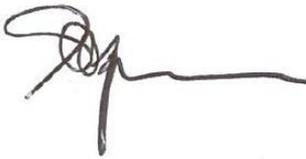


Councillor
(as addressed)

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood, on Monday 19 March 2018, commencing at 7:30pm and your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully



Steve Kozlowski
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

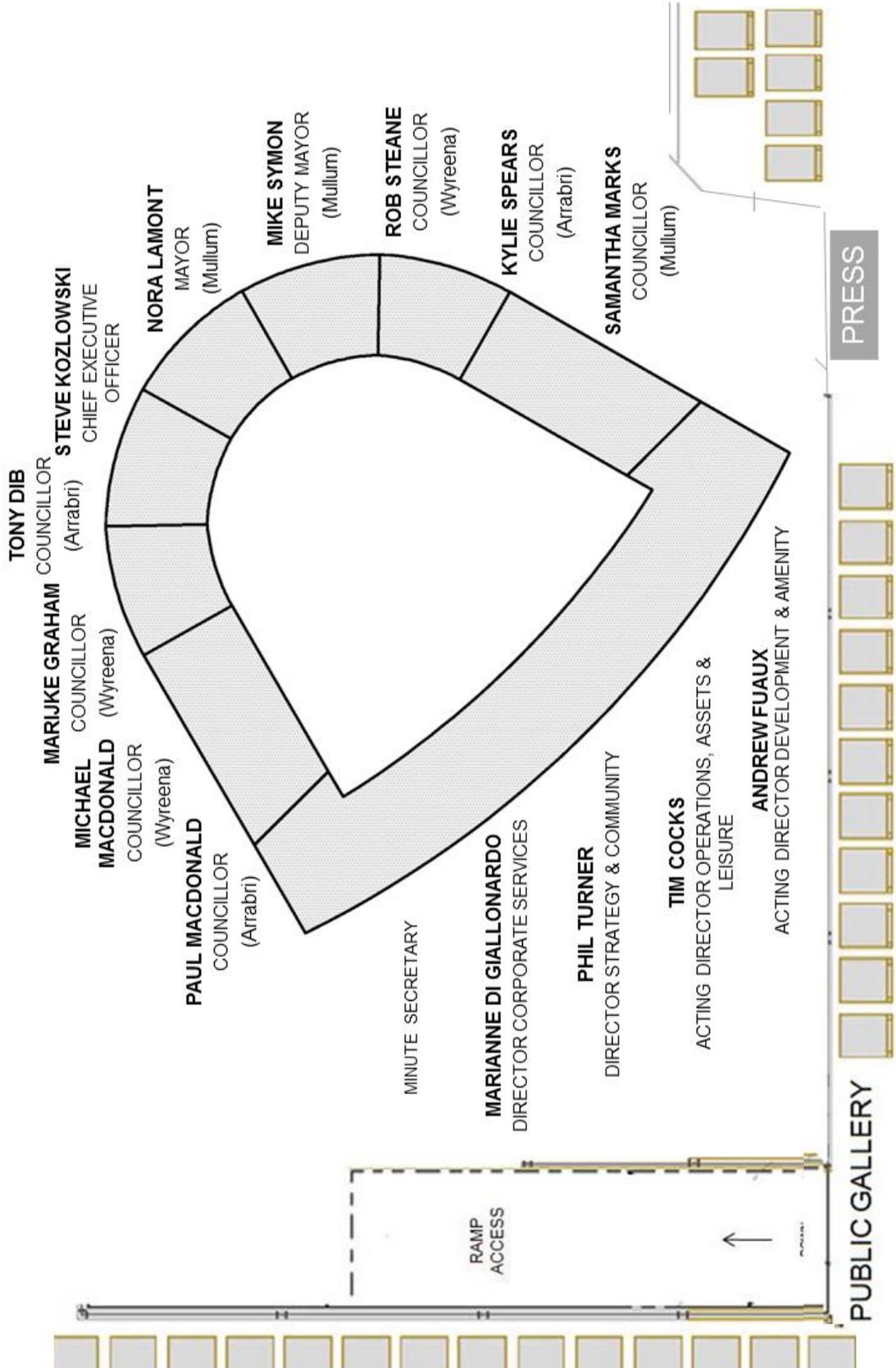
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for Councillors to report on Council activities undertaken since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council and forthcoming ward activities.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A well governed and empowered community

Our Vision: Maroondah is an effectively empowered community that is actively engaged in Council decision making through processes that ensure their voice is heard and considered. Council provides strong and responsive leadership, ensures transparent processes and works with the community to advocate and champion their needs

Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

8.1 Provide enhanced governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable

BACKGROUND

Not Applicable

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

It is intended that the Mayor and Councillors be given the opportunity to present a verbal or written report updating Council on the activities they have undertaken in their role as Councillors and forthcoming ward activities.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate that Councillors formally report to Council upon the activities they have undertaken in their role as Councillors.

ATTENDANCE REPORT Cont'd

ITEM 1

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY
COUNCILLORS**

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ITEM 2

PURPOSE

To present the 'Public Record' of those Assembly of Councillors briefings which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings at the City Offices Ringwood, usually two weeks prior to the formal Council Meeting, and to note the issues discussed.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

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Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

- 8.1 Provide enhanced governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable

BACKGROUND

An Assembly of Councillors, as defined under the Local Government Act 1989 [s.3], is a planned or scheduled meeting, comprising at least five (5) Councillors and one (1) member of Council staff, that considers matters that are intended or likely to be:

- the subject of a decision of the Council; or
- subject to the exercise of a delegated function, duty or power of Council

Examples of an Assembly of Councillors may include:

- Councillor Briefings (which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings),
- On-site inspections,
- Consultative Meetings with residents, developers, consultants,
- Panel Hearings conducted under s223 of the Act,
- Meetings with local organisations, Government Departments, statutory authorities, and local politicians

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

As part of decision making processes at Maroondah, it is essential that Councillors are briefed on a range of issues which come before Council for consideration. As a means of providing this information, Assembly of Councillors briefings are conducted.

