



Ordinary Meeting of Council Attachments

Monday 15 September 2014

Council Chambers, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood

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DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

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ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS – PUBLIC RECORD

Assembly Details:

Date: Monday 25 August 2014

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Meeting Room 4

Attendees:

Councillors

Cr Les Willmott, JP
Cr Liam Fitzgerald
(entered at 6.23pm)
Cr Rob Steane

Cr Tony Dib, JP
Cr Christina Gleeson

Cr Natalie Thomas

Cr Nora Lamont

Council Officers:

Phil Turner
Marianne Di Giallonardo
Wendy King
Chris Zidak
Tanya Clark
Dianne Vrahnas
Stephen Onans

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Director Corporate Services
Director Community & Leisure Services
Acting Director City Development
Acting Manager Community Services
Manager Human Resources
Team Leader Governance

Item 2

Item 3

Others:

Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Christina Gleeson, Cr Samantha Marks

Council Officers:

Trevor Welsh

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Nil

Council Officers:

Nil

Matters Discussed:

Confidential Item

1	Council Meeting Agenda
2	HAAC Reform
3	EBA Update
4	Sports Chaplaincy
5	World Suicide Prevention Day

Record completed by:

Council Officer

Stephen Onans

Title

Team Leader Governance



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS – PUBLIC RECORD

Assembly Details:

Date: Monday 1 September 2014 Time: 6.00 pm

Location: Council Chamber &
Meeting Room 4

Attendees:

Councillors

Cr Les Willmott, JP
Cr Liam Fitzgerald

Cr Tony Dib, JP
Cr Christina Gleeson
(entered 6.37pm)
Cr Natalie Thomas

Cr Nora Lamont
Cr Samantha Marks

Cr Rob Steane

Council Officers:

Phil Turner

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Tim Cocks

Acting Director Community & Leisure Services

Andrew Taylor

Acting Director Operations & Infrastructure

Stephen Onans

Acting Manager Finance & Governance

Grant Meyer

Manager Integrated Planning

Item 1

Rosalie Hastwell

Team Leader Arts Development

Item 2

Others:

Victoria Police: Superintendent Graeme Arthur, Inspector Peter Wheeler, Senior Sergeant Paul McBride, Senior Sergeant Graham Gooding

Apologies:

Councillors:

Nil

Council Officers:

Trevor Welsh, Director Operations & Infrastructure
Wendy King, Director Community & Leisure Services
Marianne Di Giallonardo, Director Corporate Services

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Item 3 – Cr Marks MVC Boxing Club
Cr Marks is the Club's Treasurer

Council Officers:

Nil

Matters Discussed:

Confidential Item

1	Victoria Police Presentation
2	Arts & Cultural Development
3	MVC Boxing Club
4	Dandenong Creek Trail Update
5	Annual Report 2013/2014
6	Community Assistance Fund
7	MAV State Council - Consideration of Possible Motions
8	Items of a General Nature as Raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer

Stephen Onans

Title

Team Leader Governance

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Maroondah Community Safety Committee (MCSC)

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 21 May
9.30am to 11.30am
PMR4
Braeside Ave, Ringwood

Chair: Cr Christina Gleeson
Minutes: Robyn Williams

Attendees

Cr Christina Gleeson	MCC	Denise Budge	Eastern Community Legal Centre
Cr Ann Fraser	MCC	Anne-Maree Rogers	EDAS
Robyn Williams	MCC	Richard Lough	EACH Youth & Family
Corinne Bowen	MCC	Insp. Peter Wheeler	Victoria Police
Noelene Greene	MCC	Adam Cooper	MCC

Apologies

Cr Rob Steane

Guests

Supt Graeme Arthur	Divisional Commander, Eastern Region 2 (Knox) Victoria Police
Kate Koomen	Project Worker, Youth Safety Campaign, MCC
Rhiannon Mahony	Development Officer, Ringwood Central Activities Area

Meeting Opened

9.35am

Cr Gleeson opened the meeting and welcomed all. Apologies were recorded.

