



# Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday 11 June 2019  
Commencing at 7pm

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 Jonathon Marsden (Mayor)

Strand Ward

### Councillors:

Cr Angela Altair

Strand Ward

Cr Peter Hemphill

Strand Ward

Cr Tony Briffa

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Sandra Wilson

Cherry Lake Ward

Cr Colleen Gates

Wetlands Ward

Cr Michael Grech (Deputy Mayor)

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.

Council has previously granted Cr Angela Altair leave of absence.

### 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 14 May 2019 (copy previously circulated).

### 5 Councillors' Questions

### 6 Public Question Time

Public question time provides an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions related to items on the agenda of the Council Meeting or any other matter within Council's responsibility. All questions must be put in writing and received by 12pm on the day of the Council meeting

### 7 Petitions/Joint Letters

## 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 Chief Executive Officer - Report on Operations - May 2019
- 2 AOC - Active and Inclusive Communities Portfolio Advisory Committee - 2 May 2019
- 3 AOC - CBS 7 May 2019
- 4 AOC - OCM 14 May 2019
- 5 AOC - CBS 4 June 2019

#### Purpose

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

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Receive and note the Chief Executive Officer's Report on Operations, including details of recent issues experienced and initiatives undertaken by the organisation.**
2. **In accordance with section 80A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* incorporate into the minutes of this meeting the written Record of Assembly of Councillors held on 2 May 2019, 7 May 2019, 14 May 2019 and 4 June 2019.**

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#### Summary

The attached CEO's Report on Operations provides Councillors and the community with a regular update from the CEO on key organisational 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 and the municipality. This 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 *Local Government Act* 1989 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.

## 8.2 Corporate Services

### 8.2.1 Presentation of Budget Submissions 2019-20

<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate Services
<b>Councillor Portfolio:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Appendices:</b>	1 Budget Submissions 2019-20

#### Purpose

To present the submissions received by Council in relation to the proposed Annual Budget, Rating Strategy and Borrowing Strategy for 2019-20 and to hear from submitters requesting to be heard in support of their submission as a result of the public exhibition process.

#### Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receive and note the submissions following the public exhibition period for the proposed Annual Budget, Rating Strategy and Borrowing Strategy for 2019-20.**
- 2. Hear from those submitters requesting to be heard by Council in support of their submission.**
- 3. Respond to submissions as part of the final budget deliberations at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2019.**

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#### Summary

The proposed Annual Budget, Rating Strategy and Borrowing Strategy for 2019-20 were placed on public exhibition following formal consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 April 2019, in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act). This statutory exhibition period provides a further opportunity for interested parties from the community to make comment on the proposed budget.

Council received 37 responses at the close of the public exhibition period. A copy of each submission is attached to this report. Seven of the parties that provided feedback have requested to be heard by Council at this Council meeting.

#### Background

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, the Proposed Annual Budget 2019-20 was placed on public exhibition. The Proposed Rating Strategy 2019-20 and Proposed Borrowing Strategy 2019-20 were also placed on public exhibition and comments invited in relation to all three documents from interested members of the community. The exhibition period was for 28 days and closed on 15 May 2019.

Interested parties who have provided comment could request to present to Council at tonight's Ordinary Council Meeting. Seven requests have been made to address Council at this meeting.

## Discussion

A schedule of the submissions on the budget and associated strategies is attached as an appendix to this report. The following interested parties have requested to be heard in support of their submission:

- Sarah Dowling in relation to tree planting and additional play equipment in Laverton
- Malcolm Padgett in relation to an extension of the Skeleton Creek bike trail
- Sam Kisvarda in relation to upgrading MacLean Reserve, Williamstown
- Lindsay Morton representing the Williamstown and Newport Angling Club and Fish Protection Society in relation to a refurbishment of Williamstown Beach jetty facilities
- Eva Buman representing Saltwater Yoga Studios in relation to a Wellness Studios Concept at Dennis Reserve, Williamstown
- Rosalie Linda Burger Dorj in relation to gymnasium or hall space to undertake year round circus classes
- Michelle Sadler representing Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club in relation to a new batting cage facility

Following this meeting, Council will consider all submissions and presentations in final preparation of the Annual Budget as well as the Rating and Borrowing strategies. This will take place for all three documents at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2019.

## Strategic Alignment

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

### Goal 4: A Council of excellence

- 4.4 Actively seek the community's views by providing a range of opportunities for the community to contribute to Council's decision making

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

Any consideration of the matters raised will be in the context of Council's Long Term Financial Plan, Ten Year Capital Works Program priorities and Rating and Borrowing strategies.

Individual submissions may pertain to a specific Council policy or strategy and if appropriate, will be reflected in the formal consideration of that submission.

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

Council has complied with the requirements of the Act in advertising the proposed Annual Budget, Rating Strategy and Borrowing Strategy for 2019-20 and inviting public comment. No risks are associated with this process.



## Financial and Resource Implications

Any changes that may be made due to the comments received will be factored into the budget and associated strategies that will be formally considered by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 25 June 2019.

## Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

The receiving and hearing of submissions contained within this report has no direct environmental, social or economic impact to note. The specific impacts of any submission will be taken into account as part of formal consideration of that submission.

## Consultation and Communication

The proposed Annual Budget, Rating Strategy and Borrowing Strategy for 2019-20 were placed on public exhibition as part of the legislated four week consultation period. The three documents were made available for inspection and comment until 15 May 2019, to allow any person to make written comment on any proposal contained within.

In addition to the requirements of the Act to advertise the Proposed Annual Budget 2019-20 and invite public comment, Council conducted an additional pre-budget community consultation process. This was undertaken in line with Council's Community Engagement Framework and ensures that community considerations are taken into account within the proposed Annual Budget, Rating Strategy and Borrowing Strategy for 2019-20.

