



**GREATER
DANDENONG**
City of Opportunity

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13 MAY 2019
Commencing at 7:01 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

MINUTE 1046

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti
Seconded by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

That Cr Youhorn Chea be elected Temporary Chair for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Roz Blades AM (LOA)
Cr Angela Long
Cr Sean O'Reilly

Councillors Present

Cr Youhorn Chea (Temporary Chairperson)
Cr Tim Dark, Cr Matthew Kirwan, Cr Zaynoun Melhem, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Maria Sampey, Cr Sophie Tan

Officers Present

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer; Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity; Martin Fidler, Director Community Services; Mick Jaensch, Director Corporate Services; Craig Cinquegrana, Acting Director Engineering Services, Kevin Van Boxtel, Acting Group Manager Greater Dandenong Business

1.3 OFFERING OF PRAYER

All present remained standing as Rajaratna Sarma Premakantha Kurukkal from the Hindu Community, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, read the opening prayer:

"I worship the lotus feet of my Ganesha the son of Uma, the destroyer of all sorrows who is served by the host of gods and elementals and who take the essence of Kapiitha Jumbu fruit. We meet to serve out community, to use our resources wisely and well, to represent all members of our community fairly to make decisions that promote the common good. We thank you for the opportunity to come and gather together this day. We ask for your hand of blessing on this meeting. Thank you."

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2019 be confirmed.

MINUTE 1047

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Jim Memeti

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 23 April 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

1.5 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

The following assemblies of Council occurred in the period 18 April to 8 May 2019:

Date	Meeting Type	Councillors Attending	Councillors Absent	Topics Discussed & Disclosures of Conflict of Interest
23/04/19	Pre-Council Meeting	Roz Blades AM, Youhorn Chea, Tim Dark, Matthew Kirwan, Angela Long, Zaynoun Melhem, Jim Memeti, Sean O'Reilly, Maria Sampey (part), Sophie Tan, Loi Truong (part)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submissions for Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management. - Recent fire at Council property in Lonsdale Street, Dandenong. - Update into inquiry into I Cook Foods (the CEO disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the room during discussion). - Open space acquisitions across the municipality. - Trader issues at the Dandenong Market (Cr Memeti disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the room during discussion). - Parking at the Civic Centre. - Agenda items for Council Meeting of 23 April 2019.
29/04/19	Councillor Briefing Session	Roz Blades AM, Youhorn Chea, Tim Dark, Matthew Kirwan, Angela Long, Zaynoun Melhem, Sean O'Reilly, Maria Sampey, Sophie Tan, Loi Truong	Jim Memeti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting Procedure Local Law review. - Open space acquisitions within the municipality. - CEO and Councillor only session on CEO performance indicators.

1.5 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL (Cont.)

Date	Meeting Type	Councillors Attending	Councillors Absent	Topics Discussed & Disclosures of Conflict of Interest
06/05/19	Councillor Briefing Session	Roz Blades AM, Youhorn Chea, Tim Dark (part), Matthew Kirwan, Angela Long, Sean O'Reilly, Maria Sampey (part), Sophie Tan, Loi Truong	Zaynoun Melhem, Jim Memeti	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dandenong Market annual plan and budget.- Future waste options for the metro region (CONFIDENTIAL).- Assisting community events in Harmony Square.- Proposed use of unallocated funds from Community Partnership Funding program.- Application received to move electronic gaming machines from one venue within Greater Dandenong to another.- Council winning Best Major Event for SnowFest under Victoria's Parks and Leisure Awards.- Incident which recently occurred at Walker Street multideck carpark.- Agenda items for Council Meeting of 13 May 2019.

Recommendation

That the assemblies of Council listed above be noted.

MINUTE 1048

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That the assemblies of Council listed above be noted.

CARRIED

1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.

2 OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

File Id:	A2683601
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services

Report Summary

Under the Victorian Local Government Act, each Council is a body corporate and a legal entity in its own right. Each Council must therefore have a common seal (like any corporate entity) that is an official sanction of that Council.

Sealing a document makes it an official document of Council as a corporate body. Documents that require sealing include agreements, contracts, leases or any other contractual or legally binding document that binds Council to another party.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the listed documents be signed and sealed.

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing (Cont.)

Item Summary

There are twelve [12] items being presented to Council's meeting of 13 May 2019 for signing and sealing as follows:

1. A letter of recognition to Leanne Nicholls, Regulatory Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
2. A letter of recognition to Sandra Costello, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
3. A letter of recognition to Cheryl Dillon, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
4. A letter of recognition to Melanie Van Dort, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
5. A letter of recognition to Leanne Willie, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
6. A letter of recognition to Patricia Davidson, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
7. A letter of recognition to Karen Loats, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
8. A letter of recognition to Silvia Martinez, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
9. A letter of recognition to Nu Ly, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong;
10. A Deed of Novation between the Dandenong City Council and Rodjen Pty Ltd trading as City and Rural Tree Services relating to Novation of Contract 1516-03B Reactive Tree Maintenance;
11. A letter of recognition to Faye Musgrave, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong; and
12. A letter of recognition to Sebastian Herrera, Community Services for 10 years of service to the City of Greater Dandenong.

Recommendation

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing (Cont.)

MINUTE 1049

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark
Seconded by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

CARRIED

2.2 DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

File Id:	qA228025
Responsible Officer:	Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	Petitions and Joint Letters

Report Summary

Council receives a number of petitions and joint letters on a regular basis that deal with a variety of issues which have an impact upon the City.

Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.

A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:

1. the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
2. petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
3. the final complete response to any outstanding petition or joint letter previously tabled along with the full text of the original petition or joint letter and the date it was responded to.

Note: On occasions, submissions are received that are addressed to Councillors which do not qualify as petitions or joint letters under Council's current Meeting Procedure Local Law. These are also tabled.

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

Council received no new petitions, one online petition update and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 13 May 2019.

- At the time of print a total of 499 supporters and signatures have been recorded through the website Change.org requesting Council not to demolish or replace the Maurice Kirby Velodrome at Parkfield Reserve, Dunblane Road, Noble Park.

While these are not formal petitions to Council (i.e. they do not meet our guidelines), each petition received has been noted and has been forwarded to the relevant Council business unit for consideration.

N.B: Where relevant, a summary of the progress of ongoing change.org petitions will be provided in the attachment to this report.

Recommendation

That the listed items detailed in Attachment 1, and the current status of each, be received and noted.

MINUTE 1050

Moved by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem
Seconded by: Cr Maria Sampey

That the listed items detailed in Attachment 1, and the current status of each, be received and noted.

