



GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 2 JULY 2019

AGENDA

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

*"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 Jamie Hyams
Councillor Tony Athanasopoulos
Councillor Anne-Marie Cade
Councillor Clare Davey
Councillor Mary Delahunty
Councillor Margaret Esakoff
Councillor Jim Magee
Councillor Joel Silver
Councillor Dan Sztrajt

Chief Executive Officer: Rebecca McKenzie

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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Glen Eira City Council respectfully acknowledges that the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation are the traditional owners of the land now known as Glen Eira. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to and responsibility for this land.

2. APOLOGIES

3. OATH OF OFFICE AND DISCLOSURE 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 11 June 2019 and the Special Council Meeting held on 25 June 2019 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

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**8.1 Advisory Committees****8.1.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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Attachments: 1. Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes 21 February 2019 [↓](#)
2. Community Grants Advisory Committee Minutes 3 June 2019 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings as shown below be received and noted and that the recommendations of the Committees be adopted.

- a. 21 February 2019 – Sustainability Advisory Committee
- b. 3 June 2019 – Community Grants Advisory Committee

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE –MINUTES

Wednesday 21 February 2019, 6.30 – 8.00pm

Ogaki Room, Glen Eira Town Hall



Attendees	<p>Councillors Cr Daniel Sztrajt(DS) Cr Clare Davey (CD)</p> <p>Council Staff Michelle van Gerrevink, Sustainability Co-ordinator (MVG) Georgia Cox (GC)</p> <p>Community Representatives Malcolm Dow (MD) Thirumagal Arunachalam-Elanthendral (TAE) Dr. Susie Moloney (SM)</p> <p>Apologies Cr Tony Athanasopoulos (TA) Samantha Krull, Director Environment and Infrastructure (SK) Kim Sullivan (KS)</p>
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1. Welcome

- 1.1. Welcome and introductions
- 1.2. Cr Davey chaired in Cr Athanasopoulos' absence
- 1.3. Declaration of Conflict of Interests – no conflict of interests declared.

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

MVG noted there were no official minutes from last meeting as there was no quorum. The minutes from the meeting prior to that have been endorsed at an Ordinary Council meeting.

3. Reports on previous actions and recommendations - Attachment 2

Discussed the status of current issues including:

- Schools education program: GC to deliver report on what other councils and Glen Eira are currently doing.
- How Well Are We Adapting: SM (RMIT) working with Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action and 25 other councils on a tool to monitor climate change adaptation. Glen Eira signed up to participate in the project in November 2018.
- MD said flood lights were still regularly left on in the day at GESAC.

Actions: SM to send information on another project RMIT is embarking on regarding the legalities for state governments in adapting to climate change.

Action: MVG and GC to follow up with GESAC regarding the lights.

4. Regular reports**4.1. ESS Action Plan**

MVG reported that 92% of actions are completed, on track, partially on track or ongoing.

MVG discussed deferred and delayed actions:

- Investigation of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) feasibility to be included in detailed design of Victory Park and Caulfield Park Integrated Water Management Plan in 2019-20.
- The reason we are not yet at modelling stage for WSUD projects is that some of these projects have been delayed in previous years.
- W2.3: A priority rating system to integrate street sweeping with flood mitigation and stormwater quality improvements has been deferred. **Action: MVG to seek clarification from Waste team.**
- C4.3: Develop an Urban Forest Strategy – this has been delayed. It is a large project that requires input from the Recreation, Parks, and Sustainability teams. There are currently some state-wide strategies that have been developed, will aim to link in with that work.

CD asked whether MVG is comfortable with how the rest of the actions in the plan are tracking.

MVG – There are some big projects, for example Carnegie Swim Centre re-development, where it is not clear yet how sustainability will be incorporated into their design, as the project is at very early concept stage. However the new capital bid process will soon incorporate sustainability-focused questions and we have done this well in the past with big projects like Booran Reserve.

SM mentioned a rating tool that Councils can use to track how sustainability features are incorporated into capital projects. **Action: SM to send to MVG.**

4.2. Sustainability Indicators Progress Report (Q1 & Q2)

Refer Attachment 3

Electricity use at large sites

The only large sites with increased consumption were Carnegie library and GESAC.

Action: GC to investigate.

SM asked how different business units are held accountable for their consumption.

MVG explained solar installations and insulation are carried out to improve energy efficiency, but when there are large fluctuations, the sustainability officers follow up.

SM questioned whether there's a way they can track over time so business units are accountable.

MVG explained that there is more work that needs to be done in tracking consumption in real-time for business units. This is particularly pertinent for smaller sites which we only look at once a year. It's a job for which planning has commenced with the procurement team.

Recycling rate in council buildings

MVG – We currently don't have way to report on this, but have a plan for it. Officers will be reporting on this later on in 2019.

Paper consumption

MVG – Paper consumption has significantly decreased, paper is 100% recycled.

Plantings

MVG – There was quite a high level of exotic plantings due to mostly exotic species at Joyce Park.

Water

MVG – overall consumption in parks is up by 41% on the previous year. However, consumption is down in non-park sites.

CD asked whether it's feasible to increase water storage.

MVG – we don't have a lot of room for storage. Hoping to use How Well Are We Adapting to measure how efficiently Council is using water.

MD asked is it possible to capture stormwater for parks.

TAE - if we want to know how efficiently water is being consumed, data collection needs to be upgraded.

DS suggested the idea of a set of standards for water consumption and irrigation during the design phase of new parks.

MVG explained that there is commitment to WSUD and efficiency measures is in the ESS, and should be included in Open Space Strategy refresh and design of new parks and capital projects.

Waste and Recycling

MVG explained decrease in waste to landfill, slight decrease in recycling and slight increase in organics waste.

DS suggested it would be useful to see per capita waste tonnage data, taking into account multi-unit developments.

MVG provided update on waste-to-energy. Metro is in the process of organising a procurement process, albeit slowly.

4.1. Community Education

An update on events and participation is in Attachment 4

MVG outlined Citizen Science project, called Nature Next Door. This project will launch on 30 March.

5. 'How's Your Bin' and food waste recycling update**'How's Your Bin' survey**

MVG – 1700 surveys were completed by residents.

Survey is now going to a Community Voice panel to understand common concerns and what measures would help to gain more support.

Action: results are being collated and a report will be discussed with Council at an Assembly meeting in April.

FOGO (food organics garden organics) will soon be returned to Glen Eira parks as compost.

MVG – provided update on waste service review for multi-unit developments and small to medium businesses. Discussion about challenges for these and investigating options for Council to provide tailored services to improve recycling outcomes. Report to go to Council in April.

Discussion also included current problems in the recycling industry.

6. Long term energy procurement options

MVG explained that we have been participating in an investigation into long term agreements to purchase renewable energy with other councils. 39 councils are currently on board the Local Government Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA). Glen Eira has signed letter of intent to include Town Hall and GESAC, which would be 40% of Glen Eira's overall electricity usage.

DS and MD asked why Glen Eira is not doing 100%.

MVG explained it is a 10 year contract, and it is uncertain how the market will be in 5+ years' time. However, the economic argument for investing in renewables is very strong and some other Councils are planning to commit 100% of their electricity load. There will be an opportunity for Council to consider this before we go to tender.

Discussion about the advantages including:

- Assisting council to meet emissions targets
- Shielding against the pricing volatility of the wholesale electricity market
- Supporting the renewable energy sector

Action: Business case should be finalised by 10 May, followed by a Council report in June.

7. Other business

7.1. EAGA executive board

MVG mentioned there is currently no GE Councillor on EAGA Executive Committee since departure of Cr Nina Taylor. The committee meets quarterly usually.

Action: CD and SD to raise this with other Councillors.

7.2. ESS – community programs

DS asked about timeline for next strategy, and that the current activities focus on Council infrastructure. Suggested the next strategy focus more on assisting residents, some other councils are doing a lot more to help residents' sustainability progress, particularly in installing solar.

MVG – there is scope for that in current strategy. Community Solar to be discussed further in May meeting, linked with ESD.

8. Next meeting

MEETING	PROPOSED STRATEGIC DISCUSSION TOPICS
May 2019	ESD in planning for scheme, and community solar
August 2019	Divestment
November 2019	

ATTACHMENT 1 – Notes from previous meeting**Sustainability education in schools**

Neighbouring councils are supporting schools to implement Resource Smart Schools and other programs by providing significant financial contribution.

For example Stonnington covers 80% of the costs required for schools to participate in Resource Smart Schools as part of its Green Schools Program. .

Port Phillip Eco-Centre provides support for schools with funding provided by councils.

Climate change adaptation

Susie provided further information on the 'How well are we adapting' project. There was also discussion about whether we have done a climate change risk assessment or any future modelling.

Climate change adaptation is broadly covered in the Environmental Sustainability Strategy but future modelling has not been undertaken.

It was suggested to include mapping vulnerabilities in the Urban Forest Strategy.

ATTACHMENT 2 – Reports on previous actions and recommendations

Action or recommendation	Report and discussion	Further Action
<i>ACTION: Officers plan to undertake a comprehensive review of long term waste service needs for our higher density population and activity centres in 2018-19. Planning considerations will be looked at during this review.</i>	Officers have engaged a consultant to assist in this review. A report will be presented to Council early in 2019 with options/recommendations.	
<i>ACTION: MVG to organise a speaker from Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE).</i> <i>ACTION: MVG to invite Managers of Statutory Planning and Strategic Planning to August SAC meeting.</i>	To be re-scheduled for 2019.	
<i>ACTION: Sustainability Champions Forum to be held 17 October. The purpose is to help foster community partnerships and establish a new Suitability Champions Network.</i>	The Sustainability Champions forum event was held 17 October with approx. 40 attendees. Two subsequent meetings have been held.	
<i>ACTION: Investigate including new plantings in Sustainability Indicator reporting.</i>	Next report to be prepared in January.	

Action or recommendation	Report and discussion	Further Action
ACTION: Council to consider participating in the next phase of the 'How Well are we Adapting' project.	Council has signed up to participate in 'How Well are we Adapting' project.	
ACTION: MD will investigate how neighbouring councils have supported schools to implement Resource Smart Schools and where Glen Eira hasn't.	MD provided update in August see notes	
ACTION: MVG - Further communications with tips to residents to reduce/limit odour from food waste in the green bin.	Waste services guide delivered to all households included 'Green bin tips' to reduce/limit odour. Further communications included in GE News, e-newsletters and facebook.	
ACTION: JR/MVG to provide further information on AWRRT to the committee.	Council is participating in a group procurement process for advanced waste and resource recovery contract. An update will be provided in 2019.	
ACTION: MVG and JR to assess how to incentivise and change behaviours of local businesses with regard to waste management and reducing plastic.		
ACTION: TAE to provide details of other contractors that provide recycled soft plastics service.		
ACTION: SK to follow up with GESAC about floodlights being left on.		

ATTACHMENT 4 - SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION UPDATE**4.1.1 Community presentations and events since the last meeting included:**

- Composting and Worm Farming Workshop – Sunday 16 September, Murrumbena Community Garden
- Sustainability Champions Forum – Wednesday 17 October, Caulfield Park Pavilion (2 further meetings have been held)
- Glen Eira Garden Tour – Sunday 28 October, three private gardens in Caulfield South, Ormond and Elsternwick
- Making Solar Simple – Saturday 17 November, Glen Eira Town Hall
- Living with Less Waste – Tuesday 27 November, Glen Eira Town Hall (this will also include an update on the recycling sector)
- Frog Detectives – Tuesday 11 December, Rippon Lea Estate

4.1.2 Future events

The following events are planned:

- Party in the Parks – a range of Sustainability activities proposed 17 February and 17 March 2019.
- Recycled Wardrobe Op-shop tour, Saturday 16 March 2019, Elsternwick
- Earth Hour Movie Screening, Saturday 30 March 2019, Glen Eira Town Hall

4.2 As of December 2018, 1116 households were registered for the Neighbourhood Sustainable Gardening Program.

4.3 Citizen science program

- The implementation of a citizen science program was an action in the biodiversity implementation plan
- A consultant has been engaged, Christina Renowden of Leap Into Nature, to develop a project plan and provide technical advice
- To date, a great partnership has been formed with the National Trust (Victoria) who manages Rippon Lea Estate. Rippon Lea Estate was identified as a biodiversity hotspot in the biodiversity report. Rippon Lea is willing to host educational events and monitoring activities and will help promote the program.
- The program will be launched in early 2019 and will focus on insects, frogs and birds on the first year.
- Engagement with schools will be incorporated into the program.

4.4 Food Waste Recycling education in schools

Council agreed to offer free green bins and kitchen caddies to schools. The sustainability team is also delivering a targeted education program on the food waste recycling service to those schools who are taking up this offer.

- 24 schools and kindergartens have received education on food waste and are already utilising the service.
- A further 12 schools and kindergartens have expressed interest and will receive the education and implementation of the service by the end of the year.



COMMUNITY GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES Monday 3 June 2019

To support not-for-profit community-based organisations and groups to carry out projects and activities that contribute to the liveability, accessibility, health and safety of Glen Eira.

Aims:

- Strengthen community connections and collaborations;
- Develop an accessible and inclusive community;
- Encourage community initiatives that promote self-sufficiency, innovation and respond to community needs;
- Help strengthen community capacity to plan and implement services;
- Support celebration and participation in community life; and
- Fund projects that deliver meaningful social impact.

Assembly of Councillors Record

Meeting opened at 9.01 am

1. Present and Apologies

Cr Jim Magee (Chair - Member)
Cr Joel Silver (Member)
Cr Margaret Esakoff (By phone - Member)
Cr Jamie Hyams (Mayor – In Attendance)
Peter Jones – Director Community Wellbeing
Gaye Stewart – Manager, Community Development and Care
Ana Tsaganos – Team Leader Community Development
Narelle Dowling – Community Development Officer Community Grants

2. Declaration of conflict of interest

Cr Hyams declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in relation to items for:

- Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre: Service Level Agreement and community grants for (a) 'Multicultural, Music, Dance and Food Festival, (application 1920-0157), (b) 'WELLvember': a series of workshops promoting health, wellness and community, (application 1920-0156) and (c) English Classes for Migrants in the Carnegie Area (application 1920-0161).

Cr Hyams left the room at 9.07 am to allow the committee to undertake discussion and recommendation for the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Service Level Agreement and returned at 9.13 am.

Cr Hyams left the room again at 10.40 am following which discussion took place on the Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre community grants. He returned at 10.41 am.

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Cr Esakoff declared a Conflict of Interest under Section 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in relation to a community grant application from:

- Calvary Health Care Bethlehem (1920-0139).

Cr Esakoff finished her phone call and left the meeting at 11.05 am following which the committee discussed the community grant application from Calvary Health Care Bethlehem.

Cr Silver left the room at 9.34 am and returned at 9.44 am. During his absence the following grants were reviewed: DerDieDas inc (1920-0080), MECWA Care (1920-0047), Ripponlea Kindergarten (1920-0099), Russian Cultural TV Association inc (1920-0014), Melbourne Anglican Trust (1921-0035 and 1921-0049), St Pauls Caulfield North (1921-0032).

Matters considered:

3. Service Level Agreements 2019-2022

- a) Caulfield South Community House
- b) Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre
- c) Godfrey Street Community House
- d) Moongala Women's Community House; and
- e) Peninsula Community Legal Centre

The Service Level Agreements for the above mentioned community based organisations are due to expire on 30 June 2019. A process of review and negotiation has taken place with each organisation in relation to the renewal of their Service Level Agreement 2019-2022. An increase in funding has been applied to each organisation in recognition of the significant benefit and value they provide in delivering a range of educational, health and wellbeing, social and recreational programs to the Glen Eira community.

The Committee considered the funding related to Caulfield South Community House, Godfrey Street Community House, Moongala Women's Community House and Peninsula Community Legal Centre together. The committee agreed with officer recommendations relating to the 2019-2022 Service Level Agreement terms and funding details for these community organisations.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that Council approves:

The Service Level Agreements for Caulfield South Community House, Godfrey Street Community House and Moongala Community House from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 to fund service provision of \$23,000 plus GST, increasing by the amount of the consumer price index annually.

And;

The Service Level Agreement for Peninsula Community Legal Centre from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 to fund service provision of \$14,000 plus GST, increasing by the amount of the consumer price index annually and Licence / Fee funding of \$30,098 plus GST.

**Moved: Cr Esakoff
Seconded: Cr Silver
Motion carried unanimously**

The Committee considered funding related to The Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre separately. The committee agreed with officer recommendations relating to the 2019-2022 Service Level Agreement terms and increased the funding for service provision to \$23,000.

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends that Council approves the Service Level Agreement for Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2022 to fund service provision of \$23,000 and rent assistance of \$12,693 plus GST, increasing by the amount of the consumer price index annually.

**Moved: Cr Esakoff
Seconded: Cr Silver
Motion carried unanimously**

4. Assessment of 2018-2019 Community Grant Program Applications

The committee assessed and has made recommendations related to a total of 130 Community Grant Applications: consisting of 89 Community Strengthening grant applications and 41 Partnership and Events grants applications.

The recommendations from the assessment of the Community Grant Program applications will be included in the forthcoming Council Report which details the recommended grants.

Meeting closed at 11.08 am.

8.2 Records of Assembly**8.2.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS**

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Attachments: 1. 28 May 2019 Assembly [↓](#)
2. 4 June 2019 Assembly [↓](#)
3. 11 June 2019 Pre-meeting [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

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

- a. 28 May 2019 Assembly
- b. 4 June 2019 Assembly
- c. 11 June 2019 (pre-meeting)

Assembly of Councillors**28 May 2019****Record under S 80 A (2)****Meeting commenced at 6.50pm.****A. Present**

Cr Jamie Hyams (Mayor)
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos
Cr Anne-Marie Cade
Cr Clare Davey
Cr Margaret Esakoff
Cr Jim Magee
Cr Dan Sztrajt

Council Officers

Rebecca McKenzie (CEO)
Peter Jones
Samantha Krull
Peter Swabey
Ron Torres
Alexandra Fry

B. Matters considered.

1. Apologies – Cr Silver
2. Plastic Free Activity Centre Trial
3. Community Funding Options

7.26pm Cr Delahunty entered the Assembly

7.52pm Cr Delahunty left the Assembly and returned at 7.53pm

4. General Business
 - Cr Hyams - Melbourne Racing Club announcement
3. Community Funding Options continued.

8.46pm Assembly adjourned

9.05pm Assembly resumed

Present

Cr Jamie Hyams (Mayor)
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos
Cr Anne-Marie Cade
Cr Clare Davey
Cr Mary Delahunty
Cr Margaret Esakoff
Cr Jim Magee
Cr Dan Sztrajt

5. Future of Sports and Active Recreation

9.28pm Cr Sztrajt left the Assembly

9.35pm Cr Delahunty left the Assembly and returned at 9.36pm

6. Draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2019-2023

9.49pm Cr Sztrajt returned to the Assembly

4. General Business continued

- Director Planning and Place – Selwyn Street
- Cr Cade – Glen Eira Bicycle Users Group

7. Local Law Review

9.55pm Cr Magee left the Assembly and returned at 9.56pm

10.01pm Cr Delahunty left the Assembly

4. General Business continued

- Director Planning and Place – Gordon Street
- Cr Magee – Intersection of Deakin Street and East Boundary Road
- CEO – Additional Assembly meeting dates

10.28pm Assembly finished

Assembly of Councillors**4 June 2019****Record under S 80 A (2)****Meeting commenced at 6.48pm****A. Present**

Cr Jamie Hyams (Mayor)
Cr Anne-Marie Cade
Cr Clare Davey
Cr Mary Delahunty
Cr Jim Magee
Cr Joel Silver
Cr Dan Sztrajt

Council Officers

Rebecca McKenzie (CEO)
Ron Torres
Sam Krull
Peter Swabey
Peter Jones
Tom Haysom
Andrew Barden
James Kearney
Paul Wood
Janice Pouw

B. Matters considered.

1. Apologies – Cr Margaret Esakoff
2. Hopetoun Gardens Landscape Masterplan

6.50pm Cr Athanasopoulos entered the Assembly

3. Pedestrian Safe Neighbourhood Pilot
4. Elsternwick Community Hub Components
5. Gordon Street, Elsternwick Former ABC Site

7.22pm Cr Sztrajt left Assembly and re-entered at 7.23pm

6. Options for Better Managing Council's Workload 2019-2020

7.49pm Cr Sztrajt left the Assembly

7. General Business
Manager Urban Planning
- VCAT matters and
- Planning items for discussion

Cr Hyams – Meetings held with MRC and Racecourse Reserve Trust

Director Environment and Infrastructure – Sportsground lighting trials

Cr Silver – Council's new website

8.23pm Assembly was adjourned

8.39pm Assembly resumed

Present

Cr Jamie Hyams (Mayor)

Cr Tony Athanasopoulos

Cr Anne-Marie Cade

Cr Clare Davey

Cr Mary Delahunty

Cr Jim Magee

Cr Joel Silver

Cr Dan Sztrajt

8. Draft Council Meeting Agenda items– 11 June 2019

- Item 7 – Reports by Delegates
- Item 8.1 – Advisory Committee Minutes
- Item 8.2 – Records of Assembly
- Item 9.1 – 12 Field Street Bentleigh
- Item 9.2 – VCAT Watch
- Item 9.3 – Public Submissions on the 2019-20 Draft Budget
- Item 9.4 – Submissions on the 2019-20 Council and Community Plan and the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019-20 to 2028-29
- Item 9.5 – Strategic Transport Projects Update

8.45pm Cr Sztrajt entered Assembly

- Item 9.6 – Glen Eira Youth Strategy 2019-2023 and Youth Strategy Action Plan 2019-2020
- Item 9.7 – Glen Eira Volunteer Framework and Action Plan
- Item 9.8 – Draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2019-2023
- Item 9.9 – Foundation for Youth Excellence Application Recommendations Quarter 2, 2019
- Item 9.10 – Local Law Review
- Item 9.11 – Public Toilets Carnegie and Murrumbeena Stations – Lease Metro Trains Melbourne
- Item 9.12 – Council Procurement Policy – Annual Review
- Item 9.13 – Financial Management Report for the Period Ending 30 April 2019
- Item 11.1 – Request for reports from officers
- Item 11.2 – Right of reply
- Item 11.3 – Councillor questions
- Item 12.1 - Tender 2019.145 Supply and Delivery of Ready Made Meals (Meals on Wheels) and Centre-Based Bulk Meals
- Item 12.2 – Contract 2018.052 – Tender Recommendation for the Provision of Telecommunication Services
- Future of Sport and Active Recreation.

Assembly finished at 9.02pm

Council Pre-Meeting**11 June 2019****Record under S 80 A (2)****Meeting Commenced at 7.05pm****A. Present**

Cr Jamie Hyams, Mayor
Cr Anne-Marie Cade
Cr Clare Davey
Cr Mary Delahunty
Cr Dan Sztrajt

Apologies – Cr Margaret Esakoff, Cr Joel Silver, Cr Jim Magee

Conflict of Interest – Cr Anne-Marie Cade – Conflicting personal interest – Item 9.1 – 12 Field Street, Bentleigh

Officers

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

B. Matters considered

1. Item 9.1 – 12 Field Street, Bentleigh
2. Item 9.3 – Public Submissions on the 2019-20 Draft Budget
3. Item 9.4 - Submissions on the 2019-20 Council and Community Plan and the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019-20 to 2028-29
4. Item 9.8 – Draft Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2019-2023
3. Item 11.4 – Public Questions to Council
5. General Business
 - a) Director Corporate Services – Item 9.3 Public Submissions on the 2019-20 Draft Budget

7.10pm Cr Tony Athanasopoulos entered the Pre-meeting.

- b) Cr Hyams – Item 9.10 - Local Law Review

Pre-meeting finished at 7.18pm

9. PRESENTATION OF OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 251 KOORNANG ROAD CARNEGIE REQUEST TO EXTEND EXPIRY OF PERMIT

Author: Zachary Van Grondelle, Town Planner

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

This report considers a request to extend the expiry date of Planning Permit GE/PP-26694/2014, that was issued at the direction of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on 11 March 2015. The permit allows for “buildings and works for a three (3) storey building comprising of one (1) shop and four (4) dwellings; use of the land for dwellings; a reduction in the car parking requirements for a shop; and the waiver of the loading dock requirements for a shop in accordance with the endorsed plans”.

Council has extended the permit for an additional two years, with development now required to have commenced by 11 March 2019. This request seeks a further 12 months to start and complete the works.

The applicant seeks additional time to start because they have been awaiting the conclusion of a Building Appeals process. This weighs in favour of allowing an extension of time.

The site is included within the Carnegie Structure Plan area and is proposed to be included within a heritage overlay as part of a proposed planning scheme amendment. This is currently waiting on authorisation from the Minister for Planning. This weighs against allowing an extension of time.

When all matters are balanced it is considered acceptable to allow a further 12 months to start and complete the works.



RECOMMENDATION

That Council issue a 12 month extension to commence the works allowed by planning permit GE/PP-26694/2015. This would allow works to commence before 11 March 2020 and be completed before 11 March 2022.

Address	251 Koornang Road, Carnegie
Title details	Lot 1 on TP 676081M
Proposal	To extend the expiration of a permit which allows “buildings and works for a three (3) storey building comprising of one (1) shop and four (4) dwellings; use of the land for dwellings; a reduction in the car parking requirements for a shop; and the waiver of the loading dock requirements for a shop”.
Zoning and Overlay Controls	Commercial 1 Zone Special Building Overlay Parking Overlay (PO2-3)

DISCUSSION

The relevant tests that need to be taken into consideration for an extension of time request includes:

- whether or not the time originally limited was in all the circumstances reasonable and adequate taking into account the steps which would be necessary before development could actually commence;
- any intervening circumstances which may have rendered it unreasonable that the appellant should be held to the time originally fixed;
- whether or not since the issue of the original permit, there have been any changes in Town Planning policy, which would mitigate against the granting of a permit.
- whether there has been a change in Planning Policy;
- whether the land owner is seeking to ‘warehouse’ the Permit;
- any intervening circumstances which bear upon the grant or refusal of the extension of time;
- the total elapse of time between the permit issuing and the request;
- whether the time limit originally imposed was adequate;
- the economic burden imposed on the land owner by the permit;
- the probability of a Permit issuing should a fresh application be made.

Each of these considerations is addressed in turn in the following section of this report.

Planning Policy

When the permit was issued on 3 March 2015, the site was zoned Commercial 1 and subject to a Special Building Overlay and Parking Overlay. The provisions of the Special Building Overlay and Parking Overlay have not changed since the issue of the permit.

The Commercial 1 Zone has changed a little since the issue of the permit, notably the requirement that all new apartments must be assessed against Clause 58 of the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Other changes to the planning scheme that are of relevance to this development include the deletion of the loading bay requirement (previously Clause 52.07) and changes to statutory parking rates listed at Clause 52.06 of the planning scheme.

It is considered that applicable planning policy has not changed significantly enough and the development would comply with the current provisions.

The site is included within Council's Carnegie Structure Plan area which will form the basis of Amendment C184. This amendment proposes to include the subject site and the row of shops along Koornang Road (known as the Glen Huntly Road Tram Terminus Estate Shops) in a proposed Heritage Overlay (HO159). If the amendment is successful, a planning permit would be required for demolition and works on this site. However, at the time of this assessment, authorisation has not yet been given by the Minister for Planning to commence the amendment, therefore Amendment C184 has little weight in the consideration of this request for an extension of time.

Warehousing a Permit

Significant consideration should be given to whether or not a permit holder may be 'warehousing' their permit. An applicant is considered to be warehousing a permit when numerous extensions of time have been issued and there is no obvious effort being made to commence the development. Council records indicate that other development processes have begun including hoarding permits and report/consent applications. This indicates that the applicant intends to act on the permit soon and is not warehousing it.

Intervening Circumstances

The applicant has shown that significant delay in the commencement of works was due to a Building Appeals process as part of the developer's request for a building permit. The Building Appeal process ran from March 2018 until December 2018 which consumed most of the previous extension of time. These circumstances are considered to have impacted on the ability of the applicant to have commenced works.

Given that the permit holder has actively been seeking to commence works, this weighs significantly in favour of granting an extension of time.

Elapse of Time and the Adequacy of the Time Limit

The original amount of permitted time to commence and complete the development was enough for the approved development. It is noted that the permit does not contain any onerous requirements or conditions that would have contributed to the elapsed period of time.

However, the applicant has indicated that they have been unable to commence the development due to delays in obtaining building permits and an appeal process to the Victorian Building Appeals Board. A timeline of events has been provided by the applicant that demonstrates that this exhausted a considerable amount of time originally allocated to commence the development.

Economic Burden

The conditions contained in the planning permit were reasonable and did not cause an unreasonable economic burden on the landowner or applicant.

Probability of Permit with a Fresh Application

As noted under the Planning Policy section of this report, there has not been any significant change to the zoning or policies affecting this site. If an application was received by Council today for a permit, it is likely that a permit would be issued.

The development would be subject to an assessment against Clause 58 of the Planning Scheme. A review of the endorsed plans confirms that the development would generally be able to comply with the requirements, subject to some internal modifications including increased balcony areas. This is not considered to be a fatal consequence for the development.

With regard to the pending heritage overlay, if a permit application was lodged today, Council would not be able to assess the application against any heritage considerations given that the overlay is yet to be gazetted or to go through the exhibition and review process (i.e. community consultation and a Panel Hearing).

Discussion Summary

The applicant has shown sufficient cause as to the delay in the commencement of works on the site and there is considerable evidence to suggest works will commence soon. The relevant tests for a request to extend a permit have been satisfied and while the pending planning scheme amendment is noted, it is likely that a permit would be issued for this development were it applied for under the current planning controls. It is therefore recommended that the permit expiry be extended by 12 months.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, resource or asset management implications associated with this report.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

All matter required at Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been taken into consideration as part of the assessment of this application.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

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A well planned City that is a great place to live.

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 12 month extension to start and finish this permit be issued, allowing works to start before 11 March 2020 and be completed before 11 March 2022.

9.2 VCAT WATCH

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Attachments: 1. VCAT Watch - Attachment - 2 July 2019 [↓](#)

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To report to Council applications currently before, and recent decisions of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the recent decisions and applications currently before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), including the recent applications that have been lodged with VCAT.

BACKGROUND

The VCAT process is an integral part of the planning permit process and provides opportunity for independent review of planning decisions. VCAT is required to take into consideration any relevant planning policy.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

This report includes an attachment that provides an overview of all applications currently before, or that have recently been decided by the VCAT. The attachment table is broken down into 'New appeals lodged with the VCAT', 'Current matters before the VCAT' (including upcoming hearings or where Council is waiting for a decision after the hearing has taken place), and 'Recent decisions of the VCAT'.

There were five decisions since the previous report, with three resolved by consent. Two key decisions of relevance are discussed below.

Address	2 Pearce Street, Caulfield South
Proposal	Construction of a three-storey building with basement comprising of five dwellings.
Council decision	Refusal
VCAT decision	Permit
Appellant	Pearce Street Development Pty Ltd

Council determined to refuse this application at the 14 August 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting. The key grounds of refusal were in relation to the proposals response to neighbourhood character and off-site amenity impacts associated with mass and bulk, loss of daylight to habitable room windows and impacts on solar panels.

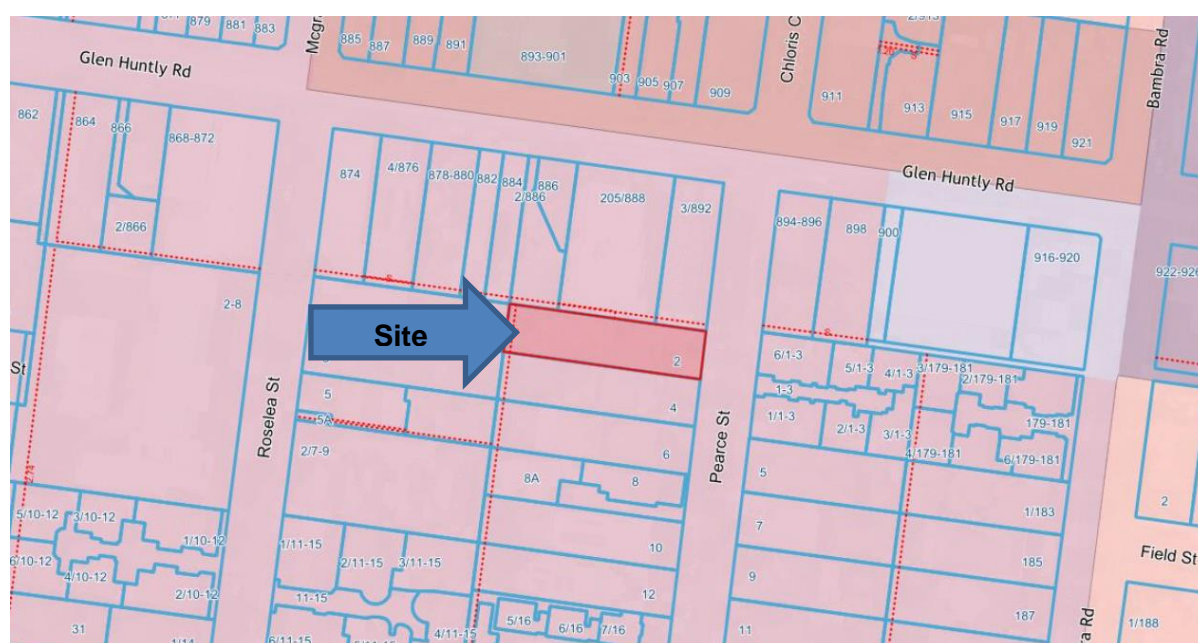
The Tribunal considered that the development would not present as unreasonably dominant within the streetscape of Pearce Street, noting the context of the nearby development along Glen Huntly Road, the recessive upper floor and the use of the angled roof form as all contributing to an appropriate building form.

The Tribunal did not consider that the development would result in unreasonable off-site amenity impacts, noting the developments compliance with the applicable provisions of ResCode. This is with the exception of impacts on the existing solar panels located on the roof of 4 Pearce Street. In respect to this issue, the Tribunal made the following findings:

"I accept Mr Margetts' submission explaining why the solar panels are mounted in their current location. I also accept Mr English's submission that a 33% reduction in generating capacity (as documented in the SDC report) exceeds a reasonable reduction. I therefore consider it appropriate to require the installation of an additional 3kW of panels."

On this basis, the Tribunal determine to approve the development generally in accordance with the officer's recommendation to Council, subject to a condition that requires the applicant to install a new solar panel system on the roof of 4 Pearce Street. It is considered that this condition was imposed on the basis that the applicant was accepting of the requirement.

A site plan showing the location of this site is below:



Address	342-346 Centre Road, Bentleigh
Proposal	Extension of time request to commence Planning Permit GE/PP-28786/2015, which allows the construction of a 7-storey building comprising of 24 dwellings.
Council decision	Refusal
VCAT decision	Extension of time granted
Appellant	Shujie Investments Company Pty Ltd

Council officers refused this request to extend the planning permit under delegation on grounds that there had been a considerable change in the planning controls applicable to the subject site. Officers were also not satisfied that the applicant had made any reasonable steps towards commencing the development.

Council argued that the change in the planning controls weighs strongly against the approval of an extension of time. It was our position that if the proposal was considered under the current controls it would not be supported as it would undermine the DDO8, is out of context

with the existing surrounds and it did not provide for appropriate internal amenity based on the requirements of Clause 58 (Apartment developments) of the Planning Scheme.

The case put forward by the Applicant was that the time for commencement of the proposal has been reduced due to a previous appeal. They also noted financial constraints experienced by the developer in securing pre-sales and tabled evidence of expenditure they had already incurred.

The member had regard to the following matters raised:

- The previous conditions appeal did reduce the timeframe for commencement of the development.
- Considerable preparation has gone into the project prior to the plans being endorsed, including the engagement of builders.
- The proposal relied on presales which were not as successful as anticipated;
- Internal changes to the designs were made in an attempt to further improve market sales, further delaying plans for endorsement.

The member noted that there was no evidence that the applicants were seeking to “warehouse” the proposal. The main focus therefore is whether the interim control of the DDO8 justifies the refusal of the application.

In this regard the Tribunal noted that no changes to the zoning of the land have occurred and the site remains in the Bentleigh Major Activity Centre which is one of the four urban villages sitting at the top of the hierarchy of housing diversity areas. The adoption of the Bentleigh Structure Plan (February 2018) set out the long term vision for this busy area. The Structure Plan does not support mandatory maximum building heights. The structure plan also recognises the area ‘is already subject to significant transformation’.

The Tribunal found that as the height controls are temporary and do not represent a permanent shift in planning controls that apply to the land, they cannot be afforded the same weight as if they were permanent.

The Tribunal found that if a new application was submitted today having regard to the DDO8 and Clause 58, then changes would need to be made to the development, but noted that “ultimately the market would determine whether the proposal meets the expectation of amenity for future occupants”. On this basis, the Tribunal determined to approve the extension of time request.

This is a very disappointing decision and it is concerning that the Tribunal would make such comments particularly that disregard Clause 58 and the purpose for which they were introduced.

A site plan showing the location of this site is below:



FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, resource or asset management implications.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy or legislative implications for this report.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

There has been no communication or engagement for this report.

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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

This report provides an update of the applications before and recent decisions of the VCAT.