In accordance with the advertisement placed in the Star Weekly newspaper (Maribyrnong and Hobsons Bay Edition) on 17 April 2019, it is noted that any submissions received will be included in a register of submissions received in accordance with Section 223 of the Act. Submissions form part of the public record of the meeting (including any personal information) and will be published on Council's website (accessible worldwide) for an indefinite period. A hard copy will also be made available for inspection by members of the public at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre.

## Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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## 8.2.2 Audit Committee - Appointment of Independent Audit and Risk Members

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:** Nil

### Purpose

To request Council to approve the appointment of three independent members to the Audit Committee.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Approves the appointment of Mr John Watson, Ms Lisa Tripodi and Mr Terry Richards as independent members of the Audit Committee.**

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### Summary

This report provides Council with recommended appointments for independent members of the Audit Committee.

### Background

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 November 2018, Council endorsed the commencement of advertising for independent members of the Audit Committee and requested a further report with the recommended appointees.

### Discussion

The Audit Committee comprises of three independent members and two Councillors. Two of the three independent members' terms expired in 2018 and they have now concluded their involvement with the Committee. The term of the third independent member, Mr Rod Page, will expire in November 2019 and his involvement with the Committee will conclude at that time.

Council undertook a recruitment process which included publically advertising for independent members in early 2019.

A selection panel consisting of the Mayor Cr Marsden, Cr Gates, Cr Wilson and the Director Corporate Services, Andrew McLeod, conducted interviews and are recommending the following appointments be made:

- Lisa Tripodi
- Terry Richards
- John Watson

It is recommended that the appointment of Mr Terry Richards and Ms Lisa Tripodi commence immediately, with the third appointment commencing in time for the final meeting of 2019.

It is recommended that these appointments be for a term of three years in accordance with the appointment terms outlined in the Audit Committee Charter.

All audit fees will be paid in accordance with the Audit Committee - Membership, Fee Structure and Charter Report that was presented and endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 November 2018.

## **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

## **Policy and Previous Council Reports**

The Audit Committee - Membership, Fee Structure and Charter Report was presented and endorsed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 13 November 2018.

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

Adoption of the Audit Committee Charter, fee structure, committee governance and termed periods of independent membership to ensure compliance with statutory obligations will be undertaken early in the term of the newly appointed committee.

## **Financial and Resource Implications**

Membership fees are payable to independent members and the Chairperson. The budget for these fees and applicable secretariat support for the committee will be provided through the existing operational budget within the Corporate Service Directorate.

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

There are no environmental, social or economic impacts as a result of this report.

## **Consultation and Communication**

Public advertising was undertaken to ensure an extensive and transparent process was followed to attract high calibre candidates for consideration.

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## 8.3 Sustainable Communities

### 8.3.1 Draft A Fairer Hobsons Bay for All 2019-23 Policy

<b>Directorate:</b>	Sustainable Communities
<b>Councillor Portfolio:</b>	Social Wellbeing and Community Services - Cr Tony Briffa and Cr Colleen Gates
<b>Appendices:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Draft A Fairer Hobsons Bay For All 2019-23 - Summary Document</li><li>2 Draft A Fairer Hobsons Bay For All 2019-23</li><li>3 Draft A Fairer Hobsons Bay For All 2019-23 - Development Process</li></ol>

#### Purpose

To place the Draft A Fairer Hobsons Bay for All 2019-23 Policy (the Policy) on public exhibition for six weeks to seek community feedback.

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. **Place the Draft A Fairer Hobsons Bay for All 2019-23 Policy on public exhibition for six weeks.**
2. **Receive a further report considering feedback on the Draft a Fairer Hobsons Bay for All 2019-23 Policy following the public exhibition period.**

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#### Summary

Council currently has five separate population based social policies:

- Ageing Well Strategy (AWS) 2007-17
- Disability Access and Inclusion Strategy (DAIS) 2013-17
- Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2014-18
- Multicultural Policy (MP) 2016-20
- Gender Equity (GE) Policy Statement 2014

These policies were reviewed with a series of recommendations made in a Social Policy Review Background Paper 2018. A key recommendation was to develop of an integrated social policy to replace the existing suite of social policies. This integration allows Council to provide clear and consistent direction and alignment, as well as acknowledging intersections across population groups, and being inclusive of policy gaps. Community consultation and feedback informed the development of the draft policy and action plan.

#### Background

The draft Policy was informed by the Social Policies Review Background Paper, past social policies and consultations, and consultation with the community, Councillors and staff.

The Policy replaces the five policies listed above.

The Social Policies Review Background Paper identified that themes were duplicated in the separate population-based policies. There were policy gaps for some population groups, the development, monitoring and reporting on individual policies was resource intensive, and the policies did not actively inform Council operational decisions. The review recommended the consolidation of the policies into one social policy, providing greater alignment and direction across Council's work while highlighting the nuances within community groups. This integration will also ensure Council continues to meet its legislative requirements via the *Disability Act 2006* as well as best practice requirements.

To support the development of the policy feedback was sought from the community. Community consultations were held through a series of focus groups and surveys (between July and December 2018). The consultations encouraged feedback from people who identified as a young person (12-25 years), older person (55+ years), a person from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, person with a disability, woman or girl, and person from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and Asexual (LGBTIQA+) communities. The community provided insights into gaps and improvements that they saw would support them and their community within the built, social, economic and natural environments within Hobsons Bay. This feedback was collated into a consultation report which informed the direction of the draft policy.

## Discussion

The draft Policy is Hobsons Bay City Council's first integrated population based social policy. It draws together the objectives across our social policies, and ensures equity is considered and embodied in Council activities. It is based on the principles of social justice which encompass equity, access, participation and human rights. These principles set the foundation of the policy objectives and subsequent actions.

The vision is "*A Hobsons Bay that enables equitable opportunities for the community to access resources, be valued, contribute and belong*".

The Policy focuses on increasing equity for groups who are more likely to experience disadvantage, including children and young people (0-25 years), older people (55+ years), people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability, women and girls, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and Asexual (LGBTIQA+) communities. The policy also acknowledges intersectionality amongst these groups.

