

ACTIVITY REPORTS

13 MAJOR PROJECT AND STRATEGIES ACTIVITY REPORT

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RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the reporting process to Council, this monthly report provides an update of the status of major projects and strategies in progress. It includes an update on major projects, capital works, special charge schemes, asset management and strategies current at the time of this report.

Capital works

Reserves

James Bathe Recreation Reserve civil works

Project description	Construction of two football/cricket ovals, netball courts and playspace.
Funding	The project is funded by Council and a contribution through Sport and Recreation Victoria.
Timelines	The works are expected to be complete by March 2019.
Update	Bulk earthworks and drainage to both ovals and the car park areas are complete. Stabilisation of the car park areas is complete and footings for the goal posts and behind goal nets are installed. Internal sewer works are underway and work is continuing on the electrical installation.

James Bathe Recreation Reserve pavilion

Project description	Construction of a new pavilion servicing netball, football, cricket activities and includes provision for community use.
Funding	Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund are jointly funding this project.
Timelines	Construction is expected to be complete December 2019.
Update	The construction tender has been awarded to Lloyd Group Pty Ltd. The contractors will begin on site in September 2018 with site establishment and set out to follow.

Deep Creek Reserve

Deep Creek Reserve is a 48-hectare Council 'greenfield' site, bounded by the Pakenham Golf Course to the North and the railway line to the south.

The development of this site will include new paths and car park, development of infrastructure (including a sustainable environment complex, including new golf club rooms, all abilities playground, indigenous plant nursery, wetland and education facilities, kick about area, car park and associated drainage) and Melbourne Water wetlands.

Deep Creek Reserve – civil works package

Project description	The civil works package includes the construction of a 200 plus car space car park and drainage, demonstration wetland, the kick a bout area, footpaths, solar lighting and associated works. A1 Civil Pty Ltd have been appointed to undertake the civil works.
Funding	This part of the Deep Creek Reserve project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Works are expected to be complete in the second half of the year.
Update	The contractor has now completed all drainage works, as well as kerb to approximately 60% of the car park. The contractor has vacated the site temporarily to allow important work to take place on the building, including steel work, which requires the use of cranes. They will return to continue the project in November once the building frame is complete.

Deep Creek Reserve – regional all abilities playspace

Project description	<p>The installation of play structures and equipment, shelters and barbeques including a community meeting space, landscaping and sensory gardens, sand and water play and associated works. Red Centre Nominees Pty Ltd have been appointed to undertake the playspace works.</p> <p>The play items will be withheld until the overall site works are complete (early 2019), to assist in preventing unauthorised access to the site.</p>
Funding	This part of the Deep Creek Reserve project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.
Timelines	The playspace is due to be complete early 2019 along with the other components of the site.
Update	Many of the play components are now complete. The contractor is now undertaking many of the surfacing and finishing works. There are only a couple of weeks of work remaining. Landscaping works are well progressed.

Deep Creek Reserve – Cardinia Community and Education Centre

Project description	The Cardinia Community and Education Centre is a multi-user shared facility, combining ecological values, education and sport. The building will combine the requirements of the Pakenham and District Golf Club and Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC). The building will incorporate separate and shared spaces for the golf club and CEC users, including a multi-function room, lounge/dining/bar area, café, pro shop,
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	environmental training areas, administration areas, and a commercial kitchen. Kirchner Constructions Pty Ltd have been appointed to undertake the building works.
Funding	This part of the Deep Creek Reserve project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Works expected to be complete in mid-2019.
Update	Building construction works undertaken to date include all in ground services, slab poured, along with the works on the timber walls and structural steel commenced.

Deep Creek Reserve – landscape package

Project description	<p>The landscape works will complement the civil and building works and includes planting, furniture installation, hydro seeding, and other associated works.</p> <p>The landscape component of the project was tendered separately to ensure high environmental outcomes are achieved, with a focus on the use of indigenous plants of local providence. Australian Ecosystems Pty Ltd have been appointed to undertake the landscape works.</p>
Funding	This part of the Deep Creek Reserve project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.
Timelines	Works will commence following completion of the civil works package, estimated spring 2018.
Update	The contractor is propagating plants in preparation for planting in the next two months. A coordination meeting has taken place between the civil and landscape contractors, as well as important stakeholders: Pakenham Golf Club and the Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC)

