



# Council Meeting Minutes

9 March 2021

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

### Chairperson:

Cr Jonathon Marsden (Mayor)

Strand Ward

### Councillors:

Cr Daria Kellander (Deputy Mayor)

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Tony Briffa JP

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Peter Hemphill

Strand Ward

Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud

Strand Ward

Cr Diana Grima

Wetlands Ward

Cr Matt Tyler

Wetlands Ward

Aaron van Egmond  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 March 2021 at 7pm.****Present****Chairperson**

Cr Jonathon Marsden (Mayor)                      Strand Ward

**Councillors**

Cr Daria Kellander (Deputy Mayor)	Cherry Lake Ward
Cr Peter Hemphill	Strand Ward
Cr Pamela Sutton-Legaud	Strand Ward
Cr Diana Grima	Wetlands Ward
Cr Matt Tyler	Wetlands Ward

**Officers**

Mr Aaron van Egmond	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew McLeod	Director Corporate Services
Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Ms Penelope Winslade	Director Sustainable Communities
Ms Diane Eyckens	Manager Corporate Integrity (Legal Counsel)
Ms Briony Davis	Governance Officer and Minute Secretary

## 1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement

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

## 2 Apologies

### Motion

Moved Cr Daria Kellander, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council accepts an apology from Cr Tony Briffa.

Carried unanimously

## 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 Peter Hemphill disclosed an interest in Item 9.2.1 Council Plan Initiatives and Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Half Year Progress Update 2020-21, as he is the treasurer and director of Seaworks, which the report mentions in connection with the Creative Technology Hub. Cr Hemphill indicated that the interest was not a material conflict of interest and that he would not vacate the room during discussion and voting on Item 9.2.1.**

**Cr Matt Tyler disclosed an interest in Item 9.2.1 Council Plan Initiatives and Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Half Year Progress Update 2020-21 in relation to a range of initiatives being carried out at the Men's Project by Jesuit Social Services, which he leads. Cr Tyler indicated that the interest was not a material conflict of interest and that he would not vacate the room during discussion and voting on Item 9.2.1.**

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes

### 4.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 9 February 2021 and the minutes of the Unscheduled Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 22 February 2021 (copies previously circulated).

#### **Motion**

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

**That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 9 February 2021 and the minutes of the Unscheduled Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 22 February 2021 (copies previously circulated).**

**Carried unanimously**

## 5 Councillor Questions

**Cr Matt Tyler asked who is responsible for environmental regulations and management, including the old Pigment Manufacturers of Australia site.**

Ms Penelope Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that the site, which is on Leakes Road in Altona North, is outside of Hobsons Bay's municipal area but within Wyndham City Council's borders, and that environmental regulation and management is the responsibility of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

**Cr Matt Tyler asked whether Council has made representations to the EPA regarding management of this site.**

Ms Penelope Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, confirmed that Council has engaged with the EPA on a number of occasions for updates and to understand that the site is being appropriately managed.

**Cr Matt Tyler asked whether, based on the advice provided by the EPA, the soil or any other aspect of this site poses any risk to human or animal health?**

Ms Penelope Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that according to the EPA's advice the site is being appropriately managed and there is no risk to human or animal health.

**Cr Matt Tyler asked who residents should work with if they have further questions about the site.**

Ms Penelope Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, advised that residents should contact the EPA directly for further information, adding that the site is listed in the EPA's priority sites register, which would be the primary place to go for further information.

**Cr Matt Tyler requested more detail about the discovery of small amounts of asbestos during drainage works in close proximity to Bruce Comben Reserve, Altona Meadows on 24 February 2021.**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that this was in relation to drainage works being undertaken in Central Avenue, Altona Meadows. Mr Manivasagasivam explained that Council normally goes through site testing before commencing any works, and that site testing had not identified any contaminated materials, but that due to the nature of those areas Council always exercises caution when excavating and identified a small amount of asbestos contaminated material as part of the works process.

Mr Manivasagasivam stated that Council notified Worksafe and the EPA as soon as the contamination was identified, and followed the process accordingly by securing the site, undertaking further testing, and removing the contaminated materials securely. Mr Manivasagasivam added that Council has systems to monitor for any risks and, based on those systems, he believes there is no risk to the community.

**Cr Matt Tyler requested details of the works that recently commenced at HD Graham Reserve, Altona Meadows, specifically regarding steps taken to manage the risks of potential toxins in the soil, including asbestos.**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, advised that Council has commenced sporting oval works in HD Graham Reserve, and is currently undertaking site preparation works. As part of initial works, Council did an analysis of site borings and then solid testing. Mr Manivasagasivam stated that, while no contamination was identified in that area, knowing the historical use of that site it could be expected that something may be identified during the works. Mr Manivasagasivam stated that Council would monitor the situation throughout the construction process and, if any contamination is identified, follow a similar process as with Bruce Comben Reserve.

**Cr Matt Tyler asked whether, in Council's view, the works currently being completed at HD Graham Reserve pose any risks to human or animal health.**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that there is no risk at this stage.

**Cr Peter Hemphill, noting several queries and complaints received about an increase in traffic, and particularly heavy trucks, on Hudsons Road in Spotswood, asked whether Council knew why so much traffic was going down there at the moment, and if not, whether the situation could be monitored and investigated.**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that he was not aware of the reason, but was happy to follow up with the Department of Transport (DoT) to find out what works could be happening to impact on the area.

Mr Manivasagasivam added that Millers Road and Grieve Parade road works might be directing traffic to Melbourne Road, but that he would need to confirm with the DoT.

**Cr Daria Kellander requested a timeline of when residents could expect to see the waste survey, through to collation and finalisation of the results.**

Ms Penelope Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, advised that the survey is currently being finalised and tested, and letters being printed. Ms Winslade stated that the survey would arrive in letterboxes in late March 2021, would be open for four weeks throughout April, and that officers were aiming to bring the outcome to Council in June.

**Cr Daria Kellander observed that Brooklyn residents are struggling to turn right onto Millers Road, with the right-hand turn being currently unsafe and the circuitous alternative route taking up to half an hour in peak time. Noting that Millers Road is managed by the DoT, Cr Kellander asked whether Council is currently advocating for any improvements, such as traffic lights, to address the issue.**

Mr Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Director Infrastructure and City Services, responded that Council completely understands that the Brooklyn Community wanted to keep the right-hand turn into Millers Road, and that this was heard throughout the development of the Local Area Movement Plan for Brooklyn. Mr Manivasagasivam stated that the Local Area Movement Plan is in process and that Council was developing options for the DoT, adding that Council is heavily advocating to keep the right-hand turning movements from Brooklyn to Millers Road.