CARRIED

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

DOCUMENTS FOR TABLING

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

ATTACHMENT 1

PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

PAGES 6 (including cover)

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	• Petition Text (Prayer)	Number of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

Date Received	Petition Text (Prayer)	No. of Petitioners	Status	Responsible Officer Response
5/03/19	<p>• Petition Text (Prayer)</p> <p>CHANGE.ORG PETITION - From Noble Park residents Save Noble Park Velodrome before it's too late.</p> <p>After Tuesday 12 March 2019, the City of Greater Dandenong are poised to demolish the much-loved Maurice Kirby Velodrome, at Parkfield Reserve, Dunblane Road, Noble Park.</p> <p>Since early 2018, Noble Park residents have tried to make council listen to concerns about the Draft Parkfield Reserve Masterplan, which includes demolishing the velodrome. The entire reserve has been left to deteriorate for years. We agree a masterplan is step in the right direction to improve our little reserve and clean it up, but please don't remove the reason why most residents use it daily!</p> <p>Council plan to replace the velodrome with a 2.5m wide gravel or concrete path which we really don't think will be weather proof or be fit for purpose.</p> <p>On 25 February 2019, councillors voted 4:7 to fast track \$450,000 of Open Space Reserve Fund to demolish Maurice Kirby Velodrome.</p> <p>And despite being poorly maintained by City of Greater Dandenong for years and having no signage, the velodrome is highly used by Noble Park residents for walking and cycling.</p> <p>Our area wants this wonderful facility to remain, be refurbished so that children, families and everyone can ride, learn skills and importantly, have fun walking or riding a bike!</p> <p>We call upon all the councillors and local politicians this petition is directed towards, to mediate this unprecedented situation, attempt to de-escalate, cooler heads to prevail and the Parkfield Reserve Masterplan to be redesigned to reflect local concerns.</p>	As at 13/05/2019 499 supporters & 499 signatures	Ongoing	<p>Tabled at CM 12 March 2019</p> <p>Director of Engineering Services</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>At its meeting of 10 December 2018 Council considered the results of extensive public consultation and resolved to adopt the Parkfield Master Plan. This Master Plan included removal of the current cycle track to make way for other recreational facilities. At a subsequent meeting of 25 February 2019 Council resolved to fund the Stage 1 works of the Master Plan in this financial year. In accordance with those resolutions, Stage 1 is proceeding and work has now commenced on removal of the cycle track.</p>

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2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters (Cont.)

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2.3 CONTRACTS

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services

File Id: qA395436
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

Report Summary

This report outlines the tender process undertaken to select a panel of suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the provision of Graphic Design Services.

The initial contract term is two (2) years from the date of commencement with an option to extend the contract by two (2) twelve month extensions at the sole and absolute discretion of Council.

This is a Schedule of Rates based contract.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council awards Contract 1718-82 to a panel of twelve (12) contractors comprising of

1. Twelve Creative
2. Synkd Pty Ltd trading as Thomas Enterprises Trust
3. KaWdesign
4. Caroline Ward trading as Ki Creative
5. Metz Creative
6. Heine Jones
7. Kinart Pty Ltd
8. Avonsleigh Pty Ltd trading as One Rabbit
9. Think Productions Pty Ltd
10. 5678 Design
11. Paoli Smith Pty Ltd
12. Multiple Studio Pty Ltd

The estimated expenditure for this contract over an initial two (2) year term is \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) excluding GST. Over the full life of the contract including two (2) twelve month extensions, the estimated expenditure is \$600,000 (six hundred thousand dollars) excluding GST.

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

Introduction

The provision of graphic design services for Greater Dandenong City Council is required as part of its overall marketing and communications function. Council uses a range of consultancy services to assist in communicating and promoting the large number of programs, services, key projects and events that the organisation delivers and supports for residents, ratepayers, visitors and businesses.

The City of Greater Dandenong is seeking the supply of this service via a panel of providers, as the type and volume of engagements vary based on the communication requirements that have been identified as part of any particular project.

Graphic designers will be required to develop collateral through a range of mediums. This could include, but not be limited to, brochures, flyers, posters, various corporate publications, webpage design, newsletters, display material, merchandise, press advertising, social media and Powerpoint presentation templates.

Tender Process

The Tender was advertised in The Age newspaper on Saturday 19 January 2019 and closed on Thursday 14 February 2019. At the closure of the Tender advertising period twenty four (24) tender submissions were received as follows:

1. Twelve Creative
2. Synkd Pty Ltd trading as Thomas Enterprises Trust
3. Hein Jones
4. Kinart Pty Ltd
5. Caroline Ward trading as Ki Creative
6. Courtney Colour Graphics (Vic) Pty Ltd
7. Tess McCabe
8. Think Productions Pty Ltd
9. 5678 Design
10. Avonsleigh Pty Ltd trading as One Rabbit
11. Metz Creative
12. KaWdesign
13. Jeremy Jacotine
14. Hayden Goodall & Denise Lane trading as Sardine Design
15. Plural Creative Pty Ltd trading as Plural Agency
16. Multiple Studio Pty Ltd
17. Arte Design Services
18. The Information Access Group
19. Paoli Smith Pty Ltd
20. Simple Integrated Marketing Pty Ltd
21. Brand-works

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

- 22. Think HQ Pty Ltd
- 23. Cupla Pty Ltd
- 24. Savi Communications Pty Ltd

Tender Evaluation

The evaluation panel consisted of the Team Leader Digital & Marketing, Communications Officer, Senior Media & Communications Coordinator and Contracts & Administration Officer. The Occupational Health & Safety Consultant provided additional specialist advice.

The tenders were evaluated using Council's Weighting Attributed Value Selection Method. The advertised evaluation criteria and allocated weightings for evaluation are as follows:

	Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
1	Price/Rates	20%
2	Quality of Services	35%
3	Relevant Experience	25%
4	Response Rate / Guarantee	10%
5	Social Procurement	5%
6	Local Industry	5%

Each criterion is ranked on a point score between 0 (fail) and 5 (excellent). These rankings are then multiplied by the weighting to give a weighted attribute ranking for each criterion and totalled to give an overall evaluation score for all criteria.

Following the evaluation of the tender submissions received, the comparative point score based on the above criteria is as follows:

Tenderer	Price Points	Non-Price Point	Total Score
Twelve Creative	0.88	3.48	4.36
Synkd Pty Ltd trading as Thomas Enterprises Trust	0.75	3.16	3.91
KaWdesign	1.00	2.85	3.85
Caroline Ward trading as Ki Creative	0.96	2.80	3.76
Metz Creative	1.00	2.69	3.69
Hein Jones	0.20	3.15	3.35

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

Kinart Pty Ltd	0.07	3.27	3.34
Avonsleigh Pty Ltd trading as One Rabbit	0.41	2.78	3.19
Think Productions Pty Ltd	0.05	2.98	3.03
5678 Design	0.04	2.97	3.01
Paoli Smith Pty Ltd	0.00	3.00	3.00
Multiple Studio Pty Ltd	0.34	2.66	3.00
Tess McCabe	0.89	2.10	2.99
Hayden Goodall & Denise Lane trading as Sardine Design	0.59	2.32	2.91
Jeremy Jacotine	1.00	1.87	2.87
Courtney Colour Graphics (Vic) Pty Ltd	0.69	2.13	2.82
Plural Creative Pty Ltd trading as Plural Agency	0.00	2.78	2.78
Arte Design Services	0.86	1.85	2.71
Simple Integrated Marketing Pty Ltd	0.00	2.45	2.45
The Information Access Group	0.09	2.27	2.36
Brand-works	0.00	1.93	1.93
Think HQ Pty Ltd	0.00	2.42	2.42
Savi Communications Pty L	0.00	2.13	2.13
Cupla Pty Ltd	0.00	2.02	2.02

Note 1: The higher the price score – the lower the tendered price.

Note 2: The higher the non-price score – represents better capability and capacity to undertake the service.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

Financial Implications

This contract is a schedule of rates contract. Resource requirements are in accordance with existing budgetary allocations for each business unit. The current funding allocation will meet the financial requirement of this contract.

Note: Schedule of Rates – A schedule of rates contract is one under which the amount that is payable to the contractor is calculated by applying an agreed schedule of rates to the quantity of work that is actually performed.

Social Procurement

Some of the panel contractors made a decision to take one pro-bono branding project per year for a charity organisation to the value of \$10,000.

One of tenderers is a member organisation of the formulation of the Queen Victoria Women's Centre Grant Crafting Cultural Connections. The Grant was developed to provide a series of craft workshops for African refugee and migrant women led by the Creative Women's Circle.