APPLICATIONS BEFORE AND RECENT DECISION OF THE VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

NEW APPEALS LODGED WITH THE VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL								
Address	VCAT Reference	Description of proposal	Type of Appeal	Zone	Council Decision	Delegate for Decision	Next Hearing Type	Next VCAT Date
122 Grange Road CARNEGIE	P832/2019	Amendment to Planning Permit GE/PP-6769/1996 which allows the development and use of the existing premise for the purpose of a retail plant nursery, shop, restaurant, sale and consumption of liquor and a reduction in the standard car parking requirement PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Demolition of hot house, addition of W Class Tram with protective shelter, water tanks for shelter, gate to front fence and rear fencing	s82 (Objector)	C1Z	NOD	Officer	Merits Hearing	13-Sep-19
6-8 Bevis Street BENTLEIGH EAST	P840/2019	Construction of a 3 storey building comprising up to 22 apartments and a basement car park	s77 (Refusal)	GRZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	14-Oct-19
554-556 Inkerman Road CAULFIELD NORTH	P833/2019	Construction of a four storey building comprising twenty-four (24) dwellings	s82 (Objector)	GRZ1	NOD	Council	Merits Hearing	28-Oct-19

MATTERS BEFORE THE VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (* INCLUDING APPEALS AWAITING A DECISION)								
Address	VCAT Reference	Description of Proposal	Type of Appeal	Zone	Council Decision	Delegate for Decision	Hearing Type	Hearing Date
12 Wheeler Street ORMOND	P2573/2018	Construction of three (3) storey dwellings and one (1) two storey dwelling on land affected by a Special Building Overlay	s77 (Refusal)	GRZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	*
9 Marlborough Street BENTLEIGH EAST	P2364/2018	Construction of three (3) double storey attached dwellings	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	*
51 College Street ELSTERNWICK	P2451/2018	Construction of two double storey dwellings	s82 (Objector)	NRZ1	NOD	DPF	Merits Hearing	13-Jun-2019
57 Snowdon Avenue CAULFIELD	P173/2019	Construction of 4 dwellings within a double storey building above basement parking	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	2-Jul-2019
285-287 Neerim Road CARNEGIE	P208/2019	Construction of a four storey mixed use building comprising up to 41 dwellings, a retail space and a food and drink premises, reduction in the associated car parking requirement, waiver of the loading bay requirement and alteration of access to a road in a Road Zone, Category 1	s87 (Cancel or Amend)	MUZ1	Planning Permit	Council	Merits Hearing	3-Jul-2019
31 Weeroona Road MURRUMBEENA	P25/2019	Construction of seven (7) attached dwellings with basement car parking	s77 (Refusal)	GRZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	29-Jul-2019
749-753 Glen Huntly Road CAULFIELD	P99/2019	Demolition of the existing building and construction of a 4 storey building on land within the Heritage Overlay, use of the land for the purpose of dwellings and reduction of the car parking requirement for a shop	s80 (Conditions)	C1Z	Planning Permit	Council	Merits Hearing	31-Jul-2019
421-439 Glen Huntly Road ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	P296/2019	Partial demolition of existing building and construction of a proposed multi-level residential development with office and residential tenancies (ground floor and first floor), basement parking on land affected by the Heritage Overlay and Design and Development Overlay	s79 (Failure)	C1Z	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	31-Jul-2019
45 Hoddle Street ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	P221/2019	Construction of three (3) double-storey dwellings and basement	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	5-Aug-2019
371-377 Hawthorn Road & 3 Olive Street CAULFIELD SOUTH	P467/2019	Construction of a 9 (nine) storey building comprising three basement car parking levels, a supermarket, dwellings, a reduction in the standard car parking requirement for the commercial component and alteration of	s77 (Refusal)	C1Z	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	19-Aug-2019

1 Portland Street CARNEGIE	P369/2019	access to a Road Zone Category 1 Construction of two (2) double storey attached dwellings	s82 (Objector)	NRZ1	NOD	Officer	Merits Hearing	4-Sep-2019
506 Hawthorn Road CAULFIELD SOUTH	P734/2019	Construction of a three storey building comprising up to 10 dwellings above a basement car park on land affected by a Special Building Overlay and alteration of access to a Road Zone Category 1	s82 (Objector)	GRZ2	NOD	Officer	Merits Hearing	4-Sep-2019
33-35 Nicholson Street BENTLEIGH VIC 3204	P412/2019	Construction of a four (4) storey building containing 24 apartments and associated basement level car parking (reduction in visitor spaces)	s82 (Objector)	RGZ1	NOD	Council	Merits Hearing	11-Sep-2019
122 Grange Road CARNEGIE	P832/2019	Amendment to Planning Permit GE/PP-6769/1996 which allows the development and use of the existing premise for the purpose of a retail plant nursery, shop, restaurant, sale and consumption of liquor and a reduction in the standard car parking requirement PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Demolition of hot house, addition of W Class Tram with protective shelter, water tanks for shelter, gate to front fence and rear fencing	s82 (Objector)	C1Z	NOD	Officer	Merits Hearing	13-Sep-19
7-15 Home Street ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	P727/2019	Construction of a multi storey mixed use building comprising dwellings, food and drink premises, offices and shops, use of the land for the purpose of dwellings and reduction of the car parking requirements for food and drink premises, offices and shops	s80 (Conditions)	C1Z	Planning Permit	Council	Merits Hearing	16-Sep-2019
664-670 North Road ORMOND	P764/2019	Construction of more than two dwellings on a lot. Alteration of access to a Road Zone, Category 1. Construction of buildings and works in a Special Building Overlay.	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	20-Sep-2019
235 Balaclava Road CAULFIELD NORTH VIC 3161	P731/2019	Construction of a four (4) storey residential building (4 x 1 bedroom, 28 x 2 bedrooms and 11 x 3 bedroom) basement carpark	s80 (Conditions)	GRZ2	Planning Permit	Officer	Merits Hearing	26-Sep-2019
40 Gnarwyn Road CARNEGIE	P603/2019	Construction of two dwellings on a lot	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Coordinator	Merits Hearing	4-Oct-2019
6-8 Bevis Street BENTLEIGH EAST	P840/2019	Construction of a 3 storey building comprising up to 22 apartments and a basement car park	s77 (Refusal)	GRZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	14-Oct-19
9A & 9B Muntz Street CAULFIELD NORTH VIC 3161	P580/2019	Construction of two (2) double storey attached dwellings with basement car park	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	25-Oct-2019

554-556 Inkerman Road CAULFIELD NORTH	P833/2019	Construction of a four storey building comprising twenty-four (24) dwellings	s82 (Objector)	GRZ1	NOD	Council	Merits Hearing	28-Oct-19
10-16 Selwyn Street ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	P263/2019	Part demolition of the site and construction of a mixed use building of up to 14 storeys; use of the land as a shop, place of assembly and for the sale of packaged liquor	s77 (Refusal)	MUZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	18-Nov-2019

RECENT DECISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL									
Address	VCAT Reference	Description of Proposal	Type of Appeal	Zone	Council Decision	Delegate for Decision	Appeal Outcome	Date of VCAT Decision	VCAT Decision (effect on Council decision)
100-104 Mimosa Road CARNEGIE	P35/2019	Construction of a three (3) storey residential building	s77 (Refusal)	RGZ1	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	27-May-2019	Set aside (by consent)
342-346 Centre Road BENTLEIGH	P2003/2018	Extension of time request to commence Planning Permit GE/PP-28786/2015, which allows the construction of a 7-storey building comprising of 24 dwellings.	s81 (Extension of Time)	C1Z	Refusal	Manager	Merits Hearing	28-May-2019	Set aside
2 Pearce Street CAULFIELD SOUTH	P1925/2018	Construction of a three-storey high building, with basement, accommodating five dwellings	s77 (Refusal)	GRZ1	Refusal	Council	Merits Hearing	31-May-2019	Set aside
58 Patterson Road BENTLEIGH	P2360/2018	Use and Development of the land for a child care centre	s82 (Objector)	C1Z	NOD	DPF	Merits Hearing	3-Jun-2019	Varied (by consent)
14 Hopetoun Street ELSTERNWICK VIC 3185	P238/2019	Construction of two (2) double storey attached dwellings	s77 (Refusal)	NRZ1	Refusal	Officer	Merits Hearing	6-Jun-2019	Set aside (by consent)

9.3 CAR PARKING SENSORS

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 May 2019, Council resolved to request a report on:

“the cost of installing in-ground parking sensors at the strip shopping centres at Mackie and Centre Road and Mackie Road shops in Bentleigh East”.

The following report provides an indicative cost for installing in-ground car parking sensors and outlines the benefits of parking sensors in gathering data and informing decisions on parking restrictions, demand and enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the report.
2. Notes that a draft Parking Policy will be presented to Council to endorse for community consultation by March 2020 and adopted by the end of the 2019-2020 financial year.

BACKGROUND

On 12 June 2018, Council adopted the *Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS)*. The ITS acts as a high-level strategic document to provide a cohesive transport framework that integrates with the land use planning framework and the collective vision set by Council's structure planning program.

The ITS identifies that to help inform future decision making, the collection of data is necessary. This is noted in Chapter 5 'Technology' – Project 5.2:

Develop a transport data action plan to equip Council to better measure, collect and analyse transport data to guide decision-making in the future.

In-ground car parking sensors

A parking sensor is a small electronic device inserted into the ground that detects and records the time a vehicle enters and leaves a parking space. Parking sensors are integrated into a parking management system that provides real time data to Council. Council can use this technology to monitor parking allowing:

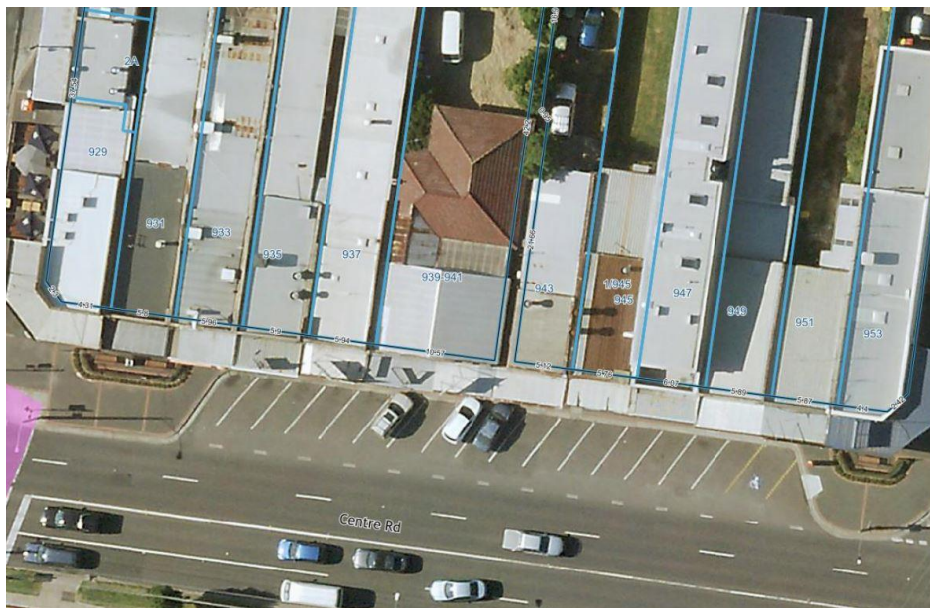
- An accurate analysis of parking trends. This can result in changes to parking conditions which create efficient turnover of spaces and help increase parking availability for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors.
- Improved parking enforcement. Council's traffic safety officers can be alerted to overstayed vehicles in the area they are working in and can determine if an offence has occurred. Further efficiencies are gained as the parking sensors remove the

need for vehicles to be marked-up and then revisited by traffic safety officers to check for compliance.

Current parking availability at the nominated shopping strips

Corner of Mackie and Centre Roads:

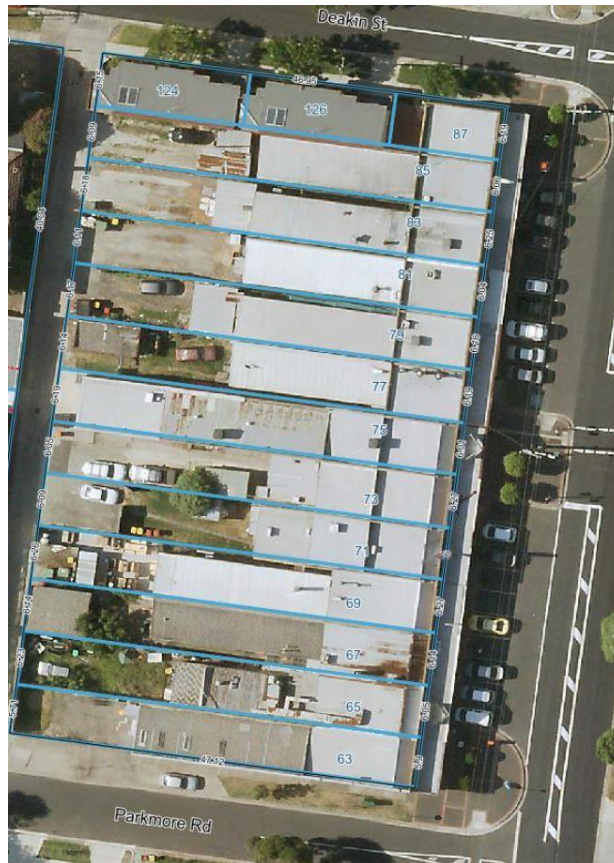
- 17 spaces in total.
 - Eight ½ hour parking bays.
 - Eight 1-hour parking bays.
 - One disabled parking bay.



Parking at Mackie and Centre Road shopping strip, Bentleigh East

Mackie Road (near Parkmore Road):

- 20 spaces in total.
 - 17 1-hour parking bays.
 - Two ¼ hour parking bays.
 - One disabled parking bay.



Parking at Mackie Road shops, Bentleigh East

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Cost of Parking Sensors

There are two different models of purchasing and operating in-ground car parking sensors:

- 1) Sensor technology purchased on a lease arrangement:
 - Cost per sensor is \$350 per sensor per annum, based on 3-year contract term.
 - \$21,000 total outlay over a 3-year term for 20 sensors.
 - \$42,000 in total for the two sites.
- 2) Sensor technology purchased as a Capital purchase:
 - \$700 per sensor as a one-off cost, plus annual support and maintenance of \$110 per sensor per year based on a 3-year contract term.
 - \$20,600 for 20 sensors.
 - \$41,200 in total for the two sites.

The above costs include all related sensor fees including:

- infringement grade parking sensors;
- sensor installation (drilling, installing and patching of sensors in road at night time to minimise impact of parking bays disruption);

- PinForce Sentinel¹ sensor licensing;
- PinForce Sentinel licensing for server including management, administration and reporting functions eg. possible violations, actual violations, vehicle occupancy, vehicle turnover, etc.;
- training on the Sentinel system for staff; and
- data SIM cards for access points.

Current parking data collection

Currently the only method used in Glen Eira to understand parking demand and occupancy is by manually conducting parking surveys. This is an accurate method of data collection but a labour intensive one. Also, this method can be limited due to time and cost factors.

Parking demand is often measured in terms of parking occupancy and parking turnover. Both measures provide valuable information about how parking is used and how the parking resource can be managed to address the parking demand.

Parking occupancy is measured as a percentage of the number of vehicles observed to be parked in a nominated zone or area at a particular point in time, over the total number of parking spaces in that same zone or area. The average occupancy is calculated from a series of surveys.

Occupancy rates provide information about how easy or difficult it may be to find a vacant parking space. The accuracy of measuring occupancy is improved when the frequency of surveys is increased.

Parking turnover is measured as a percentage of the number of unique vehicles observed to be parked in a nominated zone or area, over the total number of vehicles observed at each point in time. The average turnover is calculated from a series of surveys.

Parking turnover rates provide information about how often parking spaces become vacant. The accuracy of measuring turnover is improved when the interval between surveys is reduced.

As noted above the, while manual parking surveys are usually an accurate method of data collection, accuracy can be improved when the frequency of surveys is increased.

However, the larger the survey area is, the higher the costs associated with manual data collection. This is due to the requirement to have more manual surveyors covering the study area to enable a high frequency of data collection.

Manual data collection is most cost effective in smaller scale survey areas, such as the Mackie and Centre Road and Mackie Road Shops, Bentleigh East.

Benefits of Parking Sensors

1) Data and improved parking management

Parking sensors provide data 24 hours a day seven days a week, producing an accurate analysis of parking trends. This is valuable for planning purposes, to help identify any parking problems and managing parking in a more holistic way. The data can help inform changes to parking conditions and lead to more efficient turnover of spaces helping to increase parking availability for residents, businesses, shoppers and visitors.

¹ This is the name of a computer system product that integrates parking sensors.

While parking sensors can provide an accurate analysis of parking trends, given the small-scale nature of shopping centres in this report, the data gathered will be of limited use for future decision-making on parking management.

2) Higher parking turnover

Parking sensors offer a consistent and accurate approach to parking management by encouraging motorists to comply with parking restrictions and by supporting the steady turnover of and access to parking spaces.

A higher turnover of parking gives more residents and customers access to the available parking within the area.

Rates of compliance with parking restrictions can be improved when combined with parking enforcement.

3) Enforcement

Council's traffic safety officers primarily rely on foot patrols to actively enforce an area. Parking sensor technology allows traffic safety officers to monitor larger areas over the same period of time. Once a vehicle has overstayed the maximum permitted time limit in a parking bay, a signal is sent from the sensor in the bay to the nearest traffic safety officer patrolling in the area. The traffic safety officer will check to see if a parking offence has occurred before manually issuing a parking ticket.

Since parking sensors provide an efficient method of monitoring and achieving parking compliance, it means that traffic safety officers can undertake more regular patrols of individual streets and because it is faster it enables parking officers to cover a larger area in the same amount of time.

As a result of improved compliance, traffic safety officers are able to dedicate more time to the enforcement of safety issues such as parking in No Stopping Zones and School Zones.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are two different models of purchasing and operating in-ground parking sensors:

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 - \$20,600 for 20 sensors.
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POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Council's *Integrated Transport Strategy* identifies that to help inform future decision making, the collection of data is necessary. This is noted in Chapter 5 'Technology' – Project 5.2:

Develop a transport data action plan to equip Council to better measure, collect and analyse transport data to guide decision-making in the future.

Council will soon consult on a draft Parking Policy. It is anticipated that this policy will identify the merits of parking sensors and inform their future use.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Two: Accessible and Well Connected

A City that is easy to move around, full of safe travel options and walkable neighbourhoods.

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

This report provides an indicative cost for installing in-ground parking sensors at the Mackie and Centre Road shopping strip, and Mackie Road shops Bentleigh East, while outlining the benefits of parking sensors in gathering data and informing decisions on parking restrictions, demand and enforcement.

9.4 CAULFIELD PARK MASTERPLAN

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Attachments: 1. [Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh 2019](#) 
2. [Caulfield Park Masterplan consultation flyer](#) 

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To present the Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh for Council adoption, with actions and recommendations based on feedback received during community consultation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh 2019.

BACKGROUND

Community consultation feedback on the draft Caulfield Park Masterplan was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 5 February 2019, where it was resolved that Council:

- *notes the feedback received during community consultation; and*
- *endorses the recommended changes to the draft Masterplan which will be updated and presented to a future Ordinary Council Meeting for adoption.*

The Refresh process reviewed actions and direction from the previous Masterplan developed in 2001. This also included recommendations from Council's Open Space Strategy (OSS) to undertake a major review/update of the existing Caulfield Park Masterplan, specifically to:

- *address the contemporary issues associated with the design of the park;*
- *improve the unstructured and informal uses;*
- *review the facilities and character around the lake; and*
- *consider the heritage values.*

The Refresh was directed by the following Caulfield Park vision:

- Continue to protect and enhance the existing landscape planting strategy across the park, specifically the exotic and native planting to the western historic precinct and the native and indigenous planting to the eastern precinct.
- Safeguard and enhance the 19th Century heritage and character of the western end of Caulfield Park.
- Continue to allow for sporting facilities to evolve within the existing areas to accommodate growth and community needs.
- Create engaging landscapes and infrastructure that promotes social cohesion, equality and accessibility to all members of the community.
- Create spaces where a variety of activities can occur, a range of goals are addressed and different objectives can be pursued.
- Continue to explore opportunities to improve sustainability, resilience and adaption to a changing climate.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh (Attachment 1) is presented as an addendum to the original Masterplan. Relevant issues have been updated and recommendations based on the draft Masterplan have been included in the Masterplan Refresh.

The changes made to the draft Masterplan as a result of the feedback; and endorsed by Council, include:

- Reduce level of paving proposed around the Cenotaph Memorial;
- Include potential Inkerman Road pedestrian crossing points and Bambra/Redan Road intersection pedestrian and bicycle improvements – consistent with Council's Integrated Transport Strategy;
- Opportunity to explore a small scooter loop as part of a Park Crescent playground upgrade as part of future design;
- Incorporate a minor upgrade to the eastern entrance on Balaclava Road; and
- Include recommendation to explore indigenous and local history acknowledgements.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Actions and projects arising from the Caulfield Park Masterplan will be presented to Council for consideration in future capital works budgets.

Council's 2018/19 capital works program includes an Integrated Water Management Feasibility Study at Caulfield Park to identify the most efficient and cost effective way to improve the quality and integrity of the sports field surfaces and explore opportunities for storm water harvesting, address flood risk mitigation and investigate options on how water can be captured on site and repurposed in the western end and through the lake.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Consultation on the draft Caulfield Park Masterplan was promoted for seven (7) weeks between 15 October to 2 December 2018. The community consultation information flyer is attached (Attachment 2).

Engagement Snapshot

- 569 people visited the Have Your Say forum page;
- 34 people contributed on the discussion forum;
- 181 people downloaded the Refresh information booklet;
- 13 emails were received; and
- Over 40 people attended the Consultation Public Meeting.

Consultation Promotion

- Distribution of information flyer to nearby residents;
- 6 in-park A1 signs;
- Distribution to Friends of Caulfield Park group;
- Advertising in appropriate Leader Newspaper;
- Article in the Glen Eira News – November 2018;
- Promotional video presented by ward Councillors;

- Concept plan and feedback forum on Council's Have Your Say online forum;
- Promoted on Council's homepage, Facebook and social channels;
- Emails to registered users of Have Your Say;
- Community Consultation Public Meeting on Thursday 8 November 2018; and
- Discussion at the Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting on 12 November 2018.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Four: Clean and Sustainable

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

The Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh is provided as addendum to the Caulfield Park Masterplan. The Masterplan Refresh will safeguard the historic aspects of the Park, and ensure the sporting, leisure and recreational needs of our community can continue to be met into the future.

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INTRODUCTION

In June 2017 the Glen Eira City Council asked John Patrick Landscape Architects to undertake a 'Review and Refresh' of its Masterplan for Caulfield Park issued to Council in March 2001. Council considered that it was time to re-examine the document that had guided much of the work undertaken in the park in the last 17 years to see:

- what recommendations had been implemented and judge their success;
- which recommendations had not yet been implemented and judge whether they were still appropriate;
- if new ideas and approaches were needed given the passage of time and changed circumstances for the local community and the broader environment.

JPLA conducted a physical audit of the park to see what new works had been undertaken, assess their general condition as well as the general overall condition of the park and its facilities nearly 18 years on.

Feedback on the success of the new facilities or works was sourced by Council through the conducting of an extensive community consultation process. As part of this consultation review process, Council sought feedback from stakeholders, park user groups and the broader City of Glen Eira community on the implemented masterplan recommendations and their views on what new or additional initiatives should be considered for inclusion in the 'Refreshed' Masterplan. This valuable feedback has been incorporated in the recommendations outlined in both this 'Refresh' report and on the new updated Masterplan attached to this report.

The draft Masterplan was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 5th February 2019, where Council noted the feedback received during consultation. Council endorsed the recommended changes and for the draft Masterplan to be updated and presented to a future Ordinary Council Meeting for adoption.

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVIEW

Landscape Vision [6.2.1]

2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities

Caulfield Park is both physically and functionally divided into two by the combination of road, Council Depot and sporting clubs. A distinct change in landscape styles also occurs at this point. The western half contains numerous mature specimens of exotic and native trees, while the east contains a more limited collection of mixed specimens sparsely planted in turfed playing fields. An opportunity exists to strengthen the park's landscape character by reinforcing this difference.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

To acknowledge and reinforce the different nature of the two halves of Caulfield Park through a tree planting and replacement policy. A possible vision for Caulfield Park is one that sees the mostly exotic 19thC. Gardens of the west conserved and enhanced by a tree replacement policy that is tailored to preserve that historic nature. (See 5.2 MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES: TREES). In the east, a low maintenance – water sensitive 21stC. Native landscape of trees, low shrubs and groundcovers in mulched beds begins at the site of the old Aviary from where it spills out to fill the spaces between sports ovals. A second strong landscape type is therefore created to balance that of the West and meet the demands of a broad cross section of the community.

Projects Implemented

- + Contrasting planting scheme between the two ends of the park have been adhered to, with native vegetation up the eastern end of the park and a mix of exotic and native specimens throughout the western end.
- + A tree survey was completed 18 months ago with a new one to be completed every three years.

Current Condition

- + Caulfield Park is well presented with many trees planted as part of the masterplan, which are healthy and create many benefits for park users.
- + Although, a trial and error approach was required for native planting in the eastern end of the park, new trees are providing good canopy coverage, enhancing the park amenity and providing shade opportunities.

Issues

- + Many tree species find it difficult to grow within the soil profile of Caulfield Park and with limited irrigation in certain areas.
- + The existing irrigation system cannot adequately service all the playing field surfaces, trees and garden bed areas.
- + Consider increasing biodiversity in planting choices throughout the park.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + Continue to protect and enhance the existing landscape planting strategy across the park, specifically the exotic and native planting to the western historic precinct and the native and indigenous planting to the eastern precinct by undertaking the following:
 - Appropriate tree planting and replacement policy for the park.
 - Planting native landscape of low shrubs and groundcovers in mulched beds in the eastern half.

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- Explore introducing feature/display garden beds in the western section to highlight key nodes/attractors within the park.
 - Select species and cultivars that are low maintenance, drought tolerant and long-lived to increase the likelihood of plant survival and reduce replacement costs.
 - Explore opportunities for mulching around trees to assist with water retention and reduce reliance on use of potable water.
 - Develop a list of tree species and cultivars which are well suited to the local climate, soil and drainage characteristics of the eastern end of the site.
 - If planting between the sporting ovals is not possible or has limited opportunities, additional tree planting around the perimeter of the park should be explored.
 - Tree planting to maintain site lines into the park, through selection of species and cultivars with usually a single straight main trunk supporting a domed crown, or columnar form, allowing for visual permeability into the park (i.e. *Corymbia maculata* - Spotted Gum)
 - Continue to regularly audit /inspect trees by Council Arborists for risk/hazard assessment and to identify if any trees require pruning, detailing or removal.
- + Safeguard and enhance the 19th Century heritage and character of the western end of Caulfield Park.
 - + Create engaging landscapes and infrastructure that promotes social cohesion, equality and accessibility to all members of the community.
 - + Create spaces where a variety of diverse, engaging and accessible activities can occur to encourage people of all ages, genders, abilities and cultural backgrounds.
 - + Continue to explore opportunities to improve sustainability, biodiversity, resilience and adaption to a changing climate.

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War Memorials [6.2.2]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

Two major War Memorials are located within the park. The 'Cenotaph' is popular and the site of present-day Remembrance ceremonies while the 'Cross' is under-utilised and generally thought to be unattractive and intrusive

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

The two memorials are to be consolidated into one by the relocating of the Remembrance Plaque from the 'Cross' to a position adjacent to the 'Cenotaph' on a newly constructed granite podium. The size of the podium plus the reshaping of existing levels to be determined to better facilitate Remembrance ceremonies. The Cenotaph's perimeter path system, which was removed in the 1970's remodelling, should be reinstated. New accent lighting of the Cenotaph should be installed. Liaison with the local branch of the R.S.L. will be needed to determine the necessary size and layout of this new area.

The concrete viewing platform of the 'Cross' is to be demolished, while the poorly performing rosemary hedges and rose beds are to be removed and replaced with a simple gravel surface, leaving only the eight *Cupressus torulosa* – Bhutan Cypress specimens situated in a gravelled cross. The Lone Pine Memorial of *Pinus brutia* - Turkish Pine specimen plus an adjacent commemorative plaque, should also be set in a new gravel field to enhance and better define this important memorial.

Projects Implemented

- + Remembrance Plaque from the 'Cross' has been relocated to a position near to the 'Cenotaph'.
- + Concrete viewing platform of the 'Cross' has been demolished.

Current Condition

- + Rosemary hedges and roses within garden beds are underperforming due to soil quality and microclimate under the existing Pines.
- + The Lone Pine Memorial of *Pinus brutia* - Turkish Pine specimen has little connection to other memorials.

Issues

- + Accessibility for the elderly and disabled on ANZAC day.
- + Roses require high level of maintenance and are impacted by vandalism and theft.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

Cenotaph Memorial (3) and Cross Memorial (4)

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Consolidate memorials through the upgrading of the Cenotaph to become the main memorial in the park. Upgrade to include limited feature paved surfaces suitable for events and ceremonies, honour walls, feature lighting, new planting and interpretative signage.
- + Revisit the 2000 master plan recommendation to upgrade the cross/pine tree memorials with new edging, surface treatments, planting and signage to better define memorials and reduce maintenance issues.
- + Formalise the Cross Memorial under the eight cypress pines with interpretative signage.

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- + More interpretive signage at both memorials to celebrate and provide information on the memorials. Linked to 'Heritage and Significant Tree Walk'.

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The Aviary [6.2.3]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

The question of whether bird aviaries are an appropriate public park feature is a contentious issue that needs to be addressed. Comments recorded at community consultations suggested that the creation of natural habitat was a better way to bring more bird life into the park.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

An effort has been made previously to make the Aviary an attractive feature of the park. This work should be the basis of an alternative bird life feature within Caulfield Park. Cages are to be replaced with native bird attracting plants that are to extend beyond the confines of the present aviary and out into the eastern half of the park. (See 6.2 Action Plan: Landscape Vision). The landscaping of this area would create an attractive and natural area for picnickers using the adjacent BBQ facilities.

Projects Implemented

- + Project implemented.

Current Condition

- + Very popular area amongst the community.
- + Expansion of the facility into the current depot area is universally supported.
- + In good condition with some plant losses due to trampling of plants.

Issues

- + Some maintenance issues with public entering landscaped areas and damaging plants.
- + Stone bird baths too shallow (do not retain water).

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations**The Aviary (7)**

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Install protective garden 'hoops' to protect planting.
- + Make bird baths deeper to retain more water.
- + Review planting palette and replace plants to establish appropriate density and coverage.

Council Parks Depot (8)

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + If depot can be relocated in the future, then the Aviary Garden should be extended to include additional picnic and barbecue facilities and accommodate further opportunities for informal play beyond the adjoining playground. All existing buildings should be removed to maximise planting area.
- + Include art or sculptures features that references local history and the previous use as an Aviary to provide interactive, educational and sensory opportunities.

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Roads & Parking [6.2.4]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

The existing North–South internal road is a divisive and inappropriate element within the park, while the current single entry/exit on Balaclava Road is inadequate to meet traffic demands. The present practice of cars parking on lawn areas is seen as highly undesirable by many in the local community.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Remove the central section of roadway and create a ‘one way’ loop road with separate entry and exit crossovers in Balaclava Road. The new section of roadway will create additional parking spaces adjacent to sporting clubs, allowing disabled bays to be provided, while allowing a green corridor to be formed where once a roadway existed. The present Inkerman Road entry/exit will need to be upgraded for the exclusive use of Council depot vehicles.

The use of fences and lockable gates, plus stricter policing of illegal parking is needed to discourage car parking on grassed areas. Adequate signage to clearly identify that parking on grass is illegal is recommended

Projects Implemented

- + Central section of roadway has been removed and ‘one way’ loop road with separate entry and exit crossovers in Baladava Road constructed.
- + Additional parking including disabled bays have been provided.
- + Inkerman Road entry/exit upgraded for the exclusive use of Council depot vehicles.
- + Plinth kerbing has been installed as a replacement for the old timber post & rail vehicle exclusion fencing along much of the Balaclava & Inkerman Road in the eastern half of the Park as well as along the length of the Park Crescent frontage.

Current Condition

- + ‘One way’ loop road works well.
- + Problem of unwanted vehicle parking on grass areas appears to be resolved through additional fencing, lockable gates and a stricter policing of illegal parking.

Issues

- + Council depot gravel entrance road has ongoing maintenance issues with pot holes and puddling.
- + Council depot vehicle entry and internal gravel road is unattractive and creates safety conflict with park users.
- + There is little consistency in fence, gate and bollard styles throughout the park.

‘Refresh’ opportunities and recommendations**Circulation Path (12)**

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Explore opportunities to install plinth kerbing where needed to prevent unauthorized vehicle access into the park to protect assets and reduce risk to public.
- + There is a preference for plinth kerbing not to be installed at the western end of park.
- + Create a standard suite of fence, gate and bollard to be used to facilitate the integrated management, maintenance and repairs of Council assets.

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Sporting Ovals & Pavilions [6.2.5]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

The sporting field to the east is an area of high activity on weekends. Presently, the potential for accidents is high with many games being played concurrently on overlapping ovals. Sparse groups of trees border these irregular ovals but offer little in the way of shade or visual screening. Most ovals are not serviced by any path network while the existing pavilions are felt to be inadequate and poorly sited in relation to the ovals.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Reduce the number of ovals from seven to six and site them to eliminate overlapping of boundaries. Plant belts of native trees, low shrubs and groundcovers in the new enlarged areas between ovals in a way that will provide greatest shade, wind protection and visual screening. Replace the two existing pavilions with two purpose-built buildings and site them to best serve all playing fields and other recreational resources.

Projects Implemented

- + Ovals have been reduced from seven to six with overlapping of boundaries eliminated.
- + Additional parking including disabled bays has been provided.
- + Planting of some trees, low shrubs and groundcovers between ovals for shade, wind protection and visual screening.

Current Condition

- + The older pavilions do not meet current standards.
- + In some locations, planting between the sporting ovals is not possible due to safety offsets of playing areas.

Issues

- + The existing irrigation system cannot adequately service all the playing field surfaces.
- + The older pavilions do not adequately meet the current needs of the sporting clubs.
- + Oval 1 has limited drainage and is prone to flooding.
- + There were requests to see a greater level (lux) of lighting provided for the soccer pitches to enable night games. Additionally, there was support for the proposal to explore lighting opportunities on Oval 2 adjacent to the pavilion.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

Water Sensitive Open Space (9)

New Pavilion (15)

Sportsground Lighting (18)

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Continue to allow for sporting facilities to evolve within the existing areas to accommodate growth and community needs.
- + The two older pavilions to be consolidated into a centrally located pavilion.
- + Pavilion along Park Crescent to be removed in accordance with adopted Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy.
- + Oval 1 is scheduled to be upgraded including drainage, irrigation, reshaping, a new turf wicket table and warm season grass.
- + Where applicable, continue the 2000 master plan recommendation to plant belts of native trees, low shrubs and groundcovers in-between ovals to create shade, wind protection and visual screening opportunities.

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- + Undertake a feasibility study to address the flooding of sporting ovals, and other areas, through water sensitive design and water capture opportunities. Consider cost-effective opportunities to reduce potable water use.
 - + Explore installation of sportsground lighting on Oval 2 to extend the range of use of this area.
 - + Continue to monitor the use levels of all structured sporting facilities at Caulfield Park to identify if they are at capacity or if there is potential to combine and restructure.

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Play Facilities (Adolescents) [6.2.6]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

Caulfield Park has a shortage of play equipment and facilities for adolescents. The two existing cricket practice nets will need to be relocated due to the construction of the new loop road.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Provide an additional basketball court and tennis hit-up wall plus basketball-shooting circle. Three new cricket practice nets to be situated south of Council Depot.

Projects Implemented

- + Three (3) new cricket practice nets provided.

Current Condition

- + Half courts surfaces have cracks and football goal posts are in poor condition.
- + Currently, tennis court demand appears to be met.

Issues

- + There have been several requests for lighting to be installed at cricket nets for the months outside daylight savings time to allow use later in the evening.
- + Demand for additional cricket nets - 3 nets area not meeting the needs of clubs.
- + Football posts are not located in the most appropriate location.
- + Basketball half courts are located at various locations across the reserve, not allowing for most efficient use.
- + Community suggestions to provide facilities that could support older children and active adults in informal sporting activities.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

Existing Cricket Nets (10)

Existing Multi Sport Facilities (11)

Leased Sports Area (16)

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Expand basketball half court opportunities through the creation of multi-sport spaces (e.g. Packer Park and King George VI Reserve).
- + Potential to consolidate and relocate all basketball courts next to Park Crescent playground to create regional Youth Precinct.
- + Investigate opportunities to extend the cricket nets to cater for the large numbers that use them during cricket season.
- + Investigate opportunities for lighting at cricket nets (including integrating with sports oval lighting)
- + Relocate football posts or consolidate into multi-sport spaces.
- + Consider opportunities for alternative uses if any area becomes surplus to the needs of the leased sports club.
- + Design or upgrade work to all new or existing play facilities to be subject to a community consultation design process.

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Play Facilities (Children) [6.2.7]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

The three existing playgrounds are dated in their design and only adequate in their level of amenity for supervising adults. Security fencing now standard in many new playgrounds is absent.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Major upgrades i.e. new equipment, additional seats in shade and security fencing, are proposed for the larger Park Crescent and smaller Inkerman Road playgrounds. A minor upgrade i.e. security fencing plus additional shaded seating is appropriate for the small playground east of the lake.

Projects Implemented

- + Park Crescent playground has had minor upgrades as part of the Council's playground strategy.

Current Condition

- + Meets the relevant Aust Standards See Playground Audits.
- + Aging older style equipment (10-15yrs old).
- + Good accessibility to majority of play equipment.

Issues

- + Limited shade structures (except for northern playground).
- + Mostly structured playground equipment with limited natural play value.
- + Is older style equipment compliant with current Australian Standards?
- + Western playground is currently due for a minor upgrade within 3 years.
- + Eastern playground is currently due for a major upgrade within 3 years.
- + Northern playground is currently due for a minor upgrade within 6 years.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations**Park Crescent Playground (13)****Park Crescent Urban Play and Recreation Facilities (14)**

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019_*

- + Opportunity to expand and enhance eastern playground (Park Crescent) as an intergenerational multi play precinct which incorporates elements of fitness training, casual sports and dynamic movement and play.
- + The upgrade should provide junior and senior play elements, integrate the mound and incorporate more opportunities for unstructured natural play to better connect the space to the wider park.
- + Western playground should be retained as a junior playground but with the addition of natural and sensory play elements and toddler swings.
- + Explore the opportunity to provide a small scooter loop / bike loop as part of a Park Crescent playground upgrade or Multi-play area development;
- + Design or upgrade work to all new or existing play spaces to be subject to a community consultation design process.

