



# Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday 11 February 2020  
Commencing at 7.00pm

Council Chamber  
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre  
115 Civic Parade, Altona

**HOBSONS  
BAY CITY  
COUNCIL**



## THE COUNCIL'S 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 Colleen Gates (Mayor)

Wetlands Ward

### Councillors:

Cr Angela Altair

Strand Ward

Cr Peter Hemphill

Strand Ward

Cr Jonathon Marsden

Strand Ward

Cr Tony Briffa

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Sandra Wilson (Deputy Mayor)

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Michael Grech

Wetlands Ward

Aaron van Egmond  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hobsons Bay City Council

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement**

The Chairperson will welcome members of the gallery and acknowledge the people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of this land.

### **2 Apologies**

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

### **3 Disclosure of Interests**

In accordance with sections 77A, 77B, 78 and 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Councillors are required to disclose a "conflict of interest" in a decision if they would receive, or could be reasonably perceived as receiving a direct or indirect financial or non-financial benefit or detriment (other than as a voter, resident or ratepayer) from the decision.

In accordance with section 79B of the *Local Government Act 1989* Councillors who consider that they have a personal interest that is in conflict with their public duty in relation to a matter may, if they do not have a conflict of interest as described above, apply to Council to be exempted from voting on the matter.

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

### **4 Minutes Confirmation**

#### **4.1 Ordinary Council Meeting**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Hobsons Bay City Council held on 10 December 2019 (copy previously circulated).

### **5 Councillors' Questions**

### **6 Public Question Time**

Public question time provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions related to items on the agenda of the Council meeting or any other matter within Council's responsibility. Questions must be put in writing and received by 12.00pm on the day of the Council meeting

## **7 Petitions/Joint Letters**

### **7.1 Petition - Opposition to Construction of a Barrier in Seabrook Boulevard, Seabrook**

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Integrated Transport - Cr Jonathon Marsden and Cr Sandra Wilson

**Appendices:** Nil

#### **Purpose**

To receive a petition, containing 169 signatories, opposing the construction of a barrier in Seabrook Boulevard, Seabrook dividing the estate into north and south sections.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the petition opposing the construction of a barrier in Seabrook Boulevard, Seabrook dividing the estate into north and south sections.**
  - 2. Receives a report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**
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#### **Summary**

The petition was received on 18 December 2019 and reads as follows:

“We the undersigned residents of Seabrook Estate vehemently oppose the division of the estate by the creation of a barrier that prevents the free-flow of traffic along the entire Seabrook Blvd in both directions.”

## 8 Business






### 8.1 Office of the Chief Executive

#### 8.1.1 Chief Executive Officer - Report on Operations

**Directorate:** Office of the Chief Executive

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:**

- 1 CEO Report on Operations December 2019 and January 2020 
- 2 AOC - 10 December 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting 
- 3 AOC - 11 December 2019 Truganina Explosives Reserve Advisory Committee Meeting 
- 4 AOC - 28 January 2020 Councillor Briefing Session 
- 5 AOC - 4 February 2020 Councillor Briefing Session 

#### Purpose

To provide Council with a regular update from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on the recent initiatives, projects and performance undertaken.

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.**
2. **In accordance with section 80A(2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989 (the Act), incorporates into the minutes of this meeting the written Record of Assembly of Councillors held on 10 December 2019, 11 December 2019, 28 January 2020 and 4 February 2020.**

#### 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 and discussion 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.

#### Strategic Alignment

Council provides a wide range of services to the community of Hobsons Bay as well as developing and delivering actions to ensure community assets are maintained and service the needs of the community. Each month this report highlights these activities, initiatives and projects and provides a high-level performance summary.

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

**Priority 6: An accessible and connected community**

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

**Goal 4: A Council of excellence**

- 4.3 Provide excellent customer service whilst ensuring all our communications are clear and easy to understand

**Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Section 80C of the Act requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

## 8.1.2 Advocacy Priorities 2020

**Directorate:** Office of the Chief Executive

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:** 1 Appendix 1 - Advocacy Priorities 2020 

### Purpose

To seek endorsement of the 2020 Advocacy Priorities.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Endorses Council's Advocacy Priorities for 2020.**
  2. **Supports the commencement of the promotion and implementation of these priorities.**
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### Summary

Council's Advocacy Priorities for 2020 are proposed, as per the content in this report and Appendix 1, following a recent review. The review considered: Council's 2019 Advocacy Priorities; Council's advocacy submissions over the last two years; recent strategies and projects; significant issues currently faced by Hobsons Bay; and Council's Advocacy Strategy 2014-18, which included feedback from the community and stakeholders.

Thirteen Advocacy Priorities are recommended for 2020. Following endorsement, these priority areas will be actioned over the next 12 months with progress reported throughout the year.

It is recommended that Council take a three tiered approach to the delivery of specific advocacy actions associated with the 13 priorities.

### Background

As the closest level of government to the community, Council has a legislated responsibility to support the health and wellbeing of the people of Hobsons Bay. Council has a clear role to listen to, understand and respond to community needs. This includes advocacy to both the Victorian and Australian Governments and other relevant bodies for changes that sit outside of local government jurisdiction.

The Mission of the Council Plan 2017-2021 is: **"Council 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."** To deliver on this mission, and the six priority areas articulated in the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision, Council considers and endorses advocacy priorities at the beginning of every year to ensure that it is responsive to the needs of the Hobsons Bay community.

Council's advocacy activities were reviewed in conjunction with the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and the Council Plan 2017-21 to identify the city's current challenges and to understand what has worked well and what could be improved.

## Discussion

Council regularly engages with the community through a range of strategies and projects to understand their key issues. This feedback, along with the review of Council's advocacy activities, has provided the foundation for the 2020 Advocacy Priorities.

The 2020 Advocacy Priorities will be implemented over a 12 month period to allow for changes within the political environment and to pursue opportunities as they arise.

Council's recommended three tiered approach to the delivery of specific advocacy actions are presented below.

1. **Game changers (transformational):** Projects or issues that have the ability to significantly transform the city's economic, environmental and/or social opportunities. Deliver in partnership with key Hobsons Bay organisations and the community.
2. **Regional:** Projects or issues of significant relevance to both Hobsons Bay and the western region. Deliver in partnership with key Hobsons Bay organisations and community groups.
3. **Local:** Projects or issues of significant relevance to Hobsons Bay. Council to deliver advocacy.

Council's advocacy activities include but are not limited to; digital campaigns, printed collateral, short films, letters to political representatives, and/or government departments, targeted partnership with community and/or advocacy groups and funding applications to other levels of government.

Council's 13 Advocacy Priorities for 2020 are presented below. Further detail on each advocacy priority and what change or funding Council is seeking is provided in Appendix 1.

It should be noted that specific funds required for each priority, where appropriate, will be further costed following Council's endorsement. These costs will form a key part of the advocacy information and messaging that will be included as part of the campaigns.

