

Council Meeting Minutes

28 June 2022

Council Chamber
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
115 Civic Parade, Altona

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 Bunurong People 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 Peter Hemphill (Mayor)

Strand Ward

Councillors:

Cr Diana Grima (Deputy Mayor)

Wetlands Ward

Cr Tony Briffa JP

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Daria Kellander

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Jonathon Marsden

Strand Ward

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Strand Ward

Cr Matt Tyler

Wetlands Ward

Andrew McLeod
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Hobsons Bay City Council

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 June 2022 at 7.02pm.**Present****Chairperson**

Cr Peter Hemphill (Mayor) Strand Ward

Councillors

Cr Diana Grima (Deputy Mayor)	Wetlands Ward
Cr Tony Briffa JP	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Daria Kellander	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Jonathon Marsden	Strand Ward
Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud	Strand Ward
Cr Matt Tyler	Wetlands Ward

Officers

Mr Andrew McLeod	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms Diane Eyckens	Acting Director Corporate Services
Mr Matthew Irving	Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services
Ms Penelope Winslade	Director Sustainable Communities
Ms Julie Brne	Acting Manager Corporate Integrity
Ms Briony Davis	Governance Officer and Minute Secretary

1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways.

2 Apologies

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

Nil

3 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.

Cr Matt Tyler disclosed an interest relating to Item 8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations through his work as Executive Director with the Men's Project at Jesuit Social Services, which conducts workshops through the Sons of the West program mentioned in the report. Cr Tyler stated that he did not regard the interest as a material conflict of interest and did not leave the room during debate on the item.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 31 May 2022 (copy previously circulated).

Motion

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

That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 31 May 2022.

Carried unanimously

5 Councillor Questions

Cr Daria Kellander requested an update on Council's advocacy for the reinstatement of the train station formerly known as Paisley Railway Station in Altona North.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that Council continued to make representations to local MPs and relevant ministers for the reinstatement of the Altona North railway station as part of advocacy for the Melbourne Metro 2 (MM2) rail project. Mr Irving added that Council was also advocating for MM2 through M9, an alliance of nine inner Melbourne councils, including Hobsons Bay City Council, that works collaboratively and collectively to advocate for key issues.

Mr Irving stated that the alliance recently wrote to the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure seeking a meeting to discuss the critical need to bring forward MM2 and related enhancements to the region but had not received a response to date. Mr Irving stated that Council officers would continue to advocate to key Victorian Government agencies and ministers to deliver the project because of its importance for Hobsons Bay and the west of Melbourne.

Cr Daria Kellander asked when the promised traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures at the Annunciation Primary School in Brooklyn would be implemented.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that the need for pedestrian improvements and traffic calming around the Annunciation Primary School was identified in the LAMP for the Brooklyn area, and that funding had been allocated in the 2022-23 Capital Works Program to commence the work. Mr Irving stated that the project would be subject to conceptual design work and a community engagement process to ensure that the works aligned with the community's needs, with engagement scheduled to occur late in 2022. Mr Irving stated that works were programmed for delivery in 2023 subject to the outcomes of the community engagement process and final detailed design.

Cr Daria Kellander requested an update on safety measures proposed in Millers Road in Seaholme for the residents of the Noordenne estate, including the Millers Road service road and pedestrian crossing to Cherry Lake.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that Council officers had conducted a safety review in this location in response to a number of requests and some recent crashes in the area, and that the review had identified the need for a number of improvements including a speed hump in the Millers Road service lane to reduce road traffic and high speeds, refreshing line markings at the intersection of Noordenne Avenue and Millers Road and some 50 additional line markings. Mr Irving added that these improvements had all been completed.

Mr Irving added that Council officers had prepared detailed plans currently being finalised for formal submission to the Department of Transport (DoT) for a median break at the intersection of Noordenne Avenue and Millers Road to provide an option for motorists travelling to HC Kim Reserve, Altona and improve performance of the intersection. Mr Irving stated that it was envisaged this work would be delivered as part of the HC Kim Reserve upgrade project.

In addition, Mr Irving stated that Council officers had prepared concept plans for a pedestrian crossing over Millers Road to improve access to the bus services for local residents. Mr Irving noted that funding and delivery of this element would fall to the DoT as Millers Road is state-managed, but that Council had done some groundwork to present for the DoT's consideration moving forward.

Cr Matt Tyler noted that the Aquatic Strategy was passed by the prior Council in July 2019 and asked that Council officers share the reasons underpinning the recommendation to build a new Western Aquatic Centre at Bruce Comben Reserve in Altona Meadows, whether any other options were considered, and any analysis associated with the consideration of those options.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that the construction of a modern, purpose-built, quality sports and aquatics facility in Bruce Comben Reserve was strategically supported by Council in 2019 in line with the adopted Aquatic Strategy. Mr Irving stated that the selection of this site on a parcel of land able to accommodate a modern, purpose-built facility enabled service to a population base of around 40,000-70,000 residents, ensuring that western parts of the municipality would be well-served by the facility.

Mr Irving stated that the Aquatic Strategy considered a number of sites, including the existing site of the Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre, HD Graham Reserve in Altona Meadows and Bruce Comben Reserve, with the latter proving the most viable site for a facility of this nature due to the available space on the site, the population catchment covered within a 5km radius, and the availability of access to a range of transport options including roads, walking and cycling trails and buses.

Mr Irving added that the existing site in Laverton was not suitable for a modern community aquatic facility due to its location, site layout, and the age and condition of the facility. Mr Irving stated that any investment to upgrade the site would likely be into the tens of millions of dollars, but that no amount could actually deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose facility due to the constraints of the site.

Mr Irving stated that the Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre would remain in operation until the aquatic facility at Bruce Comben Reserve, which would be well-positioned to serve residents in Altona Meadows, Laverton, Seabrook, parts of Altona and parts of Point Cook and surrounding suburbs in Wyndham City Council, was built. Mr Irving added that an outdoor water splash play area was proposed to be constructed in McCormack Park in Laverton to service the local population catchment as part of overall open space improvements and that planning, design and work for this facility was well underway.

Cr Tony Briffa requested an update on the contamination of Cherry Creek and Cherry Lake, particularly with regard to prosecution and penalties for the company responsible for the toxic leak, remediation of the creek and lake, and actions to prevent another incident from occurring.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that Environment Protection Authority (EPA) monitoring has confirmed that pollution levels were now below levels of concern for human health. Mr Irving added that water testing indicated that water quality had improved due to dilution by creek flows, rainfall and actions undertaken by Melbourne Water and the EPA in response to the spill, and that there is evidence of aquatic life being seen swimming in the shallows of the lake. Mr Irving added, however, that the EPA recommends avoiding eating fish from Cherry Creek and Cherry Lake and to avoid contact with waterways for 48 hours after rainfall.

Mr Irving stated that any prosecution was the responsibility of the EPA's Environmental Crime branch, whose investigation of the incident was ongoing with the assistance of the duty holder, Melbourne Transport and Warehousing.

Cr Tony Briffa asked whether there were signs located around the Cherry Creek and Cherry Lake warning people not to fish there, given the EPA's recommendation to avoid eating fish from the area.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that there were warning signs in place around the creek and the lake.

Cr Tony Briffa asked whether any local MPs had indicated their support of the reinstatement of the Altona North Railway Station.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that there had been no official commitment or support for the opening of the Altona North Railway Station or towards MM2 projects to date. Mr Irving added that some local MPs had raised the matter within state parliament through the asking of questions, but that this has not resulted in official commitment from any political party towards delivery of the project or any corresponding elements.

Cr Tony Briffa asked whether any local lower house state MPs had supported the reinstatement of the Altona North Railway Station.

Mr Matthew Irving, Acting Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that he was not aware of any.

6 Public Question Time

Geraldine Kavanagh

Q With so many Council services being moved to our library, will this mean less staff in the Council offices, or are our library staff expected to take on the extra workload?

A The workloads have not increased but have changed and are shared by a greater number of Council staff in order to support the delivery of an enhanced service offering to the Hobsons Bay community. The number of library customer service officers and our frontline library service team has been increased and additional training provided to enable Council's employees to support the community with a broader range of enquiries.

Q Given that the cost of living is significantly increasing, particularly with energy bills, when will residents be able to access cheaper and green electricity under Council's installed Virtual Power Plant?

A Council has explored options for a community access model with input from Council's Solar Community Reference Group and undertaken financial modelling.

Initial financial analysis of community access to the Virtual Power Plant did not prove financially beneficial to residents. Council is committed to supporting the community to also access renewable electricity and recently undertook community consultation seeking input into the best energy programs that suit our residents and businesses. Responses to this consultation are being analysed and will inform any future community renewable energy access programs.

Monika Pedzinski

Q What steps is Council taking to engage with the owners of the Newport Masonic Hall to preserve this historical building before it's too late?

A Planning Permit PA1839365 was granted on 27 June 2019 for the demolition of the existing building and construction of a five-storey development on the Newport Masonic Hall property. The permit was to expire on 27 June 2022.

An extension to this permit was granted by Council and now requires the owner to commence works by 27 June 2024. This planning permit requires the retention of the front façade portion of the building. Council officers are currently in discussions with the owner to finalise endorsement of the plans associated with this planning permit. This endorsement will enable a building permit to be issued and works to commence.

Q Can Council take steps to enforce maintenance of the building to stop further damage?