Other tenderers have a dedicated number of organisations that they donate to regularly. These include:

- Deaf Children Australia
- Disability Sports
- Lions Clubs of Australia

Local Industry

A number of the panel contractors are using local labour and materials as part of their services. Some of the tenderers are local and others have employees who live locally.

Consultation

During the tender evaluation process and in preparation of this report, relevant Council officers from Communications & Customer Service and Council's Risk Management teams were consulted.

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

Conclusion

The evaluation panel is satisfied that the tenderers recommended for appointment have the capability and relevant experience to carry out the works in a timely and efficient manner. All companies have provided this type of service to Councils or other similar organisations for many years and are expected to provide a Best Value Service to Council for this contract.

At the conclusion of the tender evaluation process the evaluation panel agreed that the following tender submissions be accepted:

1. Twelve Creative
2. Synkd Pty Ltd trading as Thomas Enterprises Trust
3. KaWdesign
4. Caroline Ward trading as Ki Creative
5. Metz Creative
6. Hein Jones
7. Kinart Pty Ltd
8. Avonsleigh Pty Ltd trading as One Rabbit
9. Think Productions Pty Ltd
10. 5678 Design
11. Paoli Smith Pty Ltd
12. Multiple Studio Pty Ltd

These represented the best value outcome for Council and should be accepted base on:

1. Low price schedule of rates, social procurement and local industry; and
2. Quality of services, relevant experience and response rate / guarantee

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **awards Contract No. 1819-39EOI for Graphic Design Services to Greater Dandenong City Council to a panel of twelve (12) contractors as follows:**
 1. **Twelve Creative**
 2. **Synkd Pty Ltd trading as Thomas Enterprises Trust**
 3. **KaWdesign**
 4. **Caroline Ward trading as Ki Creative**
 5. **Metz Creative**
 6. **Hein Jones**
 7. **Kinart Pty Ltd**
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 11. **Paoli Smith Pty Ltd**
 12. **Multiple Studio Pty Ltd**

at the tendered Schedule of Rates for an initial period of two (2) years;
2. **reserves the option to extend the initial contract term by two (2) twelve extensions at the sole and absolute discretion of Council; and**
3. **sign and seals the contract documents when prepared.**

MINUTE 1051

Moved by: Cr Matthew Kirwan
Seconded by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

That Council:

1. **awards Contract No. 1819-39EOI for Graphic Design Services to Greater Dandenong City Council to a panel of twelve (12) contractors as follows:**
 1. **Twelve Creative**
 2. **Synkd Pty Ltd trading as Thomas Enterprises Trust**
 3. **KaWdesign**

2.3.1 Contract No. 1819-39EOI Graphic Design Services (Cont.)

4. **Caroline Ward trading as Ki Creative**
5. **Metz Creative**
6. **Hein Jones**
7. **Kinart Pty Ltd**
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at the tendered Schedule of Rates for an initial period of two (2) years;

2. **reserves the option to extend the initial contract term by two (2) twelve extensions at the sole and absolute discretion of Council; and**
3. **sign and seals the contract documents when prepared.**

CARRIED

2.4 OTHER

2.4.1 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Motion re Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Advocacy for State Council Meeting

File Id: A5714068
Responsible Officer: Director Community Services

Report Summary

The Federal Government changes in 2018 to the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) program for people seeking asylum have already affected a significant number of Greater Dandenong residents who were receiving income support from this program.

City of Greater Dandenong has taken a leadership role in local government advocacy against the change and, in partnership with other municipalities, has established the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce supporting People Seeking Asylum. The Mayor of Greater Dandenong chairs the Taskforce Executive and officers provide secretariat support.

Following on from the previous Notice of Motion submitted by the Executive members to the

Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), the Executive have agreed to submit a subsequent Notice of Motion to the upcoming meeting of the MAV which is in line with the broader developments set out by the advocacy campaign against the SRSS changes. The taskforce members have requested that City of Greater Dandenong table this motion on behalf of the Taskforce at the 17 May 2019 MAV State Council Meeting.

This action is consistent with Greater Dandenong general advocacy position against the changes and appropriate given the Mayor's leadership role on the Taskforce Executive.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that Council endorses the submission of a Notice of Motion for consideration by MAV State Council Meeting on Friday 17 May 2019.

2.4.1 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Motion re Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Advocacy for State Council Meeting (Cont.)**Background**

Support for people seeking asylum has been provided in previous years through the SRSS (Status Resolution Support Services) program which provides a basic living allowance (typically 89% of Newstart allowance, or approximately \$35 per day), casework support and access to torture and trauma counselling.

Changes by the Federal Government to this program will cut all income and case management support of many people seeking asylum and have already dramatically increased the demand for material aid resources at the local municipality level. This action has left many people destitute and requests for places to live, money for clothes, food and medicine, will only further escalate.

City of Greater Dandenong has taken a leadership role in local government advocacy against the change and, in partnership with other municipalities, has established the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum. The Mayor of Greater Dandenong chairs the Taskforce Executive and officers provide secretariat support.

Whilst there has been a Federal focus by the campaign to ensure that SRSS cuts are reversed by the Federal Government, there is scope for the State Government to provide interim funding to temporarily resolve this humanitarian crisis. Given that many people seeking asylum have already been removed off the SRSS program, the impact this is having on service providers and community agencies has dramatically increased, and immediate action is required.

In response to the campaign changes it was recommended by the Taskforce to submit a subsequent Notice of Motion that reflects the revised campaign objectives.

The Executive members have agreed that a submission of a Notice of Motion to the upcoming meeting of Municipal Association of Victoria State Council would support the broader advocacy campaign against the changes. The taskforce members have requested that City of Greater Dandenong table this motion on behalf of the taskforce at the 17 May 2019 meeting.

Suggested Wording of Motion

‘Given the rising number of people seeking asylum that have already been removed by the Federal Government, funding for humanitarian relief is immediately required. MAV calls on the State to:

1. Advocate to restore SRSS support for people seeking asylum in the community
2. Increase Victorian Government funding for emergency relief support for people seeking asylum while awaiting the full reinstatement of SRSS policy by Federal Government.’

Proposal

This report proposes that Council endorses submitting a Notice of Motion urging the Victorian Government to provide humanitarian relief and advocacy support for people seeking asylum for consideration by MAV State Council meeting on Friday 17 May 2019.

2.4.1 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Motion re Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Advocacy for State Council Meeting (Cont.)

Community Plan 'Imagine 2030' and Council Plan 2017-2021 – Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Plans

After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted to see for themselves and the City in 2030, the result was the Greater Dandenong Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'. This report is consistent with the following community visions:

Community Plan 'Imagine 2030'

People

- *Pride* – Best place best people
- *Cultural Diversity* – Model multicultural community
- *Lifecycle and Social Support* – The generations supported

Place

- *Safety in Streets and Places* – Feeling and being safe

Opportunity

- *Education, Learning and Information* – Knowledge
- *Leadership by the Council* – The leading Council

Council Plan 2017-2021

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. This report is consistent with the following goals:

People

- A vibrant, connected and safe community
- A creative city that respects and embraces diversity

Place

- A healthy, liveable and sustainable city

Opportunity

- A diverse and growing economy
- An open and effective Council

The strategies and plans that contribute to these outcomes are as follows:

- People Seeking Asylum and Refugee Action Plan 2018-2011
- Community Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

2.4.1 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Motion re Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Advocacy for State Council Meeting (Cont.)

Related Council Policies

Diversity, Access and Equity Policy 2015.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

All matters relevant to the Victorian Human Rights Charter have been considered in the preparation of this report and are consistent with the standards set by the Charter.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Consultation

Council officers have consulted with Taskforce Executive members and external agencies providing SRSS support.

Conclusion

This report recommends that Council endorses submitting a Notice of Motion urging the Victorian Government to provide humanitarian relief and advocacy support for people seeking asylum for consideration by MAV State Council meeting on Friday 17 May 2019.

Recommendation

That Council endorses submitting a Notice of Motion urging the Victorian Government to provide humanitarian relief and advocacy support for people seeking asylum for consideration by MAV State Council meeting on Friday 17 May 2019.

MINUTE 1052

Moved by: Cr Matthew Kirwan
Seconded by: Cr Maria Sampey

That Council endorses submitting a Notice of Motion urging the Victorian Government to provide humanitarian relief and advocacy support for people seeking asylum for consideration by MAV State Council meeting on Friday 17 May 2019.

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2.4.2 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

File Id: qA283304
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
Attachments: Correspondence Received 1-19 April 2019

Report Summary

Subsequent to resolutions made by Council on 11 November 2013 and 25 February 2014 in relation to a listing of incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 provides a list of this correspondence for the period 1-19 April 2019.

Recommendation

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 1-19 April 2019 be received and noted.

MINUTE 1053

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti
Seconded by: Cr Zaynoun Melhem

That the listed items provided in Attachment 1 for the period 1-19 April 2019 be received and noted.

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2.4.2 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors (Cont.)

OTHER

**LIST OF REGISTERED CORRESPONDENCE TO
MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

ATTACHMENT 1

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
1-19 APRIL 2019**

PAGES 3 (including cover)

If the details of the attachment are unclear please contact Governance on 8571 5235.

2.4.2 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors (Cont.)



Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 01/04/19 & 19/04/19 - for officer action - total = 6

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
Complaint from a Dandenong North resident regarding parking in Francesco Drive and Boswell Court (Merit # 1434013) expecting a response by 8 May 2019.	10-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	FA160982	Mayor & Councillors EA
Complaint from Dandenong resident regarding storm water drains flooding in Benga Avenue (Merit #1460679).	11-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	FA161036	Mayor & Councillors EA
Complaint from resident about dumped rubbish and unsightly area along nature strip near 830-850 Princes Highway Springvale (Merit #1473454).	01-Apr-19	02-Apr-19	FA160605	Mayor & Councillors EA
Complaint from Springvale resident regarding numerous issues related to the use of a property in Peace Street, Springvale and the immediate vicinity.	09-Apr-19	09-Apr-19	FA160897	Mayor & Councillors EA
Request from a resident to meet with Mayor regarding a personal matter.	10-Apr-19	10-Apr-19	FA160940	Mayor & Councillors EA
Letter from the Leader of the Victorian Greens calling for submissions to the parliamentary inquiry into recycling and waste management - submissions due by 10/05/2019.	04-Apr-19	04-Apr-19	FA160744	Engineering Services

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2.4.2 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors (Cont.)

Objective

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Correspondences addressed to the Mayor and Councillors received between 01/04/19 & 19/04/19 - for information only - total = 7

Correspondence Name	Correspondence Dated	Date Record Created	Objective ID	User Assigned
Letter of acknowledgement from the Federal Member for Hotham regarding ongoing funding for universal access to early childhood education.	01-Apr-19	01-Apr-19	A5670412	Mayor & Councillors EA
Letter to Mayor from the Adult, Community and Further Education Board regarding the 2019 Victorian Learn Local Awards - nominations close 14/06/19.	01-Apr-19	02-Apr-19	A5673830	Mayor & Councillors EA
Invitation to the Mayor to attend the cheque presentation from the SUEZ Community Grants Program 2018 to Springvale Neighbourhood House.	02-Apr-19	03-Apr-19	A5676386	Mayor & Councillors EA
Letter of acknowledgment from the Minister for Water regarding land in Dalgety Street, Dandenong.	01-Apr-19	04-Apr-19	A5678633	Mayor & Councillors EA
Letter of thanks from the Office of the Prime Minister of New Zealand.	02-Apr-19	11-Apr-19	A5695754	Mayor & Councillors EA
Letter of acknowledgement from the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change regarding land in Dalgety Street Dandenong.	08-Apr-19	12-Apr-19	A5697702	Mayor & Councillors EA
Request to the Mayor from the Islamic Circle of Australian and New Zealand to support their advocacy efforts in the aftermath of recent events in Christchurch, New Zealand.	09-Apr-19	17-Apr-19	A5707364	Mayor & Councillors EA

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2.4.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15, 23 April 2019

File Id: fA25545
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services

Report Summary

As part of Council's ongoing efforts to improve transparency in Council processes, matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be of a confidential nature) are reported on at ordinary Council meetings.

The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings in April 2019.

Recommendation Summary

This report recommends that the information contained within it be received and noted.

2.4.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15, 23 April 2019 (Cont.)**Matters Presented for Discussion**

Item		Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Outcomes of meetings with Springvale Football Club. b) Success of Youth Showcase. c) Agenda items for Council Meeting 8 April 2019. 	8 April 2019
2	<p>Open Space Strategy Review</p> <p>Councillors were provided with a status update of the first phase of the Open Space Strategy Review. Councillors were requested to note the analysis undertaken to date and the upcoming community consultation.</p>	15 April 2019
3	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consideration of proposed land parcels for acquisition for public open space (CONFIDENTIAL). b) Issues surrounding charity bins on VicTrack land. c) Successful Council events held over the weekend. d) New name for The City magazine. e) Update on application of permits by the Springvale Football Club. f) Information session held by SEMMA in relation to accessing the European region via the Netherlands. g) Issues with smell emanating from drainage pipes in Lonsdale Street near Walker Street. h) Parking and property crossings in Bakers Road, Dandenong North. i) Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 23 April 2019. 	15 April 2019

2.4.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15, 23 April 2019 (Cont.)

4	General Discussion Councillors and Council officers briefly discussed the following topics: a) Submissions for Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management. b) Recent fire at Council property in Lonsdale Street, Dandenong. c) Update on inquiry into I Cook Foods (the CEO disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the room during discussion). d) Open space acquisitions across the municipality. e) Trader issues at the Dandenong Market (Cr Memeti disclosed a conflict of interest in this item and left the room during discussion). f) Parking at the Civic Centre. g) Agenda items for the Council Meeting of 23 April 2019.	23 April 2019
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Apologies

- Cr Zaynoun Melhem and Cr Loi Truong submitted apologies for the Pre-Council Meeting on 8 April 2019.
- Cr Loi Truong submitted an apology for the Councillor Briefing Session on 15 April 2019.

Recommendation

That:

1. **the information contained in this report be received and noted; and**
2. **the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Sessions/Pre-Council Meetings that was declared confidential in Item 3(a) by the Chief Executive Officer under Sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* remains confidential until further advisement unless that information becomes the subject of a subsequent Council report.**

MINUTE 1054

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti
Seconded by: Cr Matthew Kirwan

That:

1. **the information contained in this report be received and noted; and**

2.4.3 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings - 8 & 15, 23 April 2019 (Cont.)

- 2. the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Sessions/Pre-Council Meetings that was declared confidential in Item 3(a) by the Chief Executive Officer under Sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* remains confidential until further advisement unless that information becomes the subject of a subsequent Council report.**

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3 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

Firstly, welcome back from our long weekend Easter break. Firstly I just want to report on what I have done.

On 24 April 2019, I attended the Wellsprings for Women fundraising dinner with the Mayor, Councillor Roz Blades AM.

On 25 April 2019, I was busy with Anzac Day services. In the morning, I attended the Vietnam Veterans Anzac Day service. After that, I attended the Anzac Service at Dandenong RSL with Councillor Loi Truong, Councillor Angela Long and the Mayor, Councillor Roz Blades AM. Councillor Zaynoun Melhem and Councillor Youhorn Chea also attended after it.

On 26 April 2019, I also attended the special memorial service for the innocent victims that were attacked on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka on 21 April 2019 at the Restoration Church. There were close to 900 people attending on the night. The Mayor of City of Greater Dandenong, Councillor Roz Blades AM also attended.

On 1 May 2019, I attended the citizenship ceremony at the Springvale Town Hall with the Mayor, Councillor Roz Blades AM and Councillor Youhorn Chea. This time we welcomed 174 new citizens.

On 5 May 2019, I attended the Monash Children's Hospital Charity Dinner hosted by Mr Richard Lim OAM and Lim's Pharmacy. This year, since we started off the Chinese New Year from the start of the year, we received donations to the total of \$33,350. They have done a great job to support the Children's Hospital for Monash. Also attending were Councillor Youhorn Chea, Councillor Sean O'Reilly, Councillor Maria Sampey and the Mayor, Councillor Roz Blades AM.

Finally, last Sunday, I attended the Seven News Young Achiever Awards Gala Presentation Dinner with Councillor Tim Dark and Councillor Zaynoun Melhem. We did enjoy our great night where around 600 people turned up which was great. I just want to say congratulations to our young achievers on the night and for doing a great job representing our city as well so thank you.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

I have a question for Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity relating to a complaint from a resident regarding 32 Tower Court, Noble Park which is part of an industrial parking area. They have received many fines and want to find out if there is anything that the Council can do to help prevent these parking fines. Can we assist?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Yes, we will have a look into that and have a conversation with that business and see what we can do to resolve that matter.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)**Comment****Cr Tim Dark**

Following on from Councillor Tan, I also attended the Anzac Day Service, the Dawn Service at the Dandenong Cenotaph just here in Clow Street. It was very well attended. Many people turned out this year. Many emergency services and also community groups turned out along with Council attachés. It was good to see people who were descendants of people who attended or people from the community who did not want to forget. I think that is very important.

I also attended the Dandenong Business Showcase with the Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce. They have restructured how they hold their events and now they celebrate businesses in an Awards Night. One of the awards or one of the receivers was a company called Boswen at Ordish Road in Dandenong South. They manufacture steel products such as fencing and gates. Stella Ta who is one of the Directors of the business explained how they first started off. They almost went under; they had many debts and they were not sure what exactly they were doing. It was a really good success story to see. They were able to then talk to businesses, find niches and they were then able to grow the business and secured some high level government contracts in a lot of the manufacturing. Since then they have substantially and now employing in excess of 50 staff. That is a really good success story, hearing the way that they started off, where they are now and where they are planning to go in the future. That was also very good.

I also attended a function here, a morning tea with the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NIFA). This was something that when I came back from China 18 months ago, I had spoken to the Director of Group Business, Paul Kearsley, and also the department about ways that we can grow businesses in Greater Dandenong. Talking to businesses in Greater Dandenong, they explained that they were looking for new markets to enter, that they have seen that there are different opportunities and it is just a matter of how they can possibly expand and then grow and potentially employ more people in Greater Dandenong. We were approached through the Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce and through South East Manufacturers Association (SEMA), to look at potentially creating a partnership with the Netherlands Government. The Trade Commissioner came along with some attachés from Sydney and from Singapore to have a conversation with businesses in Greater Dandenong and explaining the opportunities. Holland or the Netherlands has one of the highest level of education within people that are there. They often are multilingual, speaking three, four, five, six languages. They have a very good trade system, deep sea ports for freight being shipped over, also plenty of land for warehousing. It is an excellent opportunity to be able to access the Euro zone with the United Kingdom currently imploding with Brexit hopefully. It was very, very promising talking to a couple of businesses after. We may be able to look at creating some pathways for businesses in the City of Greater of Dandenong who are in manufacturing to access a market and particularly the European market given it is the second largest economic zone in the world.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

I also attended the Seven News Young Achiever Awards with Councillor Tan and Councillor Melhem. We had three two entrants this year. We had Yong Deng from the Dandenong Sudanese community who is a very, very prominent community leader there. We also had another one which Councillor Melhem will touch on shortly. The other was Lachie Norton who was a staff member at the Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC). He received an award for giving CPR for 22 minutes to a casualty or a person who was there and he received an award for that. It was very good to see that Dandenong Council has turned up at a very large event which was also attended by Councillors from Wangaratta, Members of Parliament from the northern Victoria region and also Councillors from out west and north. It was just a very, very good function to get together and to celebrate the success of youth. People often see youth as people who sit down and do not do a whole lot in the community or the ones who are up and coming who do not participate like the older generations do. It really was an eye opener to see that there were so many young people who were giving back in different ways.

Comment

Cr Zaynoun Melhem

As previously mentioned by my fellow Councillor colleagues, we had a very busy day on Anzac Day which was fantastic. As Councillor Dark touched on, we did have a fantastic attendance down here at Dandenong RSL.

I also attended the Young Achiever Awards like Councillor Sophie Tan and Councillor Dark just mentioned. We had three nominations from the City of Greater Dandenong and a couple of nominations who were not from the City of Greater Dandenong. The live in Cardinia and Casey but a lot of their organisations are run out of the City of Greater Dandenong like the Drum Theatre. The City of Greater Dandenong had a really good presence there and Councillor Sampey would be happy to know that Lachie Norton, who did save that man's life, is a member from Silverleaf Ward. With the Entrepreneur Movement Club, they have been working in the City of Greater Dandenong for many years now and they were part of our Young Leaders which was pretty cool to see them get an award as well so yes, it was fantastic and congratulations to everyone. It is always a really well attended event but it is really good to see them get the recognition that they deserve. Councillor Dark and I think we are pretty young and doing some good things but they just tower over us I reckon.

Question

Cr Zaynoun Melhem

One question to the relevant officer. I am not sure if it is a Council Hall but I believe it is. On Heyington Crescent in Noble Park North, there is a piece of open space there with an old Scout Hall that I used to attend. When I drove past it today, it looked like it had not been used in years and becoming decrepit. Can I get an update as to what is going on with that hall on Heyington Crescent please?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

I will take that question on notice. I know that we have been contacted recently by the Scouts Association about a couple of buildings that are in that kind of state of repair so I will follow that up and provide an answer.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Question

Cr Zaynoun Melhem

There is also a question that I asked the Director Community Services a couple of months ago and he did provide me with quite a lengthy response but I just wanted to ask: There is on Outlook Drive, Dandenong North, a Kindergarten there that many residents have been saying to me is overly busy and in regards to the traffic management we have had our Traffic Management team there. However, there is a Parks Victoria Playgroup in Kriegel Way at Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North. The relevant officer did mention that that is not a Council-owned asset however, can Council potentially talk to Parks Victoria about renting it out or something along those lines or potentially having the Kindergarten in there?

The Director's answer was quite significant however, I will forward him the correspondence from the resident and if we can provide another response for that, it would be great if it can be taken on notice.

This question was taken on notice.

Comment

Cr Maria Sampey

I also attended a few functions during the week.

Cr Zaynoun Melhem left the Chamber at 7.30pm.

