car parking area in E.E. Gunn reserve is reduced. If more car parks are needed they can be created outside the reserve, even if it means buying a block of land or two.</p> <p>2. As only one of the small ovals can be used at a time (according to council staff) one oval is redundant, so could be used for informal passive use and planted out with more trees.</p> <p>3. A new pavilion is proposed, but there is no explanation as to why, or whether, if needed. the existing pavilion might be renovated at far less cost. There is no indication of the size, scale and purpose of the proposed new pavilion. Nor is there an explanation for the proposed placement of the proposed new pavilion.</p> <p>4. Urban residents love their trees, as Glen Eira Council well knows from its surveys. Yet, this council removes many trees unnecessarily. From experience, we know that many trees will be removed during the renovation process, and the park will end up with less trees. Compare with the Centenary Park pavilion redevelopment. The trees along Foch Street should be retained as part of the design of Gunn Reserve.</p> <p>5. As well as being the council with the least amount of open space, Glen Eira Council also has the least native biodiversity, vastly less than any other greater Melbourne council. Much more effort needs to be put into preserving mature trees, especially native and indigenous species. More indigenous shrubs and lower storey should be used.</p> <p>6. The proposed water sensitive urban design feature is merely a drain. What people want in their parks is attractive water features that have in them water and wildlife.</p> <p>7. Where paved surfaces are strictly necessary, they should be constructed of pervious materials. Otherwise ratepayers will be lumbered with an increased bill for stormwater management, tree watering, etc.</p> <p>8. A number of the changes proposed are unnecessary, and the money allocated better put to buying more open space. These unnecessary changes include, Upgrade park proposed entry off Booran Road, Enhance existing landscape by modifying mounding, Provide new maintenance vehicle access from Foch Street, Install new park maintenance shed, Install new retaining wall.</p> <p>General Comments</p> <p>Glen Eira residents and the Council itself would be better off if consultation was genuine.</p>
14	Look at each point mentioned in the master plan draft.

	<p>1 - Indifferent</p> <p>2 - Please keep the mounds the kids love them!</p> <p>3 - Good</p> <p>4 - Indifferent</p> <p>5 – I like the idea of the basketball ring. I assume there would be a reasonable amount of space around it so the players aren't falling over the gym equipment or hitting those working out with errant shots.</p> <p>6 - Love the idea of the paths around the entire precinct.</p> <p>7 – Happy this path is being reinstated as we use it regularly. However, the plan suggests the North South path (along the railway line) would be behind significant planting. Even though it is a lit pathway, there may be a safety concern here.</p> <p>8 – Good (not that I have a dog) but I am a dog lover and they need a place to roam free</p> <p>9 - Good</p> <p>10 - Not really sure what this entails but hopefully it means cars can park without sticking out over the road, without narrowing the road and the trees can be maintained</p> <p>11 – Good idea (once again not sure what it would entail)</p> <p>12 – Makes sense</p> <p>13 – Odd place for this but I guess it is out of the way – struggling to get my head around the land layout here with the retaining wall from the tennis courts / the cricket nets I assume at ground level but unclear how the ground rises to the Oval – but I guess it must work</p> <p>14 – New retaining wall at back of courts – not a good idea – the cyclone fencing has the benefit of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• deadening the ball so it doesn't run away too much - a brick wall would send balls flying everywhere</li> <li>• being safe for a player to crash into if needed (obviously not ideal) –a brick wall will increase injuries.</li> </ul> <p>At the meeting it was suggested the retaining wall could be just behind the cyclone fencing. This would be a great place for errant balls and rubbish to collect with no way of retrieving it.</p> <p>A preferred approach would be to make a path behind the courts for players to move between courts without interrupting others. Then have the retaining wall – I prefer a stepped approach in the retaining wall so chairs could be set up to watch the games.</p> <p>An added advantage is some form of drainage could be added under the path to take water coming from the oval area out to Malane Street away from the court area.</p> <p>15 – I like this idea but I can sympathise with the clubs who don't want to lose the space and function that the current one provides them – so I think this needs to be considered with any new building.</p> <p>16 – A shame this is seen as the best place for the cricket nets – as it is not really near the oval. It means practice would be split between fielding and batting\bowling. The Scout hall location would be much better for this – would not normally recommend the removal of such a site but since it is not used for scout meetings it seems pointless.</p> <p>17 – I assume this relies on the new pavilion being built or the baseball being moved elsewhere. (at the meeting it was mentioned they may move inside Caulfield Racecourse.) I</p>
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	<p>think it would be a shame if baseball left the park as it provides another sport for kids to become interested in – this can happen simply by walking past. Unfortunately not too many people would just be walking past the insides of Caulfield Racecourse and I am guessing baseball could do with more kids being interested.</p> <p>18 – think this is good as along as bollards were set up to stop people using it as a short cut between Dorothy and Beatty streets</p>
15	<p>Ormond Cricket Club</p> <p>EE Gunn Reserve Masterplan</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing and commenting on the Masterplan. A summary of our comments are attached. We support the concept of providing better passive use of the reserve while maintaining the integrity of the facility for the sporting clubs.</p> <p>We make comment as referenced to the notes in the consultation document;</p> <p>*Note 1 We would strongly oppose having any vehicle access to the Beattie Crescent and the Gunn Reserve notwithstanding the proposed use of bollards to restrict unauthorized access. These would not restrict motorbikes. There is adequate provision for emergency vehicles to both ovals from the eastern egress and we believe the entry is an unacceptable safety issue. The new walking/bike path is an accident waiting to happen. Bike riders ignore the end of the path and continue riding at high speeds in front of the pavilion.</p> <p>*Note 2 No comment . Acceptable</p> <p>*Note 3 No comments . Already done</p> <p>*Note 4 Ditto Above</p> <p>*Note 5 Agree</p> <p>*Note 6 Agree ( provided the paths circumnavigate the boundary only). Refer later comments.</p> <p>*Note 7 Agree. We believe consideration should be given to a fence to provide additional safety for users from balls particularly for children.</p> <p>*Note 8 Agree</p> <p>*Note 9 Agree</p> <p>*Note 10 Agree. This is a high use area for parking particularly for junior training nights and with the likely unit development at the station the increase in traffic volumes will need to be considered. We support the comments made by local residents at the briefing.</p> <p>*Note 11 No comment</p> <p>*Note 12 Agree</p> <p>*Note 13 No comment. We would request the external power be available for our bowling machines and it would be desirable if some access be securely available for storage of these units as part of the maintenance shed.</p> <p>Note 14 Agree proposal .</p> <p>Note 15 We are very concerned that the proposed relocation of the pavilion would inadequately cater for the requirements of the current users. The proposed location will have viewing into the setting sun in the afternoons and require relocation of the electronic scoreboard. Without more detailed plans it is impossible to formulate an adequate response. At a glance the proposed area is too small a footprint to cover the needs of all clubs moving</p>

forward. We strongly request that consultation with the clubs is critical and must happen. Our clubs are growing with a big increase in junior teams and women's teams, storage is a problem and we don't want to finish up with change rooms the size of a shoe box.

Unless there are structural issues associated with the current pavilion we believe that it could be updated to cover the future requirements of both the club including the likely requirements for women's teams. An extension out the back would provide additional change rooms and storage.

If the relocation is driven by the requirements of baseball has an upgrade of the existing facility been considered to accommodate their requirements and Kilvington and the cricket and football users of the outside ovals?

Note 16 We are pleased with the proposal and your advice that funding is in place for the redevelopment and we would like this to be a priority of the redevelopment plans. The unavailability of practice wickets has had an adverse on the club in 2016-17 and with the further growth of our junior program we are anxious to have the nets available as soon as possible. The Club runs an Ormond Cricket Academy through the winter and this is currently run at South Caulfield. The current plan allows for an enclosed area of 35 meters, we require an additional 5 meters for bowlers run ups.

\*Note 17 Refer previous comments in relation to a possible upgrade rather than demolition of this facility. The alternative use is supported with the covenant that it would be unsuitable for children because of the vehicular access .

\* Note 18 Unsupported in line with comments in Note 15

Other

(1) We reiterate our strong objection to the proposed pathway between the ovals. This impacts on the available playing space and it unsafe on match days. The provision of a formal path will encourage use and will be impossible to manage. We note that construction has not continued at this time although it is still set out.

(2)We acknowledge that there has been provision made for a synthetic wicket between the eastern ovals. There is huge pressure on facilities for junior cricket in the City of Glen Eira and we believe that it is critical that more consideration be given to the provision of both this wicket and the installation of additional wickets on these grounds adjacent to the turf wickets. This already happens on many suburban ovals including McKinnon and Hampton. The likely growth of ladies teams will put further pressure on grounds.

-One of the major requirements for the Club is the need for additional and appropriate storage for signs and covers, which are required for both turf wickets. Currently they are stored in the rooms. This needs to be considered in any upgrade or relocation of the Pavilion. Alternatively an area could be developed as part of the maintenance facility.

Addendum to Masterplan Comments- Junior Requirement.

It is critical we have a hard wicket built between the 2 turf wickets on the outside ovals.

The number of junior players at Ormond Cricket Club has increased substantially over the past few years. The table below highlights the number of teams we have fielded in the South East Cricket Association (SECA) over the past 3 years plus projected teams for next season. If the growth pattern continues, we expect 15 teams for 2018/19.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18*
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Under 12	2	3	5	8
Under 14	2	2	2	2
Under 16	2	3	2	2
Under 18	0	0	1	1
Total Teams	6	8	10	13

\*Projected team numbers for 2017/18.

The feeder programme into the Under 12's is the Milo T20 Blast Programme which is full of 8 year old players. In the 2016/17 season we had 49 registered players in the T20 Blast Programme and typically 75% of players move up from the T20 Blast programme into the Under 12 competition and play in the lower grades including Rookies and D grade. This year we had 55 Under 12 players but next season we expect to have around 75 to 80 players aged between 9 and 11. This would position Ormond juniors in the top 5 largest clubs in the SECA competition. With the number of nets proposed to be built, expanding to 4 from the existing facility of 3 (now demolished) will help us manage the growth. With Under 12 training running for 90 minutes this means each player would get approximately 4.5 minutes of batting time in the nets.

From a coaching and training perspective, the club and juniors are handicapped by not having a hard synthetic wicket in the E E Gunn Reserve precinct. As a consequence, we cannot teach junior players several key skills including:

1. Wicket Keeping - because we don't have a hard (synthetic) wicket outside the net area we cannot give our junior wicket keepers any practice at training. That basically means they only get match day experience which is totally unsatisfactory. For the past few years our junior wicket keepers have struggled on match day, particularly in the early part of the season. Our wicket keepers are below the standard of other teams and this claim is supported by the statistics that are available on the MyCricket website. Our Under 12 teams concede more byes than the opposition team in most games. I have no doubt this is attributable to the fact that we don't have a hard synthetic wicket at the E E Gunn Reserve area.
2. Running Between Wickets - this is a key batting skill and the number of run out dismissals in the lower Under 12 age groups are far in excess of the average. Cricket is one of the few sports where you train in a different environment to actual match conditions (nets vs open field) but you cannot teach players running between wickets in the nets as you need to have spatial awareness.

We acknowledge that there has been provision made for a synthetic wicket between the ovals on the eastern side of the E E Gunn Reserve. There is huge pressure on grounds and facilities for junior cricket in the City of Glen Eira and if you consult with the SECA Junior Executive they will confirm the shortage of cricket grounds. We believe it is critical that more consideration be given to the provision of both this wicket and the installation of additional wickets on these grounds adjacent to the turf wickets. This is common place at grounds in the City of Glen Eira including McKinnon Reserve.

Finally, the fact that no Ormond junior cricket team plays at E E Gunn Reserve impacts on the club financially. The juniors play at various locations in the region but we don't have a home base for the juniors. It makes it difficult to host functions and it inhibits our brand development.

16	<p>Thank you for the opportunity for the Ormond Amateur Football Club ('Ormond AFC') to comment on the draft EE Gunn Reserve Master Plan. The Ormond AFC applauds Council's decision to develop a master plan to guide future uses and improvements to EE Gunn Reserve for both the sporting groups and the broader community.</p> <p>However as has been previously communicated to you, the Club does not believe that the process for the preparation of the master plan has been as effective as it could have been if key stakeholders had been afforded the opportunity to be consulted prior to the preparation of a draft master plan. Many of the improvement projects identified in the draft master plan have either been completed or are in advanced stages of implementation – it therefore seems incongruous that stakeholders are being asked to comment on a plan that in all intents and purposes appears to be a fait accompli.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, the Ormond AFC has strong views on four of the proposed projects:</p> <p>1. Proposed Path between the western and eastern ovals (No. 6).</p> <p>The Ormond AFC opposes the installation of this proposed north-south path on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The installation of a path will reduce the width of the available open space that can be used for organised sport on the eastern playing fields, which are already at or below minimum preferred dimensions for baseball, cricket and Australian Rules football.</li> <li>• The installation of a path will be perceived by pedestrians as being a safe and 'their right of' passage between the western and eastern ovals, irrespective of whether sport is in progress or not. A formed, sealed path will make it difficult for clubs to monitor and discourage pedestrian use during sports activities, when the safety of pedestrians is at the greatest risk.</li> <li>• The path is simply not necessary – the existing and proposed paths along the western side of the western oval and the eastern side of the eastern ovals will provide park users with strong north-south links and connections, if required by people with poor mobility or for other reasons, eg. when the ovals are wet or muddy. Currently, pedestrians and park users use this stretch of parkland as an informal walking or sports spectating area, and this use has not created 'goat tracks' or other degradation of the park surface. This suggests that the existing conditions are satisfactory for these informal uses, so to install a sealed path will be an unnecessary cost, and will unnecessarily impact upon the landscape amenity of this area.</li> </ul> <p>2. Proposed through road along the northern section of the reserve</p> <p>The Ormond AFC strongly opposes the creation of a reserve through road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it will become a 'ratrun' for vehicles wishing to traverse between Beatty Crescent and Dorothy Avenue;</li> <li>• it will present significant safety risks for park users in the northern section of the reserve, especially children; and,</li> <li>• it will create unnecessary congestion between through traffic and cars backing out of and into car parking spaces in this section of the reserve.</li> </ul> <p>The potential installation of bollards to discourage/ prevent through-traffic will not prevent vehicles entering the park road from either direction thinking a through road exists. The result being that many vehicles will have to perform U-turns at the bollards in order to exit, thereby contributing to unnecessary additional congestion within this section of the reserve.</p> <p>The argument that ambulance access will be improved is an overstatement of a benefit. Access to the western oval is unrestricted along the western side, and this is the oval where a majority of serious injuries are likely to occur, as it's the main senior sporting venue. Injuries sustained</p>
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	<p>on the eastern oval and requiring ambulance call-outs, simply require club officials seeking emergency access to explain that access to the oval is via the Dorothy Avenue entrance.</p> <p>The Ormond AFC supports the status quo, that vehicle entry into the car parking zone be via the Dorothy Avenue entrance.</p> <p>3. Proposed car parking behind the northern goals of the western oval (No. 18)</p> <p>Whilst the Ormond AFC generally supports the addition of new car parking in the northern section of reserve, it opposes the creation of car parking adjacent to the oval perimeter fence for a distance of approximately 25m either side of the mid point of the goals. This area is currently a popular and important spectator area during sporting matches conducted on the western oval, including football matches hosted by the Ormond AFC.</p> <p>On the contrary, the Club believes that the master plan should show the area just described as being formalised as a spectator area using a combination of elements, such as the ground surface treatment (grass or granitic gravel) and installing some seating and shade trees.</p> <p>4. Proposed new pavilion (No. 15) Whilst the Ormond AFC is not opposed to the main pavilion possibly having to be relocated to the site shown on the draft master plan, the Club considers this option to be the third option for a sustainable reserve main pavilion. The Ormond AFC supports the retention of the main pavilion in the northwest area of the western oval for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides good spectator viewing conditions – the proposed site will require pavilion based spectators in the afternoon (the predominant sporting period) to view sport looking into a setting sun and facing the prevailing southerly weather in winter (cold winds and rain).</li> <li>• Provides pavilion users with convenient access from the car parking available both within the reserve and from Beatty Crescent and Malane Avenue.</li> <li>• Cricket and football uses of the eastern oval are not significantly dependent upon close access to change rooms and other indoor spaces provided by the main pavilion.</li> <li>• To change the location of the pavilion will likely generate significant resistance from those residents sharing a back fence with the middle section of the northern reserve area. Such resistance may significantly impact the design, timing and ultimately the functionality of any new pavilion. Any new or redeveloped pavilion on the site of the existing main pavilion is not a changed use, so the basis for any objections will be reduced or eliminated</li> </ul> <p>The Ormond AFC understands and accepts the potential benefits to the Ormond Glenhuntly Baseball Club of locating a new pavilion on the site identified in the draft master plan. However, Council's own strategies and future sports planning support the relocation of the baseball club to an alternate site, due to a number of well-founded and well-documented reasons. It seems incongruous and ill informed, therefore, to be justifying the relocation of the main pavilion on the basis that it will benefit baseball.</p> <p>The Ormond AFC supports a full and inclusive investigation (with the user groups) of the feasibility of retaining and redeveloping the existing pavilion to better meet the core needs of the tenant sporting clubs, as its overwhelming priority option for a main pavilion. If retention of the existing pavilion were deemed not feasible, then the Club would support the construction of a new pavilion on the same site, or an alternate site still within the northwest area of the western oval, but not divided from the oval by a park road or car parking. The Club strongly advocates for a version of the status quo.</p> <p>5. Other improvement projects</p> <p>The balance of the proposals included on the draft master plan seem to be justified and in keeping with Council's objectives to improve the sporting infrastructure whilst at the same</p>
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	<p>time enhancing the recreational opportunities for residents and other visitors to the reserve.</p> <p>Whilst the Ormond AFC generally supports the other improvements outlined in the master plan, we accept that our fellow reserve sporting groups may have specific objections to other proposals for which they would be better qualified and experienced to comment upon.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing back from Council with a summary of the feedback received from other reserve sporting groups and from residents, and how our feedback and the feedback from others might influence the final draft master plan. I strongly request that Council staff afford all user groups with an opportunity to view the revised and final draft master plan prior to it being submitted to Council for adoption/ endorsement.</p>
17	<p>This Submission represents views from those Reserve Advisory Committee persons who attended the Council briefing at EE Gunn Reserve on 21 March 2017 regarding the redevelopment of the EE Gunn Master Plan.</p> <p>These persons represent the majority users of EE Gunn facilities and we believe their views should therefore be given maximum, if not priority, consideration in the EE Gunn redevelopment.</p> <p>The Submission is in 4 parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Process</li> <li>2. General Principles</li> <li>3. Comments re the 18 items identified in the draft Concept Plan presented at the 21 March meeting (and as available on the Council website)</li> <li>4. Specific Tenant Group/Community Representative Comments.</li> </ol> <p>Part 1 - The Process</p> <p>The persons at the RACTC meeting welcome the process now underway re EE Gunn Reserve. The RACTC also welcomes any opportunity to make contributions that seek to maximise the current and future usage of EE Gunn.</p> <p>The first presentation by Council and the contractor to the RACTC and, therefore, a specific understanding by RACTC persons of both the process and the ideas being incorporated into the Concept Plan was on 21 March. This also represented the first time the RACTC and individuals could conceivably comment and make oral contributions notwithstanding the consultation process commenced on 1 March (and without any prior formal notification to the RACTC).</p> <p>It has been proposed that consultation end on 2 April.</p> <p>However, and as agreed with Council on 21 March, a further consultation meeting is now to take place on 19 April. The expectation at this further meeting is that Council will provide for further consultation a draft copy of the report proposed at Recommendation b) on page 181 of the Glen Eira Ordinary Council meeting minutes of 28 February 2017.</p> <p>Obviously comments will be able to be provided at the 19 April meeting and they can be considered there and then. Some attendees may prefer, however, to reflect on what is now being proposed and respond post the meeting. The RACTC respectfully requests that the consultation period therefore be extended to end cob 21 April.</p> <p>When the report is finalised for whatever Council meeting it is to be presented, the RACTC would also appreciate a copy of that final report.</p> <p>Part 2 - General Principles</p>

	<p>The RACTC believe some general principles apply to this specific redevelopment. The RACTC acknowledges the broader Council principles applying to and guiding Council in recreation/park facilities and pavilion redevelopments. Our general principles are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. EE Gunn Reserve is foremost a Reserve in which persons and Clubs/users are engaged in active, participatory sport (and this active involvement has been continuous for the oldest clubs from the 1920's and early 1930's). There is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Senior Football Club with a total of 4 male sides and 1 female side (but with a potential for more) associated with the VAFA</li> <li>• a Junior Football Club with at present some 16 sides at each age level from Under 9 to Under 17 (and with a potential for more specifically if female participation increases) associated with the SMJFL</li> <li>• a Cricket Club with 4 senior and around 10 junior sides associated with the VSDCA and the SECA</li> <li>• the football clubs also run an Auskick program and the cricket club runs a Milo program</li> <li>• a Baseball Club with a number of male, female and junior sides (and which runs both winter and summer competitions)</li> <li>• a Tennis Club with 220 members and 6 senior competition teams associated with Tennis Victoria and the Bayside Tennis Association; and 7 junior teams associated with Moorabbin &amp; Districts Junior Tennis Association</li> <li>• Kilvington Grammar School, now a co-ed school, which uses EE Gunn for sporting/recreational activities for an ever increasing number of students.</li> </ul> <p>With the above in mind, the RACTC believes foremost consideration has to be given to the needs of these users over the desires of other and passive users. In saying this, we acknowledge the desires of the Council and others as regards multi-user access but the limitations in this specific Reserve must be acknowledged given its predominant use is active rather than passive.</p> </li> <li>2. Pavilion(s) capacity needs to significantly increase in acknowledgement of the fact that existing capacity is very much insufficient. If 1 pavilion is ultimately decided that pavilion needs to have significantly more capacity than the existing 2 to include extra change rooms and bathroom facilities (men's and women's) and meeting rooms; and additional function capability. If 2 pavilions are ultimately decided upon, each needs to have the increased/greater capacity identified above.</li> <li>3. Oval sizes on both the western and eastern sides (both width and length) need to be maximised. All ovals are currently undersized.</li> <li>4. It is generally inconceivable that the football and cricket clubs will ever relocate. There are, however, ongoing discussions regarding the possibility of a relocation for the baseball club and the scouts. If this was to happen for either in the future, a redeveloped concept plan should, to the extent possible, be capable of reasonably and easily facilitating further Reserve considerations. As regards the above and in addition to the access to Caulfield racecourse mentioned on 21 March, does the proposed Virginia Park redevelopment present any options.</li> </ol>
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	<p>Part 3 – Comments on Current Draft Concept Plan (using Numbered Notes)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed (subject to comments at 3).</li> <li>2. Agreed (subject to comments at 3).</li> <li>3. Agreed but it is noted that the path (which is presumably dual pedestrian and bicycles) is adjacent to the play area – bicycle riders will present an ever present danger to young unaware children using the play facilities.  Ideally there could be 2 paths through this area – one for pedestrians and the other for bikes. The bike path could follow the northern tree line that is north of the playground and the adjoining BBQ area. It is recognised that the 2 paths need to converge at the Booran Road entrance/exit point (bike riders presumably need to disembark to cross the road).</li> <li>4. Extend existing parking bays at the eastern end of Beatty Crescent westwards along northern side of Beatty Crescent. This will allow for ease of and safer access along Beatty Crescent at times when, as presently occurs on training and match days, cars are parked on both sides of Beatty Crescent.</li> <li>5. Is a basketball ring a good mix with an exercise station? Might there not be a better area somewhere else, for example, in the Beatty Crescent park area?</li> <li>6. Generally agreed except for the proposed pedestrian path on the eastern side of the main ground running in the area between the western and eastern ovals, which is not. A constructed path possibly invites/gives permission to pedestrians to use thereby exposing them to potential dangers from baseball and cricket activity on the eastern grounds. A constructed path also removes the possibility of maximising oval sizes. The constructed pedestrian path from the southern end should end at the gazebo.</li> <li>7. Agreed but to be located as close as is permitted to the railway land and only of a width that allows for maximisation of playing ovals.</li> <li>8. Agreed but use the opportunity available now with the drainage works on the eastern ovals to also facilitate any other drainage works that need to be considered. For example, the WSUD at 11. and the new retaining wall at 14.</li> <li>9. Agreed but why is it we need a dog on-leash area on the main ground? Logic would say that given it is a completely fenced area, this is an ideal location for dogs off-leash. But that is provided for on the eastern ovals. We understand the concept of a dog on leash area when football matches/Auskick are taking place but why then create an opportunity during these times for a dog scuffle or a dog to defecate (and not noticed). Why do we not simply make it a dog free zone.</li> </ol> <p>Is there any possibility at all of lengthening the main oval at the southern end into the new</p>
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	<p>proposed levelled off area? And if a centrally located single pavilion is ultimately agreed a lengthening of the main ground, at the northern end – every metre gained is a bonus towards increasing a generally regarded undersized main ground.</p> <p>10. Agreed but the parking bays to be sufficiently sized (around 5½-6 metres in length) such that cars and the larger 4x4 vehicles do not stick out onto Foch Street and to allow for ease of access along Foch Street. It is also noted here the comments that were made about increased traffic in this area following on from proposed developments at Ormond Railway Station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plinths bordering the park need to be relocated in a northerly direction to enable cars to be fully parked off the road</li> <li>• drain culvert needs to be relocated or covered so as not to impede the above parking</li> <li>• possibly a new footpath should become the northern border of the parking area such as to enable safe passage along Foch Street between the Scout Hall and the Tennis Club</li> <li>• possibly also the parking spaces closest to the train line and in front of the Scout Hall could be made even larger to accommodate a small bus - as there isn't any passing traffic in this area, it might be possible to allow the parked buses to protrude into Foch Street</li> <li>• for safety reasons, especially for juniors, the tennis club would like a footpath between the southern (external) fence line and parking along Foch Street.</li> </ul> <p>11. Agreed subject to comments above at 8. and 10.</p> <p>12. Agreed but what maintenance does this relate to such that requires access here for a vehicle. Is this to provide a southern access point in addition to any northern access points?</p> <p>13. Size/location is a curiosity. Does it inhibit access to the adjacent cricket practice wickets? Is proposed size sufficient for all equipment - mowers, rollers, etc?</p> <p>14. Agreed. Is it proposed there be a gap between retaining wall and the tennis court fence or is the retaining wall the tennis court fence? Drainage is an issue that needs to be addressed in these considerations. If there is to be a gap between retaining wall and tennis court fence area must not enable footballs/cricket balls to enter the gap and not be able to be retrieved and obviously needs to exclude the possibility for people to fall over the edge, particularly children. See also comments at 8. and 11.</p> <p>A hard retaining wall forming part of the tennis northern fence is not acceptable due to balls rebounding onto courts and disrupting play. The tennis club therefore requires fencing to be retained in front of the retaining wall.</p> <p>15. A key and significant matter at this stage not agreed. See comments at 2., Part 2. Clubs at this stage are even simply posing the question as to why 1 and not a redevelopment of the existing 2. Clubs not necessarily opposed to concept but needs considerable further</p>
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	<p>discussion on a range of matters such as the size/capacity, access to facility including by non-tenant club users, the afternoon western sun issue, storage rooms, change rooms (numbers and sizes also bearing in mind men's and women's teams), meeting and function rooms, umpires' facilities, bathroom facilities, external spectator seating and shelter, scoreboard relocation, etc.</p> <p>As regards pavilion redevelopment, the content of the Ordinary Council Meeting minutes of 27 November 2007, Item 8.11, Priorities for Pavilion Upgrades (pages 1125-28, including the Attachment A) are noted.</p> <p>As we understand the Duncan McKinnon and Centenary Park upgrades have been completed. We are unaware of the status of the Marlborough Reserve, Murrumbeena Park and Victory Park upgrades.</p> <p>Presuming the priority upgrade list remains the current document, the next listed upgrades are then the EE Gunn Baseball and Main Pavilions. This then means the matter of the pavilion redevelopments at EE Gunn has some currency, again presuming that there are sufficient funds to do so. It would seem that the planning for these redevelopments is reasonably imminent notwithstanding whatever might have happened with the EE Gunn master plan redevelopment. It would seem there is some need to meaningfully consider within the redeveloped master plan the locations and numbers of pavilions at EE Gunn.</p> <p>16. Specific matter which the Cricket Club is presumably discussing directly with Council. Issues include making practice wickets available well before commencement of 2017-18 cricket season; resolving any noise and other issues associated with a presumably shared fence with the tennis club; and the addressing of any associated drainage matters. Note also comments at 13. above.</p> <p>17. Dependent on what happens with pavilions. Seen more as a fitness/exercise station rather a play area given safety issues associated with its proximity to a road and its dislocation from ovals, that is, it's a bit away from the action.</p> <p>18. Maximisation of parking seen as a very good thing subject to considerations particularly re football. Only the brave/foolhardy would park their vehicles directly behind the goals and oval at the northern end at training and on match days – damage to cars from flying footballs particularly wet and heavy ones is a definite. Also on match days it is a given that spectators will stand behind the goals at either end – spectator space and possibly some form of shelter needs to replace some of the proposed parking. There are clearly also some pedestrian/vehicle traffic safety issues in an area that will see significant pedestrian activity. Of course what happens with the pavilions impacts any plans here. Access to parking from Beatty Crescent a must and some form of barrier eg. a lockable boom gate needs to be installed to prevent car drivers using as a short cut between Dorothy Avenue and Betty Crescent and vice versa.</p> <p>Part 4 – Specific Tenant Group/Community Representative Comments</p>
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	<p>It is presumed that the major tenant groups will make submissions and be separately engaged in communications with Council over various aspects of the master plan and with varying degrees of emphasis. Consideration needs to be given to all the parties involved with EE Gunn when considering any individual submissions.</p> <p>Following are some preliminary specific comments.</p> <p>Tennis Club is seeking to install a further court (making it 6). If it can't be placed adjacent to court 5 (that is at the eastern end) then it is proposed that the clubhouse be relocated along the northern fence and a 6<sup>th</sup> court be added in its place. This would require existing courts and infrastructure to be consolidated in an easterly direction.</p> <p>The relocation of the clubhouse would necessarily also require additional space to be allocated to the tennis club from existing park space outside the current tennis area, in the north western corner.</p> <p>Community and RAC comments re dog owners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• placement of plastic bag dispensers at all Entry Paths to the park</li> <li>• placement of refuse bins near the Entry Paths</li> <li>• inclusion of dog watering facilities at the water taps especially those adjoining the "Leash Free Area"</li> <li>• increased (more prominent) signage of "Leash" and "Leash Free Areas" - possibly include the Council/Ranger phone number on the signage.</li> </ul> <p>RACTC persons are only too happy to provide further comments and clarification if that is required prior to our next consultative meeting. If that is not required, then we look forward to that future meeting. It would also be desirable that the draft report intended for discussion at the meeting be circulated to RACTC persons prior to the meeting to allow for individual consideration of views.</p>
18	<p>Just writing to have my say on EE Gunn Reserve.</p> <p>I can't help but notice there is no dedicated Baseball Field(s). If not, why?</p> <p>Also, you should look to introduce a Skate Bowl/Park at Gunn Reserve too.</p> <p>Also, regarding Booran Reserve, it was better than what I had anticipated. (Dare I say it, even too popular given the crowds). Great job!</p> <p>Having been there on numerous occasions already with my kids, it looks like you need to install</p>

	a second Basketball Ring, replacing the Netball Ring. It is always crowded with Basketballers but no one plays Netball. (This would be an easy fix I imagine).
19	<p>Glen Eira Environment Group Submission to the EE Gunn Master Plan 2017.</p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>EE Gunn Reserve is a substantial parcel of public open space in the City of Glen Eira. Glen Eira Council's web site describes the EE Gunn reserve as "Parkland"; in reality the reserve is dominated by three sporting ovals, 5 tennis courts and many buildings. The passive open space/s consists of a narrow panhandle of land extending to Booran Road, and a few other marginalised areas around the ovals' perimeters; these areas offer little to no passive recreational values. Most of the designated passive areas in the masterplan are too small to provide any quality passive recreational value/s or the possibility of establishing trees. The widening of the sporting fields on the east side of the reserve and the proposed increase of carparking area/s will further decrease the meagre amount of passive open space that is available for public use, and also decrease the opportunity to establish worthwhile tree cover. We find this outcome very disappointing.</p> <p><u>Consultation Process</u></p> <p>We attended the public consultation meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March; the opening words of the Landscape Architect stated that <i>"fundamentally the reserve was staying the same"</i> and a little later informed us that the masterplan we were supplied with was superseded, no copies of the latest plan was available to view or possibly comment on. This makes the process difficult to understand, and undermines the integrity of this consultation process.</p> <p>We believe it wouldn't be unfair for residents to expect at least two design options to be put forward for comment in any public consultation process for a major public reserve. Unfortunately the one option plan put forward by council, and the ongoing works within the reserve that started on January 9<sup>th</sup> has led us to consider that this public consultation process is flawed and the outcome has been predetermined and/or fixed before the public consultation process began.</p> <p>It is documented in Glen Eira strategies that 16% of residents participate in organised active sporting pursuits. It is also documented that more residents want to see quality passive open space areas created. Disappointingly the EE Gunn masterplan 2017 has not tried to seek a balance between active and unstructured/passive uses within the reserve. In its present form this plan will disenfranchise the majority of residents wishing to use the Gunn reserve for unstructured passive uses.</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p>If council is going to take climate change seriously, and we believe there is a public expectation that it should, council needs to start planning now to mitigate its likely effects. Our public open space areas will need to serve residents on levels above the present levels of providing sporting for a minority of residents, as important as that need maybe. Our open space areas will need to fulfil other services just as important or possibly more important to residents needs. Large, treeless, water hungry sporting spaces will need to be offset by shadier vegetated areas; this will help to mitigate expected higher temperatures and longer heat spells. These vegetated areas, if well planned will offer high quality passive open space with much needed biodiversity values for residents to relax and enjoy nature, picnic, for walking and bird watching, and of course an area for people to seek relief from the higher average summer temperatures.</p>

<p>Placing water back into our landscapes has always rated high in all the “Sustainable Living Strategies Consultation Meetings”; sadly this request never seems to get considered by council when considering masterplans designs. If either oval two or three were to be returned to residents for passive recreational use, the possibilities of an equitable landscape plan could be achieved.</p> <p>We suggest the below ideas and concepts that we believe would add some worthwhile ideas into this process, as well as restore some balance to this one sided masterplan for EE Gunn reserve.</p> <p><u>Carparking in Glen Eira’s public open space</u></p> <p>Glen Eira strategies recognise that we have the lowest amount of open space in the Melbourne Metropolitan area. Council also informs residents that it presently struggles to cope with the demands on our open space. This demand is increasing; and will continue to increase as the current rapid development continues to expand our population. The Open Space strategy for Glen Eira states; “<u>Future change in Ormond</u> The forecast residential population increase in Ormond represents approximately 2.5 per cent increase in the population with a forecast increase of 213. 90 per cent of the population growth is forecast to occur in the Ormond. “</p> <p>With this scenario in mind, is it sustainable to keep expanding carparking facilities within our open space areas, at the expense of decreasing our passive open space areas? Passive open space and it uses, should not be seen as second class to active open space and it uses, or further seen as a panacea to other problems e.g. carparking, sites for built infrastructure, or hard or synthetic surfacing.</p> <p>We suggest that Glen Eira should seriously consider a long term strategy of removing all carparking from within all its public reserve/ parks. This step would go a long way in freeing up open space for public use. It might also help planners to see that we do not have so much of an open space problem, but a car problem. If cars were removed from our parks; direct efforts could then be made to solve the real problem-cars.</p> <p>We suggest that council use this EE Gunn masterplan to begin a long term strategy of removing all carparking within all parks and the reserves across Glen Eira. The liberated land could be returned to the public for passive recreation or biodiversity benefits, either way it would serve residents needs better than carparking does.</p> <p>This change of land use would allow planners solve the connectively problems that now existing in the northern end of the reserve caused by poorly sited carparking areas. We believe parks should be seen as parks for people and not parks for cars.</p> <p>Our suggestion for EE Gunn option 2 could look something like the diagram below; note there is still carparking along Foch Street, and the cul-de-sac in front of the Scout Hall could also be re jigged for parking cars; the single residential property facing the cul-de-sac could also be acquired if and when it came onto the market and converted for carparking.</p>
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Further worthwhile recommendations to consider could be:-

Use this EE Gunn masterplan as Glen Eira's trial of permeable surfacing for all hard surfaced areas including paths and access roads.

Use crushed stone & gravel to construct any proposed paths; gravel paths; like concrete gravel paths can be constructed to meet the same Grade A standard.

Involve the Sustainability Officers in the Glen Eira bureaucracy to have input into creating a biodiversity component as part of this masterplan.

Radically increase the areas for revegetation.



Retain and protect the root zones of the yellow gums *eucalyptus leucoxylon* trees during any construction phase along the Foch Street boundary.



Retain and protect the root zones of the single narrow leaf peppermint *Eucalyptus radiata* tree during any construction phase at the southern end next to the courts



Retain and protect the root zones of the single swamp gum *Eucalyptus ovata* tree during any construction phase at the Dorothy Street entrance.