Deep Creek Reserve – construction of new holes at Pakenham Golf Course

Project description	The construction of two new holes, practise areas, irrigation and associated works at the Pakenham Golf Course. The proposed works involve drainage, earthworks, landscaping, footpath and buggy path construction, irrigation, shaping and other associated works. SJM Turf & Civil Pty Ltd have been appointed to undertake the golf course expansion works. Works are being undertaken in close contact with the golf club, to minimise any impact during construction and ensure quality greens are delivered.
Funding	This part of the Deep Creek Reserve project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Works are expected to be practically complete by mid-2018, followed by a turf establishment period.
Update	The Pakenham Golf Club continue to undertake the maintenance through the 12-month maintenance period. Couch grass sprigging will take place very soon when the conditions are favourable.

Emerald Netball Facility

Project description	<p>Construction of the new Emerald Netball Facility and associated infrastructure at Pepi's Land. The works will be undertaken in the following three stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1a - External works including road widening in Beaconsfield Emerald Road adjacent to the site. • Stage 1b - Internal works including carpark, retaining walls, site services, stormwater drainage, netball courts, lighting and building platform for future pavilion. • Stage 2 - Construction of new pavilion.
Funding	The project is funded by Council.
Timelines	<p>Construction of Stage 1b works are expected to be complete in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Tendering of Stage 1a works are to occur in the coming months.</p>
Update	<p>Works are progressing well and nearing completion for the internal civil works. The courts are complete including lights and coaches boxes. Line marking and fencing is complete. Outfall drainage and raingarden are also complete.</p> <p>VicRoads has approved the design of Stage 1a; however, Council officers are still pursuing service authority approvals. The construction contract is currently being prepared.</p> <p>Detailed design of the pavilion is continuing with input from stakeholders. The construction contract is due to be tendered later in the year, depending on feedback from stakeholders.</p>

Officer Recreation Reserve no. 2 (western) oval reconstruction

Project description	<p>Reconstruction of the western oval at the Officer Recreation Reserve, Starling Road Officer.</p> <p>The works include, but are not necessarily limited to reorientation, reshaping and resurfacing of the oval and the installation of subsurface drainage and irrigation. The existing floodlighting will also be upgraded.</p>
Funding	The project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Works scheduled to commence in the 2018–19 financial year.
Update	Detailed design of the oval has been completed & the works have gone out to tender. A tender consideration report will be presented to council at a later date.

Worrell Recreation Reserve pavilion

Project description	Redevelopment of the football and cricket pavilion, which will now include an appropriate area for gym.
Funding	The project is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	Construction is expected to be complete by end of June 2019.

Update	The consultation phase with the stakeholders has produced a concept design. Works towards a detailed design have commenced.
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Worrell Recreation Reserve Upgrade

Project description	Redevelopment of the football and cricket oval.
Funding	The project is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	Construction is expected to be completed early 2019, with a maintenance period to follow.
Update	Construction works associated with the Worrell Reserve resurfacing have been awarded and are now well underway.

Lang Lang Community and Recreation Precinct

Project description	The construction of a major recreation and community precinct being undertaken in partnership with the Lang Lang Community Bank. It will include sporting facilities, multipurpose community spaces, parks and other open spaces for recreational activities.
Funding	Lang Lang Community Bank purchased the 36-hectare parcel of land upon which the precinct will be constructed, and have committed \$3.2 million including land purchase to the project. \$1.5 million has been received from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund. Council and our partners have committed in excess of \$10 million to the project between 2015-16 and 2020-21.
Timelines	Stage 1 works are complete, with the ovals expected ready for the middle of the 2018-19 cricket season (weather dependent).
Update	The Stage 1 Civil works have reached practical completion and have been placed onto maintenance. There is now a grass establishment period for the ovals to enable them to be played on. With reference to the pavilion, Cohen Leigh have been appointed as the Architect. We are now in the Schematic Design phase with continued input from all stakeholders. Detailed Design is to follow shortly after with a focus on finishes and landscaping.