Mr Manivasagasivam went on to advise that the DoT had agreed to conduct a trial commencing in two weeks' time in Primula Avenue, Brooklyn involving line marking and light activation strips. Mr Manivasagasivam stated that the trial would be conducted over six weeks, during which the DoT would engage with Brooklyn residents to form a decision based on their feedback. Mr Manivasagasivam affirmed that Council would continue to advocate through the Local Area Movement Plan in the meantime to keep at least some of the right-hand turning movements into Millers Road.

**Cr Daria Kellander noted that residents have been receiving postcards indicating how their recycling contamination rates across the municipality compare with the target of 15 per cent, and asked whether Council could also provide some transparency on the volume of recycling that is genuinely recycled out of the total volume of recycling collected.**

Ms Penelope Winslade, Director Sustainable Communities, responded that Council's recovery rate average is about 70 per cent of the total volume collected, and noted that some of that recoverable material still has very low levels of contamination. Ms Winslade added that Council's postcard engagement program is focused on behaviour change, both in areas where contamination rates are currently very high and where they are very low.

## 6 Public Question Time

Rowena Joske

**Q Why is Council advocating to a planning panel for the widening of Birmingham Street, leading to no room being left for separated cycling path and safe bike and pedestrian route? Is it based on traffic data?**

A The recently released Victorian Government Strategic Cycling Corridors (SCC) document identifies Birmingham Street as an SCC. The treatment for each corridor will differ, taking into consideration the most appropriate type of cycling environment, and users and their needs.

The treatment that Council is advocating be implemented as part of the development at 571-579 Melbourne Road, which is currently being considered before the Victorian Government Planning Panel, aligns with VicRoads Design Guidance for Strategically Important Cycling Corridors. The treatment is informed by traffic modelling data, and it is worth noting that VicRoads is the responsible agency within this question.



**Q What is the Better Places team doing to ensure Council's planning and traffic teams understand and immediately advocate for a Strategic Cycling Route in Spotswood?**

A The Spotswood and South Kingsville Better Places Guide is in draft form, and officers across the entire organisation will seek to implement the vision and principles proactively and when opportunities become available. This includes advocating for improved active transport outcomes along Birmingham Street as part of current development applications.

**Geraldine Kavanagh**

**Q As confirmed by Council, highly contaminated recycling bin loads are sent directly to landfill. Can you please advise which routes have been redirected to landfill in the past?**

A It is standard industry practice that highly contaminated recycling loads cannot be recycled. All routes have some level of contamination and in some cases routes which have shown continually high levels of contamination have been diverted directly to landfill on a short term basis. This has included routes covering parts of Altona Meadows, Altona North and Laverton.

**Q And is the redirection to landfill something that is currently happening, or continuing to happen in the future?**

A While we work with the community to reduce contamination, Council has put measures in place to ensure that even highly contaminated loads are being sorted and recoverable materials are not going to landfill.

**Norm Marr**

**Q Can Council arrange for the new community centre at Dennis Reserve to be built before the removal of the current Elderly Citizens Centre?**

A The new multipurpose community facility to be constructed in Dennis Reserve will be located in the same area as the existing Senior Citizens Centre and consequently the existing facility needs to be removed to enable construction of the new facility.

**Jason Walsh**

**Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden noted that Mr Walsh's initial question would not be responded to during the meeting as it pertains to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, which Council does not discuss publicly, including in the Council Chamber.**

**Q Is Council aware of the asbestos that's been dug up in Central Avenue in Bruce Comben Reserve where the stormwater pipes are being laid?**

A Council is aware of a small amount of non-friable asbestos containing material present in soil that has been excavated as part of drainage upgrade works in Central Avenue. Council takes contamination seriously and appropriate safety measures have been instituted, and there is no risk to public safety.

**Q And what is Council doing to insure this is being managed safely?**

**A** Across the western region, there are a significant number of contaminated sites as a result of past land uses. Council-managed projects frequently encounter potentially contaminated soil, and Council implements appropriate measures in accordance with EPA guidelines. Our standard steps (including on this occasion) include and are not limited to:

1. Engagement of a suitably qualified hygienist to undertake an identification and clearance process
2. Disposal of identified contaminated soil through a suitably qualified asbestos handling contractor at a licensed tipping site
3. Ongoing monitoring of excavation works with an external hygienist onsite
4. Set up of air monitoring stations around the site to identify if any airborne fibres are detected

Readings have been taken daily, and on each occasion nil readings for airborne fibres have been recorded.

**7 Petitions and Joint Letters****7.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received**

**Nil.**

## 8 Certificate Presentations

### 8.1 Certificate of Recognition - Mr Kim Walsh

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

#### Purpose

To present a Certificate of Recognition to Mr Kim Walsh.

#### Motion

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

**That Council presents a Certificate of Recognition to Mr Kim Walsh in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the community of Hobsons Bay through his role as President of the Altona Village Traders Association for 20 years.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council presents a Certificate of Recognition to Mr Kim Walsh in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the community of Hobsons Bay through his role as President of the Altona Village Traders Association for 20 years.**

#### Summary

At the Council Meeting held on 8 December 2020, Council resolved to recognise Mr Kim Walsh for his extraordinary contribution to the Hobsons Bay community through his role as President of the Altona Village Traders Association.

The presentation of the Certificate of Recognition was originally to be held at the Council Meeting on 9 February 2021 but was postponed due to restrictions during the February COVID-19 snap lockdown.

The Mayor will present the certificate to Mr Walsh at the Council Meeting held on 9 March 2021.

## 9 Business

### 9.1 Office of the Chief Executive

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

<b>Directorate:</b>	Office of the Chief Executive
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
<b>Reviewer:</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. CEO Report on Operations [9.1.1.1 - 35 pages]

#### Purpose

To present the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Report on Operations (Attachment 1).

#### Motion

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

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

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

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

#### Summary

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

#### Discussion

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

In accordance with rule 10.7.1 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules, Council maintains records of meetings attended by Councillors in the CEO's Report on Operations to ensure transparency and equity of information. A summary of meetings for the period between 1 February 2021 and 28 February 2021 is provided in this month's report.