**ATTACHMENT 3 – Feedback****‘Have Your Say’ Online Comments Mapping Tool**

Stormwater Harvesting Facility.	Glen Eira uses an enormous amount of tap water to irrigate this park. There are two large stormwater drains under EE Gunn that carry significant flows during rain. This is an ideal location, probably the best in Glen Eira, for a stormwater harvesting facility. I would expect that Glen Eira has a policy and strategy for stormwater harvesting in parks. Why was this missed?
Tennis Courts	A sixth tennis court is needed to cater for our competition teams which currently have to use other courts to play home matches.
Bore water	Testing during the level crossing removal process has shown that ground water is available. A bore would help us manage our water better and save money.
Retaining wall	Would really enjoy the tennis wall
Picnic spots	Are there any spots available for more picnic areas??
Through traffic	My concern is vehicle through access between Beatty and Dorothy will encourage short-cutting through the Reserve. Realignment and increased parking is sensible for growing use of the Reserve. I am concerned the draft diagram indicate through traffic access from Dorothy Ave to Beatty Crs. Dorothy Ave already operates (suffers) as a "short-cut" from Grange Rd / North Rd to Booran Rd, even after the level crossing removal.
Playground mounds	I hope the landscape enhancement leaves some of the mounds behind. These are a popular, natural play feature for many children.
New Pavilion	Moving, and aligning as indicated, the pavilion is a great idea. As well as improving facilities for all clubs it should be configured to provide clear observation (perhaps including balconies) to both east and west ovals. Could the new electronic scoreboards be integrated to the pavilion building for clearer viewing by spectator crowds?
Relocate Tennis Pavilion	Feedback from resident: Relocating the existing tennis pavilion so that it sits on the Northern side of the tennis courts, sunken into the hill. This opens up the street frontage of Foch St / Beatty Cr and the pavilion would better service all courts rather than only the western end
Traffic calming	Feedback from community member: Supports the proposed dual entrance car park however what traffic calming treatments will be used to ensure that this isn't utilised as a thoroughfare. Suggestion of bollards that are removed on game day etc.
Foch Street car park	Resident comment: Formalised car park needs to be set back off Foch Street. This would allow parked cars to be off the street.

Playground	Resident comment: Need some separation between playground and the shared user path. Potentially could go north of the playground, behind the mound when the pavilion is relocated.
Swamp Gum	A community planted swamp gum (eucalyptus ovata) needs care and should be preserved
Narrow leaf peppermint	Narrow leaf peppermint (eucalyptus radiata) needs protecting and care.
Remove the 3rd oval and make this area passive open space	Almost the whole masterplan presented is devoted to the interests of the minority sporting interests. Passive open space users have been given almost zero consideration, thought or amenity, other than being allowed to walk on the boring flat fields when the clubs are not using them. Or banished to the leftover fringes. This singular approach is not good enough. Why do I pay rates, when one of my closest open space areas offers nothing of interest to me as a passive user. Park belongs to all residents and they shouldn't be the property of sporting clubs. Half of EE Gunn reserve should be given over for passive uses. The masterplan should be restated and more than one fixed option should be presented to residents for consideration. Would this be unfair?
Yellow Gums need protecting	The mature yellow gums eucalyptus (Eucalyptus leucoxylon) along this southern reserve boundary should be preserved and seriously protected during any heavy construction works
Active Spaces	Really like the idea of using the periphery of the oval space for active uses as the ovals provide plenty of passive open space on non-game days. An expanded fitness station, along with basketball half courts and tennis hitting walls would be welcomed, and should be designed as semi enclosed spaces to prevent balls rolling out onto the oval or onto the street.
Synthetic cricket pitch	Please install a synthetic pitch in the middle of this field for use in poor conditions and for practice. It would cost nothing.
Overhead lights	Are there going to be overhead lights lighting this path? It's dangerous to walk here in the dark.
Drive thoroughfare	Please don't open this area up to traffic. There are too many children wandering around this area from the play equipment and from playing sport. And the kids are not paying attention to the cars. It is not safe with all the footballers who are P plate drivers, there are a number of these guys who are dangerous without even being aware of it.

baseball ground	Will the former baseball ground be reinstated? Would like it to be in support of Ormond Glenhantly Baseball Club
Lighting	Suggest lighting the pathways up to make it more inviting and safer for night time
dirt trail amongst the trees	Consider including an off path dirt trail for kids and others to enjoy a mini mtb ride cf. Canterbury road dirt trail along the tramline. Could create a circuit around the whole parkland for all to enjoy.
Foch St dead end	Some pleasant foliage and plants at the dead end, as promised but not yet delivered by LXRP would make this area nicer for residents and visitors, and also prevent regular dumping of rubbish.
mini skate park	Perhaps for the activity area can put in a mini skate park for kids and others to enjoy developing their skills.
movies in the park concept	Consider how the new pavilion could serve to support a large screen and speaker system to create a "movies in the park" concept for families to come along and enjoy with picnics etc. during Summer season say once a fortnight or month sessions.
Cricket Nets	Located a very long way from club rooms - impartial- can be a safety issue
Grounds keeper shed area	Long term particularly is questionable. Despite added park entrance - covers at general better sorted closer to club rooms. As it makes it easier and safer to move. If to stay in location. Should also consider adding bath room facilities and sections that clubs can sort training equipment in.
Lack of public toilets	Where are the public toilet facilities - should be located a multiple locations throughout. We currently have some excellent facilities in the our parks that are under utilised due to lack of such facilities
Car Park	Concerned that car park may be used as a thoroughfare between Beatty Cres and Woodville Ave?
Cricket Nets	Will the light be good enough to practice? Concern location will make the nets dark and hard to see any cricket balls.
Active Use	Opportunity to create a multi-purpose half court in this space, similar to that proposed at Joyce Park and already in use at Packer Park. It has proved to be very popular so far, along with the active space at Booran Reserve, and more of these facilities are needed through the area.



**ITEM 9.9            SUPPORT FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY**

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**File No:**            *17/1259864*

**Attachments:**    *None*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To provide information to Councillors on the previous Council resolution in relation to Marriage Equality and information on recent resolutions that other Councils have passed on marriage equality.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. reaffirms its public support for marriage equality irrespective of sex or gender identity;
2. notes that LGBTIQ people experience some of the poorest health in Australia, with high rates of alcohol and other drug use, mental health issues and suicide; and
3. takes immediate action to publicly affirm Council's support of the Yes Campaign.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Council meeting of 2 September 2014 Councillors requested:

*'That a report be prepared detailing the methods that other Victorian Councils, particularly the Greater Geelong City Council have sought to support and advocate for marriage equality for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (GLBTI) people and how the City of Glen Eira may seek to do the same for the GLBTI people in our community.'*

In response to this request on 23 September 2014 Officers prepared a report outlining the advocacy undertaken by a number of Councils in relation to marriage equality.

At the Council meeting on 23 September Council resolved:

*"That the Glen Eira City Council;*

- (i) Publicly supports marriage equality irrespective of sex or gender identity,*
- (ii) Writes to local Federal Members of Parliament and the Commonwealth Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission advising them of council's support; and*
- (iii) Writes to all political parties with representation in the Federal Parliament encouraging them to prioritise debating changes to the Marriage Act and allow a conscience vote on marriage equality."*

Council has subsequently completed the advocacy actions as outlined in the resolution. To continue to publicly support marriage equality further actions could be instigated.

The Federal Government has decided not to allow a conscience vote on marriage equality and has decided to undertake a postal survey on Australian Marriage Law.

The ABS will undertake a voluntary survey which will cover all Australians on the electoral roll. All Australians on the roll (or those who've made a valid request for enrolment) by 24 August 2017 will receive the necessary documentation to enable them to participate.

The ABS survey results will be published by 15 November 2017

## **ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

### **Recent actions undertaken by Councils**

- (i) On the 15 August 2017 the City of Yarra resolved to undertake a number of activities in relation to marriage equality. Appendix 1 contains the full resolution. Key elements of the resolution are reaffirming their support for marriage equality and flying the rainbow flag permanently until marriage equality becomes law in Australia. The resolution also sets out a number of activities to support the LGBTIQ community and staff during the voluntary postal vote period.
- (ii) A number of Councils have previously formally resolved to support marriage equality including the cities of Greater Geelong, Hepburn Shire, Surf Coast Shire, Hobsons Bay, Melbourne City Council and Yarra Council.
- (iii) The Cities of Melbourne and Yarra have also implemented Relationship Declaration Registers that can be utilised by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer people to have their relationships acknowledged.
- (iv) The City Of Port Philip has recently used social media to encourage people to register for the survey and reinforce their position of support for marriage equality.

### **Other Potential Actions**

Lighting of prominent buildings with the rainbow flag has been undertaken by a number of organisations and groups. The cost for LED up lights to light the town hall would be approximately \$9,000 for a four week period.

## **FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Minimal costs although dependent on any actions chosen.

## **POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Glen Eira City Council has previously resolved to support marriage equality irrespective of sex or gender identity.

## **COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Council currently undertakes a number of activities which support the LGBTIQ community including:

- Glen Eira Pride – A support group run by Youth Services that provides a safe and inclusive space for LGBTIQ young people in Glen Eira.
- RESPECT Network member - A Network of Schools, Youth Agencies and Local Government Youth services who improve the health, wellbeing and educational success of young people who identify as LGBTIQ.
- Aged Care is currently undergoing rainbow accreditation for their service.
- Council has an LBTQI representative group.

## **LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN**

Theme 3: Safe Healthy and Inclusive

Work in partnership to make our city a safe and inclusive place for all.

## **OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

## **CONCLUSION**

Glen Eira City Council has previously resolved to support marriage equality irrespective of sex or gender identity. Council has previously undertaken advocacy actions as outlined in the Council resolution of 23 September 2014. To continue publicly support marriage equality further advocacy action may be required.

**APPENDIX 1**

15 August 2017 Yarra Council resolution

“That Council

(a) note the Council resolution of May 2, 2017, re-affirming its public support for marriage equality regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and its resolve to fly the Rainbow Flag permanently at each town hall until such time as marriage equality becomes law in Australia;

(b) note that LGBTIQ people experience some of the poorest health in Australia, with high rates of alcohol and other drug use, mental health issues and suicide;

(c) note that in the face of a postal plebiscite, Yarra’s LGBTIQ community and their families are facing renewed hostility, stigma and prejudice, and young people in particular are suffering;

(d) write to the Federal government expressing our disapproval of plans to implement a costly and unprecedented postal plebiscite, outlining the harmful impacts that will flow from a plebiscite, and again expressing support for a free vote in parliament;

(e) request that the CEO establish and promote initiatives to support LGBTIQ staff at this time, including through a briefing for our EAP provider, and internal communications raising awareness with all staff; and

(f) take immediate action to affirm support of Yarra’s LGBTIQ community ahead of the possible postal plebiscite by:

(i) connecting with external LGBTIQ agencies to explore what support may be needed;

(ii) informing community via social media and other communications on how to ensure their enrolment is up to date;

(iii) making Council venues available to those arranging events or activities in support of marriage equality;

(iv) producing Social media posts and video messages affirming support for the LGBTIQ community; and

(v) exploring any additional ways in which council can support the “yes” campaign should the plebiscite proceed, and actioning these where they can be achieved within existing resources; and

(g) write to the Federal Government asking that teenagers who turn 18 during the period of the postal poll be enfranchised to take part in the survey if it goes ahead.

**ITEM 9.10      QUARTERLY REPORTING**

**Author:**            *Peter Swabey (Director, Corporate Services)*

**Attachments:**    *1 – Quarterly Services Report*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To report to Council on the Services Report, Community Plan, Public Questions, and Action Items from Council Meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes the attached Services Report, Community Plan Report, and reporting on Public Questions.

**BACKGROUND**

The level of activity undertaken by Council is not always apparent from financial information. Statistical information complements monthly financial reporting and provides more detailed information on the diverse range of activities undertaken by Council. Regular reporting can provide an indication of where productivity or efficiency gains have been made along with identifying trends that will assist in decision making and resource allocation.

**ISSUES AND DISCUSSION****Services Report**

The attached Services Report provides statistical information on services provided to the Glen Eira community for the year ending 30 June 2017. Of particular note in this report is:

- Storytime and Babytime attendance at Libraries continues to receive large numbers of attendees.
- Maternal and Child Health key age and stage visits are above target.
- Immunisation encounters were higher than last year.
- Whilst In-Home Support hours were under target (3,251 under), all requests for service were met.
- Delivered meals were under target by 4,607 meals, but all requests were being met.
- The utilisation rates at Council Early Learning Centres is being impacted by the growing number of early years places across the City.
- Parking tickets issued 2016-17 has increased compared to the previous year to emphasise safety around schools and balancing trader and patron parking due to increased building activity and the grade separation works.
- Council has a low number of bins missed across all streams of bin collections (green waste; recycling; and general waste collections).

**Community Plan**

The attached Community Plan report is the updated report for the year ending 30 June 2017 against the Glen Eira Community Plan that was updated by Council in June 2016 and provides a benchmark against which to measure the Council's 2016/17 performance. This report lists the Key Strategic Activities outlined in Council's Community Plan and the progress towards achieving the 2016/17 performance measures.

**Public Questions**

Public questions for the period 12 April'17 to the Ordinary Council meetings of 13 June'17 were as follows:

Number asked	24
Number ruled inadmissible	0
Number answered at the Meetings	20
Number answered after Meetings (person submitting question not present)	4
Number taken on notice	0
Time taken to reply to questions taken on notice (average)	0 days

**Items for action from Council Meetings**

Refer Attachment

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable

**COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable

**LINK TO COUNCIL PLAN**

Theme 4: Governance – To deliver strong local leadership and governance in an open and responsible manner in the best interests of the community.

**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Statistical information complements monthly financial reporting and provides more detailed information on the diverse range of activities undertaken by Council.

# **Glen Eira City Council**

## **SERVICES REPORT**



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*Please note that the figures disclosed in the Services Report were correct at time of printing, however may be subject to amendment following review by the external auditors and/or use in the Annual Report.*

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**Services Report**  
**Arts and Culture**

**June 2017**

<b>Exhibition Attendance</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>YTD 16/17</b>	<b>YTD 15/16</b>
Visitors – 16/17	2,821	694	656	946	794	432	171	800	1,370	1,159	530	835	11,208	0
Visitors – 15/16	2,166	551	1,295	1,816	1,669	1,260	N/A	817	1,269	875	748	1,660	0	14,126

<b>My Brother Jack Awards</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>YTD 16/17</b>	<b>YTD 15/16</b>
Entries 16/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	249	382	N/A	631	0
Entries 15/16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	613	N/A	N/A	0	613

<b>Storytelling Festival</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>YTD 16/17</b>	<b>YTD 15/16</b>
Attendance 16/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,754^	2,754	0
Attendance 15/16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,076	0	10,076

<b>Carols</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>YTD 16/17</b>	<b>YTD 15/16</b>
Attendance 16/17	N/A	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,500	0
Attendance 15/16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	5,500

<b>Outdoor Events</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>YTD 16/17</b>	<b>YTD 15/16</b>
Attendance 16/17	N/A	N/A	N/A	150	7,500	N/A	5,500	* 2,000	15,000#	5,000#	200	N/A	35,350	
Attendance 15/16	N/A	N/A	N/A	431	6,425	N/A	3,000	6,000	8,500	N/A	250	N/A	0	24,606

**Comment:**

\* The February 2017 Party in the Park event achieved lower than expected attendance due to heavy rain.

# Two additional Groove and Graze events were held in 2017 (March and April) compared to 2016.

^ The 2016 Storytelling Festival ran from 18 June – 3 July whereas the 2017 Festival ran from 22 June to 9 July. The June attendance figures are therefore not like for like and once the July figures are added, a proper comparison can be made.

**Library Services**

Services	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	YTD 16/17	YTD 15/16
Loans*	119,365	114,644	112,457	113,050	107,034	107,667	120,969	96,693	106,305	107,833	110,888	112,054	<b>1,328,959</b>	<b>1,357,495</b>
Visits	61,693	61,010	59,676	64,098	56,725	50,194	58,793	51,446	59,564	58,425	61,570	59,553	<b>702,747</b>	<b>704,141</b>
Home Visits	189	189	190	189	188	189	187	187	187	189	189	189	<b>2,262</b>	<b>2,255</b>
Storytime & Babytime attendance**	5,466	6,368	5,224	5,438	5,254	4,115	4,478	4,798	5,443	3,930	5,813	5,542	<b>61,869</b>	<b>60,296</b>

**Comments:**

\* Includes loans from library branches, web page, and e-collections (eBooks, eAudio books, music downloads and eMagazines)

\*\* Storytime and Babytime attendance includes children and adults.

## Early Learning Centres

Utilisation Rate

Location	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD AV 16/17	YTD AV 15/16
Carnegie 16/17	90.97	91.12	92.81	91.52	91.61	88.75	72.84	69.69	74.67	82.24	86.25	86.18	85	
Carnegie 15/16	82.53	80.63	86.51	88.44	87.11	80.80	81.73	80.50	79.41	79.61	84.38	87.05		83
Caulfield 16/17	99.24	96.68	97.07	97.28	96.00	97.39	85.28	87.07	86.50	87.94	92.72	96.31	93	
Caulfield 15/16	93.24	93.16	94.62	94.78	94.72	92.70	91.47	94.96	96.16	98.05	97.48	98.29		95
Murrumbeena 16/17	91.22	91.78	89.51	90.65	89.35	87.44	79.36	81.22	84.60	88.69	90.61	93.00	88	
Murrumbeena 15/16	89.17	90.49	93.22	93.44	93.06	91.11	88.93	92.68	90.96	91.40	92.10	92.68		92

**Comments:**

Budgeted Utilisation is 90%

The number of early years places across the City has been steadily growing and supply now appears to exceed demand. For example, over the past twelve months, four large new centres have opened in Glen Eira offering a total of 417 new places. There are now 45 Early Learning Centres operating in the municipality, offering approximately 3,680 places. This is impacting on the utilisation rates of Council Early Learning Centres.

Number of Children using the service

Location	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD AV 16/17	YTD AV 15/16
Carnegie 16/17	62	65	65	65	65	61	46	45	52	54	58	56	58	
Carnegie 15/16	59	60	64	65	64	59	54	55	56	60	61	64		60
Caulfield 16/17	84	87	90	93	93	89	75	77	78	79	83	86	85	
Caulfield 15/16	88	90	86	91	87	95	78	78	78	80	80	84		85
Murrumbeena 16/17	68	65	68	70	68	66	59	62	63	65	71	70	66	
Murrumbeena 15/16	76	77	78	80	78	75	73	63	68	70	72	68		73

**Comments:** At the Murrumbeena Early Learning Centre the number of children is down slightly from last year and this is due to children dropping days and going from potentially full time care to part time.

**Services Report****June 2017****Number of families using the service**

Location	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD AV 16/17	YTD AV 15/16
Carnegie 16/17	54	59	58	57	57	52	42	41	48	49	54	52	52	
Carnegie 15/16	55	53	57	61	61	55	49	50	52	56	53	58		55
Caulfield 16/17	72	74	72	84	81	75	67	60	69	70	73	75	73	
Caulfield 15/16	73	76	74	76	72	75	73	70	69	70	69	72		72
Murrumbeena 16/17	65	61	65	65	64	60	51	52	52	57	61	59	59	
Murrumbeena 15/16	74	79	83	80	75	72	71	66	64	67	67	67		72

**Comments:** Number of families using the Murrumbeena service is down this year compared to this time last year as some families have more than one child at the Centre.

**Number of agency hours used by the service**

Location	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD AV 16/17	YTD AV 15/16
Carnegie 16/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Carnegie 15/16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Caulfield 16/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Caulfield 15/16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Murrumbeena 16/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Murrumbeena 15/16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

**Comments:** No agency hours used

## Family Day Care

Services	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD AV 16/17	YTD AV 15/16
Numbers of hours care provided: 16/17	13521	13805	13264	12769	12850	11599	8190	11303	12086	12572	12725	12346	12252	
Numbers of hours care provided: 15/16	14215	13902	17697	15534	15272	13758	9238	12891	12926	13518	13770	12794		13793
Number of children cared for: 16/17	175	183	178	169	172	152	97	141	190	160	162	162	162	
Number of children cared for: 15/16	175	175	224	192	186	93	116	172	173	177	178	169		169
Average hours of care per child: 16/17	77	75	74	76	74	76	84	80	64	78	78	76	76	
Average hours of care per child: 15/16	81	79	79	81	82	148	80	74	75	76	77	76		84
Effective full time places (target 140): 16/17	96	98	94	91	91	83	59	80	86	89	90	88	87	
Effective full time places (target 140): 15/16	101	99	126	110	109	98	66	92	92	96	98	91		98
*Number of home visits by field workers 16/17	54	55	57	45	49	38	40	42	44	38	53	50	47	
*Number of home visits by field workers 15/16	75	63	53	67	53	51	64	65	53	59	49	77		61

**Comments:**

\*Fieldwork staff visit educators in their homes to monitor the childcare, support and resource the educators. Target 53

Lower number of children, or children requiring less hours of care (ie part time) resulted in reduced hours of care provided in 2016/17. In addition to this the number of educators reduced in 16/17, resulting in less home visits. In addition, more educators and families took leave in the month of December 2016 as opposed to December 2015

## Maternal and Child Health

% of key visits for children at each significant milestone

GECC Key Age and Stage Visits	GECC Targets %	Average % 2016/2017 (Financial Year)	Average % 2015/2016 (Financial Year)
Home Visit	98	100	101**
2 weeks	98	98	98
4 weeks	98	98	98
8 weeks	95	94	96
4 months	95	95	95
8 months	90	93	93
12 months	90	90	93
18 months	85	87	87
2 years	81	85	89
3.5years	77	83	91

Enhanced Maternal & Child Health Families	GECC Target	2016/2017 (Financial Year)	2015/2016 (Financial Year)
Number of Closed Cases	72	80	85

**16,476 Key Ages and Stages visits for the year (Yearly Target 15,000)**

\* Targets are aligned with the specific ages of children in each month. Percentages over 100% can occur when children seen in a month exceed those due a visit.

**Youth Services****Program activity and participation [Each person counted by number of contacts]**

Location	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 16/17	YTD 15/16
Number of Program Sessions 2016/2017	21	23	17	35*	43*	7	8	29	22	11	28	35	279	
Number of Program Sessions 2015/2016	18	31*	35*	57*	50*	6	2	18	17	12	28	18		292
Number of young people participating in overall sessions 2016/2017	827 <sup>&amp;</sup>	476	597*	1086*	1176*	98	148	404 <sup>++</sup>	258	119	561 <sup>@</sup>	788 <sup>@</sup>	6538	
Number of young people participating in overall sessions 2015/2016	165	770*	545*	1100*	744*	62	16	171	231	163	628 <sup>@</sup>	342		4937
Special Events (i.e. talks, street festivals) 2016/2017	432	0	186	455 <sup>+</sup>	62	131	0	162 <sup>^^</sup>	172 <sup>^^</sup>	50	128	30	1808	
Special Events (i.e. talks, street festivals) 2015/2016	42	0	309 <sup>^</sup>	0	24	90 <sup>&amp;</sup>	0	100	0	160	56	0		781
Client support (individual young people) 2016/2017	4	9	3	6	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	5	34	
Client support (individual young people) 2015/2016	4	0	2	1	3	2	0	6	34 <sup>\$</sup>	15 <sup>\$</sup>	11 <sup>\$</sup>	5		83

**Comments: 2015/2016**

\* Moving Up & KidsMatter school based programs continue to be highly requested programs in Primary schools.

<sup>^</sup> Sounds Of Glen Eira (SOG E) 2015 and Parent Information Night 'Tricky conversations with boys'. The attendance for SOGE was down compared to 2014 due to 2 bands pulling out last minute before the event.

<sup>&</sup> One off program, Sound Session; run for young people with additional needs who created and presented their song at the Disability Awareness Day held at GESAC.

<sup>\$</sup> Increased promotion of Youth Worker Support saw a large number of complex clients access our services multiple times over March, April and May (issues around housing, education and mental health)

<sup>@</sup> New Secondary and Primary Schools programs introduced around Leadership and Healthy Relationships.

**Comments: 2016/2017**

<sup>+</sup> Increased number of entries and attendance to the Youth Art Expo and new Combined Schools Transitions Expo

\* Increase again in the number of schools picking up Moving Up Program & Healthy Relationship program run in Secondary Schools

<sup>++</sup> Leadership and Teamwork Primary School Program

<sup>^^</sup> New Resilient Youth Forum and Youth Voice Consultation

<sup>@</sup> Increased bookings for primary Schools programs introduced around Leadership and Healthy Relationships

### Public Health Food Safety

Services	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 16/17	YTD 15/16
Total Inspections 16/17	234	187	161	167	124	134	125	166	157	188	187	184	2,014	
Total Inspections 15/16	195	162	192	154	176	99	109	144	170	162	224	200		1,987

**Comments:** Food businesses receive at least one statutory inspection each year to assess compliance with relevant food safety standards and to determine the risk they pose to the public. As part of this inspection all food safety risks are examined and businesses are assessed against 5 star criteria. In addition to these statutory assessments, a number of other inspections are completed including inspections to obtain food samples, to investigate complaints or to follow up food safety concerns identified during previous assessments.

### Food Sampling

Services	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 16/17	YTD 15/16
Food samples taken 16/17	39	35	45	24	21	17	14	17	32	34	32	60	370	
Food samples taken 15/16	65	31	24	31	32	49	21	22	29	29	38	66		437
Compliant % – 16/17	95%	77%	98%	96%	90%	94%	100%	94%	84%	90%	95%	99%	93%	
Compliant % - 15/16	97%	90%	92%	100%	96%	98%	94%	82%	86%	94%	95%	100%		93%

**Comments:** The *Victorian Food Act* requires Council to take a minimum of 189 food samples each year from childcare centres, aged care facilities, hospitals, restaurants, cafes and takeaway businesses. Food samples are analysed for levels of bacteria and non-conformances are followed up by Environmental Health Officers.



**Immunisation**

Services	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 16/17	YTD 15/16
Immunisation encounters 16/17	449	2,478	459	476	501	419	491	584	1,642	816	2,249	1,011	11,575	
Immunisation encounters 15/16	519	1,237	634	447	441	423	431	391	1,757	846	2,813	429		10,368

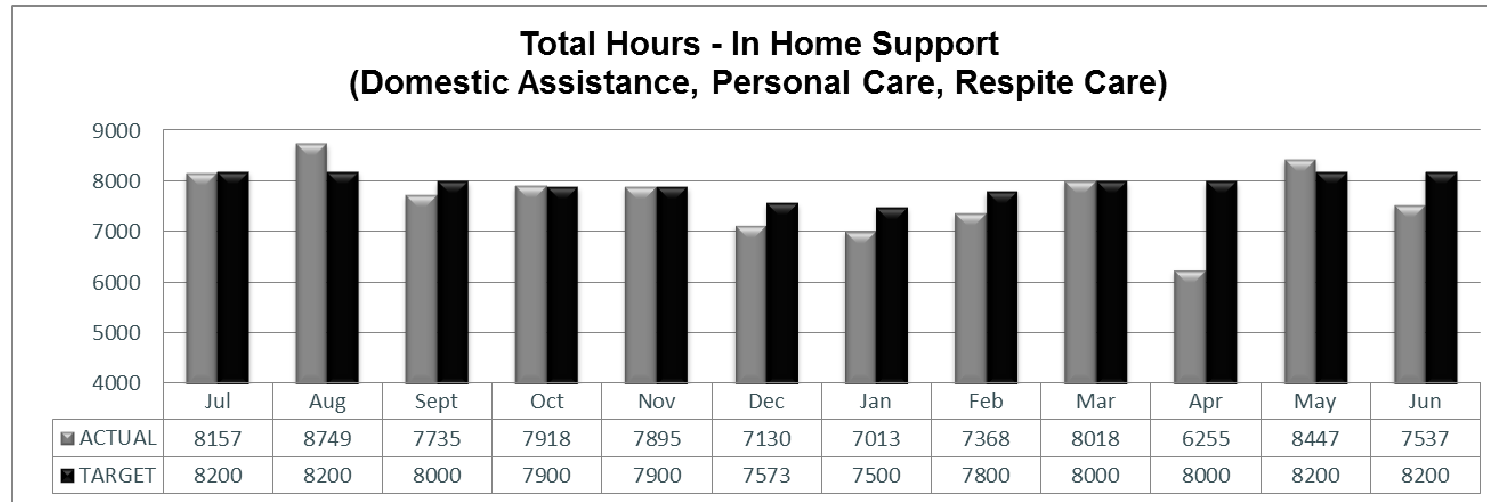
**Comments:** Council provides 11 community immunisations each month at various locations throughout the municipality. Children receive vaccinations at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months and 4 years of age. Council also provides a Secondary School Vaccination Program to all Year 7 Students and Year 10 students.

**Quarterly Immunisation Coverage 2016/2017**

Services	Sep 16	Dec 16	Mar 17	Jun 17
Cohort 1	94.44%	94.99%	93.18%	94.57%
Cohort 2	91.97%	91.4%	92.32%	90.70%
Cohort 3	93.02%	93.53%	93.04%	93.97%

**Comments:** Cohort 1 = children aged of 1 year and three months  
Cohort 2 = children aged of 2 years and three months  
Cohort 3 = children aged of 5 years and three months

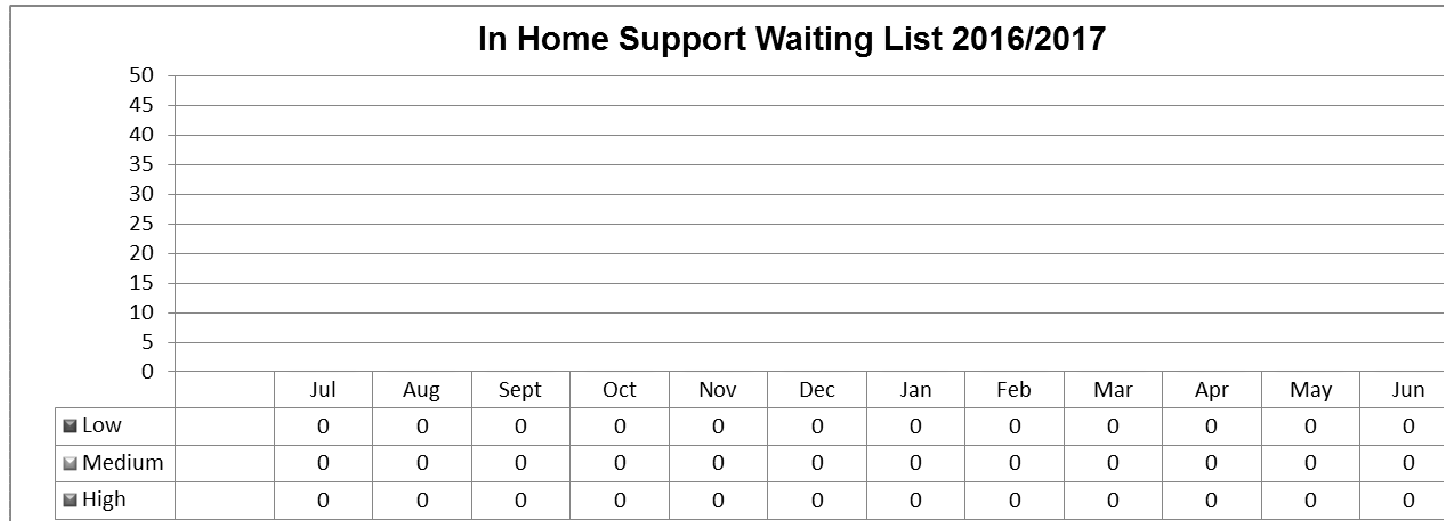
## Hours of service delivery for Home Care, Personal Care, and Respite Care.



**Comments:** Year to date, In Home Support was under target (-3,251hrs)

Total annual funded hours for in-home support was 95,473 for the 2016-17 financial year and 92,222 were delivered. The hours delivered were under target by 3,251. All requests for service were met and existing clients were offered additional hours when they were available.

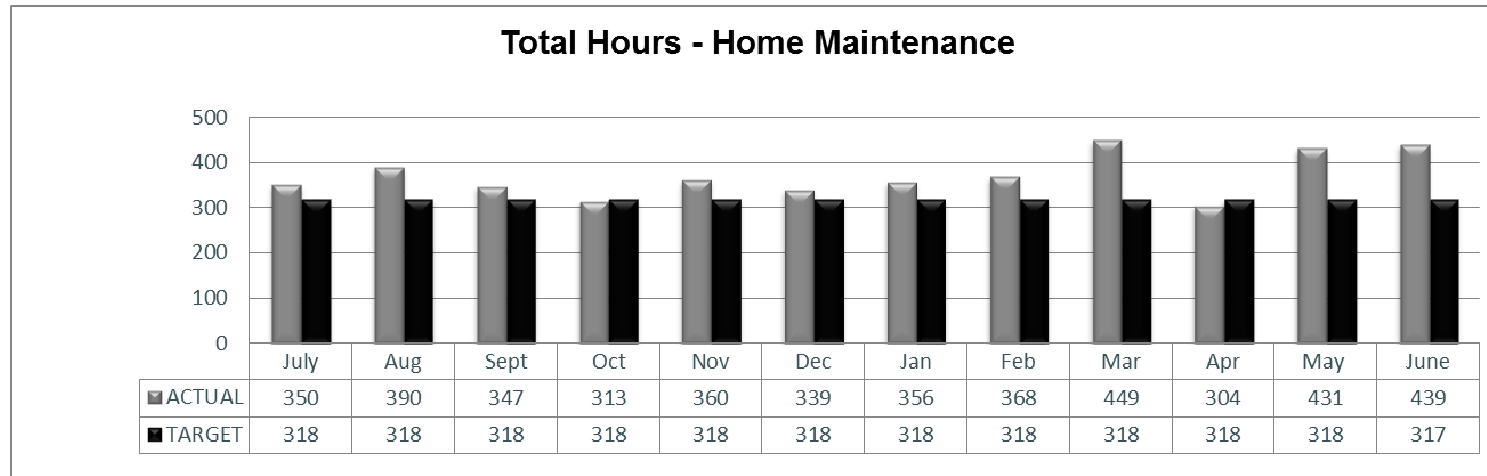
The transition to Commonwealth Home Support Program and difficulties with the My Aged Care system for clients under 65 years of age resulted in inconsistencies with the number of referrals from August 2016.



**Comments:** *There were no residents on the In Home Support waiting list in the June quarter.*

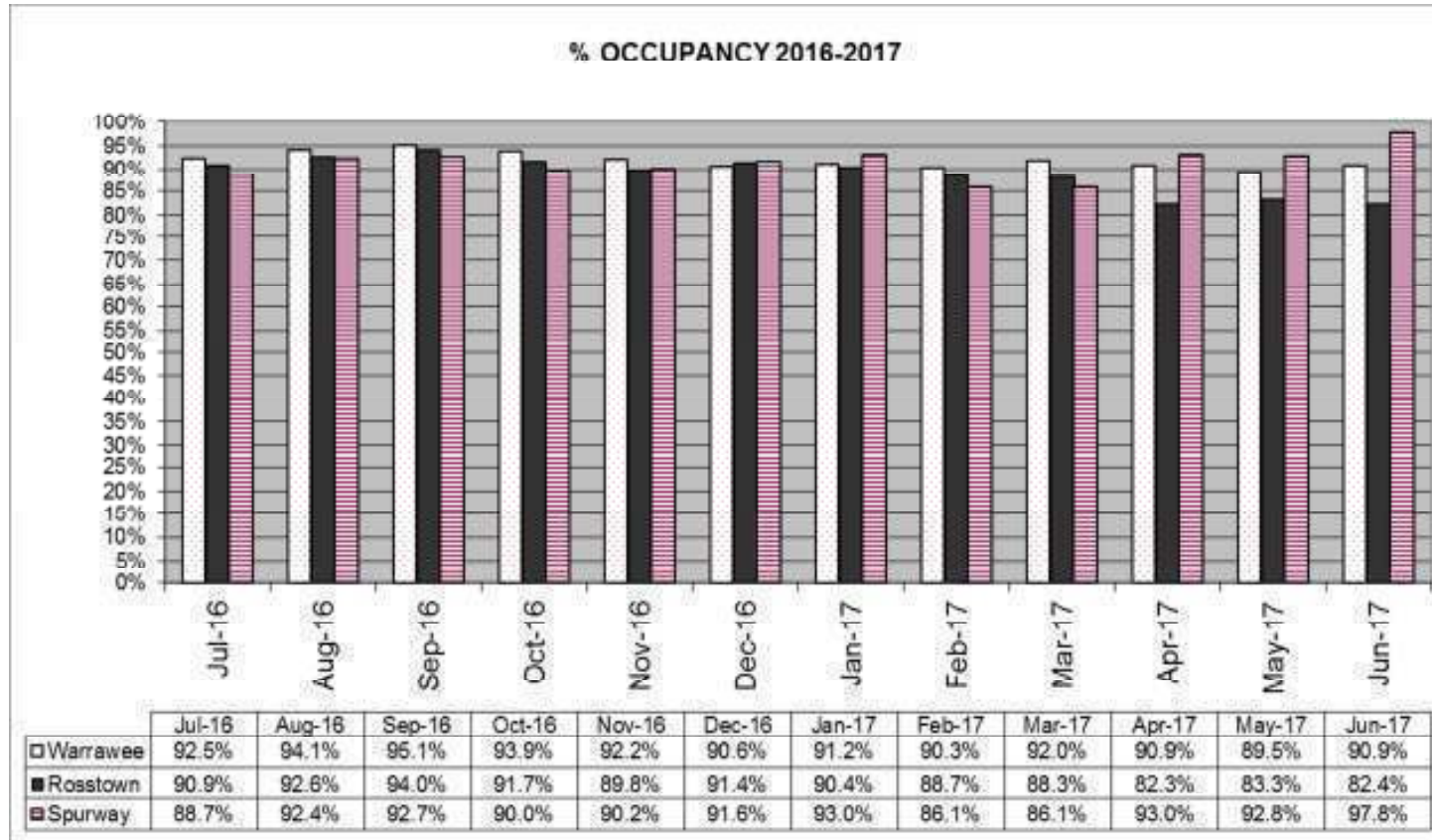
Number of Meal Referrals for the quarter (Apr 17 – Jun 17)	Number of Meal Referrals Accepted for the quarter (Apr 17 – Jun 17)	Year to Date Meal Referrals (Jul 16 – Jun 17)	Year to Date Meal Referrals Accepted (Jul 16 – Jun 17)	Year to Date Meals Delivered (Jul 16 – Jun 17)
27	16	148	40	43,393

**Comments:** Year to date, delivered meals were under target with 43,393 meals delivered against a target of 48,000. (-4,607 meals year to date). All requests for meals are being met.