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS Cont'd

ITEM 2

Assemblies are also attended by Council Officers, and sometimes other specific advisors, to provide Councillors with a detailed knowledge and understanding of issues under consideration to a level of detail that would inhibit timely decision-making, that would not be possible in an open Council meeting, where decision-making related debate is governed by strict meeting procedures.

The intent of this report is to present the 'Public Record' of those Assembly of Councillors briefings which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings, and to note the items discussed. This information is already available to the public upon request in accordance with the Local Government Act [s.80A].

This report and attachments formally table the information items previously covered by Councillors.

The 'Public Record' of the Assembly of Councillors briefings held on 26 February 2018 and 5 March 2018 is attached for information.

The items contained therein were noted.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION

Assembly of Councillors briefings are important forums for advice and discussion, on what are often complex issues facing the municipality, in the lead up to formal decisions being made by Councillors at Council Meetings. At Assemblies, or outside them, Councillors also have the opportunity of requesting additional information to assist in the decision making process.

It is appropriate that the 'Public Record' of those Assembly of Councillors briefings which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings at the City Offices Ringwood, usually two weeks prior to the formal Council Meeting, be noted at a formal meeting of Council.

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS Cont'd

ITEM 2

ATTACHMENTS

1.  2018 February 26 - Assembly of Councillors Public Record
2.  2018 March 05 - Assembly of Councillors Public Record

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS BRIEFINGS HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2018 AND 5 MARCH 2018

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS

ITEM 3

PURPOSE

To receive and note the following meeting minutes.

- Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee (MEAC) held on 6 March 2018

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

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Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

8.1 Provide enhanced governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable.

BACKGROUND

As part of Council's commitment to the principles and practice of good governance, it is appropriate that Councillors and the Community are formally updated on the actions and activities of the various organisations bodies/advisory groups upon which it is represented.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council is represented on numerous Boards and Organisations. Appointments are made annually by Council at the commencement of the new Mayoral term.

Crs Graham and P Macdonald are Council's representative on the Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS Cont'd

ITEM 3

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate that Councillors and the Community are formally updated on the actions and activities of the various organisations bodies/advisory groups upon which Council is represented.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee (MEAC) Minutes - 6 March 2018

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE MAROONDAH ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 MARCH 2018

**CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION - DRAFT RATING
STRATEGY 2018 - 2022**

ITEM 4

PURPOSE

To consider the submission received in response to Council's notification of its proposal to adopt a Draft Rating Strategy 2018 – 2022.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A well governed and empowered community.

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Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

8.1 Provide enhanced governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable.

8.2 Ensure responsible and sustainable management of Maroondah resources, assets infrastructure and natural environment.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 27 November 2017, Council resolved to give public notice pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of the preparation of the Draft Rating Strategy 2018 – 2022.

The rating strategy is a complimentary document to Council's Long Term Financial Strategy and Annual Budget documents which focus on the quantum of rates and charges to be raised for Council to deliver the services and capital expenditure required. The emphasis for Maroondah's Rating Strategy is how that quantum will be equitably distributed amongst Maroondah's ratepayers.

A notice publicising Council's resolution was published in "the Age" on 29 November 2017. Additionally, a notice was placed in the "Maroondah Leader" newspaper on 4 December 2017.

The LGA provides that a person may, within 28 days of the date of the public notice, lodge a written submission regarding the proposed Rating Strategy. In this instance Council determined to provide an extended public submission period of 29 November 2017 to 9 February 2018, due to the Christmas/New Year period (12 weeks).

The only written submission received was from Mr Eddie Kozlowski, who proposed that a canopy tree be considered as an asset on a property and that the canopy tree be given a monetary value and assessed as a component of the Capital Improved Value.

**CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION - DRAFT RATING
STRATEGY 2018 - 2022 Cont'd**

ITEM 4

Mr Kozlowski also advocated that revenue from the assessment of a canopy tree be used for the preservation of Maroondah being a green and leafy City under Council's 2040 environment policy.

A copy of Mr Kozlowski's written submission is attached.

Council's Committee, comprising Councillors Symon, Steane and Spears met to hear Mr Kozlowski on Tuesday 13 February 2018.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

At the hearing, Mr Kozlowski reiterated and expanded on his written submission and provided the committee with a further paper outlining further his justification for his proposal.

Officer comment:

While the protection of canopy trees within the municipality is a key element of Council's future for the community, the use of the *Local Government Act* and *Valuation of Land Act* for the raising of revenue for that purpose is not an instrument that is currently available within the legislative framework.

The matters that Mr Kozlowski has raised have been referred to the Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee for their consideration.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The resources required to undertake the Review of the Rating Strategy are contained within the current budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable in this instance.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

These are contained within the Council Plan and articulate Council's current directions.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council has complied with the statutory requirements for the notification of its proposed Rating Strategy 2018 – 2022.

CONCLUSION

That Council should adopt the draft Rating Strategy 2018 – 2022 as presented to its meeting held on 27 November 2017.

**CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSION - DRAFT RATING
STRATEGY 2018 - 2022 Cont'd**

ITEM 4

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Rating Strategy Submission from Mr Eddie Kozlowski

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE DRAFT RATING STRATEGY 2018 – 2022 AS TABLED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING 27 NOVEMBER 2017 AND INCLUDES ALL ASPECTS OF THE STRATEGY IN PREPARING THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL BUDGET AND COUNCIL PLAN

AUDIT & RISK ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

ITEM 5

PURPOSE

To report to Council on the outcomes of the Audit & Risk Advisory Committee Meeting held on 28 February 2018.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The Local Government Act 1989 prescribes that Council must establish an Audit & Risk Advisory Committee and that such committee will be advisory in nature. The Audit & Risk Advisory Committee provides a mechanism for Council to strategically examine various aspects of the Council operations to ensure risk management, legal compliance, financial control, and governance measures are in place.