## 9.2 Corporate Services

### 9.2.1 Council Plan Initiatives and Local Government Performance Reporting Framework - Half Year Progress Update 2020-21

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Responsible Officer:** Corporate Improvement, Planning and Reporting Officer

**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:** 1. Half Year Progress Report - Council Plan Initiatives and LGPRF 2020-21 [9.2.1.1 - 15 pages]

Cr Peter Hemphill disclosed an interest, which is not a material conflict of interest, in Item 9.2.1 as he is the treasurer and director of Seaworks, which the report mentions in connection with the Creative Technology Hub. Cr Hemphill did not vacate the room during discussion and voting on Item 9.2.1.

Cr Matt Tyler disclosed an interest, which is not a material conflict of interest, in Item 9.2.1 in relation to a range of initiatives being carried out at the Men's Project by Jesuit Social Services, which he leads. Cr Tyler did not vacate the room during discussion and voting on Item 9.2.1.

## Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the progress of the initiatives that are included in the annual budget to support the achievement of the Council Plan 2017-21, as well as to report on the half-year results of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) indicators.

### Motion

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

That Council:

1. Notes the progress made on the 2020-21 initiatives and major initiatives for the Council Plan 2017-21.
2. Notes the half-year results for the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework indicators.

Carried unanimously

## Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the progress made on the 2020-21 initiatives and major initiatives for the Council Plan 2017-21.

## **2. Notes the half-year results for the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework indicators.**

### **Summary**

Each financial year, Council's performance is measured against the progress of initiatives and the indicators prescribed in the LGPRF. This half-year progress report provides updates on how Council is progressing on both these measures for the period from July to December 2020, for the 2020-21 financial year.

As of 31 December 2020, of the 24 initiatives that were committed to this year, three have been completed and one is marked as behind schedule, while the remaining 20 projects are progressing on plan.

The LGPRF half-year results indicate that Council is tracking to achieve similar or better results compared to the same period of the last financial year in 25 of the indicators (45 per cent) and will need to improve on 27 (49 per cent) to achieve similar results as the previous year.

### **Background**

The Council Plan is developed every four years and reviewed annually in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. It guides the work of Council over the period of four years by setting goals and objectives that are achieved through the delivery of Council services and initiatives.

The Council Plan 2017-21 is made up of four goal areas, each comprising five objectives which describe what Council will do for the period. The initiatives are identified annually through the budget process to support the delivery of each objective.

The LGPRF is a mandatory system of reporting requiring all councils to report on their service performance in a consistent format as a part of their Annual Report and via Local Government Victoria's Know Your Council website (<https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au>). The framework consists of several performance indicators that are comparable between councils.

The half-year reporting of LGPRF consists of three sets of indicators: service performance, financial performance and sustainability. The half-year report is an internal reporting tool for Council to monitor and manage progress, while the annual results are published in December every year on the Know Your Council website.

### **Discussion**

The 2020-21 Annual Budget included 24 projects, of which 10 were carried over from the previous year. Of the 24 projects, 15 projects are classed as initiatives and nine as major initiatives (priority projects).

As of 31 December 2020, three initiatives have been completed: the implementation of the Youth Digital Engagement Strategy, the creation of the Mayoral Program short film series and the new Library Management System (LMS) planning, implementation and integration with current library technologies.

One initiative (the co-design, planning and delivery of the Creative Technology Hub at Seaworks) is marked as behind schedule due to COVID-19 restrictions, while the remaining 20 projects are progressing on plan. The attached document provides details of the projects and their status.

The LGPRF half-year report consists of a total of 52 performance indicators, including a set of service performance, financial performance and sustainability indicators. Of the 52 indicators, Council is tracking to achieve similar or better results compared to the same period last year in 25 indicators (48 per cent) and will have to improve in 27 indicators (52 per cent) in order to achieve similar results as the previous year. The relevant Coordinators have been advised of how they are tracking compared to last year so corrective action can be taken.

Care should be taken when interpreting the data contained within the LGPRF report, particularly for financial and sustainability results, as the timing of revenue or expenditure recognition may not be uniform throughout the year.

## 9.2.2 Road Discontinuance - 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Responsible Officer:** Coordinator Property and Insurance

**Reviewer:** Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:**

1. Road Proposed to be Discontinued and Sold - 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood [9.2.2.1 - 1 page]
2. Survey Plan - 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood [9.2.2.2 – 1 page]

### Purpose

To consider discontinuing the 5.64m wide road adjoining 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood, and selling the land to the adjoining property owner.

### Motion

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

**That Council:**

1. Having considered the matters detailed in this report and being of the opinion that the road adjoining 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood is not reasonably required as a road for public use, discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. Directs that a notice be published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*.
3. Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owner of the abutting property in accordance with Council's policy.
4. Signs all documents relating to the sale of the land from the discontinued road to the owner of the abutting property.
5. Directs that arrangements be made to remove the road from Council's Register of Public Roads once the discontinuance is gazetted.

**Carried unanimously**

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. Having considered the matters detailed in this report and being of the opinion that the road adjoining 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood is not reasonably required as a road for public use, discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. Directs that a notice be published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*.



3. **Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owner of the abutting property in accordance with Council's policy.**
4. **Signs all documents relating to the sale of the land from the discontinued road to the owner of the abutting property.**
5. **Directs that arrangements be made to remove the road from Council's Register of Public Roads once the discontinuance is gazetted.**

## Summary

Council resolved on 8 December 2020 to commence procedures for the discontinuance and sale of the road adjoining 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood, shown hatched in Attachments 1 and 2.

Public notice of the proposed discontinuance and sale of the road was given in the *Maribyrnong and Hobsons Bay Star Weekly* newspaper and on Council's website on 20 January 2021. The adjoining owner and the registered proprietor of the land were also notified in writing of the proposal with submissions to be received within 28 days of the date of the notice.

No submissions have been received.

## Background

Council has received a request from Henry Trucking Pty Ltd, the owner of the land surrounding the road at 8 Simcock Avenue, Spotswood, for the discontinuance and sale of the 5.64m wide road adjoining the property.

The road has not been constructed and does not appear to have been used for access for many years. However, the road is listed on Council's Register of Public Roads. If the discontinuance is approved arrangements will be made to remove the road from the register.

Given that the applicant owns all of the surrounding land, the road is considered to be no longer reasonably required for public use and accordingly its discontinuance and sale is recommended.

## Discussion

The land from the road remains in the name of ACI Operations Pty Ltd, which had previously owned the surrounding land since 1981.

Council's road discontinuance procedures under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the LG Act 1989) apply to the land.