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The Walking Trail [6.2.8]

2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities

The walking trail is a popular and much used facility, its upkeep is therefore an important part of the park's maintenance program. The complementary fitness equipment is basic and by modern standards dated.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Ensure the entire path is of a standard minimum width of 2.0m and in good repair. Upgrade fitness equipment to current acceptable standards.

Projects Implemented

- + Path network and fitness equipment completed.

Current Condition

- + There are several trouble spots with washouts on the granitic gravel path surface.
- + Fitness equipment is aging.

Issues

- + Fitness equipment provides limited value due to its disbursement around the park.
- + Existing drainage system along granitic path network is completely blocked with granitic gravel.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

Circulation Path (12)

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Maintain the perimeter walking/jogging track as a compacted gravel surface like 'The Tan' around the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. This surface contributes to both the existing heritage and natural character of the park.
- + Investigate options to mitigate maintenance issues.
- + Continue to reinforce granitic gravel path network along Balaclava Road to create a continuous loop.
- + Integrate interpretive/ wayfinding signage along trail as appropriate.
- + Increase shade opportunities through canopy tree planting.

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Public Toilets [6.2.9]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

A shortage of public toilets has been identified in both community consultations and survey work. The shortage is particularly critical in playground areas.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Construct two new toilets adjacent to the playgrounds on Inkerman Road and south of the main oval. Replace existing aged toilet block at the Park Crescent playground/BBQ facilities. Add additional automated toilet to existing at Hawthorn and Balaclava roads intersection.

Projects Implemented

- + New toilet incorporated within new Multi-purpose Pavilion.

Current Condition

- + Park appears to be well serviced by public toilets with four (4) toilets located at the main pavilion, Park Crescent playground, Inkerman Road playground and corner of Hawthorn and Balaclava Roads.

Issues

- + Unique community requirements dictate the need for a toilet facility that is a 'non-automated' facility.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations**Park Crescent Playground (13)**

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Investigate whether existing public toilets require upgrades and undertake as part of larger park implementation projects.
- + Retain Park Crescent toilets as 'non-automated' facility.
- + Investigate opportunities for additional public toilets as part of future pavilion upgrades.
- + Incorporate better signage to direct park users to public toilet locations including delineation of automated/non-automated type.

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General Amenities [6.2.10]

2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities

Community consultation identified a lack of toilets, drinking fountains, taps and rubbish bins within the park. Lighting was judged as being inadequate for today's security needs.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Additional facilities to be supplied and sited as indicated on Final Master Plan.

Projects Implemented

- + Additional taps, drinking fountains, bins and lighting have been added.

Current Condition

- + Two styles of bench seats have been installed - a heritage style and a more modern style.
- + The existing arbour on south side of lake is in poor condition.

Issues

- + There is little consistency in fence, gate and bollard styles throughout the park.
- + The arbour is a popular feature for wedding photos within the park, its current deteriorating condition needs to be addressed.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + Investigate opportunities for additional facilities at key nodal points and as part of future upgrades.

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Barbecue and Picnic Facilities

2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities

Existing cooking facilities are used intensively by both large and small groups. Presently, the great majority of electric BBQ's are located adjacent to a playground at the eastern end of the park. This congregation of one type of facility in one location limits the range of choices for park patrons.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Existing eastern facilities to be upgraded in conjunction with playground. Create a second picnic/playground west of Council depot that will offer an alternative facility for smaller groups and meet the needs of people watching events on the main oval.

Projects Implemented

- + Second picnic/playground west of Council depot implemented.

Current Condition

- + Aging facilities due to high usage.

Issues

- + High demand requires monitoring of condition and adequacy of current facilities.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + Existing eastern facilities to be upgraded in conjunction with playground ensuring the facilities meet the demand from the community.
- + Continue to review, maintain BBQ and Picnic Facilities in line with maintenance reports.

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Maintenance Standards & Practices (Horticulture) [6.2.12]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

Several poor or dangerous tree specimens were identified in an adjunct Tree Survey of Caulfield Park. Garden beds and shrubberies are poorly maintained and limited in number.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

To review all existing tree management guidelines and horticultural standards and practices to formalise new ones that will better manage the resource. New shrub beds to be designed for key high visibility locations such as Entry gateways.

Projects Implemented

- + Several poor or dangerous tree specimens were removed as per Tree Survey of Caulfield Park.

Current Condition

- + The park is well presented with trees, shrubs and groundcovers in generally good condition.
- + There are some gaps in garden beds where dead plants have not been replaced.

Issues

- + Garden beds in high activity areas are being trampled.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations**Living Feature Garden (17)**

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Review planting in garden beds and replace plants to establish appropriate density and coverage.
- + Incorporate garden bed guards to protect garden beds. Guard style(s) to be consistent with both 'Heritage' and 'Natural' themes within the park.
- + Continue to regularly audit trees by a suitably qualified arborist to undertake risk/ hazard assessment and to identify if any trees require pruning, detailing or removal.
- + Incorporate some mulched areas around trees to remove competition from surrounding turf.
- + Explore introducing garden beds to highlight key nodes/ attractors within the park.
- + Incorporate, species and cultivars to be low maintenance, drought tolerant and long-lived to increase the likelihood of plant survival and reduce replacement costs.
- + Review irrigation system to ensure all clusters of oval perimeter planting are watered satisfactorily.
- + Introduce signage within garden beds educating the community on the impacts on vegetation by trampling and associated ongoing cost to Council and the community.
- + Transform the existing rose garden area in the North Western entrance into a contemporary display garden that can demonstrate and educate a variety of horticultural principles and best practice in areas such as climate adaption, natural conservation or ornamental display.

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Maintenance Standards & Practices (General) [6.2.13]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

Community consultation identified strong disapproval with the current maintenance standard for the park. In particular, the general cleanliness of such areas as the lake and BBQ / picnic areas.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Undertake a review of current park maintenance standards and practices, particularly in the identified problem areas.

Projects Implemented

- + Undertaken and ongoing.

Current Condition

- + Park is generally well kept and free of rubbish but there are rubbish collection issues at both picnic/BBQ facilities and on the western side of the lake where people picnic and feed the birds.

Issues

- + The general tidiness around the lake and picnic/BBQ facilities is an ongoing issue especially during busy times such as on weekends.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + Continue to undertake a review of current park maintenance standards and practices, particularly in high use areas and in areas where new public facilities have been installed.
- + Create a standard suite of fence, gate and bollard to be used to facilitate the integrated management, maintenance and repairs of Council assets.

Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh

Ornamental Lake [6.2.14]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

In terms of landscape beauty, the lake in its present condition is a lost opportunity. The health and cleanliness of the lake is not of an acceptable standard.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Empty and clean the lake, repair/replace the existing fountain and lighting equipment within the lake. Plant aquatic plant material to provide added beauty and amenity for local bird communities. Implement a new maintenance schedule that will ensure the lake's health and cleanliness including a regular process of dredging.

Projects Implemented

- + Lake emptied and cleaned.
- + The existing fountain and lighting equipment within the lake has been repaired and replaced however there are on-going maintenance issues.

Current Condition

- + The lake is in considerably better condition since the study was completed in 2017.
- + Retaining wall of lake requires renewal.

Issues

- + Aquatic birds causing issues with vegetation establishment and growth.
- + Suckering elms continue to be an issue.
- + Maintaining adequate water levels of the lake.
- + The feeding of birds by people causing health issues for the birds.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations**Ornamental Lake and Arbor (5)**

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Review previous report into island revegetation to see if new planting can be incorporated.
- + Remove suckering elms to allow for a new planting scheme.
- + Review current seating arrangements around lake to improve amenity and accessibility.
- + Create a memorable visitor destination by repairing / extending the Arbor with viewing platform decking on lake edge.
- + Integrate the outcomes of the 'Oval 1 Redevelopment and Associated Opportunities' project.
- + Refresh signage asking people not to feed the birds and why.

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The Conservatory [6.2.15]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

The Conservatory is rudimentary, often closed and offers little in real value to the regular park user.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Investigate the possible leasing of the building for conversion to a Café or Tearooms. This under used resource could then become a popular facility for the regular park visitor.

Projects Implemented

- + Removed and replaced with lawn area and new tree planting.

Current Condition

N/A

Issues

Community feedback provided suggestions to both include a café, and to not include a café. The suggestion to include a café raises issues and opportunities around commercial use in Council open space. This issue will be presented to a future Council meeting for further direction. This would seek to establish a consistent, transparent and manageable approach across all parks in Glen Eira.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + Potential inclusion of historic photos as part of historical walking trail.
- + Potential introduction of a café or similar commercial operation into the park subject to Council policy.

Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh

The Band Rotunda [6.2.16]

2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities

The Rotunda or Bandstand currently appears a little lost in a sea of lawn. Graffiti diminishes the dignity and look of this significant building.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

Investigate the possibility of restoring some of the original architectural features. Restore the shrubbery to the base of the building.

Projects Implemented

- + Public lighting installed.

Current Condition

- + The bandstand is in better condition since lighting was installed, deterring vandalism

Issues

- + Potential for vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the Bandstand.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + Revisit 2000 master plan recommendations of restoring some of the original architectural features.

Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh

Park Entries, Paths & Signage [6.2.17]**2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities**

Caulfield Park is a large (25.8 ha) open edge style park with a multitude of pedestrian entry points. Many are both poor in design and condition. Presently the only formal gateway is a 70's designed mini plaza at the intersection of Hawthorn and Balaclava roads.

Signage within the park is poor or non-existent making navigation difficult for occasional visitors.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

A review and redesign of entry gateways with special attention paid to the provision of disabled access plus the provision of a Site Plan at each entry. The idea of restoring the diagonal path from the northwest corner to Balaclava Road (which was lost in the 1970's works that saw the creation of the lake) should be given serious consideration. The major path with its accompanying new avenue trees would both restore a lost defining axis and powerful avenue as well as facilitating the planting of an important new generation of large avenue trees for the future.

Projects Implemented

- + None.

Current Condition

- + North-west & south-west entries untouched.
- + Pedestrian entry at eastern end of Balaclava Road poorly identified.
- + Old signage still in place.

Issues

- + Inkerman/Hawthorn Road pedestrian entry has no personality or discernible design and does not directly connect to major paths in this part of the park apart from the walking trail.
- + The current 'plaza' style entrance at corner of Balaclava/Hawthorn Road is out of place, uninviting and does not work effectively with the heritage style plantings and layout of the western half of the park.
- + There are plans for a Public Transport Victoria (PTV) substation to be put underground at the Balaclava/Hawthorn Road intersection that could possibly help fund the project. The Substation would be a 20mx10m with the need for an exhaust vent above ground. This will need to be considered in any redesign of this area.
- + The possible restoration of a diagonal path running south-east from Balaclava/Hawthorn Road corner to Balaclava Road on an historical alignment to create new major treed avenue within the Heritage area.
- + The lack of safe pedestrian crossings across Hawthorn Road into the Park from residential areas to the west.
- + The call for paved pathways for bicycles and scooters (for children in particular) and as a safer all-weather surface.
- + Request to see acknowledgement of the indigenous history in the park.

Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

North-South Diagonal Avenue (1)

North-West and South-West Main Entries (2)

Circulation Path (12)

**reference numbers align with refreshed landscape master plan 2019*

- + Revisit 2000 master plan recommendations to restore the diagonal avenue from the northwest corner to Balaclava Road. The avenue would provide the park with a second major tree avenue. It would also provide a strong connection to potentially a new harbour, the ornamental lake, the upgraded Cenotaph, and strengthen the character and appearance of a new upgraded entry at the Inkerman/Hawthorn Road corner.
- + Upgrade the south-west entry.
- + The south-west entry should integrate the new tram stop to help activate the space.
- + Review access points into Caulfield Park from Hawthorn Road in line with potential signalled or pedestrian crossings at Salisbury Street.
- + Ensure all new entries and paths in the western half reflect the heritage characteristics of park.
- + Entries should bookmark the prominent corners, creating the beginning of 'grand avenues' (Refer to Fitzroy Gardens as a good example of treed avenues).
- + Upgrade pedestrian entry at eastern end of Balaclava Road to cater for increased patronage to upgraded Park Crescent picnic/play facilities.
- + Continue to reinforce granitic gravel path network along Balaclava Road to create a continuous loop.
- + Opportunities for a children's scooter / bike loop will be explored as part of a Park Crescent Play Space / Multi-play area. Key pathways, such as those that connect facilities and the central shared path are paved to aid accessibility and support cycling routes.
- + Maintain the perimeter walking/jogging track as a compacted gravel surface like 'The Tan' around the Melbourne Botanic Gardens. This surface contributes to both the existing heritage and natural character of the park.
- + Continue the installation of the plinth kerbing as vehicle exclusion fencing along Balaclava and Inkerman Road frontages as funding becomes available.
- + New signage should cover: Local History/ Naming/ Navigation/ Points of difference. Signage in the western heritage half to be in a style befitting the heritage park. Signs in the eastern half to be in a modern contemporary style with high design values. New signage provides opportunity to reference both indigenous and local history.

Caulfield Park Masterplan Refresh

Interpretation [6.2.18]

2000 Masterplan - Issues/ Opportunities

Caulfield Park contains much in the way of historical and botanical interest. Presently this interest is not highlighted in any formal or organised way.

2000 Masterplan – Recommendation

The production of a 'Heritage and Significant Tree Walk' would assist visitors to better interpret and appreciate the history and significance of Caulfield Park.

Projects Implemented

- + Simple short 'Heritage and Significant Tree Walk' has been implemented.

Current Condition

- + Unknown

Issues

- + Signage is dated and does not incorporate all historical information within Caulfield Park.

'Refresh' opportunities and recommendations

- + More detailed tree walk / landmarks guide to be produced. Consider incorporating smart phone app.
- + Include Cross and Conservatory along with other historic photos as part of potential walking trail/park signage.
- + Explore opportunities to reference both indigenous and local history into park signage and/or storyboards.

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Additional Issues raised in Community Feedback process that were not covered in original Masterplan

Issues/ Opportunities – Dog Off Leash

Community comments were received surrounding the provision of off-leash areas and the limitations when organised sport takes precedence. Suggestions include providing a permanent space, allowing Oval 1 to become off-leash and positioning of seating and water to better service dog walking.

Additionally, there were also suggestions around providing dog free areas - for both those concerned about dogs, impact of dogs on wildlife and the non-compliance of on-leash areas.

Recommendation - Dog Off Leash

The provision of dog off leash areas has been carefully considered over several years, with the approach at Caulfield Park providing off-leash areas to the eastern side and on-leash in the western side to protect the amenity and vegetation. This provides a reasonable balance for all types of users and park features.

This winter (2019), Officers will trial the use of sports ground lighting to extend the opportunity for dog off leash areas outside of organised sport times. The main oval is fully fenced and includes a turf wicket. This provides an area for casual sports or other activities without being impacted by off-leash dogs.

Fenced off-leash areas consistently have higher level of non-compliance – e.g. dog litter, digging and reduced supervision. Removing sections of fencing on off-leash ovals has been progressively implemented in Glen Eira over several years and has seen significant improvement in both compliance and condition of surfaces

Other issues raised; such as the location/number of dog bags and position of seating, will be investigated as part of on-going park management/maintenance.

Issues/ Opportunities – Operational Issues

- + Operational issues raised during consultation included:
 - Reduce service vehicles accessing lawn areas
 - Prohibit bicycles on gravel paths
 - Safety concerns around the depot vehicle movements

Recommendation – Operational Issues

- + Continue to manage and monitor operational issues as appropriate.

Issues/ Opportunities – Sustainability (Water Sensitive Urban Design)

- + The suggestion to explore water capture and water sensitive design elements was supported.

Recommendation - WSUD

- + WSUD should be included wherever feasible in new construction projects within the park.

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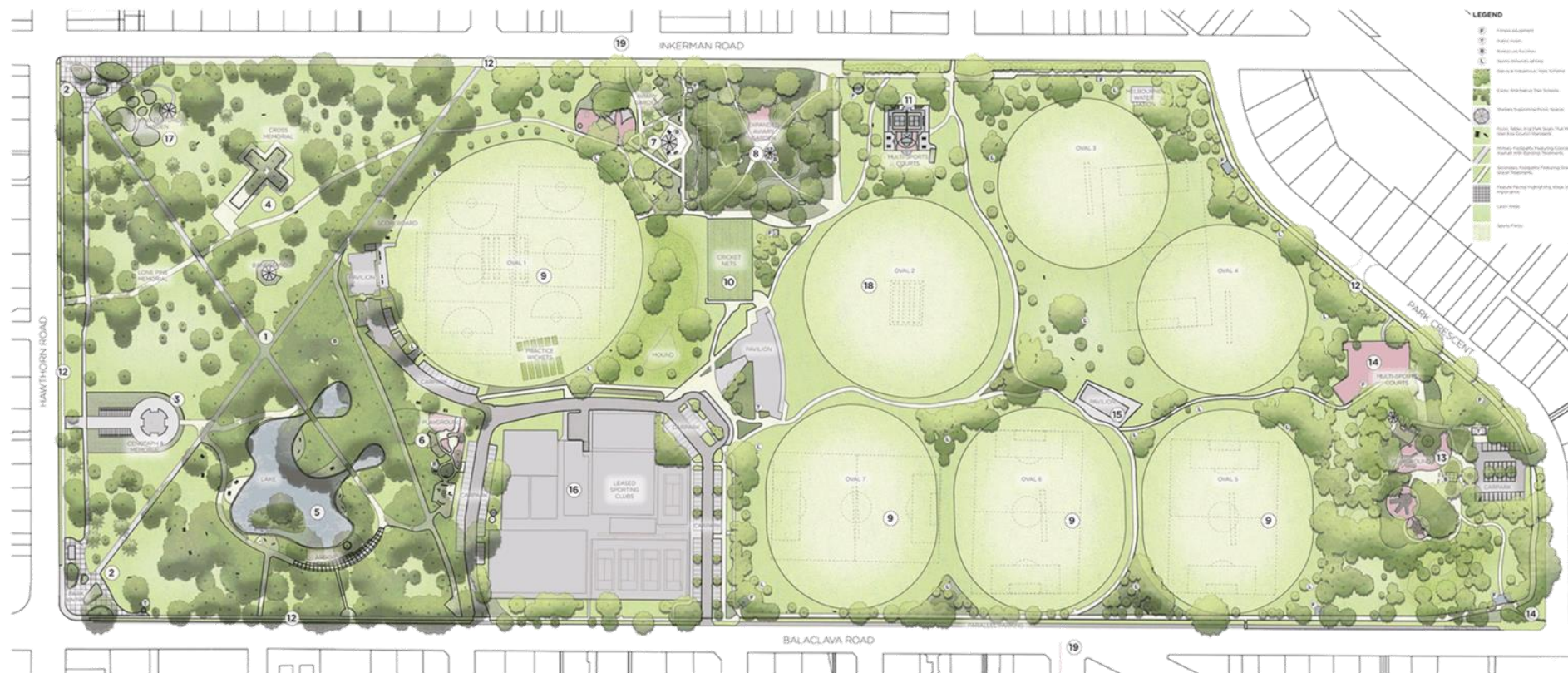
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Issues/ Opportunities – Road Crossings

- + There were suggestions to improve the crossing of Inkerman Road particularly given the proximity to the Aviary Garden Playspace, popular locations in adjacent streets and connection between Normanby Road and Bambra/Redan Roads.

Recommendation – Road Crossings

- + It is recommended to include an improved crossing at the Bambra and Redan Road intersection and provision of an Inkerman Road crossing. Any impacts on car parking, layout and on road bicycle paths will be considered and be subject to community consultation as a separate process during future detailed design.



LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN

Overall Park Vision:

- Continue to protect and enhance the existing landscape planting strategy across the park, specifically the exotic and native planting to the western historic precinct and the native and indigenous planting to the eastern precinct.
- Safeguard and enhance the 19th Century heritage and character of the western end of Caulfield Park.
- Continue to allow for sporting facilities to evolve within the existing areas to accommodate growth and community needs.
- Create engaging landscapes and infrastructure that promotes social cohesion, equality and accessibility to all members of the community.
- Create spaces where a variety of activities can occur, a range of goals are addressed and different objectives can be pursued.
- Continue to explore opportunities to improve sustainability, resilience and adaption to a changing climate.

1. North-South Diagonal Avenues

Reinforce historical nature of the park by creating formal tree lined avenues by restoring the diagonal avenue from north-west corner to Balclava Road. The avenue provides all weather accessible connections to the arbour, ornamental lake, Cenotaph and new entries.

2. North-West and South-West Main Entries

Formalise a memorable gateway entry experience into the park by upgrading the prominent western park corners.

3. Cenotaph Memorial

Consolidate memorials through the upgrading of the Cenotaph to become the main memorial in the park through new feature. Limited feature paved surfaces suitable for events and ceremonies, honour walls honouring those who served, feature lighting, new planting and interpretive signage.

4. Cross Memorial

Formalise the Cross Memorial under the eight cypress pines with interpretative signage.

5. Ornamental Lake & Arbor

Address vegetation establishment and growth issues by removing suckering elms to allow for new planting scheme within the island. Review current seating arrangements to improve amenity and accessibility.

Create a memorable visitor destination by repairing/ extending the Arbor with viewing platform decking on lake edge.

6. Lakeside Playground

Promote nature based play by retaining the playground east of the lake as a junior playground with natural play elements, toddler swings and improved sensory play zone. Explore opportunities to replace pipe and rail fence within western carpark to create better interface with park.

7. The Aviary

Continue the immersive Aviary experience by reviewing planting palettes and introducing hoop guards to protect and help establish appropriate plant density of native bird attracting plants.

8. Council Parks Depot

If Council Parks Depot can be relocated, extend the Aviary Garden to foster a strong botanical space through creative planting display and interpretation.

Include family picnic and barbecue spaces that accommodate further opportunities for informal play beyond the adjoining playground. Consider the inclusion of art or sculptures as a feature that references the history of the Aviary to provide interactive and sensory opportunities.

9. Water Sensitive Open Space

Undertake feasibility study to address the flooding of sporting ovals, and other areas, through water sensitive design and water capture opportunities. Consider cost-effective opportunities to reduce potable water use.

10. Existing Cricket Practice Nets

Cricket practice nets have the potential to be increased to accommodate future demand.

11. Existing Multi-Sport Facilities

Enhance existing multi-sport courts with new line-marking, additional basketball/ netball hoops and seating for extended social opportunities.

12. Circulation Path

Continue to reinforce granitic gravel path network along Balclava Road by replacing existing concrete surfaces with granitic gravel to create continuous loop. Increase shade opportunities through canopy tree planting.

Explore opportunities to install plinth kerbing where needed to prevent unauthorised vehicle access into the park to protect assets and reduce risk to public. There is a preference for plinth kerbing to not be used at the western end of the park.

13. Park Crescent Playground

Foster an exciting play space suitable for children of all ages and abilities through the upgrading of the Park Crescent Playground. The upgrade should integrate the existing mound with an accessible path and incorporate more opportunities for unstructured natural play, enhance the unique topography of the landscape, and better connect the space to the wider park. Upgrade picnic facilities, car park, public toilets and shelters to complement the playground.

14. Park Crescent Urban Play and Recreation Facilities

Develop a new intergenerational multi-play precinct which incorporates elements of fitness training, casual sports and dynamic movement and play. This would enhance the canopied tree cover that defines the Park Crescent precinct. Incorporate a minor upgrade to the eastern entrance on Balclava Road.

15. New Pavilion

Consolidate two older pavilions into new pavilion to be built in this location in accordance with Glen Eira's adopted Pavilion Strategy.

16. Leased Sports Area

Consider opportunities for alternative uses of land if surplus to the needs of leased sports clubs.

17. Living Feature Garden

Transform the existing rose garden area into a contemporary display garden that can demonstrate and educate a variety of horticultural principles and best practice in areas such as climate adaption, natural conservation or ornamental display.

18. Sportsground Lighting

Explore installation of sportsground lighting on Oval 2 to extend the range of use of this area.

19. Potential Pedestrian Crossings

Provision for potential Inkerman Road pedestrian crossing points and Flambra/Reid Road intersection pedestrian and bicycle improvements - consistent with Council's Integrated Transport Strategy. Site locations to be confirmed subject to community consultation and considered impacts of car parking, layout and on road bicycle paths. This will be reviewed as a separate process during future detailed design.



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LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

CAULFIELD PARK MASTER PLAN 'REFRESHED'

CAULFIELD PARK DRAFT MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION

Glen Eira City Council is currently seeking community feedback on a refreshed *Masterplan* for Caulfield Park.

Caulfield Park is the most popular open space in Glen Eira. The Park has a unique mix of spaces that combines areas rich in botanical significance with active sporting areas. The refreshed *Masterplan* aims to ensure that Glen Eira remains amongst the most liveable, accessible, healthy and safest municipalities in the state.

The refresh process has reviewed actions implemented from the 2001 *Masterplan*, considered the Park in context of these changes and assessed the appropriateness of any outstanding actions. This process revealed a number of successes, opportunities and areas for improvement.

The *Masterplan* development has been guided by the following vision:

- Continue to protect and enhance the existing landscape planting strategy across the Park, specifically the exotic and native planting to the western historic precinct and the native and indigenous planting to the eastern precinct.
- Safeguard and enhance the 19th Century heritage and character of the western end of Caulfield Park.
- Continue to allow for sporting facilities to evolve within the existing areas to accommodate growth and community needs.
- Create engaging landscapes and infrastructure that promotes social cohesion, equality and accessibility to all members of the community.
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- Continue to explore opportunities to improve sustainability, resilience and adaption to a changing climate.

The *Masterplan* refresh is an action from Council's Open Space Strategy which recommends a major review of the existing *Masterplan* to address the contemporary issues associated with the design of the Park.

FEEDBACK

There are a number of ways to provide feedback, including Council's *Have Your Say* forum online at www.haveyoursayglenaira.com.au/caulfieldparkrefresh or via email recservices@glenaira.vic.gov.au

The opportunity to provide feedback on the concepts is available until **Sunday 2 December 2018**.

Caulfield Park Masterplan community information session

A community information session will be held at the Caulfield Park Pavilion — Social Room, Baladava Road, Caulfield on Thursday 8 November; 6pm–8pm.

Council Officers will be present to answer questions and receive feedback on the *Draft Masterplan*.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact Recreation and Open Space on 9524 3333, email recservices@glenaira.vic.gov.au or visit Council's *Have Your Say* forum online at <http://haveyoursayglenaira.com.au/caulfieldparkrefresh>

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CAULFIELD PARK DRAFT MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION

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Formalise a memorable gateway entry experience into the Park by upgrading the prominent western park corners.

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Consolidate memorials through the upgrading of the Cenotaph to become the main memorial in the Park through new feature paved surfaces suitable for events and ceremonies, honour walls honouring those who served, feature lighting, new planting and interpretive signage.

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Formalise the cross memorial under the eight cypress pines with interpretive signage.

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Address vegetation establishment and growth issues by removing suckering elms to allow for new planting scheme within the island. Review current seating arrangements to improve amenity and accessibility. Create a memorable visitor destination by repairing/extending the arbour with a viewing platform on the lake edge.

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Promote nature-based play by retaining the playground east of the lake as a junior playground with natural play elements, toddler swings and an improved sensory play zone. Explore the opportunities to replace the pipe and rail fence within the western car park to create a better interface with the Park.

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Continue the immersive Aviary Garden experience by reviewing planting palettes and introducing 'hoop guards' to protect and help establish the appropriate plant density of native bird attracting plants.

8 COUNCIL'S PARKS DEPOT

If Council's Parks Depot can be relocated, extend the Aviary Garden to foster a strong botanical space through creative planting display and interpretation. Include family, picnic and barbecue spaces that accommodate further opportunities for informal play beyond the adjoining playground. Consider the inclusion of art or sculptures as a feature that references the history of the former aviary to provide interactive and sensory opportunities.

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Undertake a feasibility study to address the flooding of sporting ovals, and other areas, through water sensitive design and water capture opportunities. Consider cost-effective opportunities to reduce potable water use.

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Cricket practise nets have the potential to be increased to accommodate future demand.

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Enhance existing multi-sport courts with new line-marking, additional basketball/netball hoops and seating for expanded social opportunities.

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Develop a new intergenerational multi play precinct which incorporates elements of fitness training, casual sports and dynamic movement and play. This would enhance the canopied tree cover that defines the Park Crescent precinct.

15 NEW PAVILION

Consolidate two older pavilions into a new pavilion to be built in this location in accordance with Glen Eira's adopted Pavilion Strategy.

16 LEASED SPORTS AREA

Consider opportunities for alternative uses of land if surplus to the needs of leased sports clubs.

17 LIVING FEATURE GARDEN

Transform the existing rose garden area into a contemporary display garden that can demonstrate and educate a variety of horticultural principles and best practice in areas such as climate adaption, natural conservation or ornamental display.



18 SPORTSGROUND LIGHTING

Explore installation of sportsground lighting on Oval 2 to extend the range of use of this area.

9.5 DRAFT MURRUMBEENA PARK MASTERPLAN REFRESH

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Attachments: 1. [Murrumbeena Park draft Masterplan](#) 
2. [Murrumbeena Park_Info Flyer](#) 

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To provide Council with an overview of the draft Murrumbeena Park Masterplan Refresh and seek endorsement to commence community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the attached Murrumbeena Park draft Masterplan which includes the new proposed community hub for community engagement.

BACKGROUND

Murrumbeena Park was established in 1913 and provides a range of sporting, social and recreational opportunities. The Park has a strong link to the Murrumbeena community through its long history with various local sporting clubs; and as a place where the community meets to play, socialise and relax.

The previous Masterplan was adopted in 2002. An action of Council's Open Space Strategy is to undertake a major review/update of the existing masterplan which was developed to create a balanced range of structured and unstructured recreation pursuits in a safe and well managed environment. The refreshed masterplan has a focus on enhancing, protecting and reinforcing these objectives.

Murrumbeena is an increasingly diverse community that has experienced rapid growth through urban consolidation. Revised population forecasts indicate Murrumbeena and Carnegie are expected to grow from 30,305 in 2019 to 35,089 by 2036 – an increase of 16 per cent. The park is located within walking distance of the newly developed Hughesdale and Murrumbeena stations and Murrumbeena village centre.

Popular features of the park are the walking paths, dog off-leash areas, sporting facilities and the regional playground which was upgraded in 2012. Additionally the Murrumbeena Bowls Club occupies the north-west section of the site adjacent to a boulevard of Canary Island Palms.

The sporting pavilion and community hall is in need of a complete redevelopment. The building currently provides a home to local sporting teams, servicing two ovals, and is utilised by the community for a range of events and activities. The State Government has committed \$2 million, and the Federal Government has committed \$4 million, towards the cost of a new pavilion and community hub.

The sporting tenants at Murrumbeena Park include the Murrumbeena Cricket Club (16 teams), Murrumbeena Football and Netball Club (eight teams), Murrumbeena Junior Football Club (16 teams) and Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club (more than 100 members – four senior pennant teams).

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The draft Masterplan concept (Attachment 1) presents an integrated, sustainable and community orientated vision for the park based on current and future needs and expectations of the community.

The masterplan has reviewed the location and functionality of current facilities, while protecting the existing qualities that the community value.

The masterplan has endeavoured to:

- Enhance the functionality of existing uses to accommodate increased visitation numbers and public use;
- Create an inclusive, accessible park that supports and encourages use by people of all ages and abilities;
- Promote and provide for community events and celebrations that encourage all age groups to participate;
- Recommend necessary improvements to the reserve to achieve a high quality landscape setting and promote environmental sustainability through ecological improvement;
- Inform future capital works as staged or stand-alone projects within achievable Council budget parameters or with State Government funding for regional facilities; and
- Promote community safety by applying and adhering to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Access and Safety

On-site parking is provided north-west of the main sports oval accessed from Bute Street. The car park is located close to the pavilion and bowling club however it hinders pathway connectivity around this section of the park and poses safety concerns for pedestrians navigating through the car park. This car park is to be closed and pedestrian access will be improved through Bute Street.

The chain mesh fence along Kangaroo Road provides a harsh barrier and it is proposed to be softened with a more recessive type of fencing, one which can integrate into the natural landscaping.

The existing entrance off Erindale Street is overgrown. The Masterplan proposes to remove the canopy vegetation and replace with low level shrubs. The introduction of safety lighting to illuminate pathways at night will activate this pedestrian access point into the Park.

Pavilion / Community Hub

Included in the masterplan are concept drawings for a new multipurpose community hub. This will replace the existing pavilion and community hall. The community hub will be used by the existing sporting tenants and provide new uses for the general community and special interest groups. The community hub will provide all abilities access which the current pavilion cannot provide. The hub is intended to provide a range of flexible, multi-functional spaces for Council services, local sporting clubs, casual users and the wider community. Council's Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy lists Murrumbeena pavilion as a high priority.

Consideration has been given to how the building will sit and connect to the surrounding open space. A welcoming plaza entrance is proposed with feature paving, lighting and seating to enhance the experience for spectators and visitors.

Six million dollars has been secured through a combination of State and Federal Government funding.

The Bowls Club pavilion will remain in its existing location with maintenance access retained from Bute Street.

Car Parking

The on-site parking provides 38 spaces of two accessible bays. The car park is inefficient and is not to current Australian Standard. It is proposed to close the Bute Street car park and provide a multi-purpose space in this location. The opportunity to provide a multi-purpose activity space is dependent on the closure of the existing car park.

The provision of a new car park accessed from Gerald Street would provide upwards of 60 car parking spaces - inclusive of four accessible parking bays. The new car park will feature a roundabout and a drop off zone near the community hub entrance, with feature planting utilising existing Canary Island Palm trees.

Gerald Street provides a direct route from Kangaroo Road and is wide enough to maintain existing on-street parking and traffic movement.

Other features of the Masterplan include:

- Fitness stations along the northern and southern side of the park;
- Replace the cricket nets with a fully enclosed Multipurpose training facility;
- Enhance dog off-leash areas with additional drink fountains with dog bowls, seating and outdoor furniture, dog litter bag dispensers and additional shade trees;
- Replace the existing Bute Street car park with a play zone which may include a multipurpose play court and social gathering space;
- Replace the existing shelter near the junior oval for spectators; and
- Provide energy efficient pedestrian safety lighting and replace gravel paths with concrete paving to improve accessibility throughout the Park.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Two million dollars has been secured from the State Government, and a further four million dollars from the Federal Government, to contribute to the development of a new multipurpose community hub.

Further actions and projects arising from the Murrumbeena Park Masterplan will be presented to Council for consideration in future capital works budgets.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Dates – Duration and key dates

Officers propose a 5 and a half week community consultation period from 3 July to 12 August 2019.

Key Dates:

- Flyer distribution (attachment 2) – 3-5 July 2019
- Online Survey active – 3 July 2019
- Reserve Advisory Committee meeting – 17 July 2019

- Corflute signs placed in park with brochures – 3 July 2019
- On-site (in park) consultation session prior to the 13 July 2019 Senior football game – 12pm – 2pm
- Community Drop in Session held at Murrumbeena Park Pavilion - 6 August 2019 6pm-8pm

Purpose - What are we seeking from community engagement

Community and user feedback, comment and suggestions on a draft Masterplan for Murrumbeena Park.

The draft Masterplan outlines the spatial vision for a number of facilities within the space including the concept plans for the Community Hub and surrounding landscape, new car parking amenities, wayfinding throughout the Park and activity spaces.

Outcome - How will the information be used

All feedback will be presented to Council and guide the final Masterplan document. The implementation of these plans will be subject to future funding and further consultation on specific areas as required.

Key stakeholders – Who are we aiming to engage with

It is intended to seek feedback from the whole community, stakeholders include:

- Residents within proximity to Murrumbeena Park
- Users of Murrumbeena Park
- People who provided comment on the previous playground upgrade consultation
- Tennant sporting clubs and associations
- Residents of Murrumbeena and beyond

Engagement methods - How will community engagement be promoted

Advertising

- Distribution of information flyer to nearby residents (approx.1200 households);
- In park signage (x5) A1 corflute signs with brochures;
- Distribution to tenant sporting clubs;
- Advertising in appropriate Leader Newspaper; and
- Article in the Glen Eira News – August 2019.

Online and Social Media

- Concept plan and feedback forum on Council's 'Have Your Say' online survey;
- Promoted on Council's homepage, Facebook and social channels; and
- Emails to registered users of 'Have Your Say'.

Community and Clubs Meeting and information sessions

- Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting 17 July 2019
- On-site (in park) consultation session prior to the 13 July 2019 Senior football game 12pm – 2pm
- Community Drop In Session on 6 August 2019 6-8pm

Engagement Collateral – Information being used for engagement

- Murrumbeena Park Masterplan flyers;
- Media release and August GE News;
- Have Your Say information and feedback portal;
- In park signage x 5; and
- Online content – homepage banner and social media.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Four: Clean and Sustainable

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

A report will be prepared for Council following the consultation outlining feedback received from the community and clubs.





The *Murrumbeena Park Master Plan* has been prepared for Glen Eira City Council by ACLA Consultants.



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Murrumbidgee Park existing playground. Image: Steven Pam.