Koo Wee Rup Primary and Secondary School oval upgrades

Project description	Reconstruction of the Koo Wee Rup Primary School oval and the adjacent Koo Wee Rup Secondary School oval. The primary school oval upgrade includes new sub surface drainage, two new cricket nets and some portable barrier netting to protect school infrastructure. The secondary school oval upgrade includes new sub surface drainage,
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	irrigation, and flood lighting, installation of a bore, power upgrade, and construction of a new pavilion and extension of the synthetic hockey pitch to meet Australian standards.
Funding	The primary school upgrade is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria (\$100,000) and Council (\$50,000) The secondary college is funded by the Victorian Government's Department of Education (\$1.6 million) of which \$500,000 is allocated for the oval upgrade works.
Timelines	Works are scheduled to commence in the 2018-19 financial year.
Update	Designs have been finalised by the consultant & reviewed by the VSBA.

IYU Recreation Reserve carpark resurfacing

Project description	Construction and sealing of the entrance road, carpark and associated access roads. The works include pavement and drainage works.
Funding	The project is funded by Council.
Timelines	The works were originally expected to be complete in late July, due to inclement weather this date has been revised to early September.
Update	The contractor has successfully completed the required works. Linemarking of the sealed car park to be undertaken in September will finalise this project.

Emerald Community Hub

Project description	The Hills Hub project has been in development since late 2014. The Hills Hub will enhance existing community activities delivered by the Emerald Mechanics Institute, establishing a long-term base for Emerald U3A, Emerald Men's Shed, 3MDR Community Radio station and other existing stakeholders. It will also provide opportunity to respond to emerging local needs, including skill development, training and employment creation. An advisory group of community stakeholders across a wide range of community organisations was established. Council has undertaken extensive consultation and negotiations to design a multipurpose facility.
Funding	The project is funded by Council (\$4.88 million), the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (\$1.5 million), Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund (\$1.5 million) and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Group/Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group (\$250,000).
Timelines	Construction is due to be complete by May 2019.
Update	The contractor has prepared the services for the slab to be poured, which includes bored piers and rerouting of the main water supply, which has included works from local water authorities.

Cochrane Park Tennis Courts

Project description	The construction of two new tennis courts and the refurbishment of the existing tennis courts. The works include synthetic surfacing, improved lighting and shelters.
Funding	The project is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	Detailed design is complete.
Update	The tender for the construction of the new courts was awarded following the July 16 Council meeting. Construction works are to commence shortly.

Roads, paths, drains and bridges

Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail

Project description	<p>The Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail is a multipurpose trail linking Emerald to Gembrook. The Emerald to Cockatoo component through Emerald Lake Park and Wrights State Forest providing a link between the two towns was complete some time ago.</p> <p>Council has been successful in securing funds to construct the final 6.5km length from McBride Street, Cockatoo to Gembrook Station. The trail follows existing road reserves and the Puffing Billy train line between the towns to create a unique and scenic trail.</p>
Funding	Council (\$900,000), the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure (\$1 million election commitment) and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$545,000) jointly fund the project.
Timelines	The Cockatoo to Gembrook section expected to be complete early 2018.
Update	<p>The trail has now reached practical completion with the contractor commencing their 24-month maintenance period.</p> <p>Council have commenced design and documentation of wayfinding and emergency signage along the trail, liaising with the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association in the progress, however not defining the path as a Rail Trail. As official opening will be arranged once approval has been received and a date set by the federal and state funding bodies.</p>

Emerald Lake Park

Project description	<p>Replacement of outfall drainage pipe and reconstruction of Emerald Lake Park Road dam wall.</p> <p>The leak in the Emerald Lake Park outfall drain was discovered in March, with expert dam and hydraulic engineers attending the site on the same day. Road closure, response program and inspection regime was put in place immediately.</p>
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Funding	The works are fully funded by Council.
Timelines	Initial Emergency works have been undertaken. Final works including the road sealing and landscaping will be undertaken later in the year.
Update	The initial stage of works are complete with the exception of sealing of the road. Due to the nature of this part of Emerald, we are unable to achieve appropriate conditions for sealing. As we approach the warmer months, these sealing works will be programmed. Final landscape works are to occur later in 2018.

Thirteen Mile Road/Bunyip River Road Blackspot Project

Project description	This intersection has been identified as a high-risk intersection. The offsetting of the western leg of the Bunyip River Road to the north at this intersection will improve safety at this location.
Funding	The project is funded through VicRoads Blackspot Program.
Timelines	Works expected to be complete by December.
Update	Construction has commenced and will be on going for up to 12 weeks..