### Game changers (transformational):

- Western Aquatic Centre (Bruce Comben Reserve, Altona Meadows)
- Ferguson Street Precinct Upgrade
- alleviation of West Gate Tunnel traffic in Altona North and Brooklyn (Millers Road and Grieve Parade)
- Point Cook Road congestion treatments and safety/amenity enhancements
- foreshore infrastructure and response to sea level rise

### Regional:

- Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre
- improvements to pedestrian and cycling connections
  - Queen Street Bridge separate pedestrian and cyclist creek crossing
  - Queen Street/Central Avenue pedestrian and cyclist improvements
  - Kororoit Creek Road/Millers Road pedestrian and cyclist intersection improvement works
  - Kororoit Creek Shared Trail Stages 4 and 5 at the cost of approximately \$7 million
- youth mental health
- Melbourne Metro 2
- waste and recycling outcomes

**Local:**

- social services information connector
- boat ramp management
- affordable housing

**Strategic Alignment**

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

**Priority 1: Visionary, vibrant, accountable urban planning**

**Priority 2: Community wellbeing and inter-connection**

**Priority 3: Growth through innovation, access to local jobs, technology and education**

**Priority 4: Proactive enrichment, expansion and conservation of the natural and urban environment**

**Priority 5: Activate sustainable practices**

**Priority 6: An accessible and connected community**

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

**Goal 1: An Inclusive, Resilient and Healthy Community**

- 1.4 Work in partnership with stakeholders to advocate to all levels of government for quality education, training, and lifelong learning opportunities for all community members

**Policy and Previous Council Reports**

Council has received previous reports on the annual Advocacy Priorities and the Advocacy Strategy 2014-18.

**Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk**

The *Local Government Act* 1989 states that: "It is the role of Council to provide governance and leadership for the local community through advocacy, decision making and action."

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act* 2008 states that Council is required "to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing within the municipal district by creating an environment which supports the health of members of the local community and strengthens the capacity of the community and individuals to achieve better health."

**Financial and Resource Implications**

The implementation of the Advocacy Priority Areas will be delivered by the Communications, Engagement and Advocacy department as the lead work area, with strong support and collaboration with work areas across the organisation to ensure all staff play a role in advocating for the Hobsons Bay community in their own unique capacity. Funding will be required in order to implement campaigns for the game changers. It is estimated that each campaign would cost around \$7,000 to \$10,000. However, this will be further investigated once a campaign project plan has been developed.

## **Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts**

The 2020 Advocacy Priorities aim to work in partnership with others to improve the built, natural, social and economic environments across Hobsons Bay to ensure the current and future needs of the community are met.

## **Consultation and Communication**

The 2020 Advocacy Priorities have resulted from extensive consultation that occurred with the community, stakeholders, Councillors and staff during the development of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and Council Plan 2017-21.

Further consultation has also occurred with the community and stakeholders through the development of other strategic documents and projects including, but not limited to: Climate Change Adaptation Plan Refresh 2030, Waste and Litter Management Strategy 2025, Level Crossing Grade Separation Principles, A Fair Hobsons Bay For All 2019-23, Draft Local Area Movement Plan, Sports Facility Needs Assessment and the Integrated Transport Strategy 2017-30. Community feedback has been sought through the Annual Community Survey. These activities have been completed in alignment with the Community Engagement Framework.

## **Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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## 8.2 Corporate Services

### 8.2.1 Audit Committee Update

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:** 1 Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - 27 November 2019 

#### Purpose

To update Council regarding issues considered at the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 November 2019.

#### Recommendation

**That Council notes the matters considered by the Audit Committee at the meeting conducted on 27 November 2019.**

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#### Summary

This report provides an update of the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 November 2019 to ensure that Council is informed of the activities of the Audit Committee. It provides Council with an opportunity to explore any issues that have been considered.

#### Background

The Audit Committee is an advisory committee of Council appointed under section 139 of the *Local Government Act* 1989. The committee comprises three independent members and two Councillors. The Chair is an independent member, who has the casting vote. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer are non-voting members.

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

#### Discussion

The 27 November 2019 meeting addressed the following items:

- the Chief Executive Officer's update
- outstanding audit recommendations
- Internal Audit Program including proposed audits and completed audit reports
- risk management update, highlighting the risk executive summary, a general update on recent issues and an insurance report
- financial reports for the year ended 30 September 2019
- cash and investment balances as at 31 October 2019

## Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

### Priority 6: An accessible and connected community

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

#### Goal 4: A Council of excellence

- 4.2 Be a more efficient and effective organisation by having a strong focus on continuous improvement, innovation, strategic planning and responsible financial management

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

The Audit Committee is an advisory committee of Council, appointed under section 139 of the *Local Government Act* 1989.

The committee operates within the guidelines of *Audit Committees: A Guide to Good Practice for Local Government* which was released by the Department of Planning and Community Development in January 2011.

## Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

## **8.3 Infrastructure and City Services**

### **8.3.1 Response to Petition - Concerns Regarding Relocation of Cricket Nets in Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood**

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Active and Inclusive Communities - Cr Michael Grech and Cr Peter Hemphill

**Appendices:** Nil

#### **Purpose**

To respond to the petition from residents in The Avenue, surrounding streets and recreational users of Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood, regarding their concerns about the planned location of the new cricket nets at the reserve.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorses the proposal to relocate the cricket nets to the southern boundary of Donald McLean Reserve, south of the Roy Picone Pavilion.**
  - 2. Writes to the lead petitioner advising of the outcome of this report.**
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#### **Summary**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 November 2019 a petition was received with 17 signatures (Appendix 1) requesting that Council provides an alternative location for the planned relocation of the cricket nets at Donald McLean Reserve. The petition indicates residents' concerns about the proposed location on the southern boundary of the reserve relating to safety, aesthetics, noise and amenity.

The Donald McLean Reserve Improvement Plan (DMRIP) was developed following a detailed community consultation process including a drop-in session, online surveys and input via Council's online engagement portal, Participate Hobsons Bay. This plan acknowledges the need to relocate the existing cricket nets to accommodate construction of the West Gate Tunnel and provision of ongoing tunnel maintenance access requirements.

The design development of the relocated cricket nets has taken into account the concerns raised throughout the consultation period, which are similar to those included in the petition. The nets will be an enclosed structure to constrain all stray balls and will not be floodlit. The design also retains and improves access into and within the reserve and sightlines across the reserve will not be inhibited. Additional landscaping and the protection of the existing established trees will further improve the amenity of this area.

#### **Background**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 November 2019, a petition with 17 signatures was tabled in relation to concerns regarding the proposed relocation site of the cricket nets at Donald McLean Reserve.

The West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP), in its Environmental Effects Statement, identified that the cricket nets need to be relocated as a result of the new alignment of the West Gate Tunnel and associated ramps together with the requirement for ongoing maintenance access to the tunnel. Both Council and the Donald McLean Reserve tenants were made aware of these circumstances in late 2017.

The Victorian Government, as part of the WGTP, agreed to partner with Hobsons Bay City Council to deliver a package of capital improvements to its sporting facilities and recreational spaces, contributing up to \$5 million on appropriate projects. WGTP's construction contractors, the CPB Contractors and John Holland joint venture, agreed to fund the design and construction of the new cricket nets at Donald McLean Reserve as a result of the required decommissioning of the existing nets.