The policy has five key themes:

- **Design and building for fair access** to ensure access for all people within amenities, public infrastructure, community facilities, housing and neighbourhoods
- **An inclusive and equitable place** to facilitate and enable equitable opportunities for social inclusion, participation and contribution
- **Fair opportunities for participation in the economic environment** to facilitate equitable opportunities to access lifelong learning, employment, volunteering and business development
- **A natural environment that can be accessed and enjoyed by all** to ensure that everyone has equitable opportunities to access the foreshore, green space and open space

- **Leadership as a socially just organisation** to demonstrate leadership as a socially just organisation which upholds and advocates social, cultural, economic and environmental rights

Implementation is outlined in a four year action plan which includes short, medium and long term actions. The policy will be monitored every six months with progress reporting to Council and the community via the Annual Report. The Policy aligns with the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision and long term impact and outcome measures.

## Strategic Alignment

This report addresses all of the priorities of the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

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

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

- 1.5 Understand the current and future needs of our community, and work to ensure those most vulnerable in our community are safe and have equitable and timely access to the support they need

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

The Social Policies Review Background Paper was presented at the Councillor Briefing Session on 17 April 2018. The background paper recommended the integration of the former five social policies.

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

In accordance with the *Local Government Act* 1989, the primary objective of councils is to work towards improving the overall quality of life of people in the local community. The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act* 2008 requires Councils to “seek to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing”. As the closest level of government to the community, local government is best placed to know, understand, plan and advocate for local and diverse community needs and concerns. The policy also ensures Council continues to meet requirements of the *Disability Act* 2006.

## Financial and Resource Implications

The development of the Policy has been achieved through existing operational resources. The action plan outlines operational and capital costs for each action, and the likely funding source for each action. Note that in the final version for endorsement the funding status will be clearly indicated, so it is clear where separate and further funding consideration and decision making will be required before an action would proceed.

In these cases funding options may include for example a business case and budget bid through council’s budget process, submissions to state community grants (VicHealth, Victorian Multicultural Commission, and program areas across the Department of Health and Human Services), and other sources.

## Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

Implementation of the Policy will provide Council and stakeholders with directions to ensure vulnerable communities are included from the outset.

## Consultation and Communication

Community consultation to inform the development of the Policy occurred in 2018 via focus groups and surveys (online and paper based). Focus groups were held at the Newport Community Hub, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre and the Laverton Community Hub. Participants were recruited through a range of channels including e-flyers and e-newsletters, Participate Hobsons Bay, community newsletters, local newspapers, stakeholder email networks (including the local Aboriginal network, LGBTIQ+ community groups, CALD groups, disability networks and youth services), and social media. Posters and electronic displays were also displayed at libraries, community centres and the civic centre.

Feedback on the Policy has also been sought from the Social Wellbeing and Community Services Portfolio Advisory Committee. The Policy will be placed on public exhibition for six weeks to seek further feedback from the community to inform the final document.

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## 8.4 Infrastructure and City Services

### 8.4.1 West Gate Tunnel Update Report

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

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

**Appendices:** Nil

#### Purpose

For Council to receive and note the current status report on the West Gate Tunnel Project (the Project) and associated initiatives and advocacy activities.

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

1. Receive and note the current status report on the West Gate Tunnel Project.

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#### Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the current status of the Project across a range of aspects in accordance with the governance and decision making framework including property impacts and transactions. The status of Council's committed advocacy activities that specifically relate to the Project, the Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package and the Hobsons Bay Transport Planning Study are also included within this report.

Construction works are well advanced on the Project. The CPB Contractors and John Holland Joint Venture (JV) and West Gate Tunnel Authority (WGTA) continue to seek Council's input into specific project design, community outcomes and approval to access Council land and infrastructure.

#### Background

Council has received a number of reports on the development and planning process associated with the Project. As it progresses through the construction phase regular status reports will continue to be provided. This report provides an update on current Project activities, items submitted by the WGTA/JV for Council approval, Council advocacy activities, governance arrangements including communications and engagement and capital works to be undertaken by Council as a result of the Project.

#### Discussion

The following figure outlines the current Project related activities along the West Gate Tunnel section:





**Figure 1**

**Construction Activity**

Current construction activity being undertaken by the JV in the western section is focused in the areas highlighted on Figure 1 and as outlined below:

- works to widen the West Gate Freeway (WGF) between Chambers Road and Grieve Parade and new noise walls
- construction of retaining walls, bridge structural works including excavations and piling at various locations
- 66KV powerline relocations along southern edge of freeway – now working in Paringa Road. Commenced construction of two pedestrian overpasses
- Kororoit Creek bridge widening works
- Williamstown Road bridge structure widening and traffic lane switches, adjusting the alignment of the freeway to allow preparation for the inbound tunnel entry
- commenced work on the outbound tunnel portal site
- assembly of the Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) for commencement of boring mid-year

The JV reported that some noise limits were exceeded near the Millers Road/WGF interchange and mitigations to residents were offered by the JV. The JV Environment team work closely with the Communications team to manage this appropriately.

From early June and over the next few months, works will commence for the Southern portal site establishment and utilities relocation at the end of New and Watson Street, South Kingsville. These works include:

- vegetation removal
- installing buildings and facilities for work crews
- creating safe access points for the site
- building internal roads and car parking
- relocation of utility services

Hyde Street ramp work will start in late 2019 and construction compounds will be built around mid-2019. A temporary noise wall will be built near Emma McLean Kindergarten before any works start in Hall Street. Further information will be provided in future Council update reports for the use of Hall Street as a construction access route and construction of the shared use path to Hudson Road.

To facilitate West Gate Freeway widening and noise wall works, a work zone is to be established outside the southern noise wall between Williamstown Road and The Avenue (refer to Figure 2 below). This will require the closure of road ends to local traffic – from Abbott Street to Le Fevre Street – from which site vehicles will access/egress the site. Day works to establish these long-term traffic management measures occurred in late May, prior to construction commencing in June. The primary site access point will be from CPBJH JV's compound on Cullen Court. Another access/egress point on the Western side of the site will connect to The Avenue. Intermediate access/egress points will be active via the truncated roads. Due to the nature of the works, the footpaths linking the truncated roads must close, although the Muir Street/Wembley Ave footbridge will remain open.