Chapter 1: Background

Introduction

Overview

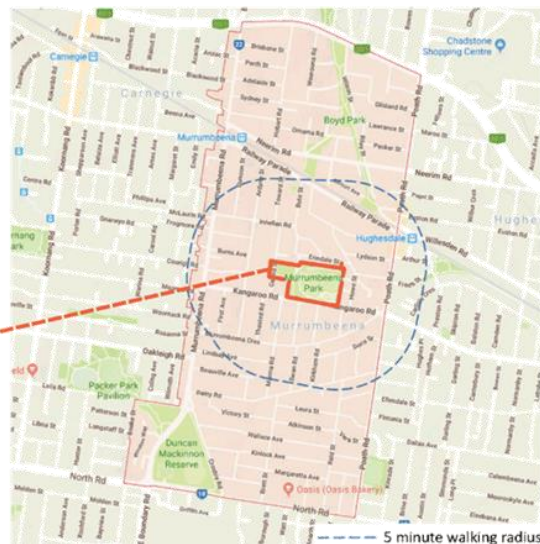
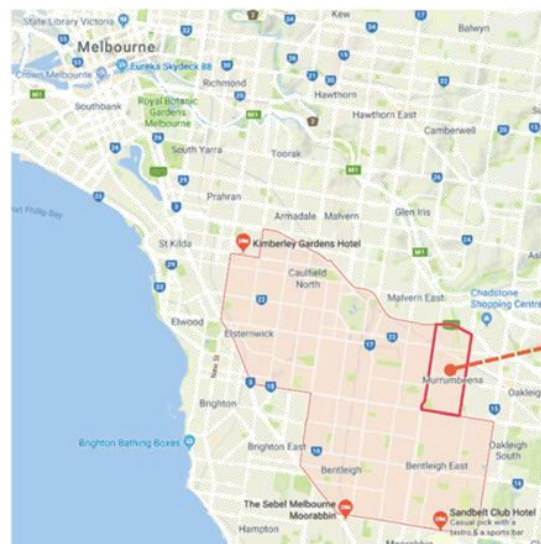
Established in 1912, Murrumbeena Park attracts a wide range of users by catering for both passive and active recreation. The population in Murrumbeena is forecast to rise 7.72% between 2019 and 2036, and Murrumbeena Park will become increasingly important for the provision of a diverse range of sporting, leisure and social facilities for the community.

Popular features of the park are walking paths, dog off-leash areas, sporting facilities and the playground upgraded in 2012. Additionally the Murrumbeena Bowls Club occupies the north west section of the site adjacent to the boulevard of Canary Island Palms.

Murrumbeena Park has a sporting character with the majority of space serving local sporting clubs and organised sport. The regional playspace, surrounding open space areas and established trees provide balance to the sporting use.

Site Location

Murrumbeena Park represents 5.34ha of public open space in the suburb of Murrumbeena approximately 13km from Melbourne's CBD. The park is well established in the neighbourhood and is extensively used by local residents as well as the broader community. The park is accessible by foot from Kangaroo Road, Bute Street, Gerald Street and Erindale Street and is within a five minute walking distance from Murrumbeena and Hughesdale train stations.



Master Plan Aims

The *Murrumbeena Park Master Plan 2002* resulted in the upgrade and implementation of a number of projects including the sports ovals, dog off-leash areas, regional playground, public toilets, park furniture and shade elements.

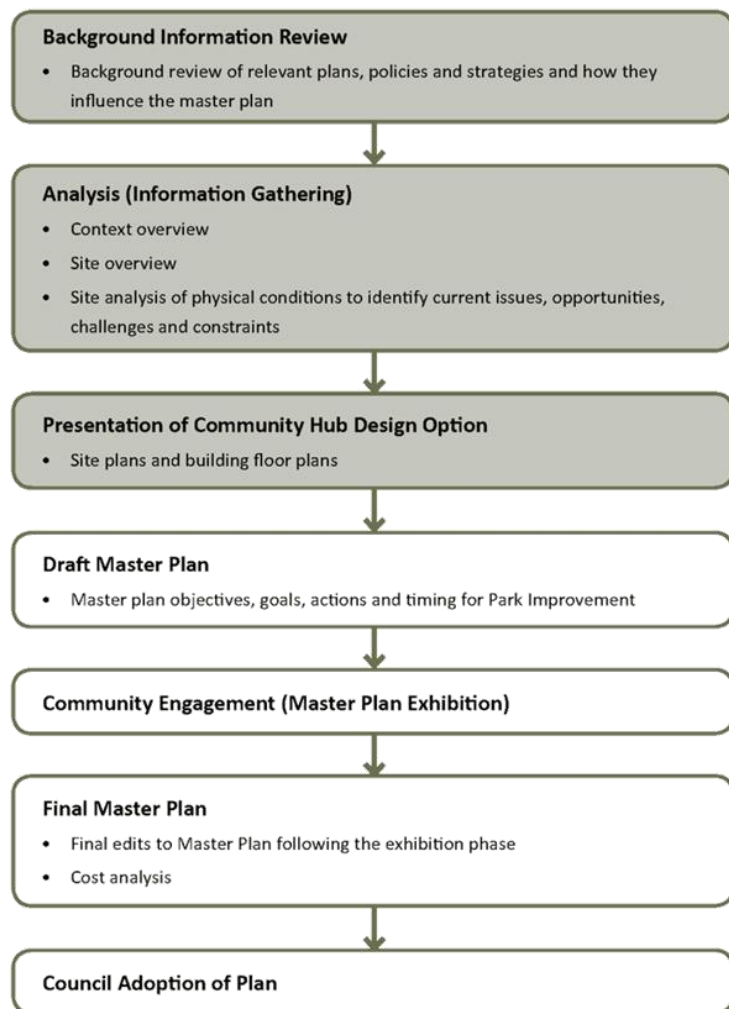
The aim of this master plan is to revisit the site and provide an integrated, sustainable and community orientated vision for the park based on current day and future needs and expectations. The master plan will also review the location and functionality of current facilities, while protecting the existing qualities that the community value.

The importance of the master plan is heightened by the allocation of \$2 million by the State Government and \$4 million by the Federal Government in partnership with Council to construct a multi-purpose community hub/sports pavilion in the region as announced in April 2018.

The master plan will endeavour to:

- Enhance the functionality of existing uses to accommodate increased visitation numbers and public use;
- Create an inclusive, accessible reserve that supports and encourages use by people of all ages and abilities;
- Promote and provision for community events and celebrations that encourage all age groups to participate;
- Recommend necessary improvements to the reserve to achieve a high quality landscape setting and promote environmental sustainability through ecological improvement;
- Inform future capital works as staged or stand-alone projects within achievable Council budget parameters or with State Government funding for regional facilities; and
- Promote community safety by applying and adhering to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Project Method



Happy dogs at Murrumbeena Park. Image: ACLA.

Background Information Review

Council Strategies and Plans

A number of existing strategic planning documents, policies and strategies have influenced the *Murrumbeena Park Master Plan*. These have been reviewed and key directions relevant to the reserve are highlighted in the following table.

The documents reviewed are as follows:

Glen Eira City Council

- *A Walking Community 2014-2017*
- *Community Sport - Management of Grounds Policy 2013*
- *Disability Action Plan 2017-2021*
- *Dog Off-Leash Areas Final Report 2011*
- *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021*
- *Glen Eira Advocacy Strategy 2018-2020*
- *Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy 2010*
- *Glen Eira Council and Community Plan 2018-2019*
- *Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-2031*
- *Murrumbeena Park Community Hub Vision Flyer*
- *Open Space Strategy 2014*
- *Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy 2017*



PLANNING DOCUMENT	KEY OUTCOMES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MURRUMBEENA PARK
<p><i>A Walking Community 2014-2017</i></p> 	<p>Council identifies the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An improved road crossing at the south-eastern corner of Murrumbeena Park on Kangaroo Road; • The development of walking routes; • A reduction of barriers caused by main roads; • Improved pedestrian wayfinding; • Improved pedestrian safety on shared paths; • The promotion of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED); and • Improved pedestrian safety in the vicinity of parks/reserves.
<p><i>Community Sport - Management of Grounds Policy 2013</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New facilities will need to cater for equality of access. This is important in the context of the community hub and sports pavilion upgrade at Murrumbeena Park.
<p><i>Disability Action Plan 2017-2021</i></p> 	<p>Council recognises the need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More opportunities for social connections, involvement and inclusions; • Accessible buildings, shops, facilities, amenities and transport; and • More designated accessible parking and better monitoring of designated accessible parking.



Background Information Review

PLANNING DOCUMENT	KEY OUTCOMES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MURRUMBEENA PARK
<p><i>Dog Off-Leash Areas Final Report 2011</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The delivery of increased signage, education and enforcement of proper dog-owner behaviour.
<p><i>Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021</i></p> 	<p>Council recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adaptation of Council managed open space, infrastructure and services over time to cope with climate change; Reduced use of new material in Council operations; Protection and enhancement of biodiversity and environmental heritage on Council managed land; Increased efficiency of Council's water use; Increased capturing and treatment of rainwater and stormwater for use in parks and buildings; and Ability for green infrastructure to survive drought.
<p><i>Glen Eira Advocacy Strategy 2018-2020</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The redevelopment of Murrumbeena Park is to include a new multi-use pavilion, improved walkability connections to transport, shops and local schools, and a new larger circuit walk within the park.

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<p><i>Glen Eira Bicycle Strategy 2010 (Currently being updated)</i></p> 	<p>Council recommends that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction of concrete off-road paths intended to be shared by pedestrians and cyclists are to be at least 2.5m wide with adequate path symbols and signage. Installation and upgrade of bike parking facilities.
<p><i>Glen Eira Council and Community Plan 2018-2019</i></p> 	<p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open space projects, sustainable building measures and the protection of valued trees; The construction of new footpaths; and The implementation of all-abilities access across the municipality. <p>Additionally to 2018-2019 commitments, the Glen Eira Council and Community Plan 2017-2021 commits to a refreshed Murrumbeena Park Master Plan in 2019/2020.</p>

Background Information Review

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<p><i>Integrated Transport Strategy</i> 2018-2031</p> 	<p>Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive for child friendly neighbourhoods that are connected to a network of vibrant and well-designed walkable activity centres; and • Audit and improved bike parking facilities in key destinations including parks.
<p><i>Murrumbeena Park Community Hub</i> <i>Vision Flyer</i></p> 	<p>Council's vision includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multi-purpose community hub; • Opportunities for events; • Festivals and community gatherings; • Improved walkability and connections; • Enhanced local streetscapes; • A multi-purpose sports area; and • Connected pathways around the park.

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<p><i>Open Space Strategy 2014</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murrumbeena Park is identified to be a municipal open space type. • Municipal open space types are recommended to include major/minor festival events, shared paths, skate/BMX facilities, large canopy trees, water features/wetlands, Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) infrastructure and a sustainable water supply, however all these are not entirely suited for Murrumbeena Park. • Murrumbeena Park is most popularly visited for walking, dog walking, playground use, dog off-leash areas and exercising.
<p><i>Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy</i> 2017</p> 	<p>Murrumbeena Park pavilion should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ability to cater for community groups and casual users; • Opportunity to integrate and support external uses in open space; • Complementary commercial activities; and • Partnerships with educational or other government agencies.



Murrumbidgee Park existing playground and boundary planting along Kangaroo Road. Image: ACLA.

Chapter 2: Analysis and Consultation

Context Overview



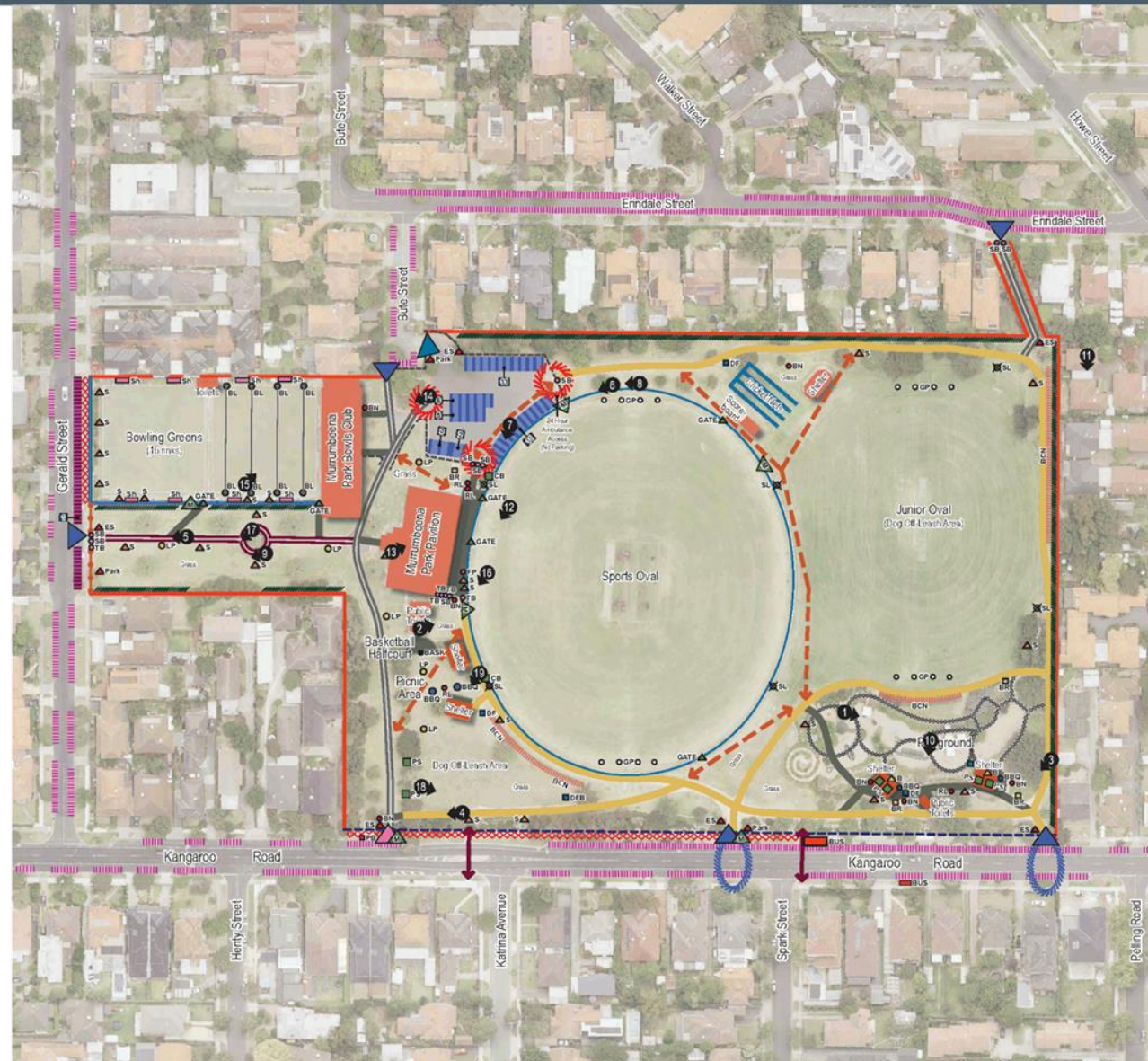
SITE FEATURES

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| 1 Murrumbidgee Park | 11 Murrumbidgee Shopping Village |
| 2 New Murrumbidgee Train Station | 12 Arcare Carnegie Aged Care Facility |
| 3 New Hughesdale Train Station | 13 St Michaels Aged Care Facility |
| 4 Elevated Cranbourne and Pakenham Train Line | 14 Brimley Aged Care |
| 5 Boyd Park | 15 Murrumbidgee Children's Care |
| 6 Springthorpe Gardens | 16 Hughesdale Kindergarten |
| 7 Riley Reserve | 17 Hughesdale Seventh-Day Adventist Church |
| 8 New Linear Park | 18 Murrumbidgee Uniting Church |
| 9 Murrumbidgee Tennis Club | 19 Hughesdale Community Centre |
| 10 Galbally Reserve | |

LEGEND

- Project Boundary
- Public Open Space
- Elevated Train Station
- 524 Bus Route and Bus Stops
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- 767 Bus Route and Bus Stops
- 822 Bus Route and Bus Stops
- Existing On-Road Bike Lanes
- Proposed On-Road Bike Lanes

Site Inventory



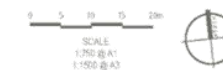
The purpose of the analysis is to identify observed issues and deficiencies with the park during site inspections.

The analysis covers a number of areas, which include:

- Community infrastructure and social amenities;
- Access and safety;
- Car parking;
- Environment and landscape;
- Sporting infrastructure and facilities; and
- Park furniture.

LEGEND

	Photo View		Low Black Chain Mesh Fencing
	Granite Sand Paths		High Chain Mesh Fencing
	Internal Playground Paths		Low Pre-cast Kerb Vehicle Barrier
	Concrete Paths		Harsh Visual Edge/Lack of Screening
	Asphalt Paths with Brick Edging		Park Sign
	Asphalt Paths with Bluestone Edging		Entry Sign with Dog Litter Bags
	Pedestrian Entry		Light Pole
	Pedestrian Entry Gated		Sports Lights
	Vehicle Entry with Gates		Hanging Light Poles for Lawn Bowls
	Maintenance Entry		Drink Fountain
	Off-Street 90° Car Parking (Sealed)		Drink Fountain with Dog Bowls
	Off-Street 90° Car Parking (Accessible)		Steel Bollards
	Parallel Street Car Parking		Timber Bollards
	Angled Street Car Parking		Seals
	Number of Parking Spaces		Benches
	Number of Accessible Spaces		Barbecues
	Bus Stop with Shelter (Route 625)		Modern Barbecues
	Pedestrian and Vehicle Conflict Internal		Flag Poles
	Pedestrian and Vehicle Conflict External		Bins
	Pedestrian Desire Lines		Litter and Recycling Bins
	Pedestrian Movement External		Bike Rails
	Restricted Streetscape Activation (Black Band Edging)		Gates
	Ball Catch Nets		Basketball Ring and Backboard
	Timber Fences		Coaches Boxes
	Timber Barriers		Shelters
	Low Chain Mesh Boundary Fencing		Post Box
			Goal Posts



Site Analysis

Community Infrastructure and Social Amenities

The community infrastructure and social amenities at Murrumbeena Park are generally well used and well-maintained however would benefit from rationalisation and upgrading where appropriate.

The playspace is a popular attraction to the site including the designated dog off-leash areas in the south-west corner of the park and on the junior oval during non-club use. These spaces are new and intact with minimal improvements required. Walking and exercise could be improved through the introduction of a continuous circuit path and fitness equipment/stations at selective locations.

There are two public toilets, one of which is aged and non-DDA compliant. There are also two picnicking zones at the playspace and south-west corner of the park complete with shelters, picnic settings, benches, barbecues, bins and drink fountains. A gazebo is located adjacent to the cricket nets presumably to shelter teams during cricket matches and training. It is inconsistent with the suite of other shelter types at the park though functionally it serves its purpose.



Upgraded playground



Existing public toilet with limited accessibility



Existing shelter, barbecue and picnic settings

Access and Safety

Pedestrian access is provided from Gerald Street, Bute Street, Erindale Street via a narrow laneway and Kangaroo Road, and whilst this distribution is adequate, much can be improved to address the aesthetic appeal of entrances and create a welcoming arrival experience.

On-site parking is provided north-west of the main sports oval accessed from Bute Street. Although the car park is located close to the sports pavilion and bowling club, it hinders pathway connectivity around this section of the park requiring pedestrians to navigate through the car park. This creates several potential conflict points between vehicles and pedestrians, particularly pedestrians entering the park from Bute Street.

Pathways are predominantly gravel, varying in width and generally insufficient to support a range of users, specifically those using mobility aids. A more consistent approach to path materiality and width is required.

Vehicle exclusion fencing range in style from low chain mesh fencing along Kangaroo Road, concrete kerb and plinth blocks along Bute Street and treated pine post and rail fencing along Gerald Street. The old chain mesh fence along Kangaroo Road near the playspace contains children, however the visual harshness of this fence could be softened with a more recessive type. The need for a fence along the entire length of Kangaroo Road is also debatable given stands of mature vegetation.

There is adequate pedestrian lighting along the asphalt path from Kangaroo Road to Gerald Street, albeit aged, but limited throughout the remainder of the park. Wayfinding signage is non-existent and could be implemented as part of a municipal-wide strategy.



Granitic sand path, concrete ramp and asphalt path



Cracked asphalt path

Site Analysis

Car Parking

On-site parking provides 38 spaces inclusive of two accessible bays. The car park is inefficient and oddly shaped with wide aisles exceeding Australian Standard and faded linemarking. Accessible parking bays are also non-compliant.

On-street all-day parking exists along Kangaroo Road and Gerald Street, with Bute Street providing one-hour parking options for visitors. Kangaroo Road is a declared Vicroads' road. Any change in the configuration of traffic management along Kangaroo Road will require Vicroads approval.

The new Community Hub and Sports Club Pavilion will demand an increase supply in parking at this site with the quantity of spaces required subject to further investigation.



Asphalt carpark and worn line marking



Non-compliant accessible car spaces



Carpark disrupting circuit path

Environment and Landscape

The landscape character of the park predominantly comprises a mix of native and exotic tree species. Tree plantings are sparse and randomly arranged with exception to the Canary Island Palms south of the bowling green forming and strong avenue entrance at Gerald Street.

Understorey planting is limited, however where it does exist particularly along the western park boundary, it successfully veils nearby fences and residential dwellings. Further understorey planting is needed to improve the park experience, define spaces, increase biodiversity and screen undesirable views. The playspace landscape is maturing and considered high quality.

There are no obvious Environmental Sustainable Design initiatives within the park, primarily a factor of aging infrastructure and assets. However, with the proposed development of the Community Hub, initiatives such as stormwater quality improvement and harvesting for reuse, energy efficiency and sustainable building and landscape materials will need to be explored and implemented for green star accreditation or similar.



Feature palms with no boundary planting



Naturalistic playground



Harsh visual edge along eastern fenceline

Site Analysis

Sporting Infrastructure and Facilities

The main sport pavilion and community hall is home to the Murrumbeena Cricket Club, Murrumbeena Football Club, Murrumbeena Junior Football Club and Oakdale Angling Club. The pavilion inadequately addresses the growth of sporting clubs and the potential for the venue to become a multi-purpose facility community hub. The Murrumbeena Bowls Club is located in a separate facility comprising a pavilion and two bowling greens containing eight rinks each. Both buildings would not achieve BCA and DDA compliance with standards today, coupled with inactive facades which fail to achieve passive surveillance opportunities of the park.

The cricket practice nets are in good condition located between the two ovals on the north side of the park. The basketball key is aged and undersized for smaller team games.

Development of a new multi-purpose community hub at Murrumbeena Park, incorporating the existing sports pavilion tenants and new community uses, is currently underway. Funding for the new Community Hub has been secured from the State Government (\$2 million) and the Federal Government (\$4 million), with Council to contribute the balance. Sporting tenants at the park identified a range of issues to be considered in the design of the community hub and masterplan, including:

- A desire for the football club to remain as near to the main sports oval as possible within the pavilion;
- Female friendly facilities;
- Service delivery and access;
- Safe pedestrian access in and around the park;
- Opportunities for netball training on-site; and
- Adequate parking provision, particularly on game days



Pavilion terraced seating and function room Bowls club front entry and lawn.

Park Furniture and Maintenance

There is a mix of old and new furniture within the park comprising seats, bins, barbecues, shelters and bollards requiring a greater level of consistency in style and material finishes. Typical of this are the litter bins which comprise two types: lockable clamps and enclosures.

The supply of park furniture is adequate with most evenly distributed throughout the reserve. Ongoing maintenance of timber finishes (i.e. sanding and protected coatings) is required with some furniture displaying weathering and splintering in some cases.

There is a lack of grouped seating arrangements which foster face to face interaction and gathering with most seats placed in isolated locations around the park.

Paving materials are adhoc. The park contains compacted gravel paths, concrete paving with obvious signs of patching and repair, asphalt paths with bluestone edging and asphalt paths with red brick edging. A more uniform approach consistent with all-weather pathways used in other Council reserves is required.



Irregular and damaged bollards at the pavilion Worn timber seating Older style barbecue in picnic area



Murrumbeena Park existing pavilion. Image: ACLA.

Chapter 3: MURRUMBEENA COMMUNITY HUB OPTION

Community Hub Site Plan



Example of a potential pavilion entry.
Architect: Architecture Matters Pty Ltd
Photographer: Christopher Alexander Photography



Example of potential changing rooms.
Architect: Architecture Matters Pty Ltd
Photographer: Christopher Alexander Photography



Example of potential meeting room
Caulfield Park pavilion



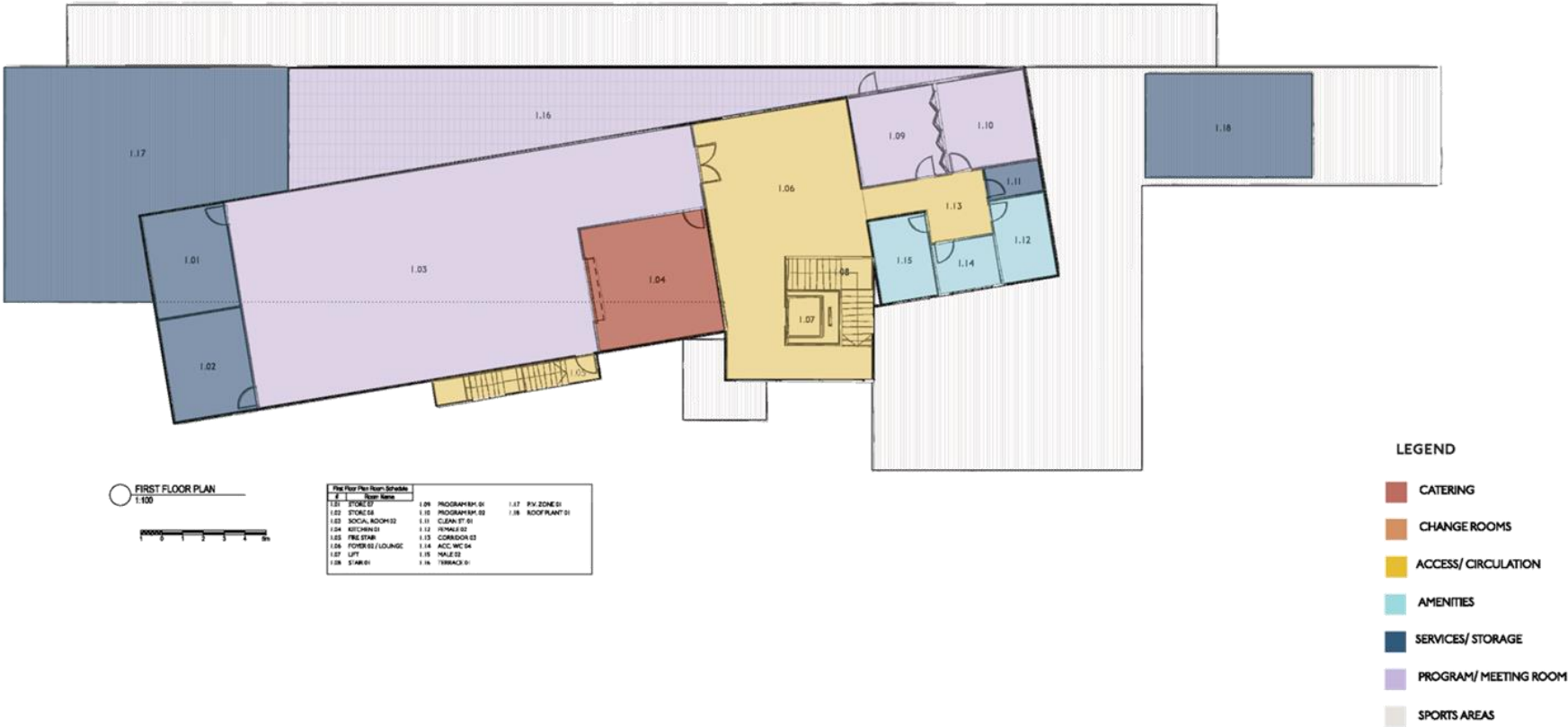
Example of a potential circulation area
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Example of potential social room.
Duncan McKinnon Reserve pavilion



Community Hub - First Floor Plan



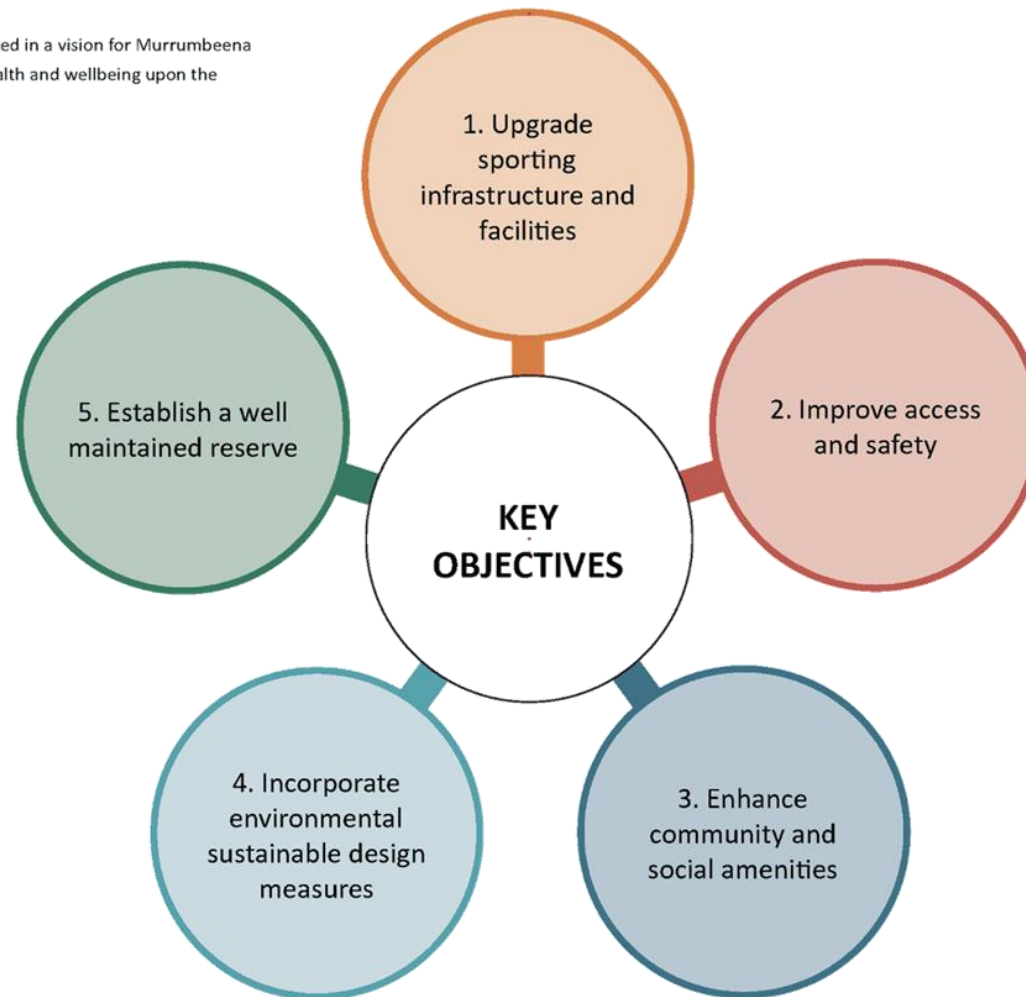


Murrumbeena Park existing picnic area. Image: Steven Pam.

Chapter 4: MASTER PLAN

Key Objectives of Master Plan

The site analysis work undertaken has resulted in a vision for Murrumbeena Park which seeks to improve community health and wellbeing upon the delivery of five key objectives:



Master Plan Overview Summary



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1 Gerald Street Entrance:

- Improve the entrance for pedestrians
- Retain maintenance access
- New car park entrance

2 New Car Park:

- 60 car parking spaces inclusive of four accessible parking bays
- Roundabout and drop off zone near the Community Hub Building
- Incorporate tree planting bays. Relocate existing palms to highlight entrances and vistas
- Incorporate water sensitive urban design elements/initiatives to purify stormwater runoff from the road surface before it enters Council drains
- Re-use site bluestone pitchers and red bricks in car park construction

3 New Community Hub:

- Replace the existing pavilion with a New Community Hub for use by sporting clubs and the general community
- Create a welcoming plaza entrance to the Community Hub with feature paving, lighting and seating, including spectator areas facing the main sports oval

4 Multi-Play Area:

- Replace the existing car park with a play zone which may include a multi-purpose play court and social gathering spaces
- Provide additional picnic facilities to disperse picnicking activities within the park

5 Dog Off-Leash Area:

- Enhance dog off-leash areas with additional drink fountains incorporating dog bowls, seating and outdoor furniture, dog litter bag dispensers and additional shade trees
- Upgrade picnic facilities
- Maintain dog off-leash area to junior oval in out of club use times.

6 Kangaroo Road Entrances:

- Improve the entrances for pedestrians
- Retain maintenance access opposite Spark Street
- Replace the existing park perimeter fence with a visually recessive fence

7 Bute Street Entrances:

- Improve the entrances for pedestrians
- Retain maintenance access
- Replace vehicle exclusion kerb blocks with a visually recessive fence
- Provide turnaround circle for garbage collection and drop offs to multi-play area

8 Erindale Street Entrance:

- Remove overgrown canopy vegetation and replace with low level shrubs and vertical planting along fences
- Introduce safety lighting to illuminate pathways at night

9 Cricket Practice and Training Facility:

- Replace the cricket nets with a fully enclosed Multi-purpose Training Facility suitable for cricket training and other sporting codes such as netball, futsal, hockey and others
- Remove the existing rotunda

10 Main Oval Enhancement:

- Replace the existing scoreboard with an electronic scoreboard (club funded only)

11 Junior Oval Enhancement:

- Spectator shelters to replace the existing rotunda

12 Playspace Enhancement:

- Upgrade the capacity of the public restroom
- Review playspace performance and replace play equipment as needed

13 Fitness Station:

- Provide fitness stations along the northern and southern side of the park

14 Pedestrian Pathways:

- Replace gravel paths with concrete paving to improve accessibility around the park, particularly for the elderly and people dependent upon the use of mobility aids
- Provide energy efficient pedestrian safety lighting around the park

15 Pedestrian Crossings:

- Investigate safe pedestrian crossing of Kangaroo Road



Example of a pavilion plaza.



Example of a multi-play area.



Example of a formalised entry.



Example of tree planting in grass.

Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 1



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The five key objectives, identified through the site analysis and consultation phase of the project, have been elaborated on in the following tables detailing goals for each with actions and strategies that can be implemented to achieve them.