2018-19 Footpath maintenance program

Project description	The maintenance of Council's existing footpath network, as set out in Council's Road Management Plan (RMP).
Timelines	This is an ongoing program. Regular inspections are carried out on Council's footpath networks and defects outside the intervention levels as set out in the RMP are rectified. Customer notifications of footpath issues are covered as part of this program.
Funding	The \$189,000 program is fully funded by Council.
Update	Any defects outside the intervention levels that are highlighted as part of the regular inspections on Council's footpath network are currently being repaired.

2018-19 Unsealed footpath re-sheeting program

Project description	This program aims to replenish approximately 5 kilometres of unsealed gravel footpaths with new crushed rock material that has been lost due to varied weather conditions and general wear and tear, resulting in an improved and safer surface for users of these footpaths.
Funding	The \$92,000 program is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	It is anticipated that the program will be complete by mid-June 2018.
Update	The 2017-2018 program is complete, with just over 5 kilometres of gravel footpaths having been re-sheeted.

2018-19 Drainage program

Project description	The maintenance and upgrading of Council's drainage network.
Funding	The \$421,000 program is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	This program is complete.
Update	<p>Planning for the drainage program is complete with most projects allocated and proposed to be undertaken through the spring and summer seasons.</p> <p>Major culvert replacement works on Ingram Rd, Nar Nar Goon North and Bald Hill Road, Pakenham are due to be complete in spring as the weather improves. Orders have been placed on materials.</p>

2018-19 new footpath program

Project description	Council's footpath program looks to extend the footpath network in and around townships. The footpaths to be constructed in 2018-2019 are:		
	Footpath location	Construction-Dates(proposed)	Completed
	Tivendale Road , Officer	Sep/Oct	
	Station Street , Pakenham	Pedestrian Crossing-under design	
	Kennilworth Ave , Beaconsfield	Sep/Oct	
	Bald Hill Road , Pakenham	Sep/Oct	
	Anderson Road , Bunyip	Oct/Nov	September
	Main Street , Bunyip	Oct/Nov	September
	Gembrook Road + Redwood Road , Gembrook	Under construction	
	Pinnocks Road , Emerald	Rock path-Feb/Mar	
	Grange Crt , Koo Wee Rup	Rock path-Jan/Feb	
	O'Neil Road , Beaconsfield	Oct/Nov	
	Webster Way , Pakenham	Nov/Dec	September
	Princes Hwy : Brunt Rd to Panorama Ave , Beaconsfield	Oct/Nov	
Funding	The \$680,000 program is fully funded by Council through the footpath and		

	pedestrian and bicycle strategy programs.
Update	Detailed project scoping and planning is complete. The majority of the concrete paths will be complete by the end of December, with the gravel paths to be complete during the summer period.

2018–19 Road renewal and resurfacing program

Project description	The significant proactive maintenance and upgrade of Councils road network as per Council's asset management system.
Funding	The \$3.8 million program is jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government's Roads To Recovery Program.
Timelines	It is anticipated that the program will be complete by the end of May.
Update	<p>The reseal tender recently closed and a separate report considering appointment of a contractor will be presented at the October Council Meeting. Preparation for the reseal program has commenced with major patching and kerb replacement where required.</p> <p>The rehabilitation program has been awarded to QR Constructions (Gippsland) & MACA Infrastructure respectively, with works scheduled to commence in October and November.</p> <p>The asphalt renewal program has commenced planning with programs allocated to panel contractors. Works on the reseal and asphalt overlay programs will occur in the summer months.</p>

Kenilworth Avenue construction

Project description	Construction of the first stage of Kenilworth Avenue, extending from Brunt Road to the Princes Highway underpass. The works include a sealed road pavement, kerb and channel on both sides, underground drainage, a concrete path on the south side and a shared concrete pathway on north side.
Funding	This project is funded through the Officer Developer Contributions Plan and is being delivered by an active developer in the immediate area as works in kind against payment of their developer contributions.
Timelines	<p>Stage 1 (Brunt Road to Princess Highway underpass) works will recommence once the legal dispute is resolved.</p> <p>Stage 2 (extending to Coach House Lane) investigations into feasibility for delivery of Stage 2 are favourable conditional that alternate options can be put in place until the completion of Stage 1.</p>
Update	<p>Ongoing negotiations with the developer are being facilitated by Council officers to resolve contractual issues between the developer and contractor. Agreement on the terms of the Contract have been reached and we are hopeful work will proceed in the near future.</p> <p>Stage 2 design works are progressing well. Possible options are being</p>

	considered to deliver Stage 2 of the project, independent of the completion of Stage 1.
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Other capital projects