The relocation of the cricket nets has been proposed as part of the delivery of the DMRIP. This improvement plan was developed through an extensive community consultation process. As part of the process about 118 submissions were received through Participate Hobsons Bay and drop-in consultation sessions. Ten of these submissions referenced concerns about the proposed relocation of the new nets. Concerns raised included safety issues from stray cricket balls striking road users and pedestrians, damage to parked cars and the Roy Picone Pavilion building, and the cricket nets visually detracting from sightlines across the reserve. The community consultation findings were taken into consideration as part of the design development of the relocated cricket nets.

## Discussion

To facilitate the relocation of the cricket nets, Council officers investigated location options within the reserve in accordance with the Cricket Australia Community Cricket Facility Guidelines. Key constraints were as follows:

### **Location 1: The northern boundary of the reserve between the two ovals**

The location of the new goalposts and floodlighting for Oval 2, together with the new water storage tank, did not leave sufficient space for a compliant facility.

### **Location 2: The north-eastern corner of the reserve**

The location is the proposed site of a maintenance access corridor for the new West Gate Tunnel and did not leave sufficient space for a compliant facility.

### **Location 3: The remaining space to the south of the West Gate Freeway and north of the proposed pavilion**

The proposed footprint of the new pavilion does not leave sufficient space for a compliant facility.

### **Location 4: The southern boundary of the reserve between the two ovals**

There is sufficient area in this location to accommodate a compliant facility. This location is easily accessible by users with direct connections from The Avenue and pathways within the reserve.

### **Location 5: East of the existing Roy Picone Pavilion**

Site assessments identified valuable trees and vegetation at this location. Consequently there was insufficient area to accommodate a compliant facility without the loss of several established trees.

Taking into consideration this option analysis, Council officers determined in collaboration with the users of the recreation reserve that the southern boundary of the reserve between the two ovals (Location 4) was the most feasible.

Following identification of the preferred location public consultation was carried out. The feedback that was received during this consultation period resulted in the following elements being incorporated into the design:

- fully enclosing the cricket nets to contain stray balls within the structure and limit damage to road users, pedestrians, parked vehicles and the Roy Picone Pavilion
- provision of pathway connections to provide through access between The Avenue and the reserve
- provision of landscaping to provide a soft and non-intrusive planting buffer surrounding the nets
- retention and protection of the existing street trees in The Avenue to maintain existing sightlines
- use of black mesh fencing material for the cricket nets and reserve perimeter fence for improved aesthetics

Rubber material will be installed on the inside of the nets structure at the southern end to minimise the sound of the balls being hit onto the fence and reduce noise issues for the residents of The Avenue.

Council's design standards for cricket nets do not include floodlights as these facilities are used within daylight hours. Consequently, lighting will not be installed.

The Spotswood Cricket Club has specific occupancy terms as part of their licence agreement with Council. The club will access the nets between September and March annually for practice and junior development activities. These times are typically between 5.30pm and 8.30pm. In accordance with these terms of use, there should be no late evening activities occurring at the cricket nets.

The proposed location and design for the cricket nets provides improved facilities for the users of Donald McLean Reserve and satisfactorily mitigates amenity and safety concerns for road users and residents of The Avenue.

Council has commenced implementation of the DMRIP. Works to relocate the cricket nets are scheduled to commence in March 2020 to facilitate completion in time for the 2020-21 summer season.

## Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

### Priority 2: Community wellbeing and inter-connection

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

#### Goal 1: An Inclusive, Resilient and Healthy Community

- 1.3 Ensure all community members will have access to quality community, sport and recreation facilities, cultural experiences and open spaces to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle

The DMRIP aligns with recommendations from the Hobsons Bay Open Space Strategy and Sports Facility Guidelines.

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

Council receives a monthly West Gate Tunnel Activity Report which includes updates on the implementation of the DMRIP.

Furthermore, Council has received reports relating to the Sports Facility Needs Analysis and DMRIP which have included specific references to the relocation of the cricket nets.

This project is being undertaken in accordance with Council policies pertaining to facility standards and conditions for club and public access.

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

Donald McLean Reserve is categorised as a Public Park and Recreation Zone within the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme. The proposed construction of the new cricket nets is in accordance with this zoning. Risk and items of community concern have been considered and mitigated through the design development of the relocated cricket nets.

The Cricket Australia Community Cricket Facility Guidelines for cricket nets have also informed the development of the design.

Council's licence agreement with the tenant club defines operational conditions of use specifically restricting access to the cricket nets during daylight hours annually between September and March.

## Financial and Resource Implications

Council is the project manager for the design and construction of the cricket nets, which is being fully funded under the WGTP.

## Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

Various site-specific factors have been taken into consideration regarding the relocation of the cricket nets at the reserve. The retention and protection of the established trees close to the project area, including adjacent street trees, provides positive environmental outcomes for the community. The project scope also includes additional landscaping and pathway connections to improve the general amenity and functionality of the area.

## Consultation and Communication

The development of the DMRIP involved extensive consultation with the local community. Feedback on the Draft DMRIP was sought over a public exhibition period between of four weeks between 15 June 2019 and 12 July 2019. Feedback received during the consultation period was considered as part of the design development for the cricket nets.

During the community engagement undertaken for the Draft DMRIP, some of the residents within close proximity to the location of the new nets expressed concerns with regard to stray balls, continued access to and through the reserve, lighting and the streetscape aesthetics. These discussions informed the design development of the cricket nets, addressing these initial concerns.

### Consultation with petitioners

Correspondence has been sent to all signatories to the petition, providing information on the petition response process and an offer to meet with Council officers to discuss the concept plan for the new cricket nets.

A community engagement session is scheduled for 19 February 2020 to consult on the scope of the landscaping and pathway connections within the reserve.

### **Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

### 8.3.2 Drainage Asset Management Plan 2019

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:** 1 Drainage Asset Management Plan 2019 

#### Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Drainage Asset Management Plan 2019 (DAMP).

#### Recommendation

**That Council adopts the Drainage Asset Management Plan 2019.**

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#### Summary

The DAMP (Appendix 1) has been developed to facilitate responsible management of the Hobsons Bay municipal drainage network.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 November 2019 Council resolved to place the Draft DAMP on public exhibition for four weeks.

One comment was received during this period, but did not result in any changes to the DAMP being presented for adoption.

#### Background

Council is responsible for the management of about 540km of stormwater pipes and over 20,000 stormwater pits with an estimated replacement value of \$227 million.

The DAMP combines management, financial, engineering and technical practices to ensure the level of service required is provided at the most economical cost to the community.

#### Discussion

A drainage condition audit was completed in 2018 to determine the physical condition and remaining useful life of Council's drainage assets, in order to inform the development of a long term renewal program. The majority of Council's drainage assets (98 per cent) are in very good to average condition with about 2 per cent in poor condition.

The drainage assets in poor condition represent Council's current backlog of works, and will be renewed via the Capital Works Program over the next five years.

There are numerous locations where streets are prone to flooding during storm events. To address this, Council has completed a flood analysis study to identify areas that require drainage improvement works. A long term program has been developed to construct new drainage infrastructure and upgrade parts of the existing network.

## Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

### **Priority 1: Visionary, vibrant, accountable urban planning**

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

### **Goal 3: A well designed, maintained and environmentally sustainable place**

3.2 Deliver and maintain well-designed, accessible and environmentally sustainable community assets

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

This report and recommendation is consistent with Council's Asset Management Policy and Action Plan 2017.

This report follows the resolution at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 November 2019 to place the Draft DAMP on public exhibition for four weeks and receive a further report to adopt the DAMP following the public exhibition period.

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

In accordance with the new reforms proposed under the Local Government Bill 2019, councils will be required to develop and implement asset management plans demonstrating responsible asset stewardship. The adoption of the DAMP pre-emptively meets the requirements of these reforms.

## Financial and Resource Implications

The estimated long term total cost to complete all drainage renewal, new and upgrade works across the municipality is \$59 million, comprised of \$5 million for renewal, \$20 million for new works and \$35 million for upgrades.

As part of the \$55 million long term cost for new and upgrade works, the highest priority projects require estimated funding of \$28 million over the next 10 years.

The proposed expenditure for capital works within the drainage portfolio over the next 10 years is a total of \$33 million, comprised of the previously mentioned \$5 million for renewal works and \$28 million for high priority new and upgrade projects

The proposed expenditure has been included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

## Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

Council's strategic asset management approach has positive environmental, social and economic benefits for the community. Long term asset planning and timely renewal of Council's infrastructure assets ensure there is ongoing provision of facilities that are safe, accessible and fit for purpose for present and future communities.

## Consultation and Communication

Internal consultation and engagement has been undertaken with service managers and key officers responsible for the implementation of the plan and ongoing management of the drainage network.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 November 2019 council resolved to place the Draft DAMP on public exhibition for four weeks. The public exhibition period was held between 15 November 2019 and 13 December 2019, and was widely promoted to the local community and all stakeholders via Council's website and social media platforms.

At the completion of the public exhibition period, a total of 44 people had visited the Draft DAMP page on Council's website, with 41 people downloading a copy of the report. One comment was received from the public, but did not result in any changes to the Draft DAMP as it was of an operational nature. The submitter suggested that Council implement controls to discourage people from blowing lawn cuttings into gutters and therefore down drains. The comment will be followed up directly with the customer by a Council officer.

## Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

### 8.3.3 Roads and Bridges Asset Management Plans 2019

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:**

- 1 Roads Asset Management Plan 2019 
- 2 Bridge Asset Management Plan 2019 

#### Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Roads Asset Management Plan 2019 (RAMP) and Bridges Asset Management Plan 2019 (BAMP).

#### Recommendation

**That Council adopts the Roads Asset Management Plan 2019 and Bridges Asset Management Plan 2019.**

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#### Summary

The RAMP and BAMP are the inaugural asset management plans for these asset classes.

Council resolved to place the Draft RAMP and Draft BAMP on public exhibition for four weeks at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 8 October 2019. The public exhibition was held between 1 November 2019 and 1 December 2019.

No comments or feedback were received from the community during the public exhibition period. Therefore, the RAMP (Appendix 1) and BAMP (Appendix 2) are being presented for adoption unchanged.

#### Background

The RAMP and BAMP are the inaugural asset management plans for these asset categories. The plans have been developed to manage the Hobsons Bay municipal road network and bridge portfolio, respectively. They combine management, financial, engineering and technical practices to ensure the required level of service is provided at the most economical cost to the community.

In 2017 Council adopted the Asset Management Policy and Improvement Action Plan. The Asset Management Policy provided the framework for sound investment decision making. The Improvement Action Plan presented a list of actions to improve Council's asset management performance and maturity, including the requirement for a RAMP and BAMP.

In implementing the action plan, asset management plans are being developed to:

- demonstrate responsible management of the asset base including systems and processes
- present the financial strategy to manage the renewal gap and deliver a defined level of service
- manage asset risk through long term planning

## Discussion

### Road network

Council is responsible for the management of 433km of roads (surface, pavements, kerb and channel only) having a replacement value (excluding land) of approximately \$394 million. It has been estimated that an additional 23km of roads will be constructed to service new developments including an additional 46km of kerb and channel. It is projected that the replacement value of the road network will increase to \$415 million by 2037.

Overall the road network is in good condition, with a small percentage in poor condition. About 25 per cent of the network is in average condition and will need attention over the next five to 10 years.

Under the current annual funding levels, the overall condition of the road network will deteriorate, requiring significant investment to renew the roads in the future. The expenditure required to renew the roads over the next 10 years is detailed in the Financial and Resource Implications section of the report.

The RAMP recommends an affordable level of funding to manage the renewal gap and condition of the road network. The required budget to improve the overall condition of the network and reduce the number of roads in poor condition over the next 20 years is also discussed in detail in the Financial and Resource Implications section of this report.

### Bridges portfolio

Council is responsible for the management of 51 bridges with an estimated replacement value of \$25 million. The bridges portfolio consists of 14 road bridges and 37 foot bridges.

The majority of bridges are in a reasonable structural condition. The priority renewal works will address risk and safety issues such as replacement of missing or damaged handrails, guards and timber decking. These works will be carried out over future financial years.

The required expenditure to address the total current backlog of renewal works is detailed in the Financial and Resource Implications section of this report.

## Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

### Priority 1: Visionary, vibrant, accountable urban planning

### Priority 6: An accessible and connected community

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

### Goal 3: A well designed, maintained and environmentally sustainable place

- 3.2 Deliver and maintain well-designed, accessible and environmentally sustainable community assets

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

This report and recommendation is consistent with Council's Asset Management Policy and Improvement Action Plan.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 8 October 2019, Council resolved to place the Draft RAMP and Draft BAMP on public exhibition for four weeks, and to receive a further report to adopt the Draft RAMP and Draft BAMP following the public exhibition period.

### **Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk**

In accordance with the new reforms proposed under the Local Government Bill 2019, councils will be required to develop and implement asset management plans demonstrating responsible asset stewardship. The adoption of the RAMP and BAMP pre-emptively meets the requirements of these reforms.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The required renewal expenditure to treat the roads in a timely manner is an average of \$11 million per year over the next 10 years. The current funding level of \$6.5 million per year is insufficient to prevent deterioration of the overall condition of the road network.

To manage the renewal gap and condition of the road network a budget of \$7 million is required in 2020-21, with an annual compounding increase of 3.8 per cent per year. This level of funding will improve the overall condition of the network and aims at reducing the number of roads in poor condition over the next 20 years.

The required expenditure to address the current backlog of bridge renewal works over the next 10 years is an average of \$350,000 per year.

The required renewal budgets for roads and bridges have been included in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

### **Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts**

Council's strategic asset management approach has positive environmental, social and economic benefits for the community. Long term asset planning and timely renewal of Council's infrastructure assets ensures there is ongoing provision of facilities that are safe, accessible, and fit for purpose for present and future communities.

### **Consultation and Communication**

Internal consultation and engagement has been undertaken with service managers and key officers responsible for the implementation of the plans and ongoing management of the roads and bridges.

The public exhibition period was widely promoted to the local community and all stakeholders via Council's website and social media platforms.