Objective 1: Upgrade Sporting Infrastructure and Facilities			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Provide a new community hub for use by sporting clubs and community groups	1.1	Remove the existing pavilion as the facility is run down, aged and unable to be expanded upon to meet modern day expectations, particularly in response to increased female and all-abilities participation in sport. Construct a new accessible Community Hub to be shared primarily by the cricket and football clubs, and Council services, with additional change rooms, meeting rooms, social rooms, kitchens and storage. The Hub would also be available to community groups with meetings rooms, other communal facilities, and an accessible public toilet facility attached to this building to service increased community use. The Hub will be skirted with spectator viewing areas and potential terracing including an entry plaza from the main car park on the west side.	High
	1.2	Remove the existing public toilet building and basketball key to facilitate the construction of the Hub building.	High
Provide a new cricket practice and multi-purpose training facility for sporting clubs and the community	1.3	Remove the existing practice cricket nets at the end of their useful life and replace with a new enclosed multi-purpose training facility orientated north-south. Partition draw back netting would be integrated into the design to make the facility flexible for training and casual public use for sporting codes such as netball, futsal, hockey and others. The existing rotunda will be removed.	Medium
	1.4	Remove the existing timber clad scoreboard and replace with an electronic scoreboard to the Main Oval in the same location. Electronic scoreboards are fully funded by clubs.	Low
Improve the provision of sport facilities to the Junior Oval	1.5	Provide new spectator shelters to replace the rotunda	Medium



1.3 Example of enclosed cricket nets.



1.4 Example of an electronic scoreboard.



1.5 Example of a spectator shelter.

Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 2



Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 2

Objective 2: Improve Access and Safety			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Improve connectivity throughout the park	2.1	Replace existing gravel and asphalt pathways with concrete paving for all abilities access and reduced maintenance. New paths will be typically 2.5 metres wide and infused with a coloured oxide.	High
	2.2	Create park entrances comprising park identification signs, garden bed displays, feature paving, casual seating and directional wayfinding signage which point to nearby shops, train stations and shared path trails within reasonable walking distance.	High
Improve park perimeter fencing	2.3	Replace the chain mesh fence along Kangaroo Road. The new fence should be customised and visually recessive.	Low
	2.4	Remove all existing vehicle exclusion barriers and kerb plinth blocks at Gerald and Bute Streets. Replace with the same visually recessive fence proposed at Kangaroo Road to maintain consistency in style.	High
Improve safety within the park at night	2.5	Remove aged lighting. Provide new park lighting along pathways to improve safety around the park. These should be LED or solar powered post mounted lights for maximum efficiency and coverage. Ensure light spill to adjoining residents is avoided.	Low
	2.6	Remove overgrown trees and vegetation along the narrow laneway connection from Erindale Street. Replace with low level shrubs and vertical planting to screen fences. Introduce bollard lights (or a similar alternative) to assist with wayfinding and path illumination.	Low
	2.7	Maintain clear sightlines throughout the reserve using high canopy trees and low shrubs incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Principles.	High
Provide a new efficient car park	2.8	Construct a new car park accessible from Gerald Street to accommodate 60 parking bays inclusive of four accessible parking bays. The car park design shall feature a roundabout/drop off zone near the new Community Hub Building. Tree planting bays incorporating the transplanting of existing palms should be incorporated. Consideration should also be given to repurposing bluestone pitchers and red bricks currently in the park for kerb and channelling works.	High
Improve accessing opportunities of Kangaroo Road	2.9	Investigate safe crossing opportunities of Kangaroo Road at the south-east and central entry locations to the park. Safe crossings may include additional refuge islands central to the road or reducing speed limits to 40km/hr. Consultation with Vicroads will be required.	High



2.1 Example of a concrete shared path.



2.4 Example of a visually recessive park perimeter fence.



2.7 Example of treatment to laneway connection from Erindale Street.



2.9 Example of a car park drop roundabout/drop off zone.

Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 3



Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 3

Objective 3: Enhance Community and Social Amenities			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Provide Multi-purpose Play Area	3.1	Remove the existing car park and provide a play zone which may include a multi-purpose play court for basketball, netball and outdoor table tennis, as well as social gathering spaces which facilitate group seating and spectating opportunities. Investigate the opportunity for Free WIFI to extend out to this zone through the construction of the new Community Hub Building.	High
Provide social gatherings areas	3.2	Provide additional picnic facilities comprising the re-location of existing park shelters, picnic tables, bike rails, bin enclosures and potentially new electric barbecues and drink fountains.	Medium
	3.3	Provide a plaza forecourt to the new community hub building to welcome arrivals and provide break-out spaces for patrons and groups. The plaza will be furnished with seating and a number of transplanted Canary Island Palms from site to accent this zone.	
Incorporate fitness stations	3.4	Incorporate fitness stations along pathways/circuits to promote intergenerational health and fitness usable by all members of the community including the elderly. Two fitness stations should be located in the park: one near the proposed cricket practice nets/multi-purpose training facility and the second near the existing playspace.	High
Enhance the dog off leash area	3.5	Provide shaded respite areas for dogs and dog owners including seating, picnic tables, drink fountains with dog bowls, dog litter bag dispensers and shaded canopy trees. Re-use and relocate an existing park shelter.	High
Provide additional public restrooms	3.6	Consider increasing the amount of restrooms at the playspace given its popularity and intensive use.	Low



3.2 Example of a picnic area.



3.3 Example of a plaza forecourt.



3.4 Example of a fitness station.



3.1 Example of multipurpose play areas.



3.1 Example of social gathering spaces.

Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 4



Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 4

Objective 4: Incorporate Environmental Sustainable Design Measures			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Consider water sensitive urban design initiatives	4.1	Investigate the inclusion of rain gardens and vegetation swales within the existing and new car parking areas in order to reduce nutrient loads and suspended solids entering the stormwater systems.	High
	4.2	Capture rainwater from the new Community Hub Building for internal toilet flushing and landscape irrigation use.	High
	4.3	Use hardy, drought tolerant, water wise plantings to minimise long term irrigation needs.	Ongoing
Enhance tree coverage on site	4.4	Provide additional high canopy trees to provide shade in summer and reduce the effect of urban heat. Conversely, trees should also be selected to permit winter sunlight and frame activity zones.	Ongoing
Reuse/recycle site materials	4.5	Salvage bluestone pitchers and red bricks from paving demolition works and re-use on site where possible.	High



4.1 Example of a vegetation swale.



4.3 Example of hardy plants.



4.4 Existing high canopy trees.



4.5 Existing bluestone pitchers and red bricks to be salvaged.

Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 5



Master Plan Goals/Actions - Objective 5

Objective 5: Establish a Well Maintained Reserve			
Our Goal	Action No.	Action/Strategies	Priority
Reduce litter dumping in the park	5.1	Provide an even distribution of litter bins around the park, particularly along pathways, at entry points and social gathering spaces. Ensure the placement of bins is undertaken in conjunction with rubbish collection contractors.	High
Provide maintenance access to all parts of the park	5.2	Retain park maintenance access at Bute Street, Kangaroo Road and Gerald Street. Provide new maintenance gates at Bute and Gerald Street.	High
Use easily obtainable, replaceable and longer lasting landscape materials for use within the park	5.3	Consider the use of materials which have a longer life span such as renewable and recyclables. Generally use landscape products and supplies sourced locally to sustain and enhance the local economy.	Ongoing



5.2 Existing park maintenance access at Bute Street.



5.2 Existing park maintenance access at Kangaroo Road.



5.2 Existing park maintenance access at Kangaroo Road.



5.2 Existing park maintenance access at Gerald Street.



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MURRUMBEENA PARK MASTERPLAN REVIEW

FEEDBACK

Glen Eira City Council is currently seeking community feedback on a revised *Masterplan* for Murrumbeena Park.

The aim of this community consultation is to revise the *Murrumbeena Park Masterplan 2002* and provide an integrated, sustainable and community orientated vision for the Park based on current and future needs and expectations of the community.

The draft *Masterplan* has reviewed the location and functionality of current facilities and endeavours to:

- enhance the functionality of existing uses to accommodate increased visitation numbers and public use;
- create an inclusive, accessible Park that supports and encourages use by people of all ages and abilities;
- promote and provide for community events and celebrations that encourage all age groups to participate;
- recommend necessary improvements to the Park to achieve a high-quality landscape setting and promote environmental sustainability through ecological improvement;
- inform future capital works as stages or stand-alone projects within achievable Council budget parameters or with State Government funding for regional facilities; and
- promote community safety by applying and adhering to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

The importance of this *Masterplan* is heightened by the allocation of \$2 million by the State Government and \$4 million by the Federal Government in partnership with Council to **construct a multi-purpose community hub/sports pavilion** in the region as announced in April 2018.

The design plans for the community hub can be viewed online at www.haveyoursayglenaira.com.au/MurrumbeenaPark

There are a number of ways to provide feedback, including Council's *Have Your Say* survey online at www.haveyoursayglenaira.com.au/MurrumbeenaPark via email recservices@glenaira.vic.gov.au or contact Recreation and Open Space on 9524 3333. You can also attend the community information session.

The opportunity to provide feedback on the draft *Masterplan* is available until **Monday 12 August 2019**.

Murrumbeena Park Masterplan Review community information session

A community information session will be held at Murrumbeena Park Pavilion, Kangaroo Road, Murrumbeena on Tuesday 6 August from 6pm to 8pm.

Council officers will be present to answer questions and receive feedback on the draft *Masterplan*.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact Recreation and Open Space on 9524 3333, email recservices@glenaira.vic.gov.au or visit Council's *Have Your Say* survey online at www.haveyoursayglenaira.com.au/MurrumbeenaPark

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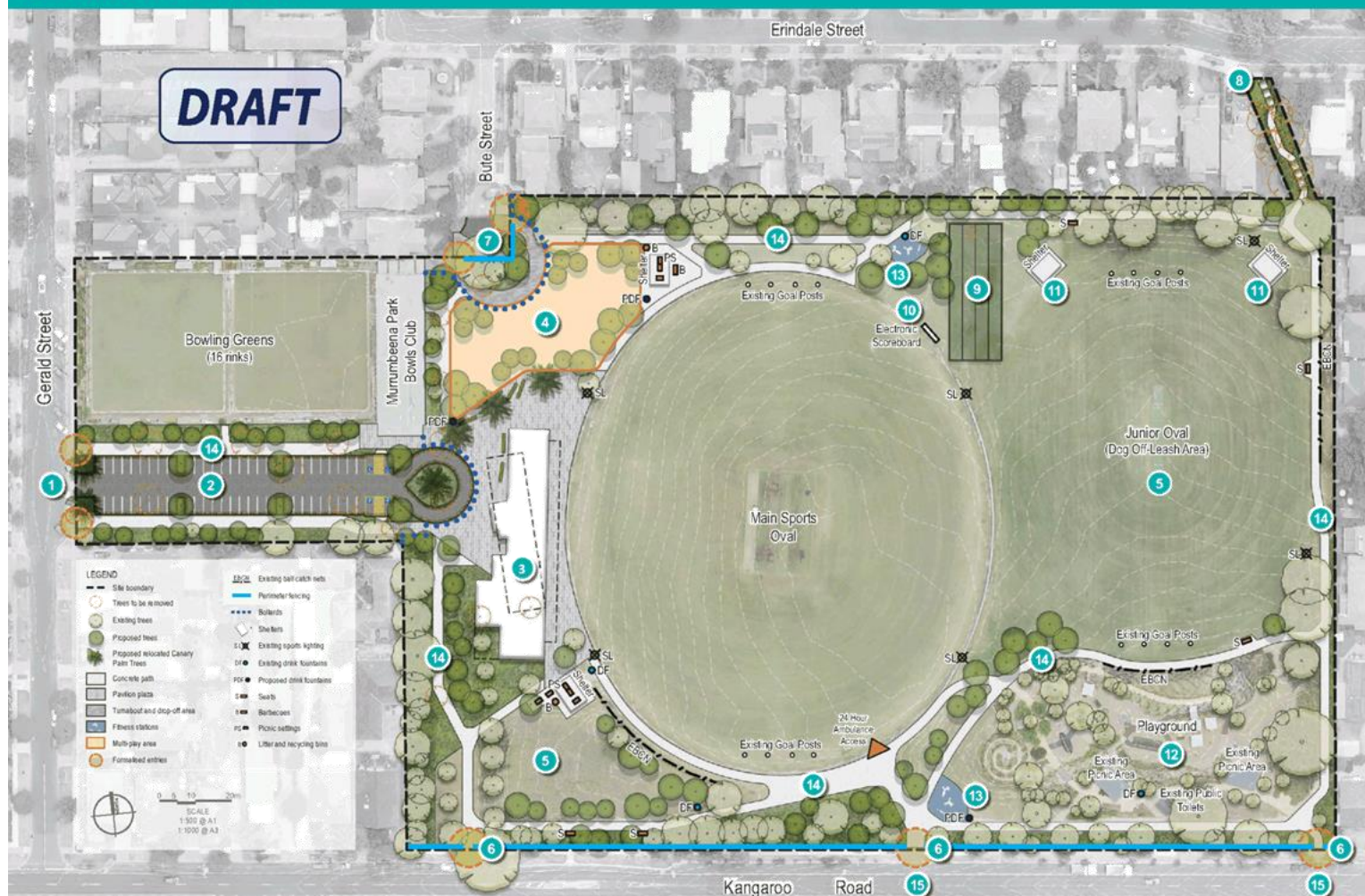
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DRAFT MASTERPLAN OVERVIEW SUMMARY



Notes

- Gerald Street entrance:**
 - Improve the entrance for pedestrians.
 - Retain maintenance access.
 - New car park entrance.
- New car park:**
 - Sixty car parking spaces inclusive of four accessible parking bays.
 - Roundabout and drop off zone near the community hub building.
 - Incorporate tree planting bays and relocate existing palms to highlight entrances and vistas.
 - Incorporate water sensitive urban design elements/initiatives to purify stormwater runoff from the road surface before it enters Council drains.
 - Re-use site bluestone pavers and red bricks in car park construction.
- New community hub:**
 - Replace the existing pavilion with a new community hub that incorporates new sporting change rooms that are female-friendly; function rooms; community meeting spaces; and a fully functional commercial kitchen.
 - The design plans for the community hub can be viewed online at: www.haveyoursayglenira.com.au/MurrumbidgeePark
 - Create a welcoming plaza entrance to the community hub with feature paving, lighting and seating, including spectator areas facing the main sports oval.
- Multi-play area:**
 - Replace the existing car park with a play zone which may include a multi-purpose play court and social gathering spaces.
 - Provide additional picnic facilities to disperse picnicking activities within the Park.
- Dog off-leash areas:**
 - Enhance the dog off-leash area with additional drink fountains incorporating dog bowls, seating and outdoor furniture, dog litter bag dispensers and additional shade trees.
 - Upgrade picnic facilities.
 - Maintain dog off-leash area to junior oval in out of club use times.
- Kangaroo Road entrances:**
 - Improve the entrances for pedestrians.
 - Retain maintenance access opposite Spark Street.
 - Replace the existing Park perimeter fence with a visually recessive fence.
- Bute Street entrances:**
 - Improve the entrance for pedestrians.
 - Retain maintenance access.
 - New car park entrance.
- Erindale Street entrance:**
 - Remove overgrown canopy vegetation and replace with low level shrubs and vertical planting along fences.
 - Introduce safety lighting to illuminate pathways at night.
- Cricket practice and training facility:**
 - Replace the cricket nets with a fully enclosed multi-purpose training facility suitable for cricket training and other sporting codes such as netball, futsal, hockey and others.
 - Remove the existing rounds.
- Main oval enhancement:**
 - Replace the existing scoreboard with an electronic scoreboard (club funded only).
- Junior oval enhancement:**
 - Spectator shelters to replace the existing rounds.
- Playspace enhancement:**
 - Upgrade the capacity of the public restroom.
 - Review playspace performance and replace play equipment as needed.
- Fitness stations:**
 - Provide fitness stations along the northern and southern side of the Park.
- Pedestrian pathways:**
 - Replace gravel paths with concrete paving to improve accessibility around the Park, particularly for the elderly and people dependent upon the use of mobility aids.
 - Provide energy efficient pedestrian safety lighting around the Park.
- Pedestrian crossings:**
 - Investigate safe pedestrian crossing of Kangaroo Road.

9.6 ROSANNA STREET RESERVE UPGRADE - STAGE TWO

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Attachments: 1. Rosanna Street Reserve consultation flyer [↓](#)
2. Have Your Say Feedback [↓](#)
3. Email Feedback [↓](#)
4. Phone Calls Feedback [↓](#)

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To present Council with the outcomes of community consultation undertaken on the proposed upgrades to the Rosanna Street Reserve – Stage 2 (playground) and to seek approval to progress to detailed design.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. endorses the concept plans and actions; and
2. authorises officers to proceed with the detailed design of the stage two upgrade.

BACKGROUND

Rosanna Street Reserve is a long linear space that provides a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities. Recent development of a Sensory Garden (Stage 1) at the eastern end of the Reserve was completed in October 2018 and has been very well received by the local community.

This project (Stage 2) relates to the western end and involves an upgrade of the amenity and activities provided around the play space, this includes additional play elements, creating engaging landscaping, social areas and pathways.

The project is consistent with Council's Open Space Strategy which recommends to improve connectivity, diversity of spaces and facilities, particularly for a range of ages and overall improvement to the landscape character of Rosanna Reserve.

The Stage 2 project was broadly promoted as the Rosanna Street Reserve Playground Upgrade and community consultation undertaken for five (5) weeks between 27 February to 31 March 2019.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The following presents the key themes and applicable suggestions raised during the consultation phase. Additionally, officer's comments outline the proposed action or response.

Feedback Themes

1. **Removal of car parks** - The concept plan included removal of indented 90 degree car parks along Rosanna Street and change to parallel parks. While this reduces the number of spaces, it does allow for the continuation of the avenue of trees from the eastern end of the reserve, reduces the incline for ease of use for intergenerational park use and makes space to provide a scooter loop around the playground.

Feedback indicated that residents and tennis club members use this car parking and raised concerns that additional cars would congest surrounding streets with further reliance on on-street parking.

Officer's comment

Officers propose to only reduce the indented car parking by half (25 metres to the existing kerb outstand). Importantly this compromise allows adequate space for the pathway re-alignment with reduced incline.

Feedback indicated that tennis club members are the predominate users of the indented car parking. The road opposite the tennis club is currently zoned as "no stopping". The reduction of car parking could be offset through the introduction of parallel parking adjacent to the tennis courts.

This could provide an additional 15 car parking spaces for the tennis club and surrounding residents. Traffic Engineering has advised that the width of the road and current traffic conditions would support the installation of parallel parking in this location and this solution would provide an overall net increase in car parking to the area.

The proposed scooter loop and realignment of shared path would not be possible without reclaiming land from the indented car spaces. Reclaiming a section of the indented car park provides adequate space for a pathway, tree plantings and scooter loop. Additionally there is a significant slope between the playground and road, which would have implications with regard to retaining walls and fencing.

2. **Barbecue facilities** – A number of respondents requested barbecue facilities to be included in the playground upgrade.

Officer's comment

The current scope does not include the installation of barbecue facilities. Barbecue facilities and support facilities such as public toilets are provided in nearby Packer Park. However, barbeque facilities have been noted as a possible future project for this reserve and could be installed retrospectively.

3. **Avenue of Maple Trees** – The concept design proposes to extend the avenue of Maple Trees the length of the pathway linking up the avenue from the eastern end of the park. The proposed trees will provide a shaded area for all residents to walk, including the elderly in the neighbouring Arcare Carnegie Aged Care.

There were a number of residents who raised concerns with the species of tree. The current trees appear to be struggling.

Officer's comment

This planting theme continues the existing species already established along much of the pathway. Native trees are provided elsewhere in the park and are retained. Some of the existing maple trees were under stress however, Council's Parks officers have increased watering of these trees to ensure they can sufficiently establish.

4. **Proposed planting of trees and garden beds** – Additional canopy trees have been proposed in the design to increase habitat for birdlife and provide a buffer to neighbouring properties.

A small number of residents raised concerns regarding proposed trees shading their backyards and garden beds built along the fence line preventing reserve access from gates in backyard fences.

Officer's comment – *The backyards of the residents bordering the reserve are south facing. The trees will do little to shade backyards; however planned setbacks will be reviewed. Proposed garden beds have been designed to increase habitat for birdlife.*

It should be noted that while a number of residents have existing access gates opening onto the reserve this does not confer right of access. Landscaping along residential boundaries will be considerate of the existing (although not legal) access gates residents have. Locations have been identified during site feature surveys.

- 5. Half basketball court, active space for teenagers, outdoor gym equipment** - A number of people requested play/exercise equipment for teenagers/adults. Whilst there were other concerns about increased noise a half basketball court would create for residents.

Officer's comment - *A tennis hit up wall was removed in 2014 as it was structurally unsafe. The wall was situated at the eastern end of the reserve which was upgraded to a sensory garden in 2018. Feedback from numerous respondents was the appreciation of the open space between the playground and the sensory garden. There is insufficient room to construct a half court with the close proximity to neighbouring properties. Packer Park, classified as a Municipal park, is less than 150 metres from Rosanna Street Reserve and has a half basketball court, hit up wall and outdoor gym equipment.*

Rosanna Street Reserve is classified as a Neighbourhood park with narrow open grassed areas for informal use.

- 6. Leave the playground as it is, don't incorporate natural play elements** - A number of established residents provided feedback that they would like the reserve to be left as it is without any upgrades.

Further concerns were raised that the rock steppers and scramble rocks would present tripping hazards.

Officer's comment

The natural play elements of rock steppers, logs and scramble rocks have been designed as playground equipment to create exploration opportunities for young children. Equipment and designs that provide sensory and motor skill opportunities are critical for development in young children.

Open space is required to keep evolving to meet the needs of both the current and future population. As demographics change, open space requires development to provide for future generations.

- 7. Looped scooter path and shared path**

The proposed looped path around the playground joins the shared path at the western entrance of the reserve. The looped path around the playground has been designed to provide a dedicated path for budding scooter riders. There was a comment that a

looped path around the playground for scooter riders was superfluous and just one path that all users could access would be preferable.

Officer's comment

The current width of the existing shared path is approximately 2.1 metres. This is the minimum recommended width for a shared path. Combining the paths would increase risk and would reduce the ability for people to safely pass, especially for those with mobility aids, such as residents of the neighbouring Arcare Aged Care Facility.

While Rosanna Street Reserve is on the Rosstown Rail Trail alignment, the off road shared path only extends between the tennis courts and eastern sensory garden. It is not a path that connects into another linear path and is not utilised by high speed or commuter cyclists.

8. Seating and landscaping

Three bench seats located around the playground were included in the concept design. There was feedback that additional seating around the playground and along the path would be welcome additions to the design.

Officer's comment

Additional seating will be included in the detailed design.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Detailed design for Rosanna Street stage 2 works is included in Council's draft 2019/20 capital works budget.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Playground Upgrade consultation was promoted for five (5) weeks from 27 February to 31 March 2019.

Engagement Snapshot

- 26 people visited the Have Your Say forum page;
- 10 people contributed on the discussion forum;
- 21 people downloaded the Refresh information booklet;
- 10 emails were received; and
- 3 people telephoned.

Consultation Promotion

- Distribution of information flyer to nearby residents;
- An in-park A1 sign with brochure holder and brochures;
- Article in the Glen Eira News – March 2019;
- Concept plan and feedback forum on Council's Have Your Say online forum;
- Promoted on Council's homepage, Facebook and social channels;
- Emails to registered users of Have Your Say;

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Four: Clean and Sustainable

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

Council's Open Space Strategy aims to improve connectivity, diversity of spaces and facilities. This project will build on the success of the Rosanna Street Reserve Sensory Garden and provide a range of experiences for the broader community.

OPEN SPACE UPGRADE — ROSANNA STREET RESERVE

Glen Eira City Council is currently seeking feedback on a proposed plan to upgrade the Rosanna Street Reserve playground.

The upgrade seeks to extend the playground area to incorporate natural play elements including rock steppers, logs and scramble rocks. A looped path will incorporate banked corners and humps to create an interesting path for budding bike and scooter riders.

Additional canopy trees will be planted to increase habitat for birdlife and provide a buffer to neighbouring properties. The existing avenue of maple trees will be extended along the entire pathway through the Reserve.

The link to the Rosstown Rail Trail will be highlighted through various interpretive elements such as park signage, play areas and entrance.

This project is an action from the Open Space Strategy which seeks to improve connectivity, diversity of spaces and facilities and overall improvement to the landscape character of Rosanna Street Reserve.

The proposed playground upgrade is the second and final stage for the proposed upgrades at Rosanna Street Reserve.

FEEDBACK AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Council are seeking feedback on the proposed design to upgrade the playground area at Rosanna Street Reserve. There are a number of ways to provide feedback, or to get further information.

Contact Recreation and Open Space on 9524 3333, email recservices@gleneira.vic.gov.au or visit Council's *Have Your Say* forum online at <https://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/rosannaplayground>

The opportunity to provide feedback is available until **Sunday 31 March**.



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PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Rosanna Street Reserve, Carnegie

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OPEN SPACE UPGRADE — ROSANNA STREET RESERVE



#	Date	Name	Feedback
1	1 Mar 19	xxxx	Too many trees against neighbouring properties fences - who will water them? Possums are going to have a field day on this! Maple trees are already struggling. What happened to the promise of an active space for teenagers - ie. 1/2 basketball court to replace the tennis wall which was removed?
2	5 Mar 19	xxxx	Concept Plans look amazing. Would be a great place to go with family and friends
3	6 Mar 19	xxxx Same person as #1	Yes they LOOK amazing but reality has some design issues. All for upgrade, just needs to fit the need. Current Maple avenue is struggling. Better tree choice needed for avenue. Path needs to link better for aged care residents walking up and back. They also need another seat with shade tree 1/2 way. Whole park needs attention not just each end and plan has too many trees planted where they just won't grow - under large gums. Proposed rocks and log balancing sleepers a waste of money - will look untidy in a year and deteriorate quickly
4	16 Mar 19	xxxx	I'd like to see a space for basketball and a BBQ to broaden the reach to the community
5	16 Mar 19	xxxx	Plan looks good. Great to see it getting a revamp! Definitely agree with comments about the need for a basketball half court and a BBQ. As a Rosanna St resident and frequent user of the park, we would also like to see:- more native/indigenous trees - a recycle bin- outdoor gym equipment especially gorilla bars, pull ups, and parallel bars (great for older kids and for fitness!)-additional path lighting on the proposed loop path - needed for dog walkers in winter.-some additional bench seats around the path and near swings, in the shade. Look forward to seeing it 'live'.
6	18 Mar 19	xxxx	A very important issue I can see with the park plans, and as a long time resident (50 yrs plus) facing the playground, is - where the heck is the PARKING going!! So the parking is to be removed? A simple look back to Sunday with Party in the Park - in Packer Park - and the entirety of Rosanna St was jammed with drivers in grid lock head to head, and cars parked both sides all along the street - and this was with the car park full (with double parking) too, along with a selfish 4WD driver blocking mine & my neighbours driveways!! And the council wants to get rid of the parking area - seriously?? As for basketball facilities, as long as there is some sound deadening, because I sure don't need the extra noise.
7	21 Mar 19	xxxx	OMG I totally overlooked this on plans! With all the busyness of pictures I didn't realise they were removing the parking bay!! NO NO NO this is NOT a good idea. The current parking is very needed. It is also used by the tennis court users. With the lack of parking now in Glen Eira due to being over populated with multi-units and duplexes where-by 99% use their garage for storage not parking, I can't believe Glen Eira designers would even contemplate removing more parking!! I suggest the "designers" organise a meeting in the park with all the local residents to talk to them and hear what they actually NEED. These are just pretty visuals lacking addressing the actual residents needs.
8	22 Mar 19	xxxx	Our biggest objection is removal of the car parking. The proposed design cannot proceed with removal of the car parking. Where will users park? There are no standing signs the length of the tennis courts (which we think are a great idea) and with a design that is intended to increase community involvement presumably patronage will consequently also increase. I ask again where will everyone park? The park in Oakleigh Road and Leila Road has parking in Leila Road, why can't we leave the car park at Rosanna Reserve? No doubt the Council has conducted a user survey of the car parking but the question is whether they reviewed it when it's at greatest use? It is used by tennis players, particularly on Saturday mornings and afternoons and Sunday mornings, as well as by park and playground users throughout the day every day. We know we live across the road! Buses come and drop children off to play tennis and wait for them in the car parking 4 days a week during terms 1 and 4. What is the benefit of removing the car parking? Adding an extra path is superfluous. Scooters and bikes won't stay on one path and walkers on another so really the design has two paths for the same users and same

			purpose. And then they've lined the shared path with more maple trees which are incongruous with the surroundings and not exactly thriving further along the path. By all means have a loop around the playground but have it joining in to the current path, leave the existing car parking. Saves some money that could perhaps go towards improving the lighting in the street. The negatives far outweigh the positives in removing the car park under the proposed design.
9	22 Mar 19	xxxx	Lauriston Lawn Tennis Club objects to the proposal to remove the car parking per the current proposed plan. There has been no explanation as to why the car parking is being removed or where the Council proposes the current and new users are to park their vehicles. We have already received complaints from a local resident that one of the side streets gets inundated with vehicles of tennis players. It makes no sense to remove car parking where car parking already exists, is being used and is in fact needed. This proposal will simply create further angst with neighbours in side streets and across the road from the playground - so much for bringing the community together. The idea to remove the parking is ill-conceived and untenable. The proposal was clearly designed by someone who has no intention of using the park themselves
10	30 Mar 19	xxxx Same person as #7	I agree. Seeing this car space used every weekend for Tennis Club patrons. It would be MADNESS to remove. This design clearly lacks any local consultation or understanding of the area.
11	25 Mar 19	xxxx	I think it is fantastic that the Rosanna St park is being revamped but appears some things may have been overlooked. Am I missing something but I can't see any toilet facilities? It's great to improve the park and encourage more people to visit this open space but with a playground and bbq facilities surely toilet facilities are a necessity? Removing parking is also not a great idea, the street is already narrow at the Murrumbene Rd end and often results in a bottleneck. Please review your plans GlenEira.
12	28 Mar 19	xxxx	Like other residents of Rosanna Street and users of the existing park my husband and I are concerned about the removal of the car parking (incongruous with the concept of increasing community use) and the idea of planting 21 maple trees in an "avenue" along the footpath running parallel to the street (major safety concerns). Firstly, it makes no sense to remove the car parking. The playground needs a car parking - are even more so if the playground becomes more popular. The car park takes about 385 metres of land - that's not a huge space that would be absorbed into the park, and then a path would be run through it anyway so the amount of green space wouldn't be much. 15 cars can fit comfortably in the car parking area at the moment. If removed this area reverts to parallel parking with 7 cars at most being able to be parked in the same distance. So any additional users of the park would resort to parking in front of 16, 18, 20 and 22 Rosanna Street which could accommodate another 7 or so cars. With cars potentially parked on both sides of the street there is a safety concern for drivers and children - with cars on both sides of the street next to a playground it may be difficult for a driver to see a child or dog run after their ball, toy etc...onto the road. We should be encouraging all of the residents to get out and about and get involved in their community and perhaps play sport - what kind of message is Glen Eira sending to users and potential users of the tennis club if they remove the only car park available to the tennis club users? All other tennis clubs on Glen Eira land have car parking - Ormond, Caulfield Rec, Kings Park, Coatesville etc... We live across the road from the Reserve and categorically object to the large number of trees proposed to be planted along the path. These trees will grow and obscure the park and playground from being visible - eventually making it very unsafe for users - particularly after twilight. Keep the path open and perhaps plant trees along the loop path at the back and even sides of the playground but do not plant them along the path running parallel to the street. Consider the safety of users please. Additionally, path lighting must be improved in the Rosanna Street Reserve. I also agree with the contributors that have advised caution regarding the tree types to be selected, the use of plants, logs and rocks - we don't want this

			area to look untidy and unkempt in a years time so we too think that the notion of a rock and log park is not wise, including due to the fact that this will create trip hazards. Perhaps design the area similarly to the that at the pavilion down at the Aged Care end - which presumably catered to the elderly patrons (who use it every day which is just terrific to see). Children also need to be taken care of in a similar way - don't create hazards.
13	30 Mar 19	xxxx Same as person # 8	Oh and I meant to add to my previous comment - when the associated irrigation system is planned, Council must ensure that it is not connected to the mains near to where the residents' mains connect. We have had no end of difficulty getting the noise and vibrations the irrigation for the pavilion garden is causing in our house which is opposite to where the irrigation is connected into the mains.

#	Date	Name	Feedback
1	27 Feb	xxx	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I think the proposal to improve the play ground is a great one. It will be amazing for families to spend time there with their kids.</p> <p>I am now suggesting that we should add a few BBQ pits to the proposal considering this is a place where families and friends can gather with children to spend meaningful, quality time at the play ground whilst enjoying a nice BBQ.</p> <p>I hope this can be considered as part of the upgrade.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
2	28 Feb	xxx	<p>Dear Glen Eira Council</p> <p>Today I received a brochure in my mailbox detailing a proposal to upgrade the Reserve playground.</p> <p>How disappointed to see the words scramble rocks, interesting path for budding bike & scooter riders! We already have a change to our 'open space' with the building of a rotunda & it is enough. Can we not leave any open spaces just that? There are many birds that live in this area including magpies that love their existing habitat.</p> <p>There are plenty of other amusement areas in other parks close to Rosanna Reserve - please leave some as they are. I have lived in this street for more than 21 years & it is such a 'gem' as is.</p> <p>Rocks will encourage rock throwing & bikes & scooters will bring graffiti. I do my best to report my concerns relating to graffiti now - I am really concerned about your proposal & I ask that it be addressed.</p>
3	28 Feb	xxx Same person as #2 email	<p>Dear Glen Eira Council</p> <p>Further to my earlier email, I want to add another concern re your proposal.</p> <p>Grass - this stretch of land is enjoyed by my locals who bring their beloved pets to run & fetch ball. It is a joy to sit & watch - like others I don't have a dog & I would not want to see concrete take over. The new Level Crossing pathway, joining suburbs, provides ample pathways to ride & use scooters.</p> <p>Grass - have people forgotten how to sit on grass? People have picnics on grass or gather to connect.</p> <p>I've always been proud of my street & like before, I ask that some open spaces be left alone?</p>
4	1 Mar	xxx	<p><u>Feedback on Rosanna Reserve Upgrade.</u></p> <p>Firstly we are residents DIRECTLY behind the playground and will be directly affected by these upgrades.</p> <p>Although we applaud the council for spending money upgrading this area, we feel they have overlooked the local residents and surrounding population's needs.</p> <p>The proposed plans are great, but we believe as residents who have directly used and witnessed locals use this space over 22 years, a little more close consult with people like us would have been beneficial to a more useable space.</p> <p>This area is used in order of use by;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young families with children aged 0-8 as it's safe and small. Including Young children with younger siblings, who kick the footy and soccer ball whilst siblings are playing on equipment or having a tennis lesson. 2. Parents and siblings of children having tennis lessons (therefore being able to see from the playground to the tennis courts important). 3. Local dog walkers who need an open area for small dogs to quietly walk and sniff. 4. Older children looking for something to do whilst siblings are having tennis lessons. Or just out and about. A much better use of space would be to add a ½ court basketball. As so many house blocks in our area are now 2-4 units, many families don't have space for teenagers to have a basketball hoop. These kids need activity and would benefit being catered for. There was a Tennis wall and council promised it would be replaced with an active activity space. We have waited over 5 years and now we just get this non-active space? The 'scented garden' at the other end is fabulous and very attractive for families who have ageing parents at Arcare, but teenage kids need activity! <p><u>PLEASE</u> consider a ½ court. Packer Park court is always busy and often have to wait to</p>

			<p>get a turn. There is definitely demand.</p> <p>The following is feedback we would like considered: <u>Positives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of large cypress – this is of no aesthetic value, dangerous and attracts unsocial ‘tagging’ rubbish dumping. 2. Increasing the number of trees – increasing habitat for native birds, except something MUST be done about the over population of possums or all these new trees will not live. <p><u>Negatives:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The addition of more maple trees. If a better quicker hardier deciduous tree had been selected, they would have more success. If you look at the current maples, they are struggling. Not enough water and soil is very compacted, they are hardly surviving. I would advise council to significantly increase the watering, mulching and feeding schedule to give all these trees a chance. They are very exposed and leaves burn in hot dry winds. With Melbourne’s summer temperatures these are not an ideal choice in such an exposed area. (otherwise a Pyrus calleryana Chanticleer may have been better choice) 2. There is not enough detail on plan to understand the plantings behind the playground. What are the suggested tree plantings? We are concerned they will compromise our garden trees and shade our existing garden. We feel low level bushes would be acceptable but NOT 2- 5mt trees up against our fence line. On the proposed plans there are far too many ‘proposed trees’ and ‘proposed she oak forest trees’ plantings for the space. Overcrowded. 3. She Oak Forest – if these are the same specimen, whom is currently growing, they drop endless needles. Already the current tree drops endless needles, which blow into our yard and cause our outdoor eating area to be constantly covered in them. 4. We access this park on a daily basis. We have for 20 years and do not want to be shutoff from this access. Heavy planting and mulching against any of the residents back fence/gate would not be advisable. 5. Also the plan has a heavy volume of plantings. We would like to know how this would be watered? Currently this area has no watering and NO new plants would survive if relying on rainfall and the current occasional water by council trucks. 6. The removal of the area of grass is disappointing. We see, and our children used this area frequently. It offers parents a great small space for children 4-8 to kick a footy of soccer ball, run around whilst toddlers are using the play equipment. There are plenty of areas local with this style of rocks/grasses/paths and not enough ‘safe’ flat areas for little children to have open free play with a ball whilst parents are supervising multiple age groups. 7. The proposed rocks and round log steppers are a <u>ridiculous idea</u>. This area is 99% of the time used by families with small children. It attracts them because it is safe and small. Supervising several children from 0-8 would be much more difficult with the proposed rocks and round logs. They will definitely deteriorate quickly and become hazardous. Round logs will not last and look scrappy quickly like the current ones along the edge of carpark. Totally inappropriate and a poor choice.
5	1 Mar 19	xxx Same person as #2 and #3 email	<p>Dear Glen Eira Council</p> <p>Before Council meets to discuss all relating to the above, I have one final request? Could members of our Council, take time to view the ongoing work Australian Wildlife Conservancy organisation are doing to protect Australia's wildlife & habitats for future generations. Their website is: www.australianwildlife.org</p> <p>Birdlife</p> <p>☆You are right - more trees would be welcome but our feathered friends also need grass. Grass is where they forage for insects, worms & seeds. A reserve, without birds singing, would be ever so sad.</p> <p>Wildlife Matters.</p> <p>☆We all know what is happening to Gorillas in Borneo. Large scale or small, we don't want to be responsible for robbing from our wildlife.</p> <p>Water</p>

			<p>☆Let's build a bird bath? I walk through 'my reserve' most days & always stop to fill the existing water fountain troughs. I really care that our birds are provided for.</p>
6	4 Mar 19	xxx Same person as #4 email	<p>To RecServices,</p> <p>Further to my conversation with one of your staff last week I would like to add to comments on the planned upgrade.</p> <p>I have just walked the park today and observed a group of residents from Arcare retirement home walking in the park. (This is much more frequent since the Scented garden was put in).</p> <p>I can confirm they are all very pleased with the recent upgrade at the Arcare end which gives them access to a quiet safe and easily accessible space. They walked to the new pergola, then sat for 10-15 mins then progressed along the path to the children's playground area.</p> <p>I can suggest they needed a break and sat again half way. They commented another seat 1/2 way and opposite the current one would be good. As then they could all sit. I feel this would be a very worthwhile use of funds. If the appropriate tree was chosen a group could be planted nearby to provide shade in the summer around the seats. The previous Ash trees around the seat are dead & removed. A Deciduous planting would also allow nice warm sun during winter when these residents also go walking.</p> <p>Surprisingly they also said it was a pity a BBQ wasn't installed as their visiting family would use it and take them out for a BBQ.</p> <p>I also observed the avenue of Ash trees. They are really struggling in this weather due to lack of regular watering and hot winds. I feel they are a very inappropriate choice. If trees such as the</p> <p>Bradford Ornamental Pear or the Pyrus calleryana Chanticleer were planted like in the Packer Park bocce green area, they would now be decent shade trees.</p> <p>I mentioned to your staff member over the phone last week that the watering for new plantings needs looking at as seems minimal for establishing new plants during summer months.</p> <p>I noted today that the watering system had been on this morning on the inner circle of plantings but not outer. It does miss 1/2 of the plants in the inner part of the beds. This really needs to be followed up.</p> <p>Another suggestion in regards to these upgrades are that the park seems to have been designed either end, without an overall view of the whole area.</p> <p>There are many old fruit trees and native trees which provide no benefit to the area in the way of aesthetics or purpose. I feel it would have been of more benefit to treat the park as a whole, even if the works are broken up into different time schedules for capital works.</p> <p>This is a whole park, it would have benefitted from an overall approach, not small 'Pocket' plans.</p> <p>The path proposed around the playground would be of great benefit to link around back to the main path, for a variety of reasons including the elderly in walkers or wheel chairs can get a nice walk around the whole park safely. The elderly love to sit and watch young children play.</p> <p>I would also like the landscape designer to revisit the site in its current condition of peak summer dryness and explain how they feel the volume of trees planned would survive in the current plans, even with watering. The choice of native trees will not improve this as we know gums and other native varieties drain enormous volume of water from the soil. There is no longer any grass growing around the large gums in the area.</p> <p>I look forward to viewing the revised plans for this area.</p>
7	14 Mar 19	xxxx	<p>Plans look great.</p> <p>I am a resident of Carnegie.</p> <p>Please consider adding sporting areas like a basketball court, similar to the area under the Centre Rd rail crossing in Clayton.</p> <p>Also make serious consideration to leave the car park. It is much safer for children. Also there was an accident in the area last year which if not for the car park a larger number of cars would have been damaged.</p> <p>Thanks for the opportunity.</p> <p>xxxx</p>
8	19 Mar 19	xxxx	<p>As another related issue presents itself - The proposed Rosanna St Reserve plans. I see the car parking is entirely removed. If my observations are right - I cant be anymore</p>





			<p>gentle than to say - Are the thoughts of those making these plans serious??</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 8 tennis courts, which are frequently full, and a lot of the time, the car park is used extensively by these tennis people. • When there is another event such as Party in the Park in Packer park, how much more full can you make surrounding streets ?? <p>If you need any queries answered, by all means give me a call on xxxxxxxx Likewise, I would welcome an update as to any action taken re the parking matter.</p> <p>Regards xxxx</p>
9	21 Mar 19	xxxx Same person as number #4 and #6 email	<p>Rosanna Street Reserve Upgrade FEEDBACK</p> <p>PARKING: This was easy to totally overlook on plans! With all the busyness of the lovely pictures</p> <p>Removing the parking bay!! NO NO NO this is NOT a good idea. The current parking is <u>very</u> needed. It is also used by the tennis court users. With the lack of parking now in Glen Eira due to being over populated with multi-units and duplexes where-by 99% use their garage for storage not parking, I cant believe Glen Eira designers would even contemplate removing more parking!! Parallel Parking will not give nearly as many parks and the current one is safe for getting small toddlers in and out of car.</p> <p>PROPOSED ROCK STEPPERS & ROUND LOG SEEPERS: This is an outdated idea. It will deteriorate quickly, fill with rubbish and be of little use to 99% of park users. Unsafe for young children. I have seen them in other local parks and they have constant rubbish blown in and accumulating.</p> <p>PROPOSED SHEOAK FOREST: These are totally inappropriate trees and far too many for the area. It will block light into neighbouring residents backyards and houses close to fenceline.</p> <p>PROPOSED MAPLE AVENUE: The current Maple trees are struggling. Do NOT plant more of these and waste rate payers money. Just because some are there doesn't mean you need to repeat the mistake. They are not even growing, many have died. Completely wrong trees.</p> <p>I suggest the "designers" organise a meeting in the park with all the local residents to talk to them and hear what they actually NEED. These are just pretty visuals lacking addressing the actual residents needs and certainly not spending valuable rate payers money on the <u>park as a whole</u>. Back to the drawing board please Glen Eira.</p>
10	25 Mar 19	xxxx Same person as #2, #3 and #5 email	<p>Dear Glen Eira Council</p> <p>I have previously raised concerns about the above proposal & want to add to those already submitted.</p> <p>Besides taking away the dog owners play ground & disturbing the existing habitat for bird life, has Council considered residents in the Arcare Nursing Home alongside the Reserve?</p> <p>Families visit their loved ones & like to take them wandering into the outdoor open space. We owe the Elderley respect & would have thought their safety a top priority? As we age, noises & sudden movement can create fear & in turn, cause accidents eg: falls.</p> <p>Additional paths for bikes & scooters is totally inappropriate.</p> <p>Ask any dog owner, visiting our Reserve, why they choose Rosanna Reserve over others & the answer will be because the other dogs are friendly here. They also, are not comfortable taking their pets to bigger parks.</p> <p>I really hope my thoughts are noted - I am ever so passionate about our wonderful open space.</p> <p>Kind regards xxxx Resident for 21 years</p>

#	Date	Name	Feedback
1	20 Mar	xxxx	Doesn't want the reserve changed or car park removed
2	21 Mar	xxxx	Doesn't want the reserve to change, nothing wrong with the playground.
3	26 Mar	xxxx	Doesn't support a basketball court. Ping Pong table would be a good idea for older kids. Perhaps in-ground trampolines.