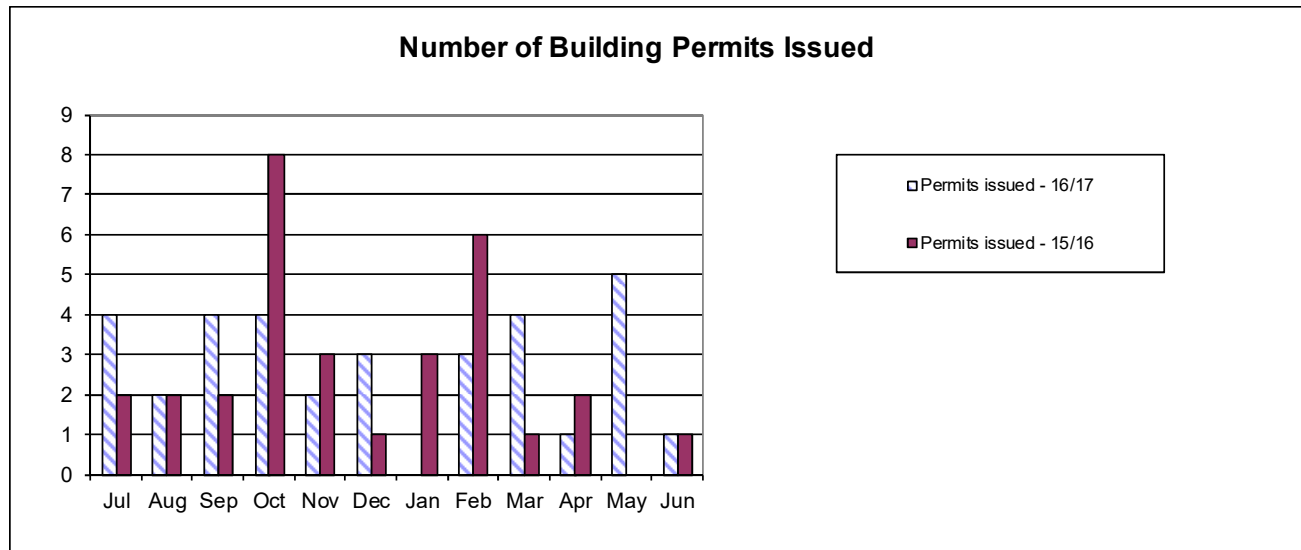
**Comments:** Home Maintenance hours were over target with 4,446 hours delivered against a target of 3,815.

## Residential Aged Care Services – Occupancy



## Civic Compliance

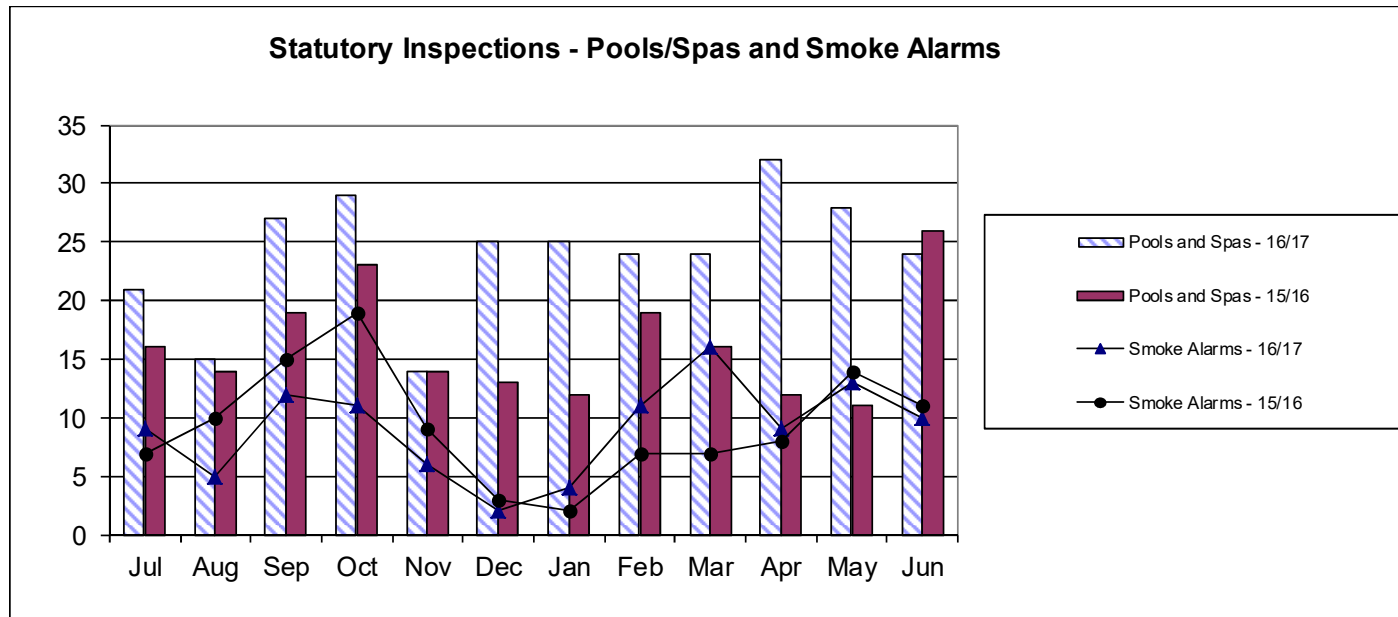
## Building



Building Permits	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Permits issued	33	31

**Comments:**

Private building surveyors continue to issue the majority of building permits in the municipality. Whilst monthly figures fluctuate, overall number of permits issued for the year is within expectations.

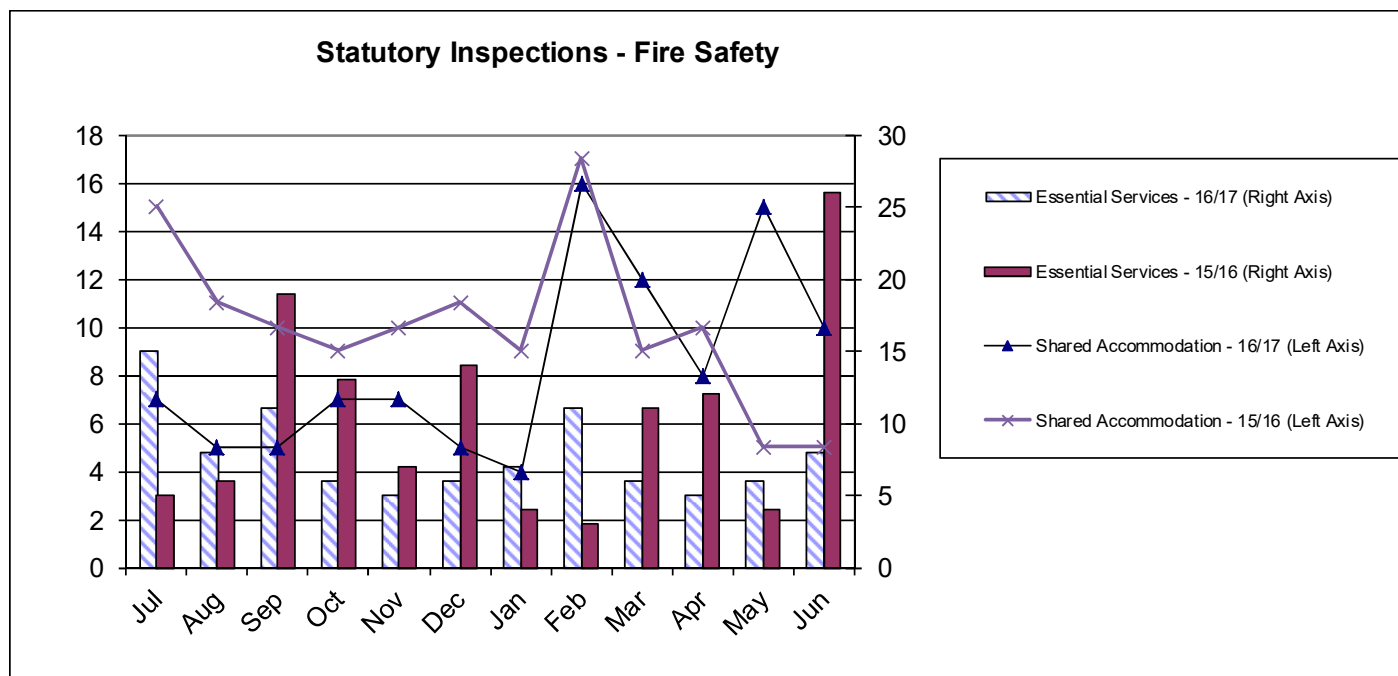


Statutory inspections - Pools/Spas & Smoke Alarms	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Pools and Spas	288	195
Smoke Alarms	108	108

**Comments:**

Council's pool/spa and smoke alarm inspections continue to safeguard the community. Council's media awareness campaign from December 2016 continues to create public awareness over the summer months when pools are in full use.

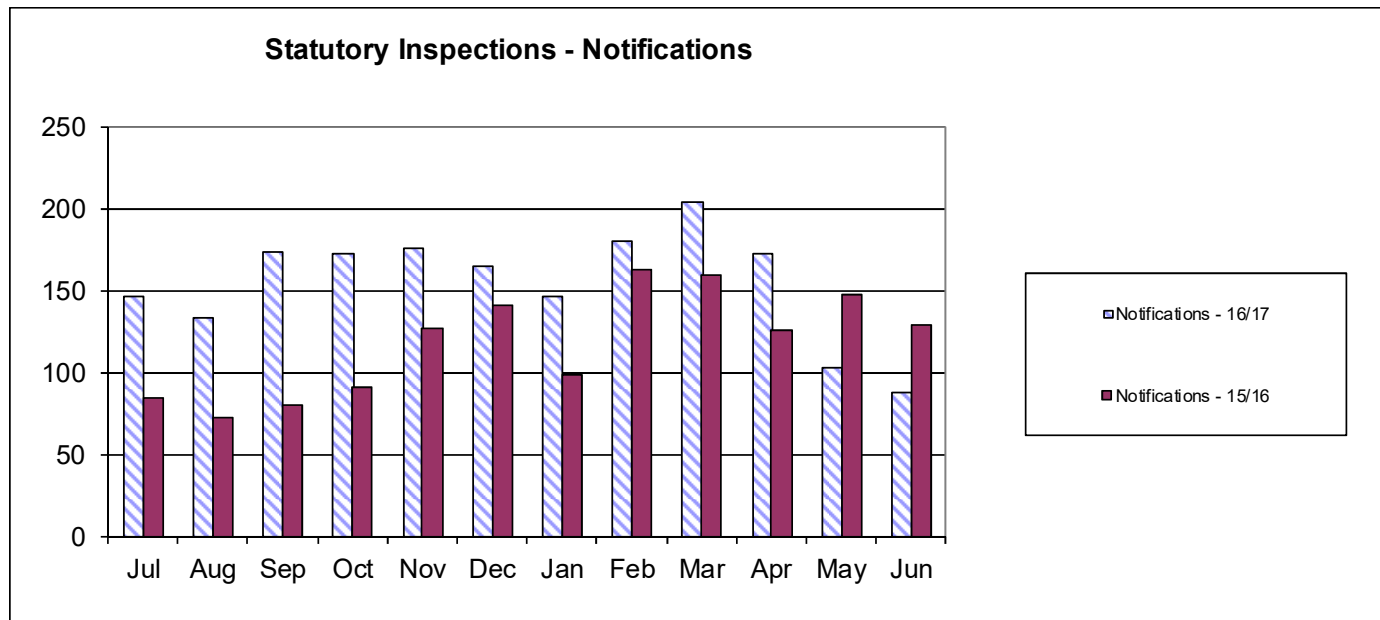




Statutory inspections - Fire Safety	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Essential Services	94	124
Shared Accommodation	101	121

**Comments:**

There has been a reduction in the number of enquiries from the community resulting in less rooming house inspections. The number of essential service inspections is within expected range. Follow up inspections are booked in advance at 1, 2 and 5 yearly intervals depending on the risk analysis.



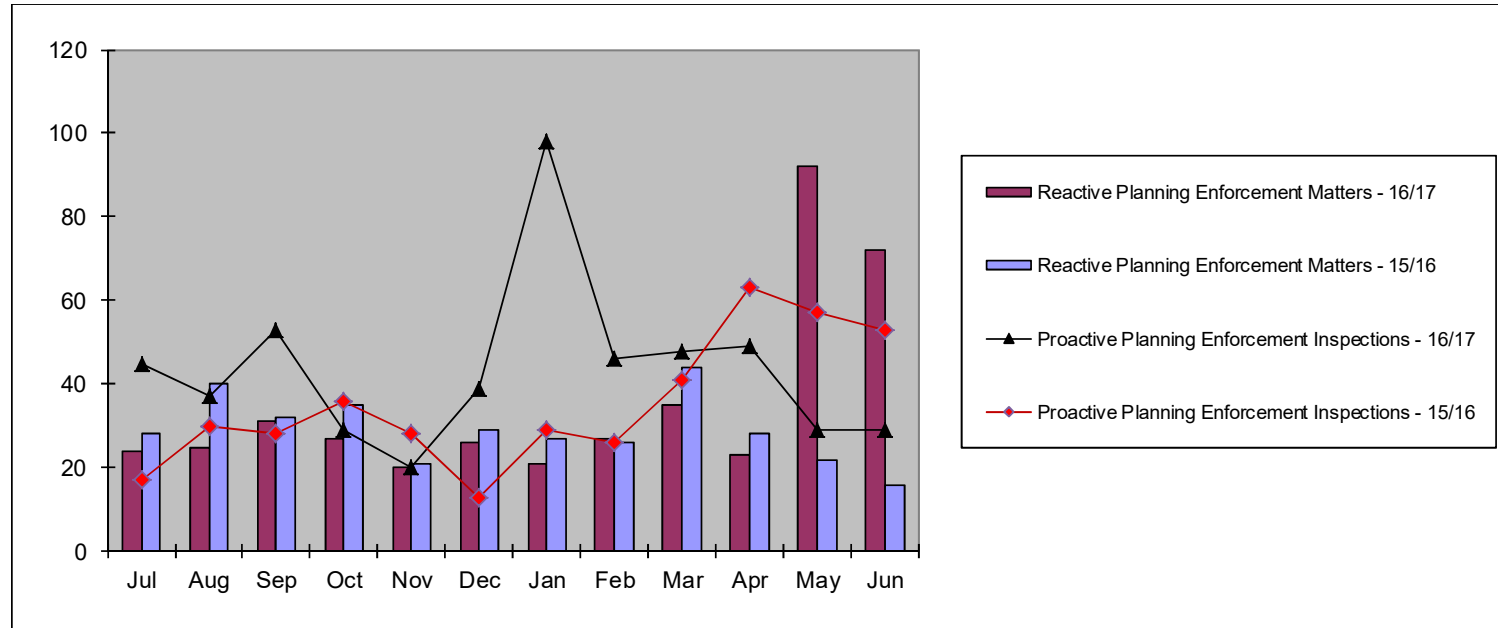
Statutory inspections - Notifications	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Notifications	1857	1417

**Comments:**

Growth continues, particularly with large scale developments which attract greater attention from community. High levels are expected to continue, even though it appears that complaint levels have reduced somewhat in May and June 2017.

## Planning Enforcement

### Number of Planning Enforcement Matters – inquiries, follow ups and investigations

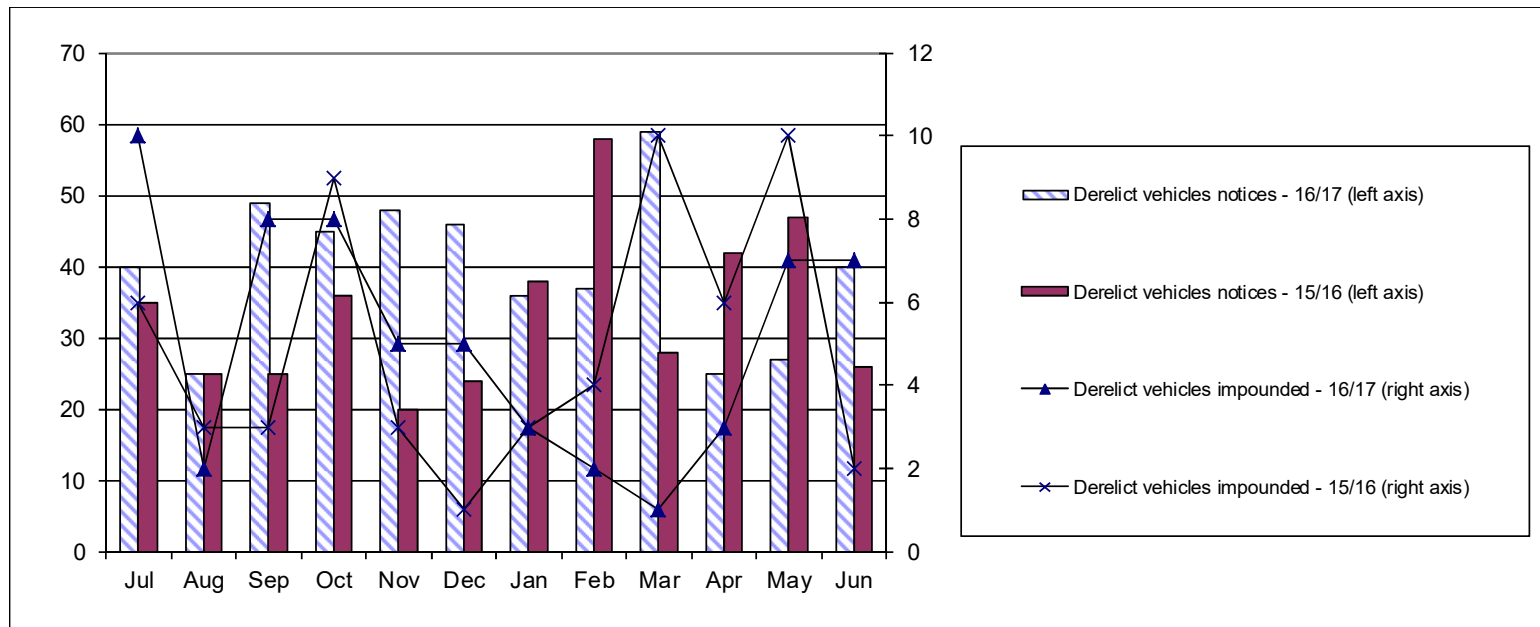


Planning Enforcement Matters	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Reactive Planning Enforcement Matters	423	348
Proactive Planning Enforcement Inspections	522	421

#### Comments:

Proactive inspections continue to be successful in reducing reactive inspections, in particular with tree protection zones and general site compliance. Proactive inspections will continue to fluctuate depending on available resources. Reactive enforcement matters have increased substantially in May and June 2017 due to many complaints being received regarding real estate “for sale” boards not being taken down within seven days after the sale of a property.

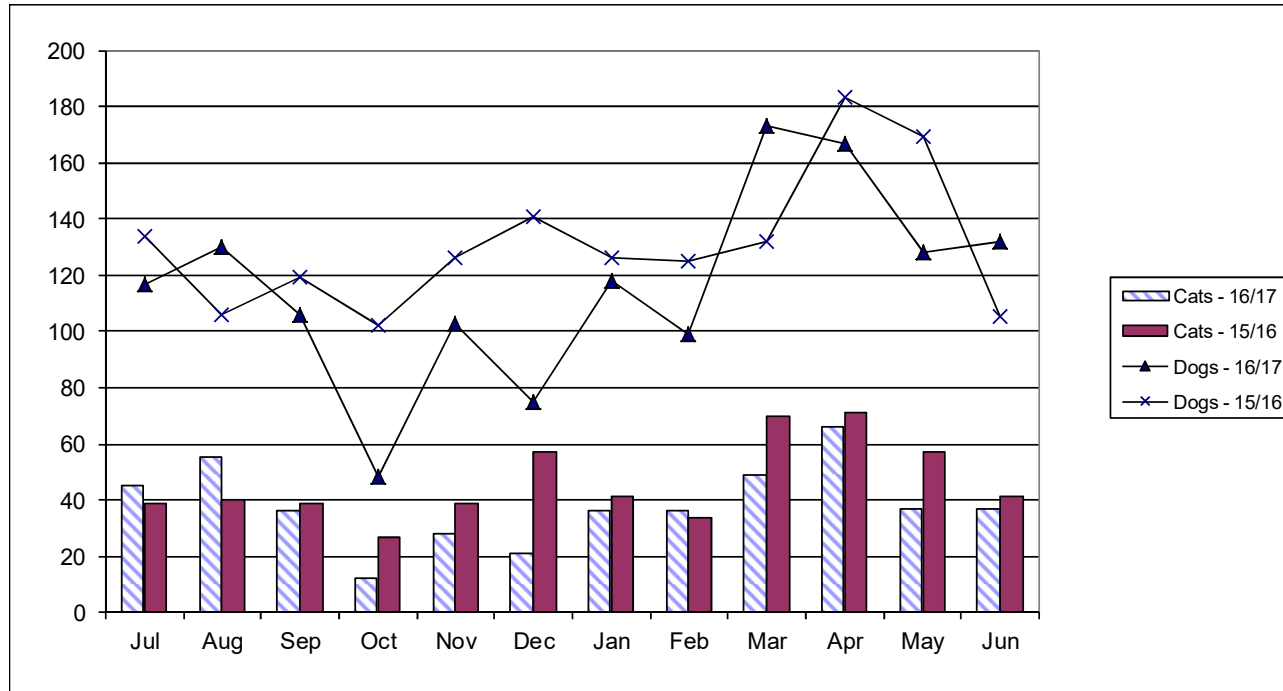
## Number of Derelict vehicle notices issued vs Derelict vehicles impounded



Derelict Vehicles	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Derelict vehicles notices	477	404
Derelict vehicles impounded	61	60

**Comments:**

Although impoundments have remained consistent with previous year the number of notices has increased. High construction activity and limited on street parking continue to contribute to the high number of complaints in high density areas.

**Animal Management - new dog and cat registrations received (first time registrations)**

New Animal Registration	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Cats	458	555
Dogs	1396	1396

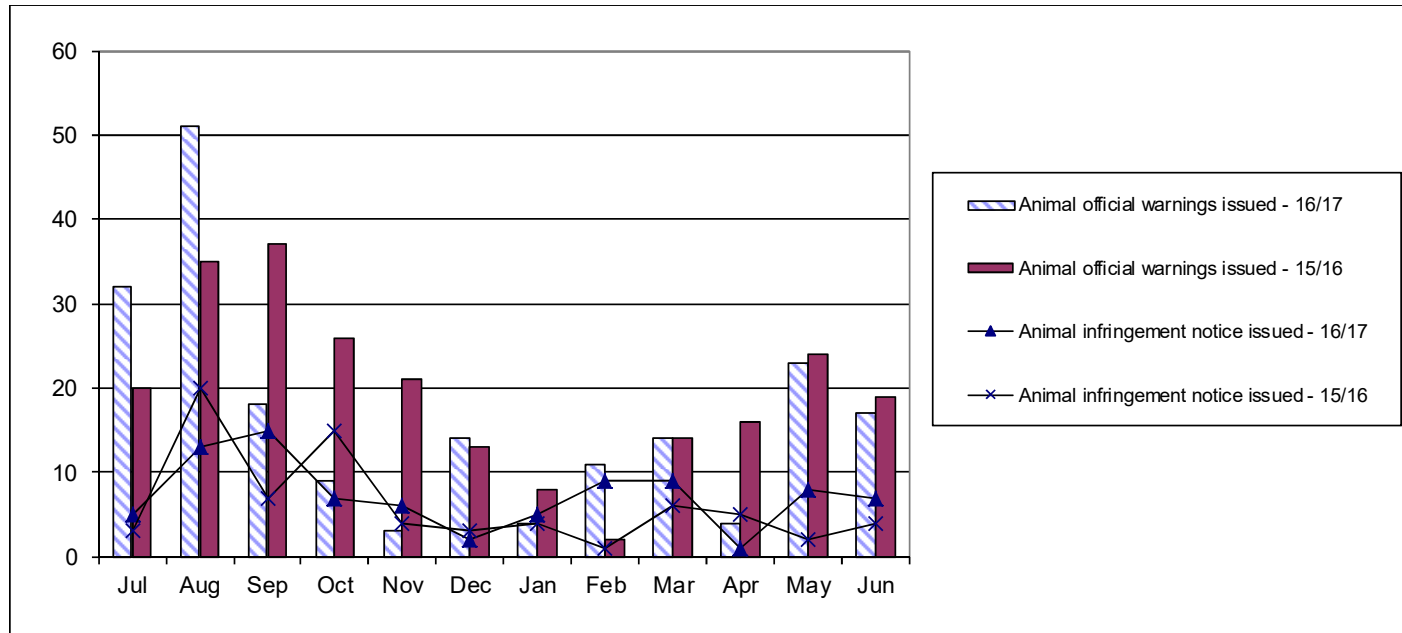
**Total Registration Figures – all dogs/cats currently registered with Council**

Registrations	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Dog	11265	11489	11441	11600	11375	12053	12342	11924	11945	11953	12114
Cat	6157	5950	5742	5581	5164	5305	5349	5100	5124	5113	5083

**Comments:**

There has been an extensive media campaign regarding the importance of registering dogs and cats.

## Number of Animal Official Warnings vs Infringement Notices issued



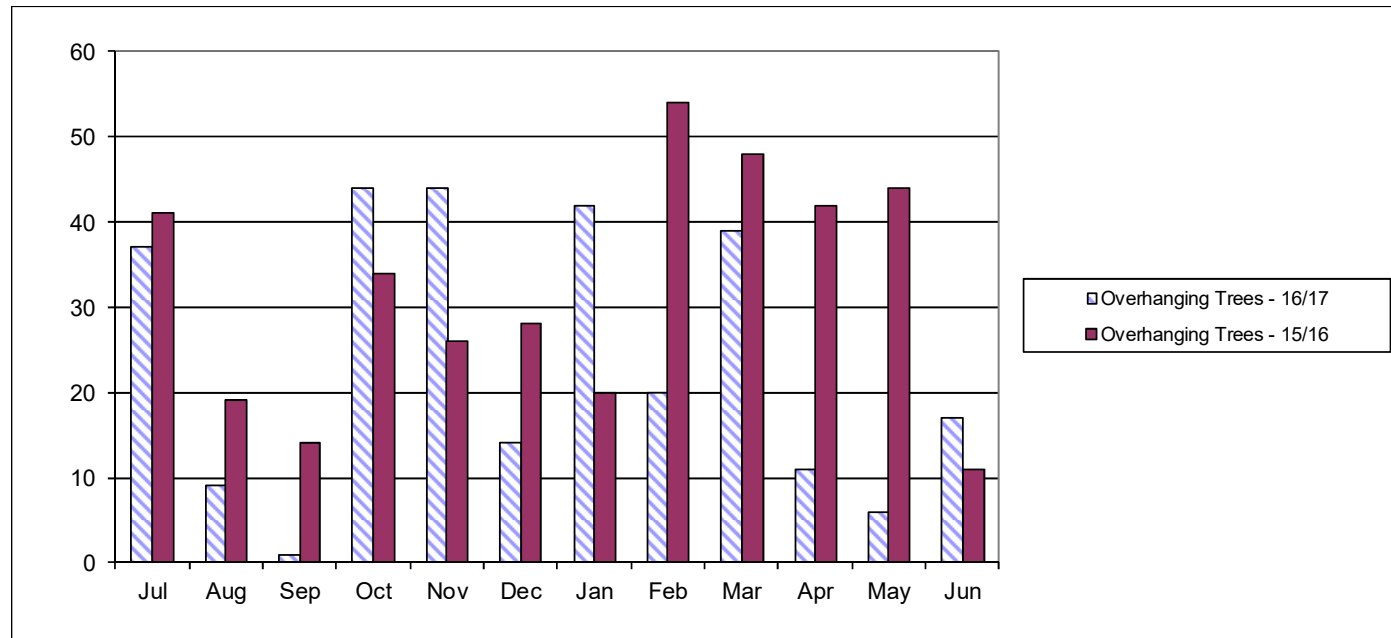
Animal Infringements	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Animal official warnings issued	200	235
Animal infringement notice issued	87	74

**Comments:**

Targeted media campaigns continue to educate animal owners on responsible pet ownership.

## Local Laws

### Number of overhanging tree notices issued

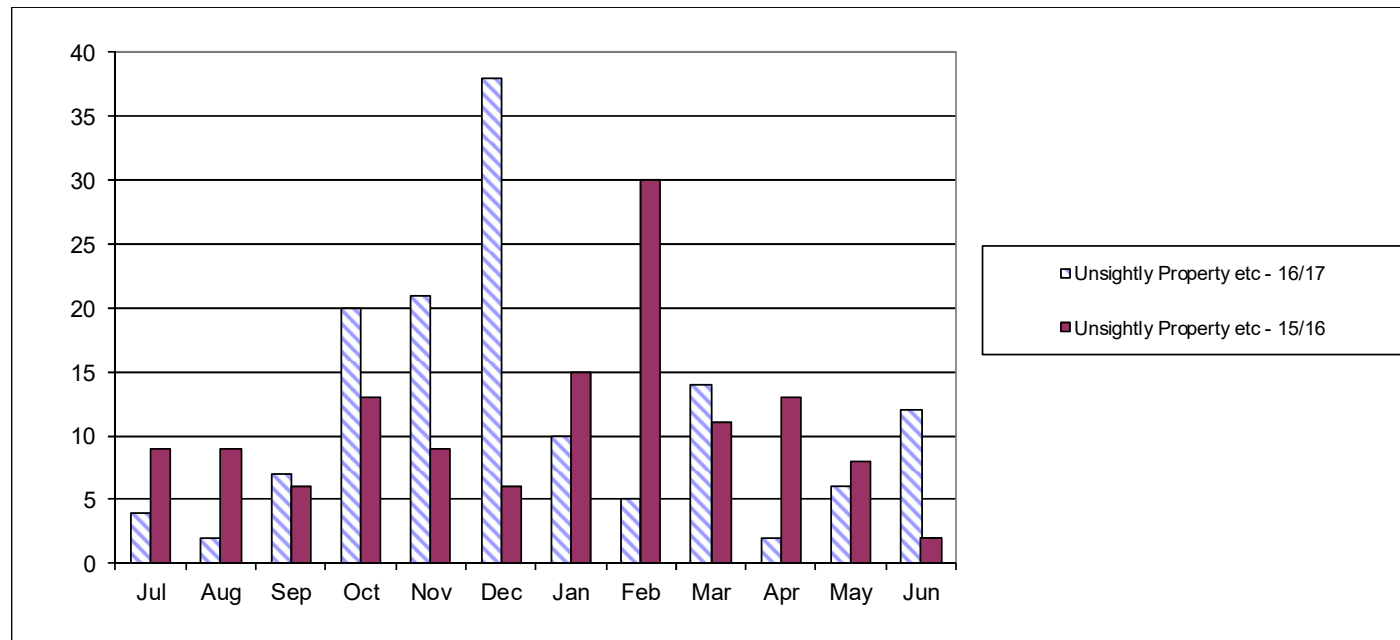


Notices Issued - Overhanging Trees	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Overhanging trees	284	381

#### Comments:

Overhanging notices are dictated by seasonal factors such as rainfall and other weather conditions.

## Number of Unsightly Property, Dangerous Land and Fire Hazard notices issued



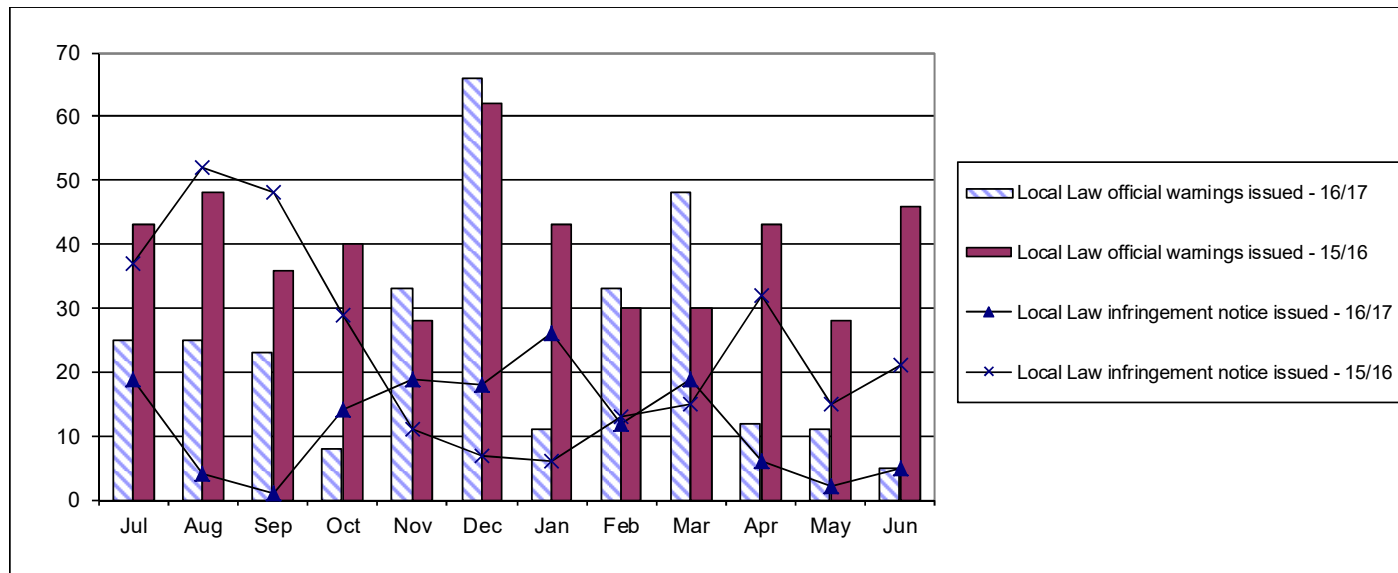
Unsightly Property Notices	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Unsightly property notices issued	141	131

**Comments:**

This measure is primarily driven by vacant properties that are earmarked for development.



## Number of Local Law Official Warnings versus Infringement Notices issued

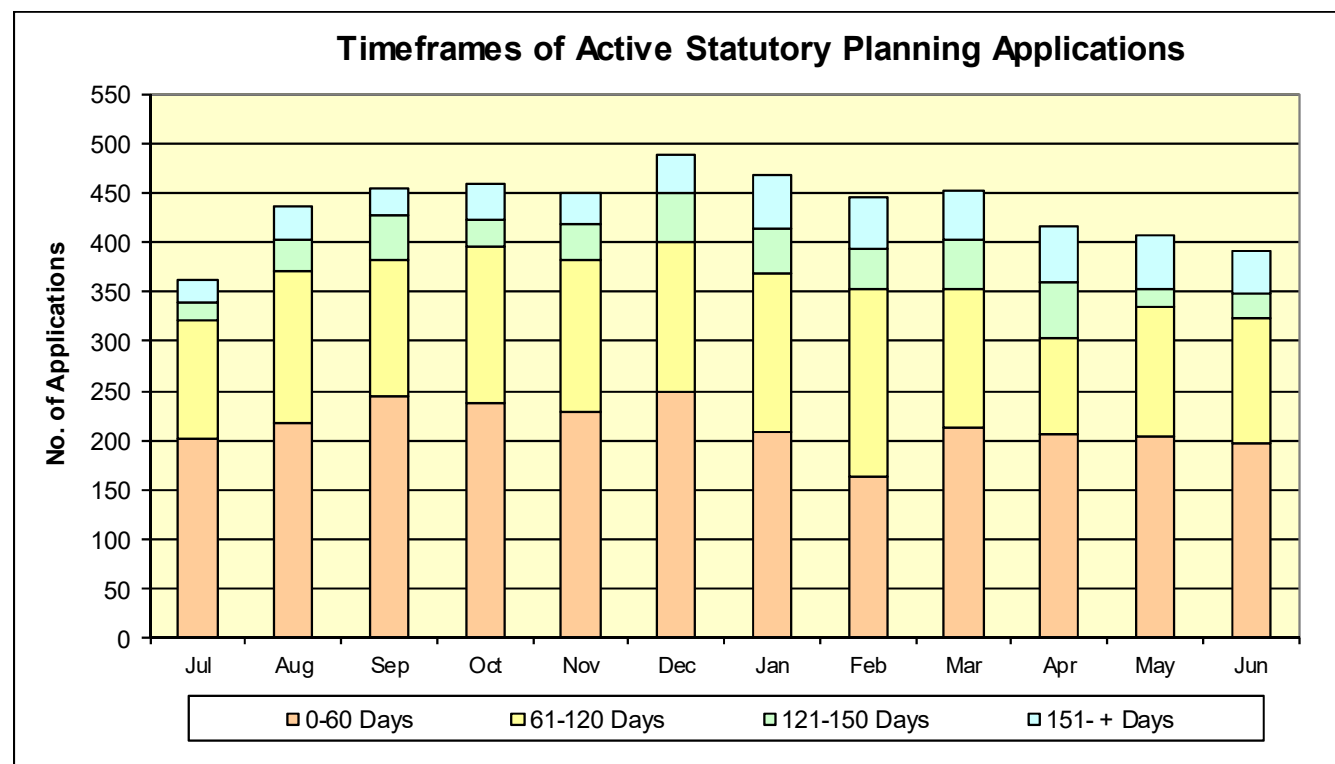


Local Law Notices	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Local Law official warnings issued	300	477
Local Law infringement notice issued	145	286

**Comments:**

The decline in infringements and official warnings is a combination of zero tolerance, enforcement via planning act and the adoption of Construction Management Plans for large scale developments across the municipality.