INFORMATION SHARE

Inspector Peter Wheeler, Victoria Police

- Maroondah is doing relatively well in terms of crime stats. Increases have been recorded in residential burglaries and major assault non family violence.
- A Volume Crime Reduction team has been established at Maroondah to target residential burglary.
- Assault – no general pattern, but usually occurs around licensed premises and shopping centres, and usually between parties known to each other.
- Property damage is higher than this time last year.
- Statistics paint a dim picture, but Police are keen to promote Maroondah as a safe place to visit/live.

Superintendent/Divisional Commander Graeme Arthur, Eastern Region Police

- ICE continues to drive crime and is linked to mental health, family violence, assault, etc.
- Licensed premises contribute to damage and reduced amenity
- Alcohol related crime tends to be young men 18-24, seeking cash, drugs
- Agencies are often working in silos and a coordinated approach to the impact of ICE on our community is needed.
- Happy to share police intelligence in relation to volume crime

Richard Lough, EACH Youth and Family Services

- Richard acknowledge the work done by skilled clinicians and managers, and commented that it is a massive challenge to coordinate across all levels of community and government to respond to key issues.
- EACH recently launched the Maroondah Youth Health Hub for young people and their families. The YHH is designed to promote a welcome environment and sense of community, incorporating the Youth GP clinic, counsellors etc. Richard acknowledged the support provided by Council and community for this new venture.
- EACH Y&FS recently restarted the Rebound program which is aimed at young people 13-15 years who might be in contact with police, homeless or at risk of leaving school.
- NEAMI now providing mental health services to young people
- The recent restructure/decommissioning has been an unsettling time for young people and workers
- EACH Y&FS is running a series of community forums, providing information on depression and anxiety, along with other topics throughout the year.

Denise Budge, Eastern Community Legal Centre

- 60 % of work at ECLC is related to family violence/breakdown
- The impact of increased reporting of family violence, results in an increasing workload for the organisation.
- 'A Conversation about Ageism' - an Elder Abuse Awareness Day Forum will be held on 9 July as part of the ECLC Elder Abuse Prevention Project
- World Elder Abuse Day is 15 June – purple ribbons will be distributed to raise awareness and purple illuminations of the clock tower in Ringwood, and other significant buildings in Melbourne will be occurring.
- The Victorian Legal Aid Guidelines have changed – creating a flow-on effect to community legal services. ECLC staff are increasing their skills in child protection and more demand for these services is anticipated in the future.
- The Healesville office of ECLC is now open, which means the Boronia office can now focus on Knox and Maroondah.

Anne-Maree Rogers, EDAS

- Decommissioning of Drug and Alcohol Services in Victoria will be announced this week. EACH is part of a consortium of agencies who have applied for funding. The sector has been in need of reform, and with the decommissioning 110 contracts will be reduced to 30 contracts, which will streamline a process for Government to work with lead agencies and potentially provide ease of access to services for clients through a centralised/integrated intake system and catchment-based planning, data sharing/analysis, etc. There has been some anxiety among service providers with the impending change.
- EACH has formed a partnership with Anglicare to address emerging issues in relation to family violence and child protection.

Corinne Bowen, MCC Community Health

- Department of Health Hoarding Forum to be held on 10 June at Karralyka
- Some emergency management training is planned in relation to child protection issues
- Corinne's team also deals with rooming houses and issues in relation to drugs, prison and mental health.

Noelene Greene, MCC Program Manager, Community Planning & Development

- The first of two x 2 year action plans has been developed for the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan

- The Preventing Violence Against Women in our Community Project will come to the end of its 3 year funded project in conjunction with Knox and Yarra Ranges Councils. There is a comprehensive list in the Community Safety update about some of the actions delivered as part of this project, including gender matters workshops, a new family violence clause in the EBA, gender equity social marketing campaign, White Ribbon activities and the Preventing Violence Against Women Pledge.

Grant Meyer, MCC Manager Integrated Planning

- The Alcohol Management Framework endorsed by Council in October made a recommendation for the development of an Maroondah Alcohol Accord and in this regard Council has recently met with Maroondah Police about advancing this initiative.
- Graeme Arthur commented that VicPol are keen to improve amenity in and around licensed venues in Maroondah and to address alcohol-related harm. By working closely with licensees through an Accord process it is hoped that some accountability will be shared with licensees about responsible service of alcohol and creating a safe and vibrant community.
- Maroondah 2040 consultations continued and will be launched in September 2014.