At the conclusion of the public exhibition period, a total of 42 people had visited Council's webpage exhibiting the Draft RAMP and Draft BAMP, with 38 people downloading a copy of one or both plans. No comment or feedback was received from the community during the public exhibition period.

## **Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

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Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

### 8.3.4 West Gate Tunnel Update

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Integrated Transport - Cr Jonathon Marsden and Cr Sandra Wilson

**Appendices:** Nil

#### Purpose

To provide a current status report on the West Gate Tunnel Project (the Project) and associated initiatives, projects and advocacy activities.

#### Recommendation

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

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#### Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update on the current status of the Project, which is managed by an authority also known as the West Gate Tunnel Project (WGTP).

This update specifically includes an overview of the West Gate Neighbourhood Fund (the Neighbourhood Fund), including submissions received and considered by Council.

This update also details items submitted by WGTP for Council approval, Council's advocacy activities, communications and engagement, and capital works to be undertaken by Council as a result of the Project. Updates on the Open Space Enhancement Package (OSEP), Hobsons Bay Transport Planning Study (HBTPS), Community Liaison Group (CLG), Traffic Management Liaison Group, Business Involvement Plan and Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group (Inner West AQCRG) are also provided.

#### Background

Following on from previous status update reports, Council advocacy is currently focused on seven strategic items that are detailed in the Discussion section of this report together with a status update on each item.

On 13 November 2019 WGTP announced the Neighbourhood Fund, a \$10 million grants and partnerships program established by the Victorian Government to support communities in Melbourne's inner west during the construction of the Project. Councils and not-for-profit groups within both Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong can access funding for projects through the Neighbourhood Fund.

The fund will run for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years, with one round of partnerships and one round of grants in each financial year. The program is designed to prioritise those who are most affected by the construction of the West Gate Tunnel.

Partnerships will provide funding for larger projects seeking over \$100,000, such as community infrastructure, capital equipment and programs that build community leadership and participation, while grants will support community-led events and projects up to \$100,000.

## Discussion

The Project includes works to:

- widen the West Gate Freeway, creating express lanes between the M80 Ring Road and the West Gate Bridge
- construct a tunnel from the West Gate Freeway to the Maribyrnong River and the Port of Melbourne
- construct a new bridge over the Maribyrnong River that connects with an elevated road along Footscray Road, linking to the CBD and the north
- install new technology across the length of the Project linking it to other freeway management systems across the city

The Project includes 14km of walking and cycling paths, creating a continuous journey from Werribee to the CBD.

The Project commenced in early 2018 following an extensive Environmental Effects Statement (EES) process and is due to finish in 2022. It is a partnership between the Victorian Government and Transurban and is being built as a joint venture between construction contractors CPB Contractors and John Holland (the JV).

The West Gate Freeway section that directly interfaces with Hobsons Bay includes:

- extra lanes on the freeway between the M80 Ring Road and Williamstown Road
- entry and exit portals where the tunnels connect with the West Gate Freeway
- a ventilation structure at the tunnel exit to remove air from inside the outbound tunnel
- interchange upgrades at the M80 Ring Road, Millers Road, Grieve Parade and Williamstown Road
- ramps to Hyde Street, Spotswood to connect trucks directly with local industry
- noise walls to reduce traffic noise for residents and in open spaces
- walking and cycling paths to complete missing links in the Federation and Kororoit Creek trails and better connect communities, including new overpasses over Williamstown Road and Stony Creek
- new pedestrian overpasses replacing the existing overpasses at Muir Street, Spotswood and Rosala Avenue, Altona North
- freeway management system to support improved traffic flow and safety
- new open spaces and planting of trees and vegetation in the freeway reservation and in some surrounding sites

## Council Advocacy

Throughout the design and construction stages, Council has negotiated outcomes and improvements wherever possible that are consistent with its adopted position to optimise beneficial community outcomes. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been established between Council and the then West Gate Tunnel Authority to reflect the organisational roles and responsibilities and to resource Council officers in project delivery for the term of the Project.

The following are current advocacy issues being discussed with the JV and WGTP.

### **1. *Muir Street and Rosala Avenue pedestrian overpasses***

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 10 December 2019, Council considered a proposal by the JV to temporarily close the two pedestrian overpasses at Muir Street and Rosala Avenue for an extended period. Council, together with the Brooklyn, Altona North, Spotswood and South Kingsville communities, is concerned that this will result in inconvenience and poor access to services, shopping, work and education.

After considering information provided by the JV on the construction problems experienced, and to reduce delays to the Project, Council resolved to endorse the temporary closure of the pedestrian overpasses for a period no greater than four months subject to the following conditions:

- the provision of a comprehensive replacement community bus service up to 9.30pm, seven days per week (to be reviewed by Council and the JV after one month of service)
- additional transport arrangements on offer for residents requiring specific transport assistance for the full duration of the closures
- construction of the missing section of footpath connecting Fogarty Avenue, Yarraville with The Avenue, Spotswood prior to the closure of the Muir Street overpass
- a resolution of the Hall Street, Spotswood streetscape design that preserves the existing on-street parking on both sides of Hall Street and includes a shared use path (SUP) consistent with Council standards

Decisions on the closures, timing and any conditions are yet to be resolved by the JV and WGTP. A further report will be tabled with Council in April 2020 detailing the final proposal by JV in response to Council's December 2019 resolution. Council is also seeking further information from the WGTP regarding the location of the pillars required for the Muir Street pedestrian overpass. This is in response to concerns recently raised by residents in immediate proximity to the new pillars which are currently under construction.

## **2. Hall Street streetscape design**

The current JV design for the Hall Street SUP results in a loss of up to 30 parking spaces and does not incorporate Council's desired streetscape and drainage requirements. Currently there are 60 parking spaces. However, the proposed design reduces the capacity to 30 parking spaces. Council requires a resolution of the design that preserves the car parking on both sides of Hall Street to service the Spotswood Activity Centre.

Council seeks a coordinated approach with WGTP to achieve an optimal outcome for the Hall Street streetscape, SUP alignment, road design cross section and the drainage outfall design. Alternative designs are currently being developed by the JV for Council consideration.

## **3. Kororoit Creek shared use path**

Following Council's advocacy, WGTP has now approved the variation to the Project Scope Requirements to include the missing section of the new SUP under Grieve Parade. This will match the new concrete path constructed by Council at GJ Hosken Reserve, Altona North (start of Stage 2 of the Kororoit Creek Trail).

Outstanding issues in relation to the Kororoit Creek area include the proposed public art, tree planting and landscaping, trail design alignment at the Bluestone Bridge, cultural interpretation and wayfinding. Discussions to resolve these issues continue between Council officers, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, WGTP's heritage consultant and other design specialists.

## **4. AusNet easement – overhead 66KV powerlines at southern tunnel**

Council has accepted the temporary alignment of overhead powerlines in The Avenue Reserve, Spotswood and the northern boundary of the Precinct 15 site in the AusNet easement along Watson Street, Altona North. This temporary approval was granted on the understanding that the JV was continuing to progress the freeway widening works. The Project objective and initial designs submitted through the EES indicated that the powerlines

would be placed underground within the easement. The JV is expected to confirm the underground alignment and complete these works prior to September 2022.