Cardinia Cultural Centre (CCC), Stage 1 upgrade incorporating arts space

Project description	The upgrade of the CCC is stage 1 of a proposed 3-stage upgrade. Stage 1 includes the provision of an arts space, significant improvements to the foyer/crush space and the provision of flexible dance of flexible dance/rehearsal rooms.
Funding	The project is funded by Council and a contribution through the Growing Suburbs Fund.
Timelines	Tenders will open on the 27 January and close on the 27 February 2018.
Update	Lloyd Group Pty Ltd have been awarded the contract to undertake the stage 1 upgrade works. Works completed on site included the temporary amenities, civil access track, the slab poured and steel being erected.

Pakenham Hall, Library and U3A Solar Electricity System

Project Description	Installation of an 84kW solar electricity system at the Pakenham Library Hall and U3A.
Funding	This project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Works commenced in June 2018.
Update	The solar electricity system installed through the completion of the project is currently awaiting AusNet to undertake works to enable its connection and operation.

Beaconsfield Community Complex Solar Electricity System

Project Description	Installation of a 26kW solar electricity system at the Beaconsfield Community Complex.
Funding	This project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Works to commence once AusNet pre-approval is received.
Update	Suntrix have been appointed as solar installer for the project and will begin works once AusNet pre-approval is received.

Lighting Upgrade at Pakenham Hall, U3A and Library and Koo Wee Rup pool

Project Description	Energy efficiency lighting upgrades will involve the replacement of over 500 inefficient lights in the Pakenham Hall, Library and U3A and the Koo Wee Rup outdoor pool.
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Funding	This project is funded by Council.
Timelines	Project is scheduled for completion in July.
Update	Echo Group have been engaged to conduct the upgrades and the project is currently underway.

Decorative Street Lighting Upgrade

Project Description	Stage 3 of the decorative street lighting upgrade. Approximately 280 Toorak street-lights will be retro fitted with energy efficient alternatives in this stage of the project.
Funding	This project is Council funded.
Timelines	Upgrades are on track to commence at the start of next financial year.
Update	A network modification agreement is being created between Council and AusNet and planning is currently underway to identify remaining Toorak lights before engaging a suitable electrical installer.

Strategies

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

Project description	<p>The development of a Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (BCS) that will provide clear long term strategic direction within the Shire to conserve biodiversity on both private and public land while working in partnership with the community.</p> <p>A detailed community consultation process will be undertaken prior to drafting of the strategy, to understand how land managers and the community value biodiversity. The community consultation will assist Council to develop conservation programs and projects that will make our natural biodiversity healthier, diverse and more resilient. This means the land can be managed for environmental, economic and social outcomes.</p> <p>The BCS consultation process will also be used in the Pest Plant Strategy review.</p>
Funding	The project is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	The finalised strategy is due to be adopted by Council in June 2019.
Update	The appointed facilitator has undertaken 4 consultation workshops during May and June 2018, including internal, industry and community workshops. Additionally 2 online surveys were conducted. A total of 14 separate consultation events and media articles have been undertaken, this has included 800 direct contact interactions with the community (via email, surveys completed and workshops attended). The results of the surveys and consultation workshops will be analysed by the facilitator, with a report for each strategy due to

	be complete by the end of July 2018.
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Pest plant management strategy

Project description	<p>The pest plant management strategy 2012 to 2017 (PPMS) is currently undergoing review. The strategy aims to reduce pest plant infestations across Cardinia Shire through the identification and implementation of an action plan targeting community education and engagement, planning controls and enforcement, and on ground works and monitoring.</p> <p>The strategy highlights the combined role of all land managers including Council, private landholders, and state and federal agencies to control weeds collaboratively. There is an emphasis on community education and extension programs to ensure private landholder participation.</p>
Funding	The project is fully funded by Council.
Timelines	The finalised strategy is due to be adopted by Council in June 2019.
Update	For efficiency, community consultation has been undertaken concurrently with the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy above.