Question

Cr Maria Sampey

Residents have complained to me and I have mentioned it before with regards to kids on motorbikes. They ride up and down Aberdeen Drive and some of them do not wear helmets. This time, they have absolutely destroyed the nature strip on the corner of Aberdeen Drive and Halton Road at Noble Park North. The resident came up to my house today and complained and he does not know what to do about it. Can anything be done about these kids? They have just been riding up and down on the nature strip and all the grass has come off.

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

I will take that question on notice.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti

Once again, I would like to congratulate the Dandenong RSL for another fantastic Anzac Day. It brings the whole community together and I think the March is fantastic down Clow Street, Dandenong.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

Can we have an update on Dandenong Park? I see that it is about 65-70 percent finished and would like an update on when it is going to be completed.

Response

Craig Cinquegrana, Acting Director Engineering Services

Yes, we expect that stage to be completed by the end of the financial year so that is about six weeks off. As you can observe, they are going at a great pace. Much of the works have finished but obviously we have kept it fenced in until we can make the whole thing available. Yes, it is about six weeks before we will have that completely finished.

Cr Zaynoun Melhem returned to the Chamber at 7.33pm.

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

Thank you for that. Touching on what Councillor Dark said, I would like to also congratulate the Boswen Group who do fantastic steel fencing. It is about a couple that used to live in Springvale and now live in Keysborough. It is a fantastic story. The young gentleman was a migrant from China who was working at a factory and one day, one of his co-workers got a certificate for 35 years of service and he was so happy. This Chinese migrant came home and after speaking to the guy, saying why are you so happy? He has worked at this factory for 35 years making buns for McDonalds and he got a certificate. He said to his wife, *I am not going to wait 35 years to get a certificate. What I am going to do is I am going to start my own business.* Without speaking English, an interpreter went with him and started door knocking on different companies and that is how he established his business. Now at Ordish Road, Dandenong he employs I think over 40 people. They even just built the gates at the Parliament House of Victoria. Their work goes through helping the Victorian State Government, grade separation, fencing and things like that and working with John Holland so they were just a normal couple, his wife was originally from Springvale and was also a migrant from Vietnam. It is just a fantastic story, what hard work and commitment without even knowing how to speak English and also getting an award at the Greater Dandenong Chamber of Commerce is fantastic. I would like to see more companies like this work with the Chamber of Commerce and also this Council to recognise migrants who come here with nothing, not even able to speak English and establish a business and giving back to the community. When I spoke to the couple, they want to give back to the community and they are looking at ways on how they can be involved with Council. I am looking forward to working with them, to be able to help them out so they can get involved in working with the community. If the Mayor can write them a letter to congratulate them because it is a fantastic story and it is great to see that they are doing so well in Ordish Road, Dandenong and as residents of our City.

This question was noted for further action.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

Can we also have an update on the Dandenong North Football Club? I understand they are probably not fielding any teams this year. I would like to know why not and how we can work with this club to make sure they can field some football teams next year?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

It is quite a detailed response so I will take that on notice and provide some detail to that question.

Comment

Cr Matthew Kirwan

First, I will give a Council report. I learned during the week that a very civically active Dandenong resident over the years and a number of Councillors would know, Janet Cox, passed away. Janet was a long time resident of Dandenong, living in a distinctive boutique weatherboard house in New Street. She was a former secretary of the Dandenong Resident and Ratepayers Association, a former independent candidate for Dandenong at the 2002 State Election, a former nurse and a passionate feminist who was very active in recognising the history of women getting to vote in Victoria and also women becoming active in politics, particularly Local Government, via a statewide organisation she helped form with a number of people called Local. She held passionate views about Dandenong whether it was via personal contact to elected representatives or writing letters to the editor. Before her health began to decline, she was a passionate letter writer to the Dandenong Journal. She was a great example of an active citizen so I would like to say Vale Janet Cox.

The following are some of my activities over the past fortnight.

On Tuesday 30 April 2019, I attended a very informative Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) course on Social Procurement.

On Wednesday 1 May 2019, I attended a meeting of the Greater Dandenong Sustainability Committee where the progress with the climate change strategy was discussed.

On Wednesday 8 May 2019, I attended along with the Mayor, Councillor Blades, a successful Fund Raising Breakfast for Friends of Refugees that was held here in Dandenong.

On Thursday 9 May 2019, I attended as the Council's delegate the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Local Government Forum. For those who are not aware, this is Forum that Councillors across Victoria come to, every two to three months to discuss and learn about waste management initiatives that are progressing across the State. The focus of this particular Forum was plastics pollution reduction, in particular the implementation of the upcoming statewide single use plastic ban which is going to be introduced at the end of this year across Victoria and plastics reductions policies by individual Councils.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

In light of possible changes to Mills Reserve in Dandenong, what is the plan going forward for hockey facilities and more generally hockey as a sport and what are the timeframes?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

Based on the proposed redevelopment of the Dandenong Oasis, a Master Plan has been proposed for Mills Reserve subject to Council approval. This will take into account the many stakeholders who utilise this Reserve including the Dandenong Warriors Hockey Club. The Dandenong Warriors Hockey Club are also currently included in the consultation for the new Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. Hockey Victoria are also attending a consultation with us this week to discuss these matters. The Strategy will assist us in providing a vision for sports in Greater Dandenong.

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

Just to clarify, what is the timeframe of the Master Plan?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

It is subject to Council approval so we will have to wait until that has gone through.

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

So it is in consideration of the Draft paper?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

Yes. I believe it is part of the Oasis Master Plan.

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

My next question has got two parts but they are very closely linked so I will read them out together.

I visited the Ringwood Lake Park yesterday and two aspects of it interested me. One was the presence of what is called an expression swing; and one was the fact that the liberty swing that they had there was unlocked. For those who are not familiar, liberty swings are designed for people in wheelchairs to use.

(a) Regarding the expression swing, I have previously mentioned that this is a popular request of Keysborough residents who have experienced in other municipalities, particularly the City of Knox. Is there any consideration of having one in Greater Dandenong and, if not, why not? And,

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

(b) I have previously also mentioned that I did not think the liberty swing at Hemmings Park gets used much because you have to pre-arrange getting a key from one of our customer service centres. If you come to Hemmings Park, it is all locked up and therefore most people do not plan ahead that much that they can go to a customer service centre earlier so the result is that it is hardly used. Can we enquire of the City of Maroondah why they have chosen to have theirs unlocked and whether it has made a difference to the uptake of the liberty swing in the City of Maroondah?

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

I will answer (a) first. An expression swing is currently being considered for the design of the Ross Reserve All Abilities Playground.

In relation to question (b) and the liberty swing, the main reason that the liberty swing is within a fenced area is due to safety and the need to protect children from running through the area where the swing extends to. The manufacturer recommends to us that the swing is fenced.

Additionally, in order to use the swing and Councillor Kirwan is correct, people do need to get a key. Council encourages access to the key by providing it for free through our Customer Service Centres, our Libraries together with promoting its use through disability organisations and networks as well as through the Disability Advisory Committee. The key for that liberty swing can be used at any liberty swing across Australia. They are a universal access and as I said, they are free of charge.

We will follow up with Maroondah Council regarding the use of their swing. I understand that they put some other particular type of fencing in front of it to protect children. It would be interesting to know what their statistics are in terms of participation so we will provide this feedback.

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

Maybe in light of that and I do understand where the liberty swing is located right in the middle of the Hemmings Playground, whether it is actually viable to move it from where it is in the Hemmings playground to put it a bit out of the way because I have never seen anyone use it and the feedback I get is that no one uses it in practice which is a great pity.

This question was noted for further action.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

In regards to the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge Management Action Plan, which of the immediate and short term actions in the plan have been completed so far and for those that are not yet completed, what is the expected timeframe for its completion? I note that the original expected completion date for short term actions was that they will be completed by the end of 2021 and I am wondering if we are on track for that?

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

Of the immediate and short term actions identified in the Management Plan, 26 of the 53 actions have now been completed. These include: the introduction of the management plan into the planning scheme through C143; the mapping of the green wedge; the development of fact sheets; and the introduction of the permanent vegetation protection overlay in the Green Wedge. A further 23 of the immediate and short term actions have now commenced resulting in 49 of the 53 actions either being completed or commenced. At this time, it is anticipated that all of the relevant immediate and short term actions will be completed by the end of 2021.

Question

Cr Matthew Kirwan

My last substantive question is a long one so I will actually ask all the parts at once rather than go through them individually. They relate to previous matters about the social and criminal problems in the inner west of Dandenong and about social housing and rooming housing more broadly.

A) The answers that I received that are going to be in the Minutes of tonight's meeting, which came from previous meetings was that, there had been four inspections conducted in the inner west area over the last two years and that that resulted in a few minor issues being identified. What precisely were the minor issues identified?

B) Similarly in the broader Dandenong West area, I was told that there were 33 inspections undertaken between the beginning of 2018 and April 2019 and that only minor issues were identified. What were those minor issues? Were they all rectified because the answer seemed to imply they were rectified? And what were those minor issues?

C) Are such inspections that are done of rooming houses done without notice and, if not, why not?

D) What is in scope and what is out of scope for such inspections given the legislative regime that the Council Act is under?

E) One item that was mentioned as being out of scope is Council not having the authority to monitor issues relating to guidelines on appropriate behaviour or residential tenancies. My question is, who has that (i) authority; and (ii) responsibility?

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F) Regarding social housing investigation, it was noted in an answer that, "Stakeholder consultations including consultations with residents will be conducted based on how many different options progress throughout the evaluation stages." When are those meetings planned and how will residents be notified to ensure they are aware of them occurring, because there are a number of residents in the inner west area that would be interested in attending such meetings?

G) In terms of social housing, I quote, "*There was a mention of evaluation options for their community appropriateness was mentioned*". What is meant by community appropriateness in this sense? Does that mean avoiding a concentration of too much social housing in a particular neighbourhood and, if not, why not?"

Response

Brett Jackson, Acting Director City Planning, Design and Amenity

In relation to points A and B which relate to the minor issues that were identified, in both of those areas the minor issues identified related to cleaning of the common areas and also some maintenance issues such as missing extractor fan covers. All of these issues have now been rectified.

In relation to inspections being done without warning or not, inspections are done without prior warning, however, these inspections are limited to the common areas only unless residents give us access to their bedrooms. Officers do not have the power of entry into a resident's room. If an officer wishes to inspect a resident's room then the landlord needs to give that resident at least 24 hours' notice in writing under the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

In relation to what is within the scope of inspections given the legislative regime, under the powers given to Council under the *Public Health and Well Being Act* and associated regulations, inspections are limited to ensuring rooming houses are registered, that there is no overcrowding, that cleanliness is appropriate, that the property has adequate supply of hot and cold water, potable water, toilets, showers, basins and bins and that the property is plumbed for sewer and that the landlord keeps a register of occupants.

In relation to who is responsible for monitoring appropriate, or regulating appropriate behavior, ensuring appropriate behaviour is ultimately the responsibility of the landlord, however, if the inappropriate behaviours escalate, this would be a matter for Victoria Police to deal with.

Regarding the social housing investigation, different housing options are planned to be presented to Council for consideration at a Councillor Briefing Session in September this year and any subsequent consultation with residents will be confirmed at that time and will be publicised through a variety of public media announcements in local paper, on Council website, et cetera. Further details will follow with regards to that at that time.

In terms of point G which relates to the evaluation options and community appropriateness and what was meant by community appropriateness, community appropriateness in this sense means responding to the needs, concerns and demographics of specific cohorts in planning future housing and social housing stock. Concentration of social housing stock is being investigated and evaluated as a criterion for the viability of suitable housing options with the criteria and options to be brought back to Council at a Councillor Briefing Session for discussion in September this year.

4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Comment

Cr Youhorn Chea, Temporary Chairperson

During the last two weeks I attended the Anzac Day services. We should congratulate the RSL for a fantastic job with many people attending the event.

On 1 May 2019, I attended the Citizenship Ceremony. We had nearly 170 new citizens.

On 5 May 2019, I attended the Monash Children's Hospital Charity Dinner. Many communities attended such as Cambodian , Vietnamese and Chinese.

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4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Response	Summary of Response
23/04/19 CQT16	Cr Matthew Kirwan	<p>Rooming and Social Housing Issues I note that my questions relating to issues and data relating to rooming houses and social housing in both the inner west and broader Dandenong West area have not been answered, despite having asked them at the Council meetings on 12 March and 8 April 2019, respectively. So my question tonight, what is the hold up on those questions?</p>	Director City Planning, Design and Amenity	03/05/19	<p>A review of questions asked at the Council meeting 8 April 2019 (in italics) has now been completed and the following are responses that have been provided to Councillor Kirwan.</p> <p><i>(a) I asked how many rooming houses were in the neighbourhood bordered by Hemmings Street, Potter Street, Railway Parade and Robertson Street and I was told that there were two in Hemmings Street. Does that mean that there is none in the rest of that precinct?</i></p> <p>There are two rooming houses in the area as defined, with a further two located just outside the prescribed boundary</p> <p><i>(b) I asked how many inspections had been done in that particular neighbourhood over the last two years and there was no answer given.</i></p> <p>There have been four inspection completed in this area over the past two years.</p> <p><i>(c) I asked what those inspections found and was told that there was no specific findings. What does that actually mean? Does that mean that there was no findings at all or do we not record those findings?</i></p>

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Response	Summary of Response
					<p>A few minor issues were identified and follow ups were undertaken with the proprietors which showed they were resolved.</p> <p><i>(d) I asked how many rooming houses were in the Dandenong West area in general and defined that area as the area bordered by Princes Highway, Robertson Street, Railway Parade and EastLink but in the answer I was told about the number of rooming houses in the whole of Greater Dandenong which was not what I asked for so just to repeat, how many rooming houses are there in Dandenong West?</i></p> <p>There is a total of 20 registered rooming houses in the Dandenong West area.</p> <p><i>(e) I asked how many inspections were done in Dandenong West in general and what their outcomes were but was given no answer. What is the answer because really residents want to know what those inspections finding are? How many are done? What are we doing to address those issues?</i></p> <p>Inspections are undertaken yearly, with 33 inspections having been completed within since the beginning of 2018 until April 2019. Again, whilst a few minor issues were noted during these inspections, subsequent follow-ups identified required actions were completed.</p>

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4 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS (Cont.)