## Total Active Statutory Planning Applications

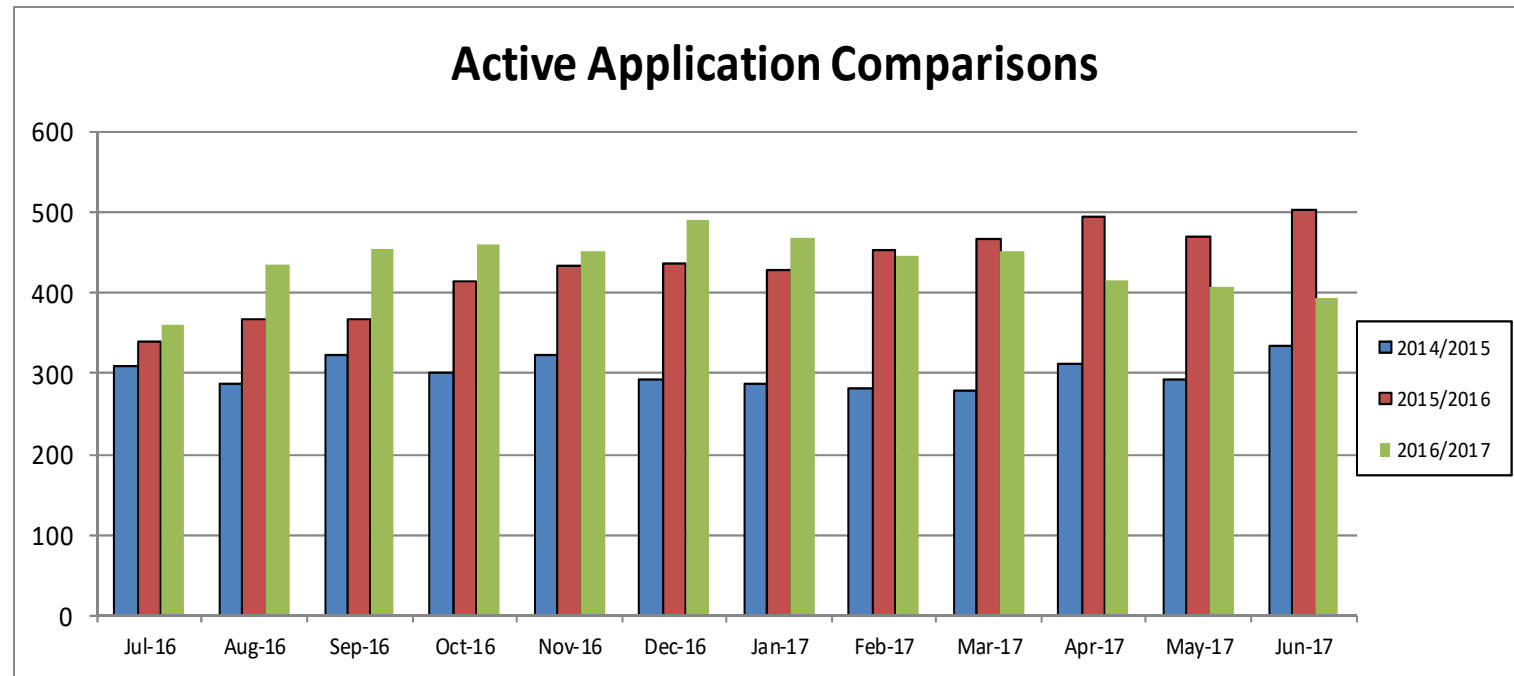


Statutory Planning Applications - Active (Critical Issues / Councillors Report 16-17)												
No of days	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
0-60 Days	202	217	245	238	228	250	209	163	214	206	203	198
61-120 Days	120	155	138	158	155	151	160	191	139	98	131	126
121-150 Days	17	31	45	27	35	50	46	40	50	56	19	24
151- + Days	22	33	27	37	33	38	52	51	49	56	55	44
Total	361	436	455	460	451	489	467	445	452	416	408	392

## Comments:

The decrease in the number of active applications is a result of there being a reduction in the total number of applications lodged over the last 12 months.

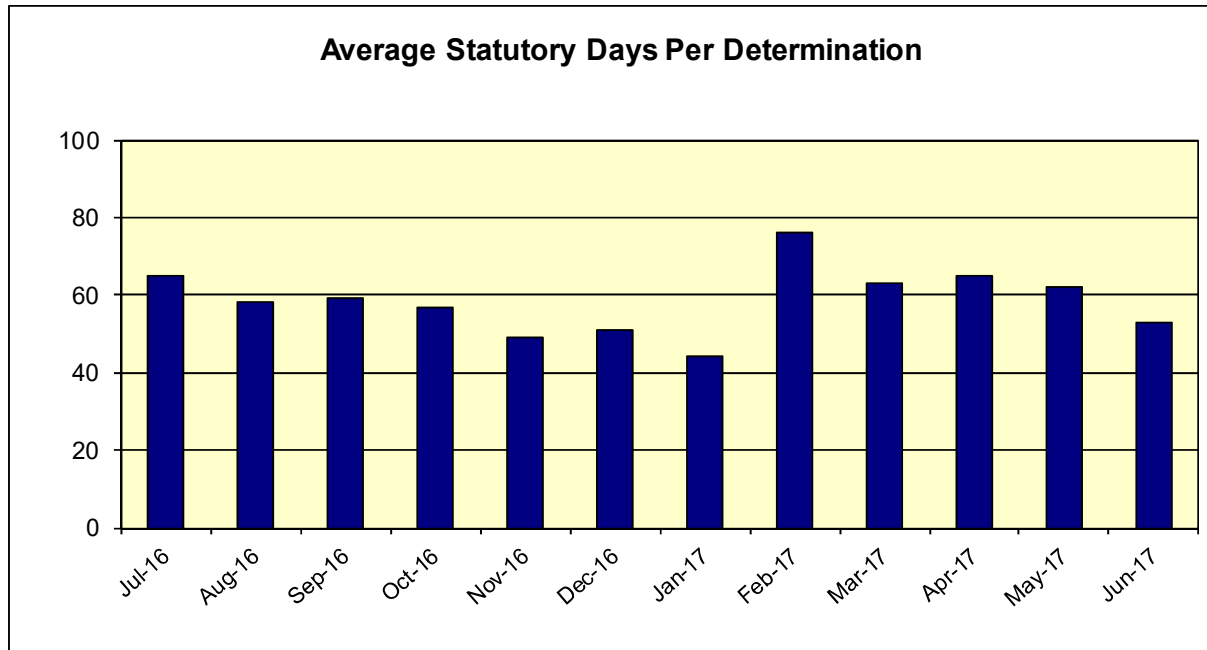
## Total Active Statutory Planning Applications



Total Active Apps / Month												
	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17
2014/2015	310	287	322	302	323	293	288	281	278	313	292	335
2015/2016	339	368	368	413	434	435	429	453	466	495	470	501
2016/2017	361	436	455	460	451	489	467	445	452	416	408	392

## Comments:

The number of active applications in the current financial year is lower as the peak application volume from last financial year is being processed and a greater number of decisions being made.

**Average Statutory Days Per Determination****Comments**

The average days to determine a planning application has varied with an increase in the third quarter as the peak volume of application lodged in the preceding 6 months was processed. The reduction in average statutory days achieved during the fourth quarter is a positive outcome.

**PLANNING DECISIONS BY DECISION MAKER – RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ONLY – for quarter ending 30 June 2017**

Decision Maker	Total Number of Residential Applications Decided	Average Number of Objections per Decision	Number of decisions made by application type			
			Dwellings		Storeys	
			4 dwellings or more	3 dwellings or less	4 storeys or more	3 storeys or less
Council Resolution	24	31	24	0	19	5
D.P.F.	72	2.25	12	60	0	72

**Comments:**

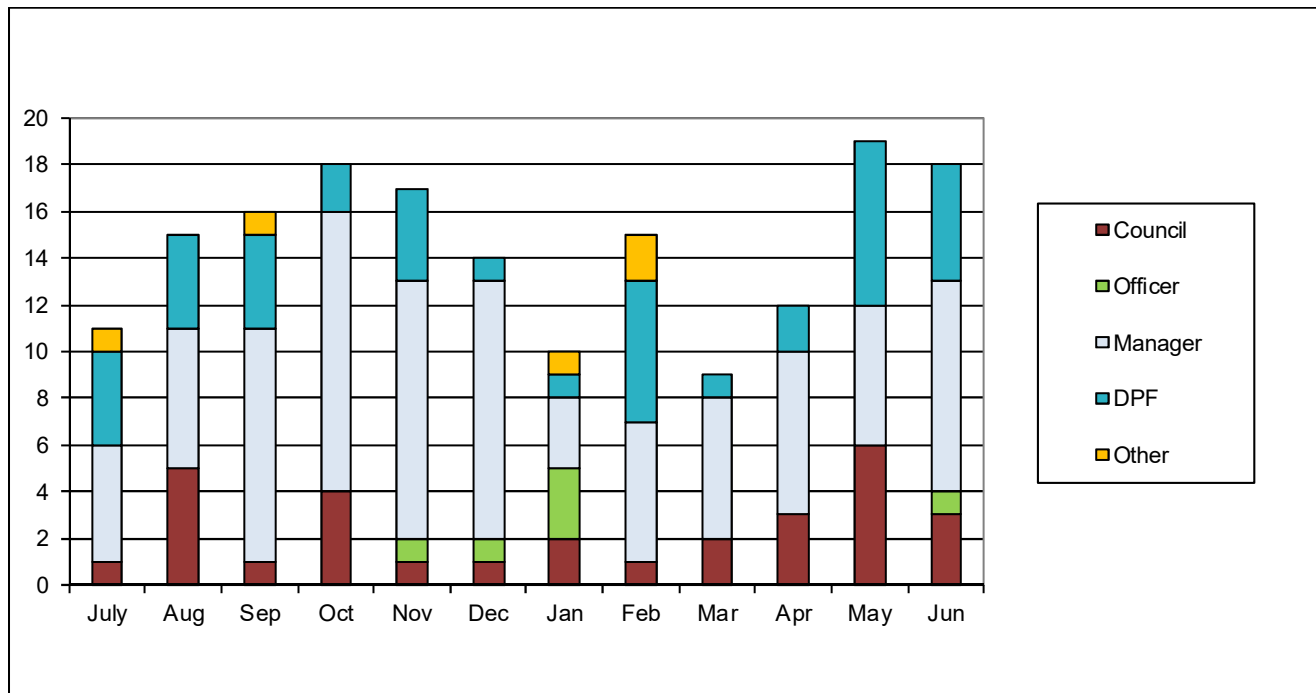
This Table covers applications for residential development which have received objections. Other matters such as Planning Scheme Amendments, applications for non-residential development and applications which have not attracted objections are not included.

The Act requires Council to consider all written objections.

At Glen Eira, all objectors have the opportunity to speak to their objection either at a Planning Conference or at a Delegated Planning Forum meeting.

All of the above decisions are subject to appeal at VCAT.

## Planning Appeals Lodged – 2016 / 2017

**Comments:**

Non-compliant applications continue to be refused by the Town Planning Manager. As a result, the majority of appeals lodged are against Manager decisions.

## Planning Appeals Lodged – 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 comparison

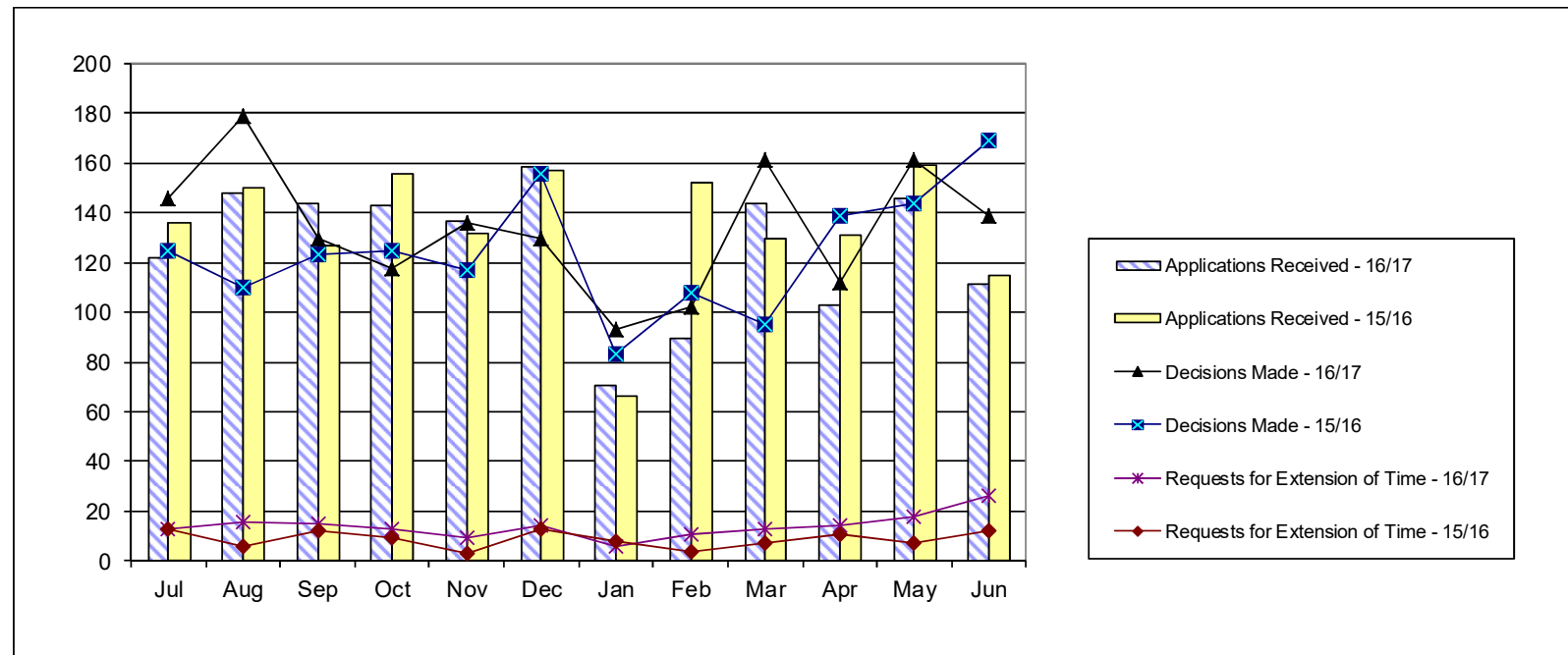
Planning Appeals Lodged													
Authority	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Council	1	5	1	4	1	1	2	1	2	3	6	3	
Officer	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	
Manager	5	6	10	12	11	11	3	6	6	7	6	9	
DPF	4	4	4	2	4	1	1	6	1	2	7	5	
Other	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	

Authority	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD 2016/2017	YTD 2015/2016
<b>Council - 2016/2017</b>	1	5	1	4	1	1	2	1	2	3	6	3	30	
Council - 2015/2016	7	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	1		24
<b>Officer - 2016/2017</b>	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	
Officer - 2015/2016	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		7
<b>Manager - 2016/2017</b>	5	6	10	12	11	11	3	6	6	7	6	9	92	
Manager - 2015/2016	12	8	7	12	8	5	11	18	14	6	14	11		126
<b>DPC - 2016/2017</b>	4	4	4	2	4	1	1	6	1	2	7	5	41	
DPC - 2015/2016	5	7	7	5	2	0	4	3	4	5	2	5		49
<b>Other - 2016/2017</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	
Other - 2015/2016	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		3
													<b>174</b>	<b>209</b>

## Comments:

There has been a reduction in the number of appeals lodged. The reduction is noticeable in the appeals against refusal and conditions. This is a positive outcome in that it demonstrates that both applicants and objectors have been more accepting of Councils decisions.

Planning Applications Received and Decisions Made

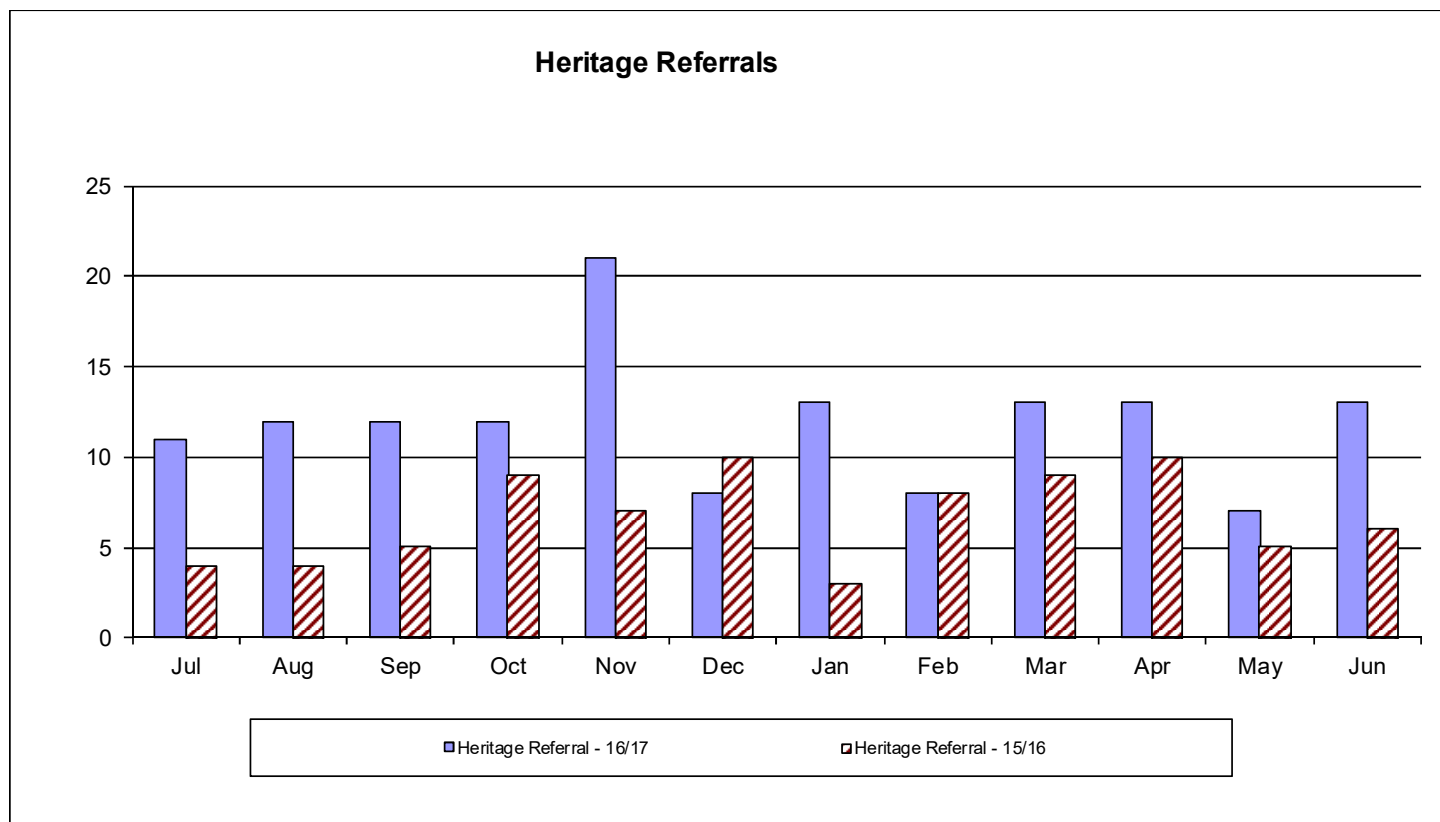


Planning Applications Received & Decisions Made	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Applications Received	1529	1611
Decisions Made	1607	1494
Requests for Extension of Time	168	105

Comments:

Decisions are greater than lodgment numbers; a positive outcome.



**Strategic Planning****Heritage Referrals****Comments:**

The heritage referral service continues to benefit the community.

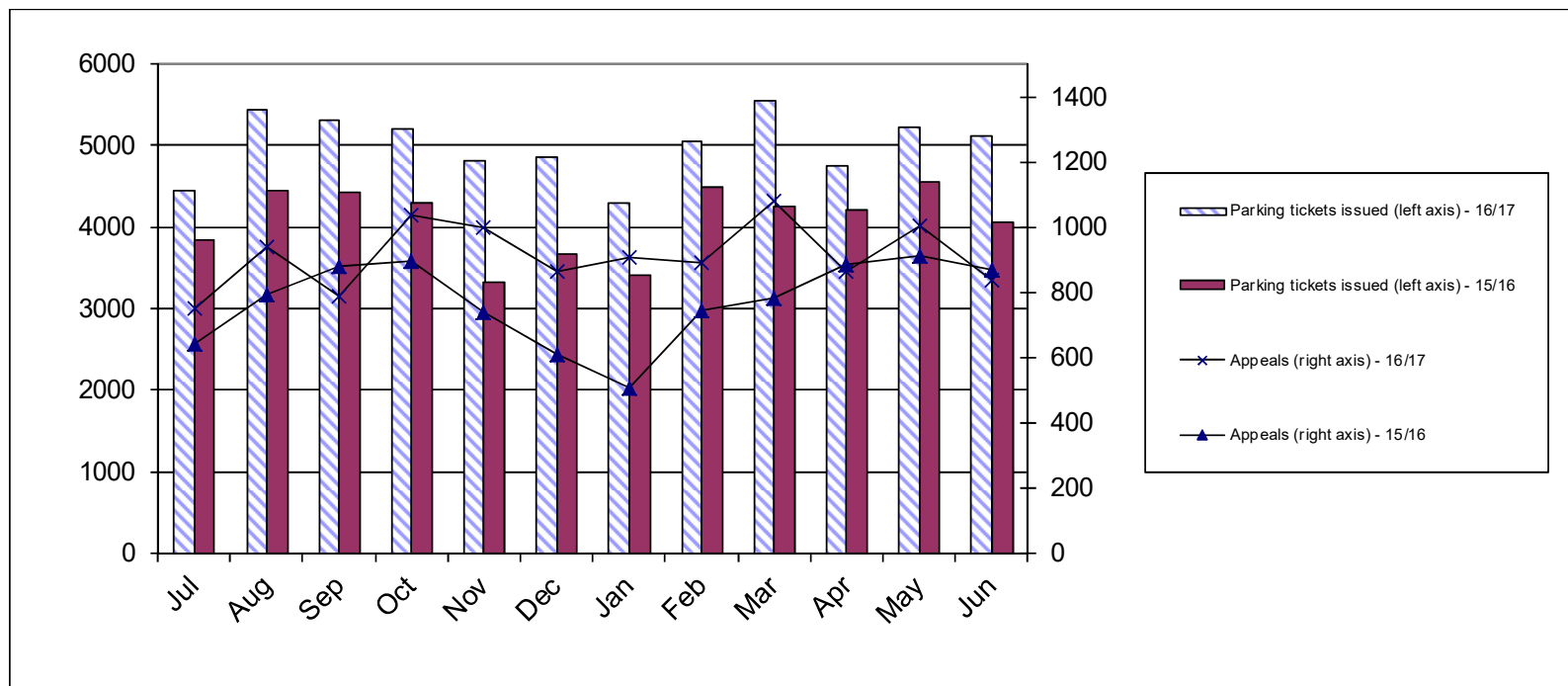
## STATUS OF PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

Amendment	Prepared	Exhibited	Panel	Council Decision	Minister
Amendment C70 Special Building Overlay Additions and overlay boundary alterations (The Special Building Overlay relates to flood prone areas throughout the municipality)	On hold. (Melbourne Water)				
Amendment C71 Special Building Overlay Subtractions	On hold. (Melbourne Water)				
Amendment C143 88-100 McKinnon Road, McKinnon Rezone to Mixed Use and apply an EAO (This amendment rezones the land to allow a wider variety of uses, proposes height and building setback controls to protect the adjoining residential properties to the rear and provides a control that will ensure any land contamination is cleaned up before residential uses are allowed on the site.)	Authorisation 13 October 2016	17 November – 23 December 2016	Directions Hearing held on 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017.  Panel hearing set for one day in the week commencing 22 May 2017.	Being put forward to Council for approval 25 July 2017	
Amendment C147 Bentleigh Urban Village Interim DDO (This amendment provides height limits to the commercial areas of the shopping center as well as design objectives to ensure character and amenity of neighbouring properties are protected)	Lodged with DELWP on 31 August 2016	N/A	N/A		The Minister approved the amendment on 4 April 2017.

Amendment	Prepared	Exhibited	Panel	Council Decision	Minister
<b>Amendment C148</b> <b>Carnegie Urban Village</b> <b>Interim DDO</b> (This amendment provides height limits to the commercial areas of the shopping center as well as design objectives to ensure character and amenity of neighbouring properties are protected)	Lodged with DELWP on 31 August 2016	N/A	N/A		The Minister approved the amendment on 4 April 2017.
<b>Amendment C149</b> <b>Heritage Policy and Guidelines</b> (This amendment reviews the rating of buildings in existing heritage areas, reviews local heritage policy and creates guidelines)	Authorisation requested 27 April 2017	13 July – 14 August			
<b>Amendment C150</b> <b>Montgomery House</b> (Application of the HO over Montgomery House, Kooyong Road, Caulfield)	Amendment is being carried out by Heritage Victoria				
<b>Amendment C151</b> <b>Caulfield Village – Social Housing</b> (This amendment delivers either social or affordable housing representing at least five per cent of the total amount of dwellings to be developed in the Caulfield Mixed Use Area Precinct and ensures boundaries of the precinct are not altered in future development plans)	Authorisation requested 1 May 2017				

## Parking and Prosecutions

### Parking tickets issued versus Appeals received

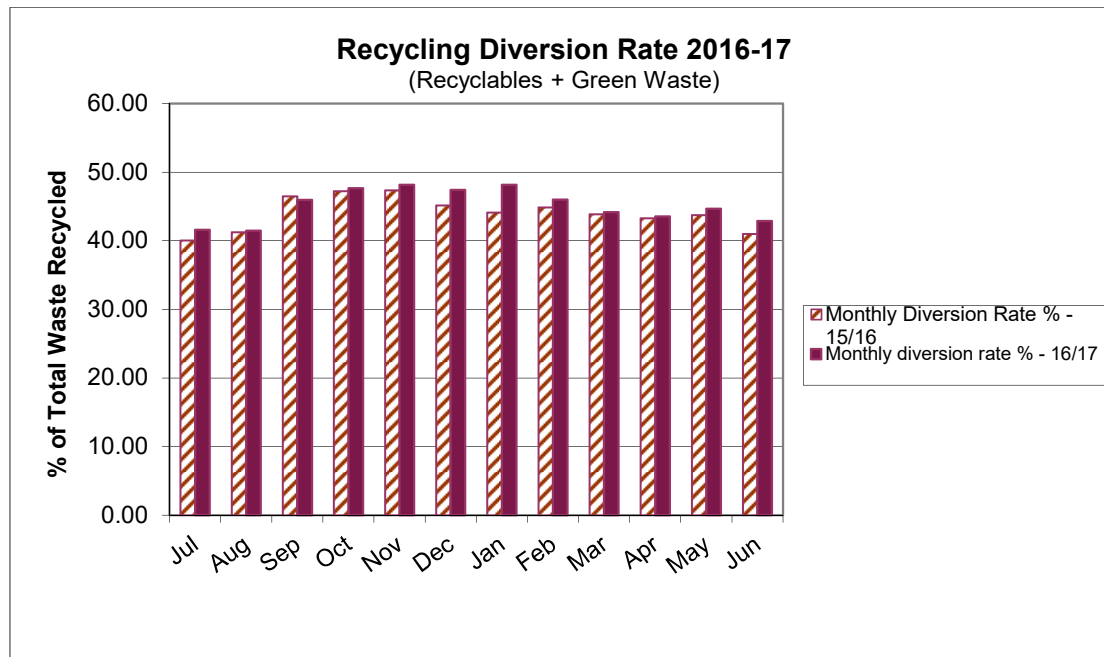


#### Comments:

Continued concentration around the grade separation works and building sites.  
Enforcement of clearways, No Stopping and public carparks continues to assist traffic flow across the municipality.

The flow on effect of an increase in parking infringements is an increase in appeals received. However, the number of infringements being appealed has remained low. In the 16/17 year 18% of parking infringements issued were appealed compared with 19% for the previous financial year.

## Recycling and Waste Management

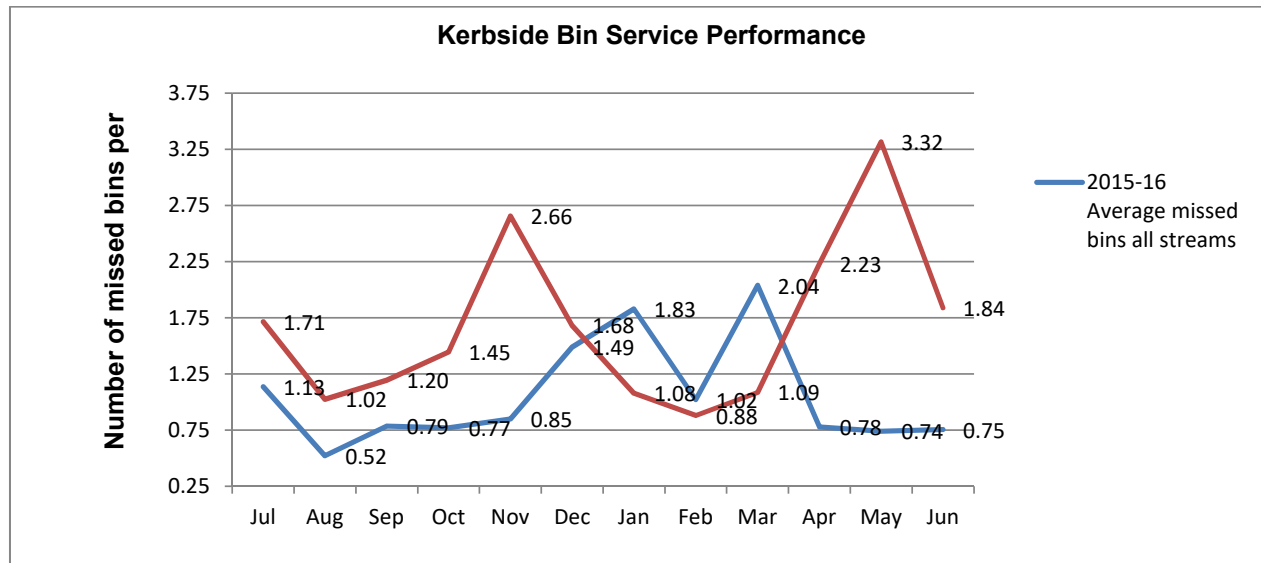


### Comments:

The recycling rate increased in 2016-17 by an average of 45.2% compared to 44.31% the year before.

Council collected about 1000 tonnes more green waste than the year before and about 1000 tonnes less garbage – this suggests that most of the improvement in recycling has been due to a switch in behaviour of users to recycle more green waste.

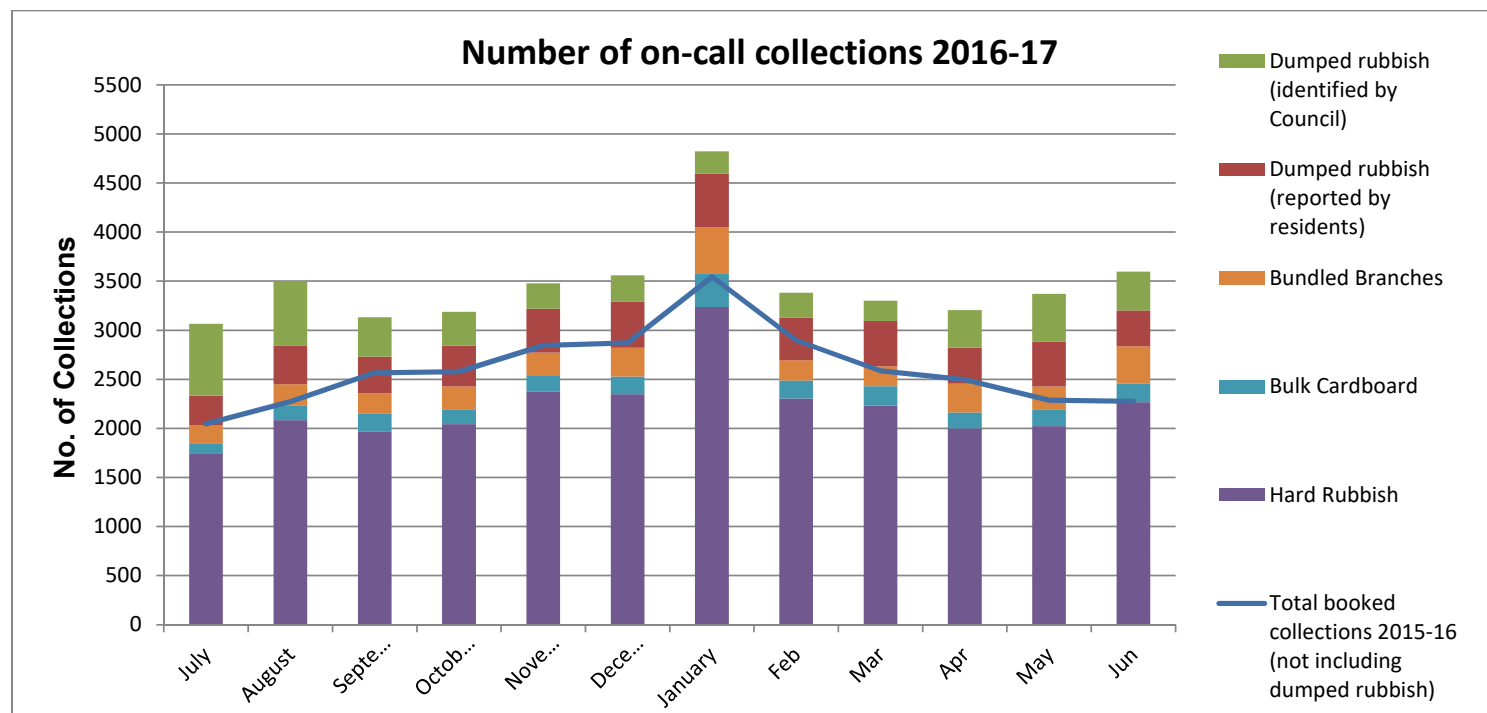
## Kerbside Bin Service Performance – Missed Bins

**Comment:**

Council's service is performing at an excellent level and has low numbers of missed bins compared to similar councils in Melbourne. The average number of missed bins was high in May 2017 and officers are monitoring performance closely with the aim of maintaining a high quality service.

Council empties around 90,000 bins around the City each week. The number of missed bins is a key indicator of how well the service is performing.

## Hard rubbish, dumped rubbish and other large collections

**Comments:**

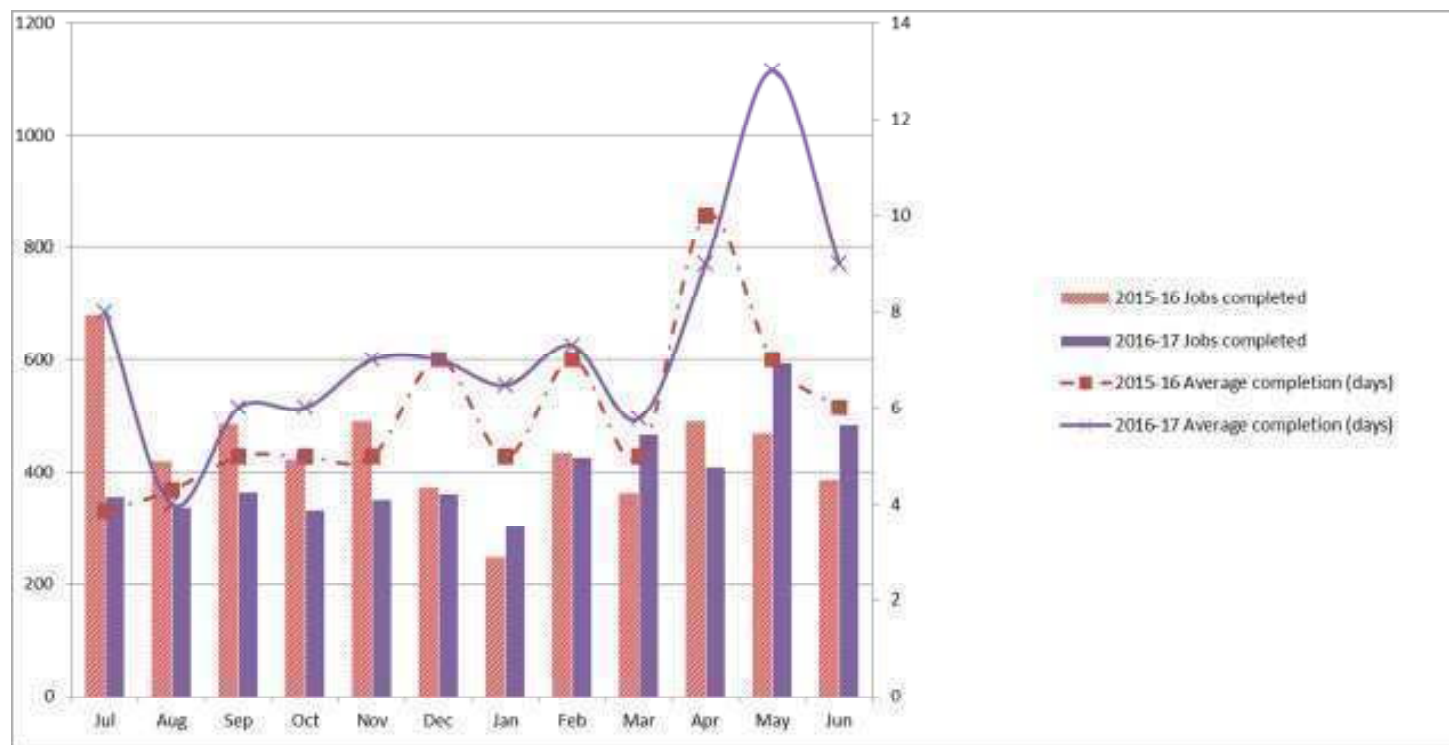
Council offers residents up to three on-call collections for hard rubbish, bulk cardboard and bundled branches. The total number of collections booked (at almost 32,000) was about the same as the year before (increased 2 per cent), which is roughly one booking per household every two years.

In 2015 Council introduced a program to identify dumped rubbish on streets. Since then more dumped rubbish has been identified and removed, and rubbish stays on streets for less time resulting in fewer complaints. The amount of dumped rubbish collected fluctuated through the year, but not with any clear trend.

Hard rubbish is sorted for recycling and e-waste is recycled (including TVs, computers, appliances, printers, microwaves etc.). Bundled branches and bulk cardboard is recycled. Collection numbers usually peak over summer and decrease again through winter.

## Buildings and Properties

## Building maintenance reactive services



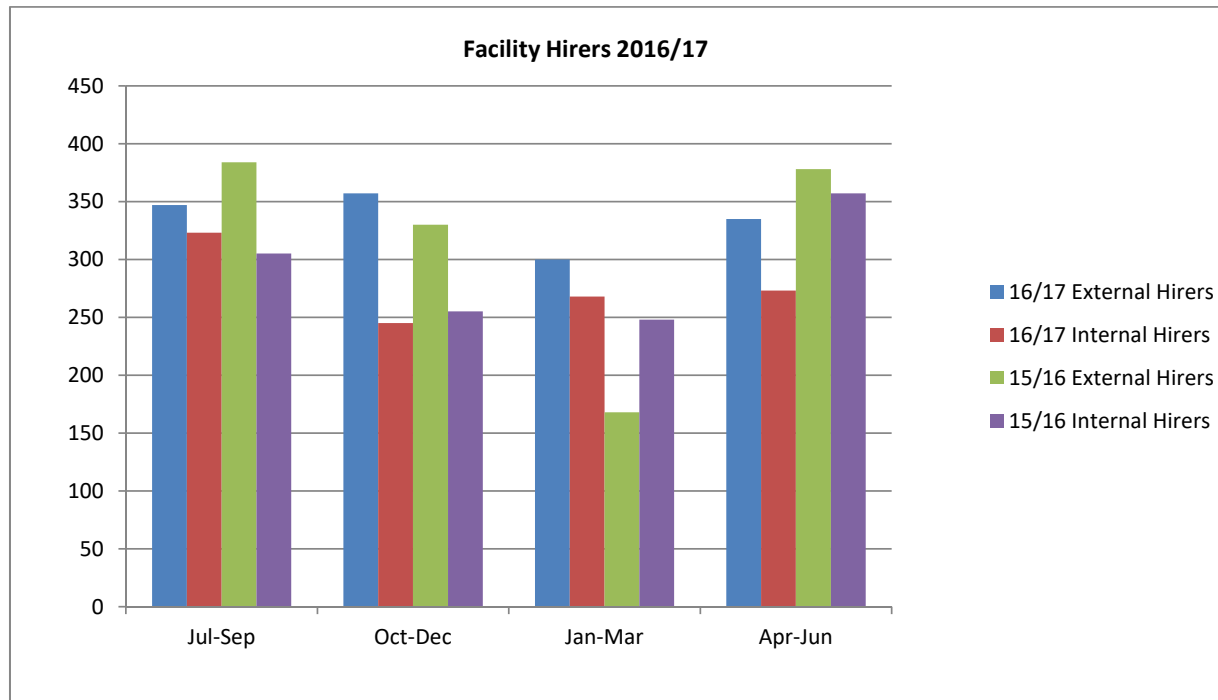
## Comments:

The fourth quarter of financial year 16/17 saw an increase in reactive jobs compared to the same period last year from 1344 to 1486, however this figure typically fluctuates from year to year. It is normal for there to be more jobs leading into end of financial year.

The average completion time was similar to last year and most jobs were completed well within target time frames. The target response time varies depending on the type of maintenance activity.



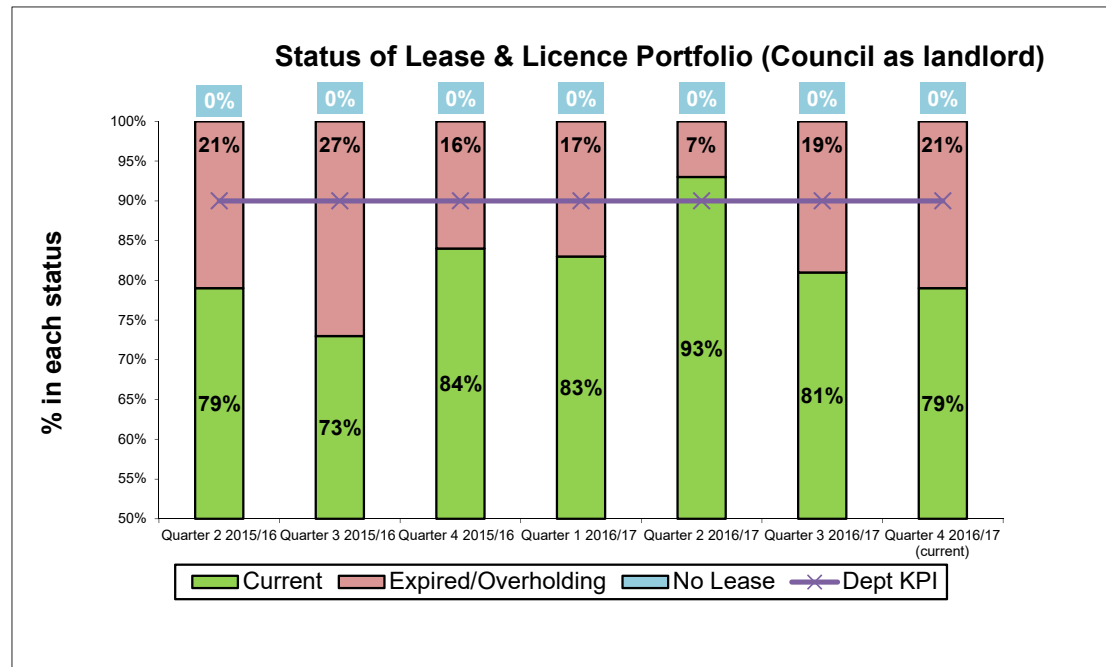
## Facilities services

**Comments:**

Council manages meeting rooms and function rooms at Glen Eira Town Hall and other sites.

Council aims to make good use of its facilities and has a target of 2,000 bookings over the year. Council took 2,448 total bookings for the period during 2016-17, which was slightly higher than last year. The number of external parties that booked Council venues increased 6% compared to last year.

## Leases &amp; Licenses

**Comments:**

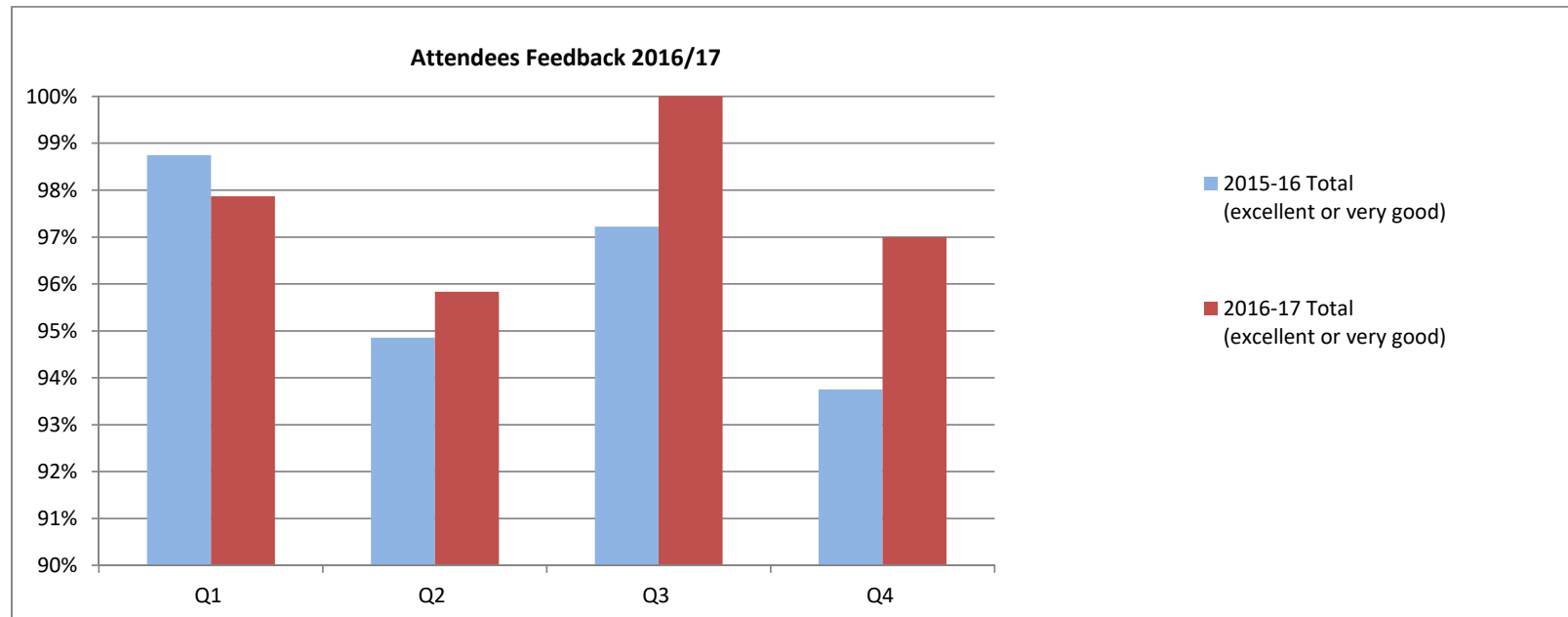
For the local government sector, Council has a high proportion of current leases and this has been increasing thanks to the high target it has set at 90%. Council currently administers 89 leases and licenses covering a variety of community and commercial tenancies.

We aim to renew leases ahead of their expiry dates. If they are not immediately renewed they move to 'overholding' or a month by month basis. Sometimes there are good reasons that leases/licenses have not been renewed (for example, detailed negotiation or consideration of long term strategic issues).

48 leases or licenses were renewed in the 2016 calendar year. In the first half of 2017 11 kindergarten licences rolled over to 'over holding' and after lengthy negotiations 7 of these have now been executed, a further 4 are awaiting tenant execution and return. Officers are also finalising new leases to Caulfield Park Sports Club, Camelot Traffic School and Caulfield Community Toy Library.

It is expected that by mid-July 2017 the proportion of current leases will be over 90%.

## Sustainability Education – community satisfaction with events

**Comments:**

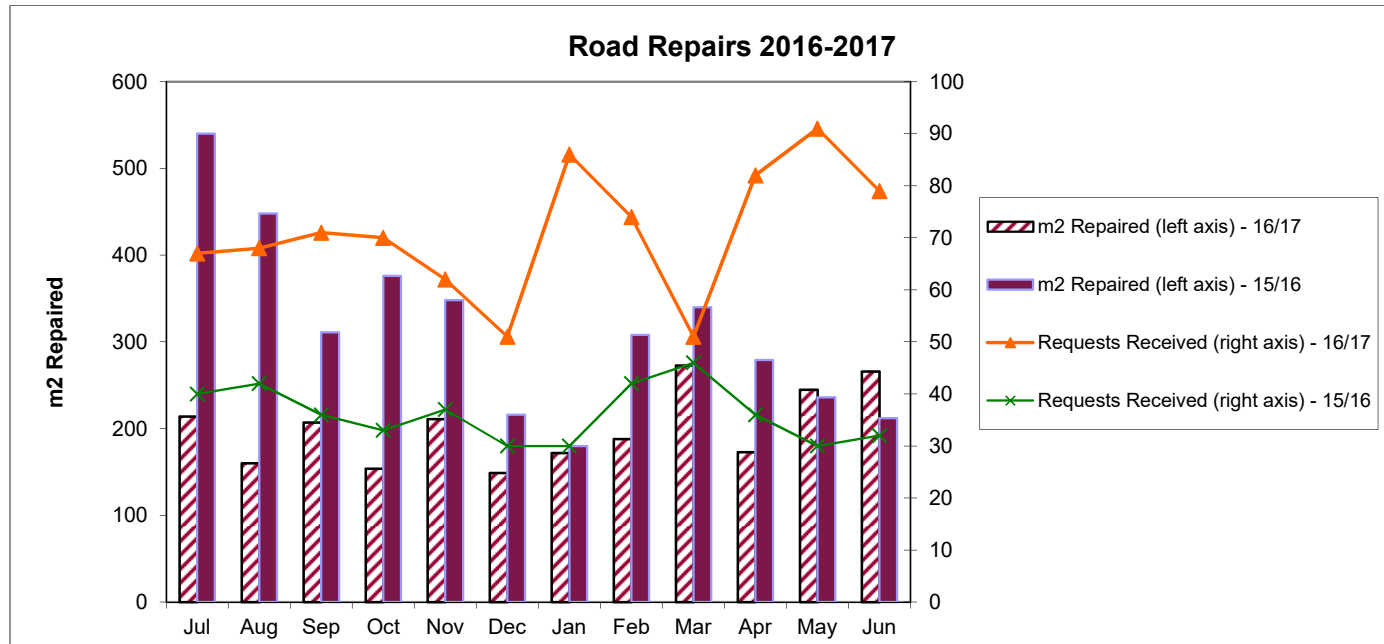
Feedback from Council's sustainability education program shows a very high level of community satisfaction and that many respondents plan to put what they have learnt into action. Three hundred and forty five respondents to our feedback survey said they will do or may do something differently following the presentation.

Council delivers a program of free community presentations on sustainability topics including sustainable gardening practices, energy efficiency, water saving, recycling and reducing waste. The program aims to assist residents to become more sustainable in their own homes and gardens.

Thirteen presentations were held between July 2016 and June 2017: Spring Vegetable Gardening, Gardening in Australia's Climate; Habitat Gardening and Frog Ponds; Bike Repair Café; Passive-solar House; Backyard Food Forest and Urban Harvest Swap; Love Your Soil; Bug Detectives; Solar Panels and Batteries; Build Your Backyard Friends a Home; Earth Hour Free Movie; Community Garden Tour; and Urban Beekeeping.

## Works Depot

## Road Repairs

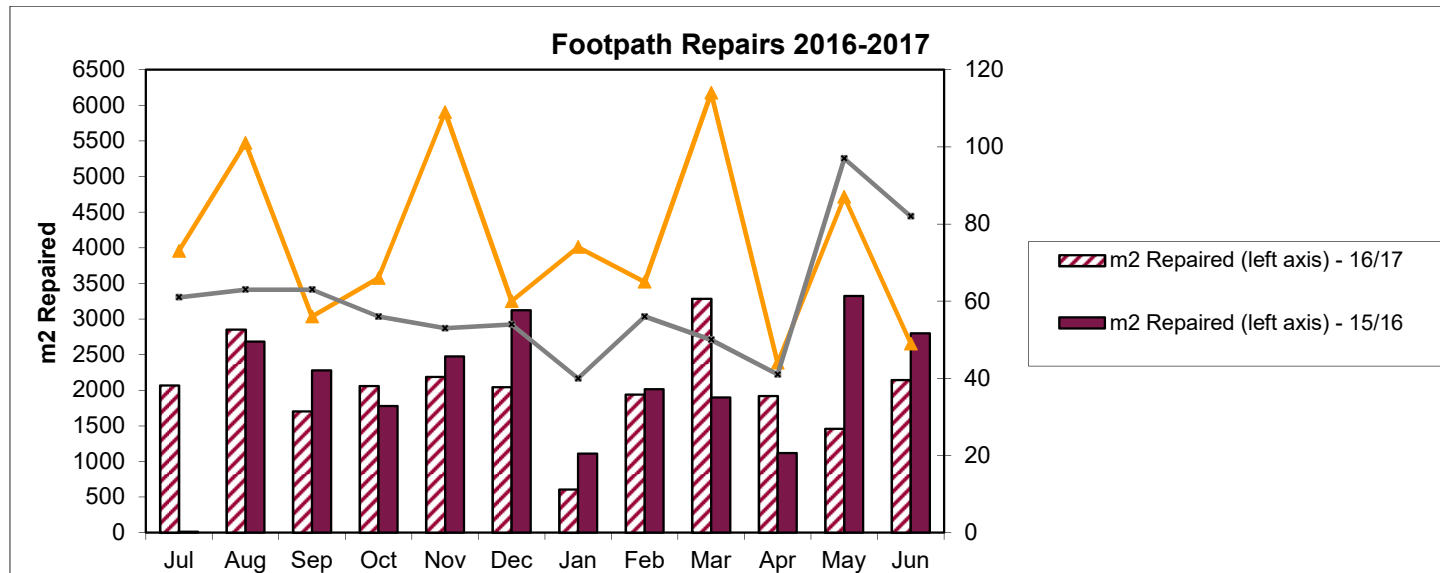


Road Repairs	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
m2 Repaired	2,412	3794
Requests Received	852	434

**Comments:**

Road repair figures were down for 2016-17 due to an increase in smaller jobs and more than expected rainfall during the last quarter.

## Footpath Repairs



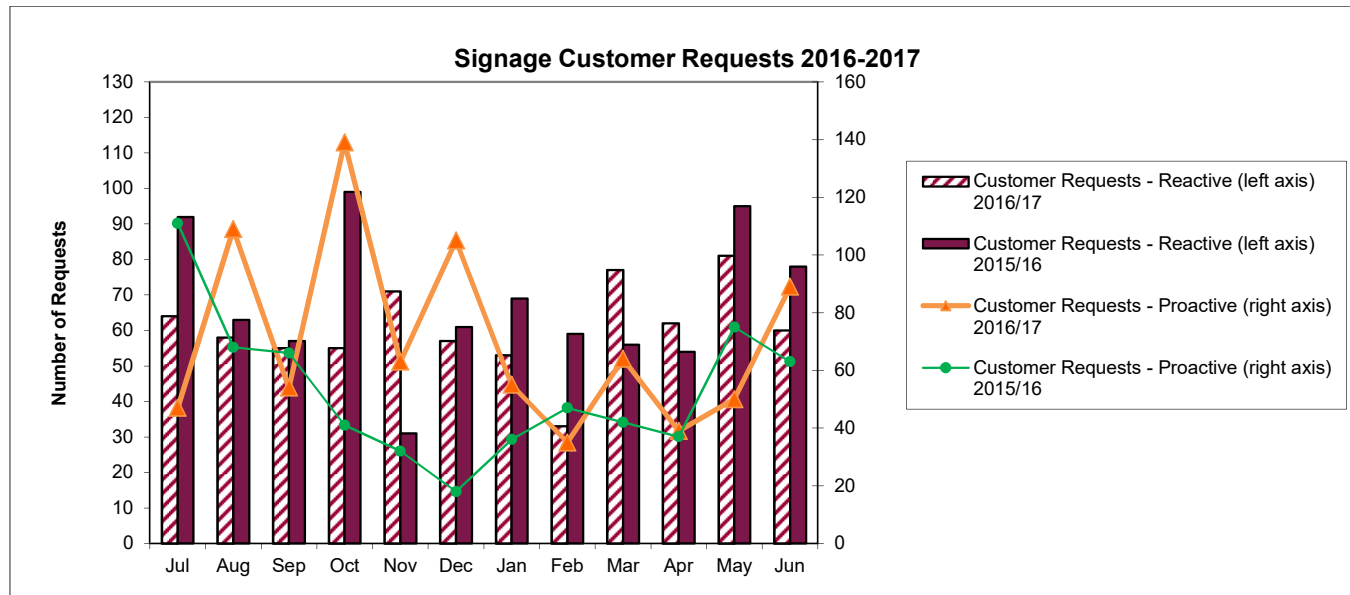
Footpath Repairs	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
m2 Repaired	24256	24614
Requests Received	898	716

**Comments:**

The condition of footpaths is being maintained to the required service levels in Council's Road Management Plan. Residents' requests were significantly up in March compared to last year and as a result so were the total number of repairs completed. Most of these were done in March to avoid wet weather and align with contractor availability.

Required repairs are identified in a number of ways, including annual inspection programs and customer service requests. Physical works fluctuate monthly based on the number of requests, the area of footpath requiring work and the scheduling of work crews.

## Signage

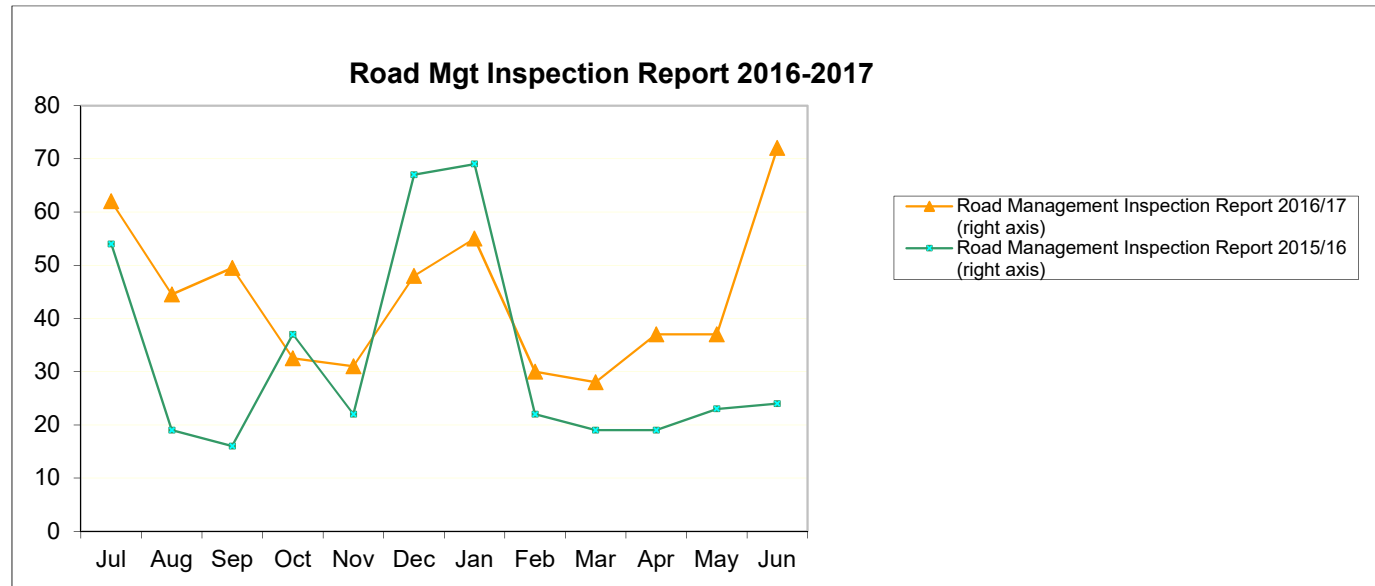


Signage	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Customer Requests - Reactive	726	814
Customer Requests - Proactive	849	636

**Comments:**

The number of reactive requests is informed by Council's traffic engineers and reports by the public. There were fewer reactive requests than last year. More proactive requests were recorded than last year. Proactive requests are identified through routine scheduled inspections by Council's Road Management Inspector.

## Road Management Inspection Report



Road Management Inspection Report	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Road Management Inspection Report	527	391

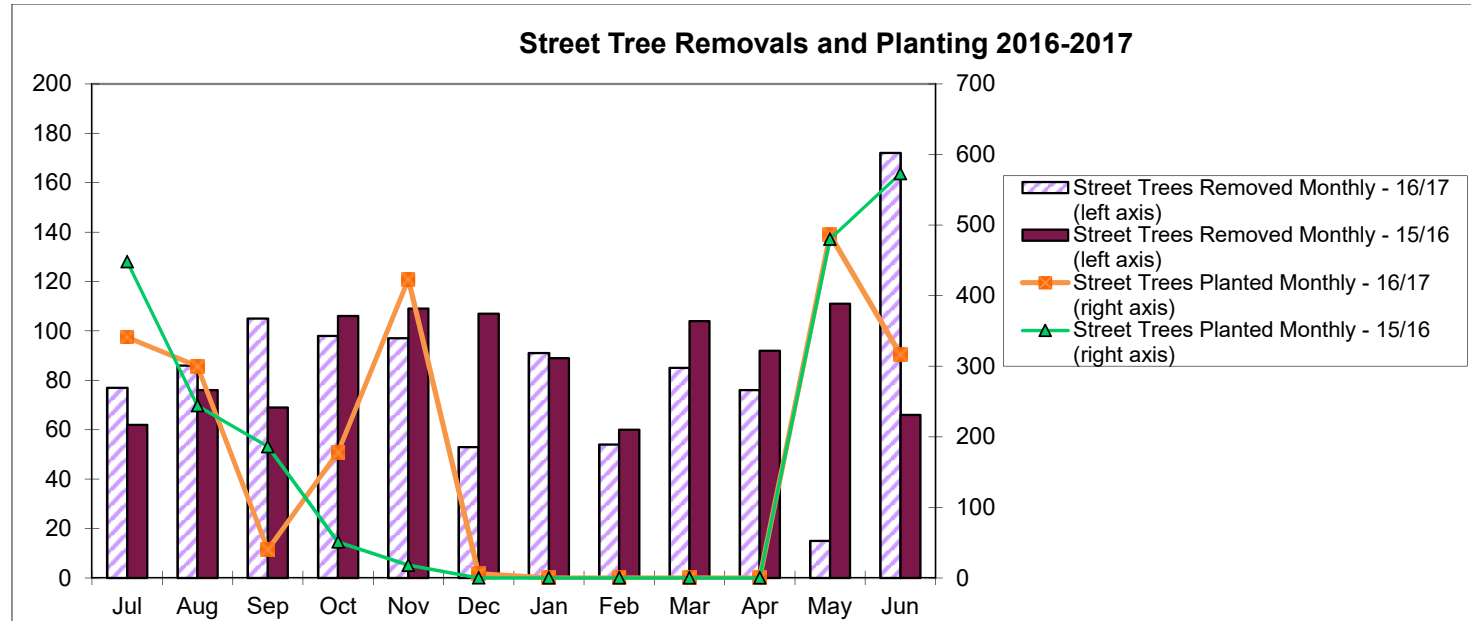
**Comments:**

Council repairs signs and other damage on roads based on reports from Council traffic officers as well as scheduled routine inspections by the Road Management Inspector. In December and January a program of street furniture repairs was completed, which reflects in the increased works arising from the Road Management Inspections. These works were grouped together for efficiency and the increase does not indicate that more street furniture was in need of work during this period.

Road Management Inspection Report figures have increased. This includes graffiti, damage or vandalism on street furniture and signs.

## Parks

## Tree Removals and Planting



Tree Removals and Planting	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Street Trees Removed	1009	1051
Street Trees Planted	2090	2000

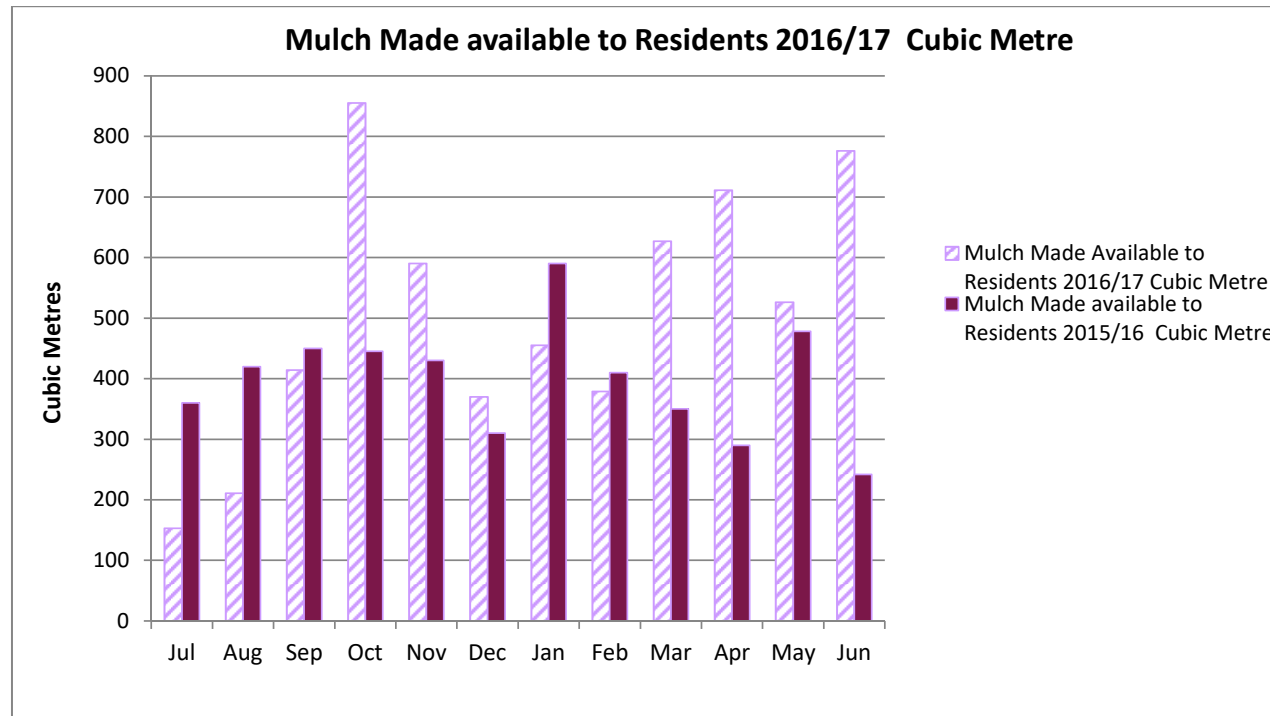
**Comments:**

Tree Removals: maintaining around 1000 tree removals per year, most of the trees as small to medium sized trees that are short lived and are at the end of life such as the purple leafed plum trees.

Tree Planting: Planted 2090 trees for replacements and vacant sites. A new planting regime over the cooler months to average 400 per month for a 5 month period has been introduced, to affect better efficiencies.



## Mulch Made Available to Residents



Mulch Made Available	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015-16
Mulch Made Available to Residents	6067	4775

**Comments:**

The woodchip mulch material stored at the Glen Huntly Park Mulch facility is generated from Council's in-house tree pruning work, approved tree contractors, and street tree powerline clearance works. The free mulch material is very popular with the community, and at times strong demand has left the facility empty of material.

The amount of mulch produced over the last year has increased by 35% on the preceding year. This is a direct result of the Comprehensive Pruning Programme, with increased numbers of trees pruned to meet compliance standards and achieve better tree health and ascetics outcomes.

## Recreation

Sports Ground Usage	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average YTD 16/17	Average YTD 15/16
Clubs 16/17	32	32	32	31	31	31	31	31	31	34	34	34	32	
Clubs 15/16	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32		32
Teams 16/17	310	310	310	201	201	201	201	201	201	342	342	342	264	
Teams 15/16	299	299	299	197	197	197	197	197	197	310	310	310		251
Total Grounds 16/17	44	44	44	42	42	42	42	42	42	43	43	43	43	
Total Grounds 15/16	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44		44

**Note:** Glen Eira has 45 Sports Grounds

(OCT'16 – JUNE'17)

- Decrease in total grounds due to oval redevelopment works at EE Gunn Reserve Oval 2

## Public Hall Usage Rates

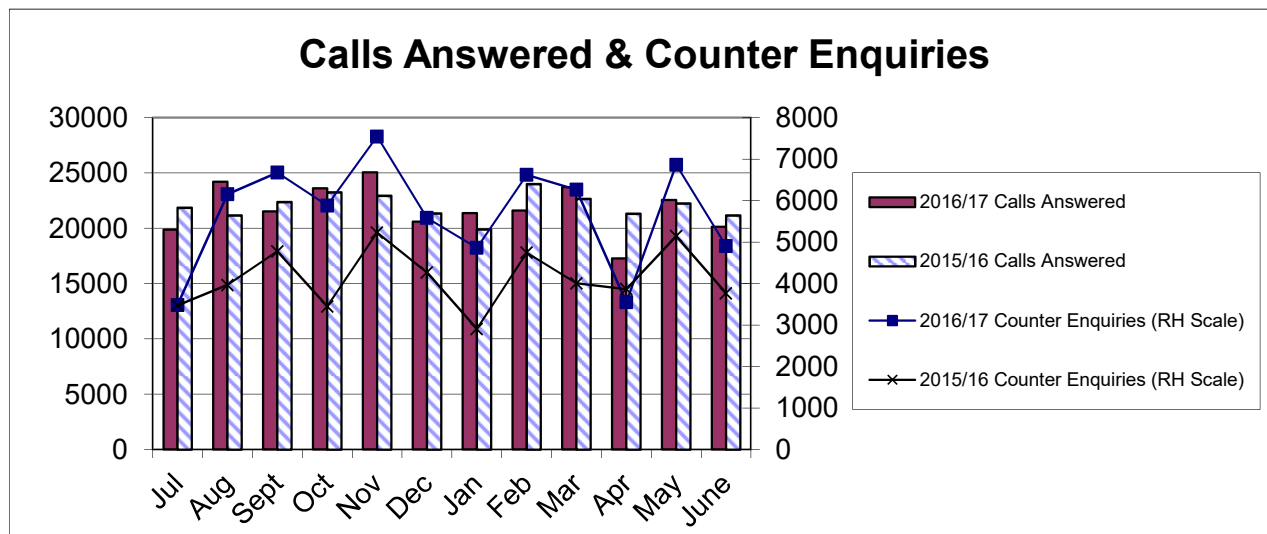
Public Hall Usage	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Average YTD 16/17	Average YTD 15/16
Bookings 2016/2017	789	834	717	814	768	644	527	664	749	649	828	755	728	
Bookings 2015/2016	739	799	726	738	719	598	513	693	722	713	815	743		710

**Comments:**

These figures represent the monthly bookings for Council's eleven Community and Multipurpose Rooms, includes Caulfield Park Community Room, Julie Cooper Pavilion, Duncan Mackinnon Reserve Community Room and the Moorleigh Community Centre.

## Service Centre

## Number of Telephone Calls Answered and Counter Enquiries

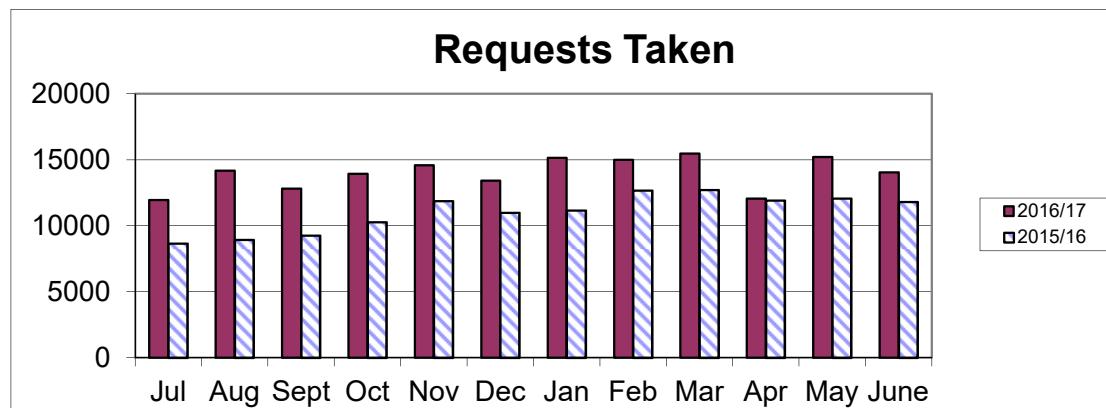


Calls Answered & Counter Enquiries	YTD 2016-17	YTD 2015- 16
Calls Answered	261616	264320
Counter Enquiries	68411	49604

**Comments:**

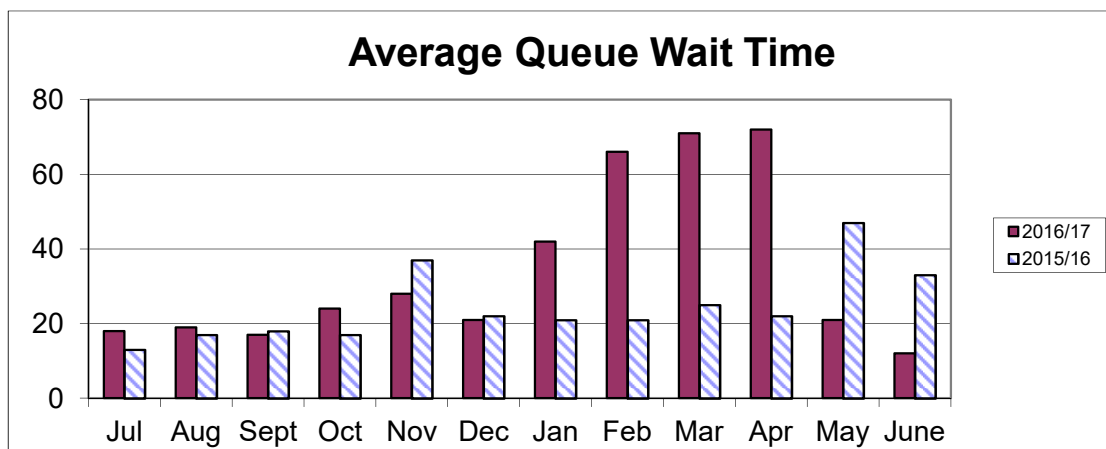
The monthly volume of telephone calls and counter enquiries can vary due to the timing of certain Council business activities such as rate installment and dog registration deadlines. The daily average of calls answered is 1,200 and counter enquiries is 350.

## Number of Requests Taken

**Comments:**

Requests taken are phone calls which require further action, thus necessitating referral to other officers through Council's automated tracking system. The volume of requests has increased over the last few months. Again this is a combination of customers requesting more services together with a noticeable increase on planning, waste and rates enquiries.

