

# Council Meeting Minutes

10 August 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBER

Virtual Meeting

**HOBSONS**  
BAY CITY  
COUNCIL



## OUR MISSION

We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

## OUR VALUES

Respectful

Community driven and focused

Trusted and reliable

Efficient and responsible

Bold and innovative

Accountable and transparent

Recognised

Council acknowledges the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

### Chairperson:

Cr Jonathon Marsden (Mayor)

Strand Ward

### Councillors:

Cr Daria Kellander (Deputy Mayor)

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Tony Briffa JP

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Peter Hemphill

Strand Ward

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Strand Ward

Cr Diana Grima

Wetlands Ward

Cr Matt Tyler

Wetlands Ward

Aaron van Egmond  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hobsons Bay City Council

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## 1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land.

## 2 Virtual Meeting Protocols

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, this Council Meeting was conducted virtually in accordance with subsection 4.6 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, and livestreamed on the Council website at <http://webcast.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au>

### 2.1 Voting Method

Voting was conducted by show of hands, as in the Council Chamber.

### 2.2 Absence From Meeting

If a Councillor leaves the meeting at any time for any reason other than for a conflict of interest, the Councillor will stand to indicate their intention to leave and then walk away.

If a Councillor needs to leave the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest, the Chairperson will remove the Councillor from the virtual meeting until the matter under discussion has been resolved. The Chairperson will then invite the Councillor back into the meeting.

If a Councillor cannot be seen or heard due to technical issues and cannot carry on as a participant in the meeting, the meeting will continue as long as a quorum remains.

If the quorum is lost, the meeting will be adjourned until the quorum can be returned.

The time that any Councillor leaves and returns to the meeting will be recorded in the minutes regardless of the reason for absence.

## 3 Apologies

The Chairperson called for apologies received from Councillors who are unable to attend this meeting.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Diana Grima:**

**That Council accepts an apology from Cr Tony Briffa.**

**Carried unanimously**

## 4 Disclosure of Interest

In accordance with sections 127 and 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors are required to disclose a general or material conflict of interest. A conflict of interest must be disclosed in accordance with rule 15.3 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

Nil

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

### 5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Urgent Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 8 July 2021 and the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 13 July 2021 (copy previously circulated).

#### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:**

**That Council confirms the minutes of the Urgent Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 8 July 2021 and the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 13 July 2021.**

**Carried unanimously**

## 6 Councillor Questions

**Cr Diana Grima sought clarification as to whether household rubbish was regularly being dumped in public spaces and parklands?**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that most of the dumped rubbish that Council has collected was hard waste rather than household rubbish, while also acknowledging that the rate of dumped rubbish had been rising since 2015.

Mr Manivasagasivam went on to say that according to data over the past 12 months, 30 per cent of rubbish in Council's public bins is bagged rubbish, assumed to be household rubbish. Mr Manivasagasivam added that the issue is not unique to Hobsons Bay but affects the entire western region, and that Council would consider how to reduce the issue over the next few years.

**Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud asked whether the results of the survey conducted on waste management had been released to the community, and in what way?**

Ms Pene Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that the full kerbside waste and recycling service review and the entire Metropolis report and all attachments are publicly available on Council's website, in the agenda and attachment documents for the Council Meeting held on 29 June 2021.

**Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud asked whether it was possible for the materials to have a higher profile on Council's website.**

Ms Pene Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, took the question on notice to seek advice on any governance protocols that may apply.

**Cr Peter Hemphill asked, given the significance of the kerbside waste and recycling service review, whether there was any reason why Council wouldn't put it where people can find it readily?**

Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden took the question as a rhetorical question that had substantially been answered, in that the Director will go to the Chief Executive Officer to discuss the governance protocols of the matter.

**Cr Peter Hemphill asked, regarding the bagged rubbish found in Council's public bins, whether it could possibly be from people who have gone to picnics, events and so on.**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that the contents of the bagged rubbish identified by the survey had not been inspected to identify whether it was picnic rubbish or household rubbish, but it was assumed to be household rubbish because it was fully bagged.

**Cr Peter Hemphill asked what Council is doing in relation to helping Hobsons Bay residents recover from the recent COVID-19 outbreak, particularly if they have had to go into lockdown for two weeks because they happened to have been at one of the tiered exposure sites.**

Ms Pene Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that as at the morning of 10 August 2021, Hobsons Bay had about 900 people who had Tier 1 contact and roughly 700 who had Tier 2. Ms Winslade added that Council was operating at a standard level for Stage 4 service offerings, with many of Council's face-to-face services reduced and customer centres mostly operating digitally, but that some services still remained face-to-face, libraries were offering click-and-collect and so on.

In relation to the outbreak, Ms Winslade stated that Council is working very closely with the Victorian Government to assist with such things as accessing facilities. As an example, Ms Winslade mentioned that Council had assisted in getting a testing centre up and running overnight on Thursday 5 August 2021 to be able to run a rapid testing service.

Ms Winslade added that Council is working with local GPs to help get the message out about available services, and mentioned Dr Mukesh Haikerwal speaking at the Victorian Government's press conference on Thursday morning on the collaboration with Council around supporting Hobsons Bay residents.



Ms Winslade highlighted Council's Community Connector service, a phone line that people can call if they need help while in isolation or quarantine, whether that is help with shopping, getting medicine, getting library books, or help getting access to services that Council might not offer but can help people navigate towards, such as counselling or emergency food relief.

Ms Pene Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, stated that as with previous outbreaks, Council has been active in promoting those services through its regular channels, and has also been communicating directly with some of Hobsons Bay's CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) community leaders to make sure they know that Council is here to support them.

*Community members can access Community Connector by email at [communityconnector@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:communityconnector@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) or by phoning the Hobsons Bay City Council Customer Service team on 1300 179 944 and asking for the Community Connector.*

**Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden thanked Ms Winslade for her comprehensive answer and stated that Council is obviously concerned for those isolating within Hobsons Bay and wished them all the best, adding that Council would do its level best to continue services to them and provide support.**

**Mayor Cr Marsden also acknowledged that Hobsons Bay's sister city, the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire just south of Cairns, was now also under lockdown along with Cairns itself, extended Council's best wishes to that community in the lockdown and the fight against COVID-19.**

## 7 Public Question Time

Craig Rowley

**Q The Kerbside Waste and Recycling Review revealed that there is significant contamination of recycling collections by recyclable material being put in plastic bags by some households in our community.**

**My questions are: what actions have been taken by Council to educate the community to reduce and ultimately eliminate contamination of the recycling collections?**

A Council delivers a wide range of programs and events to assist and educate the community on reducing contamination. These range from general information on distribution to targeted contamination campaigns at the suburb level and individual bin inspection programs at the household level. Extensive community events were held pre-COVID-19 at the start of the Recycling 2.0 reform, but have been impacted by extended lockdown restrictions. A smartphone app also offers detailed information on what can be recycled to help reduce contamination.

**Q What further actions have been planned by Council to continue to make progress toward elimination of contamination of recycling collections?**

A The current education program will continue, and will continue to be refined based on suburb-level contamination data. This will include targeted communication and engagement campaigns to provide information aligned with the bin inspection program outcomes.

**Q What best practice benchmarking has been undertaken or is planned to be undertaken by Council so that it can learn from other councils that have successfully reduced contamination of the recycling collection services implemented elsewhere in Victoria, Australia, and internationally?**

A Council works closely with the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) and other industry groups in all areas of waste management, including the management of contamination.

Benchmarking and learning from best practice examples are a key element of working with these groups, alongside informing how we deliver our services.

The Hobsons Bay recycling bin only accepts products that can be recycled in Australia. When we made this change, we achieved greater transparency on higher levels of underlying contamination that was being shipped overseas.

Other operators are still accepting and offshoring many products that will not be accepted in future, as federal government bans on offshoring recycling are progressively introduced.

We hope that our experience in Hobsons Bay will also help others improve the quality of their comingled recycling as they transition to a more sustainable recycling system.

**Helen Wooley**

**Q I would like to know how many homeless people are in the Hobsons Bay Council area and if the Council is able to assist these people at all.**

A It is generally acknowledged that people who are homeless are among the hardest populations to collect statistics about. Homelessness covers a broad span of circumstances reflecting different levels of housing insecurity. Data from the last census in 2016 identified 331 people experiencing homelessness in Hobsons Bay.

Council funds crisis intervention support for people at their most vulnerable, including those facing or experiencing homelessness. This service provides direct support as well as referral to other agencies that may be able to assist. Council also provides support to some direct service agencies through direct funding or facility provision.

**Rowena Joske**

**Q In July it was reported in the media that the Kerbside Collection Services Review Survey found a majority of residents wanted weekly garbage collection.**

**Is there anything in the results of that survey that indicate that a majority (i.e. more than half) of residents wanted weekly garbage collection?**

A The survey asked two specific questions about frequency.