Officer Town Centre Landscape Works

Project description	<p>Landscape embellishments to northern part of Siding Avenue, around Central Energy Plant and Stormwater Tanks Park.</p> <p>Finalisation of landscape works around the Civic Centre</p>
Funding	<p>Fully funded by Development Victoria under their permit for Officer Town Centre.</p> <p>Works on the tank park itself are costed at over \$750,000.00</p>
Timelines	
Update	<p>Works have commenced on the Tank Park. They have completed the tank stabilisation and electrical work to ensure the generator and tanks are not impacted by the works. The scope of work is to install heavy vehicle concrete around tanks, and install stairs and decking up to the existing generator shed, which is being added into to create a park shelter. The stairs will have garden beds and will form an amphitheatre to allow this to become a 'city square' style park for all to enjoy.</p> <p>Works around the Central Energy Plant are awaiting VicTrack signoff to complete the retaining wall works and then paving, garden bed and lighting works will be completed around the trees in Siding Avenue. Permeable paving will be installed to replace the granitic sand with a heavy duty, lower maintenance alternative.</p> <p>Tree planting is due to take place during spring along Bridge Road from Gum Scrub Creek to Officer South Rd to finalise the planting of this road. Most of these works were approved before the move to the Civic Centre, and should be completed prior to Christmas Update.</p>

CONCLUSION

This regular activity report is provided for Councillors' information.

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Moved Cr G Moore Seconded Cr J Owen

That the report be noted

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Notion of Motion 1040 – Cr Brett Owen

Moved Cr B Owen Seconded Cr J Springfield

That Council:

1. Commence a review of Cardinia Shire's "Recreation Reserve Facility Standards Policy" which was last adopted in 2012.
2. In light of the Chief Executives Officer's recent decision to amend the project brief for various recreational projects which differed from the current "Recreation Reserve Facility Standards Policy", that council review its financial contribution to future proposed recreational projects, including the Officer Recreational Reserve's "Joint Use Community Function Room."

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REPORTS OR MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Mayor advised of minutes received from various committees that have been tabled in addition to the minutes of recent council briefing sessions and these are available if any councillors wish to view them.

COUNILLOR REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Cr Ryan reported on her attendance at several senior citizen related functions such as the Pakenham Senior Citizens Club AGM in company with the Mayor, the Milhaven Lodge AGM in company with the Mayor and Cr Moore, Pakenham Opportunity Shop AGM with the Mayor and Cr Schilling and a Vic Rail excursion.

Cr Ryan also commented on her involvement with the Salvation Army, attended James Bath Reserve development and a student leadership program.

Cr Brett Owen commented on the conversations that Councillors were having with candidates for the forthcoming State Election regarding the councils priorities.

Cr Brett Owen also reported on his attendance in company with Cr Wilmot at the unveiling of the Bowman's Track sign, celebrating the opening of Bowmans Track in the 1860's by Janet Bowman, Cr Owen also commented on the opening of the digital memorial at Beaconsfield Community Centre History providing a memorial to fallen soldiers.

Cr Brett Owen commented on his attendance at the City of Casey function celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the creation of the the former Shire of Berwick.

Cr Brett Owen reported on his attendance at the Gembrook Everything Patch work and Quilting show.

Cr Moore reported on his attendance at the opening of Clough Garage access road at Nar Nar Goon and thanked the staff involved in getting the approvals for this access road.

Cr Moore advised of his attendance on behalf of the Mayor at the Casey Tigers all abilities football team first anniversary celebrations.

Cr Moore advised of his attendance at the Casey Cardinia Business breakfast where Brendan Gale was interviewed by staff member Andrew Pomeroy

Cr Wilmot provided an update on the Casey Cardinia Tourism Group Board that had recently become an Incorporated Association and advised Council who the new members and office bearers were.

The Mayor reported on his attendance during Interface week at 6 sessions with members from both sides of politics lobbying for the needs of Interface Councils, in particular Cardinia.

The Mayor reported on his visit to Canberra to accept the National Award for the 'Together we can' initiative and took the opportunity to lobby several Federal politicians in regard to the needs of Cardinia Shire.