BACKGROUND

Council's Audit & Risk Advisory Committee consists of both Council and external representatives. The Mayor of the day, Nora Lamont, and Councillor Mike Symon, are Council representatives on the Committee.

The external members are Mr John Watson (chair), Mr Bruce Potgieter and Mr Michael Ulbrich.

The Audit & Risk Advisory Committee Charter requires that this Committee report to Council on the findings and recommendations from its meetings. This report provides a summary of matters under consideration by the Audit & Risk Advisory Committee of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Audit & Risk Advisory Committee confidentially considered several items, which included:

- Internal Audit report update by Crowe Horwath Partner, Mr Andrew Zavitsanos, who discussed the following internal audit reports:
 - Community Grants Review
 - Management of the security over attractive and valuable minor assets
 - Pricing Strategy Review
- The 17/18 Quarterly Finance Report for the three months ended December 2017, with the focus around the recycling industry and ensuring that Council is taking appropriate measures in this space.
- Updated risk management and insurance report – presenting the organisations current operational and strategic risks and the controls that are currently in place to mitigate those risks. The Committee endorsed the Risk Management Report and supported continuing development and progress that is being undertaken in the area. An update on the progress of Risk Leaders was provided to the Committee, who endorsed the work being undertaken in this area. The Committee acknowledged the work undertaken to help ensure more accurate timelines around audit recommendation

AUDIT & RISK ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT Cont'd

ITEM 5

targets and noted some other refinements to continue ensuring that the report remains at a best practice level.

- Status report of how MCC is tracking in implementation of past audit recommendations. Committee was satisfied with the progress and timeliness of implementation of audit recommendations as well as the percentage of completion regarding the audit recommendations.
- Reports from sector related agencies – with focus on the LG Act Exposure Draft submission – given the extensive change in the new Act and timeframes to respond.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Council's budget provides for the operation of the Audit & Risk Advisory Committee and for the completion of an Internal Audit Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

This report provides a summary of the outcomes of the Audit & Risk Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT FROM THE AUDIT & RISK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2018

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE
RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval of a Lease Agreement between Maroondah City Council and the Ringwood and District Cricket Association (RDCA). The report also seeks to authorise the signing and sealing of the relevant documentation.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in the Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report:

Outcome Area: Safe, healthy and active community

Our Vision: In 2040 Maroondah will be a safe, healthy and active community with local opportunities provided for people of all ages and abilities to have high levels of social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Key Directions 2017 – 2021

1.21 Support and empower local community groups, sporting clubs and special interest groups across Maroondah

BACKGROUND

In 2010, Council received significant State and Federal funding to reconstruct the Jubilee Park Sporting Pavilion. This pavilion, constructed in 2011 was to be the shared premises of the Ringwood City Football Club, the RDCA and the MVC Boxing Club, with each tenant to have both shared and exclusive use areas of the premises.

Tenancy was granted to the three organisations in August 2011 operating under an interim usage schedule developed by Council's Sport & Recreation team in consultation with the tenants.

The tenant was afforded a two-year lease with a two-year option which was exercised in 2015. The lease expired in July 2017 and is currently in overholding whilst lease negotiations have been undertaken.

The tenant is now ready to progress to endorsement of the lease.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council seeks to enter into a Community Facilities Lease Agreement with the Ringwood and District Cricket Association.

By Lease Agreements made between Council and the Lessees, the Lessees will be granted use and occupation of the premises for a term of three years with an option for a further two, three year terms at annual rentals calculated in accordance with the principles of the Community Facilities Pricing Policy and determined under the category of Other Community Groups Occupying Council-Owned Facilities.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE
RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Cont'd**

ITEM 1

Officers recommend that Council approves the Lease Agreement upon the terms and conditions as set out in the Lease, the principal terms of which are:

- Term – Three years with the option for two three-year further terms. (3yrsx3yrsx3yrs)
- Maintenance – in accordance with the Community Facilities Standard Maintenance Schedule
- Public Liability Insurance of \$20M and glass replacement insurance.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Council's Community Facilities Pricing Policy provides an overarching framework to guide Council and ensures a consistent and transparent approach to the pricing of facilities. Under the category of Other Community Groups Occupying Council-Owned Facilities, the Policy outlines the factors to be considered when calculating the rental fee.

The rental is determined based on the quality of the facility, capital contributions provided by Council and the community organisation, the type of organisation using the facility and whether the organisation has exclusive use of the facility.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The implementation of the standard Community Facilities Lease Agreement ensures the clear and equitable delineation of maintenance responsibilities for all tenants occupying Council owned and/or managed community facilities, consistent with the Community Facilities Pricing Policy, and supports a sustainable approach to the provision of community based sport and recreation.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The development of the initial tenancy usage Agreement for the Ringwood Multipurpose Pavilion was developed with all three tenant groups which outlined shared and individual responsibilities for the complex, however consultation and negotiation for the development of the RDCA lease agreement was undertaken separately.

Section 190 of the Local Government Act 1989 is only applicable if Lease Agreements are for 10 years or greater. In accordance with the Community Facilities Occupancy Policy, Lease Agreements, current tenants may be offered a lease term of nine years, being a three-year initial term and two three-year options.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE
RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION Cont'd**

ITEM 1

CONCLUSION

The Lease Agreement will provide a mutually beneficial arrangement between Council and the Ringwood and District Cricket Association for the continued shared use and management of the Ringwood Multipurpose Pavilion. As the complex has multiple leases, the Agreement provides clarity with regard to shared use and exclusive use arrangements.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  RDCA Lease Particulars

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **GRANTS A LEASE TO RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION**
2. **SIGNS AND SEALS ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AS APPROPRIATE**

CAPITAL WORKS MID-YEAR REPORT 2017/2018

ITEM 2

PURPOSE

To present the financial and operational status of major Capital Works projects for the first half of the 2017/2018 financial year.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A well governed and empowered community.