A The building is currently not being occupied and does not appear to be a danger to people using the street. If the building were to deteriorate to the extent that it became a safety issue, Council's Municipal Building Surveyor could issue an order requiring the building be made safe.

Q When does Council expect to find a resolution with the owners?

A The owner needs to commence works under the planning permit by 27 June 2024 and complete the works by 27 June 2026.

Kaylene O'Shea

Q Is the \$825,000 allocated to The Substation at Newport an unrestricted grant without KPIs, and if so, why?

A The \$825,000 allocated to The Substation is a three-year allocation broken down as \$300,000 in year one, \$275,000 in year two and \$250,000 in year three. There are a number of KPIs attached to the grant which are reportable on a six-monthly basis.

Q If there are KPIs, what are they and what are the delivery timelines?

A There are a number of KPIs which span the areas of community participation and local programming. The Substation is required to report twice a year on the delivery of the KPIs as part of the six-monthly KPI assessment process, and an extensive report is delivered annually.

Q Why didn't the Council consult with the community prior to approving this grant?

A Council spends less than two per cent of its operating budget on the arts. The Substation is one of three key arts locations identified in Council's Creative City Plan 2018-22.

The funding supports the arts in line with the Creative City Plan 2018-22 that was presented to the community for consultation in 2018. Further consultation has occurred transparently through the budget process each year. The new funding is for three years, covers operational costs only, and decreases each year.

7 Petitions and Joint Letters

7.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

7.1.1 Petition – Removal of the *Lagunaria Patersonia* (Norfolk Island Hibiscus Trees) in Twyford Street, Williamstown

Cr Jonathon Marsden tabled a petition containing 78 signatories which read as follows:

“We, the undersigned, petition Hobsons Bay City Council to immediately reverse its proposal to remove the valuable *Lagunaria* street tree canopy in Williamstown.”

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the petition in relation to the removal of the *Lagunaria Patersonia* trees in Twyford Street, Williamstown.**
- 2. Subject to a review of the petition in accordance with the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, receives a further report on this matter at a future Council Meeting.**

Carried unanimously

8 Business

8.1 Office of the Chief Executive

8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations

Directorate:	Office of the Chief Executive
Responsible Officer:	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Reviewer:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	1. CEO Report on Operations [9.1.1.1 - 42 pages]

Cr Matt Tyler disclosed an interest relating to Item 8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations through his work as Executive Director with the Men's Project at Jesuit Social Services, which conducts workshops through the Sons of the West program mentioned in the report. Cr Tyler stated that he did not regard the interest as a material conflict of interest and did not leave the room during debate on the item.

Purpose

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

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

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 1 May 2022 and 31 May 2022 is provided in this month's report.

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 Adoption of Annual Budget 2022-23

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Reviewer:	Acting Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Annual Budget 2022-23 [8.2.1.1 - 80 pages] 2. Fees and Charges 2022-23 [8.2.1.2 - 28 pages] 3. Detailed Capital Works Program 2022-23 [8.2.1.3 - 8 pages]

Purpose

To adopt the Annual Budget 2022-23 (Attachments 1-3) and declare rates and charges for the year ending 30 June 2023.

Motion

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

That Council, having given public notice of the preparation of a Proposed Annual Budget and having considered submissions received pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

1. Adopts the Annual Budget 2022-23 annexed to this report as Attachments 1-3, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the decision to adopt the Annual Budget 2022-23.
3. Declares Rates and Service Charges totalling \$123.550 million (one hundred and twenty-three million, five hundred and fifty thousand dollars) (refer to section 4.1.1 of Annual Budget 2022-23) for the year ending 30 June 2023 in accordance with section 158(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* as follows:
 - a. Declares general rates in respect of the 2022-23 financial year, raised by the application of differential rates as follows:
 - i. A general rate of 0.209745 cents in the dollar on capital improved value (CIV) of all rateable residential properties
 - ii. A general rate of 0.335592 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable vacant residential properties
 - iii. A general rate of 0.482413 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable commercial properties
 - iv. A general rate of 0.713133 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable industrial properties

- v. A general rate of 0.838980 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable petrochemical properties
 - vi. A rating concession of 0.094385 cents in the dollar on CIV of all rateable recreational properties
- b. Under section 171(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, provides a waiver of:
- i. \$100 for all residential properties occupied by a ratepayer who is an eligible Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card recipient; OR
 - ii. \$75 for all residential properties occupied by a ratepayer who is an eligible Centrelink pension card recipient (excluding healthcare)
- c. Declares an annual service charge on properties in accordance with section 158(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the collection, disposal and processing of garbage, recycling, food organics and garden organics (FOGO) and hard waste for the year ending 30 June 2023 to be raised as follows:

\$274.00	Standard (base waste service charge for four bins: 120L garbage, 120L FOGO, 120L glass, 240L mixed recycling)
\$232.35	Shared (replaces standard base charge for properties in multi-unit dwellings/apartments/villages with shared bins)
\$108.50	U1 – Upsize to 240L garbage bin
\$36.17	U2 – Upsize to 240L FOGO bin
\$0.00	UF2 – Free upsize to 240L garbage bin for medical reasons
\$277.29	A1 – Additional 240L garbage bin
\$168.78	A2 – Additional 120L garbage bin
\$108.50	A3 – Additional 240L recycling bin
\$168.78	A4 – Additional 240L FOGO bin
\$132.62	A5 – Additional 120L FOGO bin
\$72.34	A6 – Additional 120L glass bin

4. In accordance with section 158(4) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, requires that general rates and annual service charge must be paid by four instalments made on or before the following dates:

Instalment 1	30 September 2022
Instalment 2	30 November 2022
Instalment 3	28 February 2023
Instalment 4	31 May 2023

5. In accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, requires persons to pay interest on any general rate or annual service charge, which that person is liable to pay and which has not been paid by the date specified for payment.
6. Authorises the Revenue Administrator of Council to levy and recover the general rates, annual service charges and interest where applicable in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
7. Responds in writing to all submitters to the budget under the signature of the Acting Director Corporate Services.

Carried

Division

For: Cr Matt Tyler, Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, Cr Jonathon Marsden, Cr Peter Hemphill, Cr Diana Grima, Cr Tony Briffa

Against: Cr Daria Kellander

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6. Authorises the Revenue Administrator of Council to levy and recover the general rates, annual service charges and interest where applicable in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
7. Responds in writing to all submitters to the budget under the signature of the Acting Director Corporate Services.

Summary

Council's recommended Annual Budget 2022-23 is provided as Attachments 1-3 to this report and is presented for adoption.

The budget as presented has been amended since it was proposed and advertised for public comment. Changes have been made to reflect adjustments required to operating and capital items. In addition, changes have been made in response to submissions made by the community.

The recommended budget is based on an operational surplus of \$26.339 million for the year, although this does not include Council's significant investment in capital expenditure of \$62.961 million for 2022-23.

Operating surpluses are required to ensure that Council remains financially viable to fund current and future commitments, including the Capital Works Program. Council's cash and investment reserves are projected to decline by \$2.389 million during 2022-23.

The Annual Budget 2022-23 is based on an increase to general rates of 1.75 per cent, in accordance with the Victorian Government rate cap legislation.

Waste service charges are exempt from the rate cap and an increase of 9.6 per cent is planned for waste service charges. The charges do not cover the cost of providing the waste service as Council has decided to recoup its considerable investment in expanding its waste service progressively over a number of years.

Rates in 2022-23 will be based on new 2022 valuations, meaning rate increases will vary across the differential rating categories and individual properties. The overall average property valuation in Hobsons Bay has increased by 8.48 per cent, while the average residential property valuation has increased by 9.01 per cent.

There is a common misconception that as properties are revalued, Council receives a "windfall gain" of additional revenue. This is not the case, as the revaluation process results in a redistribution of the rate burden across all properties in the municipality. Total income from rates (excluding waste service charges) is determined by the rate cap. In simple terms, as property values increase, the rate in the dollar is reduced.

While the 2022-23 budgeted operational surplus is a strong result, there is a shortfall in the funding available for the Ten Year Capital Works Program. The program has therefore been reduced in line with the current financial limitations. Council is working to reduce this funding gap, but some projects in future years remain unfunded.

Council has a strong history of being financially sustainable and managing service delivery within its means. As revenue constraints outside of Council's control are applied and as the level of organisational maturity increases in asset management, a higher degree of work is required on service planning. This work should ensure that Council remains in a reasonable financial position throughout the duration of its Financial Plan and delivers the most relevant mix of services to support the Hobsons Bay community.

Despite not being included in the current budget figures, Council will continue its advocacy work towards other levels of government to identify future funding opportunities that will help to deliver an ongoing high standard of services and infrastructure. Council is actively advocating for projects that will bring economic, environmental and social benefits to the city of Hobsons Bay, such as the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre and the Western Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Background

The annual budget process commenced in late 2021 when Council undertook its 2022-23 pre-budget consultation, providing an opportunity for community members to submit their ideas.

There were nine budget briefings in relation to developing the Proposed Annual Budget 2022-23, before it was approved to be placed on public exhibition at the Council Meeting held on 12 April 2022. Submissions were invited from the public and Council received 43 submissions in relation to the proposed budget. The submissions were presented to Council on 31 May 2022 and 10 submitters spoke in support of their submission. A further two budget briefings have since been held.