**Figure 2**

**Construction Traffic Impacts**

Some night time and freeway ramp closures have been programmed for June with detailed Traffic Management and Communications Plans to be implemented in the lead up to the closures. Figure 3 below highlights the current and upcoming traffic impacts and work locations between Hyde Street and the M80.

Further details are available at: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/constructionupdates/>

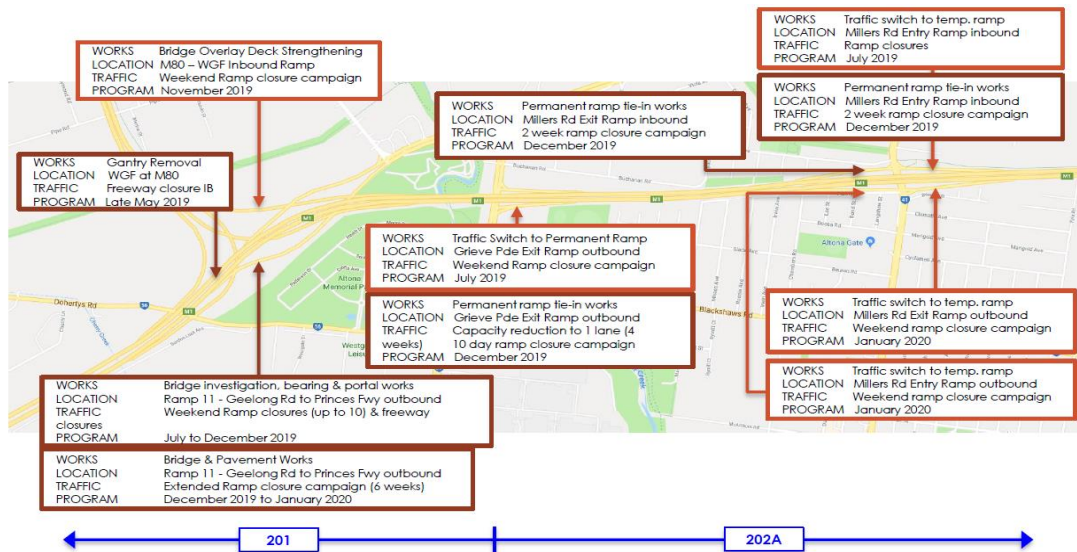


Figure 3

**Council Advocacy**

Throughout the design and now construction stages, officers have where possible negotiated outcomes and improvements consistent with the adopted Council position to optimise beneficial community outcomes. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been established between Council and the Authority to reflect the organisational roles and responsibilities and to support the ongoing resources from the State Government to support Officers in project delivery for the term of the Project.

**Sports and Open Space Enhancement Package**

This Package was endorsed at the 13 February 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting and is supported by the State Government through a \$5M contribution and \$2.86M Council contribution. The status of the Enhancement Package is as follows:

Item	Status
Duane Reserve, Brooklyn - improvements and lighting upgrade	Submissions recently received through the community consultation process have informed the concept plans which will be available for community consultation in June prior to consideration by Council. Target completion date of works early 2020.
Brooklyn Reserve improvements	
Rowan Avenue Reserve, Brooklyn improvements	
WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North Master Plan and Works	Consultation on the concept plans with tenant clubs is progressing well. Community consultation including drop-in sessions to occur in June. Target completion date of works December 2020.
Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood Master Plan Review and Works	As for WLJ Crofts Reserve above. Target completion date of works June 2020.

The Plans will include all infrastructure elements within these Reserves and provide detailed designs for the respective pavilions. The WGTA are engaged in this planning process to ensure impacts as a result of the West Gate Tunnel Project are factored into the designs and consideration given to construction timelines.

Consultation on the Brooklyn Reserve Improvements project has identified the need to provide the community with improved access to indoor multi-purpose facilities that cater primarily for community programs, meetings and pop-up initiatives. Subsequently this presents an opportunity to consider possible redevelopment of the existing community hall. As a part of the current draft Open Space Enhancement Package works proposed such as removal of the decommissioned Francis Sullivan building, fence removal, pathway connections and removal of redundant associated services/infrastructure could lead into a future Hall redevelopment. The design work and future redevelopment could be supported through the Capital Building Renewal Program and there is an opportunity through the WGTP to source community funding as a contribution. Further reports will be provided as this progresses.

Council convened a meeting of key stakeholders of Pipeline Reserve (between Millers Road and Geelong Road) on 22 May to share the recent findings from the community consultation on the Brooklyn open space reserves (including Federation Trail) and discuss opportunities and coordination of upcoming works and maintenance including:

1. Roles and responsibilities in the reserve
2. The Brooklyn Open Space Enhancement Project and consultation feedback relating to the Trail, including current poor condition of the trail, landscaping, fences and need for more shade, seating and lighting.
3. Proposed Trail surface upgrade – works and timing
4. Greening the Pipeline Project (a Melbourne Water initiative)
5. Heritage matters and requirements
6. Current and Future maintenance regime and responsibilities
7. Stormwater harvesting possibilities
8. Future landscaping opportunities.

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

Council has commenced, with Transport for Victoria (TfV) the development of an Integrated Transport Plan for Hobsons Bay to be funded by State Government. The project consultant has now been appointed and a Transport Issues Paper defining issues and opportunities previously identified by the community and respective agencies is being prepared as a guide for community engagement.

The Study, to be completed by early-mid 2020, will consist of three key deliverables:

1. An evidence based transport study to be used as a working document
2. An implementation plan with mutually agreed interventions to be identified by the study, and projects to proceed to a business plan for endorsement by government
3. An advocacy document for HBCC which will include items that may not align with current state government policy.