Vision Statement: In the year 2040, Maroondah will be an effectively empowered community that is actively engaged in Council decision making through processes that ensure their voice is heard and considered. Council provides strong and responsive leadership, ensures transparent processes and works with the community to advocate and champion their needs.

Key Directions 2017 - 2018:

8.1 Provide enhanced governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable

BACKGROUND

Council, as part of its Adopted Budget 2017/2018, allocated \$27.25M to Capital Works projects. In addition, Council obtained external State and Federal grants totalling an additional \$2.5M.

Capital Works programs status reports are prepared by management and reviewed monthly at the Capital Works Implementation Group (CWIG) and presented quarterly to the Audit and Risk Advisory Committee (ARAC).

Provided in this report is an overview of Capital Expenditure on Council's major projects for the period 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017.

The report also includes funds carried forward into the current financial year (2017/2018).

CAPITAL WORKS MID-YEAR REPORT 2017/2018 Cont'd

ITEM 2

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The following is a summary of the status of Council's major construction projects and financial position for the first half of the 2017/2018 financial year.

CAPITAL PERFORMANCE – SIX MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2017

Classification	YTD Forecast Budget \$'000	YTD Actual * \$'000	YTD Bud Var \$'000	Forecast Budget ** \$'000	Amount Carried Forward \$'000	Adopted Budget \$'000
Buildings ¹	1,040	998	42	9,714	1,369	4,630
Roads ²	1,510	1,557	(47)	5,195	318	3,807
Footpaths and Cycleways ³	1,284	1,274	10	2,083	(400)	2,745
Carparks ⁴	16	17	(1)	689	16	445
Drainage ⁵	855	821	34	1,767	(20)	2,440
Waste Management	45	38	7	72	22	50
Other Capital Roads & Drainage ⁶	708	701	7	1,756	1,012	825
Recreational Leisure and Community Facilities ⁷	605	573	32	2,859	213	2,446
Parks and Open Space ⁸	875	849	26	3,566	1,264	2,121
Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture	15	11	4	64	6	60
Plant, Machinery and Equipment ⁹	1,229	1,220	9	4,328	774	3,552
Computers and Telecommunications ¹⁰	461	418	43	1,426	506	920
Property Sales	0	14	(14)	0	0	0
Building Renewal ¹¹	792	807	(15)	1,383	(800)	3,213
Total capital works	9,436	9,300	136	34,901	4,279	27,254

Explanation of variations between forecast budget and adopted budget:

- ¹ **Buildings** – Variation between adopted \$4.6M and forecast \$9.7M budgets is due to:
 - \$1.4M carried forward from 16/17, which includes: HE Parker Sporting Redevelopment (\$359K); Town Park Floodlights (\$269K); Public Toilet Improvement Program (\$154K); Bedford Park Scout Hall (\$150K); and Ringwood Lake Storeroom (\$120K) projects;
 - \$1.5M for HE Parker Sporting Pavilion Redevelopment (\$450K funded from the Federal government);
 - \$750k grant from Department Sport & Recreation for HE Parker Multi Sports Complex
 - \$100K grant each for CCTV Croydon, CCTV RMAC & CCTV East Ringwood;
 - \$200K for the East Ringwood Multipurpose Pavilion project; and
 - \$200K Contribution for East Ringwood Pavilion. •

CAPITAL WORKS MID-YEAR REPORT 2017/2018 Cont'd

ITEM 2

- ² **Roads** – Variation between adopted \$3.8M and forecast \$5.1M budgets is due primarily to:
- \$318K carried forward from 16/17 which includes: \$100K Depot Paved Roadway; \$100K for Heathmont Rd Reconstruction; and \$146K in the Roads to Recovery Program;
 - \$512K grant from VicRoads for Main St Pedestrian Safety Improvements; and
 - \$116K for Heathmont Rd Indented Parking brought forward from 18/19.
- ³ **Footpaths & Cycleways** – Variation between adopted \$2.7M and forecast \$2.0M budgets is due primarily to \$400K allocated to 17/18 completed and spent in 16/17.
- ⁴ **Carparks** – Variation between adopted \$0.4M and forecast \$0.7M budget is due primarily to \$16K carried forward from 16/17 and \$200K brought forward for Knaith Rd Reserve Carpark from 18/19.
- ⁵ **Drainage** – Variation between adopted \$2.4M and forecast \$1.7M budgets is due primarily to \$500K drainage works completed in 16/17 brought forward from 17/18 budget.
- ⁶ **Other Capital Roads and Drainage** – Variation between adopted \$825K and forecast \$1.7M due primarily to \$1.0M carried forward from 16/17 which relates to: \$578K RCAD Developers Contributions; \$118K Commercial Centres Upgrade Program; \$261K Street Lighting Improvements; and \$44K Street Furniture Renewal.
- ⁷ **Recreational Leisure and Community Facilities** – Variation between adopted \$2.4M and forecast \$2.8M budgets due primarily to:
- \$213K carried forward from 16/17, which includes: \$101K Dorset Golf Dam Desilting; \$41K Sportsfield Lighting Renewal; and \$41K Tarralla Creek Path & Land Acquisition;
 - \$75K grant from Department Sport & Recreation for Belmont Park Lighting; and
 - \$15K contributions each for Great Ryrie PS Netball Court Resurfacing and Manson Reserve Lighting.
- ⁸ **Parks and Open Space** – Variation between adopted \$2.1M and forecast 3.6M budgets is due primarily to:
- \$1.3M carried forward from 16/17 which includes: \$787K Croydon Town Centre; \$165K East Ringwood Reserve Carpark & Landscaping; \$121K Reserves Bridge Replacements; \$91K Ringwood Lake Playspace; and \$80K Ringwood Lake Masterplan.
- ⁹ **Plant, Machinery and Equipment** – Variation between adopted \$3.5M and forecast \$4.3M budgets is due primarily to \$774K carried forward from 16/17, which includes: \$663K in Plant & Fleet and \$123K Leisure Facilities Equipment Replacement.
- ¹⁰ **Computers and Telecommunication** – Variation between adopted \$920K and forecast \$1.4M budgets is due to \$506K carried forward from 16/17.