The Victorian Government has implemented an inflation-based rate cap, the Fair Go Rates System, which has been overseen by the Essential Services Commission since 2016-17. The rate cap for 2022-23 is 1.75 per cent, slightly higher than the 1.5 per cent cap in 2021-22.

The rate cap is well below the All Groups CPI of 5.1 per cent over the 12 months to the March 2022 quarter. Recent global circumstances have the potential to increase inflation further, reducing Council's real level of income from rates when compared to the possible increases in costs that will be incurred. This is expected to create significant pressure on Council's ability to deliver services and infrastructure projects. This is a challenge that has been carefully considered in forming the budget in 2022-23 and the rate increase in line with the cap.

Discussion

The recommended Annual Budget 2022-23 as attached has been changed since it was proposed and advertised for public comment. The operational surplus of \$26.339 million is a slight increase (\$487,000) over what was proposed. Changes made to the operational budget include:

- **Rates and charges** have increased by \$398,000, with general rates reflecting the finalisation of the 2022 annual revaluation process (\$375,000) and waste charge income reflecting the increased uptake of the service (\$23,000).
- **Operating grants** have reduced by \$854,000. The reduction in Victorian Grants Commission funding is a result of it being received in advance (\$721,000), while Victorian Government funding will no longer be received in relation to the Support for Carers program (\$133,000).
- **Capital grants** have increased by \$1.475 million due to grants originally expected to be received in 2021-22 that are now expected to be received in 2022-23 (\$1.235 million) and an additional grant included for the car park at Paisley Park (\$500,000), minus verification of grants that will not be received (\$260,000).
- **Other income** has increased by \$296,000 due to the recent interest rate increases being reflected in Council's interest on investments income.
- **Employee costs** have increased by \$688,000 as a result of an internal transfer to materials and services (\$370,000), minor corrections to staffing levels (\$198,000) and an adjustment to Council's Workcover premium (\$119,000).
- **Materials and services** costs have increased by \$36,000. The increase includes a small number of projects from 2021-22 now expected to be completed in 2022-23, including operational projects in the Capital Works Program (\$457,000), while increases have also been included in relation to fuel costs (\$50,000), waste and recycling (\$42,000), and inclusion of a community budget submission from the not-for-profit organisation Western Chances in relation to COVID-19 recovery support (\$30,000). Decreases to materials and services include the internal transfer from

employee costs (\$370,000), removal of costs associated with the Support for Carers program after funding was removed (\$133,000), and an adjustment to community grants funding (\$40,000).

- **Borrowing costs** have been increased by \$106,000 after the interest rate for the loan in 2021-22 was confirmed at 3.755 per cent.

Capital works expenditure has been increased by \$6.181 million to \$62.961 million, largely due to further projects from 2021-22 now expected to be completed in 2022-23 (\$5.651 million). Following the community budget submission process, additional capital expenditure has also been included for the high jump area at GK Nevitt Athletics Ground (\$30,000) and the car park at Paisley Park, which has been funded by additional grant income (\$500,000). A submission in relation to the Newport Park Athletics Track has also led to adjustments in the project to better reflect the priorities of the tenant.

Forty-three responses were received as a result of the legislated public exhibition process in relation to the Proposed Annual Budget 2022-23. All submitters will receive an individual response following Council consideration of the final budget.

Valuation changes

The average rateable property's capital improved value (CIV) in Hobsons Bay has increased by 8.48 per cent in the past 12 months. Property valuation changes can vary considerably across the differential rating categories and individual properties in a revaluation year.

The overall average CIV increase is 8.48 per cent, but this varies for each rating category as follows:

- residential ▲ 9.01 per cent increase
- residential vacant land ▲ 9.72 per cent increase
- commercial ▲ 4.19 per cent increase
- industrial ▲ 6.98 per cent increase
- petrochemical ▼ 6.05 per cent decrease
- cultural and recreational ▲ 1.37 per cent increase

Rate changes

The average general rate increase is 1.75 per cent, consistent with rate cap, but the valuation changes above mean that average rate increases vary for each rating category as follows:

- residential ▲ 2.90 per cent increase
- residential vacant land ▲ 3.58 per cent increase
- commercial ▼ 1.66 per cent decrease
- industrial ▲ 0.98 per cent increase
- petrochemical ▼ 11.32 per cent decrease
- cultural and recreational ▼ 4.32 per cent decrease

The rate notice will include service charges for the collection, disposal and processing of garbage, recycling, glass, FOGO waste and hard waste. These service charges are not subject to the rate cap but based on the cost to provide the service. The charges have been increased by 9.6 per cent in 2022-23 but still do not cover the cost of providing the waste service. Council has decided to recoup its considerable investment in expanding its waste service in future years.

Rate notices will also include the Fire Services Property Levy that Council collects on behalf of the Victorian Government. This levy is not regarded as Council income and is not included within the figures outlined in the Annual Budget 2022-23.

Should further financial assistance be required, it can be provided through Council's Financial Hardship Policy. Council has included \$100,000 in the budget to provide this assistance.

8.2.2 Council Policies for Adoption and Revocation

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Acting Manager Corporate Integrity
Reviewer:	Acting Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Hobsons Bay Memorial Plaques, Commemorative Trees and Scattering of Cremated Remains Policy 2022 [8.2.2.1 - 11 pages] 2. Hobsons Bay Risk Management Policy 2022 [8.2.2.2 - 8 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of two revised policies and revocation of four outdated policies.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

1. Endorses the Hobsons Bay Memorial Plaques, Commemorative Trees and Scattering of Cremated Remains in Public Places Policy (Attachment 1) and revokes the previous version of the policy endorsed by Council on 10 April 2018.
2. Endorses the Hobsons Bay Risk Management Policy (Attachment 2) and revokes the previous version endorsed by Council on 11 September 2018.
3. Revokes the Circus Policy 2012, Community Engagement Policy 2015, Filming Policy 2015 and Water Tank Policy and Guidelines.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Hobsons Bay Memorial Plaques, Commemorative Trees and Scattering of Cremated Remains in Public Places Policy (Attachment 1) and revokes the previous version of the policy endorsed by Council on 10 April 2018.

2. **Endorses the Hobsons Bay Risk Management Policy (Attachment 2) and revokes the previous version endorsed by Council on 11 September 2018.**
3. **Revokes the Circus Policy 2012, Community Engagement Policy 2015, Filming Policy 2015 and Water Tank Policy and Guidelines.**

Summary

The following policies have been reviewed in accordance with Council's requirements to review policies three years from the date of endorsement or sooner if required:

- Hobsons Bay Memorial Plaques, Commemorative Trees and Scattering of Cremated Remains in Public Places Policy
- Hobsons Bay Risk Management Policy

The following policies have been identified by the organisation as no longer required as they have been superseded and/or are redundant:

- Circus Policy 2012
- Community Engagement Policy 2015
- Filming Policy 2015
- Water Tank Policy and Guidelines

Background

A Council endorsed policy is a set of principles guiding Council business and identifying formal expectations in accordance with legislative or other compliance requirements. The primary stakeholder group is external to Council.

Council maintains a centralised policy register. Policies are scheduled to be reviewed three years from the date of endorsement or sooner if required.

At the time a new version of a policy is endorsed by Council, the previous version of the policy should be revoked in the same resolution. If the policy becomes redundant or superseded without a direct update, Council will need to revoke the policy by a separate resolution of Council.

Discussion

Policies to be endorsed

The **Hobsons Bay Memorial Plaques, Commemorative Trees and Scattering of Cremated Remains in Public Places Policy** has been revised and updated. The previous version of this policy was endorsed by Council on 10 April 2018.

The **Hobsons Bay Risk Management Policy** has been revised and updated. The previous version of this policy was endorsed by Council on 11 September 2018.

Policies to be revoked

Changes in legislation have made Council's **Circus Policy 2015** redundant. As of 15 April 2021, circuses are no longer able to use wild and exotic animals as part of their shows. Circus approvals can be dealt with using existing procedures through the Events and Visitor Services Unit and Council's Building Surveyor.

Council adopted a new **Community Engagement Policy** on 9 February 2021. At the time the new policy was adopted, the previous version endorsed by Council on 23 June 2015 was not revoked.

Council's **Filming Policy 2012** has been made redundant. Council now manages the filming approval process in accordance with the *Filming Approval Act 2014* and ancillary guidelines and procedures.

The **Water Tank Policy and Guidelines** have been reviewed and integrated into the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy Statement 2018 and the supporting Sustainable Building Design Manual, which includes performance measures that cover water conservation and water tanks.

8.2.3 Adoption of Hobsons Bay Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30

Directorate:	Corporate Services
Responsible Officer:	Acting Manager Corporate Integrity
Reviewer:	Acting Director Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Hobsons Bay Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 [8.2.3.1 - 24 pages] 2. Master Maintenance List for Leases (November 2019) [8.2.3.2 - 9 pages] 3. Community Engagement Report (May 2022) [8.2.3.3 - 8 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 following six weeks of public exhibition.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

1. Receives this report.
2. Endorses the Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 and revokes the 1996 version of the policy.
3. Directs that the Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 is effective as of 1 July 2022.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives this report.
2. Endorses the Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 and revokes the 1996 version of the policy.
3. Directs that the Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 is effective as of 1 July 2022.

Summary

The Leasing and Licensing Policy 2022-30 will support decision making in relation to occupancy arrangements for Council-owned buildings and land in accordance with Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 2020*. The policy provides clarity on approach to leasing and licensing for the community and commercial use and occupation of properties managed by Council. The policy approach aligns with the guiding principles of the Hobsons Bay Property Strategy 2021-30 to provide a framework of objective assessment that is consistent, fair, transparent and impartial.