The Mayor advised of his attendance in company with Cr Moore and former councillors George Blenkhorn and David Young at the VFF Dinner at Nar Nar Goon and advised that his attendance clashed with the Beaconsfield Football Club's function where he was awarded life membership of the Club playing over 150 games of veterans football.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY QUESTION TIME

The following questions were received and responded to as detailed below

Question from Mr Tony O'Hara, answered by Manager Governance

I am not able to attend as I will be in Tasmania, However I would like my question answered in the Council meeting as I plan to watch the Webcast. In relation to the stopping supplementary questions during Community Question time. Many times I have heard answers that do not really respond to the question asked and a Supplementary Question is the only way to extract a proper response.

Why can you not suspend the broadcast during the supplementary Questions if council is so concerned?

Answer

At this stage the Council is proposing to amend the Meeting Procedure Local Law, this must be the subject of a public notification process, your suggestion may well have merit and I suggest that you lodge a submission to the proposed amending Local Law along these lines for the council's consideration..

Question from Ms Lyn Williams, answered by Manager Governance

1. Councillors are elected to protect and represent ratepayers.
My rates have increased by 72% despite the average increase being 18.48%
Do you think this is a fair and reasonable increase?

Answer

Council has no control over the rates paid for individual properties, council sets the rate in the dollar that is applied across all properties, based on their valuation. It is agreed that a 72% increase

is a very large increase however this is indicative of the increased valuation of properties in the Glismann Road area.

2. The State Government has capped Council rate revenue increase by 2.25%
Would Council consider capping excessive rate increases to ratepayers?

Answer

There is no provision within the Local Government Act to allow Council to restrict the percent increase in rates for individual properties

3. It is legislated that ratepayers have the right to object and request a review of their property valuation. However, I've already been told that the Valuer General has approved the new valuations and that there will be NO change. Shouldn't we have the opportunity to object before the valuations are locked in?

Answer

The valuations of all properties within the Shire are returned by qualified valuers and these valuations are required to be approved by the Valuer general prior to being used for rating purposes by the Council. I agree that this seems to restrict the potential for owners to object to their valuation, but this is the valuation system existing in Victoria. I might add that the State Government has now legislated to make the Valuer General solely responsible for the revaluation of properties and the Council will no longer have a part to play in this process.

4. Our rates notice states that a valuation is an assessment of the amount a property would sell for on a particular date (in this case 1 January 2018). Why then was a property in our street which sold in February 2018 used as a comparative sale to determine property values?

Answer

For the current revaluation with the effective date of 1 January, Council was required to have the valuations lodged with the Valuer General in March and sales within 30 days of this date were required to be taken into account.

5. What is the formula used to calculate a property's valuation?

Answer

The process to calculate property valuations is laid out in the Valuation of Land Act and is controlled by valuation best practice guidelines established by the Valuer General.

6. Council states that the current rate hike is due to the rising infrastructure costs. Isn't it true that the developers are liable for most of the infrastructure costs? With reference to Glismann Road development, we have been informed that we must pay for all infrastructure costs including traffic signals at the intersection of GR and the Old Princes Hwy.

Answer

It is correct that developers are required to pay for most of the infrastructure costs for new subdivisions, the Council however is still responsible for infrastructure in other parts of the Shire and for the costs associated with new developments where the developer is not required to contribute.

7. Property values in Glismann Road have been pushed up by speculative developers who are unaware of the related infrastructure costs. If the GRDP is proven to be unworkable rendering our properties to be unsaleable, could we expect a lower valuation, lower rates and even some reimbursement of current rates?

Answer

Speculative purchases of properties do effect the value of similar properties in a close proximity. If the valuations of these properties reduces then the rates payable by these properties also reduces commensurately

8. My rates have increased by \$2000. I have my garbage collected weekly, hard rubbish biannually, my dirt road graded 2-3 times a year. What extra services can I expect to directly receive for this increased cost?

Answer

Rates payable by individual properties are not a fee for service, all ratepayers have access to the wide range of Council services available, whether they avail themselves of those services or not, rates are a wealth tax based purely on the valuation of your property

9. When Glismann Road is rezoned from Rural Living to Residential, can we expect a further significant rate increase?

Answer

This will depend on the valuation of the properties within Glismann Road

10. We feel Council's objective is to price the residents of Glismann Road off their properties to enable future housing development. Is this correct.