#### **5. *Play space and public art – southern tunnel portal***

Council has requested that the JV relocate the play space and public art from the new open space area at the northern end of New Street, South Kingsville to Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood as a more appropriate location, given the significant infrastructure surrounding the New Street site.

Council will commence the design process for the open space located on the western boundary of Donald McLean Reserve in the first quarter of 2020 and has sought the JV's commitment to contribute to the open space development within the reserve.

#### **6. *Landscape plans and tree replacement***

Current tree offset planting numbers for Hobsons Bay are less than the stipulated five new trees for every one removed within the total project area. Council has previously submitted a request for WGTP to consider additional locations within Hobsons Bay and continues to nominate appropriate locations.

Landscape plans for public information have been developed for key areas including Kororoit Creek, the New Street southern tunnel portal area, Stony Creek and the Hyde Street area. Offset planting for the Pipeline Reserve (Federation Trail) in Brooklyn has now been confirmed by the JV.

#### **7. *Paringa Road at Millers Road***

Council has provided approval for the temporary closure of Paringa Road, Altona North until mid-2020.

A permanent closure of Paringa Road at Millers Road is in the current JV design. This permanent closure will impact the shops located from 84-122 Millers Road, also known as the "16 shops". Council is seeking a resolution with the JV to mitigate this impact.

#### **West Gate Neighbourhood Fund**

Council has received and considered the following twenty project proposals:

- Brooklyn Community Hall redevelopment
- Hobsons Bay and Maribyrnong Cities Urban Forest, encompassing Brooklyn, Altona North, Spotswood and South Kingsville in the Hobsons Bay municipal area
- Establishment of a dog off-leash park at Marsh Street, Altona North
- GJ Hosken Reserve Master Plan implementation
- Pipeline Reserve, Brooklyn redevelopment to include further landscaping, seating and a dedicated pedestrian pathway
- South Kingsville Community Centre renewal
- significant gateway artwork in Spotswood
- sculpture prize event along Spotswood, Newport, Williamstown and Altona waterfront
- Williamstown Beach Jetty refurbishment
- Kororoit Creek Bluestone Bridge Development works
- Freeway Underpass/Millers Road, coloured lighting project
- continuation of Public Art along the Kororoit Creek Trail Stage 1
- Eames Avenue, Brooklyn Creative Spaces
- Chasing Ferrets augmented reality telling the stories of Brooklyn
- Brooklyn Community Garden

- Spotswood Music in art
- Altona Gate music on the rooftop
- Altona Gate vertical garden
- Constructed wetland systems within the Altona North industrial precincts
- Born in a Taxi, community theatre program focusing on recycling

At the time of writing, several community clubs and regional not-for-profit agencies have contacted Council to discuss project proposals, some of which seek Council support for their project. Not all of these proposed funding submissions seek a financial contribution from Council. In these cases, Council would provide a letter of support where the proposal is consistent with Council core objectives.

In light of the impending closing date, Council will continue to field enquiries relating to the Neighbourhood Fund partnerships program and support projects accordingly.

The grants program under the Neighbourhood Fund will support community-led projects that improve community access and participation. Not-for-profit community organisations can apply directly to WGTP for funding in three categories:

- up to \$10,000 for a one-off project that aims to improve community connectedness and participation
- up to \$20,000 for festivals, events, and installations that bring local people together
- up to \$100,000 for improvements to local community, sporting and recreation facilities, and local environments

Applications for the grants program are expected to open over the coming months.

Further information on the Neighbourhood Fund can be sourced via the Project website at: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/community/grants>

### **Construction Activity**

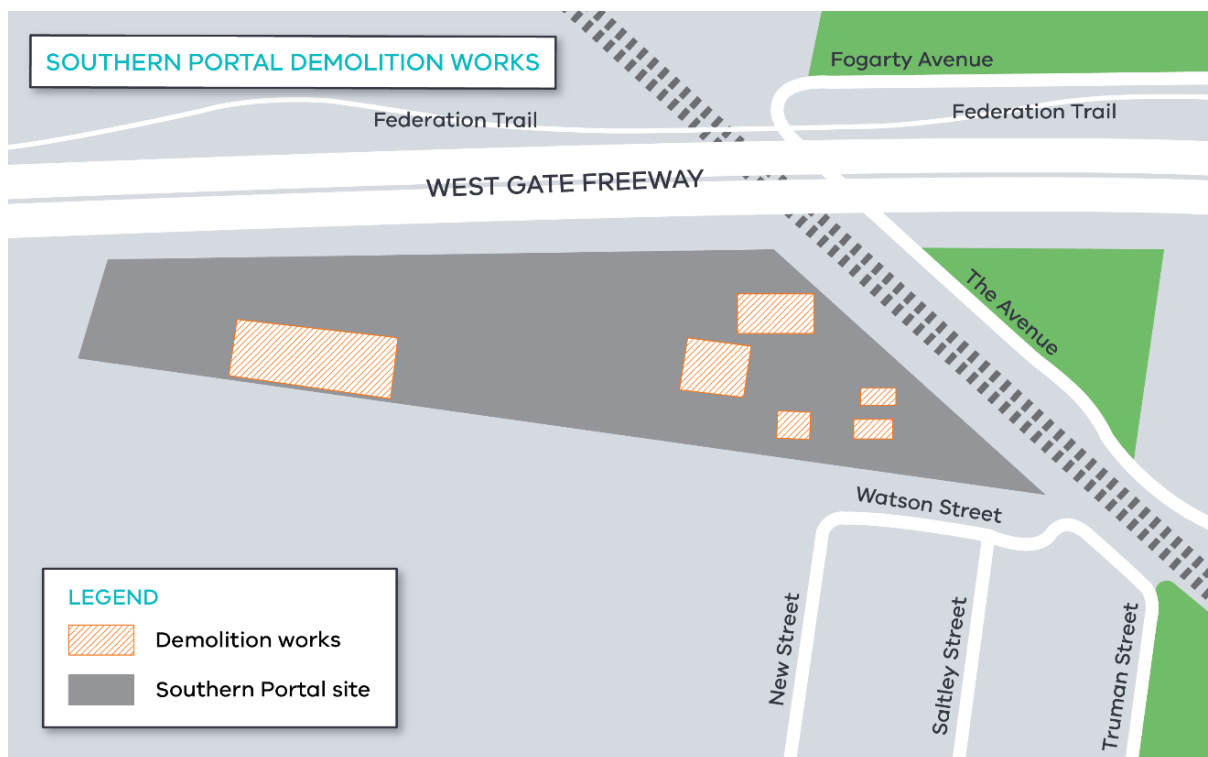
The JV has undertaken key works at the freeway interchanges at the M80 Ring Road, Grieve Parade and Millers Road during the January summer construction blitz.

This work included rebuilding ramps that go over the West Gate Freeway at the M80 Ring Road interchange with new frames to allow space for the freeway widening works. New entry and exit ramps at Millers Road have also been constructed and more barriers have been placed to prepare for continued freeway widening works during 2020.

During this time, freeway ramps were temporarily closed around the West Gate Freeway and M80 Ring Road interchange, with traffic delays of up to 30 minutes recorded.