Background

The policy was developed to effectively manage Council's property portfolio, a strategic and highly valuable asset. A review of the existing Leasing and Licencing Policy adopted by Council in 1996 highlighted the need for a policy that is relevant to current operational requirements to deliver on services in an environment of constrained rate capping and increasing community expectation.

The updated policy has clarity in procedure and practices to inform Council's approach to occupancy, ownership, retention, disposal and maintenance to generate maximum public value. Importantly it will differentiate in the management of community and commercial use.

In general, this policy outlines Council's principles and it is intended as a framework that will assist Council in participating in fair, impartial and transparent processes with all types of tenants who occupy Council owned or managed property.

Discussion

The policy seeks to optimise the use of Council property by providing facilities that encourage higher usage rates, support multi-use and co-location of tenants and increase community access to activities, programs and services from Council property.

The policy will provide guidance on the appropriate contribution by community groups, having considered the community benefit provided by the tenant and the capacity of the tenant to raise funds and maintain a community asset, and allows for equitable access to Council land and buildings. Rental for commercial organisations will be set according to a market rental determined by a valuer.

A six-week public exhibition of the draft policy between 15 March and 26 April 2022 sought feedback on the policy, which was generally received positively by the community. An online session was attended by one person who is a current tenant of Council.

Survey respondents were asked to rate their level of agreement on the statement that "the management pillars and principles of the policy will assist Council to ensure a consistent, inclusive, fair, and impartial approach to property agreements". Five of the 14 respondents (36%) indicated they "agree" and two (14%) "strongly agree". Four (29%) indicated they neither agree nor disagree, and three (21%) "strongly disagree".

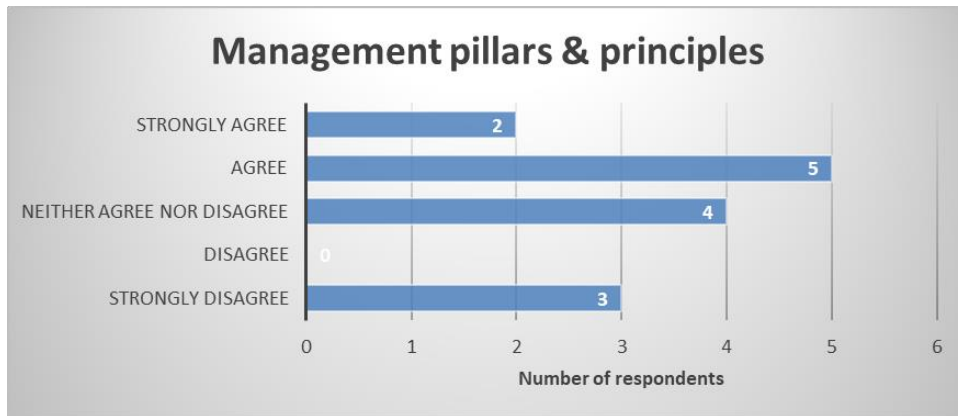


Figure 1: Survey responses regarding the property management pillars and principles

The feedback addressing the issues raised has been included in this report. No changes have been made to the draft policy following consultation.

8.2.4 Recognition of Hobsons Bay Residents Awarded Queen's Birthday Honours

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

Purpose

To acknowledge the achievements of Hobsons Bay residents John Bradley PSM and Phyllis Murphy AM, who have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours List.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

- 1. Sends letters of congratulations from the Mayor to John Bradley PSM and Phyllis Murphy AM on being recognised in the Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours List.**
- 2. Invites the award recipients to attend a future Council Meeting, in accordance with the Council Recognition of Australian Honours and Awards Recipients Procedure.**

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Sends letters of congratulations from the Mayor to John Bradley PSM and Phyllis Murphy AM on being recognised in the Queen's Birthday 2022 Honours List.**
- 2. Invites the award recipients to attend a future Council Meeting, in accordance with the Council Recognition of Australian Honours and Awards Recipients Procedure.**

Summary

The Queen's Birthday Honours List recognises the outstanding service and contributions of Australian citizens nationwide each year. Two residents of Hobsons Bay have been recognised among the 992 Australians honoured in 2022. This report acknowledges their achievement and service to the community.

John Bradley of Newport was awarded a Public Service Medal (PSM) for his outstanding public service to strategic policy reform and delivery in Victoria, particularly in the areas of energy and natural resource management.

Phyllis Murphy of Williamstown was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to architecture, and to built heritage conservation.

Background

The Queen's Birthday Honours List comprises a number of honours and awards, including for the General Division and Military Division of the Order of Australia, Meritorious Awards, and Gallantry, Distinguished and Conspicuous Service Awards.

The Public Service Medal awarded to John Bradley within the Meritorious Awards category recognises outstanding service by employees of the Australian Government and state, territory and local government employees.

Phyllis Murphy was honoured within the General Division of the Order of Australia, which recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

Discussion

John Bradley PSM

Mr Bradley is the secretary of the Department of Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and has been recognised for his work in strategic policy reform, particularly in energy and natural resource management.

Mr Bradley's career began in emergency services after graduating from the University of Queensland and moved on to rail reform in the 1990s. In the early 2000s as the Executive Director of the Western Australian Office of Energy he led a major restructure of the Western Australian energy industry, and later as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Queensland Water Commission oversaw transformational reforms to secure and sustain Queensland's water supply during the millennium drought.

Mr Bradley has held several other significant roles, including as Director-General of Queensland's Department of Environment and Resource Management and Director-General of Queensland's Department of Premier and Cabinet, as a consulting executive to the International Monetary Fund and as CEO of Energy Networks Australia from 2013 until his appointment with DELWP in 2017.

Since then, he has led DELWP through a number of major policy and infrastructure reforms responding to climate change, energy, environment, water, forests, planning and emergency management issues.

Since late 2020 Mr Bradley has also been President of the Victorian branch of the Institute of Public Administration Australia. He is a non-executive Director of Infrastructure Victoria and serves on the Victorian Secretaries Board. He has previously served as a director on a wide range of boards including the Australian Gas Industry Trust and Greening Australia.

Phyllis Murphy AM

In 1949 Mrs Murphy, then Ms Slater, graduated top of her year from the University of Melbourne's Bachelor of Architecture, one of just two women out of eighty graduates of the program. That same year she formed an architectural partnership with John Murphy, who she had met while studying, and they became well-known for their interpretations of modernist design. She and Mr Murphy married the following year.

Mrs Murphy was one of the few women working in the field of architecture at the time, and is particularly distinguished by her involvement in the design of the Melbourne Olympic Swimming Stadium for the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. The Murphys entered the competition for the design in 1952 with a collaboration between themselves, fellow architects Kevin Borland and Peter McIntyre and engineer Bill Irwin. Once constructed, the stadium became an icon of modern architecture in Melbourne. In 2021 it won the Enduring Architecture Award in the Australian Institute of Architects' National Architecture Awards.

Mrs Murphy and her husband became members of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) in 1958 and were increasingly drawn to restoration and heritage work. Their restoration work included, among other projects, the restoration of the Collingwood Town Hall in collaboration with Peter Lovell in 1975, which received a Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) award for outstanding renovation.

Mrs Murphy has also been a member of the Trust's Honorary Architects Panel and is now a life member of the Trust.

The Murphys retired as architects in 1982 but Mrs Murphy has continued her conservation work, with a special interest in historic wallpapers, on which she has become the leading Australian expert.

In 2009 Mrs Murphy was awarded a life fellowship by the RAIA in recognition of her achievements as one among a small number of women significantly involved in the profession of architecture during the post-World War II period.

8.3 Sustainable Communities

8.3.1 Elevating Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) Targets in the Planning System

Directorate:	Sustainable Communities
Responsible Officer:	Coordinator Strategic Planning
Reviewer:	Director Sustainable Communities
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Technical ESD and Development Feasibility Report [8.3.1.1 - 81 pages]2. Planning Report [8.3.1.2 - 51 pages]3. Cost-Benefit Analysis Report [8.3.1.3 - 81 pages]4. Amendment Documentation [8.3.1.4 - 30 pages]5. Advocacy Letter to Ministers [8.3.1.5 - 4 pages]

Purpose

To present the findings of Stage 1 of the Elevating Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Targets Planning Project being led by the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), and to seek approval to participate in Stage 2 of the project and pursue authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit an amendment to include a new ESD provision into the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme through a joint planning scheme amendment process.

Motion

Moved Cr Matt Tyler, seconded Cr Daria Kellander:

That Council:

1. Considers the findings of Stage 1 of the Elevating ESD Targets Planning Project and the proposed changes to support improved environmental performance within the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme, in conjunction with the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment.
2. Requests that the Minister for Planning grant authorisation under sections 8A and 8B of the *Planning and Environment* 1987 to prepare and exhibit an Amendment to the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme as generally shown in Attachment 4 of this report but including any consequential changes which are required as part of Stage 2 of the project.
3. Requests that the Minister for Planning establish an advisory committee to advise on the amendment in accordance with section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act* 1987.

4. Notes the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes in seeking authorisation to prepare and exhibit the amendment, including any consequential changes to the amendment documents as part of Stage 2 of the project or to provide guidance to any advisory committee appointed by the Minister for Planning.
5. Supports the Advocacy Letter to Ministers (Attachment 5) outlining the benefits of the amendment to the Minister for Planning and Housing, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and the Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Considers the findings of Stage 1 of the Elevating ESD Targets Planning Project and the proposed changes to support improved environmental performance within the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme, in conjunction with the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment.
2. Requests that the Minister for Planning grant authorisation under sections 8A and 8B of the *Planning and Environment* 1987 to prepare and exhibit an Amendment to the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme as generally shown in Attachment 4 of this report but including any consequential changes which are required as part of Stage 2 of the project.
3. Requests that the Minister for Planning establish an advisory committee to advise on the amendment in accordance with section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act* 1987.
4. Notes the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer to make any necessary changes in seeking authorisation to prepare and exhibit the amendment, including any consequential changes to the amendment documents as part of Stage 2 of the project or to provide guidance to any advisory committee appointed by the Minister for Planning.
5. Supports the Advocacy Letter to Ministers (Attachment 5) outlining the benefits of the amendment to the Minister for Planning and Housing, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and the Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development.

Summary

Council has been collaborating with CASBE in partnership with 31 councils across Victoria in Stage 1 of the Elevating ESD Targets Planning Project to deliver better environmental outcomes for new buildings. Stage 2 of the project proposes to introduce a new Particular Provision into the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme that will influence the built environment to improve sustainability and residents' quality of life.

Involvement in Stage 2 of the project aligns with Council's commitment to action on climate change and sustainability. Participating in a joint planning scheme amendment process to introduce the new provision would enable the financial and resourcing costs of implementing changes, along with advocacy and consultation efforts, to be shared across all participating councils.

Background

The project was formed by CASBE to deliver revised and elevated ESD targets into planning schemes for new development, including targets for zero carbon development.

Project Stage 1

Background reports to inform draft planning provisions

Stage 1 of the project has been completed. This stage involved preparation of three background technical reports to provide the evidence for the project as follows:

Technical ESD and Development Feasibility (Attachment 1)

- confirms no technical barriers to achieving the proposed objectives and standards
- states further investigation on some specific elements such as daylight performance is required, and some standards would be better suited as guidance

Planning Report (Attachment 2)

- recommends a new ESD Particular Provision outlining objectives and performance standards to be prepared and incorporated in the Planning Scheme
- recommends further actions to support the implementation of the new performance standards including a set of sustainability guidelines, definitions for specific terms, a practice note and application and assessment templates

Cost-Benefit Analysis (Attachment 3)

- suggests a range of quantitative and qualitative benefits likely to result from improved ESD standards/requirements, including reduced greenhouse gas emissions, reduced energy, potable water use, reduced waste and improved health outcomes
- however, qualitative benefits (e.g. improved health outcomes) are dependent upon individual sites, building design and materiality, and the scale of the building

CASBE has advised that the financial impacts resulting from incorporating the standards within development could be further reviewed through a developer-centric evaluation that includes profit margin, development yield and internal rate of return. This is proposed to be undertaken at a later stage in the project to provide further justification for standards.

Preparation of new planning provision

The three technical reports informed the preparation of a new provision that is proposed to be introduced into the planning scheme (refer Attachment 4).

The proposed provision includes objectives and standards aiming to improve environmental sustainability outcomes within new buildings.

The objectives describe desired outcomes which must be achieved in new development. The key objectives relate to:

- **Operational Energy:** improving thermal performance and passive design measures, energy efficiency, on-site renewable energy generation and transition to renewable energy sources
- **Embodied Carbon:** reducing lifecycle impacts of resource use
- **Sustainable Transport:** prioritising walking and cycling over private vehicle use and ensuring transport infrastructure can adapt to changing needs and technology
- **Integrated Water Management:** minimising potable water consumption and stormwater runoff, improving stormwater runoff quality and reuse of water
- **Green Infrastructure:** increasing vegetation and landscaping, on-site food production and biodiversity protection, and minimising the urban heat island effect
- **Climate Resilience:** adapting the built environment to climate change hazards and natural disasters and reducing the urban heat island effect
- **Indoor Environment Quality:** improving the comfort of building occupants through internal temperatures, air quality, daylight access and minimising air pollutants
- **Waste and Resource Recovery:** improving functional waste recovery and management during construction and operation and uptake of recycled materials

The standards contain discretionary requirements to meet a stated objective, which should ideally be met but are not mandatory. Alternative design solutions can be acceptable provided they deliver outcomes that still meet the overall objective/s.

The provision is proposed to apply to new developments within residential, commercial and industrial zones, including works that increase the floor area of an existing building by more than 1,000 square metres, and new buildings or works with gross floor area greater than 50 square metres.

The provision would not apply retrospectively to existing buildings, and transitional arrangements are proposed that would exempt changes to existing planning permits if the original application was lodged before the Particular Provision is approved. There are also a few specified exemptions including VicSmart applications and works with a small floor area.

Project Stage 2

Joint Planning Scheme Amendment

The new ESD provision (Attachment 4) is proposed to be introduced via a planning scheme amendment. Each council that continues to be part of the CASBE project will make its own amendment request and subsequently request for the amendments to be joined to become a group council amendment. It is expected that CASBE will coordinate all participating councils in lodging their authorisation requests.

CASBE has led the preparation of proposed amendment documentation (Attachment 4), which will need to be reviewed as part of Stage 2 before submitting the amendment to the Minister for Planning for authorisation.

Further consultation is required with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to determine the extent of the policy to be retained or reviewed including at Clause 02 Municipal Planning Strategy and within the Planning Policy Framework, particularly Clause 15.02-1L Sustainable Development.

The CASBE project team will also lead the development of Guidelines for Sustainable Building Design that are proposed to be included in the schedule to Clause 72.08 as a background document to the Planning Scheme. The guidelines will assist planning officers in assessing how development meets the objectives of the provision.

The key changes proposed to the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme as part of Stage 2 are outlined in the table below.

	Brief description	Proposed changes
Insert	Insert a new Elevated ESD Particular Provision into the planning scheme containing Objectives and Standards relevant to the delivery of ESD.	Amend Clause 53 to insert the new ESD Objectives and Standards.
Amend	Amend the existing local ESD Policy to provide strategic justification for the requirements contained in the proposed Particular Provision.	Amend or remove Clause 15.02-1L (Environmentally Sustainable Development) in consultation with DELWP.
Amend	Amend the Municipal Planning Strategy to identify municipal outcomes which provide the basis for ESD requirements and the facilitation of zero carbon development in the planning scheme.	Amend Clause 2.03 to include Objectives, Strategies and Policies related to ESD requirements, net zero outcomes and climate change adaptation as required.
Amend	Insert a new Background Document titled <i>Guidelines for Sustainable Building Design</i> in the planning scheme to assist in understanding the rationale behind the proposed standards and to support application of the proposed Decision Guidelines.	Amend schedule to 72.08 (Background Documents) to include the <i>Guidelines for Sustainable Building Design</i> as a Background Document within the planning scheme.

At the time of requesting the amendment, participating councils will also request that the Minister for Planning establish an Advisory Committee to advise on the ESD project in accordance with section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, including considering public submissions and holding an independent panel hearing.

Victorian Government involvement and advocacy

Stage 2 of the project proposes that each council write to key Victorian Government ministers to advocate for the benefits of the project (refer Attachment 5). CASBE has kept DELWP informed throughout the project.

DELWP is concurrently progressing ESD planning reforms to be delivered by the end of 2022. The DELWP project was announced in 2021 but no new provisions have been released for consultation or comment and the timeframe for this work is still uncertain.

Discussion

The benefits to Council in proceeding with Stage 2 of the project and the planning scheme amendment have been outlined below along with other considerations.

Council's commitments to environmental sustainability and climate change

Participating in Stage 2 of the project will contribute to meeting commitments in the Council Plan 2021-25 and supports the delivery of Council's suite of environment and climate related policies.

The overall aim of Stage 2 of the project and the planning scheme amendment is to deliver healthier and more resilient places to live. The research undertaken by CASBE demonstrates that improved ESD outcomes are technically feasible and can be applied to most municipalities in Victoria, including Hobsons Bay. These benefits of the new particular provision can be summarised as:

- **Reduction in heating and cooling costs:** most energy consumption in households comes from heating and cooling and the strategies and objectives in the provision focus on improving thermal comfort through building design and orientation
- **Urban heat island effect improvements:** the provision aims to contribute to reduced urban heat island effect by increasing canopy tree planting and vegetation
- **Sustainable transport:** the provision includes strategies for convenient location of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and to encourage active transport
- **Integrated water management:** the provision aims to decrease the volume of portable water consumption and improved stormwater discharge quality
- **Circular economy:** objectives aim to reduce construction and household waste. Encouraging the use of recycled materials and setting landfill diversion targets helps to reduce the resource intensity of new development
- **Indoor environment quality:** objectives and provisions aim to improve the comfort of building occupants through external shading, ventilation, and improved daylight

New provision as a more effective decision-making tool

The proposed provision, referred to as a Particular Provision in the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme, represents a departure from the current process of applying ESD requirements through local planning policies. This approach is recommended as a Particular Provision has mandatory objectives and discretionary standards whereas a local policy provides guidance but is not mandatory.