### **Transport Corridor Study (Williamstown Road and Millers Road)**

The Corridor Study is led by VicRoads to identify and address key transport issues and impacts in the Williamstown Road and Millers Road corridors resulting from the Project, particularly the proposed increase in truck traffic. Expected to be completed by the end of 2019, Working Group membership includes Hobsons Bay City Council, Maribyrnong City

Council, Don't Destroy Millers Road, Brooklyn Residents Action Group, Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, Maribyrnong Truck Action Group, Save Williamstown, Williamstown Crossing Group, Victorian Transport Association, Bicycle Network Victoria and Hobsons Bay Bicycle Users Group.

The last meeting was held on 27 March 2019 with a discussion on proposed 16 shortlisted options to go to the broader community for feedback and input. Council has requested that a further meeting of the Group be held to work through the evaluation and recommendations for all the options to gain a consensus (and better understanding) of those options going forward for consultation and how the remaining options will be dealt with.

Further information on the Study can be found at:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/newsmedia/2018/changing-traffic-movement-through-melbournes-growing-innerwest>

### **Community Liaison Group**

The last CLG West group meeting was held on 17 April 2019 and included an update on the construction activities, planned works and the Community Involvement Participation Plan (CIPP) to be announced soon.

The next meeting of the CLG will be held on 19 June 2019. A CLG workshop on proposed landscape design and possible offset planting locations is to be held on 5 June. The Joint Venture is preparing a landscape communications plan including collateral to be available to the community.

The WGTP has advised they are looking for new community representatives to join the CLG as they have a number of vacancies to fill. Applications (in the form of EOI's) are now open and close 7 June. They are encouraging applicants who live within the project zone. Further information on the EOIs and the CLG including copies of meeting notes can be found at: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/clg/>

### **Traffic Management Liaison Group (TMLG)**

The last meeting of this traffic operations group was held on 8 May 2019 where an update on various traffic management aspects of the project was provided. Traffic monitoring across the network continues and no major issues identified. Upcoming traffic impacts are included in Figure 2 above and the following link: [www.westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/travel disruptions](http://www.westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/travel disruptions).

### **Business Involvement Plan Progress**

The Project has social and economic requirements and targets to support local businesses and provide local employment opportunities. An online trader directory has been in place since last year, and the JV Business Engagement team have been working closely with the Economic Development team at HBCC – connecting local businesses to workers. There are currently 73 HBCC businesses out of 227 total businesses (32 per cent) listed in the trader directory. The Project has around 50 local direct suppliers. The JV has been meeting key business within HBCC, feeding local knowledge of residents and workers into the project.

### **Community Involvement and Participation Plan**

A CIPP is being developed by WGTA which includes a state funded grants and partnership program to fund community led social legacy outcomes and initiatives, e.g. capital projects, community programs and events. The governance structure, available funding and proposed

implementation plan is being finalised. The CIPP, expected to be announced in the near future, is proposed to operate over the life of the Project.

The WGTP is working closely on the public interface for the CIPP with Maribyrnong Council and Hobsons Bay City Council and are finalising details in regards to the categories and funding. The funding program will be available in various rounds that will occur through the project construction. The governance structure and proposed implementation plan is being finalised and an announcement expected in coming weeks prior to inviting applications from relevant community based clubs and organisations.

HBCC has agreed to promote and support this program through:

- providing information sessions
- providing a grant writing workshop
- promoting the program on its web/social media through sharing the CIPP links (which are yet to be established)
- providing a small assessment group that provides recommendations back to WGTP on successful applications

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

This Group allows community members the opportunity to provide community insight and input to future improvements for air quality in the inner west. The Group has an initial term of 12 months (to the end of 2019) and will be preparing a report with recommendations to the Minister.

The last meeting of the Group held on Monday 13 May included a presentation from DELWP on the Air Quality Strategy currently in development. The Strategy:

- was announced by the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, in early 2018
- went through a public consultation period from May to November 2018
- is currently in its development phase
- will be released in late 2019, and
- will articulate the Victorian Government's plans for clear, sustainable, and cost-effective policies and programs to ensure clean air for all Victorians.

The methodology and criteria being used to develop the Strategy was explained as well as how the work of the IWAQCRG report will feed into the Strategy.

The Group also discussed options for sharing deliberations and findings with the communities of the inner west. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/sustainability/inner-west-air-quality-reference-group>

Air quality monitoring for the project has been established at six locations to develop a baseline of data from current local conditions. This baseline will be used to measure any changes once the project tunnel opens in 2022. Monitoring will continue for up to 5 years following opening. The latest available report is for March 2019 which recorded a total of 2 exceedances of the target emission levels for PM10. The February monitoring report recorded 7 exceedances.

Results from the temporary air monitoring stations established within the Project area are available at: <http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/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 3: Growth through innovation, access to local jobs, technology and education

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 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

### 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

- 3.2 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 Position and Recommendations for the Western Distributor Project. The adopted position included Hobsons Bay Project Requirements, Principles, Objectives and Performance Measures for the Western Distributor 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 Environment Effects Statement. 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 Meeting of Council 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 West Gate Tunnel Project can be viewed at:

[http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/347026/WGTP-IREA-audit-report-March-August-2018.pdf](http://westgatetunnelproject.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/347026/WGTP-IREA-audit-report-March-August-2018.pdf).

## **Financial and Resource Implications**

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

An MOU has been established between Council and the West Gate Tunnel Authority to reflect the organisational roles and responsibilities also to support the ongoing resources from the State Government in support of Officers in project delivery for the term of the Project.

## **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 is a project objective as described in the Business Involvement Plan section above.

## **Consultation and Communication**

The West Gate Tunnel Project includes a detailed consultation and communication process. The Project EPR requires the development of a Communications and Community Engagement Plan which links closely with the proposed EPR's requiring a Traffic Monitoring and Management Plan, Business Involvement Plan and CIPP.

Notifications to directly impacted areas prior to works commencing have been ongoing. Council has been assisting in sharing information on planned traffic disruptions through its website and social media. Complaints received by Council in relation to construction activity have been minimal. Recent communications have been undertaken in relation to impacts resulting from the current underground power works and with the Brooklyn community, Donald McLean and WLJ Crofts Reserves Sports Clubs in conjunction with the improvement plan development.



WGTP met with Emma McLean Kindergarten (EMK) staff and parents on 1 May 2019 to provide an overview of the project and the upcoming construction timeline. More detailed information will be provided to EMK through their engagement with the JV as follows:

- May 2019 - discuss noise monitoring and temporary wall
- July 2019 - installation of temporary wall
- July to September / October 2019 - construction of access tracks / site establishment
- Late 2019 / early 2020 - start of construction on Hyde Street ramps

There were a number of questions from the EMK committee and parents regarding dust, air quality and noise walls on the westbound Hyde Street ramp. It was confirmed that the westbound entry ramp at Hyde Street will not have a noise wall and the JV will be engaging with EMK directly about dust.

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

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act* 1989 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.

## 8.4.2 Contract No. 2018.31 Altona Foreshore Upgrade including Millers Road and Bent Street

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services

**Councillor Portfolio:** Not applicable

**Appendices:** Nil

### Purpose

To award the construction contract No. 2018.31 Altona Foreshore Upgrade including Millers Road and Bent Street works to Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- 1. Award Contract No. 2018.31 for Altona Foreshore Upgrade including Millers Road and Bent Street, Altona to Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd at a fixed lump sum price of \$2,098,630.05 (incl. GST).**

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### Summary

An open tender was conducted from 6 April 2019 to 3 May 2019. Four tender submissions were received with 2Construct Pty Ltd, Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd and Citywide Pty Ltd shortlisted for interviews.

While their submissions were similar and very competitive, Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd was superior in terms of the price and timeframe for delivery of the project. They were also very confident, specific and professional during the interview and understood the site and project comprehensively.

The process to combine both projects into the one contract will provide Council with approximately \$200,000 in financial benefits and will allow for the projects to be delivered before the 2019 summer beach season.

### Background

The Altona Foreshore Upgrade, including Millers Road pedestrian access and Bent Street is part of the 2018-19 Capital Works Program. These projects had previously been tendered out for construction separately, resulting in limited responses and high pricing.

The Millers Road pedestrian access will remove the existing ramp and replace it with a new pedestrian platform to the south of the shared path and a new DDA accessible ramp in accordance with the requirements of the *Disability Discrimination Act 2006*. Stairs will also be constructed for access. The project includes line marking and the installation of refuges on the Esplanade to encourage safer pedestrian movements across the road. The infrastructure will be located further west than the existing infrastructure to provide a greater area of beach for users. The ramp has been designed to cater for multiple user groups including personalised craft users and beach goers. The project will also raise the seawall to meet 2070 climate change standards and protect the Esplanade during storm events.

The Bent Street vehicle access project is part of Council's seven year plan to close eight access points, upgrade three pedestrian entrances, raise the height of the seawall and extend the seawall into Apex Park.

The foreshore opposite Bent Street has been identified as the preferred vehicle access ramp location as it:

- provides access to the foreshore on the west side of the Pier
- is opposite Bent Street enabling drive on and reverse off access onto the resting platform
- is in close proximity to the Altona Life Saving Club tower enabling easy access for their All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and rescue boat
- accommodates all abilities access onto the beach matting and concrete tiered seating
- reduces the visual impacts of the share structure and access ramp
- provides sufficient width and depth of the foreshore (sand) to provide safe and sustainable access and assists in protecting the asset
- provides adequate road width to sustain vehicle access and a pedestrian refuge
- will not compromise or impact the Norfolk pine trees
- the nature strip provides sufficient width to accommodate 1:14 ramp to a 1.8m Australian Height Datum (AHD) resting platform

The key elements of the works include realignment of a section of the shared trail, raising and replacement of the seawall, construction of a concrete vehicle access ramp, construction of a pedestrian access ramp and installation of a shaded seating area.

The budget allocated for these projects is separate, however, they were tendered together to obtain any potential cost efficiencies. All tenders came in over budget however to deliver the project scope as agreed through extensive consultation with the community it is recommended that additional funding is allocated from savings realised within the Capital Works Program to accommodate a revised budget of \$2,100,000 inc GST.

## Discussion

An open tender process was conducted commencing from 6 April 2019 to 3 May 2019. Thirty companies downloaded the tender documents and four submissions were received at the close of tenders.

The tender evaluation panel met on 17 May 2019 to review and shortlist the tender submissions based on the evaluation criteria. All tenders will conforming. The three lowest priced tenderers were 2Construct Pty Ltd, Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd and Citywide Pty Ltd. Interviews were held on 29 and 31 May 2019 and prior to these interviews, questions for discussion were forwarded to the tenderers.

Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd are recommended for this project based on their demonstrated capacity to undertake the project scope of works within the defined timeline. Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd acknowledged the need for the works to be completed to enable the foreshore be open and accessible for the summer beach season. This is particularly important at Bent Street where the Lifesaving Club and Tri Club need this area to be accessible from mid-October.

## Strategic Alignment

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

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

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

- 3.2 Deliver and maintain well-designed, accessible and environmentally sustainable community assets
- 3.3 Protect and enhance our coastal environment, biodiversity and natural areas, in partnership with major stakeholders and the community

## Policy and Previous Council Reports

The awarding of contract 2018.31 through a public tender process complies with Council's Procurement Policy.

## Legal/Statutory Obligations/Risk

The awarding of Contract No. 2018.31 through a public tender process complies with section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, which stipulates that a Council must publically advertise and invite tenders over the value of \$150,000 for goods or services and \$200,000 for works (GST inclusive) as fixed by an Order in Council.

## Financial and Resource Implications

The 2018-19 and 2019-20 capital works budget has an allocation of \$ 2,100,000.00 inc GST for the Altona Foreshore pedestrian access ramp, refuge and steps at the end of Millers Road and concrete vehicle access ramp with hardstand and share shelter on the Altona Foreshore opposite Bent Street, Altona.