## 9.3 Sustainable Communities

### 9.3.1 Hobsons Bay City Council's Emissions Reduction Pledge

<b>Directorate:</b>	Sustainable Communities
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Sustainability Officer – Spatial Analyst
<b>Reviewer:</b>	Director Sustainable Communities
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. Hobsons Bay Climate Pledge Climate Change Act 2017 [9.3.1.1 - 2 pages]

#### Purpose

To make an emissions reduction pledge (Attachment 1) under Victoria's *Climate Change Act* 2017 (the CC Act) demonstrating Council's contributions to reducing the state's emissions.

#### Motion

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

**That Council submits a voluntary pledge as attached under Victoria's *Climate Change Act* 2017 to the Victorian Government.**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council submits a voluntary pledge as attached under Victoria's *Climate Change Act* 2017 to the Victorian Government.**

#### Summary

Council has a strong commitment to addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including through significant direct action such as the Virtual Solar project.

Council can submit a voluntary pledge to the Victorian Government showcasing the actions Council is taking to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The pledge will be showcased on the Victorian Government website along with the other council pledges.

#### Background

The CC Act legislates a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and provides a clear signal to all sectors of the Victorian economy for sustained and significant actions to reduce emissions.

The Act invites voluntary council pledges to reduce emissions in line with interim targets. Council pledges are submitted to the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change and Minister for Solar Homes.

## Discussion

Voluntary council pledges under the CC Act seek to acknowledge the substantial efforts of local governments on climate change. Council pledges are intended to recognise actions Council is taking that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Hobsons Bay experiences a range of adverse effects of climate change as a result of a coastal location, extensive industrial footprint, and frequent flooding. Council recognises has a strong commitment to taking actions to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This is clearly articulated in the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

Over the next five years Council is committed to reducing its own direct emissions through Virtual Power (a large-scale solar program), retrofitting existing buildings, LED street lighting installations, and transitioning Council's fleet to electric and low emission vehicles. Council's commitment through these actions meets the requirements of a council pledge.

Council is also in the process of finalising a Climate Change Plan that supports these actions and others that will strengthen community resilience to the impacts of climate change.

Making this pledge acknowledges Council's emission reduction efforts to date and reinforces Council's commitment to acting strongly for the changes necessary to respond to climate change.

### 9.3.2 Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoors Consultation

**Directorate:** Sustainable Communities  
**Responsible Officer:** Sustainability Coordinator Economic Development and Social Policy  
**Reviewer:** Director Sustainable Communities  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To provide an overview of the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoors program and outline options for next steps of the program.

#### Motion

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

**That Council:**

1. Removes inappropriately sited or underused outdoor settings under the Hobsons Bay has Heart Outdoors program.
2. Of the remaining outdoor settings, extends the trading areas to 31 May 2021 if businesses wish to extend.
3. Ceases Council servicing of communal areas at the end of March, with the option for furniture to be retained where benefiting businesses agree to service the communal area.
4. Reallocates \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) from Council's third Community Support Package to fund the extended outdoor trading initiative until 31 May 2021.
5. Consults with participating businesses and impacted community members to inform a proposal for a longer term extended trading program, to be presented to Council in May 2021.

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. Extends individual Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoors extended trading areas to 31 May 2021 for any businesses that wish to extend.
2. Ceases Council servicing of communal areas at the end of March, with the option for furniture to be retained where benefiting businesses agree to service the communal area.

3. **Reallocates \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) from Council's third Community Support Package to fund the extended outdoor trading initiative until 31 May 2021.**
4. **Consults with participating businesses and impacted community members to inform a proposal for a longer term extended trading program, to be presented to Council in May 2021.**

## Summary

Since October 2020, Council has implemented 43 extended trading areas across the municipality, including extended footpath trading zones, parklets, barriers and one road closure. A total of 193 businesses have participated in the program.

The program was run as a six month initiative in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with extended trading areas due to be removed on 31 March 2021, but initial feedback from traders and community members indicates that there is significant support for the program to continue beyond this date.

Further consultation needs to be undertaken to determine what the future of extended outdoor trading will look like. It is recommended that an initial two month extension of individual business trading areas is supported, while future options are explored.

## Background

### Establishment of the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoors program

During the first 2020 lockdown Council ran a number of roundtables with local businesses from a number of sectors. In the hospitality group, one of the key opportunities identified was around encouraging residents to reconnect with their local shopping strips and cafes as the lockdown eased, supporting local connections and enabling local businesses to diversify their operations during the initial recovery period. Work commenced on a grants program, Hobsons Bay Business has Heart, for groups of businesses to run local activities and events, which was funded as part of Council's August Budget.

On 14 September 2020 the Victorian Government announced measures to assist the hospitality industry to reopen following COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. With the support of a significant Victorian Government grant, Council was able to broaden the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart program to deliver an outdoor dining activation. The activation allowed Council to both provide immediate support to businesses impacted by the pandemic and create inviting public spaces that would bring the community back to activity centres.

The outdoor dining program was run as a one-off six month recovery support package, timed to maximise the benefit of Hobsons Bay's outdoor spaces during the summer season. Council took a broader approach to outdoor dining and offered the program to all businesses, not only hospitality businesses. The six month program was offered to businesses free of charge to support recovery from the impacts of the pandemic. All businesses were advised of the program in early October with the program very actively promoted across the municipality to ensure businesses were aware of the opportunity. Businesses were invited to register their interest to participate in the program through a range of options including footpath trading, parklets, and communal public space. Officers met with the four Hobsons Bay trader associations providing information on the six month program and how businesses could participate.

Over 230 submissions were received from businesses, either requesting an outdoor trading area or expressing their support for other businesses. A small number of submissions opposed outdoor trading in their precinct with concerns about negative effects on parking, foot traffic or access to their businesses.

Wherever possible, Council utilised local suppliers. In a positive outcome, local business Pallets with Purpose, which had operated as tour operator Get Lost Travel Group prior to the pandemic, was engaged as a key supplier of this project. Using a local business to deliver a project which in turn supported other local businesses, ensured that Council invested directly, not only in the local economy, but in supporting the recovery of a local business that had pivoted their operations dramatically in 2020.

Delivery commenced on 19 October 2020 with installation of decking at Harrington Square, Altona; Eames Avenue, Brooklyn; and Challis Street, Newport. By 18 January 2021, 43 precincts had been rolled out, including 18 extended footpath trading areas, seven parking areas converted into parklets, two shared spaces, one road closure, four areas on private property and eleven precincts where a combination of car spaces, footpath trading and shared areas were put in place.