Answer

No this is not correct.

Questions from Mr Henk Heeremans answered by Manager Governnace

I refer to property 1-3 Savage Street, Pakenham application for 41 Bedroom Boarding House by Marjo P/L

Marjo P/L have cancelled & withdrawn from VCAT, now what is the future of this vacant land? Will Marjo simply redraft another plan with a few alterations and re submit to Council and bypass our 9 speakers at VCAT and the 160 letters to Council. We understand this has happened before.

Answer

Council is not aware of the intention of the owner of the property. If a development proposal is lodged that requires planning approval this will be advertised as was the previous proposal.

Questions from Ms Gloria O'Connor answered by Chief Executive Office

1. Will you please advise why it was decided to lease or give away for \$1 valuable Council land at 6 – 10 Main Street Pakenham adjacent to the conserved historic Council building and the surrounding Sid Earle community reserve?
 What are the approximate dimensions of the land and what is its current value?
 When was the initial decision made concerning the future of the land and by whom was it initiated?
 Was any professional advice received regarding the future use and development of the site?
 Contrary to Council stated information, the proposed changes to the site were not known to the general community other than several close residents in Snodgrass Street and Princes Highway

by letterbox, as the requisite signage was no longer visible on the site after three days there. The local newspaper cannot be regarded as notification to all residents as its classified pages are not seen by all required. Can you please now provide a copy of the required notice.

Answer

Council resolved in July this year to propose to lease the land at 6-10 Main Street, public notice of this proposal seeking community input was undertaken and no submissions were received. You will note that this matter was considered earlier this evening and I am sure that the debate on that matter would have answered any question you may have.

On a separate issue the Town Planning Application for the development was considered by the Council at the August Council Meeting and this was approved. The statutory advertising of this application was undertaken and 4 objections were received.

The land is 3960 square meters in area, the current market value of the land was \$1.35M

2. Can you please summarise the history of the land in Storey Drive Pakenham currently in process for planning and development as its details that are a matter of serious concern for local residents?

Answer

Council resolved in April 2016 to give notice of its intention to sell the land at 20 Storey Drive. Council considered the objections received to this and subsequently resolved in July 2016 to proceed with the sale of the land. The land is to be developed for social housing.

3. Would you please advise the current progress of community reserve Council owned land in Cumberland Drive Pakenham recently proposed to be offered for sale and is sufficient notice available to surrounding and general residents?

Answer

Council resolved at its meeting held on 20 August 2018 to commence the statutory procedures to sell or lease this parcel of land, advertising of this proposal seeking community input is currently underway. Council will consider any submissions received regarding this proposal before making a decision whether to dispose of the land or lease the land.

COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Question from Cr Brett Owen to General Manager Assets and Services – Mr Mike Ellis

Can you please provide an update on the construction of Kenilworth Avenue in Beaconsfield?

1. What is council is doing to resolve the contractual issues between the developer and contractor?
2. What is council doing to maintain Kenilworth Avenue and reduce the adverse impact on residents during this prolonged contractual dispute?

Answers provided by General Manager Assets and Services.

1. The delays associated with the construction of Kenilworth Avenue are due to contractual dispute between the developer financing the works and the contractor. Arrangements are being

finalised between Council and the Developers holding sufficient assets to ensure required works on Kenilworth Avenue will be delivered and trust funds established to facilitate the works being finalised. The negotiations are complex due to the resolution of payments associated with adjacent subdivisional works previously completed by the contractor. Council are trying to facilitate a satisfactory outcome between the parties to enable works to resume as soon as possible.

2. A new traffic management plan has been prepared to limit traffic volumes along Kenilworth Avenue to 40 km/hr and erect 'Local Traffic Only' signs. The road is inspected by our Operations staff on a weekly basis and is graded on a fortnightly cycle unless the inspections determine the need for additional grading. The costs associated with maintaining Kenilworth Avenue to the higher service standard is at the Developers expense.

The Mayor noted that this meeting was the last Council Meeting that the CEO Mr Garry McQuillan would attend prior to his resignation taking effect and requested that Council's appreciation to Mr McQuillan for his service as CEO for the last 11 years be recorded in the Council Minutes.

Cr Moore supported the Mayor's comments

Meeting closed at 9.49pm

Minutes Confirmed
Chairman