For the question on which bin residents would choose to either increase the frequency or upsize (without considering costs) of one bin (page 74):

- the weekly service was the most popular in both the random sample (statistically significant) telephone survey and the opt-in online surveys

- 35.1 per cent of random sample and 37.8 per cent of opt-in survey respondents respectively preferred this option

For the question on general frequency preferences taking indicative costs into account (page 76):

- just over half (52.0 per cent) of the random sample survey respondents preferred the current system of a small 120L general rubbish bin collected fortnightly, one fifth (20.6 per cent) preferred a large bin collected fortnightly, and 14.4 per cent preferred a small bin collected weekly
- in the opt-in online survey, the largest number of respondents also preferred the current system (34.4 per cent). 11.6 per cent of the opt-in survey respondents preferred a weekly service at a cost of \$40-45 per week

A third question related to satisfaction with the current frequency (page 48); for this:

- 30 per cent of the random sample survey respondents were dissatisfied with the fortnightly service
- 50 per cent of the opt-in online survey respondents were dissatisfied with the fortnightly service

There is one chart on page 50 of the survey report which indicates a majority support for a weekly service. However this chart represents analysis undertaken by Metropolis to understand the preference of the minority of respondents who indicated they were dissatisfied with the current service. It indicates that for the minority of residents who scored the overall service a 6 or less (out of 10), there is a strong preference for a weekly garbage service (99 per cent of the dissatisfied statistically significant respondents and 95 per cent of the dissatisfied opt-in survey respondents).

### Joanne Humphrey

**Q Is the Council planning to implement a new education strategy (or overall plan) to continue our overall waste education and prevention of recycling contamination?**

A Council will continue to utilise a range of methods to engage the community and continue our work to reduce recycling contamination.

**Q What would be the KPIs [key personal indicators] of a successful return to weekly bin pick up?**

A Council will work with our partners to ensure a high-quality service is provided to our community. Standard KPIs such as minimising missed bins will continue.

**Q After one year will the results e.g. costs, waste generation numbers and contamination rates be made public?**

A Council will continue to monitor implementation and depending on progress may provide further implementation reviews.

Where appropriate this information will be publicly accessible.

**Rosa McKenna**

**Q Has the HBCC Kerbside and Waste Recycling One Year Review and Community Survey been shared with the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group that has as its aim to encourage its metropolitan council members, of which Hobsons Bay is one, to reduce waste to landfill and increase resource recovery?**

A Council's one-year waste and recycling review is publicly available. As part of our work with the MWRRG, Council has engaged with a number of other MWRRG Council members and provided the information directly upon request.

**Q If it has not already done so, will the Council provide a copy to MWRRG for analysis and sharing amongst its members?**

A Council's one-year waste and recycling review is publicly available on Council's website to everyone including the MWRRG.

## 8 Petitions and Joint Letters

### 8.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

#### 8.1.2 Revised Joint Letter - Decision to Reinstate Weekly Garbage Collection

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Governance Officer  
**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden altered the order of proceedings to address Item 8.1.2 Revised Joint Letter – Decision to Reinstate Weekly Garbage Collection before Item 8.1.1 Joint Letter – Decision to Reinstate Weekly Garbage Collection.**

#### **Purpose**

To receive a joint letter containing nine signatories, requesting that Council share the engagement results of the Kerbside Waste and Recycling Service review with the community, publicly congratulate Council's staff and contractors for the achievements of Recycling 2.0, and make the review and survey easily accessible on Council's website. The joint letter further makes specific requests regarding the report to be prepared as part of Council's resolution at the Council Meeting on 29 June 2021 on the Kerbside Waste and Recycling Service Review.

#### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the revised joint letter in relation to the decision to reinstate weekly garbage collection.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the revised joint letter in relation to the decision to reinstate weekly garbage collection.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

## Summary

The joint letter, which is a revised copy of the joint letter tabled by Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud at the Council Meeting on 13 July 2021, was received on 30 July 2021. The joint letter has been updated to include the full addresses of signatories, in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

The revised letter has been reviewed to verify that it meets the requirements of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

The letter reads as follows:

“On the afternoon of Tuesday 6 July, Better West Inc initiated a petition that asks Council –

- rescinds (or overturns) the decision made on 29 June to reinstate weekly garbage collection and to reduce the FOGO collection to fortnightly
- listens to the positive community feedback from the statistically valid community survey
- finds a better, affordable and sustainable solution for those households who need more than a 120L bin with a fortnightly collection; and
- continues to advocate to reduce waste and assist households adjusting to the waste service

Better West Inc did not have the opportunity to present the petition at the Urgent Council Meeting on 8 July. In approximately 48 hours up to the time of the Urgent Council Meeting more than 1,600 signatures were collected. Approximately (80%) of those signatures were valid local signatures as per section 12.1.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge the Council decision made on 29 June regarding the Kerbside waste service outlined in the Resolution.

We now ask that Council:

1. In thanking the community for their feedback in the Kerbside Waste and recycling review, share the engagement results with the community, including the outcomes of the Kerbside Waste and Recycling One Year Review with an average rating of 7.4 out of 10 being “good” to “very good” community satisfaction levels, though identifying several clear areas for improvement
2. Publicly congratulate Council’s staff and contractors for the achievements of the Recycling 2.0 over the past 18 months, including a reduction in waste to landfill of 33 per cent; and
3. Make the review and survey easily and clearly accessible on Council’s website for the community and for other councils who are moving to the four bin system

We ask that the Report asked for in point 4 of the adopted Motion for Item: 8.3.1 Kerbside Waste and Recycling Service Review 29 June 2021 (the Motion):

1. Be developed by Council officers
2. Consider options that are comprehensive and examine the merits of returning to garbage collections on a fortnightly basis should landfill costs escalate, alongside a weekly food and garden organic collection

3. Is evidence based and builds upon the 2021 Waste Services Review and the results of the community survey
4. Is consistent with the endorsed Waste and Litter Strategy 2025 and recommits Council to the targets within that Strategy including the target to divert 54% of waste from landfill by June 2022, and by 66% by 2025
5. Includes a monitoring and accountability schedule to report progress towards these targets and periodically report this performance to the community through a range of available media and including some visual information on progress towards these goals
6. The final recommendations in the Report are presented to Councillors after community consultation, including clear information of the impact of the intervention in meeting waste reduction targets in the Strategy and cost-benefit analysis
7. The final recommendations are presented to Councillors prior to any changes made to the weekly FOGO collection”

### 8.1.1 Joint Letter - Decision to Reinstate Weekly Garbage Collection

The motion moved by Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud and seconded by Cr Peter Hemphill to receive the joint letter at the Council Meeting held on 13 July 2021 was deferred from that Council Meeting for subsequent debate and resolution by Council at the next Council Meeting, to be held on 10 August 2021.

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud tabled a joint letter containing nine signatories which read as follows:

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6. The final recommendations in the Report are presented to Councillors after community consultation, including clear information of the impact of the intervention in meeting waste reduction targets in the Strategy and cost-benefit analysis
7. The final recommendations are presented to Councillors prior to any changes made to the weekly FOGO collection”

## **Motion**

**Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:**

**That Council:**

1. **Receives and notes the joint letter in relation to the decision to reinstate weekly garbage collection.**
2. **Subject to a review of the validity of the joint letter in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

**Lapsed**

### 8.1.3 Petition - Altona North Pump Park

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Governance Officer  
**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To receive an electronic petition containing 505 valid signatories, of whom 215 identify as residents of Hobsons Bay, in support of developing pump tracks, informal BMX tracks and gravel circuits for informal recreation in Altona North.

#### Motion

**Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the petition in support of developing pump tracks, informal BMX tracks and gravel circuits for informal recreation in Altona North.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the petition in support of developing pump tracks, informal BMX tracks and gravel circuits for informal recreation in Altona North.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

#### Summary

The petition was received on 3 August 2021 and has been reviewed to verify that it meets the requirements of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

The petition reads as follows:

### **“Background**

The 2021 Mayoral program has a focus on promoting active transport with the community, includ[ing] the development of recreation cycling areas for young people. As the Mayoral Focus report states:

*‘there is scope for developing pump tracks, informal BMX tracks and gravel circuits in suitable locations to cater for children and young people in order to meet community demand for safe off-road riding.’*

In Altona North there is a lack of informal recreational space for children and teenagers. This leads to our roads being used inappropriately and unsafely for fun. We think there are many sites that, with investigation and involvement from the local community, could be suitable for these facilities. Can you please investigate the suitability of sites like:

- the Eastona Primary School site,
- the hilled area next to the Paisley Park playground,
- Crofts Reserve, and;
- the reserves along Kororoit Creek,

for their suitability for a pump park. And, please also consider facilities like climbing walls and other informal recreation in Altona North too.

### **Petition**

We the undersigned, support the development of pump tracks, informal BMX tracks and gravel circuits in Altona North. We ask Hobsons Bay City Council to investigate suitable locations for these in our area.”