### **Program costs**

The outdoor dining program has been a considerable financial investment. It was made possible with a significant grant from the Victorian Government, with Council supplementing operational budget and diverting resources from the City Services team. The capital cost of the six month program is about \$1.6 million, including \$1.4 million on the purchase and set up of infrastructure and \$0.2 million on hiring costs.

In addition, the operational cost of Council servicing communal areas has been approximately \$45,000 per month.

The full capital cost of \$1.6 million has now been fully committed. There is also no provision for ongoing operational costs that could be absorbed by the City Services area for a short period but will begin to impact on the delivery of other core services across the municipality.

Any extension of the program will require a commitment of additional funding. In the context of over \$7 million in unplanned emergency COVID-19 support package costs in the current budget (with more expected in the coming financial year), additional funding is not available to allocate so alternative funding models will need to be considered.

### **Discussion**

#### **Feedback and community response to date**

While the program was initially designed as a quick response, short term measure, it has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from many businesses and community members. The majority of feedback from businesses has been supportive of the program, with informal discussions to date suggesting many businesses are hoping to be able to extend outdoor trading beyond 31 March 2021.

To inform consideration of options, an initial survey has been running on Council's website, capturing quick feedback to gain an idea of the general sentiment around extended trading. At the time of writing, over 1,000 responses have been received including:

- **946 community responses:** 913 support the program happening again, 26 do not support the program happening again
- **55 business responses:** 51 support the program happening again, of which 33 are businesses that participated in the original program
- **110 visitor responses:** 90 visitors stated outdoor trading was their primary reason for visiting Hobsons Bay, 107 support outdoor trading, and only 1 respondent does not support the program continuing

This feedback clearly indicates a significant level of community support to continue the program. However, a next phase of consultation is recommended to inform consideration of longer term options, weighing up potential models, funding sources, and timeframes.

### Potential future models

Potential future models need to weigh up a number of factors including:

- confirming locations and scenarios where outdoor trading will offer the greatest benefit to the community – what business types, what outdoor trading models (individual businesses versus communal areas, etc)
- optimal timeframes in which to consider future outdoor trading – short term (6 months), medium term (2-3 years), long term (5-10 years), or permanent
- seasonal models – outdoor dining is particularly popular during the warmer months, and less utilised in winter
- design outcomes – the current program was procured and delivered in six weeks and while the look and feel of the Hobsons Bay program has been at the higher end of temporary programs delivered across Melbourne councils, the materials and design are temporary. A longer term or permanent program would need to consider more enduring materials and higher quality design
- building in flexibility to adapt to potentially significant changes in community expectation and economic and social need over the coming years of economic and social recovery from the pandemic
- equity across the municipality, recognising that the outdoor trading is a costly program and primarily benefits hospitality and tourism businesses, which are an important part of the Hobsons Bay economy, but by no means the only sector impacted
- funding alternatives

### Extension options

To enable a more extensive consultation program it is recommended that the current program be extended for two months on the following basis:

- Individual areas only to be extended, with communal areas decommissioned as they are costly to maintain and there will be less tourism and demand during the cooler April-June quarter
- Businesses to confirm with Council that they have received significant benefit from the program and that they are keen to continue the program. Locations that have been less successful to be decommissioned
- At this stage there is no commitment to businesses that the free program will extend beyond 31 May 2021
- A report to be considered by Council in May 2021 on the future of the program

### Funding of program extension

In 2020 Council allocated \$0.1 million to support neighbourhood activation through its events unit, as part of a COVID-19 recovery package. Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, including the second lockdown which impacted on people's ability to gather and required a number of existing programs to be postponed or cancelled, the project has not been committed. As the aim of it was to support local celebration and activation, the rollout of the Outdoors program across the city and existing programs are helping to meet similar needs. It is recommended that this budget be re-allocated to extending the Outdoors project, which aligns with similar objectives to get residents outside, connecting in and enjoying their neighbourhoods.

The Victorian Government has recently announced a second round of funding, which Council has lodged an application for. If Council's application is successful, this would contribute to the extension. However, this is a competitive grants program (as opposed to the initial funding which was provided to all interested councils), and if Council's application is unsuccessful, funds will need to be committed through the upcoming budget process.

### Decommissioning of communal areas

There are eight shared trading areas. Council has supplied picnic tables and umbrellas at each location and has been maintaining and cleaning these areas. The public cost of maintaining these areas is significant. For the two month extension period, it is recommended that benefiting businesses be offered the option to retain the furniture and maintain and clean it themselves, and if not that they be removed. A list of shared trading areas is provided below.

Based on initial discussions, some businesses have already indicated a preference for taking ownership of their trading area if the program continues, however all impacted businesses will be consulted to determine their preferences. All cleaning of the area, packing down of umbrellas and other daily servicing would become the responsibility of benefiting businesses.

Shared space	Location	Suburb	No. of participating businesses
Pier Street Central	West side of Pier Street, between Queen and Blyth Streets  Note: This block of Pier Street also includes a public space and three individual businesses.	Altona	3
Harrington Square	9 Harrington Square	Altona	3
Alma Avenue	42 Alma Avenue	Altona Meadows	N/A – removed by business
Borrack Square East	2 Borrack Square	Altona North	3
Borrack Square North	18 Borrack Square	Altona North	3
Borrack Square West	7 Borrack Square	Altona North	6
Railway Avenue	87 Railway Avenue	Laverton	3
Blackshaws Road	113 Blackshaws Road	Newport	2
Nelson Place	225 Nelson Place	Williamstown	3



**Next steps**

If the program is extended, more detailed consultation will be undertaken with the community and businesses to seek feedback on the potential future models – such as locations and format, costs and funding, seasonality, and design outcomes. The preferences of participating businesses will be confirmed so that any required decommissioning can be undertaken (e.g. in locations where there has been little benefit from the infrastructure, or where benefiting businesses indicate they would like communal infrastructure to be removed).

## 9.4 Infrastructure and City Services

### 9.4.1 Draft Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Active Communities and Assets

**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services

**Attachments:** 1. Draft Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan  
[9.4.1.1 - 88 pages]

### Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Draft Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) (Attachment 1) to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks from 15 March 2021.

### Motion

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

**That Council:**

1. Endorses the Draft Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks between 15 March 2021 and 11 April 2021.
2. Receives a further report to adopt the Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan following the public exhibition period.

**Carried unanimously**

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. Endorses the Draft Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan to be placed on public exhibition for four weeks between 15 March 2021 and 11 April 2021.
2. Receives a further report to adopt the Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan following the public exhibition period.

## Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Draft CMMP.

