



Councillor
(as addressed)

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood, on Monday 22 June 2020, commencing at 7:30pm and your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kozlowski', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Kozlowski
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Note:

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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 3: 2019-2020) 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 2019 – 2020:

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 3: 2019-2020) 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 2019 – 2020:

- 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, which were noted.

The 'Public Record' of the Assembly of Councillors briefings held on 18 May 2020, 27 May 2020 and 1 June 2020 is attached for information.

NOTE

As a result of current working arrangements due to COVID-19, Assembly of Councillors briefings commencing 6 April 2020 are presently being held via Zoom Teleconferencing.

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. 2020 May 18 - Assembly of Councillors Public Record
2. 2020 May 27 - Assembly of Councillors Public Record
3. 2020 June 01 - 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 18 MAY 2020, 27 MAY 2020 & 1 JUNE 2020

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS

ITEM 3

PURPOSE

To receive and note the following meeting minutes.

- Eastern Transport Coalition Meeting Minutes held on the 21 May 2020

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3: 2019-2020) 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 2019 – 2020:

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.

Cr Graham is Council's representatives on the Eastern Transport Coalition 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. Eastern Transport Coalition Meeting Minutes - 21 May 2020

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2020

PART ROAD DISCONTINUANCE - PITT STREET RINGWOOD

ITEM 4

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's authority to commence the statutory procedures pursuant to the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic) (Act) to consider discontinuing part of Pitt Street Ringwood at Warrandyte Road Ringwood, being part of the land contained in certificate of title volume 3041 folio 062, and volume 2583 folio 506 being the land shown as Lot 1 on registered plan of subdivision no. TP 848590H attached as Schedule 1 (Road).

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3: 2019-2020) 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 voices 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 2019 – 2020:

- 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

Council is the registered proprietor of the Road which is shown as 'Lot 1' on registered plan of subdivision no. TP 948590H attached as Schedule 1 and the registered proprietor of the following parcels of land, highlighted red on the locality plan attached as Schedule 2 (Locality Plan).

- Lots 1-4 TP 843406F
- Lot 1 TP 572946E
- Lot 2 LP 76330
- Lot 1 TP 757485L

Part of the Road shown marked as Lot 1 on TP 965727C attached as Schedule 3 (Title Plan) has been enclosed by Council for over 20 years. There is no vehicle access from Warrandyte Road Ringwood and the road is serving no use other than a public carpark and access to Council owned land at 1 and 1A Bedford Road Ringwood (though these parcels also have their main frontage to Bedford Road).

**PART ROAD DISCONTINUANCE - PITT STREET RINGWOOD ITEM 4
Cont'd**

If the portion of Road, marked as Lot 1 on TP 965727C is discontinued, this Road portion will be retained by Council and consolidated into one larger lot along with the adjoining Council owned land at 1 and 1A Bedford Road.

Council has in its strategic planning identified that the land made up of the three holdings, being 1 and 1A Bedford Road and the land subject to this road closure, being part of the Road shown marked as Lot 1 on TP 965727C, is an ideal location for a multi-level public carpark. Therefore, to ensure a contiguous allotment and the orderly and proper construction of the multi-level public carpark across three lots of land, the roadway is most appropriately closed and all lots consolidated.

By way of background, on 7 February 2019, the Federal Government announced it would provide Council \$15 million in funding for a new commuter carpark in Ringwood. Given Council's land holdings, the location of the Ringwood carpark has been announced as the land at 1 and 1A Bedford Road Ringwood, with the construction expected to commence late 2020, subject to achieving the relevant planning and building approvals.

Road

The Road is a 'road' for the purposes of the Act. Council has statutory power to consider discontinuing the Road.

The Road is listed on Council's Register of Public Roads. It is considered that part of the Road is no longer reasonably required for general public use as this portion of the Road is not:

- Required for public access; and
- Open and is not available for public use.

If part of the Road is discontinued, that section of the Road will vest in Council.

Consolidation

If the portion of Road, marked as Lot 1 on TP 965727C is discontinued, this Road portion will be consolidated with the adjoining Council properties as shown on the Locality Plan.

Site Inspection - Survey

A site inspection of the Road was conducted by Millar Merrigan Land Development Consultants on 11 March 2020. The site inspection report notes that:

- The Road is unconstructed;
- Part of the Road is enclosed and utilized as a carpark;
- The Road is not open and is not available for public use; and
- The Road is not required for public use

A copy of the site inspection report is attached as Schedule 4 (Survey Plan) to this report.

**PART ROAD DISCONTINUANCE - PITT STREET RINGWOOD
Cont'd**

ITEM 4

Public Authorities

The following statutory authorities have been advised of the proposed discontinuance of the Road and have been asked to respond to the question whether they have any existing assets in the Road, which should be saved under 207C of the Act:

- Yarra Valley Water;
- Ausnet;
- Multinet Gas;
- Telstra.

Yarra Valley Water has advised that it owns multiple service pipes within the area and has requested that easements in their favour for water and sewerage purposes be placed over all parcels of land.

Multinet Gas has advised that it requires an easement as there is a 32mm medium pressure gas main in part of the area and a service coming off the end of it.

Ausnet has no objections to the discontinuance but requires easements to be included in their favour for the purpose of overhead and underground cables.

Telstra has no objections.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

On 7 February 2019, the Federal Government announced it would provide Council \$15 million in funding for a new commuter carpark in Ringwood. Given Council's strategic land holdings, the location of the Ringwood carpark has been nominated as being the land at 1 and 1A Bedford Road Ringwood, with the construction expected to commence on in late 2020, subject to achieving the relevant planning and building approvals.

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Council has in its strategic planning identified that the land made up of the three holdings, being 1 and 1A Bedford Road, and the land subject to this road closure being part of the Road shown marked as Lot 1 on TP 965727C, is an ideal location for a multi-level public car park.

Therefore, to facilitate the commuter carpark in this location over a contiguous allotment and provide for an orderly and proper construction of the multi-level carpark across three lots of land, the roadway is most appropriately closed, and all lots consolidated.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The legal and disbursement costs associated with the discontinuance and Council's administration in dealing with property matters, is contained within the current budget.

**PART ROAD DISCONTINUANCE - PITT STREET RINGWOOD
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ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Nil

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Before proceeding with the discontinuance of part of the Road, Council must give public notice of the proposed discontinuance in accordance with section 223 of the Act. The Act provides that a person may, within 28 days of the date of the public notice, lodge a written submission regarding the proposed discontinuance of part of the Road.

Where a person has made a written submission to Council requesting that they be heard in support of the written submission, Council must permit that person to be heard before a meeting of Council or Committee which has delegated authority to hear those submissions, giving reasonable notice of day, time, and place of meeting.

After hearing any submissions made, Council must determine whether part of the Road is not reasonably required as a road for public use, in order to decide whether part of the Road should be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

It is proposed that Council should commence the statutory procedures pursuant to clause 3 Schedule 10 of the Act to consider discontinuing part of the Road and consolidating with the adjoining Council owned land.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Discontinuance Part Pitt Street - Schedule 1 Road title plan TP 848590
2. Proposed Discontinuance Part Pitt Street - Schedule 2 Locality Plan
3. Proposed Discontinuance Part Pitt Street - Schedule 3 Title Plan TP 965727
4. Proposed Discontinuance Part Pitt Street - Schedule 4 Survey Plan

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL ACTING UNDER:

1. **SECTION 17(4) OF THE ROAD MANAGEMENT ACT 2004 (VIC), RESOLVES THAT PART OF THE ROAD BE REMOVED FROM COUNCIL'S REGISTER OF PUBLIC ROADS ON THE BASIS THAT THIS PORTION OF THE ROAD IS NO LONGER REASONABLY REQUIRED FOR GENERAL PUBLIC USE FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT; AND**

**PART ROAD DISCONTINUANCE - PITT STREET RINGWOOD ITEM 4
Cont'd**

2. **CLAUSE 3 OF SCHEDULE 10 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 (VIC) (ACT), RESOLVES THAT:**
 - i. **THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES BE COMMENCED TO DISCONTINUE THE PART OF THE ROAD KNOWN AS LOT 1 ON THE TITLE PLAN TP 848590H;**
 - ii. **UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT, PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF PART OF THE ROAD BE GIVEN IN COUNCIL'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER "THE AGE";**
 - iii. **THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT SHOULD STATE THAT IF PART OF THE ROAD IS DISCONTINUED, COUNCIL PROPOSES TO RETAIN THE LAND FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES;**
 - iv. **A COMMITTEE COMPRISING MAYOR SYMON AND COUNCILLORS LAMONT AND MAZZUCHELLUI, BE APPOINTED TO HEAR ANY PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSION, ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED; AND**
 - v. **THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES BE AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENABLE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER SECTION 223 OF THE ACT IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER**