Key construction activities being undertaken by the JV in the western section include:

- works to widen the West Gate Freeway between Chambers Road, Altona North and Grieve Parade, and the installation of new noise walls
- construction of retaining walls and bridge structural works, including excavation and piling at various locations
- 220KV and 66KV powerline relocations along the edge of the freeway
- construction of two new pedestrian overpasses replacing those at Muir Street and Rosala Avenue
- Kororoit Creek and Newport-Sunshine Rail Bridge widening works
- Millers Road and Williamstown Road bridge structure widening and traffic lane switches, adjusting the alignment of the freeway to allow preparation for the inbound tunnel entry



**Figure 1: Southern portal site works**

Works continue at the southern portal site, where the outbound tunnel will meet the West Gate Freeway, to establish the construction site at the end of New and Watson Streets (Figure 1). An increase in vehicle movements around the site due to demolition works as well as some additional construction traffic on Kyle Road, Altona North due to ongoing outbound southern portal site works has been observed.

Three low-rise brick buildings and two steel sheds containing asbestos cladding have been demolished within the site. All asbestos was removed in accordance with approved procedures and standards by a fully licensed asbestos removal contractor.

The following measures have been taken by the JV to minimise impacts on surrounding residents.

- all heavy construction vehicles to enter and exit the site using Kyle Road
- vehicle movements to and from the site to be coordinated by a traffic controller
- all demolition materials to be loaded by an excavator within the site boundary
- dust control measures including site water points, wetting down of open areas, covered trucks and street sweeping
- a 1.8m high temporary fence installed around the site boundary during demolition
- signage placed per requirements to advise of demolition works, construction vehicles and other general construction hazards
- notification of key construction activity to be distributed in the surrounding area

### **Construction Traffic Impacts and Disruptions**

Major roads disruptions in the current reporting period include:

- 13 Jan to 17 February – Millers Road outbound on and off-ramps to West Gate Freeway closed
- 13 Jan to 28 February – Geelong Road to Princes Freeway outbound ramp closed
- 13 Jan to 28 February – M80 Ring Road to West Gate Freeway inbound ramp closed

Some additional night time and freeway ramp closures have been programmed, with detailed traffic management and communications plans to be implemented in the lead up to closures.

Further details on traffic disruptions are available at:

<http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/travel disruptions>

### Property Impacts

The JV is occupying a number of sites along the Project corridor for compounds, storage site offices and staff parking. The JV has recently entered into licence agreements with Council for temporary occupation of the northern section of The Avenue Reserve for construction access purposes, and a section of GJ Hosken Reserve adjacent to the existing construction compound for parking purposes. The acquisition and divestment of small Council-owned land parcels for the Project freeway widening works are being finalised by WGTP.

### Open Space Enhancement Package

The OSEP was endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 February 2018 and is supported by the Victorian Government through a \$5 million contribution, and \$2.86 million contributed by Council. The current status of the OSEP is described below.

Item	Status
DN Duane Reserve, Brooklyn improvements	Detailed design and documentation completed and contract awarded. Construction has now commenced with completion expected in mid-2020.
Brooklyn Reserve improvements	
Rowan Avenue Reserve, Brooklyn improvements	The scoping of redevelopment options for the Brooklyn Community Hall has commenced.
WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North Master Plan, pavilion and improvement works	The design and construction contract for the pavilions and car parking have been awarded and works will commence early 2020 for expected completion in early 2021.
	Upgrades of Oval 1 and the multiuse courts are well advanced at the Donald McLean Reserve.
Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood Improvement Plan, pavilion review and works	A separate report considering a petition that raised concerns with the relocation of the cricket practice nets is tabled for Council in February 2020.

### Hobsons Bay Transport Planning Study

The Department of Transport (DoT) is leading the HBTPS in partnership with Council. A project report for the study area has been completed by project consultant WSP. This will be used to guide community engagement, defining issues and opportunities previously identified by the community and respective agencies. The HBTPS will consider findings from the Transport Corridor Study, also led by the DoT, to identify and address key transport impacts of the Project on the Williamstown Road and Millers Road corridors.

A project brief has been prepared for the development of the Local Area Movement Plans (LAMPs) for Brooklyn, Altona North, Spotswood, South Kingsville and Williamstown North. These LAMPs will be developed consistent with the objectives of the HBTPS and Council's Integrated Transport Plan.

It is anticipated that both the HBTPS and the Spotswood LAMP will be available for the purposes of undertaking community engagement in March 2020.

### **Community Liaison Group**

The last West CLG meeting was a joint meeting with the North CLG held on 12 December 2019. The agenda included an overview of the Schools Engagement Program, a summary of the year's activities from WGTP and a construction update from the JV.

Further information on the CLG including copies of meeting notes and presentations can be found at: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/clg/>

### **Traffic Management Liaison Group**

The last meeting of the Traffic Management Liaison Group on 14 November 2019 provided an update on various traffic management aspects of the Project. Traffic monitoring across the network continues, especially during the summer construction blitz. While expected delays have occurred, no major issues have been identified with the recent major freeway lane and ramp temporary closures. Council officers continue to raise community concerns regarding project trucks operating in residential streets, particularly in Spotswood and South Kingsville, and congestion issues at the Millers Road interchange ramps.

### **Business Involvement Plan**

The Project has social and economic requirements and targets to support local businesses and provide local employment opportunities. An Industry Capability Network has been established, with Hobsons Bay businesses invited to participate. An online trader directory has been in place since 2018, and the JV Business Engagement team has been working closely with Council's Economic Development unit to connect local businesses to the Project.

### **Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group**

The Inner West AQCRG provides community members with the opportunity to provide community insight and input to future improvements for air quality in the inner west. The Inner West AQCRG will complete its report to the Honourable Lily D'Ambrosio MP, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change in March 2020.

The last meeting was held on 18 December 2019 when the Inner West AQCRG continued to review the draft of the report, focusing on:

- monitoring, analysis and reporting
- next steps
- appendices
- planning

Further information can be found at:

[www.environment.vic.gov.au/sustainability/inner-west-air-quality-reference-group](http://www.environment.vic.gov.au/sustainability/inner-west-air-quality-reference-group)

Air quality monitoring for the Project has been established at six Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations to develop baseline data from current local conditions (see link below). This baseline will be used to measure any changes once the tunnel opens in 2022. Monitoring will continue for up to five years following the opening of the tunnel.

The air quality report for October 2019 has been published on the Project website at:  
<http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/about/keytopics/tunnel-ventilation-and-air-quality>

## Strategic Alignment

This report specifically addresses the following priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision:

### Priority 2: Community wellbeing and inter-connection

### Priority 6: An accessible and connected community

This report specifically addresses the following goals and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21:

#### Goal 1: An Inclusive, Resilient and Healthy Community

- 1.2 Deliver, support and facilitate projects and programs that encourage equity and diversity, so everyone can reach their full potential

#### Goal 2: A great place

- 2.5 Work with all levels of government and other stakeholders to improve our transport network and to address gaps and capacity in public transport, our roads, foot paths and cycle routes

#### Goal 3: A well designed, maintained and environmentally sustainable place

- 3.1.1 Deliver and maintain well-designed, accessible and environmentally sustainable community assets

#### Goal 4: A Council of excellence

- 4.1 Collaborate with all levels of government, service providers, not for profit organisations and the private sector to address the concerns of our community

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

On 26 August 2016 Council adopted the updated Hobsons Bay City Council's Adopted Position and Recommendations for the then Western Distributor Project. The adopted position included Hobsons Bay Project Requirements, Principles, Objectives and Performance Measures for the Project.