9.7 COMMUNITY GRANTS RECOMMENDATIONS 2019-2020

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Attachments: 1. [Attachment 1 Community Strengthening Grants Recommendations](#) 
2. [Attachment 2 Partnership and Events Grants Recommendations](#) 
3. [Attachment 3 Community Grants Program Recommendations](#) 
4. [Attachment 4 Partnership and Events Grant Recommendation](#) 

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To seek endorsement of the 2019-2020 Community Grant recommendations outlined in Attachments One to Four.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses:

1. the Community Strengthening Grants as detailed in Attachment One;
2. the Partnership and Events Grants as detailed in Attachment Two;
3. grants to and auspiced by Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre as detailed in Attachment Three; and
4. the Partnership and Events Grant to Calvary Health Care Bethlehem as detailed in Attachment Four.

BACKGROUND

Council's 2019-2020 Community Grants Program received a total of 130 applications.

Grant applications were received under two grant streams:

- *Community Strengthening Grants* (up to \$3,000) that support community groups and organisations to initiate and run community activities and projects.
89 applications were received from 85 groups totaling \$233,727.
- *Partnership and Events Grants* (up to \$10,000) that support organisations and communities that work together to provide services and events.
41 applications were received from 40 groups totaling \$337,556.

Officers assessed all applications against the Community Grants Program criteria and priorities outlined in the grant guidelines and developed recommendations for Council's Community Grants Advisory Committee.

The Committee, consisting of Cr Magee (Chair), Cr Esakoff, Cr Silver as well as Cr Hyams met on 3 June 2019 to consider the grant assessments and make recommendations to Council.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The recommendations to Council are structured in several parts due to conflict of interest declared by Councillors.

Seventy-two (72) Community Strengthening Grant applications have been recommended to receive grant funding in 2019-2020. The total amount of funding recommended for

Community Strengthening Grants is \$145,115. These applications are listed in Attachments One and Three.

Twenty-seven (27) Partnership and Events Grant applications have been recommended to receive grant funding in 2019-2020. The total amount recommended for Partnership and Events Grants is \$171,457. These applications are listed in Attachments Two, Three and Four.

The Community Grants Advisory Committee sought additional information about seven grant applications which will be considered at a future Council meeting.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The budget for Community Strengthening Grants and Partnership and Events Grants for 2019-20 is \$365,200.

The total proposed expenditure for the 2019-2020 Community Strengthening Grants is \$144,115 and for Partnership and Events Grants is \$171,457 totaling \$315,572.

The remaining balance for the Community Strengthening Grants and Partnership and Events Grants is \$49,628. It is estimated that approximately \$25,000 will be allocated to the remaining grants still to be presented at a later Council meeting and the remaining \$25,000 will be used for ongoing small grants and facility hire grants throughout 2019-2020.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Community Grants Program meets Council's Community Grant Policy objectives:

- To assist community organisations to establish, extend and improve programs and services that address local needs and improve health outcomes for Glen Eira residents; and
- To encourage voluntary activity, strengthen community participation and the contribution of local groups and organisations to community life.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Community groups subscribed to Council's Community Development mailing list and recipients of previous grants received several communications and promotional material on Council's 2019-20 Community Grants round. Information was also widely communicated through the Glen Eira News, Leader Newspapers and Council's website.

Three community grant drop-in sessions were held in March and April to support and guide community groups understanding of funding priorities and application requirements. Additional support and assistance was provided by Council officers on an individual basis.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Three: Safe, Healthy and Inclusive

A strong and safe community that connects people 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

The Community Grants Program in 2019-2020 was delivered according to set policy, guidelines and procedural requirements.

The recommendations to Council are outlined in Attachments One to Four.

COUNCIL REPORT - 2 July 2019
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 2019-2020
COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS

	Organisation Name	Project Description	Amount Funded
Civic Participation and Cultural Expression			
1	Association Of Former Inmates Of Nazi Concentration Camps & Ghettos From The Former Soviet Union	Former inmates of WW2 social support program A social, recreational and cultural program held every third Sunday for older adult members.	\$2,000
2	B'nai B'rith Victoria Jewish Youth Art Competition	Jewish Youth Art Competition A community arts project run by volunteers that encourages youth artistic expression.	\$3,000
3	Carnegie Lions Club Inc.	BBQ Trailer Upgrade A project that supports diversity in food preferences and preparation of food for community fund raising events through the purchase a new BBQ trailer, BBQ and cooking equipment.	\$2,486
4	City Of Moorabbin Historical Society	Operate Box Cottage Museum A project to support the operations of the Box Cottage historical museum, including monthly public openings, hosting school visits and maintaining the cottage premises and gardens.	\$2,800
5	Glen Eira Artists' Society Inc.	Bringing Art to the Community A project to support the development and engagement of artists through a range of art programs, art classes and an exhibition.	\$3,000
6	Glen Eira Historical Society	Collecting, Promoting and Preserving the History of Glen Eira A project to support the operations to collect, preserve and disseminate information on the history of Glen Eira and its residents.	\$3,000
7	Glen Eira U3A Inc.	Glen Eira U3A Annual Art Show A project to deliver an annual Art show and exhibition for art work developed in 17 art classes.	\$2,605
8	Jewish Women Writers Enterprises Ltd.	Jewish Women of Words Subscription Drive A project to increase membership, engagement and cultural expression of a diverse group of women writers through social media and online/offline campaigns.	\$3,000
9	Ormond Church Of Christ	Cafe Night Jam and Melodies & Tea A project to deliver Cafe Night Jam, melodies and tea; a regular performing arts event which encourages amateur performers of all ages to share and develop their talents, skills, event management and hospitality.	\$3,000
10	Rostrum Victoria Incorporated	Carnegie Rostrum Club 68 A project to deliver bi-monthly meetings and forums where people learn to develop confidence in speaking, presentation and meeting skills.	\$1,787
11	The Jewish Cultural Centre And National Library Kadimah	Yiddish for Everyone A project that celebrates cultural expression through workshops where people can experience Yiddish language, music, theatre, improvisation, arts and crafts.	\$3,000
12	Hineni Youth & Welfare - Australia	Leadership Seminar 2020 A project that supports volunteer leaders to develop and enhance their leadership skills through an annual leadership seminar camp.	\$1,500

	Organisation Name	Project Description	Amount Funded
13	Lider School Inc.	2019 end-of-the-year production "Kingdom of Crooked Mirrors" A project to celebrate the end of year through the performance of a school production of "Kingdom of Crooked Mirrors" to the school community.	\$2,060
14	Menorah Magazine	Publication of Menorah Magazine A project that supports the publication of 'Menorah', a free Russian ethnic magazine.	\$1,000
15	Shalom Association Inc.	Two Concerts of Music and Dance A volunteer recruitment project to support the delivery of a series of concerts with musicians, singers and dancers.	\$800
16	The Scout Association Of Australia Victorian Branch	Tzofim Onnot Scouts Caulfield A project that supports the training and activities of the Israeli Hebrew scout community.	\$2,250
Community Safety			
17	Neighbourhood Watch GEI 35	NHW GEI 35 monthly meetings A project to support monthly meetings that coordinate community safety and security information and activities to the community.	\$1,340
18	Self Help Addiction Resource Centre Inc.	Youth Arts Therapy Program Supporting Recovery An arts therapy project to assist the drug and alcohol recovery of young people aged 25-35 in the Residential Support Services program.	\$1,482
19	Connect Health & Community	Volunteer Equipment A project to improve the safe driving practices of volunteer drivers who transport disadvantaged Glen Eira residents to their medical and social connection appointments.	\$1,014
Diversity and Inclusiveness			
20	Armada Bowls Club @ South Caulfield Inc.	Membership Drive A project to increase membership and recruit new bowlers into the club including junior bowlers and people with disabilities.	\$2,902
21	B'nai B'rith Courage To Care (VIC) Inc.	Cultures without Borders An educational street art project to create a graffiti wall by a street artist and young students that encourages social cohesion, religious and cultural harmony.	\$3,000
22	Caulfield Hebrew Congregation Inc.	Caulfield Bubs A project to support a weekly playgroup for parents and infants aged 0-3 years that incorporates Jewish music, songs and activities.	\$1,500
23	Caulfield Hebrew Congregation Inc.	Tuesday Shmoozeday A project to deliver a weekly senior citizens program that includes guest speakers, health and educational sessions and art therapy.	\$1,500
24	Carnegie Church Of Christ	Children's Playgroup A project to deliver a playgroup for children aged 0- 5 years that offers music, movement, storytelling, free play and art and incorporates friendship and social connection to new migrant families and second time mothers.	\$1,500
25	Godfrey Street Community House Inc.	Community Connection A project to deliver an intergenerational event twice a year that brings together older adults and children through an Open Day celebration which includes a community lunch.	\$1,860

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26	Jewish Community Radio Vic Inc.	Community Strengthening with “talk-back” Radio Programs A project to increase the studio’s current telephone capacity, to facilitate “talk-back” programs and enhance the localised service provided to the Glen Eira community.	\$2,978
27	Pathways Melbourne Incorporated	Pathways Meetups A project that provides a peer support group “Pathfinders” for people who have left their religious origins and wish to reconnect with a supportive secular community.	\$3,000
28	Scope (Aust) Ltd	McKinnon Disco A project to deliver a weekly disco event that supports people with disabilities to develop friendships and increase social networks in the community.	\$3,000
29	Bipolar Life Victoria Inc.	Bipolar Education and Services A project to assist runs a bipolar support group that delivers bipolar community information nights, mental health awareness campaigns and education.	\$2,055
30	Caulfield South Community House	Social Wellbeing Gardening Project A project to develop a social and culturally inclusive gardening program through local partnerships and volunteers.	\$1,565
31	Centenary Park Tennis Club Incorporated	Keeping Senior Citizens Active and Socially Connected A weekly senior’s participation program to actively encourage older adults to remain healthy by playing weekly social tennis and the sharing of a community meal.	\$1,150
32	Moorabbin Cricket Club Inc.	Moorabbin Cricket Club All Abilities Program A project to enhance the Club’s All-Abilities program for people with an intellectual disability to be supported with specific training needs and skill development.	\$778
33	Russian Cultural And TV Association Inc.	Two New Weekly Programs A project to support the production and presentation of two weekly programs on Channel 31/ digital 44 for the Russian community on Australian and local community events, news and heritage.	\$2,050
Food Relief			
34	Ormond Anglican Church	2020 Hope for Glen Eira & Beyond Food Drive A project to support a community food drive run by a group of local churches to support community service agencies that provide emergency relief.	\$2,425
35	St Catherine’s Anglican Church	Community Meals Program A project to deliver a free bi-monthly community meals program in Caulfield to support community connection.	\$2,800
36	St Pauls Caulfield North	Come to Lunch A project to deliver a free community lunch once a week and provide the opportunity for friendship and connection with residents from the Glen Eira community.	\$3,000
Gender Equity			
37	Maccabi Ajax Cricket Club Incorporated	Coaching for Junior Players and Increasing Junior Female Participation A project to train volunteer coaches by delivering specialised coaching sessions during the pre-season and by starting an under 11 girls cricket team in 2019/20.	\$3,000

	Organisation Name	Project Description	Amount Funded
38	Mackie Cricket Club	Expansion of Junior Teams and Establishment of a Girls' Team A project to support the expansion of junior teams and the development of a dedicated girls' team.	\$1,700
Health and Wellbeing			
39	Maccabi FC Caulfield Inc.	First Aid Courses 2020 A project to deliver First Aid training courses for the staff and members of the club.	\$1,500
40	NCJW (Victoria) Community Services Inc.	Caring Mums A project to strengthen the Caring Mums program in Glen Eira that provides trained volunteer support to pregnant women and mothers of newborn babies who are experiencing isolation and/or depression.	\$3,000
41	South Eastern Multiple Birth Association VIC Inc.	Family Education Program A family education project to support and develop the skills of parents of multiples from newborn through to toddler and early childhood.	\$1,700
42	South Metro Junior Football League Inc.	Healthy Choices Canteen Project A project to deliver the Healthy Choices Canteen project to all seven member clubs within Glen Eira to offer healthy canteen choices to young people.	\$3,000
43	St. John Ambulance Australia (Victoria) Inc.	Free CPR In The Glen Eira Community A project to provide free CPR training sessions to residents within Glen Eira through the CPRLab; a high tech interactive mobile vehicle that provides mobile training to up skill participants and provide them with the knowledge and confidence to respond in an emergency.	\$2,240
44	Victorian Dog Rescue and Resource Group Inc.	Happy Families - you and your Dog A project to run public education courses for families with dogs to enhance responsible pet ownership including managing and caring for your dog.	\$1,632
45	Caulfield Cricket Club Incorporated	Provide First Aid + Training in First Aid A project to provide a first aid kit within the Club rooms and train two volunteers to provide First Aid.	\$170
46	Caulfield Lacrosse Club Inc.	Wall Mounted First Aid A project to purchase a wall mounted first aid kit and portable first aid kit to respond to a range of potential first aid situations at the club.	\$567
47	Inner South East Melbourne Australian Breastfeeding Association group	Breastfeeding Education/Counselling Services for our Community A project to deliver bi monthly up-to-date breastfeeding information, education and support sessions	\$924
Participation			
48	5th/6th Central Moorabbin Scout Group	Moorabbin Scouts Tent Repair! A project to assist with repairing existing tents and/or purchasing new tents to support scout activities.	\$3,000
49	Australian Scrabble Players Association (VIC) Inc.	Bentleigh Scrabble Club A project to assist with running a social and competitive Scrabble group for local community members.	\$500
50	Bentleigh Lakers Basketball Club Inc.	Coaching Education Program for Junior coaches A coaching project to encourage juniors (under 20) to take on coaching roles through training to developing their skills.	\$3,000

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51	Carnegie Netball Club	Coaching Clinic A project to deliver a coaching clinic to up skill 28 coaches who teach over 250 boys and girls in the Club aged 8 to 18 years.	\$870
52	Caulfield Community Toy Library Inc.	Active Toys for Active Kids A project to support children's physical activity by purchasing a range of active outdoor toys including bikes, scooters, sports equipment that reduce children's screen time and support more children meeting physical activity guidelines.	\$3,000
53	Elsternwick Toddlers Playgroup Inc.	Music Matters and Boys Toys A project to replenish toys and equipment for the playgroup.	\$2,998
54	Glen Eira U3A Inc.	Yoga Classes A project to support Yoga classes for older adults though facility hire of the Duncan MacKinnon Reserve Pavilion.	\$325
55	Jewish Bereaved Parents Inc.	3-Generation-Girl Project An inter-generational art project to provide therapeutic support to families experiencing grief of a family member.	\$2,000
56	Moorabbin Area Toy Library Inc.	Games for Family Play A project to provide members with access to a diverse range of games that encourage family connection, collaboration, fun, and skill building.	\$3,000
57	Sandbelt Ladies Probus Club Inc.	Sandbelt Ladies Probus Club A project to support monthly meetings and social activities for isolated and retired local women who meet at the Bentleigh RSL.	\$1,830
58	South Caulfield Hebrew Congregation	Be'emtzah Kids Weekly Social Meetings A project to support a weekly Friday afternoon program for children aged 5-9 years at the South Caulfield Hebrew Congregation for education and social activities.	\$1,000
59	Glen Eira Combined Probus Club Inc.	Glen Eira Combined Probus Active Ageing A project to support monthly meetings and various activities for retired residents of Glen Eira to address social isolation, education and healthy living options.	\$1,900
60	Maccabi FC Caulfield Inc.	Walking Football Program A project to deliver the Walking Football initiative; a football program designed to improve fitness and health through a modified and slower version of football, encouraging older members of the Glen Eira community and those with restricted mobility to be more active.	\$1,290
61	Murrumbeena Cricket Club Incorporated	Club Spirit A sponsorship project to help cover the costs of providing team caps and cricket balls to the clubs players.	\$2,152
62	Murrumbeena Netball Club Inc.	"Coach the Coach" - Coaches Development Program A project to support coaches in their role by delivering a 'Coaches Development' program.	\$2,500
63	Murrumbeena Playgroup Incorporated	New Member Recruitment A project to increase the playgroups member base, and support operational costs, advertising and indoor gross motor equipment.	\$990
64	Probus Club of Bentleigh Inc.	Meetings, Outings and an Annual Tour. A project to subsidise retirees to participate in Probus Club activities for social connection.	\$1,500

	Organisation Name	Project Description	Amount Funded
65	Probus Club of Moorleigh	Community Bus Program A project to subsidise the transport and entrance fees for six day trips for older adult club members.	\$1,194
66	Small Sided FA Inner East Incorporated	Small Sided Football Participation Opportunities A project to introducing Small Sided Football to children and young people in the local community and provide affordable participation.	\$2,000
67	Caulfield Little Athletics Centre	Come and Try Day A project to deliver a free "Come and try" day at the start of the summer season to introduce new children from the Glen Eira community to little athletics.	\$500
Sustainability - social, economic, environmental			
68	Bentleigh West Kindergarten Inc.	Sustainable gardens through automated watering system A project to maintain the kindergarten's kitchen garden during holiday periods through an automated sprinkler system.	\$2,090
69	Holland Foundation	Real Employment Success Pathway 2 A project to deliver a volunteer based on-site retail/office administration employment training program in Bentleigh for people who are unemployed, disadvantaged or newly arrived to Australia with a focus on gender equality.	\$2,856
70	Mitzvah Day	Mitzvah Day Australia A project to support the global Jewish led day of doing good deeds through volunteers delivering multiple hands on charitable projects to bring the community together on 17 November 2019.	\$3,000

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PARTNERSHIP AND EVENTS GRANTS

	Applicant	Project Description	Amount funded
Civic Participation and Cultural Expression			
1	Murrumbidgee Baptist Church	Local Sundays Neighbourhood Event A project to deliver a monthly neighbourhood social gathering event at the Murrumbidgee Bowls Club open to the local community.	\$10,000
2	Victorian Association Of World War 2 Veterans From The Ex-Soviet' Union	No one is Forgotten! Nothing is Forgotten! A project to develop and maintain digital memoirs and stories of veterans of World War 2 through video production and distribution.	\$6,000
Diversity and Inclusiveness			
3	Access Incorporated	Weekly Pop Up Café A project to deliver a weekly Pop Up Café and provide vocational training opportunities for young adults with a disability in Glen Eira.	\$10,000
4	Caulfield Over 50's Dance Group Inc	Over 50s Ballroom Dancing A weekly dance and social activities program for older adults.	\$7,500
5	Kehilat Nitzan Tikkun Olam Pbi Limited	Connectivity 70 A project to provide monthly afternoon teas including transport, socialisation, entertainment and cognitive stimulation for older adults.	\$2,828
6	Bnai Brith Victoria Inc	Concerts and Social Support A project to provide monthly afternoon teas including transport, socialisation, entertainment and cognitive stimulation for older adults.	\$3,875
7	Marriott Support Services	Bridge to Retirement A project to support residents with a disability who are retiring from supported employment to find and successfully link into volunteer opportunities as part of their retirement journey.	\$8,000
8	Temple Society Australia	Independence and Empowerment A project to deliver a culinary course to improve the practical cooking skills of people with intellectual disabilities.	\$9,000
Food Relief			
9	Churches Of Christ Community Care	Open Hands A project to deliver a weekly community meals program and emergency food parcels for disadvantaged people in the local area.	\$3,100
10	St Anthony's Catholic Church Glen Huntly	Tony's Café A project to deliver a community meals program twice a week including food parcels for disadvantaged people in the local community.	\$7,000
11	St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria Inc	Family Outreach Program A project to run an outreach program providing supermarket cards to families in crisis in the local area.	\$5,500
Festivals and Events			
12	Bentleigh Traders Association Inc	Bentleigh Festival 2019 A project to deliver a multicultural community festival in Centre Road Bentleigh.	\$10,000

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	Applicant	Project Description	Amount funded
13	Chabad House Of Caulfield Pty Ltd	Chanukah in the Park A project to deliver the Chanukah in the Park celebration at Caulfield Park.	\$10,000
14	Ormond Community Kindergarten Inc	Diwali Celebration. A project to deliver a Diwali festival, celebrating the Hindi festival of lights.	\$9,831
15	The Jewish Cultural Centre And National Library Kadimah	In One Voice A project to deliver a Jewish cultural street festival promoting harmony, diversity and inclusion.	\$10,000
16	South Caulfield Hebrew Congregation	Chanukah in EE Gunn A project to deliver a family fun event Chanukah, celebrating the Jewish festival of lights.	\$4,065
17	Zionism Victoria	Israel's 72nd Independence Day To deliver a community wide festival celebrating Israel's Independence Day.	\$10,000
Gender Equity			
18	Murrumbeena Park Bowls Club Inc	Bowling with Babies To deliver a bowling with Babies initiative in partnership with Vic Health.	\$1,000
Participation			
19	Cancer Council Victoria	Murrumbeena Relay for Life A project to run the Murrumbeena Relay for Life, a fun day which builds relationships and raises awareness and funds for Cancer Council programs.	\$3,950
20	Whitelion Youth Agency Ltd	Dare2B Youth Conference A project to deliver a conference for young people providing an opportunity to explore health, education and career pathway options.	\$2,200
Sustainability - social, economic, environmental			
21	East Bentleigh Village Garden	Let's Get Started A project to support phase two of developing the community garden at Moorleigh Village.	\$7,381
22	Emmy Monash Aged Care Inc	Bulb Partnership A project to establish an intergenerational gardening and art program partnering with three local schools and residents.	\$4,680
23	National Trust Of Australia (Victoria)	Celebrating Botanica – A Festival of Sustainable Gardens To deliver a program for the community to learn about sustainable gardens.	\$8,100
24	South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter Inc	Community Day To provide educational talks and activities, open days, supporting wildlife across Glen Eira.	\$4,000

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COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GRANTS

	Applicant	Project description	Amount funded
Health and Wellbeing			
1	Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc.	'WELLvember': a series of Workshops promoting Health, Wellness and Community A project to deliver health and wellness programs to the Glen Eira community through a range of workshops including healthy eating, managing stress and anxiety, mindfulness, art therapy, body balance and meditation.	\$3,000
Sustainability - social, economic, environmental			
2	Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc.	Boomerang Bags Glen Eira Equipment Maintenance Refresh A project that engages volunteers to sew environmental shopping bags and that assists new migrant volunteers learn English through conversation.	\$1,000

PARTNERSHIP AND EVENTS GRANTS

	Applicant	Project description	Amount funded
Diversity and Inclusiveness			
1	Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc	English as an Additional Language A project to deliver English classes as an additional language in the Carnegie area.	\$3,747
Festivals and Events			
2	Glen Eira Adult Learning Centre Inc	Multicultural, Music, Dance and Food Festival. A project to deliver a multicultural, music, dance and food festival celebrating the diversity of people in the municipality.	\$6,200

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PARTNERSHIP AND EVENTS GRANTS

	Applicant	Project description	Amount funded
Health and Wellbeing			
1	Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Limited	Death over Dinner in Glen Eira An initiative that encourages people to have conversations about end of life over dinner, rather than in hospital when it is too late.	\$3,500

9.8 VEGETATION ON DEVELOPMENT SITES

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To consider measures available to prevent developers from clearing sites of all vegetation prior to receiving development permission.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the report.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 May 2019, Councillors resolved that officers prepare a report that details the measures available to prevent developers from clearing sites of all vegetation prior to receiving development permission.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The current planning requirements

There are no planning requirements within the Glen Eira Planning Scheme that prevent the removal of all vegetation from a site, which is commonly known as ‘moonscaping’, before receiving development approval.

The development approval process however requires that:

- *Development should provide for the retention or planting of trees, where these are part of the neighbourhood character.*
- *Development should provide for the replacement of any significant trees that have been removed in the 12 months prior to the application being made.*

Achieving a good landscape outcome as part of the development approval process is important and it is the approach that if significant trees can be retained then they should be retained, and that following redevelopment of land that the development outcome include the provision of canopy tree planting.

What are the options available to prevent developers from clearing sites of all vegetation prior to receiving development permission

In relation to the measures available to prevent developers from clearing sites of all vegetation prior to receiving development permission, this would only be possible if there was a statutory mechanism available that required a landowner to obtain approval to remove vegetation.

Preventing the clearance of vegetation, in particular, the removal of significant trees, has been the subject of much recent community consultation and discussion at Council. This has explored the most appropriate statutory mechanism to protect significant trees from removal.

The approach has explored developing a significant tree register and implementing controls to protect identified trees either through a local law or through specific planning controls within the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

The approach that Council is advancing is the development of a significant tree register and to implement protection through a local law. This process is ongoing.

While this will not stop the moonscaping of all sites before planning approval is obtained for redevelopment, it will provide a mechanism that enables the retention of trees that are considered significant assets within the community and provide amenity to the area.

This in combination with development approval that requires the provision of canopy tree planting ensures that the landscape character of the different areas throughout Glen Eira is being enhanced.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, resource, risk and asset management implications.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy or legislative implications at this stage.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Significant community consultation and engagement has already been undertaken to explore the best option for protecting significant trees within the municipality. Any further consultation and engagement will be undertaken as part of that ongoing process.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme One: Liveable and Well Designed
A well planned City that is a great place to live.

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 report identifies that a statutory mechanism is required to prevent the moonscaping of sites before development approval is obtained. A process to explore introducing a statutory control in the form of a significant tree register and to implement protection under a local law is already underway.

It is considered that a significant tree register, together with Glen Eira's statutory planning framework, will serve to protect and enhance the valued landscape character of the area.

9.9 OVERSHADOWING SOLAR PANELS

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Attachments: *Nil*

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To consider the suitability of recent planning controls introduced to limit impact of development on existing solar energy facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. notes the report; and
2. authorises officers to write to the Minister for Planning seeking greater clarity within existing planning controls and relevant practice note material about measuring the impact on existing residential rooftop solar energy facilities, and to seek a framework for mitigating impact on residential rooftop solar energy facilities in areas identified for higher density development.

BACKGROUND

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 March 2019, Councillors resolved that officers prepare a report on the impact of new developments on solar panels on adjoining properties, including:

- The effectiveness, clarity and usability of the current State Planning provisions for residential rooftop solar energy facilities.
- If the current State Planning provisions do not provide effective and clear guidance, advocacy options for Glen Eira City Council with the State Government, including more effective planning provisions (State and Glen Eira specific) that protect solar panels on adjoining properties from unreasonable overshadowing, or a compensation mechanism to offset the impact for existing residential rooftop solar energy facilities.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The current planning requirements

In October 2018, Amendment VC149 amended the Victoria Planning Provisions and all planning schemes to introduce planning requirements that require a new development to consider its impact on any existing solar energy facility mounted on the roof of an adjoining dwelling.

The new planning requirements apply to all new buildings and works that require a planning permit in a residential zone or the Commercial 1 Zone if an adjoining lot in a residential zone contains an existing rooftop solar energy facility on a dwelling.

Where the new planning requirements apply, a new decision guideline has been included in planning schemes that requires the decision maker to consider:

- *The impact of overshadowing on existing rooftop solar energy facilities on dwellings on adjoining lots in a General Residential Zone, Mixed Use Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone or Township Zone.*

When the provisions of ResCode apply to an application, the energy efficiency objectives (Standards A10, B10 and B35) have been amended, to assist the decision maker to assess the impact of overshadowing on existing rooftop solar energy facilities.

The standards now require that:

- *Buildings should be sited and designed to ensure that the performance of existing rooftop solar energy facilities on dwellings on adjoining lots in a General Residential Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone or Township Zone are not unreasonably reduced. The existing rooftop solar energy facility must exist at the date the application is lodged.*

The standards also introduce the following decision guidelines that the decision maker must consider:

- *The extent to which an existing rooftop solar energy facility on an adjoining lot is overshadowed by existing buildings or other permanent structures.*
- *Whether the existing rooftop solar energy facility on an adjoining lot is appropriately located.*
- *The effect of overshadowing on an existing rooftop solar energy facility on an adjoining lot.*

Are the planning controls in relation to overshadowing solar energy facilities effective?

The introduction of planning requirements that require consideration of the impact of overshadowing on solar energy facilities is welcomed. The practical application of the planning requirements is however lacking clear guidance.

There are two scenarios that require consideration:

1. Proposals that require assessment under the provisions of ResCode Clauses 54 and 55 (i.e. residential development up to five storeys in height).
2. Proposals that do not require consideration under the provisions of ResCode Clauses 54 and 55 (i.e. commercial and mixed use buildings or residential buildings higher than five storeys)

Proposals that require assessment under the provisions of ResCode Clauses 54 and 55

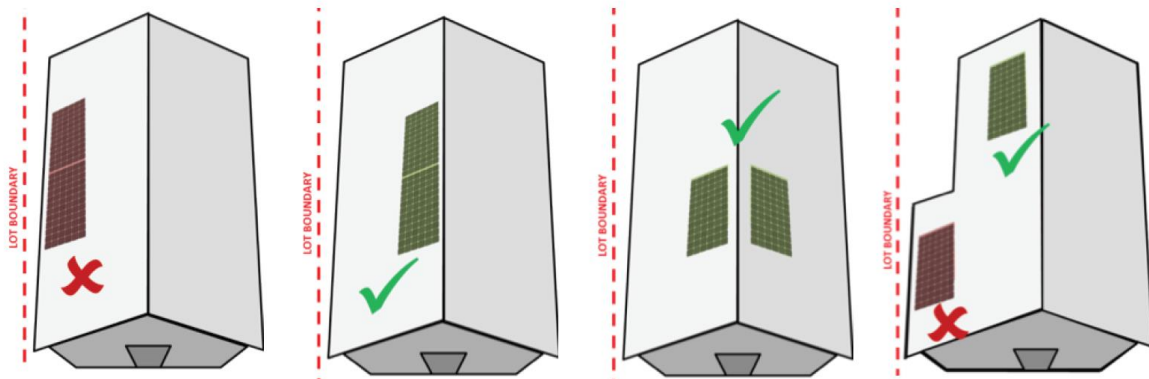
The standards in ResCode require the decision maker to consider whether the “*performance of existing rooftop solar energy facilities on dwellings ... is unreasonably reduced*”. There is no definition of what constitutes performance being unreasonably reduced, no time point throughout the year to apply the standard to, and furthermore the technical specifications of a solar energy facility are generally not understood by the decision maker to enable an objective assessment about impact upon performance.

In the absence of a clear measure of impact, the Urban Planning team is primarily considering whether the new development meets the side and rear setback and north-facing

windows standards for residential development under Clauses 54 and 55 and considers the location of solar panels on adjoining properties in line with the State Government issued practice note guidance that establishes the appropriate placement of solar panels. This is shown as follows:

What is considered to be reasonable action to protect an existing solar energy facility?

Higher on the roof peak



This approach to assessing an application against the relevant ResCode standards helps to identify if there is impact, but does not then assist in determining if the impact is unreasonable. Greater clarity is required on this point.

In addition to this, it is considered that the planning requirements could be strengthened to provide more certainty about what a reasonable impact is, in the following ways:

- That the ResCode Standards be amended to specify a point in time to measure impact (i.e. such as with the overshadowing standard within ResCode measuring impact at the Equinox); or
- That the ResCode Standards be amended to provide a quantifiable percentage of performance that may be impacted by overshadowing. This would also need to be accompanied with information about the operation of different types of existing rooftop solar energy facilities; and
- Provide a mechanism to assist the relocation of existing rooftop solar energy facilities where impact is unreasonable but would unduly compromise a sites developability.

Based on these changes it is considered that the planning requirements would be more effective in their operation.

Proposals that do not require consideration under the provisions of ResCode Clauses 54 and 55

It is typical that development proposals in the Commercial 1 Zone do not require consideration of the ResCode Standards and in this case the planning requirements do not have the same strength as where ResCode applies. This is because there is no standard to assess the impact against, just a broad decision guideline under the zone.

This suggests greater protection for solar energy facilities when the energy efficiency objectives of ResCode are required to be considered, rather than for development in the Commercial 1 Zone. It is presumed that this is deliberate and requires the decision maker to

balance the impact of a proposed development on existing solar energy facilities against the strategic aspirations of land within the Commercial 1 Zone to support higher density development.

In say this, in the Commercial 1 Zone, it is considered that the planning requirements could be strengthened to provide more certainty about what a reasonable impact is, by amending Standard D6 (Energy efficiency objectives) at Clause 58 (Apartment developments) within Planning Schemes.

Based on this change it is considered that the planning requirements would be more effective in their operation.

How others have considered the impact of overshadowing on roof top solar energy facilities

Following the introduction of the planning controls, there has been limited decisions at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), being the review authority of Council decisions, that consider impact upon solar panels.

VCAT has considered the impact of overshadowing on solar panels for one Glen Eira application at 2 Pearce Street Caulfield South.

This application proposed a three storey development on a site adjacent to a single house with roof mounted solar panels. In the hearing, evidence was given about the impact of overshadowing on the solar panels. It was concluded that the solar panels were appropriately located, and the proposed development would reduce their generating capacity by 33%. The VCAT member considered this to be unreasonable and required a condition that the permit applicant install at their own cost, an additional 3kW of panels on the neighbouring property.

It is understood that this condition was imposed on the basis that the applicant was accepting of the requirement.

It is not recommended that this course of action be taken on other applications where there is no agreement from the planning applicant as there are several principles regarding what constitutes an appropriate permit condition that would suggest this not be appropriate.

It is however suggested that an advocacy position should recommend that the State Government implement a mechanism to assist, as an option, the relocation of solar panels on neighbouring properties where impact is considered unreasonable.

Options to improve the effectiveness of planning requirements that protect solar panels on adjoining properties from unreasonable overshadowing

When the planning requirements were introduced as part of Amendment VC149 in October 2018, it applied to all planning schemes to create a consistent framework for the whole State. As such, it is recommended that Council adopt an advocacy position to improve the existing planning requirements across all planning schemes, rather than focus on Glen Eira alone.

In this respect, the following advocacy options are recommended:

- Write to the Minister for Planning seeking greater clarity within existing planning controls and relevant practice note material about measuring the impact on existing residential rooftop solar energy facilities, and to seek a framework for mitigating

impact on residential rooftop solar energy facilities in areas identified for higher density development.