CAPITAL WORKS MID-YEAR REPORT 2017/2018 Cont'd

ITEM 2

- ¹¹ **Building Renewal** – Variation between adopted \$3.2M and forecast \$1.4M budgets is due partly to \$800K allocated to 17/18 projects which have been completed and spent in 16/17, and to the budget being segregated to individual major facility improvement projects (ie, Croydon Sporting Pavilion, Bedford Park Scout Hall, Jubilee Park Sporting Pavilion, etc).

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

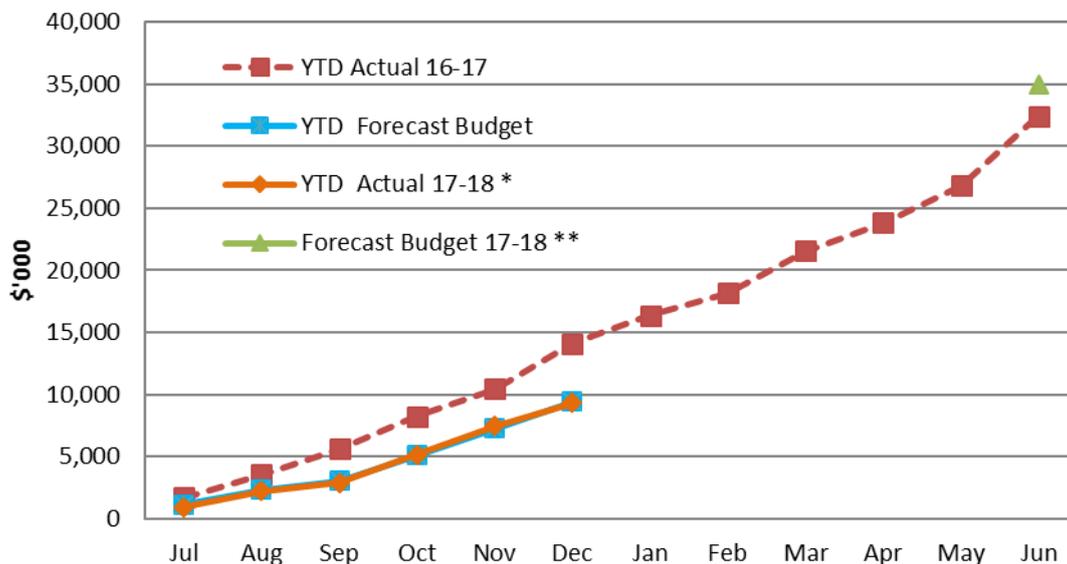
CARRIED FORWARDS

Council carried forward \$4.3M into the 2017/2018 financial year.

PROJECT STATUS

Attachment 1 contains the status of the individual projects at 31 December 2017.

CAPITAL WORKS YTD – EXPENDITURE (CUMULATIVE)



*YTD Actual expenditure includes Carried Forwards

**Forecast Budget expenditure includes Carried Forwards and future years' projects brought forward

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION

Council has allocated \$27.25M to Capital Works for 2017/2018, with \$4.3M carried forward from 2016/2017. An additional sum of \$2.5M has been received via State and Federal Government grants. Variations between adopted and forecast budgets are noted. Overall Council's Capital Works projects for the 2017/2018 financial year are progressing well.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Capital Works Program Status Report at 31 December 2017

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS AND STATUS OF CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

**UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE MAROONDAH DISABILITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the activities of the Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee (MDAC) during the 2017 calendar year.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Areas:

An accessible and connected community

Our Vision: Maroondah is an accessible community for people of all ages and abilities with walkable neighbourhoods effective on and off-road transport networks and access to a range of sustainable transport options.

Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

- 5.1 Ensure public buildings are accessible to people of all ages and abilities, and promote high levels of accessibility in commercial premises.
- 5.3 Ensure events and festivals are accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Outcome Areas:

An inclusive and diverse community

Our Vision: Maroondah is an inclusive community where social connections are strong across generations and diversity is embraced and celebrated.

Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

- 7.1 Ensure accessibility and social inclusion principles are considered in the planning, delivery and evaluation of facilities and services.
- 7.2 Encourage programs and initiatives that raise awareness of accessibility issues and deliver improved access to facilities and services for all ages and abilities.

BACKGROUND

The Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee was established in 2010. Since that time, it has provided important linkages between Council, people with disabilities and their carers. Through advice and advocacy, the Committee promotes social inclusion and participation of people with a disability in the community.

The Committee consists of up to 14 members. This comprises a maximum of six positions for people with a disability, two positions for carers of people with a disability (including one

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carer of a child), a maximum of three service providers, two Councillors and at least one Council Officer.

Whilst playing an important role, the Committee has no delegated authority to make decisions and acts in an advisory capacity to Maroondah City Council. Meetings are held bi-monthly, except in January & December, and are conducted in accordance with Council's meeting procedures.

The chair of MDAC is a Councillor as appointed by Council. The Chair for 2017 was shared between Cr Nora Lamont and Cr Kylie Spears.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

In 2017 the Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee successfully actioned the following objectives consistent with its Terms of Reference.

Objective 1

Provide advice to the Council on policy, programs, service development, research initiatives and planning issues in relation to people with disabilities at a strategic and operational level.

- Participated in Council's Improved Outdoor Spaces Pilot Project for 2017 by nominating changes to pathways, bench seating, bus shelters, pedestrian crossings and public toilets within Maroondah.
- Participated in Council's community forum for the Australasian Management Challenge 2017. The topic of the forum was the future of the Liberty Swing at Ringwood Lake Park.
- Provided assistance with the trialling of the Warrien Reserve Social Script and promotion of the script.
- Provided feedback on a bench seat for Maroondah's Pathway for Carers walk.
- Participated in consultation on initial designs for Croydon Town Square with further opportunities provided to comment on the updated plans. Changing Places facility with a shower was recommended, location of quiet spaces discussed, advice given on paving types.
- Participated in a number of discussions relating to design, equipment and layout of Ringwood Lake Park.
- Participated in consultation during development of the Maroondah's Health & Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021. A series of small group workshops were run to enable all members to participate.
- Sought advice regarding Aquanation/Aquahub Adult Swim concession rates. The committee agreed that the concession rate for both facilities should be reviewed.
- Provided feedback on Council's Draft Youth Strategy.
- Participated in Council's Gambling Policy community survey.

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- Participated in several consultation sessions on the new HE Parker Multisports Pavilion. This involved discussion on ramp access, accessible seating in spectator stands and the potential inclusion of a Changing Places facility with a shower.
- Were provided with an overview of Coopersmith Pavilion at East Ringwood Recreation Reserve.
- Sought feedback on Cheong Park.
- Participated in the National Disability Policy survey.
- Undertook a review of the new Maroondah's Digital Map with feedback provided to Council's Transport & Sustainability Officer.
- Participated in consultation on Maroondah's Festival from a disability perspective. These discussions related to accessibility and the provision of a sensory free/quiet space.

Objective 2

Provide advice and guidance in relation to strategies for effective consultation and collaboration in Council activities with a diverse range of stakeholders reflective of the Maroondah community.

- Assisted Council in the preparation of a submission on the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities.
- Were provided with a presentation on the NDIS rollout and transition arrangements as well as future workshops and forums with the opportunity for committee members to comment.
- Provided advice on promotional ideas for the Pathways for Carers project.
- Suggested Council consider a possible sequel to the 'Different yet the same' video, with schools, both primary & secondary. Aim being to change the attitudes of school children at a young age i.e. lower primary and year 7.
- Provided feedback on information regarding issues affecting older people in Maroondah that would benefit from being raised with Victoria Police.
- Provided assistance with a Changing Places grant application for the Croydon Town Square development through distribution of Council's online survey through the Committee's networks.

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Objective 3

Provide advice to Council in the development and review of the Disability Policy and Action Plan.

- Monitored the priority actions undertaken by Council to deliver the Disability Policy 2014-2018.
- Assisted with community consultation at Maroondah Festival in November 2017 relating to the next Disability Policy and Action Plan 2018-2022.

Objective 4

Promote the positive image of people with a disability within the municipality of Maroondah.

- Promoted the “Different yet the same” video produced by Council and Your DNA, through their networks.
- Attended meetings of the Eastern Disability Action Group.
- Participated in Council’s Community Reference Group for the ‘Greening the Greyfields’ project.
- Attended Council’s Volunteer Civic Reception in December 2017.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee is a key community consultation and advisory conduit between Council and the Maroondah community. A broad range of consultation has been undertaken through this committee over the past twelve months.

CONCLUSION

The Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee has provided invaluable information, advice and advocacy to Council and the community on a range of disability matters. It has contributed to the Maroondah community being a more accessible place for people of all ages and abilities.

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

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Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MAROONDAH DISABILITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE DURING THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR IN ACCORDANCE
WITH OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE RISK AND ADAPTATION
STRATEGY (FOR CONSULTATION)**

ITEM 2

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement for the Draft Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy (for consultation) to be placed on public exhibition.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area:

- A well governed and empowered community
- A clean, green and sustainable community
- An attractive, thriving and well built community

Our Vision: Maroondah will be a vibrant and diverse city with a healthy and active community, living in green and leafy neighbourhoods which are connected to thriving and accessible activity centres contributing to a prosperous economy within a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment.

Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

The Draft Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy (for consultation) outlines how Council and partners will work towards a more climate adapted Maroondah. This Strategy lays out a plan of action for the next four years enabling Council to prepare for the long-term risks of climate change. It will also guide Council's efforts to integrate climate change risk management and adaptation.

As such the Strategy speaks to multiple Maroondah 2040 Outcome Areas and many of the key directions within the Maroondah City Council, Council Plan 2017-2021. The key directions include the following:

4.12 Mitigate and adapt to the effects and impacts of climate change.

4.15 Work in partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support the community in adapting to a post peak oil environment.

4.16 Be responsive and adaptive to new environmental opportunities and threats as they occur, building resilience and capacity within the community.

6.11 Ensure the management of infrastructure and prioritisation of capital works considers demographic change, the impacts of climate change, and accessibility for all ages and abilities.

6.13 Coordinate and advocate for the increased utilisation, longevity and availability of fit for purpose public, private and not for profit buildings and spaces that can act as key places for neighbourhood connection.

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8.2 Ensure responsible and sustainable management of Maroondah's resources, assets, infrastructure and natural environment.

8.4 Foster a culture of innovation, cooperation, commitment, communication and continuous improvement that positions Maroondah City Council as a leader in local government.

8.9 Create opportunities for shared decision making through active community involvement.

8.14 Work in partnership to deliver services that recognise and are responsive to the interests and needs of the community.

Priority Action 2017-2018:

Develop a Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy.

BACKGROUND

Building on work already undertaken by Council the Strategy draws on a solid evidence base heavily informed by stakeholder engagement and the latest climate science including projections from the Bureau of Meteorology and the national science body, CSIRO, as well as vulnerability information to inform climate change adaptation planning.

Input was also obtained from the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA) of which Council is a member. A wide range of service areas from across Council provide input, in particular, Risk Management.

Council's operations, assets and service delivery provided to the community is vulnerable to a range of climate hazards (potentially damaging events) such as heatwaves and flooding. As the intensity, severity and duration of extreme weather events increases, enhancing the resilience of operations, assets and service delivery will become more important.

The Climate Change Act 2017 is a key statute to manage climate change risks and maximise opportunities that arise from decisive action. The Act identifies councils as one of the decision-makers that must consider the impacts of climate change, specifically during the preparation of a Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan (MHWP) (in Maroondah this is known as the Maroondah Community Wellbeing Plan). Within the MHWP sustainable development and climate change adaptation and mitigation are addressed within the liveability domain of the action plan.

Adaptation is action taken to prepare for actual or expected changes in the climate, in order to minimise harm, act on opportunities or cope with the consequences (Climate Change Act 2017). Climate change adaptation means changing the way we behave and doing things more appropriate for the future climate.

Adaptation is a shared responsibility – The Australian and Victorian Governments have released climate change adaptation strategies (2015 and 2017 respectively).

The Victorian Government's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020 identifies roles and responsibilities for managing the impacts and risks of climate change. Roles and responsibilities of local governments – Provide leadership and good governance, represent the needs and values of local communities, and foster community cohesion:

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- Manage climate change risks to council community services and assets, with support from the Victorian Government.
- Identify the needs and priorities of the municipality, and communicate these to Victorian Government where needed.
- Develop and deliver locally-appropriate adaptation responses.
- Building the resilience of local assets and services.
- Plan for emergency management at the municipal level, provide relief and recovery services, and support emergency response operations.
- Help the Victorian Government understand localised impacts and responses.
- Work with the community to help people understand and get involved in climate change adaptation.
- Help connect the Victorian Government with the community.

There is increasing scientific evidence that some degree of climate change is now inevitable and that changes have already begun to occur.

Council carried out a risk assessment workshop in partnership with the EAGA to determine how these climate change projections would impact on Council's operations, assets and service delivery.

The risks relate to drainage and flooding, financial impacts, asset damage, health and wellbeing, open space, biodiversity, water security, service demand, service disruption and insurance. Some risks have broader impacts and require a coordinated response with others.

The Strategy is a risk management response document. Climate change risks affect every aspect of Council's assets, operations and service delivery as climate change is not just an environmental issue.

Key functions of Council in adapting to climate change include the following:

- Ensuring assets (starting with buildings) can withstand extreme events and climate change
- Identifying how climate change will impact street trees, bushland and urban biodiversity
- Building community and staff understanding of climate change risks and partnerships internally and externally for risk reduction
- Advocate for the community where Council does not control the outcomes.

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Council will foster a process of ongoing organisational learning from experience, adjustment, and transformation.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Strategy has four overarching objectives:

- Plan for and manage the risks of climate change, in particular, drainage and extreme weather events
- Seek opportunities for partnerships and collaboration with stakeholders and the community that support climate change adaptation
- Use the natural environment to build our adaptive capacity – while a risk itself, the natural environment can also be used to help in climate change management
- Encourage future proofing design – foster places capable of adapting to change and responding to current and future risks.

The Strategy also identifies 42 climate change risks to Council. It includes 25 key directions to assist Council to move towards achieving a climate adapted Maroondah. The preparation of a detailed Action Plan will complement these.

A vision for a more climate adapted Maroondah – Climate change adaptation will be used to strengthen our ability to be healthy, safe, happy and vibrant in a changing climate.

This Vision will be achieved by addressing climate change adaptation through three Strategic Outcomes outlined in the Strategy. The Key Directions for each Strategic Outcome describe how Council will specifically respond.

- Outcome Area 1 – People. Outcome description: Maroondah's people are climate resilient, with vulnerable groups prioritised – both community and Council's staff.
- Outcome Area 2 – Places. Outcome description: Maroondah's places, including the built environment, its biodiversity and waterways, are climate resilient, improving our health and wellbeing.
- Outcome Area 3 – Embed Adaptation. Outcome description: Community and staff capacity is increased through improved awareness, education and support for climate change adaptation practices.

These Strategic Outcomes recognise the interplay between the built, natural and social environments and seek to ensure climate change risks are managed in a planned and considered way.

Implementation is the collective responsibility of various service areas within Council and will be undertaken collaboratively with a diverse range of external partners. For Strategy delivery, a cross directorate team will be established to monitor progress supported by the Finance and Governance teams and the Integrated Planning Department. Evaluation will be

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undertaken through the development and review of a detailed Action Plan. This Plan will be reviewed annually to track progress on actions, with the results reported back to Council.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

An effective response to managing the risk of climate change requires climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation. Council is strongly committed to both.

Council has been pursuing responses to climate change for many years and has made significant progress in avoiding and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (i.e. climate change mitigation) through implementation of its Carbon Neutral Strategy & Action Plan adopted by Council in 2015.

The Draft Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy (for consultation) has a focus on climate change adaptation. It lays a plan of action for the next four years enabling Council to prepare for the long-term risks of climate change. It will guide Council's efforts to integrate climate change risk management and adaptation. Early planning for climate change will help reduce impacts. Council supports a proactive approach to managing the risks associated with climate change. The Strategy has at its heart an ethos that the best and most cost-effective approach for climate change adaptation is embedding relevant actions into Council's existing service delivery. It includes key directions that will help Council to manage identified risks and provide co-benefits.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

The Strategy includes an overarching objective to use the natural environment to build our adaptive capacity – while a risk itself, the natural environment can also be used to help in climate change management. To illustrate, an Australian Government funded study of 1.5 million trees in 29 council areas across Australia including Maroondah found that higher temperatures and urban heat means new tree species may be introduced, existing trees must be given special care and some trees may disappear in certain locations.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

This Strategy has been prepared to help ensure that climate change risks are managed in a planned and considered way. As this is Council's first adaptation strategy much of its focus is on incorporating climate change risks into existing activities to ensure an integrated approach. For example:

- Recognition of climate change as a strategic risk is driving more proactive adaptation planning across Council.
- Linking with emergency management planning will ensure Council is well placed to recognise and manage emerging risks.

According to policy makers, strategies and actions can be pursued to move towards climate-resilient pathways for sustainable development, while at the same time helping to improve livelihoods, social and economic wellbeing, and responsible environmental management. Increased capacity, voice, and influence of low-income groups and vulnerable communities and their partnerships with local governments also benefit adaptation. Decisions range from

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simple to complex, and some will need to be made sooner than others. The pathways approach to climate change adaptation is the accepted best practice.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Significant community engagement was undertaken in the preparation of this Strategy. This was done through a range of methods including:

- A discussion paper (Maroondah City Council 2016) which drew together a range of research and data on climate change adaptation in Maroondah.
- An online survey.
- Council's Café Consult marquee at the 2016 Maroondah Festival. Council received 138 written responses to questions posed. Participants provided a total of 378 "hot-dot" (multi-vote counts) against actions people have taken to make their home more comfortable and adaptable to climate change.
- Meetings with key stakeholders including various greenhouse alliances.
- Website, social media, local newspaper advertisement and display at service centres.

The views of the community were documented in the Community Engagement Report (Maroondah City Council 2017). Both the Community Engagement Report and the discussion paper are available on Council's website: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au

Consultation opportunities were provided to external and internal stakeholders, including presentation to Council's Strategic Asset Management Working Group and Risk Management Advisory Group.

The 'City of Maroondah Targets included in the Port Phillip and Westernport Regional Catchment Strategy' are available in the Draft Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy (for consultation), and link into broader regional goals. These targets were supported at the Council Meeting on 24 April 2017 and the Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee meeting on 28 February 2017.

In 2016 and 2017, Council officers participated in the Community Sector Climate Resilience Program run by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Other opportunities Council participated in included the Resilient Melbourne Program of which Maroondah is an active participant.

CONCLUSION

The Draft Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy (for consultation) outlines how Council and partners will work towards a more climate adapted Maroondah. The Strategy lays out a plan of action for the next four years enabling Council to prepare for the long-term risks of climate change. It will guide Council's efforts to integrate climate change risk management and adaptation. The Draft Strategy has been the subject of extensive community consultation to date and is strongly aligned with key directions included within the

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Maroondah 2040 Community Vision. It is now timely to go back to the community for comment on the consultation draft prior to final consideration by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Final Draft Climate Change Risk and Adaptation Strategy (for consultation) March 2018

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **ENDORSE THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE RISK AND ADAPTATION STRATEGY (FOR CONSULTATION)**
2. **PLACE THE DRAFT CLIMATE CHANGE RISK AND ADAPTATION STRATEGY (FOR CONSULTATION) ON EXHIBITION FOR A FOUR (4) WEEK PERIOD FROM 21 MARCH 2018**

STREET ACTIVITIES POLICY REVIEW

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval to publicly exhibit a draft Street Activities Policy, which is due for review.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 1: 2017-2018) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A Safe Community
A Prosperous Community
An Accessible Community
A Well Governed Community
An Empowered Community

Our Vision: Maroondah will be a vibrant and diverse city with a healthy and active community, living in green and leafy neighbourhoods which are connected to thriving and accessible activity centres contributing to a prosperous economy within a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment.

Key Directions 2017 – 2018:

A Safe Community

- 1.1 Work in partnership to address community safety issues, with a focus on activity centres, public spaces, roads and public transport

A Prosperous Community

- 2.4 Provide support to small and medium enterprises to help them fulfil their potential and be successful

An Accessible Community

- 5.2 Work in partnership to provide improved accessibility and safety for transport users across all modes

A Well Governed Community

- 8.1 Provide enhanced governance that is transparent, accessible, inclusive and accountable
- 8.2 Ensure responsible and sustainable management of Maroondah's resources, assets, infrastructure and natural environment

An Empowered Community

- 8.11 Foster a Council culture of collaboration and partnerships with individuals, community groups, businesses, service providers and other levels of government

STREET ACTIVITIES POLICY REVIEW Cont'd

ITEM 1

BACKGROUND

Council's Street Activities Policy is a guiding document assisting to maintain the balance between commercial and fundraising activities and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience on Maroondah's streets and commercial precincts.

The policy was created and adopted by Council on 19 May 2014 and is now due for review.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Since its inception, Council has seen a vast improvement from local businesses applying for permits to allow for the placement of various items on Council land. Some of these items include, but are not limited to,

- A-Boards – advertising
- Tables & chairs (including umbrellas & barriers)
- Goods on footpath
- Fundraising
- Busking
- Highway collections
- Roadside trading
- Temporary advertising

Council's Local Laws service area has led this policy review and consulted with the various services areas across Council, and also reviewed any operational issues that have been raised with the policy since it came into use in 2014. This review has identified that the policy has been successful and is working well, but that there are some areas of refinement that can be made to improve the policy as noted in Appendix 2.

The most significant refinement of the policy is the removal of discounted permit charges for no smoking areas for outdoor dining due to the legislation change to the *Tobacco Act* in August 2017, which bans smoking in all outdoor dining areas in Victoria. This discount will no longer apply.

Approval by Council is sought to publicly exhibit the draft Street Activities Policy and seek community feedback on the changes.

Feedback from the community will be collated and provided to Council for consideration. A final draft of the policy will then be presented Council for adoption and implementation for operational use.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

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ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Street Activities Policy provides guidelines to Council and the community to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience on Maroonah's streets and within commercial precincts.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The draft Street Activities Policy is to be placed on public exhibition for 28 days to obtain community feedback.

CONCLUSION

Council's Street Activities Policy has been reviewed. Local Laws has undertaken the review in consultation with other Council Service Areas. The resulting draft Street Activities Policy is ready to proceed to the community consultation phase. Officers seek Council approval to place the draft Street Activities Policy on public exhibition for 28 days. A report on the feedback will be provided at a future meeting of Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Street Activities Policy Review - Draft Policy
2.  Street Activities Policy Review - Table of Changes

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL APPROVES PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT STREET ACTIVITIES POLICY FOR A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS