

6.5.2 Community Engagement update

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Recommendation(s)

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

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

This report provides the 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

There are no climate emergency considerations as part of this report.

Consultation/Communication

This month, the following Engagement Plans are being implemented:

Community engagement activity 17 July – 21 August			
Project	Project description	Proposed consultation date/s and details	Responsible Business Unit
Phase 1 Lang Lang Public Art Project	Community consultation relating to Lang Lang public art project in Dick Jones Reserve	<p>Creating Cardinia Survey to consult on public art - go live date TBC</p> <p>Community Pop ups at Dick Jones Reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates TBC <p>Emails to key stakeholders QR code posters directing people to the survey on Creating Cardinia displayed in key locations. *More details will be confirmed on Creating Cardinia as the project continues.</p>	Arts, Advocacy and Economy
Phase 1 Puffing Billy Park Playground Design	Community consultation on the design and features of Puffing Billy Park Playground (design only).	<p>Creating Cardinia Survey to consult on features within the park – survey open between 31st July - 20th August</p> <p>Pop up at the park: Date TBC</p> <p>Emails to key stakeholders QR code posters directing people to the survey on Creating Cardinia displayed in key locations. *More details will be confirmed on Creating Cardinia as the project continues.</p>	Active and Connected Communities
Phase 1 WB Ronald Reserve Playground Design	Community consultation on the design and features of WB Ronald Reserve Playground Design (design only).	<p>Creating Cardinia Survey to consult on features within the park – survey open between 31st July - 20th August</p> <p>Pop up at the park: Date TBC</p> <p>Emails to key stakeholders QR code posters directing people to the survey on Creating Cardinia displayed in key locations. *More details will be confirmed on Creating Cardinia as the project continues.</p>	Active and Connected Communities

Phase 1 Jim Parkes Playground Renewal	Community consultation on the design and features of Jim Parkes Playground	<p>Creating Cardinia Survey on features within the park – survey open between 31st July - 20th August</p> <p>Pop up at the park: Date TBC</p> <p>Emails to key stakeholders QR code posters directing people to the survey on Creating Cardinia displayed in key locations. *More details will be confirmed on Creating Cardinia as the project continues.</p>	Active and Connected Communities
Phase 1 Village Green Playground Renewal	Community consultation on the design and features of Village Green Playground.	<p>Creating Cardinia Survey on features within the park – survey open between 31st July - 20th August</p> <p>Pop up at the park: Date TBC</p> <p>Emails to key stakeholders QR code posters directing people to the survey on Creating Cardinia displayed in key locations. *More details will be confirmed on Creating Cardinia as the project continues.</p>	Active and Connected Communities
Phase 1 Waterford Rise Playground Renewal	Community consultation on the design and features of Waterford Rise Playground.	<p>Creating Cardinia Survey on features within the park – survey open between 31st July - 20th August</p> <p>Pop up at the park: Date TBC</p> <p>Emails to key stakeholders QR code posters directing people to the survey on Creating Cardinia displayed in key locations. *More details will be confirmed on Creating Cardinia as the project continues.</p>	Active and Connected Communities