Financial and resource implications of Stage 2

There are cost sharing benefits in participating in Stage 2 of the project. Total costs of the planning scheme amendment including statutory, legal and panel fees are estimated at \$400,000. The total financial contribution by each council is still to be determined and depends on the number of councils participating. It is recommended that any financial contribution be capped at \$30,000.

Due to the technical nature of the standards proposed by the new provision, it is likely that there will be resource implications for Council in implementing and enforcing the new planning controls. Additional ESD officers and enforcement offices will be required to ensure compliance with the new standards. Other costs would include training for staff in ESD assessment processes or compliance tools and subscriptions.

The background technical work completed in Stage 1 suggests that overall upfront additional costs for developers could be balanced with lifecycle building costs, acknowledging that some benefits are hard to quantify. It is proposed that further financial analysis is undertaken at a later stage as part of the amendment process to assess the financial implications of the provisions on new development.

Next Steps

In order to participate in Stage 2 of the project, Council must resolve to proceed with the planning scheme amendment to introduce the new ESD Particular Provision (refer Attachment 4) and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CASBE. The MOU will confirm the financial costs attributable to each council and will depend on the number of councils joining Stage 2. It is recommended that Council contribute a maximum of \$30,000.

The amendment documentation included at Attachment 4 will be reviewed in collaboration with the CASBE project team prior to requesting authorisation from the Minister for Planning. There are likely to be further changes to the format and content of the amendment documentation resulting from the authorisation request process.

If the Minister for Planning authorises the amendment it will then be put on public exhibition so that the community and key stakeholders can review and comment on the proposed changes. Figure 1 below outlines the process that would be followed for Council to continue to be part of the CASBE-led project and proceed to Stage 2. The second stage implements the ESD provision into the planning scheme through a planning scheme amendment and includes a public exhibition period.



Figure 1: Process to continue to Stage 2 of the CASBE-led Elevating ESD Targets Planning Project

8.3.2 Adoption of Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022

Directorate:	Sustainable Communities
Responsible Officer:	Manager Strategy, Economy and Sustainability
Reviewer:	Director Sustainable Communities
Attachments:	1. Response to Climate Change Action Plan [8.3.2.1 - 22 pages] 2. Community Engagement Report [8.3.2.2 - 15 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council endorsement of the Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022 and provide an update on community feedback to the plan.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Matt Tyler:

That Council:

1. Notes the community feedback received about the Draft Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022.
2. Revokes the Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2013-18, the Corporate Greenhouse Strategy 2013-20, the Community Greenhouse strategy 2013-30 and the Integrated Water Management plan 2014-19.
3. Adopts the Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the community feedback received about the Draft Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022.
2. Revokes the Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2013-18, the Corporate Greenhouse Strategy 2013-20, the Community Greenhouse strategy 2013-30 and the Integrated Water Management plan 2014-19.
3. Adopts the Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022.

Summary

Council has completed community consultation on the Draft Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022. Following analysis of the feedback a revised final version (Attachment 1) is now presented for Council endorsement.

Background

Council endorsed releasing the Draft Hobsons Bay Response to Climate Change Action Plan 2022 for public exhibition on 12 April 2022.

The plan outlines the tangible actions that Council will take to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions, prepare for a changing climate, manage water and support the community.

The plan has been developed to ensure that Council complies with legislation, meets the commitments of the Council Plan 2021-25 and Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision, and supports the delivery of Council's existing suite of environment and climate related policies.

The plan updates, consolidates and replaces expired policies including the Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2013-18, the Corporate Greenhouse Strategy 2013-20, Community Greenhouse Strategy 2013-30 and the Integrated Water Management Plan 2014-19.

Discussion

Community consultation was delivered over seven weeks and consisted of:

- online survey on Participate Hobsons Bay (104 participants)
- intercept surveys (60 participants)
- drop-in sessions (30 participants)

Additional relevant feedback has also been received from Councillors, internal experts and another community consultation program that explored energy saving and solar access programs.

Feedback varied across different age groups and postcodes. Younger participants and residents of Spotswood and Newport demonstrated higher levels of support for climate change action than other groups. Key findings included:

- 69 per cent of participants responded that it was "extremely" or "very" important that Council reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions and plan for changing weather conditions, while only 16 per cent responded that this wasn't important at all
- the majority of participants wanted Council to play a role in improving the sustainability of new private developments
- there was some confusion about managing potable (drinking) water but very strong support for water programs. The Integrated Water Management (IWM) theme had the highest levels of support, including from participants who were sceptical and unsupportive of other climate change actions
- over 80 per cent of participants expressed interest in receiving information and support from Council to support them to take their own climate actions. This is consistent with community feedback for energy saving and solar access programs

The full community consultation report (Attachment 2) provides more details of the consultation process and the findings.

The following changes have been made to the draft plan:

- highlight the legal risk for Council of not taking action to address climate change
- provide a stronger and more extensive acknowledgement of the role of Traditional Owners
- elevate the importance of IWM by including it in the vision statement and adding a standalone action to reduce Council's use of potable water
- acknowledge that vulnerable residents are most at risk from the impacts of climate change and that support is needed to address quality social housing and cost of living pressures
- acknowledge Council's aspiration to be a leader in addressing climate change
- include a more precise action to provide advice services and programs to the community

A copy of the final report is attached (Attachment 1).

8.4 Infrastructure and City Services

8.4.1 Adoption of Asset Plan 2022-32

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer: Manager Active Communities and Assets
Reviewer: Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments: 1. Asset Plan 2022-32 [8.4.1.1 - 22 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Asset Plan 2022-32.

Motion

Moved Cr Diana Grima, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council:

1. Revokes the Asset Management Policy 2017.
2. Adopts the Asset Plan 2022-32.

Carried

Division

For: Cr Matt Tyler, Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud, Cr Jonathon Marsden, Cr Peter Hemphill, Cr Diana Grima, Cr Tony Briffa

Against: Cr Daria Kellander

Carried

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Revokes the Asset Management Policy 2017.
2. Adopts the Asset Plan 2022-32.

Summary

The Asset Plan 2022-32 has been prepared to meet the legislative requirements of section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. It provides a long-term strategic planning and financial view of the infrastructure assets owned or controlled by Council over the next 10 years.

The draft plan has been publicly exhibited and received no comments, so the final Asset Plan presented for adoption is unchanged from the draft.

Background

The Asset Plan 2022-32 is a proactive approach to combining the management of public assets with financial, engineering and technical considerations to ensure appropriate levels of service are provided at the most economical cost to the community. It guides the way Council protects public assets to lengthen their lifespan and ensures that the maintenance and renewal of all assets is undertaken and completed at the appropriate time.

The Asset Plan 2022-32 is a consolidated document that includes information from previous asset management documents including the Asset Management Policy, Asset Management Strategy and asset management plans previously developed for each major asset type.

Discussion

Council's assets are valued at approximately \$1.2 billion and include roads, bridges, drainage, pathways, car parks, buildings, open space and recreation assets.

The purpose of the Asset Plan is to:

- demonstrate how Council will manage its assets responsibly in a cost-effective way to meet the service delivery needs of the Hobsons Bay community now and in the future
- ensure integration between asset management planning outcomes and the Council Plan, Financial Plan and Capital Works Budget
- forecast capital and maintenance expenditure requirements for Council's assets over the next 10 years
- ensure that Council complies with its legislative obligations

At the Council Meeting on 12 April 2022, Council resolved to place the Draft Asset Plan 2022-32 on public exhibition for four weeks. The exhibition took place from 14 April 2022 to 15 May 2022.

At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, 158 people had visited the Draft Asset Plan 2022-32 page on Participate Hobsons Bay and the draft plan and related documents had been downloaded a total of 147 times. No comment was received from the community.

Following adoption by Council, the final Asset Plan will be made available on Council's webpage.

8.4.2 Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022

Directorate:	Infrastructure and City Services
Responsible Officer:	Manager Active Communities and Assets
Reviewer:	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What We Heard Report - Newport Lakes Reserve [8.4.2.1 – 3 pages]2. Structural Report for Newport Lakes, Newport [8.4.2.2 – 13 pages]3. Cost Summary - Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022 [8.4.2.3 - 4 pages]4. Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022 [8.4.2.4 - 75 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

That Council adopts the Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council adopts the Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022.

Summary

The Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022 provides clear direction on the future upgrade and improvement of the Newport Lakes precinct, including improved parks facilities, clear distinction between different zones to resolve conflicts in use, and measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity values of the conservation zone. The plan also provides a prioritised and costed 10-year implementation plan to be delivered as part of Council's Capital Works Program.

Background

Newport Lakes Reserve is a 33-hectare urban bushland park located in Newport that was formerly a bluestone quarry and later a partial landfill site. The land was reclaimed by Council in the 1980s and turned into public open space featuring several different precincts including a bushland lakes area, dog off-leash area, play and picnic area and arboretum.

Most of the infrastructure within the reserve dates to its commissioning in the early 1990s and is in poor condition.

Over the years, Newport Lakes has become more popular with locals and visitors from outside the municipality. The increased visitation, in addition to the projected increased population from nearby residential developments, will place pressure on old infrastructure and the site's sensitive conservation areas. The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the need to significantly improve the now degraded infrastructure and maintain the conservation and parklands to a standard consistent with the reserve's regional status.

In addition, Newport Lakes is under considerable pressure from the changing climate (less rainfall, longer heat waves and drought-like conditions), invasive pests, and water quality issues stemming from the combination of low rainfall, untreated stormwater inputs and the fact the lakes are primarily bore-fed, increasing salinity. These factors together mean that the reserve is in desperate need of long-term investment.

Newport Lakes is a prized open space destination for locals and visitors and provides diverse opportunities for passive recreation, nature appreciation and respite from nearby major roads, residential and industrial areas.

The Newport Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022 provides a vision for an open space area, identifying environmental and cultural values and articulating what it should look like and how it should function into the future. It seeks to establish a strong and consistent direction by providing a framework for protection of key values and identification and prioritisation of opportunities for ongoing improvement. It also considers the interrelationship between the current character and functionality of the landscape, public expectations and needs, emerging issues and trends, and the economic, social, environmental, and legislative context of the time.

Discussion

In April 2021, Council commenced work on the plan to future-proof Newport Lakes Reserve with improvements to the facilities and infrastructure, and to further protect the significant natural environment the "Lakes" are well known for. Working collaboratively with the Friends of Newport Lakes and internal departments at Council, a wealth of knowledge and information was available to prepare a draft plan for community consultation.

The draft plan included a vision statement to guide the future of Newport Lakes:

Preserve the natural environment, open space and existing lakes' bushland character while supporting renewal of existing infrastructure and facilities that improve access, sustainability, and shared community use. Maintain the balance between parkland and natural bushland landscape character while improving water quality, urban habitat values and enhancing climate change resilience.

The plan provides the blueprint to guide investment over the next 10 years. The key goals identified include:

Environment

- the park's unique urban bushland environment including mature Australian native trees and indigenous mid-storey shrubs, grasses and ground layer must be protected and enhanced for future generations
- lake water quality is to be maintained and opportunities to improve climate change resilience and biodiversity values explored
- protect and enhance habitat for native fauna through control of introduced pest species such as foxes and carp

Cultural Heritage

- the cultural heritage of the park will be protected, and opportunities provided to improve awareness and understanding of cultural values
- the history and stories of the park will continue to be captured and celebrated through creative and artistic installations

Community Use

- maintain a range of different places and spaces to enable people to gather, socialise and build greater community connections
- activities in the park will foster a greater connection to nature for people of all ages and backgrounds
- maintain balance between biodiversity and habitat conservation values and popular activities including dog walking to support community health, wellbeing, and enjoyment of the parkland
- provide additional facilities in support of increasing use by new residents from growth areas in Altona North

Infrastructure

- park infrastructure will be redeveloped and replaced in accordance with Council policy and current standards, ensuring they are compliant, inclusive and accessible
- new infrastructure will be designed in a way that is creative, sustainable, and responsive to the existing character and scale of the urban bushland setting

Management and Park Character

- the planning, development and management of the park will be done in a holistic manner continuing partnerships with local community groups
- new and emerging uses will be assessed according to the goals for the park, local needs, and the broader regional context to determine whether they are appropriate for the park or can be accommodated in other locations

The Draft Newport Conservation and Improvement Plan 2022 was placed on public exhibition from 29 September to 31 October 2021. While on exhibition, over 300 interactions with the community were recorded on the Participate Hobsons Bay project page, along with comments, likes and shares across Council's social media platforms.

The community also expressed the need to better protect the conservation area of the reserve by keeping dogs out, improving signage and fencing and the need for a greater Council presence on site.

Overall, there was broad support for the vision and actions of the draft plan from the community.

8.4.3 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 (the Project) including the status of advocacy activities and project initiatives.

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council extends the meeting time by thirty minutes to 10pm.

Carried unanimously

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council extends Cr Daria Kellander's speaking time by two minutes.

Carried unanimously

Motion

Moved Cr Jonathon Marsden, seconded Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud:

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 progress updates on project works and strategic advocacy items, the Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package and the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund.

Background

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).

Construction on the Project has been underway since March 2018 and is due for completion in 2024. Recent activities in the west have been focused on completing the rebuilding and widening of the West Gate Freeway and associated infrastructure including noise walls, bridges and ramps, and launching the tunnel boring machines.

Reports providing updates on various aspects of the Project have been tabled through Council Meetings since early 2018. The most recent previous report was presented at the March 2022 meeting. Previous reports can be accessed via the Council website at: www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings/Minutes-and-Agendas

Discussion

Community Feedback and Advocacy

The key issues raised by community members to Council over the life of the Project in relation to project works include:

- construction issues and impacts arising from the Project works such as noise, vibration and dust
- ongoing works resulting in traffic congestion and delays in locations such as Millers Road and Melbourne Road
- safety issues at the intersections of Primula Avenue and Paringa Road with Millers Road
- inconvenience and amenity impact on surrounding residents resulting from Project traffic detours and Project construction traffic moving through the area
- delays in the Project works prolonging the construction impacts and inconvenience on community
- vegetation removal associated with the Project

Council officers have advocated on behalf of community members in relation to these matters through various forums including regular coordination meetings with the project partners.

Council has also advocated along with the local community and shops for the permanent reopening of Paringa Road at Millers Road. The JV have prepared a design for the Paringa Road access to remain open, subject to WGTP MTIA approval. The key changes from the original design for the closure 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 reduction outcomes through specific measures on each of the properties impacted. After a long review process, the project partners have now agreed on the consultation plan and noise assessments are being arranged in June to determine appropriate mitigation measures on the impacted properties. The proposed design plan is expected to be available in coming months.

Community Liaison Groups (CLG) were established at commencement of the Project to provide an avenue for community representatives to learn more about the Project, share valuable community insight to the project team and help support community engagement activities. CLG membership consists of active community members who represent various suburbs across Melbourne's west and inner west, as well as key community interest groups. The WGTP has two CLGs, the North and West groups, which meet on alternate months and occasionally jointly. Each group is provided with tailored information in relation to their focus suburbs and community interests.

The last joint meeting of the Community Liaison Groups was held on 19 May 2022 with discussion on the construction progress and disruptions in the west zone and upcoming works across the project. Meeting documents can be obtained at:

<https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/community/community-liaison-groups>

Sports and Open Space Enhancement and Access Package

As part of the Project, the Victorian Government agreed to partner with Council to fund the delivery of capital improvements up to the value of \$5 million on Donald McLean Reserve in Spotswood, WLJ Crofts Reserve in Altona North and Brooklyn Reserve, DN Duane Reserve and Rowan Avenue Reserve in Brooklyn. Council has contributed an equivalent amount.

Funded works in the package are now close to completion with the new sporting pavilion at WLJ Crofts Reserve and the WH Couch Pavilion at Donald McLean Reserve soon to be opened. The final landscaping and open space improvement works at these two reserves will be completed in coming months.

West Gate Neighbourhood Fund

The West Gate Neighbourhood Fund is a \$10 million community grants program established by WGTP MTIA to support communities in Melbourne's inner west. This consists of four rounds of funding (two partnerships and two community grants rounds). Council has entered into a Funding Administration Agreement with WGTP MTIA to facilitate the distribution of funding to the recipients.

The first partnership round allocated over \$3 million to organisations in Hobsons Bay with additional funding from Council and other stakeholders. The successful recipients are now commencing their projects.

The community grants stream supports community-led projects that improve community access and participation across three funding categories up to \$100,000. The first round included 15 successful grant applicants with over \$265,000 being distributed.

Further information can be found at: <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/west-gate-tunnel-project/community/west-gate-neighbourhood-fund>

Project Works Update

Project construction works have significantly progressed in the west zone.

The second tunnel boring machine has commenced operation and is now digging the 2.8km inbound tunnel, which will connect to the West Gate Freeway just west of Williamstown Road. This is expected to take 12 months.

Major work continues at the Williamstown Road and inbound tunnel portal (Figure 1), Millers Road (Figure 2) and the M80/Western Ring Road freeway interchange areas, the Hyde Street ramps (Figure 3) and widening the Newport freight rail bridge. Noise wall works continue along both sides of the freeway corridor.



Figure 1: Traffic switch around inbound tunnel portal works



Figure 2: Works at Millers Road



Figure 3: Hyde Street ramp works

New barriers and a Gross Pollutant Trap have been installed at Williamstown Road and works along Fogarty Avenue are nearing completion. At the M80 interchange, the M80 entry and exit ramps have been reconstructed, including drainage works, information technology services, new barriers and pavement reconstruction. Road reconstruction works are still ongoing for the M80 outbound ramp. Inbound on the M80, a new road ramp is being built and a traffic switch is expected to be implemented in July 2022.

From May 2022 until July 2023, the remaining works along freeway verges will be carried out to reinstate roads and footpaths at the ends of local streets between The Avenue and Melbourne Road (Figure 4). Works will include landscaping, maintenance track and footpath construction, drainage, kerbing, barrier installation, road resurfacing, asphaltting, freeway technology system works, rectification works, fencing, noise wall installation, removal of temporary noise walls, demolition works and other minor works.

Notifications have been provided to residents advising that the following streets at the freeway end will be closed for short periods to complete these works: Strong Street, Abbott Street, Steel Street, Ferguson Street, Muir Street, Andrews Street, Derham Street, Hick Street, Vernier Street, Le Fevre Street and Cullen Court.



Figure 4: Proposed freeway verge works

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>

WGTP MTIA is required to undertake traffic monitoring in selected streets pre-construction, at six-monthly intervals during construction and up to two years after construction is complete. Recent monitoring on the West Gate Freeway by the JV indicates that inbound and outbound travel time is operating well.

