

6.4 Financial Reports

6.5 Activity Reports

6.5.1 Community Engagement update

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Recommendation(s)

That Council notes the community engagement activities being undertaken this month.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

Monthly update on community engagement opportunities commencing or continuing.

Background

Community engagement is a process whereby Council uses a variety of methods to proactively seek out information and feedback from the community, including their values, concerns, ideas and aspirations. Where possible and when required by legislation, Council will include the community in the development and delivery of identified initiatives and projects. This practice establishes an ongoing partnership, ensuring that community members continue to shape Council's decision making and implementation process.

Council's *Community Engagement Policy* (Policy) sets out Council's accountability for community engagement practices. The Policy meets the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's commitment to undertaking best practice, high quality community engagement activities to receive input, feedback and ideas from the community on Council projects, services, plans, policies, strategies and other Council decisions.

Council uses the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation (see below) as the model for its community engagement activities depending on the nature of the project, legislative requirements affecting the project and level of influence the community can have on the project, the risk and level of complexity of the project and available resources.

| | INFORM | CONSULT | INVOLVE | COLLABORATE | EMPOWER |
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| PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL | To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions. | To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decision. | To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered. | To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution. | To place final decision-making in the hands of the public. |
| PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC | We will keep you informed. | We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. | We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. | We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible. | We will implement what you decide. |
| EXAMPLE TOOLS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets • Websites • Open houses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • Focus groups • Surveys • Public meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Deliberate polling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Advisory committees • Consensus building • Participatory • Decision-making | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen juries • Ballots • Delegated • Decisions |

Policy Implications

Community engagement is undertaken in line with Council's *Community Engagement Policy*.

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

Climate Emergency Consideration

N.A

Consultation/Communication

This month, the following Engagement Plans are being implemented:

| Project | Project description | Consultation commencement date | Responsible Business Unit |
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| Active Cardinia Strategy | Engagement on the development and draft of the Active Cardinia Strategy which will shape sport and active recreation in the Shire. Consultation with the broader community and key stakeholder groups will be undertaken via online survey (via Creating Cardinia - Have your say), pop up stands in the community, meetings, workshops, and submissions of photos. | 30 May 2022 (Closes 15 July 2022) | Active and Connected Communities |
| Eastone Reserve - Public Toilet | Engagement in response to petition and subsequent Council resolution. A user survey will be undertaken to explore use of the current reserve for consideration alongside the Public Toilet Strategy. Consultation with key stakeholders via online survey (Creating Cardinia - Have your say) and on-site signage with QR Code directing to Creating Cardinia. | Proposed 30 May 2022 | Building and Facilities |
| ROADS: Sealing the Hills: Special Charge Scheme | Engagement on roads proposed to be sealed under the Special Charge Scheme. Consultation to determine support or opposition to proposed road sealing. Roads this month to include: - EMERALD: Package #21 Legg Catchment: Boundary Rd East, Legg Rd, Steel Rd, Curtis Rd, Maisie Rd, Nolan Rd, Upton Rd, Railway Rd - GUY'S HILL: Package #20 St Georges Catchment: St Georges Rd, Halford St, Montuna Gr Local community drop-in information sessions are scheduled for 22 June & 29 June respectively. Online survey available via Creating Cardinia - Have your say. | Proposed 1/06/2022 | Community Infrastructure Development |
| ROADS: Upgrades & intersection works in Officer 2022: - Princes Highway Intersection: o Bayview - Tivendale o Station St - Pioneer Way extension to Brunt Road - Brunt Road/Pioneer Way/Edinburgh Drive intersection - Timbertop & Pink Hill intersection upgrade | Engagement on upgrade and intersection works. Consultation with key stakeholders by in person drop-in information session to highlight: - benefits of the intersection /road sealing works (safety/amenity) - traffic flow impacts or other disruptions to road use or parking during construction - permanent changes: to use or parking including potential tree removal - process steps and associated costs related to local road sealing under the Special Charge Scheme. Letter drop to residents and businesses directly affected by the upgrade and intersection works being undertaken. | Proposed 1/06/2022 | Community Infrastructure Development |
| Local Law 17 | Interim review of Local Law 17 - stage 1 engagement. Engagement with real estate agents via survey in relation to real estate signage use. Stage 2 to include broader consultation with the community prior to sunset of the Local Law in 2024. | Proposed early June | Regulatory Services |

Some projects will involve more than one stage of engagement. The relevant Engagement Plans for each project will document the stages and purpose of engagement.

Financial and Resource Implications

N.A

Conclusion

The table above outlines projects for engagement that can be promoted to the community this month to support its awareness and involvement and will assist Council in the delivery of the Council Plan action.

The relevant Business Unit can be contacted for additional information and for further details on specific engagement activities planned (including dates).