Adam Cooper, MCC Team Leader Youth Services

- Youth Services is in the process of applying to VicRoads for L2P funding in conjunction with Harrison Youth Services. L2P is a volunteer driver/mentor program where young people who find it difficult to obtain their 120 driving hours are matched with a mentor driver.
- Youth Services are currently working with Catholic Care on a school-refusal program.
- The new Youth Card is available and was distributed to those present.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Youth road trauma program

- Peter advised that theft off/motor vehicles is still a major issue for Maroondah and there is considerable recidivist offending. Courts are not incarcerating and there are few diversion programs. The Department of Justice is now picking up the issue.
- Cr Fraser wondered if it would be worth having a forum on this issue.

Police survey

- The survey received positive feedback, with good levels of community satisfaction
- There was a call for greater, visible police presence
- PSO's have answered some of the community's need for a visible police presence
- The Victoria Police Blueprint 2013-14 (Year 3) document "Effe

PRESENTATION

Kate Koomen, Project Worker, Youth Safety Campaign

- Council successfully applied to the Department of Justice, Community Safety Fund for \$10,000 to run a Youth Safety Campaign
- Kate was employed as the project worker and engaged directly with 16 young people and hundreds of others through social media to develop the safety message 'Stay in the light, stay in sight'. She also spoke to all the secondary schools in Maroondah and an array of posters, stickers, key lights and other campaign material was distributed.
- All the young people that participated in the project were presented with awards at the Maroondah Youth Awards and the project was launched on that night.
- A copy of Kate's presentation will be distributed with these minutes.

PRESENTATION

Rhiannon Mahony, Development Officer, Ringwood Central Activities Area

- Rhiannon's presentation will be distributed with these minutes. In brief, recent developments include:
- \$575 million Eastland, \$60 million Costco, \$66 million railway/bus redevelopment, \$52 million Aquanation.
- 400 new dwellings in the north west corner of Ringwood CAA
- 600 new dwellings elsewhere in the CAA
- 46,000 square metres of commercial development
- Eastland is increasing by more than 50%, with 59,000 square metres of new retail space
- 15,000 square metre new hotel is planned
- Eastland will comprise 'aspirational' retail shopping experience with a focus on luxury, amenity and services. It will lead the way in terms of accessible design with a Changing Places accessible toilet/change facility incorporated into the plans
- It is envisaged for completion around Easter 2016
- Aquanation should be complete in Spring 2015
- Railway station is due for completion around the same time
- There will be retail wrap-around the Town Square
- The new library being built by QIC will be a feature right on Maroondah Highway beside the Town Square

Robyn Williams, Community Safety

- Update distributed with these minutes.
- Council is fortunate to have attracted the following Department of Justice funding in the past 2 years.

2012	Community Safety Fund	\$10,000	Community Safety Forum
2012	Graffiti Prevention & Removal Grant	\$25,000	Graffiti Trailer & residential graffiti kits
2013	Graffiti Prevention & Removal Grant	\$7,779	Glen Park Timeline Mural <i>See attached</i>
2013	Community Safety Fund	\$10,000	Youth Safety Campaign
2014	Public Safety Infrastructure Fund	\$250,000	Croydon Connects
	TOTAL	\$302,779	

Meeting Closed at 11.30 am



Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee

Tuesday 5th August 2014 (7 – 8-30pm)
PMR4 City Offices, Ringwood

Present

Cr Les Willmott (Mayor and Chair), Cr Samantha Marks, Cr Christina Gleeson, Phil Turner (MCC), Grant Meyer (MCC), Dale Bristow (MCC), Phil Pomaroff, Jane Monk, Ken Whitney, Dr Graeme Lorrimer, Fiona Ede, Liz Sanzaro, Moya Brown.

Apologies

Pam Yarra

1. Welcome – Cr Les Willmott

Cr Willmott welcomed all to the first meeting of the Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee and congratulated the community representatives. He noted that there had been a strong field of high calibre candidates which had made Council's selection task a difficult one.

2. Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

3. Purpose / Terms of Reference

Cr Willmott confirmed that the term of membership for the Committee is four years and not solely for the remaining 2 years of the Council term.

4. Introductions

Round the table introductions were undertaken. Committee members described their backgrounds and interests.

5. Maroondah 2040 Vision

Grant spoke to a presentation on the Maroondah 2040 Vision and distributed a version of 'Maroondah 2040 Our Future Together'. He noted that the Vision captures the aspirations, desires, and priorities of the community and has a strong emphasis on Maroondah's natural environment. He encouraged members to attend the formal launch of the Vision on Tuesday 16 September 2014.

Jane asked if accompanying community indicators were available at the municipal level. Grant confirmed this to be the case.

Ken asked about linkages to the recently released State Government Metropolitan Strategy, 'Plan Melbourne'. Grant confirmed that the two documents were aligned and gave the example of '20 Minute Neighbourhoods'.

Phil P asked whether the Key Directions included within the Vision were locked into the document. Grant confirmed that the Vision was adopted by Council at its 23 June 2014 meeting and hence was finalised. He noted there was lots of scope for specific actions to be pursued aligned with the Key Directions in the Vision.

6. Easter Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA)

Phil Turner spoke to a presentation on the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action and distributed copies of the EAGA annual report. He outlined that EAGA is a formal collaboration of seven Councils in Melbourne's east (including Maroondah), working together on regional programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and facilitate regional adaptation.

Fiona asked about engagement with external stakeholders such as Melbourne Water and DEPI. Phil confirmed that Council was active in discussions with these bodies and others.

7. Maroondah Sustainability Strategy

Grant spoke to a presentation on a current review of Council's 2009 Sustainability Strategy. He noted that the replacement Strategy was in the early stages of being drafted and would be brought to the Committee for comment in late 2014.

Subsequent discussion on a range of topics followed. These included: Council building design standards, cogeneration options at Aquanation, green star ratings for the new Ringwood Library Learning and Cultural Centre (ie Realm), the environmental performance of Council's fleet vehicles, benchmarking with other Councils and the currency of existing strategic environmental studies. Grant advised that these matters will be canvassed as part of the preparation of the new Sustainability Strategy.

8. Other Business

Jane requested that papers be distributed in advance of the meeting so that members could attend the meeting ready to discuss matters. It was suggested Council consider making use of DropBox for the benefit of Committee members. This will be followed up by Council officers in time for the Committee's next meeting.

Liz asked about the status of waste separation arrangements at Ringwood Lake and the absence of signage to not feed the ducks. These matters were taken on notice for subsequent follow up.

Ken noted the need for improved communication of Council's sustainability activities beyond the Leader Newspaper using a variety of communication mediums.

A discussion on tree cover and controls followed. Liz spoke favourably of the website, 'Nearmaps', (ie high resolution aerial imagery) that provides useful imagery to record the rate of change in tree cover.

Graeme enquired about the status of Maroondah's vegetation controls which Phil Turner confirmed would be occurring as part of the preparation of a new Maroondah Housing Strategy over 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Fiona requested that an overview of Maroondah's Planning Scheme be provided to the Committee at a future meeting which was agreed.

Jane highlighted the opportunity and benefits that could be secured through a program of community engagement in environment activities.

Future agenda items to be brought to the November meeting:

- Easter Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA) Projects
- Maroondah Planning Scheme
- Sustainability Strategy
- Water Sensitive City Strategy

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday 18 November 2014, 7.00pm – 8.30pm, Maroondah City Council, Braeside Ave, Ringwood, Meeting Room 4.



**Maroondah Partners in Community Wellbeing Committee
Monday 18 August 2014 (9.30-11.30am)
Room 2 (Braeside Avenue)**

MINUTES

Present:

Bill Wilkins (Chair & Community representative), Noelene Greene (MCC), Grant Meyer (MCC), Lisa Pirie (MCC, minutes), Maldie Graham (Wesley Homelessness and Support Services), Vic North (Eastern Volunteers), Vanessa Czemiawski (Women's Health East), Sue Rosenhain (Women's Health East), & Christine Faman (Dept Health).

Apologies:

Cr Samantha Marks (MCC), Cr Nora Lamont (MCC), Maggie Palmer (Eastern Access Community Health), Deborah Locco (DEECD), Mervat Dahdoule (Migrant Information Centre), Stephen Cook (DEECD)

1. Welcome – Bill Wilkins

Bill welcomed committee members to the meeting. A round the table introduction was carried out. Bill acknowledged the recent passing of Councillor Ann Fraser. Bill recognised Ann's achievements within Council including on this Committee and her tireless efforts on many projects.

Belinda Crockett (Eastern Melbourne Medicare Local) has resigned from her role and her position and the Committee. Thank you to Belinda for her input.

2. Declaring a conflict of interest

Bill explained to the group the purpose of this item and advised that a conflict of interest could be declared at any point in the meeting. No declarations were made.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. These were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings. Moved: Sue Rosenhain, Seconded: Christine Faman

4. Communities of Interest Data – Presentation by Glenn Capuano

Glenn Capuano of Profile ID provided the group with a presentation on the City Of Maroondah - Community Profile and the Communities of Interest module. The Community Profile provides a comprehensive socio-demographic profile of the City of Maroondah. The data is from the ABS Census. The Communities of Interest module looks at particular groups and life stages. Maroondah is the first Victorian Council to go online with this product.

Glenn distributed to the group an information sheet on the Community Profile. He also circulated a sign-up sheet for their monthly newsletter.

5. Community Wellbeing Plan Update – Noelene Greene

Noelene provided the group with a brief update on the actions within the Action Plan of the document. Noelene advised that Council was successful in securing funding from the State Government for 3 projects in the Bayswater North area as outlined below:

1. Anglicare – “Boys Will Be Men Program”
2. Co-design – Youth Led Community Renewal
3. Maroondah City Council (12 month full time position) Employment & Learning project

Noelene will circulate to the group a copy of the job advertisement and encouraged the consideration of group members for appropriate candidates. **Action: Noelene Greene**

Noelene is to provide a more thorough and detailed update of the Community Wellbeing Plan at the next meeting.

6. Maroondah – A City of Wellbeing – Grant Meyer

Grant provided an update on the Maroondah City of Wellbeing project. He described a recent event (2 July 2014) organised by the Croydon Chamber of Commerce, Outer Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network and Council. It featured a presentation from Sherri Fisher from the University of Pennsylvania on positive psychology. Attended by over 70 local community leaders from Businesses, Sport, Churches, local community groups, State & Local Government and Education the event demonstrated strong support for progressing Maroondah as a ‘City of Wellbeing’.

Following Edwini Ricci’s (Croydon Chamber of Commerce) presentation to the last Committee meeting, Grant sought feedback from the Committee on her presentation and the materials she provided members. Discussion followed with consensus that this was a worthwhile initiative. The importance of an equitable approach to the delivery of related actions was stressed (including disadvantaged groups) and the Committee acknowledged it was early stages. Members sought further information on particular projects as they were developed.

Grant advised that the University of Melbourne have expressed an interest in partnering on the project and may provide evaluation services.

He advised that the project will be brought before Council for their consideration over the coming months and that the Committee would be kept updated.

7. Other Business

There were no items for discussion.

8. Information Share

Vanessa – (Women’s Health East) A lot of work surrounding preventing violence against women. Currently also conducting a sexual and reproductive needs analysis to identify possible gaps.

Sue – (Women’s Health East) White Ribbon Day – There are advocates available to speak at any events and can be contacted through Women’s Health East.

Christine (DoH) – They department have moved back to main building located at number 883. Upcoming - Outer East Forum. Key work around ramping up university partnerships and therefore interested in connections. If anyone has any suggestions, please let her know.

Vic – Reiterated to the Committee what Eastern Volunteers are about – transport & volunteer services. They have been very busy with three staff dedicated to full time tender writing at present.

Maidie – Also busy with submission writing. Staff participated in Homeless Persons Week in August. Business as usual otherwise.

Noelene – Noelene distributed a booklet entitled: 'Maroondah Migrant & Refugee Handbook'. Additional copies are available.

Noelene informed the committee about the appointment of new Maroondah CEO, Mr Steve Kozlowski. Steve will be commencing with Maroondah on the 8 September, 2014.

Bill – Lionsbrae awarded funds for extension and upgrade to homeless aged. Moving along very well currently.

Chin Community Victoria, East Ringwood Football and Cricket Clubs have collaborated in a funding application to the Victorian Multicultural Commission for an office for the Chin Community. Maroondah has the highest concentration of Chin community within Australia.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on the 22 September, 2014.

Meeting Closed at 11.25 am.

Bill thanked everyone for their attendance.