The Principles are:

1. An efficient, integrated and sustainable transport network outcome
2. Positive liveability, amenity and community wellbeing outcomes
3. An environmentally responsible project
4. A genuine commitment to consult with the community
5. A value for money outcome
6. Planning for future growth

Several Council policies and strategies were considered in the establishment of the adopted position on the Project and have been considered to inform the design and EES. Council has received numerous reports regarding officer assessments of the Project design development, community engagement and advocacy activities undertaken in response to the Project.

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

Legal and statutory obligations and risks have been identified throughout Council's review and input to the Project. These obligations and opportunities will continue to be monitored and assessed.

A report and formal submission on the preferred design and EES was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 June 2017. This report considered legal, risk and statutory obligations for the Project. A statutory process for the acquisition of Council land has commenced.

The latest available Independent Reviewer and Environmental Auditor's report on the Project can be viewed at:

[http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/376431/WGTP-IREA-audit-report-September-2018-February-2019.pdf](http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/376431/WGTP-IREA-audit-report-September-2018-February-2019.pdf)

## Financial and Resource Implications

Significant time has been committed by Council officers in responding to requests for advice, information and comment regarding the Project. Design packages are still being reviewed and frequent requests are being received now that construction is underway.

An updated MOU has been established between Council and WGTP. The update includes provision for Council staff to assist in the management and delivery of the Neighbourhood Fund.

## Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

The environmental, social and economic impacts of the Project to the Hobsons Bay community have been described in detail through the EES and will be monitored and mitigated through the implementation of the Environmental Performance Requirements (EPRs) for the Project. Local procurement, jobs and business development are project objectives as described in the Business Involvement Plan section of this report.

## Consultation and Communication

The Project EPRs stipulates the development of a Communications and Community Engagement Plan that links closely with the proposed EPRs, requiring a Traffic Monitoring and Management Plan, Business Involvement Plan and Community Involvement and Participation Plan. Discussions with community members and groups have commenced with regard to possible projects for consideration under the Neighbourhood Fund.

Notifications to directly impacted areas prior to works commencing are ongoing. Council has assisted in sharing information on planned traffic disruptions through its website and social media. Council officers continue to assist the community where possible in responding to or referring requests and issues relating to the Project.

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**9 Delegates Report**

Nil

**10 Notices of Motion**

Nil

**11 Supplementary Public Question Time**

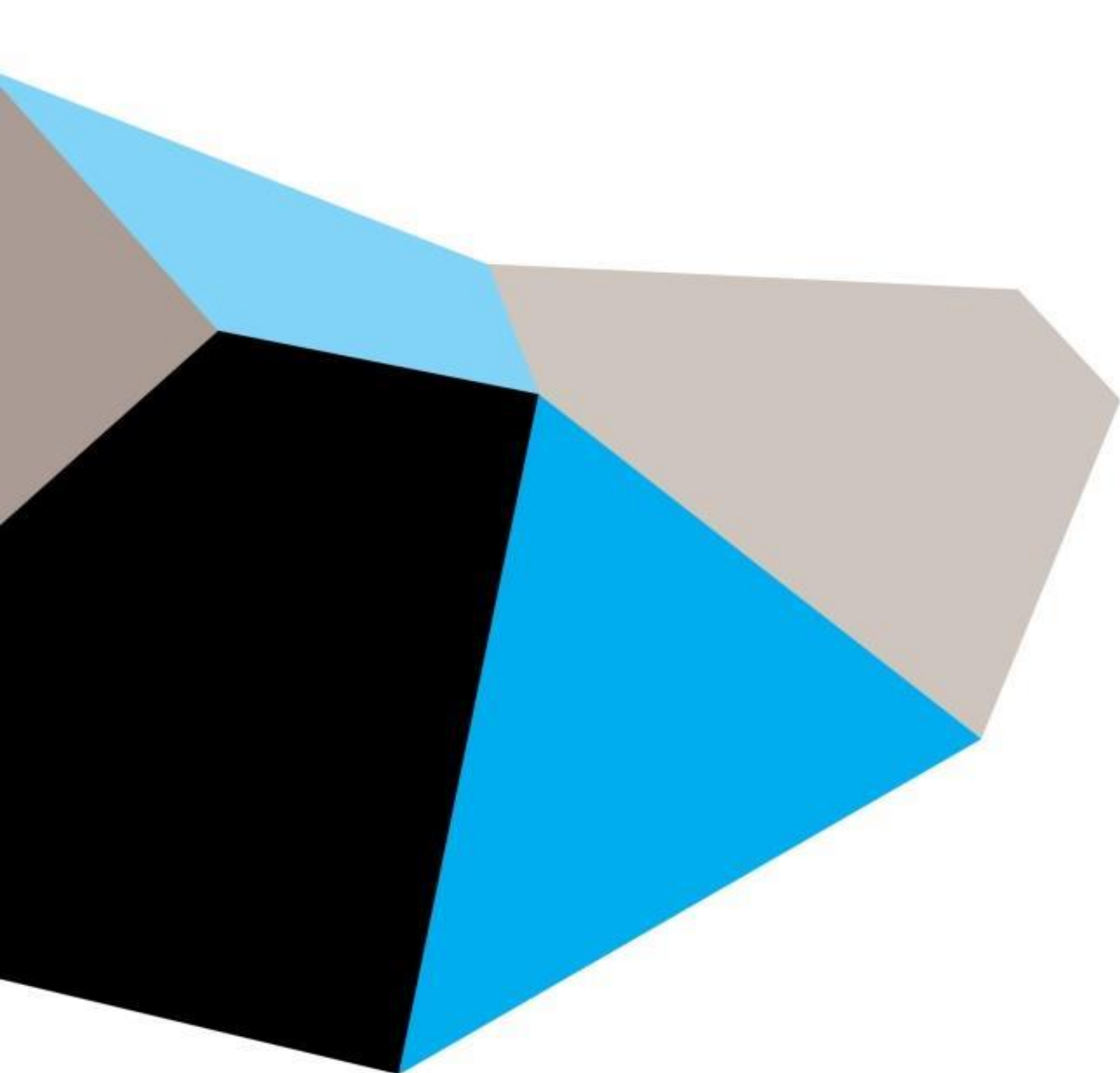
Supplementary public question time provides an opportunity for the public to ask questions directly related to items on the agenda that have arisen during the evening's proceedings.

Where it is not possible to provide a response during the meeting, a written response to the question will be provided promptly.

Written public questions received during the Council meeting that are not related to items on the agenda will be taken on notice and responded to in writing by the appropriate Council officer, or referred to the next Ordinary Council meeting for a public response if so requested by the questioner.

**12 Urgent and Other Business**





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