- Seek the support of member Councils of the Municipal Association of Victoria to advance the advocacy position with the Minister for Planning.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial, resource, risk and asset management implications.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy or legislative implications at this stage.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Issues of impact on residential rooftop solar energy facilities from overshadowing is increasingly identified throughout the planning process as part of the consultation of planning permit applications. At this stage there is no requirement to implement a broader communication or engagement framework in relation to this report.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme One: Liveable and Well Designed

A well planned City that is a great place to live.

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 introduction of new planning requirements that require consideration of impact from overshadowing to existing rooftop solar energy facilities are not considered to provide sufficient guidance in their application through the planning process. It is recommended that Council adopts an advocacy position to seek changes to planning schemes to improve the operation of these planning requirements to provide more certainty to developers as well as residents with existing rooftop solar energy facilities.

9.10 NEW LEASH FREE AREA - CAULFIELD WEDGE

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Attachments: 1. Draft amended order under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act [↓](#)

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To present Council with an amendment made to the Order previously made by Council on 30 August 2011 under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994. The amendment is to include the site known as the 'Caulfield Wedge', located at 2 Booran Road, Caulfield East as a designated leash free area.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) resolves to make an order under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994, as set out in Attachment 1, to include the Caulfield Wedge as a leash free area, noting that this is an amendment to the Order previously made on 30 August 2011; and
- b) authorises officers to undertake the necessary processes to formalise changes to the Order.

BACKGROUND

Council was officially appointed Committee of Management of Crown Allotment 2031 on 30 October 2017 following acceptance of an offer from the State Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Following an extensive design development and community consultation process, Councillors endorsed concept plans for a dog agility park to be developed at the site at the 6 February 2018 Council meeting.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The dog agility park will be the first dog specific area in Glen Eira and will provide owners with the opportunity to train their dogs in a fully fenced and structured environment. This park has been constructed on an otherwise vacant parcel of Crown Land currently defined as an on leash area.

The new dog agility park includes the provision of leash free areas. Under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994, Council may, by resolution, made an Order in relation to dogs (or cats) in public places within the municipality. Any Order by Council must be published in the Victorian Government Gazette and in a newspaper circulating the Glen Eira municipal district.

The most recent Order by council was made on 30 August 2011. Council is now required to amend the Order under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 to include the Caulfield Wedge as a leash free area. Draft amendments to this Order for consideration by Council are attached to this Report.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of the project has been funded under the 2018/19 Council budget, via the contributions from the State Government and rental fees from the Melbourne Racing Club.

The construction of the dog agility park has been in consultation with Council's Civic Compliance department, reflected in the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021, to align resources with asset protection.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The power to make an order relating to the restraint of dogs in public places within the municipality is given to Council under section 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994. The development of a new leash free area requires an amendment to the Order previously made on 30 August 2011.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

An extensive community consultation process on the proposed concept design was undertaken between 30 October and 20 December 2017. Feedback received through the consultation process indicated strong support for the implementation of the park and acceptance of the proposed design.

Following Council's resolution to make the attached Order, Officers will formalise changes and notify the community in accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994, including through the Victorian Government Gazette and local newspapers.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Three: Safe, Healthy and Inclusive

A strong and safe community that connects people 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

The development of a dog agility park including a leash free area at the Caulfield Wedge site is a valuable community asset. An amendment to the Order previously made by Council on 30 August 2011 is required to formalise the site for its intended purpose as an off leash area.

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL

Order Pursuant to Section 26(2) of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**

Notice is given that the Glen Eira City Council, at its Ordinary meeting held on 2 July 2019, resolved to make the following order under section 26(2) of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**.

1. **Definitions**

In this order:

‘Owner’ has the same meaning as in the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**;

‘Leash Free Area’ means the following reserves or part of the following reserves designated by signs as being available for the unleashing of dogs at the time(s) signposted:

Allnutt Park (McKinnon)	Bailey Reserve (Bentleigh East)	Bentleigh/Hodgson Reserve (Bentleigh)
Boyd Park (Murrumbeena)	Caulfield Park (Caulfield North)	Centenary Park (Bentleigh East)
Joyce Park (Ormond)	Duncan MacKinnon Reserve (Murrumbeena)	East Caulfield Reserve (Caulfield East)
EE Gunn Reserve (Ormond)	Glen Huntly Park (Caulfield East)	Greenmeadows Gardens (St Kilda East)
Harleston Park (Elsternwick)	Hopetoun Gardens (Elsternwick)	Halley Park (Bentleigh)
King George VI Memorial Reserve (Bentleigh East)	Lord Reserve (Carnegie)	McKinnon Reserve (McKinnon)
Marlborough Street Reserve (Bentleigh East)	Moorleigh Community Village Reserve (Bentleigh East)	Murrumbeena Park (Murrumbeena)
Packer Park (Carnegie)	Princes Park (Caulfield South)	Victory Park (Bentleigh)
Caulfield Wedge (Caulfield East)		

2. **Dogs must be under effective control**

The Owner of any dog must keep the dog in effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash, not exceeding 1.5 metres in length, attached to the dog and either:

- a) held by the Owner who must be capable of restraining the dog; or
- b) fixed securely to a post or other fixture

while the dog is in any public area of the municipal district of the Council, except where Clause 3 of this Order applies.

3. **Owner's obligations**

A dog may be exercised off a chain, cord or leash in a Leash Free Area designated by the Council, if the Owner:

- a) carries a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 1.5 metres in length, sufficient to bring the dog under effective control;
- b) remains in effective voice or hand control of the dog so as to be able to promptly bring the dog under effective control by placing the dog on a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 1.5 metres in length if that becomes necessary whether to comply with the provisions of this order or for any other reason; and

- c) If a dog is off a chain, cord or leash in a Leash Free Area designated by the Council, the dog must be brought under the effective control of the Owner by means of chain, cord or leash not exceeding 1.5 metres in length if the dog roams, or is likely to roam, to within 20 metres of:
- (i) the principal location of an organised sporting event;
 - (ii) a children's play equipment area (unless the children's play equipment area is fenced off such that access to that area by the dog is prevented);
 - (iii) the entrance of a school during school hours and 15 minutes prior to and after school hours;
 - (iv) the principal location of an organised public meeting;
 - (v) a permanent barbecue or picnic area (unless the permanent barbecue or picnic area is fenced off such that access to that area by the dog is prevented); or
 - (vi) if the dog does or is likely to worry, threaten, rush or attack any person or other animal.

4. Areas to which Clause 3 does not apply

Clause 3 does not apply to the following areas:

- a) The shared pathway which surrounds Caulfield Park, Caulfield North;
- b) The car park and shared pathway at the northern end of EE Gunn Reserve Ormond;
- c) Oval 1 and the shared pathway between Oval 1 and Oval 4 at Princes Park, Caulfield South.

5. Time limits in Certain Leash Free Areas

A dog may only be exercised in accordance with Clause 3 between the hours of 6.00 am and 9.00 am at the following reserves, or at parts of the following reserves as signposted:

- a) Harleston Park (Elsternwick);
- b) Hopetoun Gardens (Elsternwick);
- c) Greenmeadows Gardens (St Kilda East).

REBECCA MCKENZIE
Chief Executive Officer

9.11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWER PURCHASING AGREEMENT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek a commitment from Council to participate in a tender process to purchase renewable energy via a Power Purchasing Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. agrees to enter into a tender process, on conditions that are acceptable to the CEO, to purchase renewable energy via a Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) with other Victorian councils in partnership with the MAV for 100% of Council's electricity use; and
2. delegates authority to the CEO to enter into a contract with a preferred supplier(s), after the tender selection process is finalised, subject to the tender meeting agreed parameters of the buying group.

BACKGROUND

Council, through its *Environmental Sustainability Strategy* 2016-2021, has committed to achieving a further 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2014-15 to 2020-21, and reaching net zero emissions by 2030.

To date, Council's main approach for achieving emissions reduction has been through energy efficiency, street lighting upgrades and rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) projects, which are otherwise known as 'behind the meter' projects. Thirteen percent of emissions reductions have been achieved since 2014-15 and a further fifteen percent of emissions reductions are expected to be achieved due to street lighting upgrades and other projects by 2021.

Whilst these projects have proven very effective in reducing Council's energy costs and emissions, achieving the target of net zero emissions requires a 'de-carbonisation' of Council's grid sourced electricity supply.

Current contracts

Council currently purchases its electricity supplies from Red Energy for large sites and street lighting via the state government bulk procurement contract. Council has the flexibility to move sites out of the State Government contract at any time. Electricity for small sites is purchased from Origin Energy via the Procurement Australia contract. This contract ends on 1 July 2020.

A previous report to Council on 27 February 2018 identified the financial impact of rising electricity costs. This cost increase has been due to rising wholesale energy prices and network charges.

While the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) has forecast a slight tapering of wholesale energy prices over the coming three-year period, the energy market is displaying unprecedented volatility. Prices are likely to spike again as coal fired power stations close. In that report it was flagged that officers were investigating long term options for purchasing renewable energy.

To hedge against energy market uncertainty and secure price assurance, there is a growing need for councils to take control of the energy supply component of their electricity costs. This control can be attained by purchasing electricity directly from renewable energy facilities, such as solar and wind farms, through long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPA).

An example of this procurement approach is the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP), a consortium project led by City of Melbourne, three other metro councils and ten non-council organisations. MREP is providing its project partners with cost competitive 100% renewable energy direct from the Crowlands Windfarm in western Victoria.

In November 2017 Victorian Councils, including Glen Eira, formed an Energy Procurement Working Group for the purpose of developing a renewable energy PPA for all Victorian councils. In October 2018 Glen Eira signed a letter of intent to participate in a process to develop a business case, informed by the market in terms of model options, indicative pricing, and an understanding of likely providers.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Local Government PPA Business Case

39 Councils have participated in the development of this business case. The working group engaged Energetics to prepare the business case, an organisation with specialised knowledge of the energy market and extensive experience in developing corporate PPAs.

The business case is based on modelling of known energy sector trends, policy announcements of the major political parties and information available through the Australian Energy Market Operator. The business case presents three scenarios, low, mid and high renewable uptake – these vary on the pace of change in shifting away from coal and towards renewables nationwide.

The low scenario is more likely with current federal coalition policies, the mid more likely under an ALP government, the high scenario would require a radical change in policy direction from both parties in the near future and is now considered highly unlikely given the re-election of a Coalition government on 18 May 2019.

There are numerous pricing models offered by retailers for PPAs. The working group agreed to focus on a fixed price option and an option which is partially fixed, and partially re-set every 2-3 years. These options would limit council's exposure to fluctuations in the wholesale electricity market. The agreement would be between 7-10 years.

Under all models the low and mid renewables scenario show a cost benefit for Councils. Under the high renewables scenario there is a chance that costs could increase at the latter end of the agreement by a small amount but the high renewables scenario is very unlikely.

Tender process

The working group is now proposing to move to a tender process based on the clear environmental, community benefits and the sound financials of the business case.

The energy retailers have responded very positively to the potential of a large, stable buying group of councils and we expect to see a range of competitive proposals put forward in the tender process. The proportion of electricity use currently nominated by participating councils to be included in the PPA represents 25% of the total local government sector load.

MAV have agreed to manage the tender process and ongoing contracts on behalf of participating councils. Landell were engaged to provide procurement and probity advice and have developed recommendations around the governance structure. The working group have a proposed set of parameters for the contract.

Officers are currently reviewing the terms and conditions of the letter of appointment with the MAV.

Council's electricity use

When signing the original letter of intent, Officers nominated GESAC and Town Hall as sites to include in the process. This is approximately 40% of total electricity use of Council. There is potential to change this given the positive outcomes of the business case. Some councils have committed 100 percent of their electricity use.

There are a number of considerations in evaluating what load Council should commit to this tender, including:

Street lighting – the business case shows a marked change in average daily price trends as day time use costs come down and evening prices rise due to a transition towards solar. This would have cost impacts for street lighting (21% of our total use). The PPA is likely to provide better cost outcomes for street lighting costs over the long term.

Contract Administration – changing and managing contracts is time consuming for officers. For ease of management, consolidating contracts under one agreement would benefit internal administrative processes.

Small market sites – some councils have included small market sites in the process of developing the business case, however there is a chance that some retailers will not offer a PPA on small market sites. The working group is proposing to allow retailers to offer a consolidated offer overall for all contracts or to separate out the different contracts and offer separate arrangements. It is possible small market sites will not be an option to include in the final agreement.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The current cost of electricity and street lighting on all Council sites is approximately \$2 million per annum. Officers estimate that approximately \$1 million of this relates to the variable component of electricity accounts which are being considered to include in the Local Government PPA. Fixed costs on Council's accounts are outside the scope of this agreement. The variable component for GESAC and the Town Hall is approximately \$270,000 per annum. In 2017-18 Council also spent \$130,000 on purchasing Green Power to help meet emissions targets.

The following below (modelled only on GESAC and the Town Hall), shows the likely cost outcomes over 10 years under a low, mid and high scenario. The scenarios vary according to the level of long-term investment in renewable energy and a shift away from coal.

The scenarios of low, mid and high are based on the same price forecasts for each of the models.

Model definitions:

- 'Business as usual' – represents Council continuing our current retail arrangements, with long-term forecasts for changes in wholesale electricity prices.
- 'Fixed firm PPA' – a fixed price for a period of seven to ten years. The business case recommends a reset after seven years in the case of a fixed firm PPA.
- 'Partially fixed firm' – a portion of the price is fixed over ten years; a portion is reset every two to three years.

Net Present Cost for the lifetime of the project

(10 years for GESAC and Town Hall)

Model/ Scenario	Business as usual	Fixed firm PPA	Partially fixed firm PPA
Low –renew	\$ 2,332,634	\$1,921,180	\$1,795,428
Mid –renew	\$2,106,388	\$1,906,987	\$1,749,870
High –renew	\$1,742,268	\$1,879,304	\$1,676,544

The cost outcomes (of moving to a PPA when compared to staying with the current retail arrangements), range between \$137,036 in additional costs to savings of \$537,206, over the ten-year period under the various scenarios. Based on this modelling for 100% of Council's electricity use the cost outcomes range between approximately \$400,000 in additional costs to approximately \$1,000,000 in savings over a ten year period.

The low and mid-renewable scenarios are considered more likely and deliver savings under both a fixed and partially fixed firm PPA. MAV will only award a contract with a supplier(s) if the preferred tender meets the pricing parameter where the Net Present Cost impact over the life of the contract is no more than Business as Usual under the mid-renewable scenario as specified in the LG PPA Business Case Report.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Electricity prices are strongly influenced by federal and state government policy. Uncertainty in policy has contributed to the volatility of the wholesale electricity price. The low, mid and high renewable scenarios modelled in the business case reflect the uncertainty over long term energy and climate change policies.

In the *Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021* Council committed "to accelerate efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions." A further 25 percent reduction was set over the five years of the strategy; this is on track to be delivered. A long term aspirational goal of net zero emissions by 2030 was set in the strategy; this could be delivered much sooner by entering into a PPA for renewable energy.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

As this project involves more than half the state's Councils and is a significant PPA, officers expect there to be a high public profile for the project. The working group has developed a communications sub-group; to date the focus has been on internal communications. A detailed communications and engagement strategy will be developed as the project progresses.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Four: Clean and Sustainable

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

The Local Government Power Purchase Agreement represents a great opportunity for Council to be involved in a significant state-wide project with other councils, whilst meeting sustainability targets earlier than planned. The business case shows that the arrangement is estimated to be cost favourable to Council; it would also provide greater budget certainty and mitigate the risk of market volatility.

9.12 MAV COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND 2019

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To authorise the attendance of Cr Anne-Marie Cade at the 2019 MAV Councillor Development Weekend.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorises the attendance of Cr Cade at the 2019 Municipal Association Victoria Councillor Development Weekend from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July 2019 (inclusive).

BACKGROUND

The MAV Councillor Development Weekend is now in its 20th year. It is an annual event where Victorian Mayors and Councillors attend training and development workshops and explore prominent local government issues and future challenges facing the sector.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The Development Weekend workshop will include coverage of items such as:

- Teamwork;
- Team Councillors – Councillors have diverse backgrounds, interests and knowledge. This session reflects on how your council is functioning and tracking towards the legacy it wants to leave. It will provide practical tools on how to support your team to move forward;
- Financial Sustainability – Where is the sector after three years' of rate capping?
- Changing Community Behaviour on Waste – Latest behavioural research findings on waste and working with communities;
- Harnessing and driving innovation within its organisation and recent initiatives that could benefit Local Government – Australia Post.

These items are in addition to guest speakers and Mayors on their life, leadership and professional development.

Council's Civic Support and Expenses Policy (on Council's website) states:

- 3.1 *Councillors are encouraged to attend conferences and seminars relevant to their work as Councillors in order to enhance their personal skills and knowledge to better perform their role.*
- 3.4 *Attendance by the Mayor or Councillors at a conference, seminar, function or training event where the total cost exceeds, or is likely to exceed, \$750 requires the approval by Council resolution.*

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of the Councillor conference is \$1,595.00 per councillor.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The request for attendance at this event is in accordance with the Council's Civic Support and Expenses Policy. There are no legislative implications associated with this report.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

There was no communication and engagement associated with this report.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Five: 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

Councillors to authorise the Cr Anne-Marie Cade to attend the 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria Councillor Development Weekend from 26 to 28 July 2019.

9.13 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2019

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Attachments: 1. May 2019 Financial Mgt Report [↓](#)

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To report Council's finances in the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2019.

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 2018-19 Capital Works Program, cash flow reports and investment reports.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**(a) Forecast**

Council's forecast operating surplus is projected to be \$26.32m, which is \$7.66m ahead of the adopted Annual Budget.

(b) Financial Position

Council's financial position is sound. The Balance Sheet indicates a satisfactory financial position with forecast total current assets of \$101.11m and total current liabilities of \$63.82m.

Cash and investment holdings at 31 May are \$91.07m. This is higher than originally budgeted due to the opening cash position being better than expected and results in a forecast liquidity ratio of 1.58 as at 30 June 2019.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK 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.
- Renew and upgrade our ageing assets and community facilities.
- Maintain essential services at not less than current levels.
- Set fee increases that are manageable and sustainable.
- Invest in continuous improvement, technology and other enablers to efficiency and embrace customer outcomes.
- Keep day-to-day costs manageable 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 Five: 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 1:

Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2019

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Executive Summary***for the period ending 31 May 2019*****a) Current Month Budget Result**

At the end of May 2019, the performance against budget from ordinary activities showed a positive variance of \$5.59m due to higher than anticipated income of \$5.88m and unfavourable variance in operating expenditure of \$289k (refer to page 8 for details of the variances).

Current Month Forecast Result

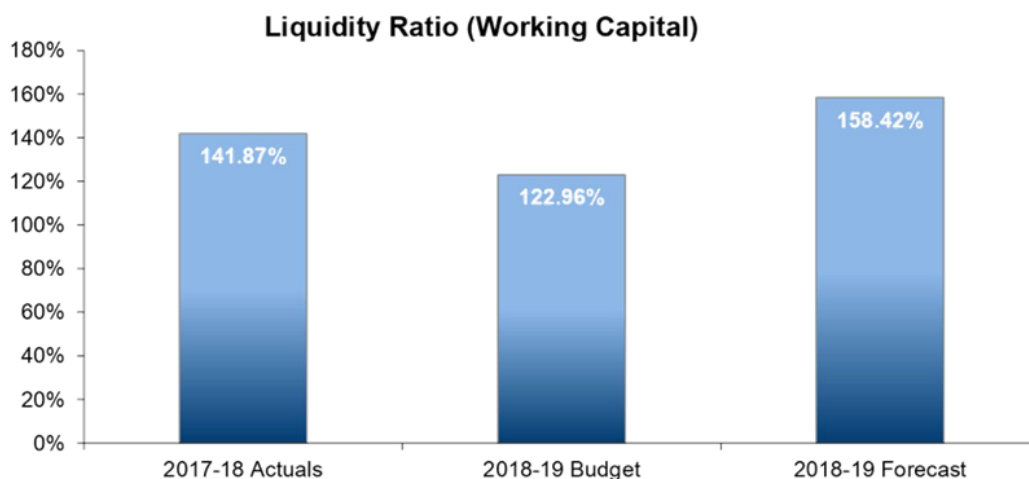
The forecast result expected for the financial year is a surplus of \$26.32m compared with the original adopted *2018-19 Annual Budget* of \$18.66m.

The current monthly forecast movement from ordinary activities shows an increase in operating revenue of \$2.73m and an increase in operating expenditure of \$194k.

b) 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 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*.



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c) Open Space**Contributions**

All multi-unit developers 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 May 2019 is as follows:

Description	2018-19 Current Month Actual	2018-19 Year to Date
Open Space Contributions Received	\$343,140	\$7,580,001
Open Space Capital Expenditure	(\$17,346)	(\$64,972)
Net Movement	\$325,794	\$7,515,029
Opening Balance as at 1 July 2018		\$13,793,497
Closing Balance – Open Space Reserve*		\$21,308,526

**Please note: the table above excludes expenditure on improving existing public open space, which is expenditure allowable under Section 20(2) of the Subdivision Act.*

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Superannuation – Defined Benefits Scheme***Vested Benefits Index (VBI)***

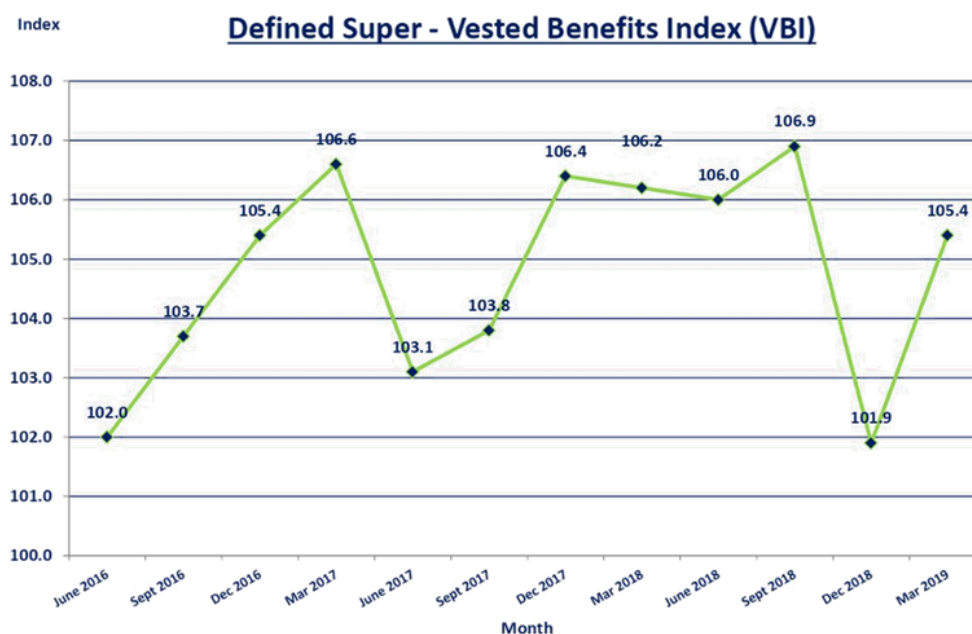
Defined benefit plans are required by law to have an actuarial investigation at least once every three years. Vision Super monitors the vested benefit position of the defined benefits plan on a quarterly basis.

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 updated to 31 March 2019.



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Forecast adjustments for May 2019***Income from ordinary activities increase of \$2.73m***

The income forecast movement is mainly due to:

- **Grants (Operating and Capital)** – increase of \$2.66m mainly due to:
 - Announcement of early payment of the 2019-20 Victoria Grants Commission allocation (50 per cent) during 2018-19. This is a timing variance and has increased the 2018-19 forecast by \$1.97m and decreased the 2019-20 budget by \$1.97m.
 - Early receipt of funding for the Community Benefit Works relating to the Murrumbena Main Drain Duplication Project \$450k.

- **Statutory Fees and Fines** – relates mainly to fees and fines levied in accordance with legislation and include animal registrations, health act registrations and parking fines.

This increase of \$585k is mainly due to higher than forecast parking infringements income across the municipality (\$582k) which is offset by an increase in the bad debts provision.

- **Contributions (Monetary)** – relates to open space contributions received during the year. These contributions are transferred to the Open Space Reserve pursuant to section 18 of the *Subdivision Act 1988*.

The decrease of \$507k is based on the timing of Council receiving open space contributions. These amounts are variable in nature and it is difficult to determine the exact timing of anticipated contributions

Expenditure from ordinary activities increase of \$194k

- **Employee Costs** – increase of \$201k.
This includes all labour related expenditure and on-costs such as allowances, leave entitlements, employer superannuation and Worksafe. The increase is mainly due to the timing of staff recruitment and leave provisions.
- **Contractors** – decrease of \$176k mainly due to the timing of general contractor costs.
- **Maintenance** – relate mainly to the servicing and maintaining of Council's assets. The decrease of \$134k is due to the timing of programmed building maintenance works.
- **Other Expenses** – the increase of \$423k relates mainly to the provision for parking infringement debtors which is offset by additional parking infringements income, (refer to statutory fees and fines above).

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Income Statement

for the period ending 31 May 2019

	2018-19 Year to Date Actual	2018-19 Year to Date Budget	2018-19 Year to Date Variance	2018-19 Year to Date Variance	2018-19 Last Month Forecast	2018-19 Current Month Forecast	2018-19 Current Month Forecast Movement \$ 000's	2018-19 Annual Budget	2018-19 Budget Forecast Variance	2018-19 Budget Forecast Variance
	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	(%)	\$ 000's	\$ 000's		\$ 000's	\$ 000's	(%)
Income										
Income from Ordinary Activities										
General Rates	92,273	92,145	128	0.1%	92,689	92,688	(2)	92,145	543	0.6%
Supplementary Rates	822	750	72	9.6%	873	872	(2)	800	72	9.0%
Waste and Recycling Charges	16,387	16,365	22	0.1%	16,393	16,389	(4)	16,367	22	0.1%
Grants (Operating and Capital)	23,589	21,415	2,174	10.2%	24,208	26,868	2,660	22,934	3,934	17.2%
Interest Received	1,880	1,375	505	36.7%	1,947	2,005	59	1,500	505	33.7%
User Fees	26,077	27,189	(1,112)	(4.1%)	28,476	28,383	(93)	29,514	(1,131)	(3.8%)
Statutory Fees and Fines	11,602	7,472	4,130	55.3%	11,661	12,246	585	8,116	4,130	50.9%
Contributions (Monetary)	7,580	8,250	(670)	(8.1%)	9,187	8,680	(507)	9,000	(320)	(3.6%)
Other Income	2,441	1,814	627	34.6%	2,588	2,620	31	1,942	678	34.9%
Total Income from Ordinary Activities	182,650	176,774	5,875	3.32%	188,022	190,750	2,728	182,318	8,433	4.6%
Expenses										
Expenses from Ordinary Activities										
Employee Costs	70,486	71,480	993	1.4%	77,457	77,659	(201)	78,231	572	0.7%
Materials and Consumables	4,631	5,228	597	11.4%	5,423	5,365	58	5,962	597	10.0%
Contractor Payments	31,056	30,480	(576)	(1.9%)	34,825	34,649	176	33,551	(1,098)	(3.3%)
Maintenance	5,574	6,593	1,018	15.4%	7,104	6,970	134	7,472	502	6.7%
Utility Services	4,142	4,649	507	10.9%	4,750	4,770	(20)	5,168	399	7.7%
Insurances	982	885	(97)	(10.9%)	1,195	1,203	(8)	1,053	(151)	(14.3%)
Other Expenses	8,087	5,244	(2,843)	(54.2%)	7,801	8,225	(423)	5,706	(2,518)	(44.1%)
Grants and Subsidies	1,131	1,246	115	9.2%	1,302	1,214	88	1,312	99	7.5%
Borrowing Costs	513	508	(5)	(1.0%)	562	559	3	554	(5)	(0.9%)
Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities	126,602	126,313	(289)	(0.2%)	140,420	140,614	(194)	139,010	(1,604)	(1.2%)
Surplus before non operational activities	56,048	50,461	5,586	11.1%	47,603	50,137	2,534	43,308	6,829	15.8%
Non-operational Activities										
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	288	424	(137)	(32.2%)	402	364	(38)	501	(137)	(27.3%)
Written Down Value of Assets Sold/Disposed	1,027	854	(173)	(20.3%)	1,655	1,806	(150)	1,596	(210)	(13.2%)
Depreciation and Amortisation	20,436	21,594	1,158	5.4%	22,390	22,376	14	23,557	1,181	5.0%
Surplus for the period	34,872	28,438	6,433	22.6%	23,959	26,318	2,359	18,656	7,663	41.1%

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.

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Balance Sheet*for the period ending 31 May 2019*

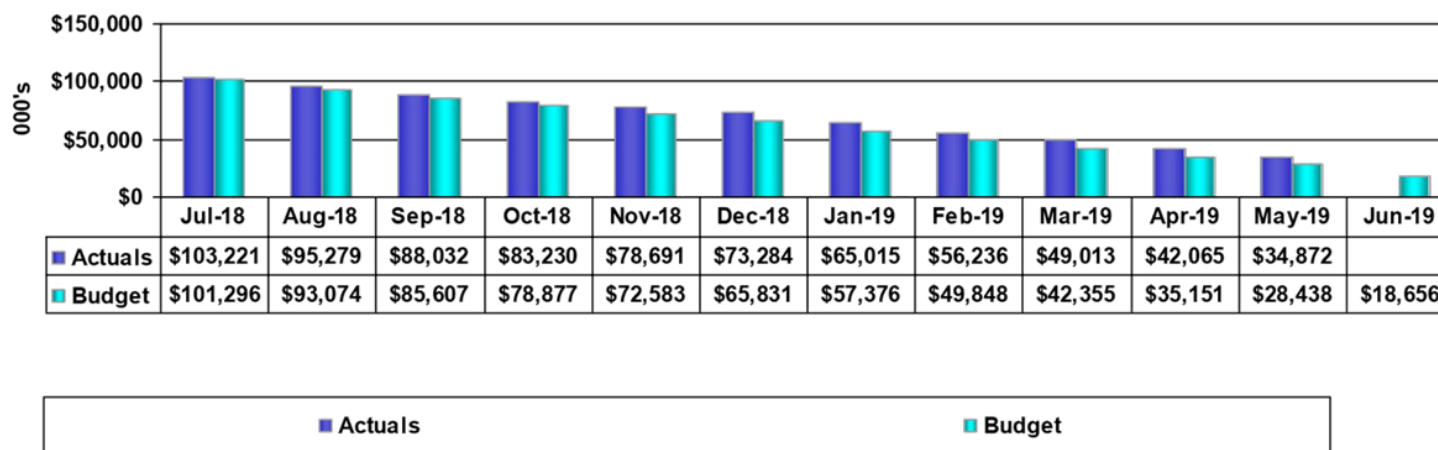
	Actuals 2017-18	Annual Budget 2018-19	Annual Forecast 2018-19	Year to Date Actual 2018- 19	Previous Month's Actuals
	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's	\$ 000's
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	74,207	61,398	85,252	91,074	85,948
Trade and Other Receivables	13,815	12,739	14,232	22,221	37,667
Other Assets	1,625	1,497	1,625	37	0
Total Current Assets	89,647	75,634	101,109	113,333	123,615
Non-Current Assets					
Property, Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	2,541,984	2,222,727	2,564,011	2,195,653	2,191,368
Intangible Assets	563	764	447	1,189	621
Investments in Joint Operations	1,457	1,592	1,457	1,457	1,457
Other Financial Assets	5	5	5	5	5
Total Non-Current Assets	2,544,009	2,225,088	2,565,920	2,198,304	2,193,452
TOTAL ASSETS	2,633,656	2,300,722	2,667,029	2,311,637	2,317,066
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Trade and Other Payables	13,926	14,717	14,432	9,924	7,565
Trust Funds and Deposits	32,353	29,874	32,353	39,582	39,747
Provisions	13,468	13,350	13,468	13,594	13,579
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	3,444	3,571	3,571	3,546	3,568
Total Current Liabilities	63,191	61,512	63,824	66,646	64,458
Non-Current Liabilities					
Provisions	1,360	1,431	1,360	1,286	1,286
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	14,858	11,277	11,277	11,590	11,890
Other Liabilities - Joint Operations	2,820	2,420	2,820	2,820	2,820
Total Non-Current Liabilities	19,038	15,128	15,457	15,696	15,996
Total Liabilities	82,229	76,640	79,281	82,342	80,454
Net Assets	2,551,427	2,224,082	2,587,748	2,229,295	2,236,612
Equity					
Accumulated Surplus	941,638	969,644	981,749	968,995	976,513
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,595,996	1,254,438	1,595,996	1,238,992	1,239,116
Public Open Space Reserve	13,793	-	10,003	21,309	20,983
Total Equity	2,551,427	2,224,082	2,587,748	2,229,295	2,236,612

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Performance Graphs

Financial Performance
for the period ending 31 May 2019



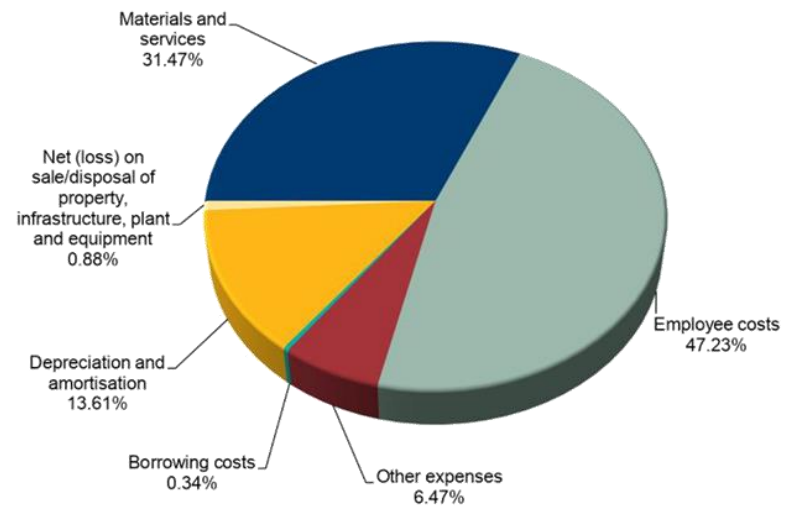
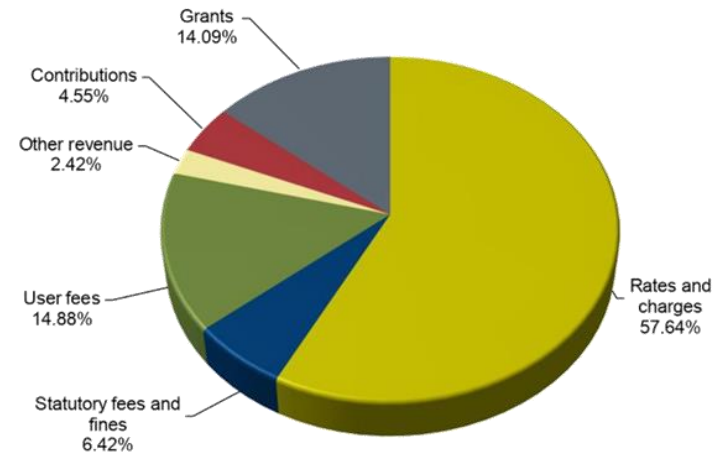
The May 2019 year to date financial performance was \$6.43m better than the year to date budget mainly due to:

- Better than anticipated income received for Statutory Fees and Fines of \$4.13m, Grants of \$2.17m, Other Income of \$627k, Interest Received of \$505k, offset by lower than expected user fees \$1.11m (mainly relating to Early Learning Centres which are mostly offset by additional grant income received).
- Favourable variances in expenditure items including: Maintenance of \$1.02m, Employee Costs of \$993k, Materials and Consumables of \$597k and Utility Services of \$507k. Offset by increased Other Expenses of \$2.84m, Contractors \$576k and Insurance costs of \$97k.

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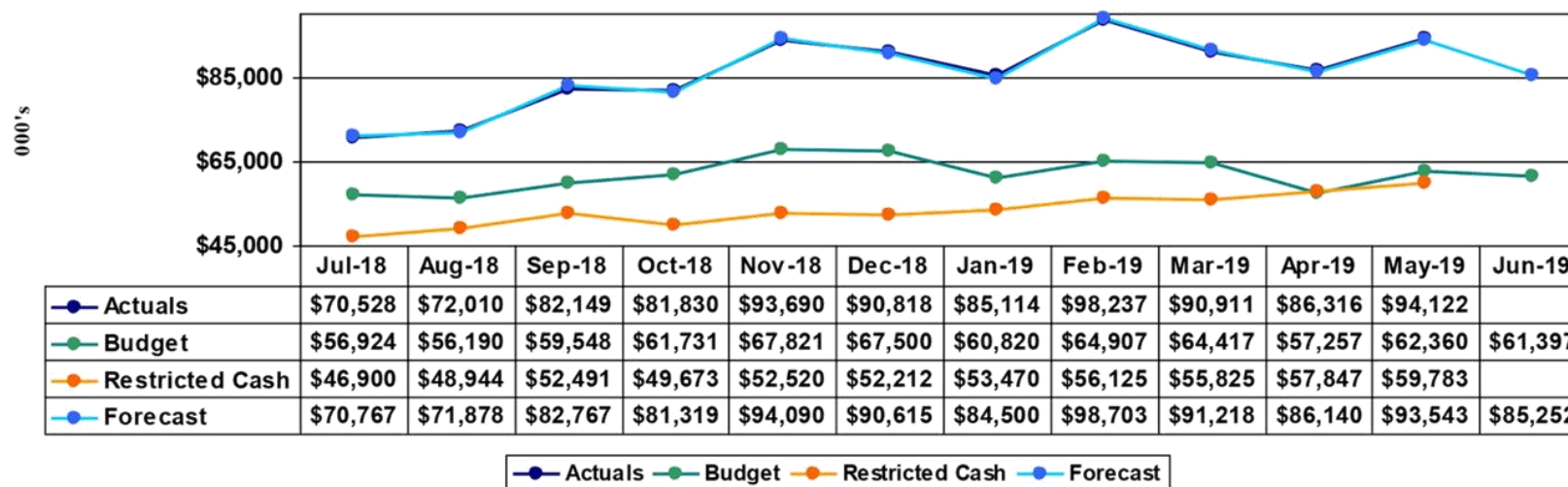
**Financial Performance
for the period ending 31 May 2019**

2018-19 Forecast categories of expenditure**2018-19 Forecast sources of income**

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Cash and Investments
for the period ending 31 May 2019



- Council's year to date cash balance of \$94.12m is higher than budget for the current month. Council's forecast position to June 2019 of \$85.25m 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 May 2019 include: residential aged care deposits of \$31.23m, trust funds and deposits of \$5.07m (including asset protection permits), open space reserve of \$21.31m and fire services property levy of \$2.17m

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Rates Income and Debtors
for the period ending 31 May 2019

Rate and Charges Income – is an important source of revenue, accounting for approximately 60 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 2018-19 was set at forecast CPI of 2.25% (2.0% for 2017-18).