### **8.1.4 Joint Letter - Implementation of Council Resolution to Reinstate General Waste Services and Proposed Environmental Initiatives**

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Governance Officer  
**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### **Purpose**

To receive a joint letter containing 33 valid signatories, all identifying as Hobsons Bay residents, requesting that Council implement its resolution to reinstate weekly general waste collections as quickly as possible and provide communication about the implementation before the end of August. The letter also requests that Council commit to gaining ISO 14001:2015 certification by the end of 2022.

#### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the joint letter in relation to the implementation of weekly general waste services and proposed environmental initiatives.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the joint letter in relation to the implementation of weekly general waste services and proposed environmental initiatives.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

#### **Summary**

The joint letter was received on 6 August 2021 and has been reviewed to verify that it meets the requirements of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

The letter reads as follows:

“Dear Mayor Marsden, Councillors and CEO

**Joint Letter – Implementation of Council resolution to reinstate weekly general waste services and proposed environmental initiatives.**

We are very pleased our Council has listened to the concerns of the majority of residents and resolved to reinstate weekly general rubbish collections. We are also pleased that environmentally progressive and responsible steps such as the four bin system continues to be supported and that the council will trial new biodegradable bags and seek to further increase what materials can be recycled. We also support the council continuing to raise awareness about the importance of reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Now the council has resolved to reinstate weekly general waste collections, we ask that council implements this as quickly as possible and provides communication about the introduction of the weekly collection before the end of August. Residents need certainty that the Council is indeed listening to them.

To further add to the progressive environmental initiatives of the council, we also request the council commits to gaining ISO 14001:2015 certification throughout the council’s organisation and services by the end of 2022. We also ask the council to encourage other local governments to do the same.”

## 9 Business

### 9.1 Office of the Chief Executive

#### 9.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the Chief Executive
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
<b>Reviewer:</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. CEO Report on Operations [9.1.1.1 - 38 pages]

#### Purpose

To present the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report on Operations.

#### Motion

**Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:**

**That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.**

#### Summary

The attached CEO's Report on Operations provides Councillors and community with a regular update from the CEO on key initiatives, projects and performance.

#### Discussion

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of recent issues, initiatives and projects undertaken across Council. The report is provided on a monthly basis.

In accordance with rule 10.7.1 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, Council maintains records of meetings attended by Councillors in the CEO's Report on Operations to ensure transparency and equity of information. A summary of meetings for the period between March 2021 and 31 March 2021 is provided in this month's report.

## 9.2 Corporate Services

### 9.2.1 Draft Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Responsible Officer:** Coordinator Legal and Performance Reporting Services

**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:** 1. Draft Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 [9.2.1.1 - 39 pages]

### Purpose

To seek approval for the Draft Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks.

### Motion

Moved Cr Matt Tyler, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

1. Places the Draft Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 (with an incorporated Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) on public exhibition for four weeks from 11 August 2021 to 8 September 2021.
2. Receives and considers submissions made before finalising the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 for adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on 12 October 2021.
3. Notes the review of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

Carried unanimously

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Places the Draft Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 (with an incorporated Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) on public exhibition for four weeks from 11 August 2021 to 8 September 2021.
2. Receives and considers submissions made before finalising the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 for adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on 12 October 2021.
3. Notes the review of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

## Summary

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the LG Act 2020), Council is required to develop and maintain a Community Vision and prepare the Council Plan via its deliberative engagement practices with the community. From January 2021 to July 2021, Council engaged with 1,477 members of the public through a range of activities and received 4,887 ideas about the Community Vision and what the community thinks Council should be focusing on over the next four years. The majority of respondents agreed that the Community Vision still accurately describes their aspirations for the future of Hobsons Bay.

Councils are also required to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan every four years in accordance with section 27 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* (PHW Act). Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan, which focuses on improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Hobsons Bay, has been integrated into the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25.

## Background

Council has a legislative requirement to prepare and approve a Council Plan by 31 October 2021 in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices. The Council Plan is guided by the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and its six priorities.

Under section 90 of the LG Act 2020 the Council Plan must outline:

- the strategic direction of Council
- strategic objectives for achieving the strategic direction
- strategies to achieve the objectives
- strategic indicators for monitoring achievements
- a description of Council's initiatives and priorities

The Council Plan is based on a planning framework that aligns the Vision to the planning, development, allocation of resources and provision of services to the Hobsons Bay community. The implementation of the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 will be achieved through Council's annual business plans and the delivery of services and initiatives funded through the annual budget process.

Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan was previously incorporated into the Council Plan 2017-21 and Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision. In this reporting cycle the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan will be integrated into the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 and is required to be adopted by 24 October 2021.

As required by the PHW Act, the incorporation of the health and wellbeing plan has considered an examination of local health status and determinants, objectives and strategies for achieving health and wellbeing and consideration of actions to prevent and respond to family violence. The plan specifies how Council will work in partnership with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and other public health and wellbeing agencies. It has also considered the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-2023 and the *Climate Change Act 2017*.



The community engagement activities undertaken in the development of the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 are in line with the Hobsons Bay Community Engagement Policy 2021, which articulates the principles, commitments and various levels of engagement that Council is committed to delivering to ensure a clear process for community engagement in Council's decision-making processes.

## Discussion

### Community consultation

Through extensive community consultation including the distribution of 40,000 reply-paid postcards to households and businesses, 11 facilitated community workshops and a Hitting the Streets campaign, 1,477 people were engaged to help shape the Council Plan.

The Hitting the Streets team visited 14 separate locations across the city and spoke with nearly 500 people. With many people cautious of live events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Council worked hard to be present in the community and accessible.

Council asked the community whether the Community Vision still describes the community's aspirations for the future of the municipality. The majority of community members agreed that the Vision is still relevant, while the responses that said it was no longer relevant were varied and there was no strong theme for specific change.

Some suggestions related to actions for Council to consider in the development of the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25.

### Strategic objectives

In response to the community's feedback and in accordance with the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision, five objectives have been developed to guide Council's strategic direction for the next four years.

#### 1. Community – Healthy, equitable and thriving communities

Be a city where all members of the community can participate equitably, feel safe, connected and achieve good health and social wellbeing.

#### 2. Environment – Valuing our environment

Foster a sustainable way of living in response to climate change through active involvement in alternative energy use, reduction of waste, and enhancement and conservation of our natural environment.

#### 3. Place, Recreation and Economy – Vibrant place and economy

Support a resilient local economy that facilitates job growth and retention, promoting Hobsons Bay as a place to live, work, invest, recreate and visit.

#### **4. Community Infrastructure – Visionary community infrastructure and urban planning**

Develop and maintain infrastructure to promote liveability, planning for the future need and growth of the community, while preserving heritage, environment and neighbourhood character.

#### **5. Organisation – A high performing organisation**

Delivering value for money through efficient processes, digital transformation and continuous improvement with a willingness to try new approaches as to how we do, what we do. We will be transparent and responsive to the needs of the community through meaningful communication and engagement.

### **Health and wellbeing priorities**

The Council Plan incorporates four health and wellbeing priorities informed by the broader Council Plan community engagement activities and targeted engagement with 21 public health and wellbeing stakeholders including the Victorian Government, health and wellbeing networks and community health organisations.

The four health and wellbeing priorities identified are:

1. Increasing participation in the community
2. A safe, healthy and equitable society
3. Active living
4. Climate change and its impact on health

### **Implementation process**

The implementation of the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 will be achieved through Council's annual business plans and the delivery of services and initiatives funded through the annual budget process.

The Draft Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 will be placed on public exhibition and made available on Council's website from 11 August 2021 and written submissions will be invited from the community until 8 September 2021. Council will consider all submissions and finalise the Hobsons Bay Council Plan 2021-25 and integrated Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan for adoption before the required legislative date of 24 October 2021.

The community will be informed of the progress made in implementing the Council Plan through quarterly progress reports and the Annual Report. Through Council's Community Engagement Policy 2021, Council commits to meaningful and effective participation to ensure the community voice will guide how to deliver on this Council Plan and respond to changing circumstances.

## 9.2.2 Mayoral Focus Update

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Coordinator Governance and Information Management  
**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

### Purpose

To update Councillors and the community on the initiatives and activities that were identified as focus areas for the 2020-21 mayoral term by Cr Jonathon Marsden.

### Motion

**Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:**

**That Council notes the progress made on initiatives and activities that were identified as focus areas for the 2020-21 mayoral term by Cr Jonathon Marsden.**

**Carried unanimously**

### Recommendation

**That Council notes the progress made on initiatives and activities that were identified as focus areas for the 2020-21 mayoral term by Cr Jonathon Marsden.**

### Summary

In November 2020, Council elected Cr Jonathon Marsden as Mayor for the 2020-21 mayoral term.

On 9 February 2021 Council resolved to note the proposed 2020-21 Mayoral Program.

Cr Marsden identified that during his term, mayoral activities will focus on the establishment of the Virtual Power Plant (VPP), working towards reconciliation with our First Nations people, continuing to support the business community as it recovers from COVID-19, sustainability, the coastline, active transport and cycling, and placemaking.

This report provides an update on the progress made on initiatives and activities since November 2020 when Cr Marsden was elected Mayor. This is the second update provided to Council. The first update was provided on 11 May 2021.

## Background

The Mayoral Program provides an opportunity for the Mayor to support the implementation of key strategic actions that will serve the best interest of the Hobsons Bay community and align with the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and the Council Plan 2017-21.

## Discussion

An update on the key focus areas identified by Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden as part of the 2020-21 Mayoral Program:

### Virtual Power Plant and climate change

Council's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and lowering energy costs through direct action has seen significant progress with the large-scale solar program underway. The program will deliver about 4MW of solar energy through the creation of a Virtual Energy Network. The network will support Council's goal of carbon neutrality by 2030, with solar infrastructure to be installed on more than 40 Council-owned buildings and the opportunity for the community to join the solar network to access low-cost green energy.

Council established a reference group including homeowners, tenants, businesses and not-for-profits to hear a broad range of perspectives on implementing community access to the solar program. The reference group has been providing input and guidance to ensure that any extension of the program to the community will meet the community's needs.

Installation of solar infrastructure and carbon track units at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, Bayfit Leisure Centre, libraries and community hubs is almost complete. To date approximately 500kW of the total project scope of 4MW has been installed on Council buildings.



Figure 1: Celebrating the installation of the solar infrastructure at the Altona Lacrosse Pavilion

## Towards reconciliation

In July, Council was notified of the confirmation of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation as the Registered Aboriginal Party for Hobsons Bay.

The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June 2021) was "More than a word. Reconciliation takes action". Mayor Cr Marsden called upon the Hobsons Bay community to become a braver community that actively and collaboratively addresses issues of inequality, systemic racism and rights.

A suite of three videos were released during National Reconciliation Week, featuring Mayor Cr Marsden advocating for reconciliation through various themes. The first video was filmed in front of Gumbaynggirr artist Aretha Stewart Brown's mural *We are here* in Challis Street, Newport. The second video was set at Altona Beach and featured music sourced through local musician, Pitjantjatjara man Bart Willoughby and a third video featured the Lost Lands Found environmental planting by Wemba Wemba Wergaia man Dean Stewart in Logan Reserve, Altona.

NAIDOC Week (4 July to 11 July 2021) created an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the achievements, history and diverse cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The 2021 theme was "Heal Country!"

Council-supported activities included cultural awareness workshops, resources and programs including engagement with schools, early years services and businesses. Hobsons Bay Libraries supported a number of literary events celebrating First Nations peoples, history and culture over this period.

Council also hosted exhibitions showcasing and celebrating the histories of National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre foyer in Altona and at the Williamstown Library. The exhibition acknowledged 49 years from National Aborigines' Day in 1972 to the present time.

In July, residents and visitors to Hobsons Bay would also have noticed the installation of flags printed with Womindjeka (Figure 2) at the gateway flagpole sites across the municipality: Melbourne Road (Spotswood), Millers Road (Brooklyn), Kororoit Creek Road (Altona), Queen Street (Altona Meadows) and at the corner of Railway and Pier Streets (Altona) as a COVIDSafe way of promoting First Australians' culture. Womindjeka is a Kulin Nation word used as a welcome, translating as "Come, with purpose".



**Figure 2: Womindjeka flags designed by Aretha Stewart Brown**

### **COVID-19 Recovery and Hobsons Bay Business has Heart**

Another priority initiative is the continuing revitalisation of Hobsons Bay's business precincts.

Council's Hobsons Bay Business has Heart program was launched in October 2020 to support local businesses to survive, recover and thrive. The program supports local businesses through provision of grants, precinct promotion, free marketing, communications, graphic design and web design services; and the installation of infrastructure to allow safe outside trading.

The program delivered a \$250,000 grant scheme with 20 grants provided to groups of businesses across the municipality. The grant projects encouraged the community to engage with and support local business and ranged from social media campaigns to pop-up events. The program also provided businesses with free one-on-one support from communications and marketing professionals and graphic and web designers. Promotional videos and marketing collateral for the municipality's business precincts engaged locals and visitors, restrictions permitting, to visit Hobsons Bay's great business precincts. Hobsons Bay Valentine's Day 2.0 enabled businesses to have a second chance once restrictions were eased.

The Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoors program enabled more than 190 local businesses to operate within strict social distancing limitations by extending their trading areas onto footpaths, parking spaces and other public spaces. Extensive consultation with both participating and non-participating businesses and residents across Hobsons Bay indicated strong support for the program. The original pilot program has been extended for another year through to May 2022. Further work will now be undertaken to develop principles around design, cost, access and seasonality for the future of outdoor trading in Hobsons Bay.

## Coastal and Marine Management Plan

Another initiative on the Mayoral Focus Program is the Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP). Finalisation of the CMMP is nearing completion following the public exhibition period in March. The feedback received on the Draft CMMP from the community and external agencies has informed the final plan which will be considered for final adoption by Council in September/October.

Key objectives included within the CMMP is to empower the community to play a part in the care of natural marine and coastal places. Successful applications to the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) Port Phillip Bay Fund mean that projects such as the Citizen Science Drone Network Project and the CoastSnap project can be funded. These projects will help encourage the community's interaction with coastal areas.

In partnership with the University of Melbourne, a Citizen Science Drone Network project will commence along the Altona Foreshore and two CoastSnap locations have also been identified for installations (Figure 3). A nomination process to join the Drone Network will be released over the coming weeks along with more information on the CoastSnap locations.

CoastSnap is a global citizen science project that enables the community to use their smartphones to capture repeat images of the foreshore from the same location. The images are shared via the CoastSnap app and analysed to track how the foreshore changes over time due to processes such as storms, rising sea levels, human activities, and other factors.



**Figure 3: CoastSnap camera cradle**

Mayor Cr Marsden was pleased to host a visit by the Minister for Suburban Development, the Hon Shaun Leane MP, and the State Member for Altona, the Hon Jill Hennessy MP, to discuss improvement works within the Altona Foreshore Precinct. As part of the visit in July, it was announced that works within the precinct will be supported by \$4.4 million from the Victorian Government's Suburban Revitalisation Program and \$1.4 million from the DELWP. Works within the precinct occurring over the coming three years include new pedestrian access ramps at Webb Street and Mount Street, seawall and shared trail works from Webb Street to Pier Street, Pier Street Stage 4 works, improvements to Weaver Reserve, the Esplanade closure project and a new entry to Altona Pier. The pier entry project will be completed in alignment with works being undertaken by Parks Victoria to construct a new pier.

The development of preliminary concepts to inform future improvements within the Williamstown Beach Precinct are continuing. Engagement with the community on these projects will occur during the 2021-22 summer period.

## Urban Forest Strategy

The implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy was also included as a focus item.

The tree planting season is well underway with 3,130 semi-advanced trees so far planted. This is made up of 1,754 trees planted in reserves and open spaces and 1,376 trees planted within streets across the municipality.

Council is on track to plant 8,500 advanced trees by the end of the planting season.

The largest planting sites so far this season are:

- Laverton Creek Floodway, Altona Meadows 203 trees
- AB Shaw Reserve, Altona Meadows 120 trees
- GJ Hosken Reserve, Altona North 113 trees



**Figure 4: Council is on track to plant 8,500 advanced trees by the end of the planting season**

Stage 1 of the Urban Canopy Delivery Plan is complete. Community consultation on the plan is due to commence in August 2021. The Urban Canopy Delivery Plan will focus on directing streetscape and park planting projects in high priority planting locations including main roads, gateways and pathways in locations highly vulnerable to heat.

The internal urban forest team trucks and utes have been wrapped in the Urban Forest Strategy branding (Figure 5). This has been done to further promote the strategy, increase



exposure of the work that is being undertaken and encourage interaction with team members when planting on site.



**Figure 5: Urban Forest Strategy Branding**

### Active transport and cycling

A focus in promoting active transport, which has boomed within the community during the COVID-19 lockdown as people rediscovered the beauty of Hobsons Bay by walking, cycling and rolling in their wheelchairs and scooters, is an important priority for the 2020-21 mayoral term.

Completed infrastructure projects that have improved active transport outcomes and created a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists including:

- separated bike lanes, green line marking and pedestrian refuges along Victoria Street, Altona Meadows between Hall Avenue and Queen Street
- A total of 50 pram crossings to improve north-south pedestrian connectivity in Altona North, comprising:
  - 12 pram crossings along Marion Street, Altona North
  - 18 pram crossings along May Street, Altona North
  - 20 pram crossings along Cresser Street, Altona North

The recent adoption of the 2021-22 Budget has also included a number of key cycling/pedestrian improvement projects including:

- bike lane improvements and new pedestrian refuges on Victoria Street, Williamstown
- bike lane improvements and new pedestrian crossings on Mason Street, Altona North/Newport
- bike lane improvements on Ferguson Street, Williamstown

Design work on these projects is currently underway with construction being scheduled for delivery over the coming financial year. Council's advocacy work has also resulted in the Victorian Government recently committing to design and development for a new foot/cycle bridge on Queen Street, Altona Meadows across Laverton Creek. Council will continue to work with the Department of Transport, which is responsible for delivering on this commitment, to progress this project for the purposes of construction in the near future.

## Place Making

At the 29 June 2021 Council Meeting, the Better Places Spotswood/South Kingsville Draft Place Guide was endorsed for public exhibition. The public exhibition period has seen the launch of a dedicated Better Places website (<https://better-places.com.au/>) to help promote interest in the 16 projects proposed within the Draft Place Guide. The new website provides residents with an opportunity to provide direct feedback on each project and also nominate if they would like to be kept informed on particular projects. This provides officers with early engagement opportunities on these future projects once planning on each commences. Residents still have the opportunity to view and provide feedback on the complete Draft Place Guide on Participate Hobsons Bay until 11 August 2021.

With COVID-19 restrictions limiting face-to-face contact, two online drop-in sessions were made available for the community to find out more information on projects identified within the Draft Place Guide. In total, about 45 people attended the two sessions. The public exhibition of the Draft Place Guide concludes on 11 August and the final document will be presented to council for endorsement in October 21.

A key initiative identified within the Better Places Laverton Place Guide (adopted in September 2020) was the Love Laverton Parks project, which involved the upgrade of eight open space reserves throughout Laverton as a coordinated project. Following community consultation, works to Frank Gibson Reserve and Whittaker Avenue Reserve will start in August, and Dick Murdoch Reserve improvement works will also occur as part of the 2021-22 Capital Works Program. Community consultation to inform future upgrades to Henderson Street Reserve, Bladin Street Reserve and Croyley Crescent Reserve will also be on public exhibition throughout August. Community feedback on the concepts prepared will inform the final designs before works occur in these spaces throughout 2022.

Another project identified within the Laverton Place Guide is the McCormack Park Master Plan. Stage 1 consultation on the development of the master plan is open until 22 August 2021.

### 9.2.3 Review of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Coordinator Governance and Information Management  
**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To conclude the review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances as required by section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the LG Act 1989), and to fix the allowances.

#### Motion

Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:

That Council:

1. Having reviewed the Mayoral and Councillor allowances in accordance with section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, resolves to:
  - a. Fix the Mayoral allowance at \$81,204 (eighty-one thousand, two hundred and four dollars) per annum
  - b. Fix the Councillor allowance at \$26,245 (twenty-six thousand, two hundred and forty-five dollars) per annum
  - c. Provide the Mayor and Councillors an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee of 10 per cent of the relevant allowance
2. Notes that allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors will in future be set by Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (the Remuneration Tribunal) in accordance with section 39 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. Notes that the first Determination of the Remuneration Tribunal will be made within six months of the Minister for Local Government's request, notified to Council on 29 June 2021.

Carried unanimously

## Recommendation

### That Council:

1. **Having reviewed the Mayoral and Councillor allowances in accordance with section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, resolves to:**
  - a. **Fix the Mayoral allowance at \$81,204 (eighty-one thousand, two hundred and four dollars) per annum**
  - b. **Fix the Councillor allowance at \$26,245 (twenty-six thousand, two hundred and forty-five dollars) per annum**
  - c. **Provide the Mayor and Councillors an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee of 10 per cent of the relevant allowance**
2. **Notes that allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors will in future be set by Determination of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (the Remuneration Tribunal) in accordance with section 39 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**
3. **Notes that the first Determination of the Remuneration Tribunal will be made within six months of the Minister for Local Government's request, notified to Council on 29 June 2021.**

## Summary

At the Council Meeting held on 8 June 2021, Council commenced the process to review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances. This report concludes the review and recommends fixing the allowances.

## Background

The *Local Government Act 2020* deems that allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors will now be set by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (the Remuneration Tribunal). However, upon advice from Local Government Victoria (LGV) that the Remuneration Tribunal would not make an initial determination by 30 June 2021, Council undertook a review of the Mayoral and Councillor allowances in accordance with section 74 of the LG Act 1989, which remains in effect for this purpose.

The process of review required Council to first determine the proposed allowance amounts within allowable limits and ranges determined by the Minister for Local Government and then publicly advertise its intention to pay those allowance amounts and accept submissions for a minimum of 28 days. Public exhibition of the Mayoral and Councillor allowances commenced on 9 June 2021 and concluded on 6 July 2021, with no submissions received.

On 29 June 2021, Council received advice from LGV that the Minister for Local Government had requested that the Remuneration Tribunal make its first Determination of Mayoral, Deputy Mayoral and Councillor allowances. Until the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination is made, the Mayoral and Councillor allowances will be paid at the rate resolved upon by Council as the outcome of this review.

## Discussion

The review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances was presented to Council at the Council Meeting held on 8 June 2021 with a recommendation that the allowances remain unchanged from the previous Council term, being \$81,204 for the Mayoral allowance and \$26,245 for the Councillor allowance. The Mayor and Councillors are also entitled to receive an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee contribution, which increased from 9.5 per cent to 10 per cent from 1 July 2021.

Council resolved to advertise and receive submissions on the proposed Mayoral and Councillor allowances in accordance with section 223 of the LG Act 1989, which remains in force. The review of Mayoral and Councillor allowances was accordingly placed on public exhibition via Participate Hobsons Bay from 9 June 2021 to 6 July 2021.

As no submissions were received during the public exhibition period, it is recommended that Council fix the Mayoral and Councillor allowances at the same level as for the previous year and provide the Mayor and Councillors an amount equivalent to the current superannuation guarantee contribution.

## 9.2.4 Audit and Risk Committee Update - May 2021

<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate Services
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Audit and Risk Advisor
<b>Reviewer:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes - 26 May 2021 [9.2.4.1 - 7 pages]

### Purpose

To update Council regarding issues considered at the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 26 May 2021.

### Motion

**Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:**

**That Council notes the matters considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at the meeting held on 26 May 2021.**

**Carried unanimously**

### Recommendation

**That Council notes the matters considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at the meeting held on 26 May 2021.**

### Summary

This report provides an update of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 26 May 2021 to ensure that Council is informed of the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee. It provides Council with an opportunity to explore any issues that have been considered.

### Background

The Hobsons Bay City Council Audit and Risk Committee is an independent Committee of Council. The Committee comprises three independent members and two Councillors. The Chairperson is an independent member who has the casting vote. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are non-voting members.

The Committee meets at least quarterly throughout the year and has a Charter that addresses responsibilities that include risk management, control frameworks, external accountability, legislative compliance and internal and external audits.

## Discussion

The 26 May 2021 meeting addressed the following items:

- the Chief Executive Officer's update
- outstanding audit recommendations
- Internal Audit Program including proposed audits and completed audit reports
- risk management update highlighting the risk executive summary, a general update on recent issues and an insurance report
- financial report for the period ended 31 March 2021
- cash and investment balances as at 30 April 2021

## 9.3 Infrastructure and City Services

### 9.3.1 Draft Northern Local Area Movement Plans

<b>Directorate:</b>	Infrastructure and City Services
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Capital Works
<b>Reviewer:</b>	Director Infrastructure and City Services
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Final Northern LAMP Engagement 2 Report - July 2021.2 [9.3.1.2 - 29 pages]</li><li>2. Draft Northern LAMP - Spotswood and South Kingsville 1 [9.3.1.1 - 21 pages]</li><li>3. Draft Northern LAMP - Brooklyn and Altona North 3 [9.3.1.3 - 21 pages]</li><li>4. Draft Northern LAMP - Newport and Williamstown North 4 [9.3.1.4 - 20 pages]</li></ol>

### Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Draft Northern Local Area Movement Plans (LAMPs) for the purpose of undertaking community engagement.

### Motion

Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:

That Council:

1. Places the Draft Northern Local Area Movement Plans on public exhibition for a period of four weeks from 23 August 2021 to 20 September 2021.
2. Receives a report to adopt the Northern Local Area Movement Plans at a future Council Meeting following the public exhibition period.

Carried unanimously

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Places the Draft Northern Local Area Movement Plans on public exhibition for a period of four weeks from 23 August 2021 to 20 September 2021.
2. Receives a report to adopt the Northern Local Area Movement Plans at a future Council Meeting following the public exhibition period.



## Summary

The current version of the Draft Northern LAMPs has considered the initial issues paper that took into account recent transport studies, existing issues analysis, and two distinct rounds of engagement with the community that has captured the feedback relating to transport issues and ideas for improvement. This has facilitated a comprehensive action plan for local transport improvements across the northern part of municipality. The Draft Northern LAMPs also outline key advocacy items that would seek to improve transport outcomes on the state-managed arterial road and public transport network.

It is proposed to undertake a final round of community consultation following endorsement by Council to seek feedback and incorporate into the finalised document before being approved at a future meeting.

## Background

In November 2020 Council undertook an initial round of community engagement in conjunction with the Better Places Spotswood/South Kingsville project. This engagement work sought to understand key transport issues the community was encountering throughout Spotswood, South Kingsville, Williamstown North, Newport, Altona North, and Brooklyn.

## Discussion

The Draft Northern LAMPs include several key actions for implementation on the local transport network and advocacy to the Victorian Government to improve transport outcomes on the state-managed arterial road and public transport network. Some of these items in each of the LAMPs include:

### Spotswood and South Kingsville

- east-west cycling link along such streets as Brunel Street, McLister Street, Birmingham Street and Craig Street to connect key nodes such as the Bay Trail, Scienceworks, Spotswood Station and the Vernon Street activity centre
- north-south cycling link along Hall Street to connect key nodes such as the Federation Trail, Spotswood activity centre and Newport activity centre
- traffic calming in Hudsons Road and The Avenue to reduce speed, and through traffic movements for a calmer and safer environment for pedestrians
- advocacy action for a new pedestrian/cyclist crossing across Douglas Parade near Craig Street
- advocacy action for removal of railway level crossing at Hudsons Road near the Spotswood Station

### Brooklyn and Altona North

- completion of the Kororoit Creek shared trail for improved pedestrian/cyclist connectivity and safety
- implementation of 40km/h area-wide speed limits and complementary traffic calming treatments in key residential areas of Brooklyn and Altona North to reduce vehicle speeds and through traffic movements

- new shared pathway along Ross Road corridor to connect Newport Station with residential areas of Altona North
- advocacy action for new service lane and signalised intersection along Millers Road to service residential areas of Brooklyn
- advocacy action for intersection improvements at Kororoit Creek Road and Millers Road to improve cycling and pedestrian safety

### **Newport and Williamstown North**

- improvements around the Newport bus interchange and train station for improved public transport connectivity and safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists
- completion of the shared pathway network along Champion Road, Market Street, Railway Parade and Ross Street
- increased pedestrian crossing points along Blackshaws Road for improved access between key nodes such as Newport Lakes, new residential areas in precincts 15 and 16 and local schools
- advocacy action for removal of railway level crossings at Champion Road and Maddox Road for improved safety and local amenity

### **Community engagement results**

In May-June 2021, Council conducted a round of engagement with the community on the Draft Northern LAMPs. This included promotion through print and social media channels, seven face-to-face sessions and digitally via Council's Participate Hobsons Bay webpage.

Feedback was sought from the community on the draft plans through digital and hard copy surveys, and written submissions via post and email. The key outcomes from the community engagement period for each of the LAMP areas is summarised below.

#### **Spotswood and South Kingsville**

- survey results showed that the overall support for the LAMP was generally high with 76 per cent of the 33 respondents supporting the proposed actions
- support for the locations was also high at 78 per cent

#### **Brooklyn and Altona North**

- survey results showed that the overall support for the LAMP was generally high with 82 per cent of the 28 respondents supporting the proposed actions
- support for the locations was less strong at 68 per cent

#### **Newport and Williamstown North**

- survey results showed that the overall support for the LAMP was generally very high with 87 per cent of the 52 respondents supporting the proposed actions
- support for the locations was also very high at 90 per cent

While overall broad support was established, the engagement results did identify two types of actions where feedback was divided. This included the introduction of 40km/h area-wide speed zones and implementation of cycling infrastructure resulting in loss of on-street parking.

This feedback has been noted within the engagement report and LAMPs for consideration as more localised consultation occurs with affected residents. As the feedback from the engagement indicated a substantial level of support for these actions and that the implementation would have significant benefits to the community, they have been retained within the LAMPs.

### **Additions based on community feedback**

Detailed feedback received through the engagement, including at the drop-in sessions, did show that there were some additional measures and opportunities that were missed. As a result, the following measures have been added to the draft LAMPs:

#### **Spotswood and South Kingsville**

- improvements to pedestrian connections to Edwards Reserve
- installation of “Watch for Pedestrians” lantern for traffic exiting Hudsons Road into Melbourne Road
- investigation into the conversion of long-term parking spaces adjacent to Spotswood Station to drop-off bays
- investigation into sight lines at the intersection of New Street and Blackshaws Road
- provision of a pedestrian crossing across Brunel Street in the vicinity of Vernon Street

#### **Brooklyn and Altona North**

- investigation into a pedestrian refuge island and path connections at the McIntosh Road and Mills Street intersection
- investigation into additional cyclist crossing points across Kororoit Creek Road

#### **Newport and Williamstown North**

- provision of additional pedestrian crossing points on Mason Street

It is now proposed to undertake a final round of community engagement on the Draft Northern LAMPs before being finalised and approved by Council for future implementation.

### 9.3.2 Contract 2020.79 Street Trees Maintenance

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Coordinator Arboriculture  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To seek Council endorsement for the awarding of Contract 2020.79 Street Trees Maintenance.

#### Motion

**Moved Cr Peter Hemphill, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:**

**That Council awards Contract 2020.79 Street Trees Maintenance to Active Tree Services for a period of three years comprising:**

- a sum of \$1,885,204 (one million, eight hundred and eighty-five thousand and two hundred and four dollars) including GST for programmed street tree maintenance
- a sum of \$1,648,500 (one million, six hundred and forty-eight thousand and five hundred dollars) including GST, for reactive street tree maintenance.

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council awards Contract 2020.79 Street Trees Maintenance to Active Tree Services for a period of three years comprising:**

- a sum of \$1,885,204 (one million, eight hundred and eighty-five thousand and two hundred and four dollars) including GST for programmed street tree maintenance
- a sum of \$1,648,500 (one million, six hundred and forty-eight thousand and five hundred dollars) including GST, for reactive street tree maintenance.

#### Summary

It is recommended that Contract 2020.79 Street Trees Maintenance be awarded to Active Tree Services. Services utilised from this contract will total \$3.53 million (including GST) over the course of three years.

Through this contract, Active Tree Services will be responsible for maintaining Council's street tree population, including the provision of the main following services:

- programmed cyclic pruning (including electric line clearance and formative, maintenance, and other clearance pruning)
- reactive maintenance pruning or tree removal as required by Council
- data capture of all maintenance works on the tree inventory.

## Background

This contract is required to ensure that Council's street tree population is maintained in accordance with industry and legislative requirements.

Hobsons Bay City Council currently has 45,000 street trees under its care and with the recent introduction of the Urban Forest Strategy this number is expected to increase by another 25,000 trees over the next five years.

Trees are a major living asset within the municipality providing many environmental, sustainability and aesthetic benefits but they also come with risk. It is Council's responsibility to manage risk by maintaining trees in its streets and open spaces to ensure they are healthy and safe for public spaces.

Council's tree population will continue be maintained through programmed cyclic pruning (including electric line clearance and formative, maintenance, and other clearance pruning) under this contract. In addition to the programmed works, Active Tree Services will provide reactive maintenance pruning and/or tree removal as required by Council.

## Discussion

A tender for the Street Trees Maintenance contract was formally advertised in *The Age* on 24 April 2021, closing on 24 May 2021. At the close of tenders, two submissions were received by the tender deadline.

The Tender Evaluation Panel met during June 2021 to evaluate tenders against the selection criteria. One tenderer failed to meet the mandatory criteria of experience in working with a similar size project. A post tender clarification was issued to the tenderer requesting further information. The tenderer officially advised Council on 31 May 2021 that they have withdrawn their submission due to inability to deliver the services due to being awarded a significant vegetation contract in the region.

Based on the evaluation process, a report was presented to the Tender Board on 2 July 2021 recommending that Contract 2020.79 for Street Trees Maintenance be awarded to Active Tree Services Pty Ltd. This tenderer met the mandatory and assessable criteria and have demonstrated their capacity, experience of key staff and proven performance to carry out the requirements of this contract.

The contract will be charged through both a lump sum and a schedule of rates. The lump sum will cover the cost of the programmed cyclic pruning and will cost \$1,885,204 (including GST) over three years.

The reactive works component of this contract will be covered under a schedule of rates and are estimated to cost about \$1,648,500 (including GST) over three years. The reactive works covers all works that arise outside of the programmed cyclic pruning. These tasks can include emergency callouts following storm events or vehicle incidents, pruning or removing hazardous trees and removing stumps. The estimate is based on the reactive maintenance costing data for the existing Street Tree Maintenance Contract.

### 9.3.3 Contract 2021.29 Foreshore - Webb and Mount Street Access Ramps

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Senior Project Manager  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To seek Council approval for Contract 2021.29 for the Webb Street and Mount Street viewing platforms and associated works.

#### Motion

**Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Diana Grima:**

**That Council awards Contract 2021.29 for the Webb Street and Mount Street viewing platforms and associated works to MACA Civil Pty Ltd at a fixed lump sum price of \$1,535,124 (one million, five hundred and thirty-five thousand, one hundred and twenty-four dollars) including GST.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council awards Contract 2021.29 for the Webb Street and Mount Street viewing platforms and associated works to MACA Civil Pty Ltd at a fixed lump sum price of \$1,535,124 (one million, five hundred and thirty-five thousand, one hundred and twenty-four dollars) including GST.**

#### Summary

The viewing platforms and associated works are proposed to be constructed along the Esplanade in Altona at the intersections with Webb Street and Mount Street utilising funds in Council's annual capital works budget. An open tender process has been carried out for the procurement of these works with three submissions received. Following the evaluation of these tenders, a report was presented to the Tender Board on 2 July 2021, recommending awarding the contract to MACA Civil Pty Ltd.

#### Background

These sites are located at Webb Street and Esplanade, and Mount Street and Esplanade, Altona. The site is Crown Land managed by Council. The foreshore is utilised for organised sport and passive recreation by the community.

The scope of works for this project includes:

- demolition of the seawall
- construction of a new viewing platforms
- reconstruction of the shared path and raised sea walls
- construction of new pathways in the road crossing

## Discussion

A tender for the new viewing platforms and associated works was formally advertised in *The Age* on 15 May 2021, with submissions closing on 4 June 2021. Three tender submissions were received by the tender deadline. Two of these submissions were deemed compliant; one was deemed non-conforming as it did not comply with Council's Conditions of Contract.

The Tender Evaluation Panel met on 9 June 2021 to evaluate the tender submissions. Two tenderers were shortlisted for interview; these were held on 15 June 2021 and the tenderers were reassessed based on the outcomes of the interviews. Reference checks were undertaken for the highest scoring tender.

Based on the evaluation process and reference checks, the Tender Evaluation Panel recommended MACA Civil Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer. The submission provided best value for money, the company has extensive experience in similar projects and has demonstrated an ability to meet the timelines and quality outcomes specified within the contract.



### 9.3.4 West Gate Tunnel Project Update

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Strategic Projects Specialist  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To provide an update report on the West Gate Tunnel Project including the status of advocacy activities and project initiatives.

#### Motion

**Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:**

**That Council receives and notes this update report on the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council receives and notes this update report on the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.**

#### Summary

This report includes strategic advocacy items and progress updates on Project works and the Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package and the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund.

#### Background

The Project commenced in 2018 and is expected to be completed in 2024. The Project is delivered through a partnership between the Victorian Government and Transurban (Project Co), managed by the West Gate Tunnel Project – Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (WGTP MTIA) and built by construction contractors CPB Contractors and John Holland as a joint venture (the JV).

Monthly reports providing updates on various aspects of the Project are tabled through Council Meetings. Previous reports can be accessed via the Council website at:  
<https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Minutes-and-Agendas>

## Discussion

### Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package

Works on the sporting pavilion are progressing following completion of the new cricket practice nets and the two northern ovals at WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North (Figure 1).



**Figure 1: New pavilion at WLJ Crofts Reserve under construction**

Construction of the new WH Couch Pavilion at Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood (Figure 2) is continuing. Current works include stormwater connections, trenching of permanent mains power, pavilion works and sports field lighting.

A competitive tender process to award a design and construct contract for the Donald McLean Reserve cricket nets replacement project has been completed. Works are scheduled to commence in August and are expected to be complete by the end of October 2021. The JV will contribute funding for the costs associated with the reconstruction of four synthetic cricket practice pitches and nets impacted by the JV works.



**Figure 2: WH Couch Pavilion under construction**

### **West Gate Neighbourhood Fund**

The West Gate Neighbourhood Fund is a \$10 million community grants program established to support communities in Melbourne's inner west. There will be one round of partnerships and one round of grants each financial year. Applications for the first round of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund community grants closed on 18 June 2021. This grants stream will support community-led projects that improve community access and participation across three funding categories up to \$100,000.

84 applications were received and are being assessed by WGTP MTIA with an announcement expected in September 2021.

Further information on the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund can be found at:  
[www.westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodfund](http://www.westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodfund)

### **Project Works Update**

Recent Project construction works have progressed in the west zone, with extensive works underway at the Williamstown Road and Millers Road interchanges and the M80/Western Ring Road interchange area. Noise wall works continue along both sides of the freeway corridor including installing new noise walls panels at night between Steel Street and Vernier Street in Spotswood.

Work has started on a purpose-built facility at Hi-Quality Group's Sunbury Eco-Hub that will manage and dispose of soil excavated by the tunnel boring machines. This will take up to six months to complete.

Up-to-date information on planned road closures and detours can be found at the Victoria's Big Build website: <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions>

## Strategic Advocacy Issues

### Underground Power Lines

On 9 October 2018 Council considered the JV proposal to relocate 66kV electricity supply assets to the south of the freeway between The Avenue in Spotswood and the Brooklyn Terminal Station and resolved to approve temporary overhead power lines within the SP Ausnet easement between the Newport rail line and the Brooklyn Terminal Station on the condition that it is placed underground by the JV prior to September 2022.

Council has requested the JV to provide a timeline to place the temporary overhead power lines underground and move the overhead poles in The Avenue Reserve to a more appropriate position. The JV is preparing a design for the works.

### Primula Avenue

In September 2021 the JV will be implementing detector loops in Primula Avenue that are linked to the traffic signals on the freeway exit ramp at Millers Road to improve the right turn from Primula Avenue.

### Paringa Road

A permanent closure of Paringa Road at Millers Road was included in the JV design for the Millers Road/West Gate Freeway interchange upgrade for the extension of the noise wall into Paringa Road and to simplify the left turn access into the west outbound freeway access ramp.

Following community and retail trader concerns on the proposed closure the JV have prepared a design for Paringa Road access to remain open, subject to WGTP MTIA approval. The key changes are removal of a section of proposed noise wall, realigned road kerb alignment, shifting some intersection infrastructure and incorporating a signalised pedestrian crossing. The JV propose to achieve the required noise mitigation outcomes through specific measures on each of the four properties impacted.

### Offset Tree Planting

The Project has a requirement to plant five trees for every tree that is removed because of the Project works pursuant to Environmental Performance Requirement (EPR) - EP6 Landscape Plan.

The EPR states that "The plan must achieve a minimum tree replacement ratio of 5:1 and replacement trees should be planted in areas determined in consultation with the relevant councils and authorities. Tree reinstatement and offset planting should take into account the amenity, shade and heritage value of the canopy trees to be removed for local residents. Tree replacement to be undertaken to benefit such residents rather than offset elsewhere in the Project."

An offset tree plan has been developed with input from Council and community stakeholder groups, which identifies suitable locations for offset tree planting within the Project corridor. The final plan is being prepared by the JV for review by Council and other stakeholders. Returned works schedules will be included in the final design package indicating exact planting quantities for each planting location outside the Project area.

**Kororoit Creek Trail and Federation Trail Upgrade**

The JV has commenced work on the new section of Kororoit Creek Trail between Geelong Road and GJ Hosken Reserve, linking the existing paths. Works are expected to be completed by mid-2022. The design includes an upgrade of Federation Trail between Kororoit Creek and Millers Road with an asphalt resheet over the existing path. Council and Brimbank City Council continue to advocate for the trail to be reconstructed with concrete consistent with SUP standards and for long term durability.

A meeting was recently held with representatives from WGTP MTIA, DoT, City West Water, Melbourne Water, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, Brimbank City Council and Hobsons Bay City Council to discuss and coordinate proposed projects and upgrades along the Federation Trail/Melbourne Outfall Sewer easement. These include “Greening the Pipeline”, WGTP tree planting, “Greening Brooklyn”, stormwater harvesting and irrigation investigations. Further updates on these projects will be provided in future reports.

Led by Melbourne Water, Greening the Pipeline aims to convert 27 kilometres of the heritage-listed main outfall sewer reserve, along the Federation Trail, into parkland. The Greening Brooklyn Project, led by Hobsons Bay City Council will revitalise Pipeline Reserve which aligns with the Federation Trail between Geelong Road and Millers Road.

## 10 Delegate Reports

### Purpose

To consider reports by Councillors who have been appointed as delegates to Council and community committees.

### Motion

**Moved Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, seconded Cr Peter Hemphill:**

**That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.**

**Carried unanimously**

### Recommendation

**That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.**

### Western Melbourne Tourism Board

**Directorate:** Sustainable Communities

**Councillor Delegate:** Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud

**Date of Meeting:** Friday 25 June 2021

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud attended her first meeting as the Hobsons Bay Councillor delegate to the Western Melbourne Tourism (WMT) Board. It was the first meeting of the full complement of Councillors of the six metropolitan western region councils. In addition to Council representation the industry representatives include Victoria University, Parks Victoria, Quest Apartments, Zoos Victoria and the arts sector.

A key focus of the meeting was the new strategic plan being developed for WMT, with the next steps being strategy sessions for board contribution. Financial reports were also noted, with a summary of the 2020-21 financial year including a surplus being carried over. An interim budget is being developed that will be completed and finalised, subject to priorities in the new strategic plan.

WMT will produce a report of activities during the 2020-21 financial year for its stakeholder presentation at the AGM scheduled for November 2021.

Marketing reports and activity as well as submissions and projects were presented and discussed. These included the importance of linking councils' communications to tourism resources as well as COVID-19 recovery impacts and programs.

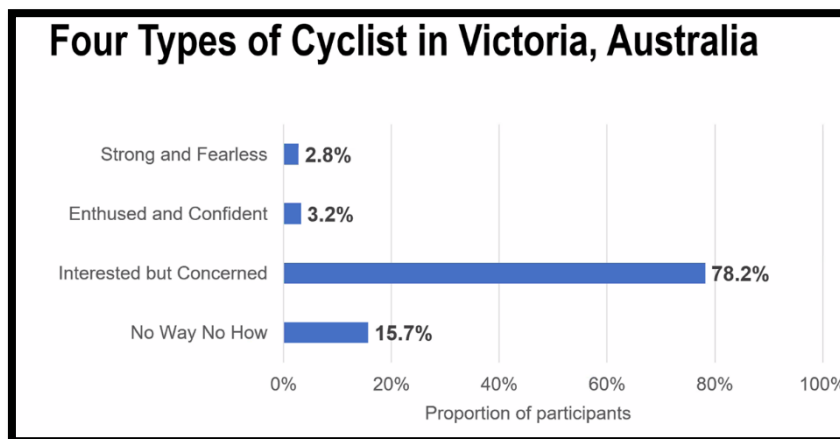
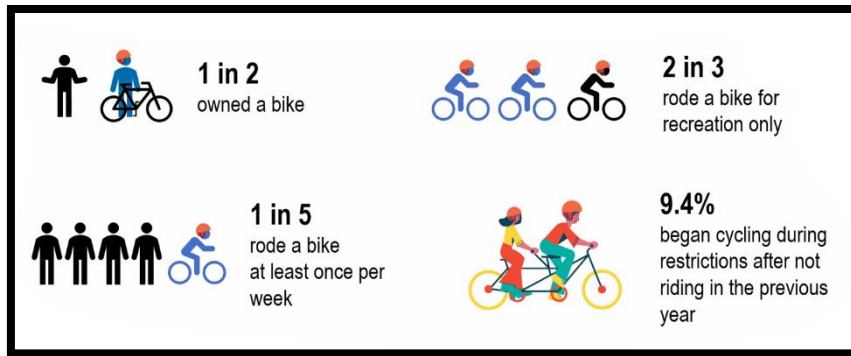
## Metropolitan Transport Forum

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Delegate:** Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden

**Date of Meeting:** 7 July 2021

Lauren Pearson, PhD candidate at Public Health and Preventive Medicine from Monash University, shared her research on cycling interest in Victoria with a primary focus on quantifying the proportion of people that are not cycling but would like to cycle. The online survey was carried out across 37 local government areas (LGAs) with 4,096 participants and a representative within each LGA. The study found that 78 per cent of the survey participants have an interest in cycling.



**Figures 1: Slides from the presentation on Cycling Interest in Victoria**

While there was variation in interest in bike riding across an entire metropolitan region and across population groups, overall interest was high across all areas and demographics. The results show the potential for substantial increases in cycling participation, but only when high quality cycling infrastructure is provided. Further research is required to understand the policy and practice barriers to equitable provision of protected infrastructure.

Zoë McMaster, Sustainable Communities Project Officer from Moreland City Council, shared her experience and the community feedback on the first open street trial at Brunswick East Primary School. The trial was carried out between 8am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4.30pm on Fridays during the month of March 2021. During school pick-up and drop-off times the street was closed to normal traffic and used for other activities, including fun and games.

Feedback from the community was positive, with 100 per cent of the parents surveyed intending to travel actively at least once a week and 83 per cent supporting the open street event to occur weekly.



## 11 Notices of Motion

### 11.1 Notice of Motion No. 1228 - Recognition of Mr Ian Watson's Achievement as a Heart Foundation Golden Shoe Winner

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

There are no apparent legal implications at this point in time.

Cr Matt Tyler has given notice of the following:

#### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Matt Tyler, seconded Cr Diana Grima:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges and publicly congratulates Altona Meadows resident, Mr Ian Watson, on recently being named a Heart Foundation Golden Shoe winner.**
- 2. Presents Mr Watson with a certificate of recognition at a future Council Meeting.**

**Carried unanimously**

**That Council:**

- 1. Acknowledges and publicly congratulates Altona Meadows resident, Mr Ian Watson, on recently being named a Heart Foundation Golden Shoe winner.**
- 2. Presents Mr Watson with a certificate of recognition at a future Council Meeting.**

Mr Watson was one of four Australians honoured in the annual awards, which recognise people who have made an exceptional contribution to walking.

Mr Watson worked with others to start a Heart Foundation Walking group, the Meadows Walkers, in May 2019 after discovering that there was not one for him to join. Mr Watson also leads the Mighty West walkers in Newport and, in total, membership across the groups has grown from two to more than 95 participants, with groups walking a couple of times each week. Through his commitment to staying active himself, Mr Watson has made an incredible contribution by bringing our community together facilitating tremendous physical and mental health benefits.

## **12 Urgent Business**

Nil

## **13 Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

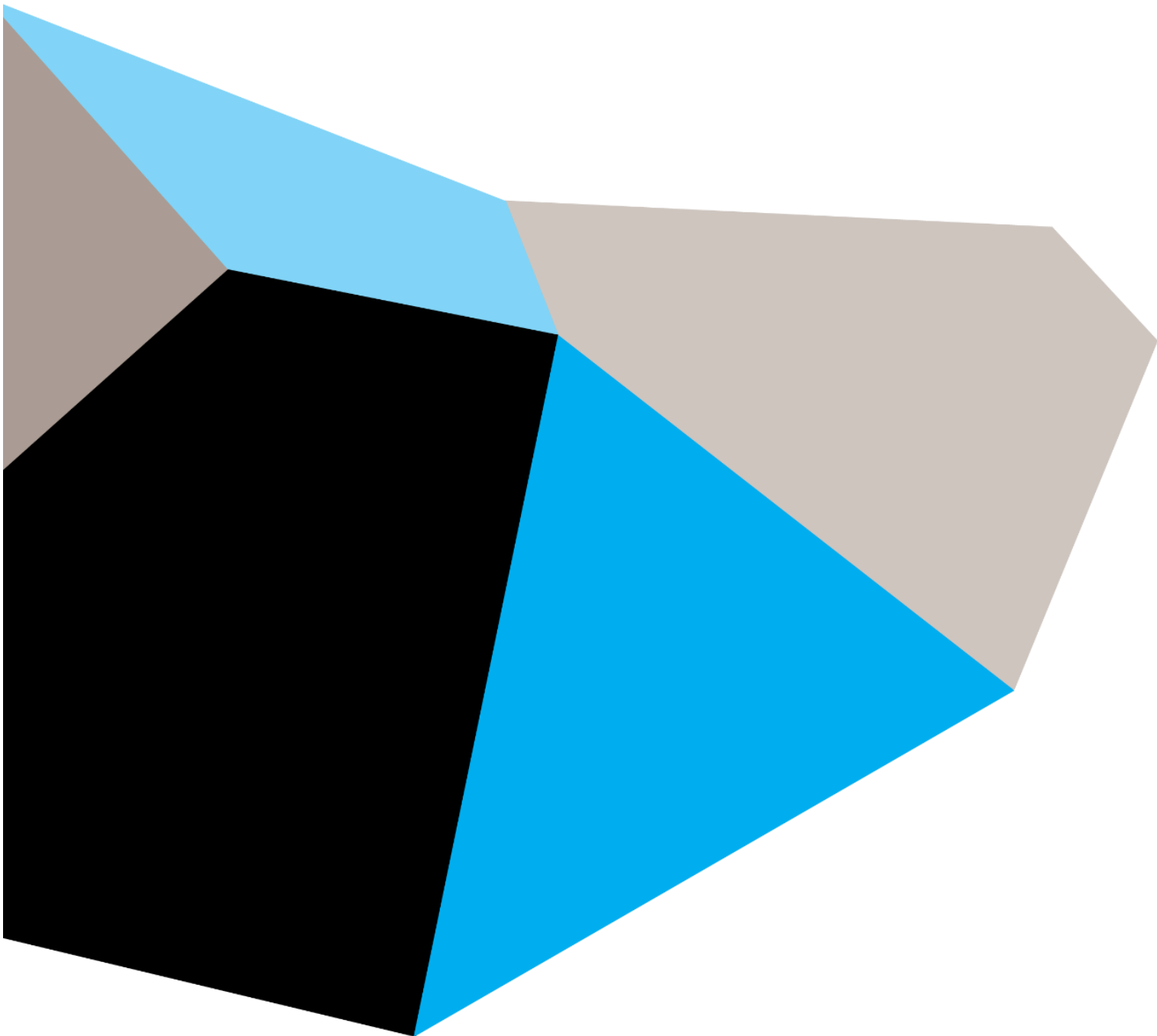
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Chairperson – Cr Jonathon Marsden

Signed and certified as having been confirmed.

14 September 2021





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