## Average Queue Wait Time by Seconds

**Comments:**

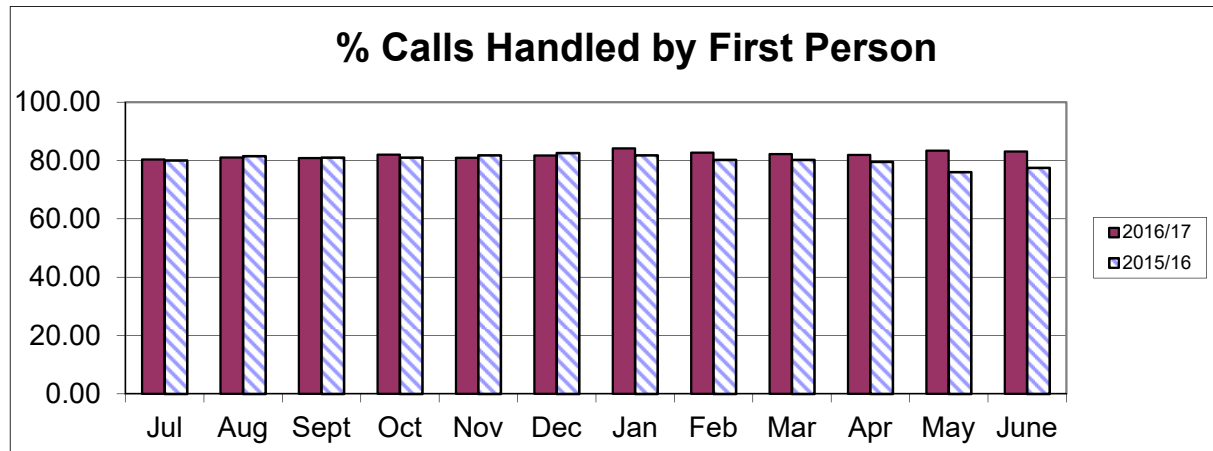
Telephone response times are dependent on the monthly level of customer activity which can be affected by business seasonality factors and staffing levels. In the last quarter (Jan, Feb and March ), our average queue wait times increased considerably. The main reasons for this were as follows:

1. Staff shortages – Secondments, leave and other duties. From late 2016 through early 2017, a number of experienced Service Centre staff have been seconded to other business units as permanent or back-fill replacements.
2. In late December'16, the City experienced a severe storm (the flow-on effect of this was felt in early January'17 in the Service Centre).
3. February'17 was also impacted by storm activities, causing the queue wait time to extend to over 2 minutes for a number of days.
4. The volume of requests taken has increased substantially from the previous year and the types of requests (more complex) have also increased;
5. Council advertised and recruited a number of new staff members to support the Service Centre in January/February'17. During March'17 (and also in April'17), training of these new officers occurred with experienced staff used to train new recruits on live calls ("buddy" system).
6. From time to time, the Service Centre experiences some technical phone issues, which need to be addressed by the phone provider.

Quarter from April – June:

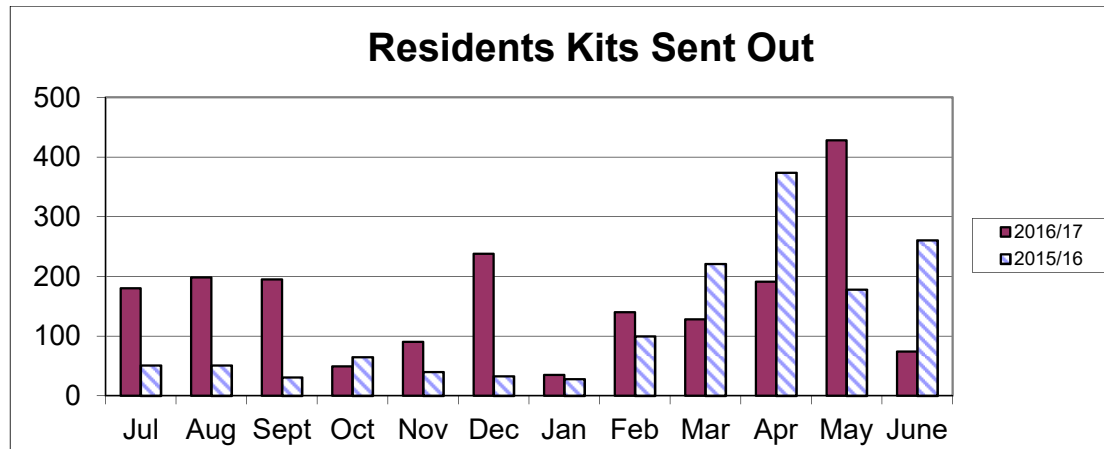
May and June 2017 show a large decrease in the average queue wait time following the completion of training programs for new staff in April 2017.

## % Completed by First Person to Handle Call

**Comments:**

This graph demonstrates the percentage of telephone calls which are handled by the customer service officer, and do not require transfer to other officers or departments.

## Number of New Resident Kits Sent Out

**Comments:**

The level of New Resident Kits distributed is totally dependent on the number of new residents identified from Council's property database in any given month. The kit gives new residents information on Glen Eira services as soon as they move in.

## Risk Management


Insurance Claims	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD 16/17	YTD 15/16
Liability Received – 16/17	31	32	33	40	37	18	35	38	28	22	31	29	374	
Liability Received – 15/16	31	29	33	28	29	30	22	28	19	26	30	30		335
Liability Closed – 16/17 <sup>#</sup>	4	57	20	22	39	0	74	3	32	0	64	58	373	
Liability Closed – 15/16 <sup>#</sup>	20	33	1	43	25	29	2	58	5	32	62	30		340
Motor Vehicle Received – 16/17	1	7	2	0	3	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	23	
Motor Vehicle Received – 15/16	1	7	5	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	5		26
Motor Vehicle Closed – 16/17	1	3	3	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	4	4	23	
Motor Vehicle Closed – 15/16	7	3	3	4	7	1	1	0	5	1	1	1		34
Other Received – 16/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Received – 15/16	0	1*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Other Closed – 16/17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other Closed – 15/16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0


## Comments


\* 25 August 2015 burst water pipe resulting in a water damage claim at Rosstown Community 6 Ames Avenue Carnegie.

<sup>#</sup> Liabilities closed is subject to the time it takes to manage a claim.



 OT = On Track to achieve the action as at 30 June 2017

 NOT = Not On Track to achieve the action as at 30 June 2017

 ID = In Doubt, uncertain as to achieving the action as at 30 June 2017

Key Strategic Activity	Actions for 2016-2017	Measures	Progress as at 30 June 2017
<b>Theme 1: Services to support the community</b> <b>To maintain high quality service standards and deliver universal services that support the community, particularly the needs of families, youth, senior citizens and people with a disability.</b>			
Continue to provide a comprehensive range of community services that are responsive to the needs of the community.	Provide community services which minimise social isolation and build community identification.	Deliver social outings and exercise classes to at least 200 socially isolated residents each year.	208 socially isolated residents enrolled in exercise and social outings as at June 2017.
		Deliver Home Library Service to at least 200 socially isolated clients.	238 Home Library Service clients as at June 2017.
		Provide 23,433 hours of social support.	22,397 hours of social support provided as at end of June 2017. We are currently meeting all requests for service in social support.
		Provide 500 hours Maternal and Child Health specifically targeted at vulnerable clients.	917 hours have been provided to families as at June 2017.
	Implement the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.	90% of 2016-17 actions complete.	99% of actions complete as at end of June 2017.
	Inspect registered food businesses to assess compliance with National Food Safety Standards.	Conduct 850 food safety assessments.	932 food safety assessments conducted as at June 2017.
Encourage residents to raise issues through letters, emails and calls to the Service Centre and provide timely and informative responses.	Customer Service Centre to resolve calls at first point of contact.	82% of calls resolved at first point of contact.	82.00% of calls resolved at first point of contact as at 30 June 2017.
	Ensure telephone calls are answered promptly.	Average call waiting time of 18 seconds or less.	Average call waiting time is 34 Seconds. From January to April, average queue wait times increased considerably due to the following: severe storm activities in late December'16 and February'17; volume of requests taken increased substantially; and staff shortages including secondments, leave and training.
Deliver children's services that provide support, education and improve health and wellbeing outcomes for young children and their families subject to State Government policies and funding arrangements.	Deliver maternal and child health services that meet state government targets.	15,000 Key Age and Stage visits delivered.	16,476 Key Ages and Stages visits delivered as at June 2017.
	Implement the Municipal Early Years Plan.	90% of 2016-17 actions complete.	98% of actions completed as at June 2017.
	Provide vaccinations to infants and school children in accordance with the National Immunisation Schedule.	8,000 vaccinations provided to infants and school children.	11,575 vaccinations provided to infants and school children as at June 2017.

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Assist older people and people with a disability to maintain healthy, active and independent lifestyles in their own home and within the community.	Provide a range of services which support frail older people and people with disabilities to live independently at home.	Deliver all funded hours of Home Care, Personal Care and Respite Care to eligible residents currently set by DHHS at 95,000 hours.	A total of 92,222 hours have been delivered. We are currently meeting all requests for service in Home Care, Personal Care and Respite Care.
		Meet all service requests from eligible residents for Home Maintenance Services.	All requests met with 4,446 hours of home maintenance delivered as at June 2017.
	Support senior citizens clubs to enhance social inclusion of older persons.	Council to provide 14,000 hours per annum of free facility use to local senior citizens clubs.	17,977 hours of free facility use provided to senior citizens clubs as at 30 June 2017.
	Provide quality accredited residential aged care services that achieve a high level of resident satisfaction.	Achieve 90% resident satisfaction as measured by Annual Quality Performance Systems survey.	Received over 90% resident satisfaction as measured by Annual Quality Performance Systems survey. Warrawee 95%, Spurway 92%, Rosstown 94%
	Implement actions contained in the Glen Eira Ageing Strategy.	90% of 2016-17 actions complete.	98% of actions complete as at 30 June 2017
Deliver a range of disability services that promotes community inclusiveness and access for all abilities.	Implement actions in the Disability Action Plan.	90% of 2016-17 actions complete.	99% of actions complete as at end of June 2017
Ensure Council libraries provide a broad range of books, e-books, learning materials, access to technology, activities and programs that entertain, enrich and develop the community.	Offer a range of library services and programs which encourage family and community involvement.	600,000 visits to Council libraries annually.	702,747 visits to Council libraries at end of June 2017
		Provide Story-time and Baby-time sessions for 50,000 attendees at the libraries in Bentleigh, Carnegie, Caulfield and Elsternwick.	61,869 library attendees at Story-time and Baby-time sessions as at 30 June 2017.
	Offer a range of library programs for adults that promote reading and encourage social connectedness.	Deliver at least 250 library programs aimed at information technology, community connections or enjoyment of reading.	641 library programs delivered as at 30 June 2017.
Implement a range of centre and school-based programs to engage young people aged 10 – 25 years and encourage active participation.	Offer a range of centre and school based programs.	Provide more than 250 programs.	279 centre and school based programs delivered as at 30 June 2017.
Provide Youth Work support to young people and families to assist in positive development.	Assist and deliver support advocacy and referral to young people who are disadvantaged, isolated or at risk.	7,000 young people and their families supported through school and centre based programs, information and referral, service collaboration and special events.	9,586 young people and their families supported for the year ended 30 June 2017.

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<b>Theme 2: Traffic, parking and transport</b> <b>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.</b>			
Improve safety and movement of road users and provide a fair and equitable balance of parking.	Investigate community requests about traffic and parking.	95% of reactive investigations responded to within 5 days, 50 community consultations undertaken, and the placing of the "Not So Fast" speed trailer at problem locations.	92% of reactive investigations responded to within 5 Days due to significant increase in requests/workloads. 78 consultations undertaken to date and the speed trailer placed at 15 Locations.
Continue to promote walking, cycling and public transport options in Glen Eira as alternatives to motor vehicle use.	Implement actions outlined in the Walking Strategy Action Plan.	At least 90% of budgeted actions complete.	Implemented 78% of the budgeted actions. The actions that were not completed are: (1) Patterson Road pedestrian crossings not completed due to delays receiving Vic Track approval for public lighting under the Patterson Road bridge. (2) Tucker Road pedestrian crossing facility that needed to be deferred due to unavailability of a suitable contractor to undertake the works.
	Review the Bicycle Strategy Action Plan.	Complete the review of the Bicycle Strategy Action Plan.	Officers are currently preparing an Integrated Transport Strategy. As part of this body of work a new Bicycle Strategy will be developed.
Inform the community about local active transport options such as pedestrian, bicycle and public transport options including those arising from consultations.	Articles through Glen Eira News and Council's website.	Six active transport related articles in Glen Eira News and on Council's website.	7 articles to date
Improve safety around shopping centres, and schools by maintaining safe school crossings and installing traffic management treatments to protect vulnerable road users such as children and older residents.	Audit schools and identify improvements to safety and the movement of people.	Three audits completed and business cases prepared for supported recommendations.	Three road safety audits have been completed (Bentleigh West, Tucker Road and Bentleigh East Primary Schools). Business cases have also been prepared for funding to implement audit recommendations in 2017/18.
	Audit shopping centres and identify improvements to safety and the movement of people.	Two audits completed and business cases prepared for supported recommendations.	Centre & Mackie Roads Shops and Gardenvale Road Shops audits completed. Business cases have also been prepared for funding to implement audit recommendations in 2017/2018
Improve road safety and manage congestion on the local road network.	Implement capital program including traffic calming measures in local streets informed by the Transport Strategy, Road Safety Strategy and the Local Area Traffic Management Priority System.	All traffic capital works projects (identified in the Budget) at least 90% complete.	Completed 60% of capital works projects identified in the Budget. Delays receiving Vic Track approval for pedestrian lights at Patterson Road rail bridge. The speed humps in Seymour Road have been deferred due to redesign as a result of flood overlay and the Tucker Road pedestrian crossing has been deferred due to unavailability of a suitable contractor.
	Undertake traffic counts within the City and add to Council's Local Area Traffic Management Priority System to inform future capital works projects.	At least 105 traffic counts completed.	129 traffic counts have been undertaken for the year ended 30 June 2017.

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<b>Theme 3: Town Planning and Development</b> <b>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.</b>			
Plan for a mixture of housing types that allows residents to meet their housing needs in different stages of their life-cycle within the City.	Actively plan for a mix of dwelling types underpinned by the three residential zones (Neighbourhood Residential Zone, General Residential Zone and Residential Growth Zone) and also by encouraging a mix of one, two and three bedroom dwellings in larger medium density proposals.	At least 50% of new dwellings to be located within the General Residential, Residential Growth and Commercial Zones.	75% of new dwellings located within the General Residential, Residential Growth and Commercial Zones.
Enforce the provisions of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme and building control requirements across the City as well as compliance with any planning permits.	Conduct proactive and reactive site inspections for compliance with planning permit conditions and Local Law requirements.	300 proactive inspections completed and respond to 95% of reactive planning enforcement matters within 5 days.	522 proactive inspections undertaken and responded to 95% of reactive planning enforcement matters within 5 days.
	Enforce building control requirements and investigate building enforcement matters.	200 building enforcement matters investigated and respond to 95% of reactive building enforcement matters within 5 days.	382 Building enforcement matters investigated and responded to 95% of reactive building enforcement matters within 5 days.
Ensure new multi-dwelling residential development is sympathetic to the existing neighbourhood character in Glen Eira's Neighbourhood Residential Zone.	Make decisions in accordance with Council's Neighbourhood Residential Zone with an emphasis on Neighbourhood Character.	Refuse under manager delegation all applications which do not satisfy the purpose of Council's Neighbourhood Residential Zone.	All 56 applications that did not satisfy the purpose of Council's Neighbourhood Residential Zone were refused under manager delegation as at 30 June 2017
Encourage and support community involvement in the planning permit application process.	Promote Council's suite of fast track permit application processes.	Report to Council, year on year, the percentage of applications using fast track process.	As at 30 June 2017 we have not had any fast track applications lodged in 2016-17. 3% of applications were lodged using the fast track process during 2015-16.
Provide an opportunity for all residents to be informed and to participate in town planning applications where they (and others) object.	Maintain both the non-statutory planning Conference (Council decision by resolution) and Delegated Planning Committee as forums for resident involvement in the town planning process.	Except for a Managerial Refusal of an application, ensure all objectors are provided with an opportunity to participate in a Consultation Meeting, Delegated Planning Committee Meeting or Planning Conference.	299 Delegated Planning Meetings and 43 Planning Conferences have been held for the year ended 30 June 2017.
Provide a fair, transparent and inclusive town planning decision making process.	Improve the Delegated Planning Committee (DPC) efficiency by reducing the number of planning applications needing to be referred for a decision by undertaking mediation.	Undertake ten (10) mediation meetings.	9 mediation meetings undertaken as at 30 June 2017. Engagement with stakeholders occurs in a range of ways depending on the complexity of the application and the nature of the matters in dispute between applicants and objectors. During the past year, 9 mediation meetings, 43 Planning Conferences and 299 Delegated Planning Forums were held. Mediation meetings were offered and accepted by stakeholders in a limited number of instances due to the complex nature of most applications and the respective positions by applicants and objectors typically being irreconcilable.
Undertake community consultation and engagement to ensure the Glen Eira Municipal Strategic Statement, Glen Eira Planning Scheme and town planning process meets the needs of local residents and ratepayers.	Survey participants in the Delegated Planning Committee process to ascertain satisfaction rates.	80% satisfaction rating of participants in the DPC process.	92% of participants were happy with the DPC process as at 30 June 2017.

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<b>Theme 4: Governance</b> <b>To deliver strong local leadership and governance in an open and responsible manner in the best interests of the community.</b>			
Inform the community about Council's roles and activities through a broad range of media.	Ensure all Council endorsed strategies, plans and policies are available on the Council website.	All Council endorsed strategies, plans and policies published in a user friendly format on the Council website.	All Council endorsed strategies, plans and policies have been published on the Council website.
Maximise capital investment while continuing to keep operating costs and rates below the average of neighbouring Councils.	Continue to keep operating costs and rates per assessment low.	Average operating cost 5% below the average of our seven benchmark Councils.	Glen Eira's operating cost per property is approximately 5% below the average of our seven benchmark Councils.
Ensure that Council complies with financial and performance reporting requirements.	The preparation and completion of Council's 2015-16 annual accounts.	Completion of 2015-16 Financial Report and Performance Statement by 30 September 2016 with an unqualified audit opinion.	The 2015-16 Financial Report and Performance Statement was completed by 30 September 2016 with unqualified audit opinions.
	Delivery of the 2016-2017 Annual Budget in line with approved budget timelines.	Completion of the 2016-17 Budget - to be adopted by Council by 30 June 2016 and submitted to the Minister before 30 June 2016.	The 2016-17 Budget was adopted by Council on 28 June 2016 and submitted to the Minister by 30 June 2016.
Ensure that Council adheres to the Charter of Human Rights.	Ensure all staff receive information about the Charter of Human Rights and comply with the Charter.	No breaches of the Charter.	Information about the Charter is provided in Induction packs for new staff and online training on the Charter is mandatory.
Establish an effective monitoring and review process for the Glen Eira Community Plan to check and report progress towards community needs.	Regular reporting on progress against action items in the Community Plan.	Report progress to Council quarterly.	Progress against action items in the Community Plan reported to Council quarterly for the year ended 30 Jun 2017.
	All agendas and minutes of Council meetings are posted on Council website and are easy to locate and search.	Agendas and minutes on website.	All agendas and minutes of Council meetings were placed on Council's website and are easy to locate and search.
Implement the Council Risk Management Strategy to ensure that risk is effectively managed throughout the organisation.	Implement Council's Risk Management Strategy.	Rolling program of Business Unit risks to Audit Committee Meetings.	The rolling program covering Business Unit operational risks continues to be reported to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.
Continue to implement Occupational Health and Safety strategies to provide a safe workplace and protect staff from injuries.	Ensure compliance with Councils externally audited safety accreditation system (SafetyMAP).	Council complies with SafetyMAP criteria and maintains accreditation status.	The audit occurred on 13th and 14th of February 2017 and focused on the following work areas - Major Projects, Purchasing and Fleet and the Service Centre. Overall, SafetyMAP certification was maintained following the audit. The next audit is scheduled for November 2017.

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<b>Theme 5: Recreation and open space.</b> <b>To enhance recreation facilities and open space to meet current and future needs of the local community.</b>			
Upgrade or renew Council sporting pavilions in line with Council's Priorities for Pavilion Upgrades Report to provide clubs and groups with access to relevant and appropriate facilities and amenities.	Commence Design of the new Lord Reserve Pavilion to replace two existing pavilions.	Design completed incorporating energy and water efficiency features.	Lord Reserve Pavilion design on hold pending masterplan of Lord Reserve/ Carnegie/ Koornang Park Precinct. Marlborough Pavilion design on hold pending developer plans for Virginia Park (East Village). Next pavilion priorities currently being assessed for inclusion in this program.
Implement an annual capital works program in relation to the open space and sporting facility upgrade.	Duncan Mackinnon Reserve outer walking track upgrade.	Complete upgrade.	The project scope has shifted slightly with the works now set to include Stage I and Stage II landscape enhancement works. This body of work is currently being prepared by Landscape Architect for Tender.
	Advocate for funding for Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track upgrade.	Advocacy complete.	Funding approved by SRV. Project funded as part of 2017/18 budget.
	Redevelop EE Gunn No 2 following grade separation soil stock piling.	Complete redevelopment.	Redevelopment of EE Gunn No 2 completed.
	Redevelop Bailey Reserve No 2 sports ground.	Complete the sports ground redevelopment.	Redevelopment of Bailey Reserve No 2 sports ground completed.
	Upgrade the irrigation system to the main oval at McKinnon Reserve to improve reliability and minimise maintenance.	Complete upgrade.	Upgrade to irrigation system to the main oval at McKinnon Reserve completed.
	Upgrade the rubber play surface at Carnegie Library interactive Play area.	Upgrade completed.	Upgrade to the rubber play surface at Carnegie Library interactive Play area completed.
	Complete construction of Booran Reserve.	Park open for public use.	Practical Completion reached and Park officially open to public in April 2017.
	Upgrade sportsground lighting at Bailey Reserve.	Sports ground lighting upgrade at Bailey Reserve Oval 2.	Upgrade to sportsground lighting at Bailey Reserve completed.
	Hopetoun Gardens landscape enhancement works.	Complete Hopetoun Gardens landscape works.	Completed Hopetoun Gardens landscape works.
	Upgrade Multipurpose Courts at East Caulfield and Koornang Park.	Upgrade completed.	East Caulfield project completed with courts being well utilised. Koornang Park project deferred and will be revisited as part of the Lord Reserve / Carnegie Swim Centre / Koornang Park masterplan in 2017/18.

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Provide access to Council facilities (including sporting grounds and pavilions) for community activities and sport.	Accommodate at least 400 sporting teams on sporting fields in the municipality.	Teams allocated to grounds.	201 teams were allocated in the 2016/17 summer season and 342 teams were allocated in 2017 winter season.
	Provide local community rooms and encourage community use.	Provide use of Town Hall and Carnegie Community Centre for Council, community organisations and members of the community. More than 2,000 bookings.	Community bookings increased by 6 % compared to the year before to 1339. Total room bookings for the year (including internal staff) were 2448.
	Install shade sails in Council parks and reserves.	Shade sail program at Elsternwick Plaza, North Avenue Park and Memorial Park.	Shade sails installed at Elsternwick Plaza, North Avenue Park and Memorial Park.
Ensure the availability of a diverse range of passive recreational opportunities in local parks that meet the needs of the community.	Continue Stage 2 landscape upgrade works at Marara Road Reserve.	Complete upgrade.	Project scope has shifted and now includes a full plinth program in addition to landscape enhancement works. Landscape enhancement (2016/17) and plinth (2017/18) have been merged together. These works are currently in progress.

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Provide a range of leisure and aquatic programs at GESAC that meet the needs of the community.	Provide a range of programs and events for the community at GESAC.	Maintain membership at not less than 14,000.	Membership currently at 15,581 at end of June.
Provide a range of leisure and aquatic programs at the Carnegie Swim Centre that meet the needs of the community.	Provide a range of programs and events for the community at Carnegie Swim Centre.	Six community events and programs held over the season.	Carnegie Swim Centre held 6 community events and programs as at 30 June 2017.
Work with key stakeholders to reduce water and energy consumption required to maintain parks and sporting facilities.	Progressively reduce energy use from lighting in parks including by moving to newer lighting technology.	Complete lighting installation at Caulfield Park, Gardenvale Park, Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve, Joyce Park and Princes Park.	Works completed at Caulfield Park, Gardenvale Park, Joyce Park and Princes Park. Bentleigh Hodgson Reserve works have been transferred to 2017/18 works program.
Continue a program of upgrading or redeveloping playgrounds to ensure that a diverse array of play opportunities for children of all abilities is provided.	Implement Council's budgeted program to upgrade playgrounds.	Council program implemented.	Council's program to upgrade playgrounds implemented. New playgrounds installed at Clee Street Reserve, North Avenue and Clapperton Street Reserve. New play elements installed at McKinnon Reserve.
Continue to provide a balance of both on and off leash areas for dogs across the City and educate pet owners on responsible pet ownership.	Complete 1,500 patrols of parks to educate the community about responsible pet ownership.	1,500 park patrols conducted to encourage responsible pet ownership.	1886 Park patrols undertaken as at 30 June 2017.
Continue to maintain and improve facilities in parks.	Install new automated public toilet at King George Reserve.	Complete installation.	Automated public toilet procured with contractor appointed. Unit to be installed in August 2017.
	Install outdoor fitness pod at Marara Road Reserve.	Complete installation.	Fitness units installed Rubber surfacing works to be completed in 2017-18 as part of the Marara Road Landscape Enhancement and plinth project.
	Continue the rolling program to replace aged, unsafe and damaged park furniture infrastructure.	Expend at least 90% of the 2016-17 budget for replacing aged, unsafe and damaged park furniture.	Completed.
Continue to plant and maintain trees and other vegetation in our parks.	Undertake park tree pruning to uplift and shape trees associated with sightlines and pedestrian hazards.	2500 trees pruned.	4232 trees pruned in Parks as at June 30.



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Key Strategic Activity	Actions for 2016-2017	Measures	Progress as at 30 June 2017
<b>Theme 6: Waste, graffiti and cleanliness</b> <b>To maintain a safe, clean and attractive City.</b>			
Provide a comprehensive waste management program to ensure the safe and responsible removal and treatment of local waste.	Continue to deliver kerbside waste collection, street sweeping, litter bin collection and hard rubbish collection services across the municipality.	Services delivered.	Services delivered generally at a good standard.
Develop and implement programs to reduce waste and increase rates of recycling within the community.	Introduce food waste collection as part of organics recycling services for the community.	Preparation and introduction complete.	Food waste facility not available until January 2018. A detailed communications plan for this project has been developed.
Deliver graffiti services that rapidly removes graffiti from Council owned assets and assists local residents and businesses to remove and prevent graffiti.	Prompt removal of graffiti from Council owned buildings.	90% of graffiti reported removed within five working days.	All reported graffiti removed within agreed response times.
	Assist with the removal of graffiti from private property where resources allow.	90% of requests responded to within ten working days.	All reported graffiti removed within agreed response times.

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<b>Theme 7: Sustainable community assets and infrastructure</b> <b>To enhance and develop sustainable community assets and infrastructure to meet the needs of current and future generations.</b>			
Deliver a strategic and informed program to renew, upgrade and build community assets to meet the current and future needs of the community.	Implement Council's Road Reconstruction Sub-program in accordance with Council's Asset Management Strategy.	Expend 90% of the budgeted capital works program for road reconstruction.	Expended more than 95% of the budgeted capital works program for road reconstruction.
	Deliver capital works program to renew, upgrade or build Council assets, community facilities and infrastructure.	\$25M spent on capital works projects.	\$35M total spent on Capital Works projects.
	Implement the Public Toilet Strategy including upgrading the Morton Avenue toilet in Carnegie.	Expend \$150,000 implementing the public toilet strategy.	The Morton Ave toilet will be rebuilt by the LXRA as part of the level crossing removal works and will open in 2018. The budget for implementing the public toilet strategy was used to upgrade essential components to make them more reliable and extend their lives. Total expenditure on public toilet works was \$168,000.
	Implement \$1.7M footpath upgrade capital program at various locations around the City in accordance with Council's Road Management Plan.	Expend 90% of the budgeted capital works program for footpath installation.	Completed with \$1.77M expended.
Maintain, renew and upgrade Council's drainage system to reduce the risk of flood damage.	Implement Council's Drainage Improvement and Flood Mitigation Sub Programs.	Expend 90% on Council's Drainage Improvement and Flood Mitigation Sub Programs.	More than 90% expended with some of the next years works brought forward.
	Inspect Council drainage pits.	10,000 pits inspected.	4,705 pits inspected. Due to heavy floods, pit sucker vehicle and all drainage staff have focussed on re-active work only. Pro-active work can recommence when customer requests are dealt with first.
Improve the quality and cleanliness of Glen Eira's major activity and retail precincts to meet the needs of business, visitors and the community.	Progressively renew and revitalise Shopping Strip Streetscapes.	Expend \$400,000 on revitalisation of Shopping Strip Streetscapes	Expended \$417,368 on revitalisation of Shopping Strip Streetscapes. Clarence Street upgrade is 95% complete. The project seeks to revitalize the local shops and make the street safe for local school movements. A new strategic approach is being undertaken for upcoming years upgrade to align with the new Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy
Continue to promote and support strategies to increase environmental biodiversity.	As part of the implementation of the Street Tree Strategy, plant additional street trees until vacant nature strip sites are filled.	Plant an additional 1,000 trees into vacant sites.	1,039 vacant site trees planted by 30 June 2017.

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Implement strategies to reduce the use of potable water, energy and natural resources of Council assets and operations.	Continue to support Council's commitment to purchasing 'green' products.	Purchasing of green products in 2016-17 to meet or better Council's green expenditure in 2015-16.	Purchasing of green products in 2016-17 exceeded Council's 2015-16 green expenditure.
	Reduce energy consumption from existing buildings and lighting and increase use of renewable energy.	Invest \$800,000 in energy efficiency and renewable energy for existing Council buildings and lighting.	\$829,014 expended on energy efficiency and renewable energy for Council buildings and lighting. Works exceeded the anticipated amount as extra work was committed. All works completed before 30 June 2017.
	Investigate feasibility of future energy efficiency and sustainability options.	Complete investigations into next best energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities for Council managed infrastructure. Subject to approval from the electricity distribution companies, replace HPNa street lights with a more energy efficient alternative.	Investigations into next best energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities for Council managed infrastructure is in progress. A project has been included in Council's capital works program to replace HPNa street lights with a more energy efficient alternatives over the next 3 years.
Support the community to reduce their impact on the environment.	Run regular ongoing recycling education activities targeted to address key barriers. These to include regular articles and promotional ads, community presentations, direct mail and promotion in languages other than English.	Total of 10 articles in GE news and Leader Newspaper, 3 activities at community events; promotions in languages other than English.	16 Articles in GE News and 37 Articles in Leader Newspapers, 3 activities at community events and 1 language line article. Recycling In Glen Eira brochure translated into 5 languages and distributed to CALD community groups and available on website.
	Facilitate sustainability education activities related to sustainable energy use, water conservation and biodiversity with community networks.	10 activities for the community and 10 for schools and children, 20 articles published.	13 community activities, 10 activities for schools and children. A sustainability themed art project with 21 schools has been completed and was displayed in January and February 2017. There were 28 articles in the Leader and 56 articles in GE News.
	Deliver the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program and the Glen Eira Energy Saving Program to support community in practical ways.	10% increase in the number of participants in the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program. Increase participation in the energy saving program by 150.	16% increase in Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program participants (134 new participants). Energy saving program: 51 new participants. Despite additional promotion and introduction of new products to the energy saving program, community demand dropped significantly. This is thought to be because the barriers that the program addressed are now being better addressed by commercial providers in the marketplace. The program has not been continued and new community programs are being explored.

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<b>Theme 8: Community building and engagement</b> <b>To build a strong connected community that actively participates and engages with Council to improve outcomes for the community.</b>			
Provide a range of events, festivals and community celebrations to build social connectedness and promote community inclusion.	Provide at least ten community celebrations, exhibitions and arts events including three Party in the Park celebrations, exhibitions of local artists work, a story telling festival, a series of musical events, three food and live entertainment events, and at least two group or thematic exhibitions , one "feature exhibition" in the Glen Eira Gallery.	Ten community celebrations, exhibitions and events delivered with 75% of participants satisfied based on exit surveys.	The Springtime Music series, the three Groove and Graze events, the three Party in the Park events, Carols in the Park, the My Brother Jack Awards, National Reconciliation week and half of the Glen Eira Storytelling Festival have been delivered. Three Council curated exhibition have been presented. All exceeded 85% satisfaction
	Foster business, employment and marketing opportunities to enhance the social and economic wellbeing of residents and traders.	Provide a minimum of seven Glen Eira Women's Business networking events, encourage business leadership through the May Business Month educational program and facilitate support for business to access mentors and students.	Provided six Glen Eira Women's Business networking events. The economic development program has been reviewed and refreshed to have a new focus on the 'connection economy' as outlined in the new Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy. This follows a comprehensive review and engagement process through the Women's Business program.
Provide a range of initiatives and programs to build strong connected community groups.	Provide four newsletters to community groups to provide information about local community connectedness initiatives and grant opportunities.	Four newsletters produced and disseminated to community groups.	Four Connect Newsletters distributed, in August, November 2016, February 2017 and May 2017.
	Deliver three capacity building sessions for community groups annually to promote effective and resilient community organisations	Three capacity building sessions delivered to community groups.	The first community building session was held on 10 August with 67 attendees. The second was held on 2 November 2016 with 34 attendees with a 100% satisfaction rate by attendees. The third was held on 17 May 2017 with 52 attendees and a 60% satisfaction rate.
	Implement Arts and Cultural Strategy.	90% of 2016-17 actions complete.	All Arts and Cultural Strategy action items have been fully implemented. There are no Arts and Cultural Strategy action items for 2016-17. A new Strategy will be developed from 2017-18 onwards.
	Fund Community Information Glen Eira to provide community information and referral services to support the community.	\$139,000 delivered to Community Information Glen Eira for community information and referral services.	\$148,873 provided to Community Information Glen Eira. Report to Council in July'17 to consider funding options for Community Information Glen Eira.
Support local community groups through the provision of community grants to assist groups to meet identified community needs.	Continue to implement Council's community grants program with a funding priority encouraging community strengthening and inclusion.	Deliver at least \$350,000 in community grants to community groups to encourage community strengthening and inclusion activities.	\$435,143 delivered in Community Grants to community groups.

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Actively encourage and promote volunteering opportunities within the local community and recognise the achievements of local volunteers.	Conduct Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.	Volunteer Recognition Ceremony conducted.	Two Volunteer Recognition ceremonies were held - on 10 and 11 May 2017. 241 certificates received from 54 community organisations/groups.
	Provide funding for Community Information Glen Eira for the operation of Glen Eira Volunteer Resource Centre.	\$24,839 in funding provided to Community Information Glen Eira.	\$13,335 was provided to Community Information Glen Eira at end of March 2017. Report to Council in July'17 to consider funding options for Community Information Glen Eira.
Deliver a comprehensive range of community consultation processes that provide all members of the community with the opportunity to participate.	Deliver a range of consultations process to maximise community participation.	Use e-newsletter, "bang the table", questionnaires, surveys, public meetings and focus groups as part of consultation processes and ensure consultations comply with Community Engagement Strategy.	A range of consultations conducted, including the development of the Community Plan, involving 6 public meetings, Have Your Say online engagement, promotion through newspapers, newsletters and social media.
	Council e-newsletters distributed to provide information about community consultations and outcomes.	Four e-newsletters distributed annually and a 10% increase in the number of subscribers.	Six e-newsletters delivered to date: July, October, November, 2016 and January, April, May 2017. Currently 378 subscribers and sitting at an annual increase of 14.1%.
	Update community signage to provide information about community consultations and outcomes.	Community signage updated at least four times each year.	Community signage updated in August and November 2016, March and May 2017.
Communicate and engage with the local community by providing accurate and up to date information about local issues and how they will be addressed by Council.	Distribute Glen Eira News to all households in Glen Eira.	11 editions of Glen Eira News published annually.	11 editions of Glen Eira News published
	Publish corporate advertisements providing information on local issues and activities.	22 Council corporate advertisements published annually.	24 corporate ads published.