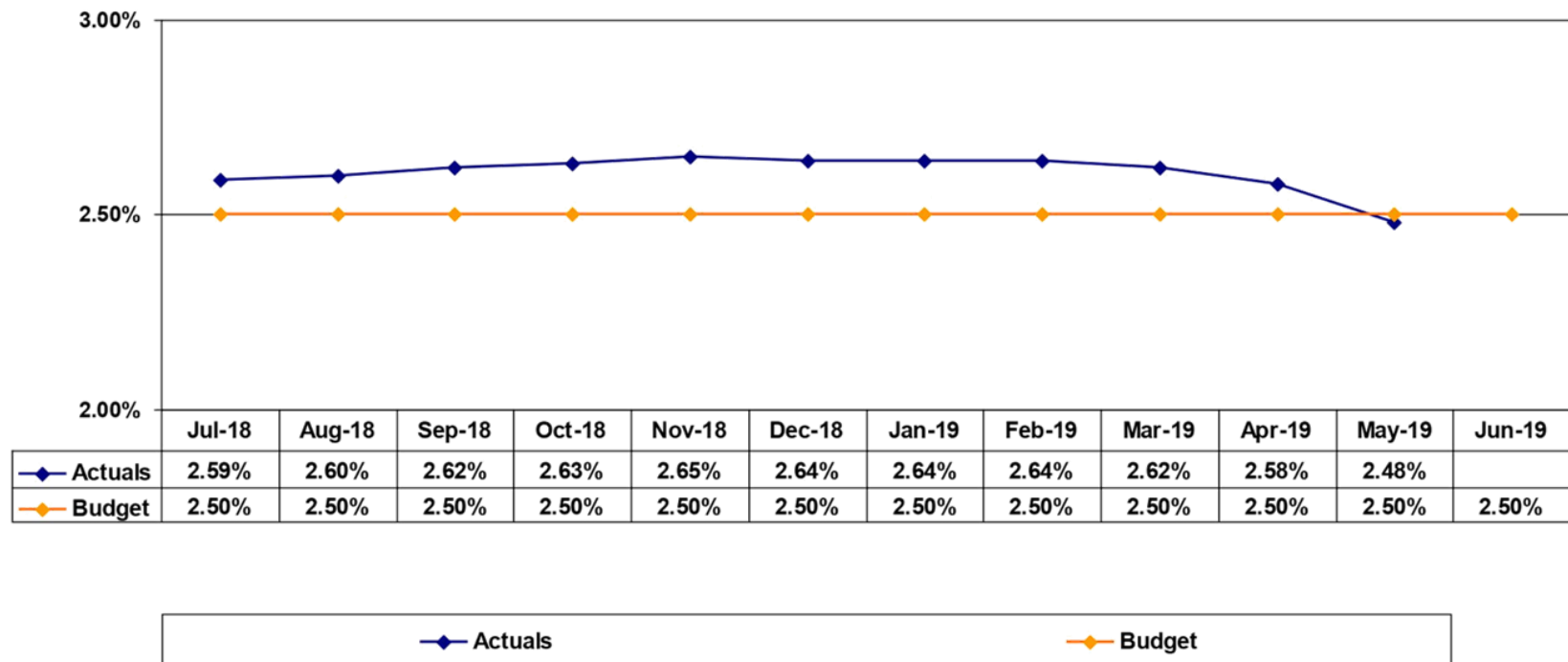
Rate Payments - Rates are paid in four instalments during the year: February, May, September and November. Council's cash flow is impacted by the timing of rate payments. The following table reflects the rate debtors balance as at 31 May 2019.

Rate Debtors	2018-2019 Year to date
	\$'000
Arrears Brought Forward	6,493
2018-19 Rates & Garbage Generated	108,168
2018-19 Fire Services Property Levy	12,688
Total Rates & Charges	127,349
Payments/Adjustments:	
Glen Eira Pension Rebate	(296)
State Government Rebate	(1,668)
Fire Services Property Levy Rebate	(364)
Receipts	(111,573)
Interest	421
Supplementary Valuations	995
Adjustments	399
Total Payments/Adjustments	(112,085)
Rates & Charges Balance at Month End	15,263

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Investment Interest Rates
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Council achieved a return of 2.48% against the budget of 2.50%.

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Capital Works Expenditure Program

As at the end of May 2019, total capital works expenditure forecast for 2018-19 is expected to be \$45.83m, represented by:

- New capital works projects as per the 2018-19 Annual Budget \$37.62m
- Capital works funding \$1.38m
- Carry forward expenditure from the 2017-18 financial year \$8.66m
- Forecast decrease year to date \$1.84m.

Forecast net savings for the month of May 2019 of \$816k. These include:

a) Forecast Reductions - \$1.107m

- *Car Park Renewal Works* – savings of \$190k; construction put on hold due to State Government funding received to upgrade Victory Park Pavilion; works to proceed in 2019-20.
- *Carnegie Library* – savings of \$30k for soundproofing works due to change of scope.
- *Eat Street* – savings of \$160k due to community consultation occurring later than anticipated; detailed design to commence in 2019-20.
- *Footpaths (new)* – savings of \$20k due to works completed under budget.
- *Heather Street Car Park* – reduction of \$15k due to savings in design costs.
- *Integrated Stormwater Management Feasibility Study* – savings of \$27k on design and investigation costs at Caulfield Park.
- *Neerim Road Streetscape* – savings of \$269k due to re-scoping of works after discussion with traders and new staging of works.
- *Murrumbeena Pavilion Upgrade* – \$46k reduction in forecast due to concept design timeline being extended, and value management process needing to be undertaken to bring project back on budget.
- *Pedestrian Safety Works* – reduction of \$5k due to savings made on works at Kooyong Road.
- *Public Toilet Renewal Program* – saving of \$39k due to costs coming under budget for the toilet at Heather Street Car Park.
- *Public Toilet Works* – savings of \$148k at McKinnon and Harleston as a result of tender/construction costs being under budget.
- *Residential Street Safety* – savings of \$50k due to construction costs coming under budget at intersections with Murrumbeena Road.
- *Right of Ways Program* – savings of \$78k due to withdrawal of nominated civil contractor for unmade ROW construction at George Street to Orrong Road.
- *Road Reconstruction* – savings of \$30k at Wallace Avenue due to construction costs being under budget.

b) Additional Funding - \$291k

- *Duncan Mackinnon Reserve* – additional funding for landscaping works of \$42k approved at Council meeting on 21.5.19 (Agenda item 12.3).
- *Integrated Transport Strategy (Corridor Pilot)* – funding of \$120k for additional design options, data collection and analysis.
- *Solar Compaction Smart Bins* – additional funding of \$99k to purchase bins for high volume areas in some activity centres.
- *Splitter Islands* – additional funding of \$30k at Leopold and Fredrick Streets to complete works put on hold subject to VicRoads Approvals, which has now been received.

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c) **Transfer of funding between programs**

- Transfer of \$176k from ROW renewals at Lucy/Elster Avenue. Project on hold due to Council request to review the bluestone ROW renewal policy. Savings transferred to local road resurfacing.
- Savings of \$68k from the Flooring and ILUs renewal programs being reallocated to the Buildings DDA compliance program.
- Savings of \$15k from the Painting Renewal Program being reallocated to bathroom renewal works at Glenhuntly Pavilion.
- Savings of \$45k from the McKinnon Female Friendly Pavilion Upgrade; and \$45k from Lord Reserve Standard Pavilion design works. Reallocated to Victory Park pavilion to undertake roof replacement works.

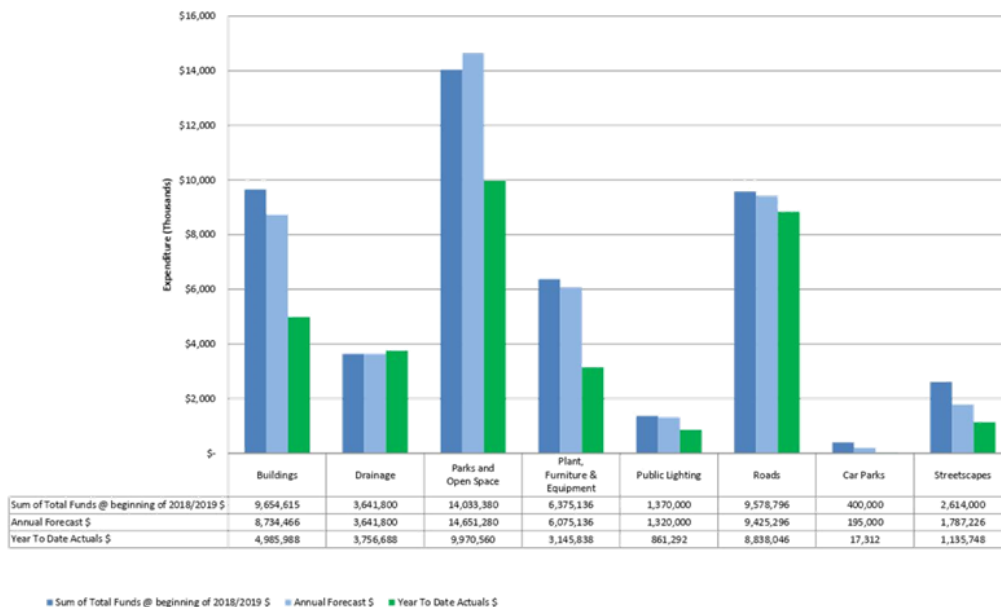
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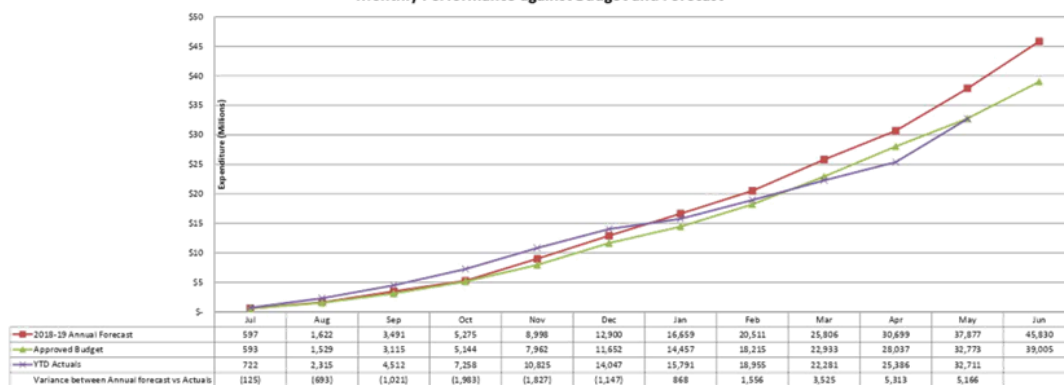
(b) Capital Works Performance Graphs

The below graphs reflect the 2018-19 budget allocations for the main asset category and performance against budget and forecast.

Main Asset Category



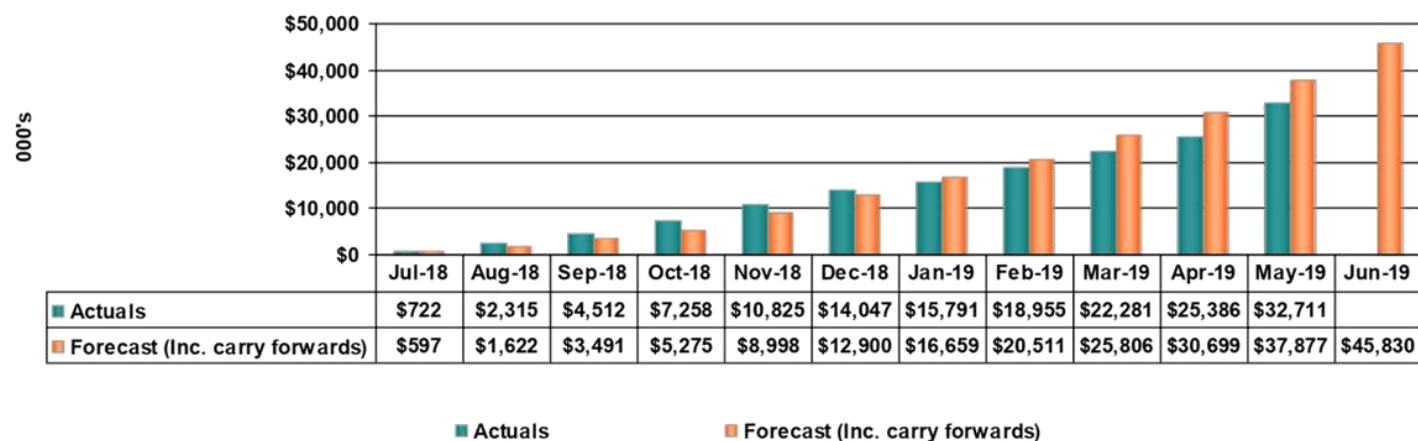
Monthly Performance against Budget and Forecast



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Capital Works Program Expenditure
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Council's capital expenditure is below forecast by \$5.17m mainly due to underspends in: Fleet and Plant \$1.34m, Open Space Strategy Implementation at EE Gunn Reserve (Foch St) \$655k, Continuous Improvement Projects (Website Development \$261k, On-Line Forms \$209k, Customer Request Platform \$100k), Road Rehabilitation \$593k, Duncan McKinnon Landscaping Works \$506k, Sustainability Initiatives at GESAC (Evac Tubes and Solar Panels) \$368k, King George Pavilion \$366k, Major Playground Redevelopment (McKinnon Reserve) \$398k and Sportsground Lighting Bailey Reserve (World Games Facilities funding) \$339k.

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**Capital Works Program Expenditure
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Description	2018-19 Carry Forwards from 2017-18	2018-19 Adopted Annual Capital Budget	2018-19 Capital Grant Funding	2018-19 Budget Plus 2016-17 Carry Forward	2018-19 YTD Work In Progress	2018-19 YTD Forecast	2018-19 YTD Variance	2018-19 Annual Forecast Projected end of June 2019 expenditure	2018-19 Forecast Adjustments
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
CAPITAL WORKS: STRATEGIC PROJECTS									
Continuous Improvement & Innovation	939,075	300,000	-	1,239,075	642,829	1,239,075	596,246	1,239,075	-
Activity Centre Streetscape upgrades & Minor renewal works	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	270,743	175,000	(95,743)	510,226	(489,774)
Bentleigh Structure Plans	152,000	350,000	-	502,000	181,582	212,000	30,418	212,000	(290,000)
Carnegie Structure Plan	-	500,000	-	500,000	131,648	380,000	248,352	380,000	(120,000)
Elsternwick Structure Plan	-	220,000	-	220,000	196,390	185,000	(11,390)	200,000	(20,000)
Integrated Transport Strategy Implementation	-	300,000	-	300,000	344,121	270,000	(74,121)	420,000	120,000
Caulfield to Dandenong rail corridor open space upgrade	-	200,000	-	200,000	70,868	20,000	(50,868)	20,000	(180,000)
TOTAL STRATEGIC PROJECTS	1,091,075	2,870,000	-	3,961,075	1,838,181	2,481,075	642,894	2,981,301	(979,774)
CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS									
CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-COMMUNITY FACILITIES									
Buildings Upgrade	-	1,440,500	100,000	1,540,500	370,213	66,500	(303,713)	1,555,500	15,000
GEL -Upgrade 24 hour access	-	65,000	-	65,000	-	65,000	65,000	65,000	-
GESAC Defect rectification and outdoor gym area	-	272,000	-	272,000	106,534	192,000	85,466	192,000	(80,000)
New Public Toilets	345,000	431,250	-	776,250	662,115	786,250	124,135	786,250	10,000
Child Care Centre Upgrades	-	17,250	-	17,250	18,560	17,250	(1,310)	17,250	-
Building Security Upgrades	-	118,000	-	118,000	83,972	83,600	(372)	83,600	(34,400)
Pavilion Upgrades	-	45,000	-	45,000	10,104	14,000	3,896	14,000	(31,000)
MCHC Upgrades	-	17,250	-	17,250	15,090	17,250	2,160	17,250	-
F&E Senior Citizens Centres	-	60,000	-	60,000	20,625	60,000	39,375	60,000	-
Community Shed Moorleigh Village	-	50,000	-	50,000	59,016	25,000	(34,016)	50,000	-
Community Garden Moorleigh Village	-	65,000	-	65,000	64,631	65,000	369	65,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-COMMUNITY FACILITIES	345,000	2,581,250	100,000	3,026,250	1,410,860	1,391,850	(19,010)	2,905,850	(120,400)
CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-COMMUNITY SAFETY									
Transport Planning Program	24,000	650,000	-	674,000	515,143	423,500	(91,643)	488,500	(185,500)
New Footpath Program	-	250,000	-	250,000	224,054	230,000	5,946	230,000	(20,000)
Bicycle Strategy	305,000	25,000	-	330,000	238,241	330,000	91,759	330,000	-
Blackspot program upgrade	-	40,000	-	40,000	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-COMMUNITY SAFETY	329,000	965,000	-	1,294,000	977,438	1,023,500	46,062	1,088,500	(205,500)
CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-RECREATION AND OPENSOURCE									
ADASS outdoor Landscaping space Upgrade	-	112,500	-	112,500	101,049	112,500	11,451	112,500	-
Memorial structure for Holocaust survivors	-	100,000	-	100,000	-	50,000	50,000	100,000	-
Major Playground Redevelopment - Construction	901,000	439,500	-	1,340,500	1,704,319	2,219,775	515,456	2,385,500	1,045,000
Open Space Strategy Initiatives & Implementation	988,000	1,340,380	80,000	2,408,380	2,169,118	2,048,980	(120,138)	2,973,380	565,000
Park Furniture-New	-	150,000	-	150,000	162,617	137,500	(25,117)	150,000	-
Plant and Equipment Upgrade- Booran Reserve	-	65,100	-	65,100	13,678	-	(13,678)	65,100	-
Multi-purpose Sports Training facility- Moorleigh	206,000	-	100,000	306,000	474,886	456,600	(18,286)	456,600	150,600
Street Tree Planting Program- narrow nature strips	-	480,000	-	480,000	545,844	280,000	(265,844)	480,000	-
Replacing and Reinforcing Retaining wall and Bridge	213,000	-	-	213,000	232,937	213,000	(19,937)	213,000	-
Sportsground Lighting Renewal	-	230,000	150,000	380,000	57,603	300,000	242,397	380,000	-
Cricket Net Facilities Upgrade	117,000	51,750	-	168,750	185,860	168,750	(17,110)	168,750	-
Plinth Curbing	-	86,250	-	86,250	60,159	58,250	(1,909)	58,250	(28,000)
Sportsground Lighting Upgrade-Bailey Reserve Skate Park	62,000	-	-	62,000	38,467	42,000	3,533	42,000	(20,000)
Sportsground Lighting Upgrade-Bailey Reserve (subject to 2018-2019 The World Game Facilities funding)	-	175,000	175,000	350,000	35,863	375,000	339,137	425,000	75,000
Open Space Strategy Implementation - Master Plan Construction - Duncan Mackinnon	774,000	497,000	-	1,271,000	586,174	1,092,000	505,826	1,313,000	42,000
Maintenance storage- Booran Reserve	-	70,000	-	70,000	123,607	70,000	(53,607)	70,000	-
Cricket Wicket Upgrade - Turf and Sub Surface Drainage	-	361,000	-	361,000	344,331	320,000	(24,331)	320,000	(41,000)
Sportsground Lighting Upgrade-McKinnon Reserve	154,000	50,000	150,000	354,000	347,479	394,000	46,521	434,000	80,000
Warm Season Grass Bailey Reserve	437,000	-	-	437,000	396,335	385,000	(11,335)	385,000	(52,000)
Netball Court Development- Duncan Mackinnon Reserve	-	-	-	-	199,525	-	(199,525)	-	-
Open Space Strategy Implementation- Master Plan Construction- EE Gunn (Foch St)	-	1,155,400	-	1,155,400	224,883	880,400	655,517	1,155,400	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-RECREATION AND OPENSOURCE	3,852,000	5,363,880	655,000	9,870,880	8,004,734	9,603,755	1,599,021	11,687,480	1,816,600

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CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-SUSTAINABILITY									
Building Improvements	-	1,370,000	-	1,370,000	861,292	912,000	50,708	1,320,000	(50,000)
Kitchen/Joinery Renewal	-	270,000	-	270,000	87,755	270,000	182,245	270,000	-
Roof Renewal	-	69,000	-	69,000	55,557	69,000	13,443	69,000	-
Sustainability Initiatives	455,000	762,000	-	1,217,000	404,386	772,811	368,425	1,043,811	(173,189)
Switchboard Renewal	-	92,000	-	92,000	11,264	65,000	53,736	65,000	(27,000)
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: PORTFOLIOS-SUSTAINABILITY	455,000	2,563,000	-	3,018,000	1,420,254	2,088,811	668,557	2,767,811	(250,189)
TOTAL PORTFOLIO PROJECTS	4,981,000	11,473,130	755,000	17,209,130	11,813,286	14,107,916	2,294,630	18,449,641	1,240,511
CAPITAL WORKS: MAJOR PROJECTS									
Redevelopment of change and bathroom facilities - Koorngang Park Pavilion	358,000	-	-	358,000	207,965	232,472	24,507	232,472	(125,528)
Pavilion Construction - King George Pavilion	756,500	796,000	275,000	1,827,500	1,231,582	1,597,353	365,771	1,870,500	43,000
Carnegie Sports Precinct - Redevelopment- Koomang Park	-	192,000	-	192,000	3,368	-	(3,368)	-	(192,000)
Murrumbidgee Pavilion Upgrade	-	616,565	-	616,565	79,489	79,644	155	79,644	(536,921)
Carnegie Sports Precinct - Redevelopment - Pavilions - Lord Reserve	-	192,000	-	192,000	23,917	35,000	11,083	35,000	(157,000)
Carnegie Sports Precinct- Redevelopment - Master Plan landscape and sports grounds	-	345,000	-	345,000	22,410	-	(22,410)	27,000	(318,000)
Bailey Skate Park Redevelopment	698,000	-	-	698,000	529,258	535,000	5,742	535,000	(163,000)
Carnegie Sports Precinct Redevelopment -Swim Centre	-	345,000	-	345,000	90,765	156,300	65,535	156,300	(188,700)
Duncan Mackinnon Athletic Track Upgrade	-	-	-	-	150,491	-	(150,491)	-	-
TOTAL MAJOR PROJECTS	1,812,500	2,486,565	275,000	4,574,065	2,339,245	2,635,769	296,524	2,935,916	(1,638,149)
RENEWALS									
CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWALS-BUILDING WORKS									
Minor HVAC Renewal	-	178,000	-	178,000	246,496	71,000	(175,496)	178,000	-
Building Upgrades	74,000	360,000	-	434,000	196,115	403,000	206,885	551,619	117,619
Kitchen and Joinery Renewal	-	74,000	-	74,000	83,367	43,500	(39,867)	61,000	(13,000)
Roof Renewal	-	133,500	-	133,500	95,851	146,500	50,649	146,500	13,000
ILU Renewal	-	162,000	-	162,000	30,003	-	(30,003)	93,400	(68,600)
Ormond Kinder Upgrade	35,000	90,000	-	125,000	28,646	236,570	207,924	236,570	111,570
Painting Renewal Program	-	135,900	-	135,900	78,827	76,200	(2,627)	95,850	(40,050)
Plant Renewal- GESAC	-	61,000	-	61,000	-	61,000	61,000	61,000	-
Improving current system or adding in fans/chiller to the stadium- GESAC	108,000	-	-	108,000	63,632	88,000	24,368	88,000	(20,000)
Bathroom Renewal	35,000	211,400	-	246,400	128,320	157,860	29,540	178,860	(67,540)
Floor Covering Replacement Renewal	-	112,800	-	112,800	157,598	155,340	(2,258)	180,390	67,590
Signage Upgrade	-	125,000	-	125,000	17,020	100,000	82,980	106,000	(19,000)
Roof Safety	-	47,200	-	47,200	16,422	58,200	41,778	58,200	11,000
Public Toilet Upgrade	285,000	-	-	285,000	154,558	185,300	30,742	185,300	(99,700)
Lift Upgrade	-	-	-	-	(3,505)	-	3,505	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWALS-BUILDING WORKS	537,000	1,690,800	-	2,227,800	1,293,350	1,782,470	489,120	2,220,689	(7,111)
CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-AGED CARE									
Residential Services Minor Improvements	-	270,000	-	270,000	96,251	270,000	173,749	270,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-AGED CARE	-	270,000	-	270,000	96,251	270,000	173,749	270,000	-
CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWALS-FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES									
Family Youth and Children's Centre upgrades	-	22,000	-	22,000	18,578	22,000	3,422	22,000	-
Replacement of FDC Equipment	-	16,000	-	16,000	7,817	16,000	8,183	16,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWALS-FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES	-	38,000	-	38,000	26,395	38,000	11,605	38,000	-

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<u>CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES</u>									
Park Perimeter Fence Renewal	-	50,000	-	50,000	17,550	50,000	32,450	50,000	-
Minor Playground Upgrade and Renewal	-	350,000	-	350,000	161,434	250,000	88,566	405,000	55,000
Leisure Pool Equipment -GESAC& Carnegie Swim Centres	30,000	692,688	-	722,688	380,617	611,000	230,383	722,688	-
GESAC Pool Tile Rectification Works	-	450,000	-	450,000	288,740	225,000	(63,740)	450,000	-
Minor Park Improvements	-	680,000	-	680,000	379,702	581,000	201,298	625,000	(55,000)
Sportsground Lighting Renewal	-	230,000	-	230,000	103,768	230,000	126,232	230,000	-
Goal Posts Renewal	-	125,000	-	125,000	61,335	125,000	63,665	125,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	30,000	2,577,688	-	2,607,688	1,393,146	2,072,000	678,854	2,607,688	-
<u>CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-INFRASTRUCTURE</u>									
Footpath Program	-	2,020,000	-	2,020,000	2,981,996	1,851,663	(1,130,333)	2,020,000	-
Kerb and Channel Renewal Program	-	166,464	-	166,464	177,737	152,592	(25,145)	166,464	-
Road Reconstruction Program	-	3,549,000	-	3,549,000	2,068,514	2,662,000	593,486	3,601,000	52,000
Drainage Renewal and Upgrade Program	-	3,641,800	-	3,641,800	3,756,688	3,485,400	(271,288)	3,641,800	-
Local Road Resurfacing Program	-	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	1,516,001	1,676,000	159,999	1,676,000	176,000
Right of Way Renewal Program	-	343,332	-	343,332	229,996	159,332	(70,664)	167,332	(176,000)
Local Area Traffic Management renewal	-	500,000	-	500,000	649,038	360,000	(289,038)	500,000	-
Car Park Renewal Program	-	400,000	-	400,000	17,312	135,000	117,688	195,000	(205,000)
Roads to Recovery Program	-	250,592	285,408	536,000	475,567	536,000	60,433	536,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-INFRASTRUCTURE	-	12,371,188	285,408	12,656,596	11,872,849	11,017,987	(854,862)	12,503,596	(153,000)
<u>CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-OTHER</u>									
Furniture & Fittings	32,000	50,000	-	82,000	5,412	-	(5,412)	5,412	(76,588)
Information Technology	99,438	831,000	-	930,438	661,532	759,000	97,468	1,007,026	76,588
Fleet and Plant	80,000	2,141,605	-	2,221,605	582,670	1,921,605	1,338,935	1,921,605	(300,000)
Library and Learning Centres Books	-	823,904	65,426	889,330	789,154	790,586	1,432	889,330	-
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS: RENEWAL-OTHER	211,438	3,846,509	65,426	4,123,373	2,038,768	3,471,191	1,432,423	3,823,373	(300,000)
TOTAL RENEWAL PROJECTS	778,438	20,794,185	350,834	21,923,457	16,720,759	18,651,648	1,930,889	21,463,346	(460,111)
TOTAL CAPITAL WORKS EXPENDITURE	8,663,013	37,623,880	1,380,834	47,667,727	32,711,473	37,876,408	5,164,937	45,830,204	(1,837,523)

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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 2017-18 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 21 provides indicators for Glen Eira City Council.

(a) Financial sustainability risk indicators

Indicator	Definition	Formula
Net result (%)	This measures how much of each dollar collected as revenue translates to net result. A positive result indicates a surplus, and the larger the percentage, the stronger the result.	Net result / Total revenue
Adjusted underlying result	This measures an entity's ability to generate surplus in the ordinary course of business—excluding non-recurrent capital grants, non-monetary asset contributions, and other contributions to fund capital expenditure from net result. A surplus or increasing surplus suggests an improvement in the operating position.	Adjusted underlying surplus (or deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue
Liquidity (ratio)	This measures an entity's ability to pay existing liabilities in the next 12 months. A ratio greater than 1.0 means there are more cash and liquid assets than short-term liabilities.	Current assets / Current liabilities
Internal financing (%)	This measures an entity's ability to finance capital works using cash generated by its operating cash flows. The higher the percentage, the greater the ability for the entity to finance capital works from its own funds.	Net operating cash flow / Net capital expenditure
Indebtedness (%)	This assesses an entity's ability to pay the principal and interest on borrowings, as and when they fall due, from the funds it generates. The lower the ratio, the less revenue the entity is required to use to repay its total debt. Own-sourced revenue is used, rather than total revenue, because it does not include grants or contributions.	Non-current liabilities / Own-sourced revenue
Capital replacement (ratio)	This compares the rate of spending on infrastructure, property, plant and equipment, and intangibles with its depreciation and amortisation. This is a long-term indicator, as capital expenditure can differ in the short term if there are insufficient funds available from operations, and borrowing is not an option. A ratio less than 1.0 means the spending on capital works has not kept pace with consumption of assets.	Cash outflows for property, plant and equipment / Depreciation
Renewal gap (ratio)	This compares the rate of spending on existing assets through renewing, restoring, and replacing existing assets with depreciation. Ratios higher than 1.0 indicate that spending on existing assets is faster than the depreciation rate.	Renewal and upgrade expenditure / Depreciation

Source: VAGO.

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Financial Strategy (continued)**(b) Financial sustainability risk assessment criteria**

The financial sustainability risk of each local council is assessed using the criteria outlined below:

Risk	Net result	Adjusted underlying result	Liquidity	Internal financing	Indebtedness	Capital replacement	Renewal gap
High	Less than negative 10%	Less than 0%	Less than 0.75	Less than 75%	More than 60%	Less than 1.0	Less than 0.5
	Insufficient revenue is being generated to fund operations and asset renewal.	Insufficient surplus being generated to fund operations	Immediate sustainability issues with insufficient current assets to cover liabilities.	Limited cash generated from operations to fund new assets and asset renewal.	Potentially long-term concern over ability to repay debt levels from own-source revenue.	Spending on capital works has not kept pace with consumption of assets.	Spending on existing assets has not kept pace with consumption of these assets.
Medium	Negative 10%–0%	0%–5%	0.75–1.0	75–100%	40–60%	1.0–1.5	0.5–1.0
	A risk of long-term run down to cash reserves and inability to fund asset renewals.	Surplus being generated to fund operations	Need for caution with cash flow, as issues could arise with meeting obligations as they fall due.	May not be generating sufficient cash from operations to fund new assets.	Some concern over the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.	May indicate spending on asset renewal is insufficient.	May indicate insufficient spending on renewal of existing assets.
Low	More than 0%	More than 5%	More than 1.0	More than 100%	40% or less	More than 1.5	More than 1.0
	Generating surpluses consistently.	Generating strong surpluses to fund operations	No immediate issues with repaying short-term liabilities as they fall due.	Generating enough cash from operations to fund new assets.	No concern over the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.	Low risk of insufficient spending on asset renewal.	Low risk of insufficient spending on asset base.

Source: VAGO.

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Financial Strategy (continued)**Monthly Report Relative to Financial Strategy**

Financial Sustainability Risk Indicators	Objective	2017-2018 Actuals based on VAGO Parliamentary Report	2018-2019 Annual Budget as at 30 June 2019	2018-2019 Annual Forecast as at 30 June 2019	2018-2019 Risk based on Annual Forecast as at 30 June 2019	Comment
(1) Net Result	To generate surpluses consistently greater than 0%.	17.05%	10.23%	13.80%	Low	Council is generating positive surpluses.
(2) Underlying Result (%)	Ability to generate surplus in the ordinary course of business, excluding non-recurrent capital grants and non-monetary asset contributions to fund capital expenditure from net result. Low risk indicator to be more than 5%.	13.88%	9.52%	13.77%	Low	Council is generating positive surpluses to fund operations.
(3) Liquidity	To measure Council's ability to repay short-term liabilities as they fall due. Low risk - indicator is to be greater than 1.0.	1.42	1.23	1.58	Low	Council's forecast to 30 June 2019 indicates a Liquidity Ratio of greater than 1.0.
(4) Indebtedness	Lower than 40% relates to the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.	13.06%	10.06%	9.96%	Low	Council is operating at a ratio of lower than 40%, therefore has the ability to repay debt from own-source revenue.
(5) Internal Financing	Generating enough cash from operations to fund new assets. Low risk indicator is to be greater than 100%.	152.55%	112.45%	110.24%	Low	Council is generating enough cash from operations to fund new assets.
(6) Capital Replacement	To ascertain the level of risk of insufficient spending on asset renewal. Low risk indicator is to be more than 1.5.	1.49	1.87	2.05	Low	Council operates at a low level of risk with respect to capital replacement.
(7) Renewal Gap	To ensure there is sufficient spending on Council's asset base. Low risk indicator is to be greater than 1.0.	1.21	1.48	1.48	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.	\$1,580	\$1,640	\$1,650	In terms of Rates per assessment, Glen Eira is again the second lowest of the 21 Inner Melbourne Councils (2016/17: also second lowest) and is \$294 per assessment (\$19.3M) below the average outcome.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average Rates and Charges Pensioner Rate Rebate 		\$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.	\$1,992	\$2,456	\$2,467	In terms of operational expenditure (excluding depreciation), Glen Eira ranks as spending \$133 less per assessment (\$8.7M) than the average for the Inner Melbourne Councils grouping.	

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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	External Parties				Internal Audit	
		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) Infringement Management Audit (2018/19)
2. Terrorist Attack – Lone Wolf	H							Security Protocol Review (2014) Building Emergency Management Planning (2017/18) Implementation of Federal Government's Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism 2017 – use of the Crowded Places Security Audit, Self-Assessment Tool and guidelines.
3. Vulnerability to cyber attack	H							Cyber Security Review including mobile devices website management and penetration testing (2016/17) IT General Controls Audit (2018/19)
4. Contracts – contracting process by Council	H							Tendering (2013/14) Contract Management (2013/14) Financial Compliance transaction analysis (annual) Contract Management Review (2016/17) Major Project Management (2017/18) Immunisation Audit (2018/19)
5. Vulnerability to litigious action	H							Risk Management Framework (2015/16) Fraud & Corruption Control (2016/17) Claims Management Review (2016/17) Statutory Planning Legislative Compliance Audit (2018/19)
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 (annual – 2018/19) Payroll (2017/18) Open Space Contributions (2017/18) Community Grant Management Audit (2018/19)
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) Performance Audit (2018/19)

* 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.

9.14 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

To appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period from 5pm on Friday 19th July 2019 to 8am on Monday 29th July 2019 inclusive during the absence of the Chief Executive Officer. The temporary appointment is in accordance with section 94(4A) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints Mr Ron Torres, Director Planning and Place to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 5pm on Friday 19th July 2019 to 8am on Monday 29th July 2019 inclusive, in accordance with section 94 (4A) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

BACKGROUND

The Chief Executive Officer, Ms Rebecca McKenzie will be taking annual leave from 5pm on Friday 19th July 2019 to 8am on Monday 29th July 2019 inclusive. To ensure the continued smooth and efficient operation of Council's business, it will be necessary for Council to appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

In accordance with section 94(4A) of the *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)*, the Council may appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer during the absence of the Chief Executive Officer for a period of not greater than up to 12 months, without the requirement to consider applications invited through a public process.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE, RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Mr Ron Torres will receive a higher duties allowance for the term of the Acting appointment.

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This report is consistent with section 94(4A) of the *Local Government Act* to appoint a person to act as its Chief Executive Officer for a period of not more than 12 months.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

There was no communication and engagement associated with this report.

LINK TO COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Theme Five: 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

It is proposed that Mr Ron Torres, Director Planning and Place be appointed to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 5pm on Friday 19th July 2019 to 8am on Monday 29th July 2019 inclusive.

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 IN CAMERA ITEMS**RECOMMENDATION**

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 Lease - 840 Dandenong Road, Caulfield
Local Government Act 1989 - Section 89(2) (d)

12.2 Residential Aged Care
Local Government Act 1989 - Section 89(2) (d)

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING