

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
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 advise 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:

Community engagement activity end September to mid November 2022			
Project	Project description	Proposed consultation date/s	Responsible Business Unit
ROADS: Better Local Roads - Sealing the Hills	Package #22 Hillside-Dorchester Catchment (Hillside Rd, Edmunds Rd, Haven Crt, Haylock Av, George St, Dorchester Rd, Salisbury Av, Laneway Access)	Drop-in session at 5-6:30 pm 28 September 2022 at Cockatoo Community Hall - 79 Pakenham Road, Cockatoo.	Community Infrastructure Delivery (IE)
ROADS: Mulcahy Road, Pakenham	This project relates to the proposed formal closure of the western end of Mulcahy Road between Thewlis Rd and Moritz Street to motor traffic. Mulcahy Road, Pakenham is located on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) land. It runs from Thewlis Road, east past Purton Road. Council must resolve to do so in accordance with clause 9 schedule 11 of the Local Government Act, 1989, (the Act).	Engagement during Oct-November. Letters to landowners/occupiers within general radius of up to 500m of the intersections of Mulcahy, Thewlis and Kenneth Roads advising of public notice period and opportunity to make written submissions. Creating Cardinia page to seek feedback on the proposal. Drop-in information session (at Civic Centre) on 26 October 5 -6pm.	Community Infrastructure Delivery (IE)
PLANNING: Planning Scheme Amendment - proposed subdivision	Amendment C268 applies to the land at 49 Garfield Road, Garfield. It is a combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit application under section 96A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. At its meeting on 21 February 2022 Council resolved to place this amendment on public exhibition, in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987.	The public exhibition period will commence on Thursday 13 October 2022 and close on Monday 14 November 2022. Engagement opportunities to include letters to potentially impacted residents in line with legislation to provide opportunity for written submissions.	Planning and Design (LC)
RESERVES: Bonette Reserve (Beaconsfield Structure Plan implementation)	The Beaconsfield Structure Plan sets out strategies to improve the area around the War memorial on the corner of Woods Street and Princes Highway. Community engagement is being undertaken to refine the concept plan for a landscape upgrade.	On site 'pop up' sessions: - Sunday 13/11/22 at 11:00AM-1:00PM - Wednesday 16/11/22 at 3:30PM-5:30PM Creating Cardinia page to replicate pop up engagement online.	Planning and Design (LC)

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).