The CMMP will provide:

- a strategic framework that reflects community and stakeholder sentiment, and aligns with legislative direction for the management of coastal and marine areas
- outcomes that convey the values and future aspirations for coastal and marine areas
- current and emerging issues, including those that may potentially threaten community values
- priority actions over the next ten years including an implementation pathway and monitoring framework.

## Background

This contract is for a panel of suppliers for supply, delivery, and installation of outdoor trading options to activate business precincts following the reopening from COVID-19 restrictions. The Victorian Government has provided \$500,000 funding towards the outdoor activation trading program.

The main goal of the panel contract is to facilitate delivery of the outdoor trading activation program by ensuring probity, good governance, efficiencies and compliance with Council's procurement policy. Establishing a formal contract for outdoor trading activation services will provide an efficient procurement process that allows evaluation to focus on the scope, cost and time. Due to contractors' previous engagement with this project, their experience and qualifications have already been evaluated.

A sum of \$1.044 million has already been spent as of 31 January 2021 with suppliers on this panel in accordance with the pandemic emergency provision under section 186 of *Local Government Act* 1989. This allowed Council to meet timelines for reopening of business from restrictions as dictated by the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Expenditure covers the purchasing and installation of timber decking, access ramps, umbrellas, table and chairs, synthetic grass and planter boxes. The hiring of 500m of fence and 50 concrete fencing blocks is also included in this amount.

## Discussion

The Hobsons Bay foreshore extends for over 20km from Stony Creek Backwash near the West Gate Bridge in Spotswood, to Skeleton Creek in Altona Meadows. The management of the foreshore is a shared responsibility between Hobsons Bay City Council, and other agencies including Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and the Port of Melbourne. Traditional Owners also continue to play a significant role.

The CMMP is being developed to provide a strategic direction for the management of coastal and marine areas within the municipality over the next ten years. This plan will ensure that our community can continue to enjoy using our beaches and open public spaces along the coast and be assured that these areas will be protected well into the future against increasing pressures from urban growth and a changing climate and environment.

The development of the CMMP commenced in late 2018, with preliminary consultation with Council staff, followed by community events and stakeholder consultation in early 2019. The introduction of the new Victorian coastal legislation resulted in a pause of CMMP development, while the *Marine and Coastal Act* 2018 and related policies were adopted and implemented. Work to develop the CMMP resumed in early 2020 and a second stage of community consultation was completed in August 2020.

The CMMP is a ten-year plan that will include a formal review after five years as specified in the *Marine and Coastal Act*.

### 9.4.2 West Gate Tunnel Project Update

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Senior Technical Advisor  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To provide a detailed report on the West Gate Tunnel Project (the Project) including current project works, associated projects and advocacy activities.

#### Motion

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes this update on the current status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.**
- 2. Presents a Certificate of Recognition to the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group in recognition of their extraordinary contribution to the community of Hobsons Bay through their role in addressing air quality issues via their report, "Air Pollution in Melbourne's Inner West: Taking direct action to reduce our community's exposure."**

**Carried unanimously**

#### Recommendation

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

#### Summary

This report includes updates on:

- offset tree planting
- location and progress of the noise wall installation
- Local Area Movement Plans (LAMPs) and the Hobsons Bay Transport Planning Study (HBTPS)
- Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package
- Project construction progress including traffic management arrangements

## Background

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

Monthly reports providing updates on various aspects of the Project are tabled through Council Meetings. Previous reports can be accessed via the Council website.

Project operational updates including live traffic disruption information can be accessed via: <https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/disruptions>

## Discussion

### Offset Tree Planting

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

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

### Summary of proposed WGTP tree planting

- total trees to be planted Project-wide = 25,040 (4,351 trees removed by Project)
- total trees to be planted within Hobsons Bay area = 12,923 (2,580 trees removed by Project)
  - total trees to be planted within Hobsons Bay inside Project area = 6,371
  - total trees to be planted within Hobsons Bay outside Project area = 6,552 (offsets)
- Project-wide mature tree canopy coverage proposed = 65.23Ha (10.18Ha removed)

An offset tree plan has been developed with input from Council and community stakeholder groups, which identifies the following suitable locations for offset tree planting within the Project corridor.

- Altona Memorial Park (M80 interchange and West Kororoit Creek interfaces) – 623 trees
- Urban Forest Triangle (between Grieve Parade and Kororoit Creek) Reserve – 648 trees
- M80 construction site compound reinstatement (Geelong Road) – 443 trees
- Federation Trail (between Geelong Road and Millers Road) – 564 trees
- WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North – tree numbers to be confirmed
- GJ Hosken Reserve, Altona North – tree numbers to be confirmed

- Stony Creek (reserve interfaces) – tree numbers to be confirmed
- Westgate Golf Course, Spotswood – 593 trees

The total number of proposed offset trees within the Westgate Golf Course is 593, of which 452 will be within Hobsons Bay boundary (403 Bushland Tree Mix and 49 Recreational Tree Mix) and the remainder within Maribyrnong City Council.

In addition to the above sites, Council nominated the following offset tree planting sites (based on the 2017 Hobsons Bay Vegetation Loss Assessment and Offset Opportunities Plan) that have not been included in the Project:

- along outside boundary of the West Gate Freeway corridor
- various streets, including Grieve Parade, Millers Road, Melbourne Road, The Avenue (Spotswood) and Booker Street (Spotswood)
- surrounding the Brooklyn Terminal Station (BTS)
- electricity easement between BTS and New Street
- DELWP and VicRoads land adjacent to Beevers Street, Altona North
- planting in private property near the West Gate Freeway (where agreed by property owner)

The key reasons provided by Project Co/JV for not including the above sites include VicRoads and utility clearance restrictions, and that the number of trees allocated to Hobsons Bay to meet offset requirements have been exhausted.

Returned works schedules will be included in the final design package indicating exact planting quantities for each planting location outside the Project area.

## Noise Walls

Concerns have been raised by Brooklyn residents about the location, length and timing of new noise walls proposed to mitigate freeway noise in Brooklyn.

WGTP MTIA has advised that the timing and location of areas where new noise walls can be installed is subject to several factors including accessibility to the area and availability of prefabricated panels. Approximately 1000 concrete noise wall panels have been installed to date.

WGTP MTIA has provided information to residents on the location and timing for noise walls in Brooklyn, specifically between Buchanan Road and Millers Road on the northern verge. Noise walls in this area will run from just west of Lynch Road on Buchanan Road, east to the Millers Road exit ramp. The installation of noise walls has been delayed along sections of the freeway because of prefabrication delays with the Project's Victorian supplier. The latest information available is that new noise walls in this section will be installed between June 2021 and March 2022. This is because the area is being utilised as freeway lanes and will only become available after the next stage of the traffic lane switch, expected in mid-2021. The temporary timber walls will remain until the installation of permanent walls.

It is noted that the new walls do not extend past the industrial properties on the north side of the freeway between Millers Road and Grieve Parade. The new wall will extend approximately 1050m west of Millers Road on the north side (to cover all the residential area) and the full length between Millers and Grieve Parade on the south side to cover the residential area and WLJ Crofts Reserve (approximately 1,570m). This is consistent with the Project requirement to noise mitigate residential areas and open space, but not industrial

areas. The decision to include open space areas was made after community and Council advocacy during the initial design approval process. Council has also advocated for improved tree/landscape barriers between the freeway and the industrial land in Brooklyn along the northern boundary of the freeway.

### **Hobsons Bay Transport Planning Study**

The Local Area Movement Plans (LAMPs) for Brooklyn, Altona North, Spotswood, South Kingsville, Newport and Williamstown North are under development, consistent with the objectives of the HBTPS and Council's Integrated Transport Plan. Initial community engagement for the LAMPs was completed in January with over 1300 contributions and submissions received including items logged onto the interactive map. These submissions identified issues and suggestions are currently being reviewed for the purposes of developing the draft LAMPs. The next phase of engagement for the draft LAMPs is scheduled late March. The Spotswood/South Kingsville LAMP will form a part of the Better Places project.

### **Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package**

Works have commenced on the construction of the new sporting club pavilion, WH Couch Pavilion at Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood. The new cricket practice nets at WLJ Crofts Reserve are complete and the redevelopment of the two northern ovals near completion with the turf laid and irrigation installed. Refer to Figures 1, 2 and 3.



**Figure 1: Concrete slab for the new WH Couch Pavilion at Donald McLean Reserve**





**Figure 2: WLJ Crofts Reserve sports ground construction**



**Figure 3: WLJ Crofts Reserve new cricket practice nets**

Further details and updates on each of these projects can be accessed via Council's Participate Hobsons Bay website at <https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/>

### **Traffic Management Plan Extensions**

The JV is seeking Council approval for a further extension of several currently implemented long-term traffic management setups in order to retain the current arrangements on site. Reasons attributed to the delays to the program include the coronavirus pandemic and delays in relocating utility assets, delays in material supplies and delays in finalising soil disposal.

While the existing temporary traffic management arrangements have now been in place since 2019 and local community access is maintained, it is noted that the works program timeline has already been extended with ongoing local inconvenience. The table below shows the locations and Council extension dates. Some extensions have been requested for longer periods than may be required. Council will continue to review of progress of the works and consider local impacts and possible mitigation treatments as required.

Location	Initial End Date	JV Proposed End Date	Council Recommended End Date	Comments
Freemans Road to Chambers Road long-term site access (Altona North)	2020	December 2021	30 June 2021	No known local concerns with temporary closure.  Review progress and issues after 6 months.
Kororoit Creek Trail path closure	Jan 2021	December 2022	31 December 2021	Current construction program has KCT completed early 2022.  Review progress and issues after 12 months.
The Avenue side road closure for construction access (Spotswood)	Ongoing	December 2022	30 June 2021	No known local concerns with temporary closure. Question reason for such long extension.  Review progress and issues after 6 months.
Long-term one-way arrangement on Paringa Road (Altona North)	2020	December 2022	31 December 2021	No known local concerns with temporary closure. Question reason for such long extension.  Review progress and issues after 12 months.

Location	Initial End Date	JV Proposed End Date	Council Recommended End Date	Comments
Cawley Road long-term site access (Maribyrnong City Council)	2020	December 2021	30 June 2021	Consistent with MCC approval.
Fogarty Avenue site gate between Highgate Street and Delaware Street (Maribyrnong City Council)	2020	December 2021	30 June 2021	Consistent with MCC approval.

### Project Works Update

The West Gate Tunnel Project summer works program has seen a lot of construction occurring in the West Zone, with extensive works underway at the Grieve Parade bridge and the M80/Western Ring Road interchange area (Figure 4). Other works progressing include road and bridge widening; noise wall construction; interchange works at Williamstown Road, Millers Road; installation of the pedestrian overpasses; Hyde Street ramps and the southern tunnel portal works.



Figure 4: M80 Interchange works



Updates on construction activity and works notifications can be accessed via the Project website: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/>

### **Other Items**

A joint meeting of the Community Liaison Group - West and North Groups (CLG) was held on 25 February 2021 which included an update briefing on construction activities and planned traffic disruptions. Further information on the CLG, including copies of meeting notes and presentations, can be found at: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/clg>

WGTP MTIA recently sought additional community representatives for the CLG from Point Cook, South Kingsville, Footscray, Docklands and neighbouring suburbs to fill existing vacancies with expressions of interest closing in late February.

As part of the environmental management requirements for the Project, air monitoring from six temporary air quality monitoring stations is undertaken monthly. The West Gate Tunnel Project air quality monitoring report for November 2020 has been published at:

<https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/about/keytopics/tunnel-ventilation-and-air-quality>

The Project's six-monthly Environmental Audit Report for March 2020 to August 2020 was released in December 2020 by the Independent Reviewer and Environmental Auditor (IREA). This report is available on the WGTP website:

[https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/484769/WGT-IREA-audit-report-March-August-2020.pdf](https://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/484769/WGT-IREA-audit-report-March-August-2020.pdf)

## 10 Delegate Reports

### Purpose

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

### Motion

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

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

**Carried unanimously**

### Recommendation

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

## Truganina Explosives Reserve Advisory Committee

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

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

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday 10 February 2021

The restoration of the Under Keeper's Quarters roof is due to commence in February 2021.

The Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre facilitated a World Wetlands Day event on Saturday 6 February 2021 to promote the importance of wetlands across the globe.

World Wetlands Day was also an opportunity for the group to showcase the signed MOU for the collaborative support of building a dedicated wetland centre in Hobsons Bay. Signatories were in attendance to officially promote this opportunity including Hobsons Bay, Birdlife Australia, Deakin University, City West Water, Cirqit Health, Melbourne Water and Ecolinc. The Wetland Centre Group passed on a big thank you to Council officers for their assistance on the day, and their continued support. The vision of the centre and the group is to connect people with nature.