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
16-Dec-14	9.11	That Council (f) Review the 2006 Recreation Needs Strategy with a view to developing an appendix outlining changes in sporting demand and opportunities for Council to support such demand without conflicting with existing passive and active open space uses.	Report presented at Assembly on 14 March 2017. Report to go to March 2018 Council meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
02-Feb-16	11.1(b)	That a report be prepared on the old Murrumbidgee Police station as follows: 1. Council identifies the owner of the building. 2. What possible uses could Council see for this building.	On hold as report cannot be fully informed of the risks and benefits until it is clear how the rail corridor and activity centres nearby will function.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
23-Feb-16	9.8	Re - policing and security of events on land or in facilities for which the Council is responsible - That officers prepare a report and recommendation that accord with the scope of the original request that this report and recommendation be placed on the agenda of a future Council meeting.	Presentation to Assembly on 13 September 2016.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
07-Jun-16	9.6	Montgomery Rest Home - (b) That this report be updated and placed on the meeting agenda immediately following the handing down of the recommendation from Heritage Victoria.	Report presented to the 12 April 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
28-Jun-16	9.6	That Council requests that a report update be prepared following the release of the 2016 ABS Census data (forecast population growth)	Awaiting ABS Stats.	Director Planning and Place
28-Jun-16	9.7	That Council requests a further report to be prepared on planning fees, and the effect of the new fees, at the end of the 2016-2017 Financial Year	Report to be presented to the 26 September 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
28-Jun-16	9.12	That Council request officers to report back to Council in 12 months' time with a paper considering Glen Eira's future involvement in "Resilient Melbourne" once the potential value of the program to the Glen Eira community is clearer.	Delayed pending a meeting between the CEO and Resilient Melbourne CEO which has now been held. Report presented to Council on 23 May 2017.	Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
19-Jul-16	11.1(a)	That Officers prepare a report into the potential for Council to collaborate with schools in Glen Eira to utilise their open space and grounds for use by sporting clubs and the wider community.	Report to be prepared for Council after the Recreation Needs Strategy is presented in early 2018	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
19-Sep-16	9.11	GESAC Wellness Centre Potential Social Outcomes - That Council: (2) receives a report 12 months after opening to inform Council of the social partnering outcomes.	Wellness Centre due to open September 2017.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
20-Dec-16	9.11	Caulfield Racecourse Wedge - Crown Allotment 2013 That Council: 1. authorises officers to meet with DELWP to negotiate favourable conditions for Council's use of the land, including clarity on the type of recreation facilities that could be incorporated onto the site; 2. authorises officers to undertake any due diligence on the site and commence the process to form the Committee of Management for Crown Allotment 2031; 3. writes to the Minister for Energy, Environment, Climate Change and Suburban Development requesting: (a) Potential for the site to be rezoned in future for other uses, without a nett reduction in open space across the municipality; (b) An allocation of funds received by the State Government from the Melbourne Racing Club be made available to facilitate the development of this site; 4. receives a further report outlining this information for Council consideration prior to accepting the offer of Committee of Management.	Officers met with DEWLP on 9 March 2017 to progress. Report to be presented to the 25 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
07-Feb-17	9.12	<p>Review of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>commences the statutory process pursuant to section 74(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 to review and determine the Councillor and Mayoral allowances for the period 2016 to 2020, and give public notice of such review in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 based on the following proposed allowances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayoral allowance of \$94,641 per annum, being the maximum allowed for category 3 councils.</li> <li>Councillor allowance of \$29,630 per annum, being the maximum allowed for category 3 councils;</li> </ul> </li> <li>schedules a meeting to hear any submissions requested to be made in person under section 223(1)(iv) in relation to the determining of Councillor and Mayoral allowances on Thursday 23 March 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield; and</li> <li>receives a report at a future Council meeting.</li> </ol>	Report presented at the 12 April 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Corporate Services
07-Feb-17	11.1(a)	<p>Requests for reports from Officers - Cr Silver</p> <p>That Officers prepare a Report outlining options that Council can explore to actively support traders affected by the future redevelopment of the Coles Elsternwick site into a multi-storey residential and commercial hub.</p>	Report presented to the 23 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
07-Feb-17	11.1(b)	<p>Requests for reports from Officers - Cr Magee</p> <p>That Council receives a report on the community benefit of providing free membership to GESAC, for Glen Eira residents seventy years of age and over.</p>	Report to be presented at 4 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
07-Feb-17	11.1(c)	<p>Requests for reports from Officers - Cr Athanasopoulos</p> <p>That Council officers prepare a report on the feasibility of providing data on car parking waivers given to approved but not yet built developments within all commercial centres. The report should also explore whether such data would strengthen Council's case at VCAT, when defending decisions to refuse applications seeking a reduction in car parking.</p>	Report presented to the 12 April 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
28-Feb-17	5(a)	<p>Newstead Street petition</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the petition be received and noted</li> <li>That a report be prepared for Council, following a review.</li> </ol>	Report presented to the 2 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place



COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
28-Feb-17	9.7	<p>PARKING REVIEW OF STREETS AROUND HAWTHORN ROAD, GLEN EIRA ROAD AND KOORYONG ROAD</p> <p>That Council :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>notes this report</li> <li>acknowledges that whilst parking conditions have changed since the adjustment of the parking restrictions, there is now a reasonable on-street parking supply that balances the diverse parking needs of the community.</li> <li>writes to the Caulfield Hospital seeking an urgent meeting to discuss closing the pedestrian gate near Sylverly Grove (as it has done so at the laneway off Pretoria Street) and other options to enhance their contribution to parking amenity in the surrounding precinct.</li> <li>continues to patrol the area and respond to resident concerns about parking restriction breaches and blocked driveways</li> <li>consults with residents in affected streets to identify properties with driveway access difficulties and assess them against the eligibility criteria contained in Council's Policy "Painting of Roadside Parking Lines"</li> <li>That if no agreement is reached with the Caulfield Hospital by 13 April 2017, then a further report is presented to the next available Ordinary Council Meeting outlining options for reinstating appropriate parking restrictions in the precinct (including consideration of restrictions in Sylverly Grove, Harcourt Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Gerard Street, Hartley Avenue and Alfred Street).</li> <li>commits, as a Community Plan priority, to conduct a strategic, municipal wide review of car parking and traffic which might result in future changes in this and other precincts.</li> </ol>	Officers to meet with Caulfield Hospital representatives in April 2017. Report presented at 2 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
28-Feb-17	9.8	<p>EE Gunn Reserve Landscape Masterplan</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>authorises officers to commence public consultation on the EE Gunn Reserve Concept Masterplan as outlined in this report; and</li> <li>at the conclusion of the consultation period, receives a report outlining community feedback received, recommended changes and seek adoption of the EE Gunn Reserve Masterplan.</li> </ol>	Report prepared for 16 May 2017 Assembly Meeting; then to be presented to the 5 September 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
28-Feb-17	11.1(b)	Request for Report from Officers - Cr Taylor That officers prepare a report on Community Garden(s) including such aspects as viable location(s), resource requirements, setup and maintenance costs, social benefits and comparable activities in other Councils (E.g. Hobsons Bay).	Report to be presented to the 4 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Community Wellbeing
28-Feb-17	11.1(c)	Request for Report from Officers - Cr Taylor That officers prepare a report on options to landscape and plant vegetation other than grass on nature strips, evaluating regulatory, safety and educational requirements (where applicable) to heighten the probability of sustainable and well-maintained streetscapes.	Report to 6 June 2017 Assembly Meeting; then to be presented to the 4 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
28-Feb-17	11.1(d)	Request for Reports – Cr Hyams - Making Cecil one-way during school hours That officers prepare a report about the possibility of making Cecil St Bentleigh East a one-way street during peak school drop off and pick up times. The report should include a feasibility analysis, and the possible process should it be considered feasible (eg. community and stakeholder consultation etc).	Report presented at 13 June 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
21-Mar-17	9.10	Caulfield Village Planning Controls That Council: 1. notes this report; 2. notes potential gaps identified in the current controls relating to social/affordable housing, and the precinct boundaries; 3. commences a planning scheme amendment process to address these gaps in the controls, and seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit the amendment; and 4. seeks a further report from officers on the options available to provide more rigorous height provisions for the Smith Street precinct.	Report presented to the 13 June 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
21-Mar-17	9.13	Joyce Park - Open Space Conversion and Consultation That Council: a) authorises officers to prepare the two proposed Joyce Park Concept Masterplan options for presentation to the community, and commence consultation as outlined in this report; and b) at the conclusion of the consultation period, receives a report outlining community feedback received, to consider a preferred option to proceed to detailed design development.	Report presented to the 13 June 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
21-Mar-17	11.1(a)	Request for reports from Officers - Cr Esakoff That officers prepare a report on how Council can further preserve the 'Outer Circle Railway Linear Park' (Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens & Riley Reserve) to protect its integrity and significance to both Council and community by way of planning controls such as Heritage or Character Overlays, and broadening the scope of Council's major Heritage Review to include this unique part of Glen Eira.	Report presented to the 23 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
12-Apr-17	5.3	Parking in Sylverly Grove That Council: 1. receives and notes the petition; 2. continues to patrol the area and respond to resident concerns about parking restriction breaches and blocked driveways; and 3. receives a further report at the 2 May 2017 Ordinary Meeting of Council outlining options for reinstating appropriate parking restrictions in the precinct (including consideration of restrictions in Sylverly Grove, Harcourt Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Gerard Street, Hartley Avenue and Alfred Street).	Report presented to the 2 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
12-Apr-17	9.5	Street Trees in Narrow Road Reserves Trial That Council: 1. endorses the use of smaller tree species for naturestrips that are less than 2m wide and greater than 400mm in width. 2. endorses the use of specially engineered tree planting pits and smaller canopy tree species in hard surfaced footpaths with no naturestrips, where the footpath is 2m wide or greater. 3. endorses the installation of these tree pits only where the width of the remaining useable footpath is a minimum of 1.2m wide to enable safe pedestrian access. 4. authorises officers to prepare a report for Council consideration on alternate tree species, a narrow naturestrip planting program, timelines for implementation and associated costs.	Report to be presented to the 5 September 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
12-Apr-17	11.1(a)	Request for Report - Cr Silver That Officers prepare a Report detailing what (if any) standards Council requires sporting associations to meet in their handling of player / participant misconduct, where affiliated clubs use Council's facilities.	Report presented to the 23 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
12-Apr-17	11.1(b)	Request for report - Cr Athanasopoulos That officers prepare a report comparing the economic benefits to a shopping centre between different modes of transport to a centre: private cars, public transport, cycling, and walking. The report should cover the patron time spent in the centre, the monetary spending, any social benefits and the amount of infrastructure space needed for each travel mode. The report can review studies (both local and abroad) conducted in this field.	Report presented to the 23 May 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
12-Apr-17	11.1(c)	Request for report - Cr Taylor That officers prepare a report considering the possible location(s) for a public toilet within the East Bentleigh Shopping Centre	Report to be presented to 22 August 2017 Assembly Meeting	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
02-May-17	11.1(a)	Request for reports from Officers - Cr Sztrajt That Officers prepare a Report outlining a range of possible options for Council to consider that would require new developments in Glen Eira to incorporate positive environmental design. This should include the provision of renewable energy sources for common spaces within the development, such as solar panels to power foyers, car parking areas and stairwell lighting.	Report presented to the 13 June 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
02-May-17	11.1(b)	Request for reports from Officers - Cr Silver That officers prepare a report including: 1. the prospects of installing right-turn signals at the Glen Eira Road intersection with Kooyong Road; and 2. The frequency with which right-turning vehicles in that intersection trigger its red-light cameras.	Report to be presented to 4 July 17 Council Meeting	Director Planning and Place

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
23-May-17	5(b)	Petition - Parking restrictions - Station Place b) That an assessment be conducted for Station Place and nearby streets on the street parking conditions, with consideration to achieving a balance between the range of parking needs in the area. Any proposed changes to street parking arrangements in the area should be informed by consultation of the community and stakeholders. (refer to minutes for full detail)	Petition referred to Community Plan consultation. Submissions presented to 13 June 17 Council Meeting	Director Planning and Place
23-May-17	9.1	Coles Elsternwick Redevelopment That Council 2. receives a further report once the required construction management plan and car parking management plan have been received.	Report to be presented to the 25 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
23-May-17	9.15	Road Management Plan (RMP) Review 2. authorises officers to commence a process to consider amendments to the 2014 Road Management Plan.	Review completed. Report to Council Meeting after consideration of amendments.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure
13-Jun-17	9.8	Environmental Sustainable Planning Measures That Council receives a further report from Officers following the State Government's review of the Victorian planning and building systems outlining what further recommended policy measures Council could pursue.	Report to be presented to the February 2019 Council Meeting.	Director Planning and Place
13-Jun-17	9.12	Draft Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy That Council: 1. notes the feedback received from the consultation; 2. notes the draft Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy including the Pavilion Priority List; and 3. endorses proceeding to community consultation on the draft Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy and Pavilion Priority List and receives a further report after the consultation.	Report to be presented to the 25 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Infrastructure, Environment and Leisure

COUNCIL MEETINGS - ITEMS FOR ACTION

Date	Item	Item for Action - Council Meetings	Status as at 30 June 2017	Officer
13-Jun-17	11.1(a)	Request for reports - Cr Davey That officers prepare a report to include the following information: 1. Is the Investment Policy from 2014 still current? If not, what are Glen Eira Council's existing investment/divestment policies? 2. How often does Glen Eira Council review its investment and divestment policies? 3. What options does Glen Eira Council have in investing/divesting its funds, and what measures could council take to ensure that it does not invest in fossil fuel or fossil fuel aligned companies? 4. What are some other councils doing in this regard, and could Council strengthen its policy?	Report to be presented to the 25 July 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Corporate Services
13-Jun-17	11.1(b)	Request for reports - Cr Magee That officers prepare a report on the cost of establishing a men's shed in Glen Eira that meets the specifications outlined by the Australian Men's Shed Association. The report is to provide a range of costs based on the size of the proposed of men's shed.	Report to be presented to the 15 August 2017 Council Meeting.	Director Community Wellbeing

**ITEM 9.11          ADOPTION OF 2016-17 DRAFT FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Author:**                *John Vastianos (Chief Financial Officer)*

**File No:**                *17/169979*

**Attachments:**        *None*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To adopt the 2016-17 Financial Statements and Performance Statement 'in principle' for forwarding to the Auditor-General.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. adopts the 2016-17 Financial Statements and Performance Statement 'in principle', subject to no significant changes by the Auditor-General.
2. notes that the Mayor (Cr Mary Delahunty) and Deputy Mayor (Cr Jim Magee) have been appointed to sign the Financial Statements and Performance Statement once they have been returned by the Auditor-General.

**BACKGROUND**

At the 4 July 2017 Council Meeting, Council approved the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign the 2016-17 Financial Statements and Performance Statement.

The State Government has a structured process to apply to Financial Statements. Council is required to consider the proposed Financial Statements after the external audit agent has performed its role but before the audit by the Auditor-General is finalised.

**ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

The 2016-17 Financial Statements are being prepared to meet the following timetable:

**(a) Friday, 18 August 2017 (*Audit Committee Meeting*)**

The Audit Committee considered the Financial Statements and the Performance Statement (circulated to Committee members).

A representative of the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) attended this meeting to give advice to the Committee and answer questions.

The Audit Committee has recommended to Council that the statements be adopted 'in principle', subject to minor amendments, and subject to no significant changes by the Auditor-General.

**(b) Tuesday, 5 September 2017 (*Ordinary Council Meeting*)**

Council is asked to adopt the Financial Statements and Performance Statement, as reviewed by the Audit Committee, 'in principle' and 2 Councillors to sign the Statements later in the process.

**(c) Wednesday, 6 September 2017**

Council to forward to VAGO an 'annual reporting package' including the audited statements and a copy of the Council resolution adopting the financial statements 'in principle'

**(d) Friday, 15 September 2017 (estimate)**

The Auditor-General to have returned the statements to Council for follow up of queries and to arrange the sign off by 2 Councillors, CEO and the Principal Accounting Officer.

**(e) Monday, 18 September 2017 (estimate)**

The Auditor-General report issued and the Annual Report completed and submitted to the Minister.

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Financial conclusions should not be drawn until after the statements are audited and finalised by the Auditor-Generals Office. The draft information, however, shows that the result for Council is an Operating Surplus.

Any review of the operating surplus should be undertaken only with reference to the accompanying notes. Council's strategy has been to generate surpluses on operations in order to pay for higher levels of capital works.

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS*****(i) Local Government Act 1989***

Section 132 (2) - Annual Report preparation:

'The Council, after passing a resolution giving its approval in principle to the performance statement and financial statements, must submit the statements to the auditor for reporting on the audit'.

Council will be asked to adopt the statements 'in principle'. This will in effect mean that Council is confirming that an appropriate process (as confirmed by the Audit Committee) has been followed in preparing the Statements. In this respect, Council will be relying on Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) to confirm the accuracy of the statements and compliance with accounting standards.

***(ii) Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*****COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

The Audit Committee met on 18 August 2017 and considered the accounts and recommended that the accounts be adopted in principle, subject to some minor amendments, and subject to no significant changes by the Auditor-General.

**LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN**

Theme 5: Informed and Engaged.

A transparent and accountable Council that engages its residents in decision-making.



**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Council is expected to assure itself that due process has been followed (e.g. by the activities of the independent external auditors, etc.) to ensure that the statements represent the financial position of the Council. In Glen Eira, this role is carried out mainly through the Audit Committee with its mix of Council representatives and independent Members.

**ITEM 9.12            FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD  
ENDING 31 JULY 2017**

**Author:**            *John Vastianos (Chief Financial Officer)*

**File No:**            *17/1246714*

**Attachments:**    *1. Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2017*

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**PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

To report Council's finances in the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2017.

**BACKGROUND**

The report includes a comparison of year-to-date (YTD) actual income and expenditure with budgeted (YTD and forecast end-of-year) and other information for the current financial year.

This report also provides a review of the 2017-18 Capital Works Program, cash flow and investment reports.

**ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

Council's forecast operating surplus is projected to be \$18.88m, which is \$1.67m ahead of the adopted Annual Budget.

This month's financial report shows the carry-over projects from 2016-17 (pages 8-10). The funds for these projects will be spent in 2017-18.

Council's financial position is sound. The Balance Sheet indicates a satisfactory financial position with total current assets of \$72.65m and total current liabilities of \$59.88m.

Cash and investment holdings are \$56.1m, higher than originally budgeted due to the opening cash position being better than expected due to the full year results for 2016-17. This results in a forecast liquidity ratio of 1.21 as at 30 June 2018.

**FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The key financial objectives for Council are:

- Manage finances appropriately within the constraints set by the State Government's Rate Capping regime.
- Generate funds to provide additional public open space and renew and upgrade our ageing assets and community facilities.
- Maintain essential services at not less than current levels.
- Set rates and fee increases that are manageable and sustainable.
- Focus on continuous improvement.
- Keep day-to-day costs and rates below our peers.

**POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Section 138 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act).

**COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT**

Council officers in preparing the Financial Management Report, take into account other plans and strategies in regard to services and initiatives which commit financial and non-financial resources for the current financial year.

**LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN**

Theme 5: Informed and engaged – A well governed Council that is committed to transparency and engages residents in decision-making.

**OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

The positive operating result year to date is higher than was anticipated when the annual budget was set. The Balance Sheet position and the cash position are sound.

**ATTACHMENT:****Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 July 2017****1. Contents**

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## Executive Summary

### *for the period ending 31 July 2017*

#### **a) Current Month Budget Result**

At the end of July 2017, the performance against budget from ordinary activities showed a positive variance of \$2.35m due to higher than anticipated income of \$1.21m and favourable variance in operating expenditure of \$1.14m (refer to page 17 for details of the variances).

Please note that a large amount of the current variances is due to timing differences (i.e. between the scheduling of budgets and timing of actual results). The next few months should reflect whether these variances (particularly the expenditure variances) become more permanent for the 2017-18 financial year.

#### **b) Current Month Forecast Result**

The forecast result expected for the financial year is an operating surplus of \$18.88m compared with the original adopted *2017-18 Annual Budget* of \$17.22m.

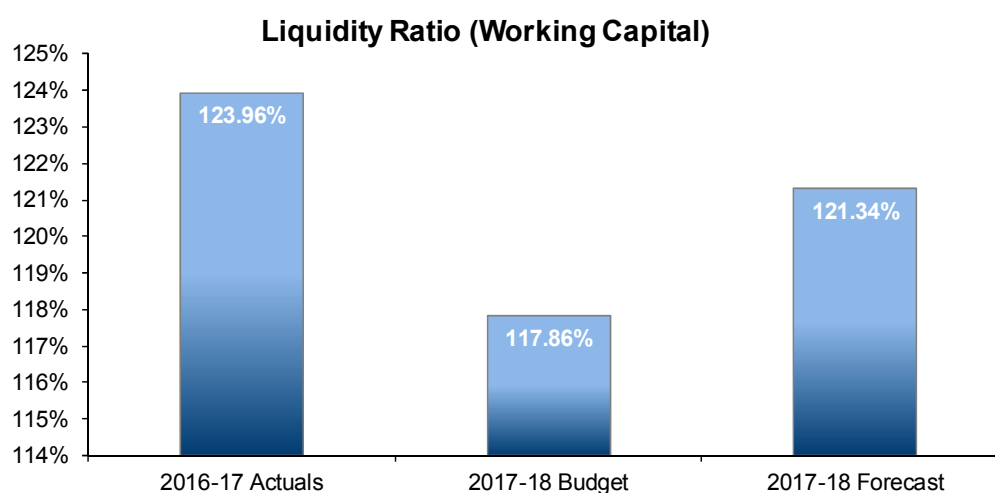
Any surplus from day-to-day operations is used to accelerate capital works projects. The current monthly forecast movement shows an increase in operating revenue of \$478k and a decrease in operating expenditure of \$1.13m.

#### **c) Liquidity**

Working capital is the excess of current assets above current liabilities. This calculation recognises that although Council has current assets, some of those assets are already committed to the future settlement of liabilities in the following 12 months, and are therefore not available for discretionary spending.

Council needs to ensure working capital is maintained such that sufficient cash reserves are available to meet normal cash flow requirements. Over the last few years, Council has invested heavily in its capital works program by fully utilising cash reserves.

Council will continue to have a large investment in capital works projects. Council is required to hold sufficient cash to cover 'Restricted Assets' such as: Residential Aged Care Deposits, Public Open Space Reserve, Contract Deposits and *Fire Services Property Levy*.



**d) Open Space Contributions*****Contributions***

All multi-unit developers now need to pay a uniform 5.7 per cent of the value of the land (or give Council 5.7 per cent of the area of the land). All money raised by the levy will go into more and better open space.

***Open Space Reserve***

The balance of the Open Space Reserve as at 31 July 2017 is as follows:

Description	2017-18 Current Month Actual	2017-18 Year to Date
Open Space Contributions Received	\$1,728,810	\$1,728,810
Open Space Capital Expenditure *	(\$1,399)	(\$1,399)
<b>Net Movement</b>	<b>\$1,727,411</b>	<b>\$1,727,411</b>
<b>Opening Balance as at 1 July 2017</b>		<b>\$3,696,235</b>
<b>Closing Balance – Open Space Reserve</b>		<b>\$5,423,646</b>

*\*Includes: Booran Reserve.*

## Superannuation – Defined Benefits Scheme

### *Vested Benefits Index (VBI)*

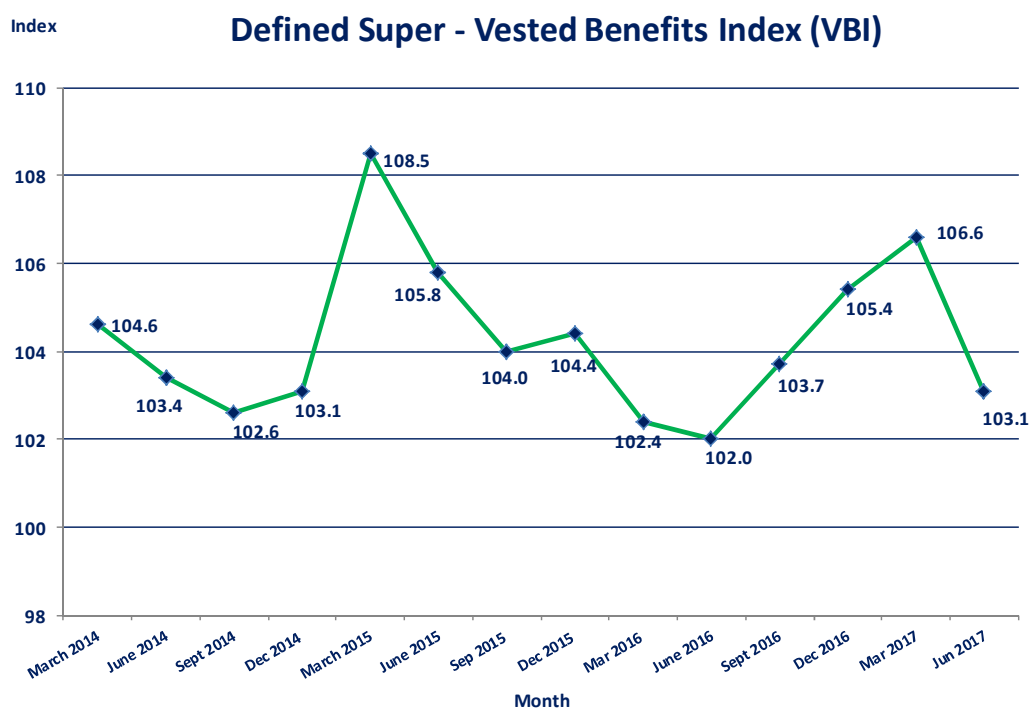
Defined benefit plans are required by law to have an actuarial investigation at least once every three years. Vision Super monitors the vested benefit position of the defined benefits plan on a quarterly basis.

The VBI is the key index that the super fund regulator, APRA, considers when assessing the financial position of the Defined Benefit Plan. In simple terms, this measures whether there would be enough assets to meet the liabilities of the Defined Benefit Plan if it became necessary to pay all members their total entitlements on a particular day.

Under the superannuation prudential standards, VBI's must generally be kept above a fund's nominated shortfall threshold, currently 97%. The higher the index the less chance of a future call.

For the Plan to be in a satisfactory financial position requires a VBI of 100% or more.

Below is the estimated VBI since 31 March 2014:



**Forecast adjustments for July 2017*****Income from ordinary activities increase of \$478k***

Income is higher than anticipated for:

- **Statutory Fees and Fines** – relate mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations, health act registrations and parking fines.

The increase of \$224k is mainly due to higher than forecast parking infringements income across the municipality. This increase is due to the emphasis on safety around schools and balancing trader and patron parking due to increased building activity and the grade separation works.

- **User Fees** – User fees relate mainly to the recovery of service delivery costs through the charging of fees to users of Council's services.

There is an increase of \$146k for town planning permit fees and subdivision certificate fees.

- **Grants (Operating and Capital)** – relates to grants and contributions include all monies received from State, Federal and community sources for the purposes of funding the capital works program.

A forecast reduction of \$226k is due to grants budgeted in 2017-18 being received in June 2017. This is for Duncan Mackinnon Netball Court Redevelopment, \$90k, King George Pavilion Upgrade \$90k and Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Track, \$100k.

***Expenditure from ordinary activities decrease of \$1.13m***

The favourable expenditure forecast movement is mainly due to Employee Costs (\$368k). This includes all labour related expenditure and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation and WorkSafe. This positive variance is due to the timing in recruiting positions approved in the 2017-18 Budget. It is expected these positions be filled in the short-term.

Other large positive expenditure variances were materials and consumables (\$220k) and contractor payments (\$214k).

**Capital Works Expenditure Program**

As at the end of July 2017, total capital works expenditure in 2017-18 is expected to be \$38.83m, represented by:

- New capital works projects as per the 2017-18 Annual Budget \$32.82m
- Capital works funding \$1.26m
- Carry forward expenditure from the 2016-17 financial year \$5.12m
- Forecast decrease year to date \$380k.



**Carry Forward Projects from 2016-17 financial year:**

At the end of each financial year there are projects which are either incomplete or not commenced mainly due to planning issues, weather delays or extended consultation.

Carry forward projects of \$5.12m from the 2016-17 financial year are made up of:

***Recreation and Open Space***

- Community Project EE Gunn Reserve (\$166k) works to be incorporated in the masterplan implementation funded in 2017-18 budget.
- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve - implementation of outer track and centre pathway improvements (\$298k). Works combined with Stage 2 which is funded in 2017-18 budget.
- *Open Space Strategy* Initiatives:
  - Pell Street, Bentleigh East (\$98k). Project combined with the playground redevelopment budgeted in 2017-18. Contractor appointed and works are in progress and planned for completion in 2017.
  - Marara Road Reserve Stage 2, Caulfield South (\$140k). Works were combined with plinth works funded in the 2017-18 budget.
- Pavilion Renewal and Upgrade Lord Hex (\$75k). Project placed on hold, as it will be informed by the masterplan for the reserve and the outcomes of the *Pavilion Strategy* review.
- *Bicycle Strategy* Implementation, in accordance with the *Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy 2010* (\$136k). Project will be implemented in 2017-18 following the Integrated Transport Plan Review.
- Bailey Reserve Skate Park Redevelopment (\$485k). Project delayed as approval required by South East Water. Project will be delivered in 2017-18.
- *Warm Season Grasses Program*:
  - Bailey Reserve Oval 2 (\$140k). Oval redevelopment works completed during 2016-17. Irrigation installation and grassing to be completed in 2017-18.
  - EE Gunn Oval 2 (\$43k). Delay to EE Gunn Oval 2 and 3 reconstruction undertaken after the Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) project. Works in progress and final surfacing and turfing underway in 2017-18.
- Other minor parks works (\$35k).

***Building Works***

- Renewal of heating ventilation and air conditioning (\$740k). Additional building investigations were required. A contract has been awarded and works are in progress for completion in early 2017-18.
- Public toilet exeloo at King George Reserve (\$126k). Manufacturer delay, project to be completed in early 2017-18.
- Independent Living Unit refurbishment upgrade of carpets, bathrooms, kitchens etc. (\$65k). Renewal works are dependent on availability of vacant units and there were fewer vacancies in 2016-17. Works will be added to the 2017-18 program.
- Other buildings works (\$198k) in progress, to be completed in 2017-18, including: hoist systems; switchboard renewals; roof renewals; and DDA Compliance works.

***Infrastructure & Traffic Safety***

- *Roads to Recovery Program* - Lyons Street, Carnegie (\$182k). Project delayed due to adverse weather. Works are in progress and will be completed in 2017-18.
- Replacing and reinforcing retaining wall and bridge, Packer Park Wetlands (\$84k). Delay due to more complex investigations required. Works will be undertaken in 2017-18.
- *Road Reconstruction Program* (\$67k).
- *Car Park Renewal Program* (\$78k). Works in Glenhuntly car park staged to provide park for the opening of Booran Reserve. Works in progress for completion in early 2017-18.
- Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Renewal Program (\$274k). Tender in progress.
- Improve Pedestrian Safety (\$248k). Pedestrian crossing works at Patterson Road, Bentleigh at Patterson Shopping Village. Redesign required due to the complexities of fixing components to the underside of the rail bridge.
- School Safety, Pedestrian Operated Signals, Tucker Road, Bentleigh (\$215k). Delay in approval from VicRoads.
- Residential Street Safety, Installation of Traffic Management Treatments, Speed Cushions and Splitter Islands at Seymour Road, Caulfield North (\$98k).
- *Traffic Signals Upgrade Program* (\$53k).
- Other minor infrastructure works – Drainage Asset Management System (\$28k), Shopping Centre works (\$14k) and Speed limit treatments (\$12k).

***Sports and Aquatic Centres:***

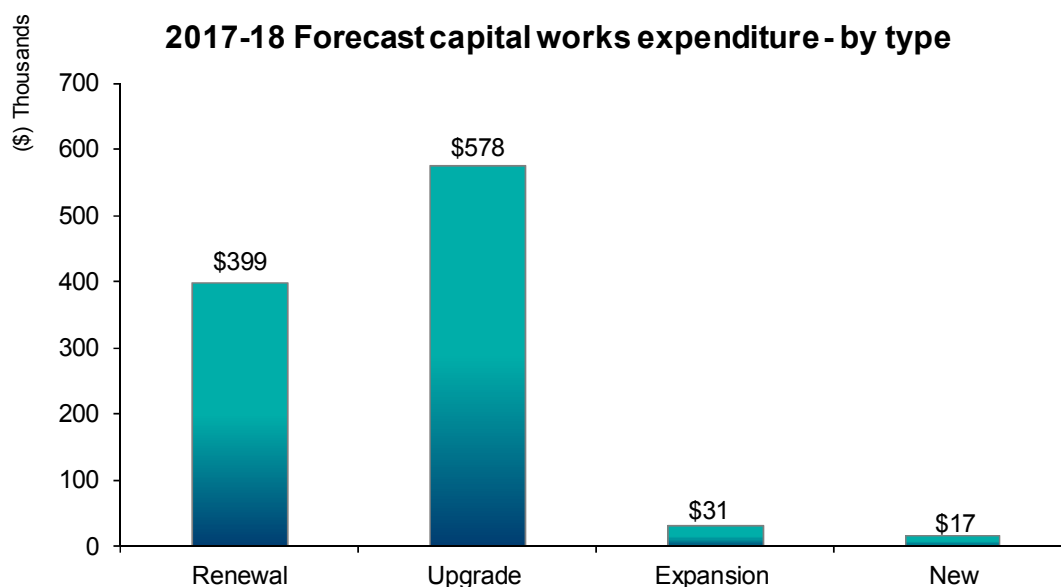
- GESAC defect rectification works including (\$319k). Delay due to material lead times and operational impacts. Works are currently in progress.
- Capital Asset Management Plan for GESAC Planned Renewal Program (\$100k). Project deferred to be incorporated with the additional works budgeted in 2017-18.
- Completion of Wellness Centre at GESAC (\$15k). Works are in progress and estimated to be completed in early 2017-18.
- The Carnegie Swim Centre Redevelopment (\$75k). This project has changed from a standalone project to a Precinct project including Lord Reserve and Koornang Park, and is being considered to incorporate into a masterplan for the precinct. Master planning work includes recreational needs analysis, feasibility and concept development which are currently underway.
- Carnegie Swim Centre maintenance (\$50k) to be spent in 2017-18.

***Plant and Equipment***

- Parking ticket machines (\$114k). Location of ticket machines will be informed by integrated transport and parking consultation and Stage 2 development of Caulfield Village.
- Information Technology Projects: Agenda Management System (\$75k); equipment renewal (\$70k); On-line workflow forms (\$50k) and Risk Management System (\$15k) to be completed in 2017-18.

**Capital Works Forecast Adjustments of \$380k for July 2017:**

- Reduction in drainage funding due to brought forward works undertaken in 2016-17 scheduled in the 2017-18 budget.



## Financial Strategy

Each year, the Auditor-General of Victoria performs an audit of the Local Government sector and produces a report to Parliament of the results of those audits. As part of this process, the Auditor-General assesses the financial sustainability of Councils. In 2015-16 the Auditor-General assessed the financial sustainability risk at an individual Council level. The following pages explain and present the Auditor-General's financial sustainability risks and criteria and page 12 provides indicators for Glen Eira City Council.

### (a) Financial sustainability risk indicators

Indicator	Formula	Description
Net result (%)	Net result / Total revenue	A positive result indicates a surplus, and the larger the percentage, the stronger the result. A negative result indicates a deficit. Operating deficits cannot be sustained in the long term. Net result and total revenue is obtained from the comprehensive operating statement.
Liquidity (ratio)	Current assets / Current liabilities	This measures the ability to pay existing liabilities in the next 12 months. A ratio of one or more means there are more cash and liquid assets than short-term liabilities.
Internal financing (%)	Net operating cash flow / Net capital expenditure	This measures the ability of an entity to finance capital works from generated cash flow. The higher the percentage, the greater the ability for the entity to finance capital works from their own funds. Net operating cash flows and net capital expenditure are obtained from the cash flow statement.
Indebtedness (%)	Non-current liabilities/own-sourced revenue	Comparison of non-current liabilities (mainly comprised of borrowings) to own-sourced revenue. The higher the percentage, the less able to cover non-current liabilities from the revenues the entity generates itself. Own-sourced revenue is used—rather than total revenue—because it does not include grants or contributions.
Capital replacement (ratio)	Cash outflows for property, plant and equipment / Depreciation	Comparison of the rate of spending on infrastructure with its depreciation. Ratios higher than 1:1 indicate that spending is faster than the depreciating rate. This is a long-term indicator, as capital expenditure can be deferred in the short term if there are insufficient funds available from operations, and borrowing is not an option. Cash outflows for infrastructure are taken from the cash flow statement. Depreciation is taken from the comprehensive operating statement.
Renewal gap (ratio)	Renewal and upgrade expenditure/depreciation	Comparison of the rate of spending on existing assets through renewing, restoring, and replacing existing assets with depreciation. Ratios higher than 1:1 indicate that spending on existing assets is faster than the depreciating rate. Similar to the investment gap, this is a long-term indicator, as capital expenditure can be deferred in the short term if there are insufficient funds available from operations, and borrowing is not an option. Renewal and upgrade expenditure are taken from the statement of capital works. Depreciation is taken from the comprehensive operating statement.

**Financial Strategy (continued)****(b) Financial sustainability risk assessment criteria**

The financial sustainability risk of each local council is assessed using the criteria outlined below:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Net result</b>	<b>Liquidity</b>	<b>Indebtedness</b>	<b>Internal financing</b>	<b>Capital replacement</b>	<b>Renewal gap</b>
<b>High</b>	Less than negative 10% Insufficient revenue is being generated to fund operations and asset renewal.	Less than 0.75 Immediate sustainability issues with insufficient current assets to cover liabilities.	More than 60% Potentially long-term concern over ability to repay debt levels from own-source revenue.	Less than 75% Limited cash generated from operations to fund new assets and asset renewal.	Less than 1.0 Spending on capital works has not kept pace with consumption of assets.	Less than 0.5 Spending on existing assets has not kept pace with consumption of these assets.
<b>Medium</b>	Negative 10%–0% A risk of long-term run down to cash reserves and inability to fund asset renewals.	0.75–1.0 Need for caution with cash flow, as issues could arise with meeting obligations as they fall due.	40–60% Some concern over the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.	75–100% May not be generating sufficient cash from operations to fund new assets.	1.0–1.5 May indicate spending on asset renewal is insufficient.	0.5–1.0 May indicate insufficient spending on renewal of existing assets.
<b>Low</b>	More than 0% Generating surpluses consistently.	More than 1.0 No immediate issues with repaying short-term liabilities as they fall due.	40% or less No concern over the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.	More than 100% Generating enough cash from operations to fund new assets.	More than 1.5 Low risk of insufficient spending on asset renewal.	More than 1.0 Low risk of insufficient spending on asset base.

Source: Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Monthly Report Relative to Financial Strategy

Financial Sustainability Risk Indicators	Objective	2016-2017 Interim Unaudited Results	2017-2018 Annual Budget as at 30 June 2018	2017-2018 Annual Forecast as at 30 June 2018	2017-2018 Risk based on Annual Forecast as at 30 June 2018	Comment
(1) Net Result	Generating surpluses consistently of greater than 0%.	16.76%	10.00%	10.91%	Low	Council is generating positive surpluses.
(2) Liquidity	To measure Council's ability to repay short-term liabilities as they fall due. The indicator is to be greater than 1.0.	1.24	1.18	1.21	Low	Council's forecast to 30 June 2018 indicates a Liquidity Ratio of greater than 1.0.
(3) Indebtedness	Lower than 40% relates to the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.	15.58%	13.17%	13.18%	Low	Council is operating at a ratio of lower than 40%, therefore has the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.
(4) Internal Financing	Generating enough cash from operations to fund new assets. The indicator is to be greater than 100%.	150.13%	123.65%	112.33%	Low	Council is generating enough cash from operations to fund new assets.
(5) Capital Replacement	To ascertain the level of risk of insufficient spending on asset renewal. The indicator is to be more than 1.5.	1.58	1.73	1.68	Low	Council operates at a low level of risk with respect to capital replacement.
(6) Renewal Gap	To ensure there is sufficient spending on Council's asset base. The indicator is to be greater than 1.0.	1.24	1.29	1.29	Low	Council spends sufficient funds on its asset base.
Council aims to keep average rates and charges significantly below benchmark Councils and provide a pensioner rate rebate over the State Government's universal rebate.	Council aims to keep average rates and charges significantly below benchmark Councils and the pensioner rate rebate above the State Government's universal rebate.	\$1,521	\$1,586	\$1,589	Average rates and charges are well below the average of inner metropolitan Councils. In 2015-16 Glen Eira is the second lowest of the 21 Inner Melbourne Councils (2014-15: also second lowest) and is \$269 per assessment (\$17.02m) below the average outcome. This means that Council charges \$17.02m p.a. less than inner metropolitan municipalities and has \$17.02m p.a. less for upgrading or providing facilities and services.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average Rates and Charges</li> <li>Pensioner Rate Rebate</li> </ul>		\$270	\$270	\$270		
Operating costs per property should be kept as low as possible in order to generate <u>both</u> operating surpluses <u>and</u> lower Rates.	Council should aim to keep average operating costs below the average benchmark Councils.	\$2,231	\$2,357	\$2,339	In terms of operational expenditure (excluding depreciation), Glen Eira ranks as spending \$48 less per assessment (\$3.04m) than the average for the Inner Melbourne Councils grouping.	



## Assurance Map

The assurance map considers the key risks to Council in achieving its objectives and performance expectations, and the assurance activities which have been conducted over the operation of controls that apply to those risks. The Assurance Map is indicative of the type of activity in place to provide Council Management with comfort that the control environment is operating as intended. A formal review of strategic risks is undertaken annually by Executive. The risks have been identified, assessed and ranked in order of risk exposure to Council. The assurance map will be updated after every formal review and when assurance activities are proposed or undertaken.

Council's Strategic Risks	Risk Rating	Type of Assurance						Previous and proposed IA activity 2016/17-2017/18, and/or other independent reviews/checks
		Management Review /self-assessment	Insurance Coverage	LG Investigations / Compliance Inspectorate	VAGO Performance Audits*	Independent Consultants / External party review	Internal Audit	
1. State Government decisions impacting our community	E							Food Safety (2011/12) Statutory Planning (2013/14)
2. Terrorist Attack – Lone Wolf	H							Security Protocol Review (2014) Building Emergency Management Planning (2017/18)
3. Vulnerability to cyber attack	H							Cyber Security Review including mobile devices website management and penetration testing (2016/17)
4. Contracts – contracting process by Council	H							Tendering (2013/14) Contract Management (2013/14) Financial Compliance transaction analysis (ongoing) Contract Management Review (2016/17) Major Project Management (2017/18)
5. Vulnerability to litigious action	H							Risk Management Framework (2015/16) Fraud & Corruption Control (2016/17) Claims Management Review (2016/17)
6. Failure to keep pace with emerging technologies and digital environment	H							IT Strategy (management) (2013/14) Regular penetration testing on the internal and external network infrastructure and external websites IT Sensitive Information (2011/12) IT Security (2012/13, 2014/15) IT General Controls (2015/16) Performance Audit – GECC Transformation Project (2017/18)
7. Vulnerability to significant fraud	H							Fraud Review (2013/14) Financial Controls (2014/15) Risk Management Framework (2015/16) Fraud & Corruption Control (2016/17) Financial Compliance transaction analysis (ongoing) Payroll (2017/18) Open Space Contributions (2017/18)
8. Not sufficiently agile to respond to change	H							Change Management Framework Promapp Performance Audit – GECC Transformation Project (2017/18)
9. Failure to effectively plan for the changing demographic of our workforce	M							SafetyMAP recertification (2013/14) OH&S Review (2015/16) Performance Audit – GECC Transformation Project (2017/18)
10. Transformation program fails to deliver anticipated benefits for the organisation and community	M							Performance Audit – GECC Transformation Project (2017/18)

\* Reviews performed are ad-hoc and Council may or may not be included in selected sampling  
Level of coverage provided where not all aspects of the risk may have been addressed by assurance activity.

Level of coverage: Extensive Partial None

Please note that the External Audit process is designed to enable the AG to express an opinion on the annual financial report. The external audit is not a comprehensive audit of all systems and processes and is not designed to uncover all deficiencies, breaches and irregularities in those systems & processes.

## Income Statement

for the period ending 31 July 2017

	2017-18 Year to Date Actual	2017-18 Year to Date Budget	2017-18 Year to Date Variance	2017-18 Year to Date Variance	2017-18 Current Month Forecast	2017-18 Annual Budget	2017-18 Budget Forecast Variance	2017-18 Budget Forecast Variance
	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	(%)	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	(%)
<b>Income</b>								
<b>Income from Ordinary Activities</b>								
General Rates	88,457	88,407	50	0.1%	88,457	88,407	50	0.1%
Supplementary Rates	166	67	99	148.7%	899	800	99	12.4%
Waste and Recycling Charges	14,269	14,219	50	0.4%	15,110	15,060	50	0.3%
Grants (Operating and Capital)	3,130	3,076	54	1.8%	22,198	22,423	(226)	(1.0%)
Interest Received	125	100	25	25.2%	1,225	1,200	25	2.1%
User Fees	2,154	2,045	109	5.3%	27,293	27,185	109	0.4%
Statutory Fees and Fines	715	491	224	45.5%	6,853	6,630	224	3.4%
Contributions (Monetary)	1,729	1,250	479	38.3%	7,524	7,500	24	0.3%
Other Income	262	138	124	89.8%	3,075	2,951	124	4.2%
<b>Total Income from Ordinary Activities</b>	<b>111,007</b>	<b>109,794</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1.10%</b>	<b>172,635</b>	<b>172,157</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>								
Employee Costs	5,484	5,850	365	6.2%	73,967	74,335	368	0.5%
Materials and Consumables	304	524	220	41.9%	5,777	5,997	220	3.7%
Contractor Payments	2,544	2,757	214	7.7%	31,624	31,839	214	0.7%
Maintenance	330	515	185	35.9%	6,464	6,648	185	2.8%
Utility Services	298	402	105	26.0%	4,423	4,528	105	2.3%
Insurances	73	155	82	53.0%	961	1,034	73	7.1%
Other Expenses	485	460	(26)	(5.6%)	4,733	4,707	(26)	(0.5%)
Grants and Subsidies	82	75	(7)	(10.0%)	933	926	(7)	(0.8%)
Borrowing Costs	60	60	(0)	(0.3%)	660	660	(0)	(0.0%)
<b>Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>	<b>9,660</b>	<b>10,797</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>129,543</b>	<b>130,674</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Surplus before non operational activities</b>	<b>101,347</b>	<b>98,997</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>43,092</b>	<b>41,483</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Non-operational Activities</b>								
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	6	45	(39)	(86.5%)	465	501	(36)	(7.1%)
Written Down Value of Assets Sold/Disposed	-	13	13	100.0%	1,518	1,531	13	0.8%
Depreciation and Amortisation	1,858	1,936	78	4.0%	23,156	23,234	78	0.3%
<b>Surplus for the period</b>	<b>99,495</b>	<b>97,093</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>18,883</b>	<b>17,219</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>9.7%</b>
Key to Variance - Positive figures relate to an increase in revenue and a decrease in expenditure. Negative figures relate to a decrease in revenue and increase in expenditure.								

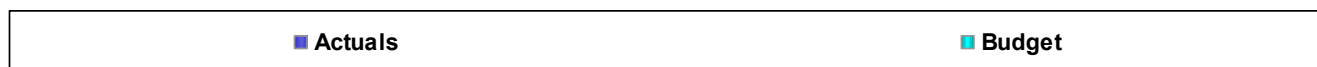
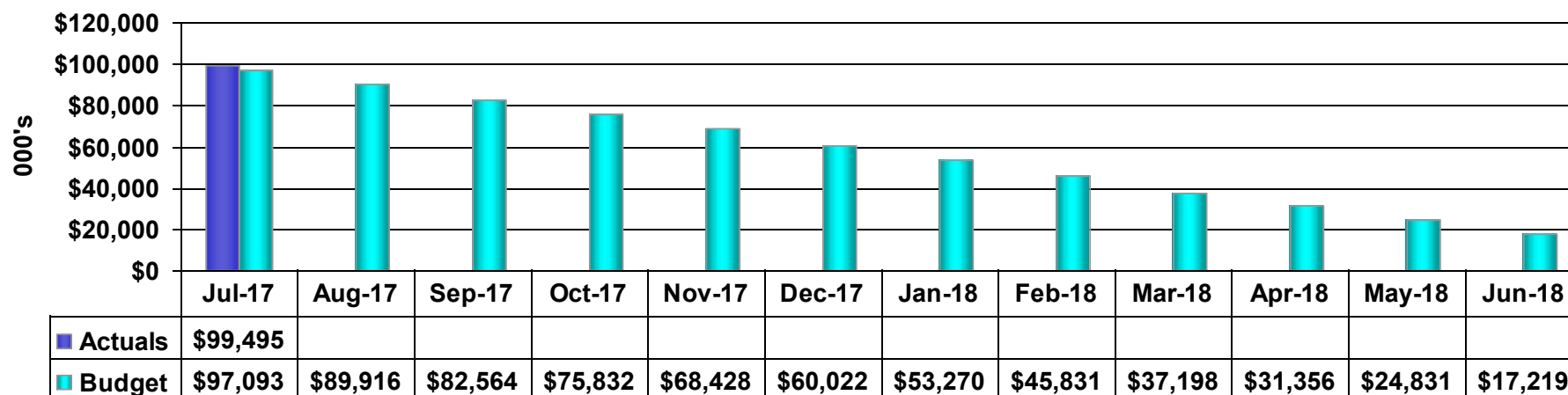


**Balance Sheet***for the period ending 31 July 2017*

	Actuals 2016-17	Annual Budget 2017-18	Annual Forecast 2017-18	Year to Date Actual 2017-18
	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	61,111	57,644	56,409	56,291
Trade and Other Receivables	12,739	10,408	14,747	125,688
Other Assets	1,497	1,297	1,497	658
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>75,348</b>	<b>69,349</b>	<b>72,653</b>	<b>182,637</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>				
Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	2,183,334	2,072,236	2,201,551	2,182,521
Intangible Assets	764	1,042	764	743
Investments in Joint Operations	1,592	2,125	1,592	1,592
Other Financial Assets	5	5	5	5
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>2,185,695</b>	<b>2,075,408</b>	<b>2,203,911</b>	<b>2,184,861</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,261,043</b>	<b>2,144,756</b>	<b>2,276,564</b>	<b>2,367,498</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Trade and Other Payables	14,717	16,494	13,697	9,121
Trust Funds and Deposits	29,874	25,501	29,874	42,558
Provisions	12,850	13,391	12,850	12,887
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	3,343	3,455	3,455	3,356
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>60,784</b>	<b>58,841</b>	<b>59,877</b>	<b>67,921</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>				
Provisions	1,431	1,186	1,431	1,430
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	18,302	14,848	14,848	18,127
Other Liabilities - Joint Operations	2,420	2,568	2,420	2,420
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>22,152</b>	<b>18,602</b>	<b>18,698</b>	<b>21,977</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>82,937</b>	<b>77,443</b>	<b>78,575</b>	<b>89,898</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2,178,106</b>	<b>2,067,314</b>	<b>2,197,990</b>	<b>2,277,600</b>
<b>Equity</b>				
Accumulated Surplus	919,972	926,386	938,856	1,017,740
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,254,438	1,130,179	1,254,438	1,254,436
Public Open Space Reserve	3,696	10,749	4,696	5,424
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>2,178,106</b>	<b>2,067,314</b>	<b>2,197,990</b>	<b>2,277,600</b>

## Performance Graphs

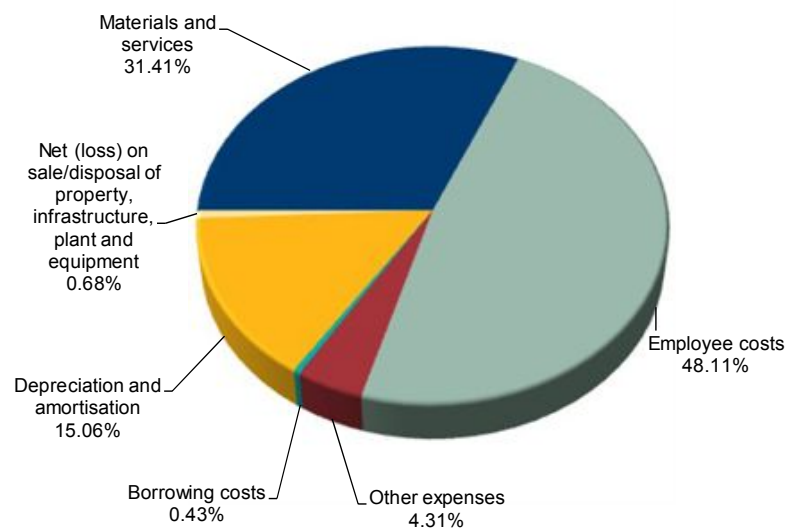
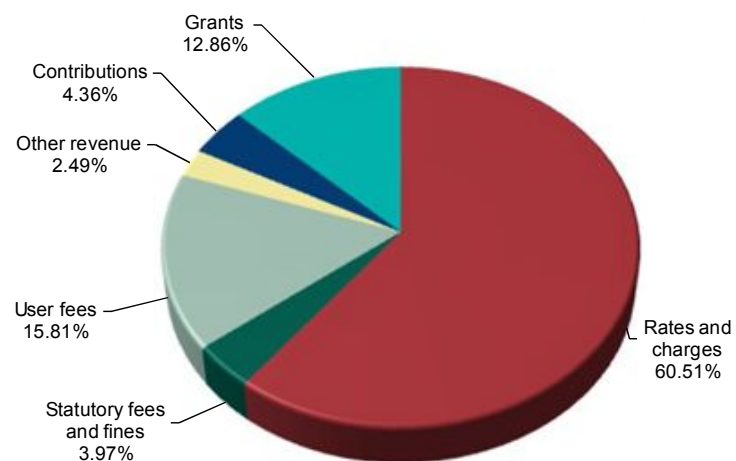
**Financial Performance**  
*for the period ending 31 July 2017*



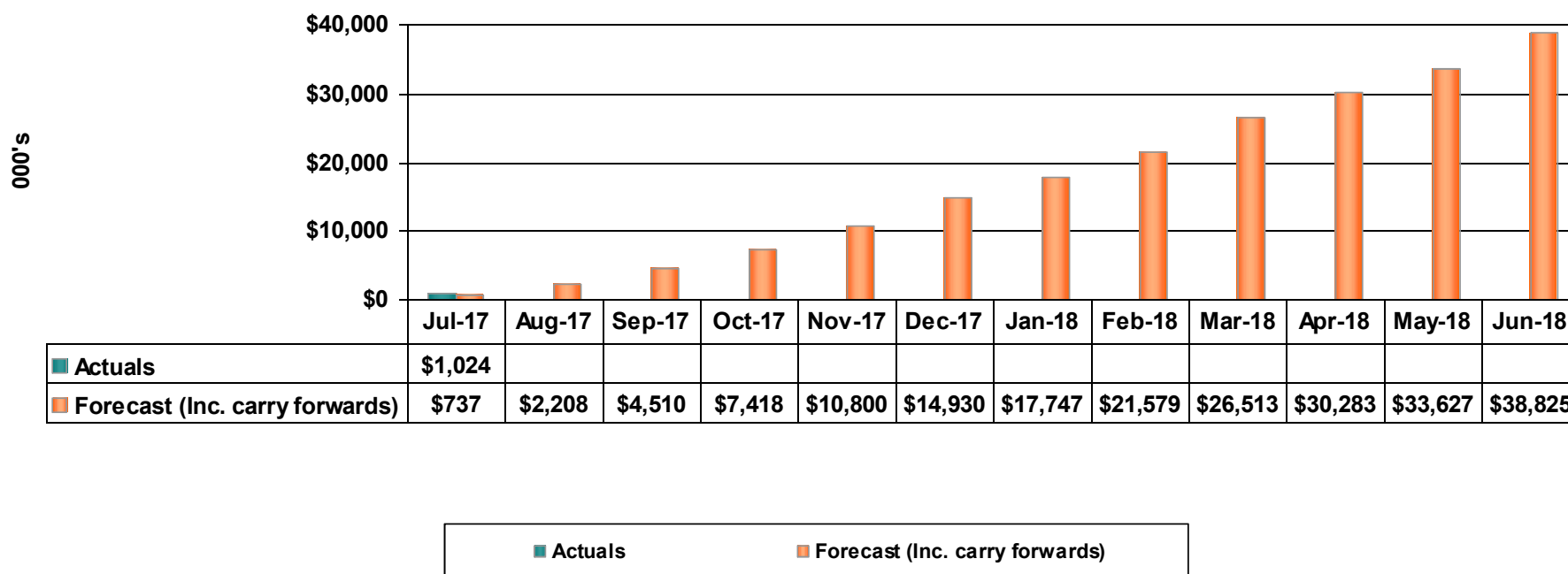
The July 2017 year to date financial performance was \$2.4m better than the year to date budget mainly due to:

- Better than anticipated income received for open space contributions \$479k, statutory fees and fines \$224k, other income \$124k and user fees \$109k.
- Favourable variances in expenditure items including: employee costs \$368k, materials and consumables \$220k, contractor payments \$214k, maintenance \$185k and utility services \$105k.

**Financial Performance**  
*for the period ending 31 July 2017*

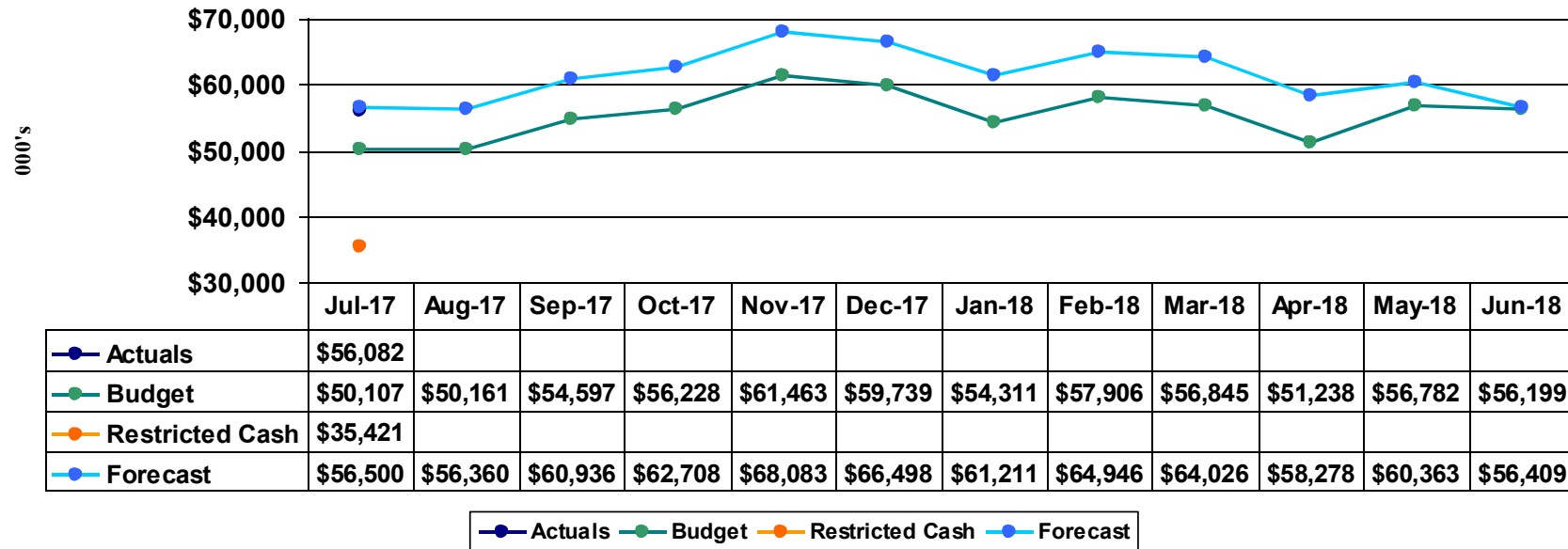
**2017-18 Forecast categories of expenditure****2017-18 Forecast sources of income**

**Capital Works Program Expenditure  
for the period ending 31 July 2017**



Council's capital expenditure is ahead of forecast by \$287k mainly due to Warm Season Grass program \$253k and Drainage Improvement \$151k. Offsetting this is capital expenditure below forecast for Local Road Resurfacing \$125k.

**Cash and Investments**  
*for the period ending 31 July 2017*



Council's year to date cash balance of \$56.08m is higher than budget for the current month. Council's forecast position to June 2018 of \$56.41m has been adjusted to reflect the movements in Council's Income Statement and Capital Works Program forecast adjustments.

Council has cash assets that are subject to restrictions. Restricted funds as at 31 July 2017 include: residential aged care deposits of \$24.7m, trust funds and deposits \$4.78m (including asset protection permits), open space reserve \$5.42m and fire services property levy \$492k.

**Rates Income and Debtors**  
**for the period ending 31 July 2017**

**Rate and Charges Income** – is an important source of revenue, accounting for approximately 61 per cent of the total revenue received by Council annually. Glen Eira continues to have the second-lowest average rates and charges in metro Melbourne.

**Rate Capping** - The Victorian Government's *Fair Go Rates System* (FGRS) limits the maximum increase in Councils' average rates. The amount is calculated by dividing total revenue from general rates by the total number of rateable properties in the municipality.

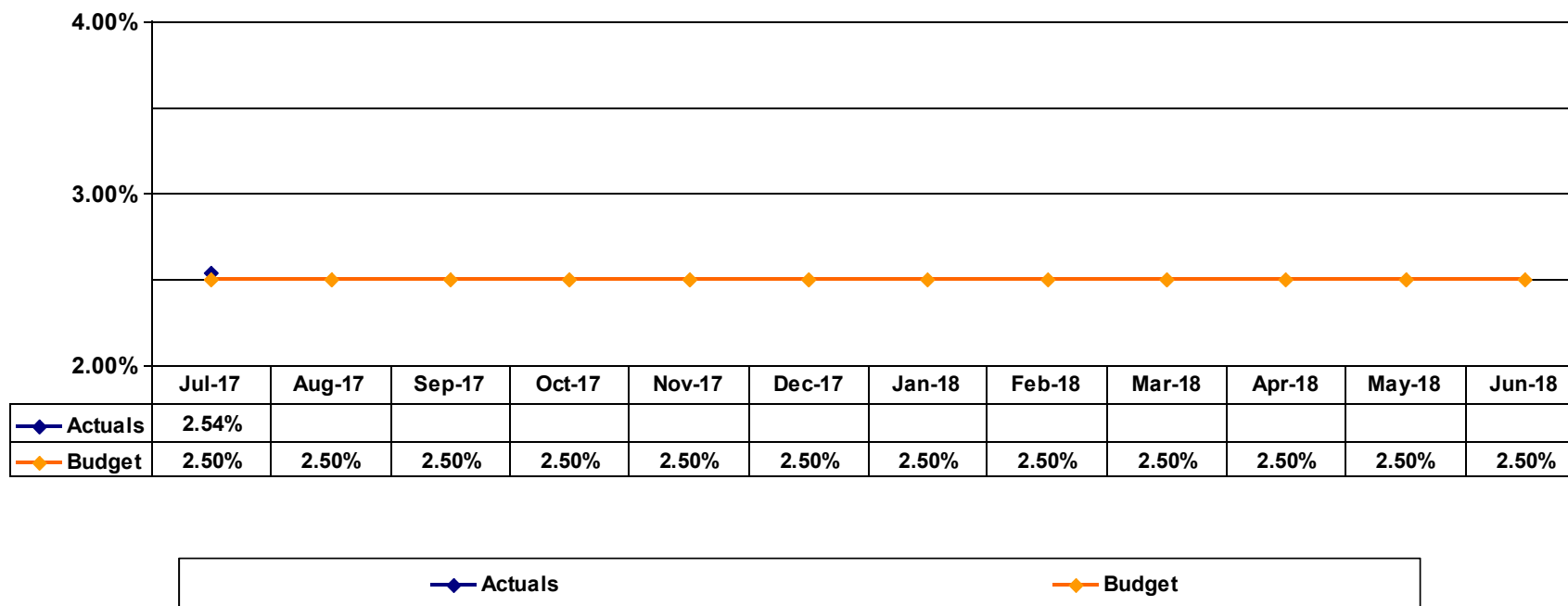
Each year the Minister for Local Government sets the average rate cap increase for Councils.

The cap for 2017-18 was set at forecast CPI of 2.0% (2.5% for 2016-17).

**Rate Payments** - Rates are paid in four instalments during the year: February, May, September and November. Council's cash flow is impacted by the timing of rate payments. The following table reflects the rate debtors balance as at 31 July 2017.

<b>Rate Debtors</b>	<b>2017-2018 Year to date</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>
Arrears Brought Forward	5,824
2017-18 Rates & Garbage Generated	102,981
2017-18 Fire Services Property Levy	12,327
<b>Total Rates &amp; Charges</b>	<b>121,132</b>
<b>Payments/Adjustments:</b>	
Glen Eira Pension Rebate	(319)
State Government Rebate	(1,543)
Fire Services Property Levy Rebate	(345)
Receipts	(1,587)
Interest	0
Supplementary Valuations	188
Adjustments	(3)
<b>Total Payments/Adjustments</b>	<b>(3,609)</b>
<b>Rates &amp; Charges Balance at Month End</b>	<b>117,523</b>

**Investment Interest Rates**  
*for the period ending 31 July 2017*



Council achieved a higher return of 2.54% against the budget of 2.50%.

## Capital Works Program Expenditure

for period ending 31 July 2017

Description	2017-18 Carry Forwards from 2016-17	2017-18 Adopted Annual Capital Budget	2017-18 Capital Grant Funding	2017-18 Budget Plus 2016-17 Carry Forward	2017-18 YTD Work In Progress	2017-18 YTD Forecast	2017-18 YTD Variance	2017-18 Annual Forecast Projected end of June 2018 expenditure	2017-18 Forecast Adjustments
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: PRIORITY ITEMS</u></b>									
Continuous Improvement & Innovation	50,000	900,000	-	950,000	-	-	-	950,000	-
Information Systems	160,000	1,018,000	-	1,178,000	23,668	25,000	1,332	1,178,000	-
Vehicle Replacements	-	1,672,041	-	1,672,041	-	-	-	1,672,041	-
Footpath Replacement	-	2,010,000	-	2,010,000	79,144	167,500	88,356	2,010,000	-
Kerb and Channel Replacement	-	163,000	-	163,000	2,848	-	(2,848)	163,000	-
Road Rehabilitation	66,944	3,288,000	-	3,354,944	10,898	-	(10,898)	3,354,944	-
Drainage Improvement	28,000	3,570,000	-	3,598,000	151,015	-	(151,015)	3,218,000	(380,000)
Local Road Resurfacing	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	-	125,000	125,000	1,500,000	-
Right of Way Renewal	-	336,600	-	336,600	-	-	-	336,600	-
Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Replacement	274,159	600,000	-	874,159	1,044	-	(1,044)	874,159	-
Car Park Rehabilitation	77,633	400,000	-	477,633	55,735	-	(55,735)	477,633	-
Roads to Recovery	181,974	223,926	576,074	981,974	-	-	-	981,974	-
Traffic Signal Upgrade	53,377	-	-	53,377	10,724	-	(10,724)	53,377	-
<b>TOTAL PRIORITY ITEMS</b>	<b>892,087</b>	<b>15,681,567</b>	<b>576,074</b>	<b>17,149,728</b>	<b>335,077</b>	<b>317,500</b>	<b>(17,577)</b>	<b>16,769,728</b>	<b>(380,000)</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL</u></b>									
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES</u></b>									
Sustainable Initiatives	-	507,080	-	507,080	-	-	-	507,080	-
Bicycle Strategy Implementation	136,204	250,000	-	386,204	-	25,000	25,000	386,204	-
Warm season grass Program	182,334	710,000	-	892,334	253,266	-	(253,266)	892,334	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES</b>	<b>318,538</b>	<b>1,467,080</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,785,618</b>	<b>253,266</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>(228,266)</b>	<b>1,785,618</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-LIBRARIES &amp; LEARNING CENTRES</u></b>									
Library and Information Services	-	809,336	63,179	872,515	143,271	192,999	49,728	872,515	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-LIBRARIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>809,336</b>	<b>63,179</b>	<b>872,515</b>	<b>143,271</b>	<b>192,999</b>	<b>49,728</b>	<b>872,515</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</u></b>									
Traffic Engineering	586,946	1,175,000	-	1,761,946	3,573	-	(3,573)	1,761,946	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>586,946</b>	<b>1,175,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,761,946</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,573)</b>	<b>1,761,946</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</u></b>									
Major Playground Upgrade	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	-
Playground Minor Equipment/Art Rolling Program	7,546	535,000	-	542,546	-	12,500	12,500	542,546	-
Carnegie Swim Centre Maintenance	50,000	50,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-
Minor Park Improvements	-	642,000	-	642,000	-	-	-	642,000	-
Sports Ground Lighting	-	330,000	-	330,000	-	-	-	330,000	-
Cricket Net Facilities Upgrade	-	95,000	-	95,000	-	-	-	95,000	-
Public Hall Furniture	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	5,000	5,000	10,000	-
Plinth Curbing	-	285,000	-	285,000	-	100,000	100,000	285,000	-
Open Space Lighting Program	-	75,000	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000	-
Sports facility lighting Program	-	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</b>	<b>57,546</b>	<b>3,122,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,179,546</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>117,500</b>	<b>117,500</b>	<b>3,179,546</b>	<b>-</b>



## Capital Works Program Expenditure

for period ending 31 July 2017 (continued)

Description	2017-18 Carry Forwards from 2016-17	2017-18 Adopted Annual Capital Budget	2017-18 Capital Grant Funding	2017-18 Budget Plus 2016-17 Carry Forward	2017-18 YTD Work In Progress	2017-18 YTD Forecast	2017-18 YTD Variance	2017-18 Annual Forecast Projected end of June 2018 expenditure	2017-18 Forecast Adjustments
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-BUILDING WORKS</b>									
Building Improvements	228,381	110,000	-	338,381	43,985	-	(43,985)	338,381	-
Kitchen/ Joinery Renewal	-	61,000	-	61,000	-	-	-	61,000	-
Roof Renewal	39,874	165,000	-	204,874	-	-	-	204,874	-
Painting Program	-	121,000	-	121,000	-	-	-	121,000	-
Switchboard Renewal	-	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-
Floor Covering Replacement Renewal	-	187,000	-	187,000	-	-	-	187,000	-
Public Toilet Upgrade Rolling Program	-	285,000	-	285,000	-	-	-	285,000	-
Forward design Program	-	640,000	-	640,000	-	-	-	640,000	-
Bathroom Renewal	-	88,500	-	88,500	-	-	-	88,500	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-BUILDING WORKS</b>	<b>268,255</b>	<b>1,757,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,025,755</b>	<b>43,985</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(43,985)</b>	<b>2,025,755</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-SHOPPING CENTRES</b>									
Annual Shopping Streetscape Program	-	350,000	-	350,000	-	-	-	350,000	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: ROLLING ANNUAL-SHOPPING CENTRES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL ROLLING ANNUAL</b>	<b>1,231,285</b>	<b>8,680,916</b>	<b>63,179</b>	<b>9,975,380</b>	<b>444,095</b>	<b>335,499</b>	<b>(108,596)</b>	<b>9,975,380</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: MAJOR PROJECTS</b>									
Duncan Mackinnon Athletics Track Upgrade	-	750,000	250,000	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000	-
Carnegie swim centre Redevelopment	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000	-
Lord Hex Pavilion Upgrade	75,000	-	-	75,000	-	-	-	75,000	-
<b>TOTAL MAJOR PROJECTS</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>750,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>1,150,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,150,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: OPEN SPACE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION</b>									
Open Space Strategy Initiatives	237,823	1,351,517	173,483	1,762,823	132,338	46,535	(85,803)	1,762,823	-
Booran Reserve	-	-	-	-	1,399	-	(1,399)	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>237,823</b>	<b>1,351,517</b>	<b>173,483</b>	<b>1,762,823</b>	<b>133,737</b>	<b>46,535</b>	<b>(87,202)</b>	<b>1,762,823</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SHORT TERM PROJECTS</b>									
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES</b>									
Energy Efficient St Lighting-Planning / project development	-	51,500	-	51,500	-	-	-	51,500	-
Park Lighting Energy Efficiency Upgrade	-	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	-	250,000	-
Photovoltaic systems on council assets to generate renewable energy	-	152,700	-	152,700	-	-	-	152,700	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>454,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>454,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>454,200</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-AGED CARE</b>									
Residential Services Minor Improvements	-	220,000	-	220,000	-	-	-	220,000	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-AGED CARE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-FAMILY &amp; CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b>									
Youth Information Centre Upgrade and Refurbishment	-	11,800	-	11,800	-	-	-	11,800	-
Replacement FDC of Equipment	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-FAMILY &amp; CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>-</b>

## Capital Works Program Expenditure

for period ending 31 July 2017 (continued)

Description	2017-18 Carry Forwards from 2016-17	2017-18 Adopted Annual Capital Budget	2017-18 Capital Grant Funding	2017-18 Budget Plus 2016-17 Carry Forward	2017-18 YTD Work In Progress	2017-18 YTD Forecast	2017-18 YTD Variance	2017-18 Annual Forecast Projected end of June 2018 expenditure	2017-18 Forecast Adjustments
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</u></b>									
Half Share Fencing	-	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-
Perimeter Fencing Upgrade	-	85,000	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-
Netball Court Development	-	374,441	100,000	474,441	-	-	-	474,441	-
Recreation	785,579	60,000	-	845,579	74,437	-	(74,437)	845,579	-
Moorleigh Village Multi-purpose Sports Training facility	-	275,000	-	275,000	-	-	-	275,000	-
Replacing and Reinforcing Retaining wall and Bridge	83,500	-	-	83,500	-	-	-	83,500	-
Public Toilet Upgrade Rolling Program	-	350,000	-	350,000	-	-	-	350,000	-
Sports Ground Lighting	-	70,000	-	70,000	-	-	-	70,000	-
Shade Sails Rolling Program	-	65,000	-	65,000	-	-	-	65,000	-
Landscape Enhancement Works-Stage 2- Walking/ Running Circuit	-	565,000	-	565,000	-	-	-	565,000	-
Outdoor Fitness Stations and Instructional Signage	26,322	-	-	26,322	-	-	-	26,322	-
	895,401	1,944,441	100,000	2,939,842	74,437	-	(74,437)	2,939,842	-
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</u></b>									
Parking Ticket Machines	114,000	-	-	114,000	-	-	-	114,000	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>114,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-BUILDING WORKS</u></b>									
Furniture & Fittings- emergency replacement	-	50,000	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000	-
Renewal of Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning	739,911	219,000	-	958,911	4,484	-	(4,484)	958,911	-
Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Building Compliance Works	193,413	2,286,000	100,000	2,579,413	9,303	-	(9,303)	2,579,413	-
DDA Compliant front access by Changing Ramp	-	60,000	-	60,000	-	-	-	60,000	-
ILU Refurbishment-Upgrade of carpets, bathrooms, kitchens etc.	65,195	150,000	-	215,195	-	-	-	215,195	-
IP Based high resolution video surveillance CCTV security system	-	85,000	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-
Ormond Kinder Upgrade	-	67,400	-	67,400	-	-	-	67,400	-
New Sound System	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	-
GESAC	475,651	160,000	-	635,651	14,397	-	(14,397)	635,651	-
Public Toilet Exeloo	126,439	-	-	126,439	-	-	-	126,439	-
Landscaping of Early Learning Centres	-	40,000	-	40,000	-	15,000	15,000	40,000	-
Removal of Hazardous Material	-	85,000	-	85,000	-	-	-	85,000	-
Installation of swipe cards and CCTV	-	111,000	-	111,000	-	-	-	111,000	-
Signage Upgrade	-	100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000	-
Park gates	2,500	-	-	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-BUILDING WORKS</b>	<b>1,603,109</b>	<b>3,433,400</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>5,136,509</b>	<b>28,184</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>(13,184)</b>	<b>5,136,509</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-OTHER</u></b>									
Furniture & Fittings	-	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	-
Library Furniture & Fittings	-	-	-	-	6,600	-	(6,600)	-	-
Annual GESAC Plant and Equipment Replacement	-	276,000	-	276,000	2,000	22,985	20,985	276,000	-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: SHORT TERM-OTHER</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>286,000</b>	<b>8,600</b>	<b>22,985</b>	<b>14,385</b>	<b>286,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM PROJECTS</b>	<b>2,612,510</b>	<b>6,354,841</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>9,167,351</b>	<b>111,221</b>	<b>37,985</b>	<b>(73,236)</b>	<b>9,167,351</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,123,705</b>	<b>32,818,841</b>	<b>1,262,736</b>	<b>39,205,282</b>	<b>1,024,130</b>	<b>737,519</b>	<b>(286,611)</b>	<b>38,825,282</b>	<b>(380,000)</b>

**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

**11. ORDINARY BUSINESS**

**11.1 Requests for reports from Officers**

**11.2 Right of reply**

**11.3 Councillor questions**

**11.4 Public questions to Council**

**12. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS IN CAMERA**

That pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, the Council resolves that so much of this meeting be closed to members of the public, as it involves Council consideration of matters coming within some or all of the following categories listed in Section 89(2) of such Act.

- (a) Personnel matters;
- (b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayers;
- (c) Industrial matters;
- (d) Contractual matters;
- (e) Proposed developments
- (f) Legal advice
- (g) Matters affecting the security of Council property'
- (h) Any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) A resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.

- 12.1 which relates to the awarding of the contract for **Tender number 2018.021 Provision of Automotive Mechanical, Electrical and Panel Repair Services -**  
*Local Government Act 1989 - Section 89 (2)(d)*

Number of tenders received	Four (4)
Number of evaluation criteria tenders assessed against	Three (3)
Estimated contract value	\$1,000,000.00

**13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**