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Response	Summary of Response
					<p>(f) I asked whether consideration was given to planning/advocating of social housing in the areas of Greater Dandenong that have social problems and was given a general issue that social housing in Greater Dandenong was a good thing. These residents in these areas agree social housing is a good thing as well. Their question is the concentration of social housing in that area. Again, do I take it we do not consider social problems when we advocate and plan for housing areas like this neighbourhood, and if not, why not?</p> <p>(g) It was mentioned at meetings with stakeholders were being planned. My question is will residents be invited and if not, why not? These are the stakeholders most affected 24/7 by the social issues in these areas. They are very articulate residents and often you will see now across governments, Local Government, State Government, that co-design is such an important thing, that we actually get the people directly affected and actually collect their opinions about what is a solution going forward. It is also a request of can residents come to these meetings? Can they be involved in designing the solution?</p> <p>And finally, it was mentioned that housing agencies operating rooming houses in this area have guidelines on appropriate behaviour. Residents do not dispute that these guidelines exist.</p>

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					<p><i>They have enquired about them for many years. The question is they do not always seem to be getting followed and who is monitoring whether they are getting followed? Is State Government monitoring? Is Council monitoring? Is no one monitoring? I will leave it at that for tonight as questions to be taken on notice.</i></p> <p>Response to (f) and (g): Council is working to identify potential options for social and affordable housing as articulated by the Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy 2014-2024. This includes mapping current social and affordable housing stock against current and future projections, investigating State and Federal funding opportunities, and evaluating potential options for their community appropriateness. Stakeholder consultations, including consultations with residents, will be conducted based on how different options progress throughout the evaluation stages.</p> <p>Residents are always encouraged to be involved in designing solutions and are welcome to view Greater Dandenong Housing Strategy 2014-2024 on the Council website and suggest options they feel are appropriate. (http://www.greaterdandenong.com/document/22281/greater-dandenong-housing-strategy-2014-24)</p> <p>Once a rooming house is registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV),</p>

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Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Response	Summary of Response
					<p>CAV monitors them based on the Rooming House Operators Act 2016. Council is mandated to conduct annual inspections of rooming houses in accordance with the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 and Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009. Council does not have the authority to monitor issues related to guidelines on appropriate behaviour or residential tenancies.</p>

At the Ordinary meeting of Council on Monday, 24 March 2014, Council resolved to change the way Councillors and Public questions taken on notice are answered and recorded from 14 April 2014 meeting of Council onwards.

5 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer tabled a listing of responses to public questions taken on notice at the previous Council meeting. A copy of the responses is provided as an attachment.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

At the Big Picnic at the Make Your Move Stall, I asked your Council officer why we need three score and ten plus soccer fields as reported by one of our Councillors only to be told this is not accurate and in fact is incorrect. It is disappointing that facts and fiction do not add up when trying to find out what is actually the true figure in this Local Government area and what our real needs are. At the last Council meeting I asked when will an audit of all recreational facilities be done and be released to be available to anyone who is really interested. I hope this is on its way.

Comment

John Bennie PSM, Chief Executive Officer

That is the question taken on notice that I have referred to a minute ago.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Why is there such a disparity in what residents are being told when they ask a question on the topic that interests them depending on who they talk to? Furthermore, what is Make Your Move and what does it hope to achieve? I was told having a soft launch. Lots of things in this Local Government area have a soft launch these days and add up to nothing. Lots of acronyms being thrown around without any substance for residents to get a grip of what these programs hope to achieve as there is no physical evidence of programs, events or real information. This is disappointing that time, energy and marketing go into something that amounts to nothing in real terms. Council needs to be more thought provoking when committing to programs to tick objective guideline boxes.

Response

Martin Fidler, Director Community Services

As addressed in a Council meeting in March, State and local strategic planning data confirms that Greater Dandenong does not have excess cricket and soccer venues. It states within Football Victoria's Facility Strategy to 2026 that with a minimum growth of 1.1 percent in registered players, the City of Greater Dandenong would require an additional nine full sized soccer pitches or alternatively, with a growth of 5 percent, a further 15 pitches would be required.

The Make Your Move campaign is aimed at raising the profile of health, wellness and physical activity across the City of Greater Dandenong. This is being promoted in our April and June editions of The City magazine, on our social media and yes, it was recently launched at the Big Picnic held at Frederick Wachter Reserve in Keysborough. Make Your Move is about promoting the many benefits of health

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and wellbeing. It is about making our community aware that these benefits can help prevent or manage medical conditions, reduce anxiety, stress or depression, improve a person's confidence or self-esteem, or bring people from diverse backgrounds together.

Participation in activity has the ability to transform people's wellbeing through increased access to various social and physical activities and mental health and wellbeing programs. This initiative has now come a priority three: mental and physical health in Council's Community Wellbeing Plan 2007 to 2021; and relates to a number of actions in Objective 1, which talks about creating an engaged, connected and active communities by increasing participation in sport and active recreation. This is also in Active Council Sport and Recreation Strategy 2014 to 2019.

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5 QUESTION TIME - PUBLIC (Cont.)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Response	Summary of Response
23/04/19 PQT2	Gaye Guest, Keysborough	<p>Auditing of City of Greater Dandenong Reserves, their infrastructure and use. It was mentioned at the last Council meeting that those clubs using Robert Booth Reserve, were not City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) based clubs but may have CGD residents as members of these clubs. This week, it is reported that a local football club is struggling to get members. There was a lot of mudslinging about a particular Cycling Club not having all their members, from the CGD postcode, but it is okay for Booth Reserve to be used by clubs with affiliation to a neighbouring Council area. There seems to be some double standards in what is acceptable and what is deemed by a few, including Councillors, as to what is not acceptable in this regards. When will an audit be done of all CGD reserves and the infrastructure on each reserve and who actually uses all these reserves and their actual memberships, without membership numbers being inflated? And once this audit is done, can it be released to the residents as it is evident there is land available to be used by the cycling club within our own municipality as a base, especially if timetabling was introduced to all reserve users?</p>	Director Community Services	6/05/19	<p>Council officers are working with CGD clubs and the wider community to assess and increase participation in physical activity and is currently undertaking the development of the Make Your Move - Sport and Active Recreation Strategy 2020-30.</p> <p>Residents and sporting clubs are in the process of being consulted and community feedback will inform the strategy and assist Council in future planning of sport and recreation infrastructure.</p> <p>As per the CGD Cycling Strategy 2017-24, Council is committed to "...increase the number of people cycling by providing and promoting opportunities to cycle for recreation, health and transport."</p> <p>Further, Council officers are working with State Sporting Associations, regional Councils and local clubs to look at opportunities to grow cycling as a sport.</p>
23/04/19 PQT3	Gaye Guest, Keysborough	<p>Removal of Mature Trees Process at the Parkfield Reserve. On the Parkfield Reserve Master Plan,</p>	Director Engineering Services	6/05/19	<p>Council officers take the issue of tree removals seriously and generally only remove the trees if they are dead,</p>

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		<p>it showed all mature trees being retired. Many of these mature trees have now been cut out in the hasty decision to rid Parkfield Reserve of the Velodrome despite its popularity. The Park is now a dust ball and gum trees are vulnerable as the surrounding trees have been removed. Why have these mature trees been cut out? Why has the Parkfield Reserve Master Plan not been followed and the trees retained when the City of Greater Dandenong has the lowest tree canopy coverage of many Local Government areas? This is totally unacceptable as Noble Park has lost far too many trees in recent years.</p>			<p>dying, dangerous or impacting on implementing significant strategic improvements to the Urban Landscape. In the case of Parkfield Reserve, all of the trees that have been recently removed were either dead or in significant decline which was identified as part of the Reserve master planning process. As further design development is undertaken, there may need to be some further removals in order to implement the strategic intent of the Parkfield Masterplan. Any future tree removals will be kept to an absolute minimum after considering all possible options to retain the trees have been worked through. Additional tree planting is planned to be undertaken in the next financial year with many more trees planned to be planted to complement and enhance the existing landscape improving the overall amenity of the Park.</p> <p>Council officers have recently visited the site with myself and I am satisfied with the approach taken to protect as many of the mature and healthy trees as possible.</p>

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6 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

The meeting closed at 7.52PM.

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