## Environmental/Social/Economic Impacts

The proposed foreshore remedial works will provide the following benefits to the community of Hobsons Bay:

- a reduction of entry points onto the foreshore to provide improved environmental protection to coastline and beach
- improved access provisions for the community to the foreshore including persons with disabilities
- improved foreshore facilities that encourage increased tourism and use of beach facilities increasing economic activity within Hobsons Bay

## Consultation and Communication

The tender was publicly advertised in The Age on 6 April 2019 to 3 May 2019.

The tender evaluation report for Contract No. 2018.31 was presented to Council's Tender Board on 4 June 2019. The Tender Board agreed with the tender evaluation panel's recommendation to award the contract to Maca Infrastructure Pty Ltd subject to Council approval.

## Officer Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* 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.

## 9 Delegates Report

Directorate: Corporate Services

### Purpose

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

### Recommendation

**That Council receive and note the recent Delegates Report.**

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### Delegates Report - LeadWest Councillor Delegate: Cr Angela Altair

#### Date of Meeting: 10 April 2019

The April meeting of the LeadWest Board was hosted by Wyndham City Council. The following business was progressed:

#### Presentation by Western Melbourne Tourism

The Chair and Executive Officer of Western Melbourne Tourism provided a briefing update about Western Melbourne Tourism and recent activity undertaken.

#### LeadWest/WoMEDA MoU

The LeadWest Board endorsed the MoU with WoMEDA. WoMEDA will make available to the Chair of LeadWest a quarterly report, outlining the progress of the work against the agreed projects and milestones. The first report is due at the end of June 2019.

#### Federal Election Advocacy Update

The board reviewed the proposed draft list of federal advocacy priorities, and identified any items that should not be included.

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**Delegates Report - Metropolitan Transport Forum**  
**Councillor Delegate: Cr Jonathon Marsden****Date of Meeting: 1 May 2019**

The Mornington Peninsula Shire presented on their advocacy work to improve bus services on the peninsula due to a lack of rail services. Like most of Melbourne, it has suffered from underinvestment in public transport. There is overcrowding on some bus routes and only one of its three Activity Centres is serviced by rail. The Shire has had a bus review by Transport for Victoria and the local bus company has produced a business case indicating that \$2.5 million per annum is required to improve frequency and introduce an express service to key destinations. Advocacy has focused on real life examples to highlight the personal impact of poor service levels. The Shire has also developed advocacy packs for their local State Member and Federal Member.

Xemo, an on-demand shuttle bus service supporting first and last mile connections via a mobile app also presented to the MTF. Xemo was launched in May 2019 and is seeking local government support and feedback for their model which uses 12-seater buses. They are registered as a bus operator in Victoria and a Booking Service Provider under the Commercial Passenger Vehicles Victoria. They operate in a similar way to the on-demand bus service Wynbus which is currently being trialled in Wyndham. However, the service requires a critical mass of passengers to make the service viable.

**Advocacy update**

An update was provided by the executive on meetings with Transport for Victoria and the Active Transport Unit of the Department of Transport Active along with meetings with state MPs in regards to the State transport budget submissions.

**Delegates Report - Active and Inclusive Communities Portfolio Advisory Committee****Councillor Delegate: Cr Michael Grech and Cr Peter Hemphill****Date of Meeting: 2 May 2019**

The Active and Inclusive Communities Portfolio Advisory Committee (AICPAC) met on Thursday 2 May 2019. The meeting was chaired by Cr Michael Grech, the co-chair Cr Peter Hemphill was an apology. Six of the 12 AICPAC members were present therefore constituting a quorum.

Council Officer, Rod Clark, presented the following to AICPAC:

- the Draft Aquatic Strategy for AICPAC to review and provide formal advice. The AICPAC provided formal support for the strategy however they noted some considerations
- a summary of the Coastal Management Plan consultation undertaken by Council officers including attendance at drop-in sessions
- review of the Draft Crofts and McLean Reserve Master Plans that are currently being discussed with tenants at both sites



## **Delegates Report - Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum Councillor Delegate: Cr Colleen Gates**

### **Date of Meeting: 9 May 2019**

The May 2019 Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum (the Forum) focused on single use plastics.

- The Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) provided a national and industry overview of avoiding single use plastics. The APCO's work is guided by a five-year strategic plan (2017-22) focussing on packaging design, systems, education, and material circularity.
- The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) presented on the plastic bag ban commencing in late 2019 indicating a launch of media promotions in the coming months. DELWP are also developing a Plastic pollution Prevention Plan in consultation with industry, the Municipal Association of Victoria, retailers and environment groups.
- Darebin City Council provided details of their Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy introduced in 2018. The purpose of the policy was to set out Council's commitment to eliminate single-use plastic at events run by Council and events held on Council land, in Council buildings, Council venues or on roads managed by Council.

In addition, the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) provided updates on the collective recycling procurement, advanced waste processing, the ban on electronic waste to landfill and the latest Back to Earth Initiative campaign. The MWRRG also discussed their business cases for sustainability hubs at Fishermans Bend and the Western Centre of Excellence. Forum updates were provided by Cr Colleen Gates (the MWRRG Board Chair) and Peter Castaldo (the Strategies and Policy Advocacy Group Chair).

The MWRRG Board has written to the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, on behalf of the Forum, requesting the formation of a taskforce to identify and implement solutions to the current challenges in the recycling sector.

## **Delegates Report - Roadsafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council Councillor Delegate: Cr Sandra Wilson**

Council is currently advocating for the upgrade of Grieve Parade north of the Princes Highway, via Jones Road, through to Market Road at Brooklyn for improved heavy vehicle access to the industrial precinct. This will facilitate reduced heavy vehicle movements on Millers Road and overall congestion in this location. Advocacy for the construction of new freeway access ramps at Dohertys Road, west of Grieve Parade, and the development of a regional freight management plan is also occurring.