Tree Planting and Trail Upgrades

The Project has a requirement to plant five trees for every tree that is removed due to Project works. An offset tree plan has been developed with input from Council and community stakeholder groups, which identifies suitable locations for offset tree planting outside the designated Project area. The final plan is being prepared by the JV for review by Council and other stakeholders.

The JV has commenced work on the new section of Kororoit Creek Trail between Geelong Road and GJ Hosken Reserve to link the existing paths. Works are expected to be completed by mid-2022 followed by an upgrade of Federation Trail between Kororoit Creek and Millers Road.

9 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 Diana Grima:

That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports.

RoadSafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services

Councillor Delegate: Cr Diana Grima

Date of Meeting: 20 April 2022

RoadSafe Westgate Updates

During the month of April, road safety messages were about speeding. The billboard trailer was located at the intersection of Geelong Road and Somerville Road in West Footscray and then moved to the Western Ring Road near Boundary Road in Laverton North. The road safety messages for the month of May were planned to be focused on young drivers.

Since the last meeting, Looking After Our Mates sessions were conducted at Djerriwarrh Community College (20 attendees) and Mount St. Joseph Girls' College (80 attendees).

The Local Media Road Safety Campaign 2021-22 continued with support for the road policing activity Operation Arid conducted over the Labour Day long weekend.

Due to COVID-19 protocols compliance issues and social distancing restraints, no RACV Years Ahead or Senior Driver Expos sessions are planned for 2021-22 or 2022-23.

Department of Transport Updates

No updates were provided from the Department of Transport.

Hobsons Bay City Council Update

Updates were provided on a range of projects, including the Ferguson Street and Mason Street Blackspot Road Safety projects. The road safety projects included in the draft capital works budget were also presented to the group.

Other Member Council Updates

Officers from Maribyrnong City Council, Melton City Council and Wyndham City Council provided an update on road safety projects, local area traffic management projects and progress on grant projects.

Police Report

Operation Compass Phase 1 results for Wyndham, Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong were as follows:

- 231 offences detected (33 for drink/drug driving)
- about 2,700 preliminary breath tests conducted
- zero fatalities

The police also indicated that there has been a significant increase in theft of number plates from vehicles in Maribyrnong and Hobsons Bay.

Metropolitan Transport Forum

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services

Councillor Delegate: Cr Jonathon Marsden

Date of Meeting: 4 May 2022

Ms Rachel Goldsworthy, Mr Dean Butler, Mr Toby Robinson and Mr Patrick Alewood from the Department of Transport's Active Transport team explained their recent and current projects, and the team's philosophy to "put the user at the centre".

They described their review of current wayfinding and noted that in many locations that "the problem is clear, but the solution is not". They compared the wide array of wayfinding signage approaches for pedestrians/cyclists compared to the much more consolidated signage suite for motorists, which is similar across all states and is intuitive for the users.

Mr Robinson described the recent trials of pop-up bike lanes along Heidelberg Road in Melbourne, the focus on local journey, and the adaptability of corflute signs which were able to include a suite of cyclist emblems to capture the wide variety of cyclists.

Ms Goldsworthy described the huge variety of signs currently in use and the series of signs that the team is developing, including finger signs, micro maps, operational signs and directional and route signs. She also described the team's work with users, including cycling organisations and accessibility user groups.

Mr Alewood described the next steps the team will be taking, noting that while regulations are somewhat constrained, the team were developing new sign types.

RoadSafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council

Directorate: Infrastructure and City Services

Councillor Delegate: Cr Diana Grima

Date of Meeting: 18 May 2022

RoadSafe Westgate Updates

Limited updates are available on the previous month due to several absences at the meeting. Updates were provided regarding ongoing actions of the group including the positioning of the road safety billboard and social media activities. The program for older drivers remains on hold due to coronavirus concerns and the inability to effectively transition the program to an online service.

Hobsons Bay City Council Updates

Hobsons Bay provided updates into the ongoing delivery of capital works projects throughout the municipality. Planning is underway for the next and following fiscal years. A major piece of engagement for Spotswood traffic safety improvements is underway.

Other Council Updates

Eng Lim, Engineering and Transport Officer, is leaving Maribyrnong City Council and will no longer be part of the RoadSafe Westgate group. He has been instrumental in the rollout of 40km/h speed limit areas in Maribyrnong and associated traffic calming. Many of his projects and data collection work provide a great resource and inspiration for projects in other areas.

Other council delegates provided their usual updates on local road safety matters.

Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum

Directorate: Sustainable Communities

Councillor Delegate: Cr Matt Tyler

Date of Meeting: 2 June 2022

This was the final meeting of the Forum, as the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) and affiliated memberships are being disbanded ahead of the commencement of Recycling Victoria on 1 July 2022.

The meeting featured a reflection and celebration of the highlights and achievements of the 16 years of the Forum from 2006 to 2022, including the support of the development of the *Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021*, leadership in kerbside reform and helping councils meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phil D'Adamo, Recycling Victoria Interim Head presented on his vision for Recycling Victoria including that it should:

- continue and build upon work achieved
- avoid a repeat of the impacts of the SKM closure
- lay the foundation for Victoria's circular economy
- have a graduated and proportionate introduction of compliance to the new Act
- have business continuity with MWRRG
- engage, including at least one advisory committee
- feature cross-agency collaboration

A panel of current and former members of the Forum and the Technical Advisory Reference Group (TARG) reflected on the years of the Forum.

10 Notices of Motion

No notices of motion were received.

11 Urgent Business

Nil

12 Supplementary Public Question Time

Nil

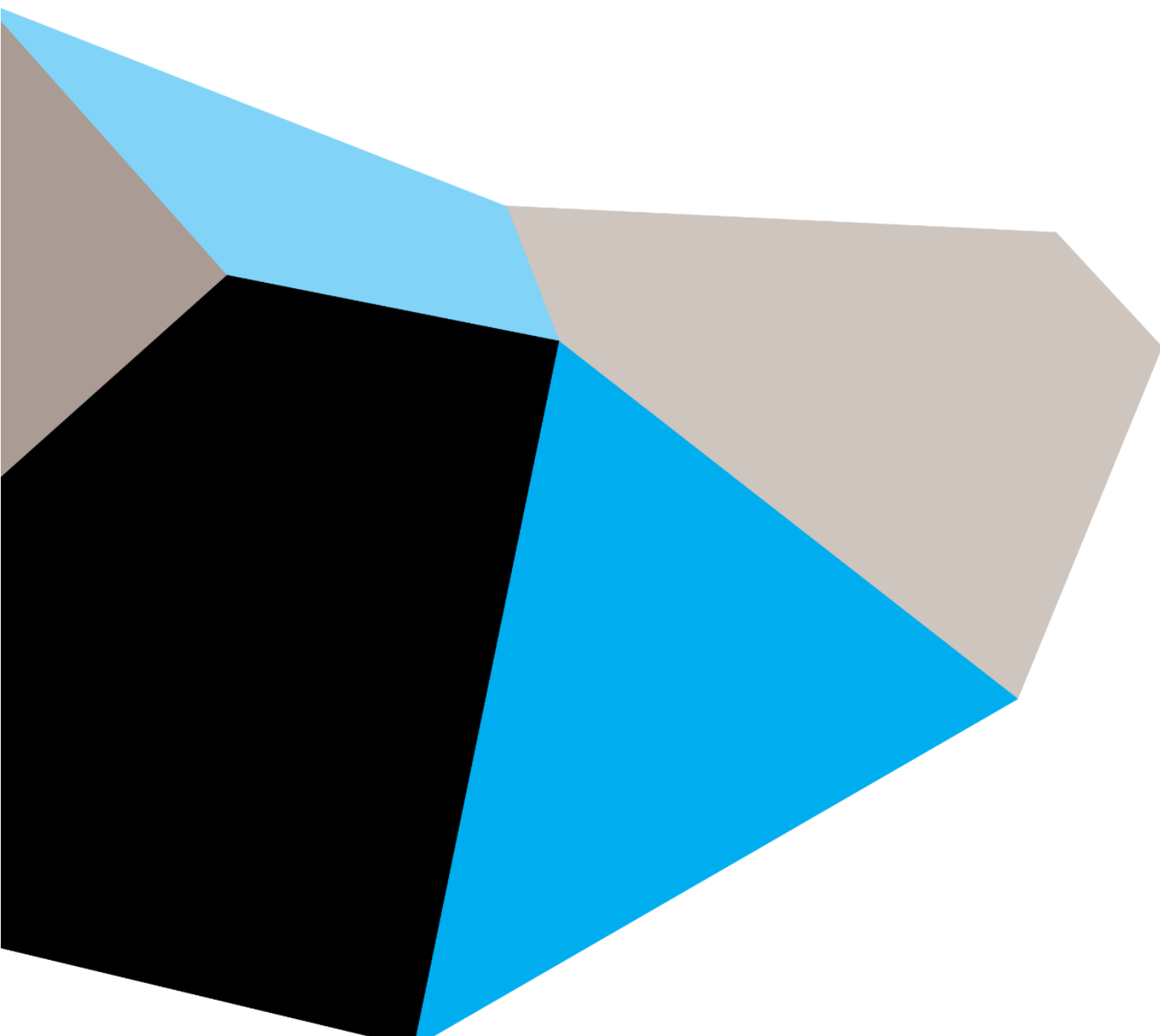
13 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Chairperson – Cr Peter Hemphill

Signed and certified as having been confirmed.

12 July 2022



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