On Sunday 7 February 2021 the Truganina Explosives Reserve Preservation Society (TERPS) first open day for the year was held with about 125 community members in attendance. The TERPS was pleased with Council's support and the involvement of the Friends of Truganina Explosives Reserve which helped to attract a large number of visitors.

The TERPS discussed the option of having a booking system for the Under Keeper's and Keeper's Quarters once the restoration works have been completed. The group will consider developing criteria for clarity on approved signage.

## Metropolitan Transport Forum

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Delegate:** Mayor Cr Jonathon Marsden

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday 3 February 2021

Mark Rowland, Transport and Highways Advisory Leader at Arup, presented on transitioning towards zero-emission buses. Arup recently contributed to the Zero Emissions Bus Forum coordinated by the International Association of Public Transport in Australia and New Zealand. A report released from this forum focused on how and why Australia can, and should, transition to a zero-emission bus fleet. The negative impacts of diesel buses on public health, liveability, and climate change are now well known and a shift to zero-emission buses also has the potential to stimulate the economy and further develop advanced manufacturing capabilities. Already 17 per cent of buses globally are electric. Within Australia, NSW has a goal of 8,000 electric buses within its public transport fleet by 2030 and is procuring 50 in 2021. Meanwhile, Victoria has committed \$20 million for a three-year trial of electric buses to plan for a potential future rollout.

Zero-emission buses are now well developed in terms of their battery range and speed of recharging. Although zero-emission buses are more expensive upfront, they are much cheaper over the life span of the vehicle and require less maintenance. The Zero Emissions Bus Forum report highlighted that different models of ownership for zero-emission buses should be considered to counteract the higher upfront costs and the often time-limited contract terms public transport operators work under which can make electric buses less feasible. The high cost and challenge of installing adequate charging infrastructure was also highlighted. However, electric buses can increasingly be used as a stationary battery when not in operation to feed power back into the energy grid.

### Advocacy and other business

Greg Day, Metropolitan Transport Forum's strategic transport advocacy consultant is currently reviewing how the advocacy work of the Metropolitan Transport Forum should operate in the lead up to the next State Election. Previously town hall style meetings including the candidates of each major political party would answer community questions focused on transport matters.

Councillors also discussed how they are progressing with including transport related matters in their respective council plans. Banyule Council, City of Boroondara, Wyndham City Council and Yarra City Council all highlighted that they will be focusing on improving cycling infrastructure to build on increased demand over 2020.

## **11 Notices of Motion**

No notices of motion were received.

## **12 Supplementary Public Question Time**

Nil.

## **13 Urgent Business**

Nil.

## **14 Close of Meeting**

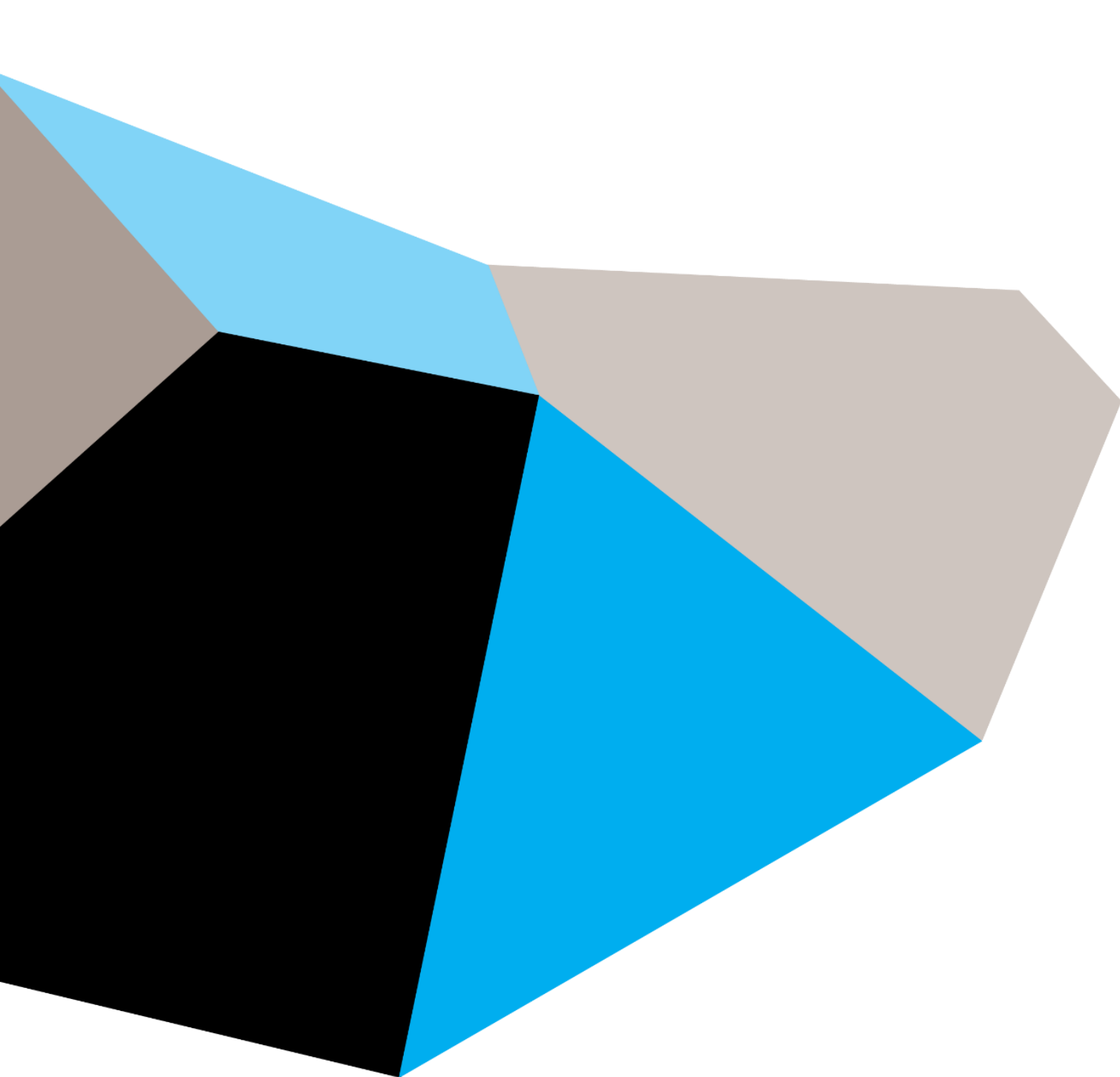
There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

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Chairperson – Cr Jonathon Marsden

Signed and certified as having been confirmed.

20 April 2021



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