Inclusion of works to separate vehicles and bicycles/pedestrians on the Queen Street bridge across Laverton Creek, Altona Meadows is being put forward to VicRoads for inclusion in the upcoming bridge upgrade works at this location. In conjunction with this advocacy Council will be considering Queen Street and Central Avenue as part of its Western LATM work to review traffic and transport movement on this road.

A study lead by the Department of Transport to assess the impacts of the West Gate Tunnel Project will be commencing shortly. Council will be a major stakeholder as this study is conducted with officers to work in partnership with Department of Transport.

Road safety works in the Esplanade, Williamstown are programmed for May. The scope of works includes the installation of three wombat crossings, median islands and mid-block speed control devices (speed cushions). The works will replace the bollards that were installed temporarily over the recent summer period.

Council were successful in their application for funding to support pedestrian improvement works on Maidstone Street and Harrington Street, Altona. The works are a result of collaboration between Mount St. Joseph Girls' College and Council Officers on reducing risks to pedestrians. A preliminary plan has been prepared, involving the construction of a median island and kerb extensions on Maidstone Street at the existing Children's Crossing, and a raised "wombat" crossing on Harrington Street. The aim is to reduce risks to pedestrians through a reduction in exposure for pedestrian, along with greater driver awareness through improved visual cues.

Applications for the 2019-20 VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants closed on 13 March 2019. Over 250 applications were received from 67 organisations. The total program funding is \$73,910.

Hobsons Bay Council is trialling the Toyota Australia's Hydrogen fuel cell Mirai vehicles for a period of 12 weeks. The vehicles will be trialled as part of Council's operational fleet and will help Council achieve its target of zero net greenhouse gas emissions from Council's operations by 2020.

The temporary closure of The Esplanade, Altona through the summer season commenced on 17 December 2018 for the Altona Beach Precinct Trial.

## 10 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.

## 11 Urgent and Other Business

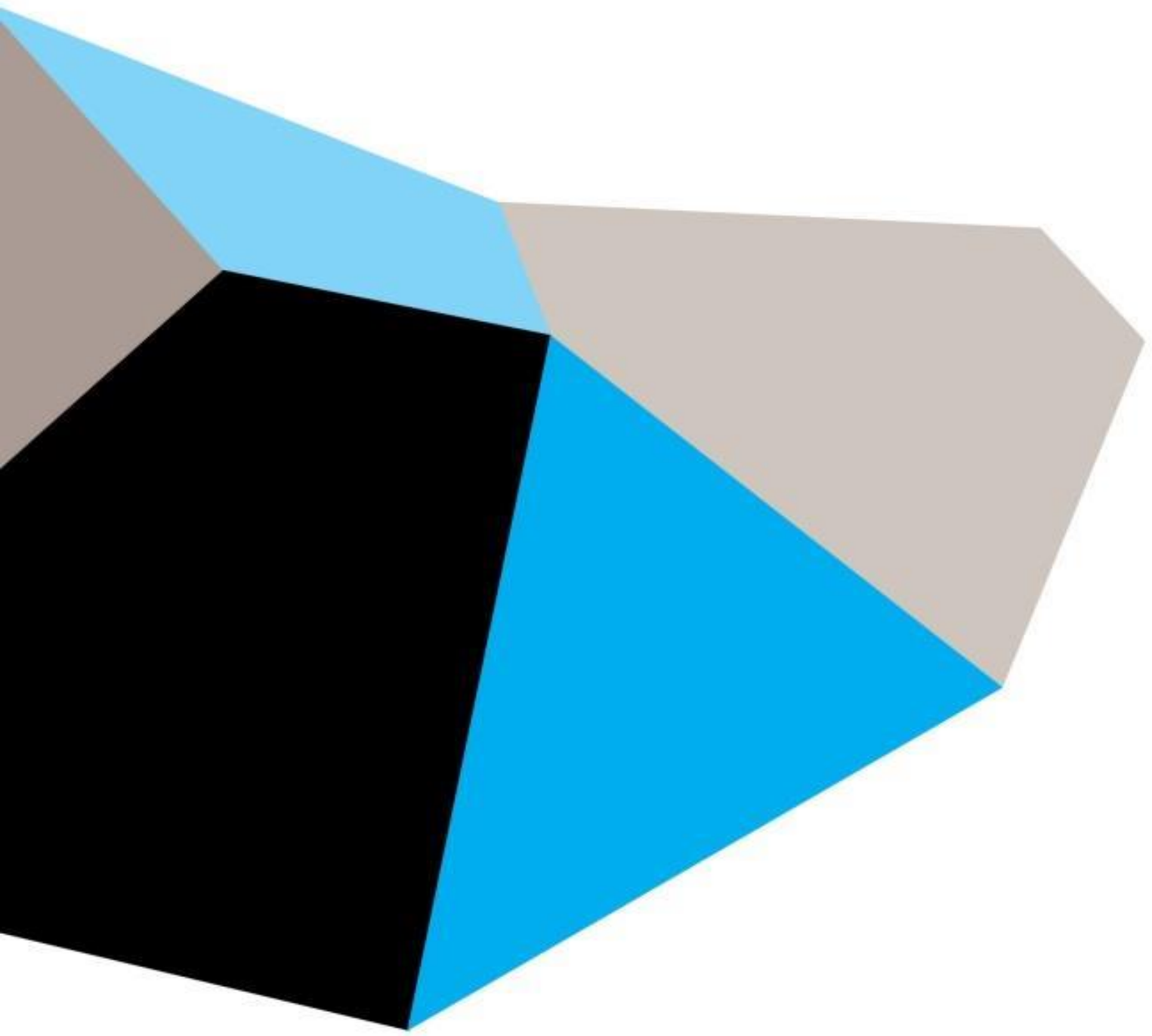
## 12 In Camera Business

### Recommendation

That Council considers the confidential report listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

### 12.1 Contract No. 2019.02 Altona Sports Centre Extension – Design and Construction

**This report is considered confidential under s89(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1989* as it relates to contractual matters.**



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