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR
SCOUTS VICTORIA.**

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval of the Lease Agreements between Maroondah City Council and Scouts Victoria, subject to undertaking the administrative procedures under section 223 of the Local Government Act, for the occupancy of the following halls:

- 1st Croydon Hills Scout Hall
- 3rd Croydon Scout Hall
- 3rd Heathmont Scout Hall
- 3rd Ringwood East Scout Hall
- 7th Ringwood Scout Hall

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3: 2019-2020) 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 2019– 2020

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

BACKGROUND

Maroondah has seven (7) Scout Halls on Lease agreements which are located on land that is managed or owned by Maroondah City Council. The current Lease agreements are in over holding. This report seeks approval for the Lease agreements for the abovementioned five (5) halls only, that are on Council land. The two (2) halls that are located on Crown land will be subject to a separate report to Council.

An independent building condition assessment was undertaken on all Council buildings and structures by specialised building consultants during late 2010 and early 2011. Scout and Guide Halls were included in the assessment as Council was required through the existing Lease Agreement to ensure that the premises were maintained in a satisfactory manner and that the Halls complied with all statutory codes and regulations. Whilst the Halls were not built by Council, they are situated on Council land, and as such are recognised as a Council asset for the purposes of strategic management.

The building condition assessment report highlighted that significant work was required to be undertaken to both the Scout and Guide Halls. In light of the extensive work required,

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SCOUTS VICTORIA. Cont'd**

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discussions were held with the Girl Guides Association of Victoria and Scouts Victoria to consider the long-term future of these community assets. It was determined that the development of new Lease Agreements should be established, which would allocate responsibilities of maintenance, compliance and renewal of the halls in line with all other existing Council owned Community Facilities. In April 2015, The Girl Guides Association of Victoria agreed to Council ownership of the Bedford Park and Ainslie Park Guide Hall buildings and recently Scouts Victoria agreed to this ownership arrangement for Scout Halls in December 2019.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Lease negotiations with Scouts Victoria commenced in January 2020, with the tenant now ready to progress to the endorsement of the Leases. Council's standard Community Facilities Lease Agreement has been used to develop the Lease.

Through a Lease Agreement made between Council and the Lessee, the Lessee will be granted use and occupation of the premises for a term of five (5) years with an option for a further two (2) terms of five (5) years at an annual rental calculated in accordance with the principles of the Community Facilities Pricing Policy and determined under the category of Groups Traditionally Supported by Council.

It is recommended that the Lease Agreement incorporates the following principal terms:

- Term – Five years with the option for a further two (2) by five (5) year terms
- 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 Groups Traditionally Supported by Council, Council has identified six sub-categories of community groups it wishes to recognise by way of subsidised rental. The nominal fee acknowledges the support and service these organisations contribute to the social fabric of Maroondah.

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 facilities.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR
SCOUTS VICTORIA. Cont'd**

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Leases for the five (5) scout halls will be collectively advertised in 'The Age' in accordance with Section 190 of the Local Government Act 1989 and submissions invited in accordance with Section 223. Should submissions be received a Committee of Council will be convened to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their submission. Council will also consider all written submissions and include a written report on the proceedings of any committee hearing conducted, following which it shall determine whether or not to enter into the Lease Agreements.

CONCLUSION

The Lease Agreements will provide a mutually beneficial arrangement between Council, Scouts Victoria and the Maroondah community for the continued use and occupation of scout halls located on Council owned land.

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 190 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 "THE ACT" UNDERTAKES THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES AND ADVERTISING TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE WITH A FURTHER TWO OPTIONS OF 5 YEARS WITH SCOUTS VICTORIA FOR THE OCCUPANCY OF THE FOLLOWING SCOUT HALLS LOCATED ON COUNCIL OWNED LAND.**
 - i. **1ST CROYDON HILLS SCOUT HALL**
 - ii. **3RD CROYDON SCOUT HALL**
 - iii. **3RD HEATHMONT SCOUT HALL**
 - iv. **3RD RINGWOOD EAST SCOUT HALL**
 - v. **7TH RINGWOOD SCOUT HALL**

2. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 223 OF THE ACT:**
 - i. **A COMMITTEE COMPRISING COUNCILLORS BE APPOINTED TO HEAR ANY PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSION, ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED; AND**

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- ii. COUNCIL CONSIDERS ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS, INCLUDING A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF ANY COMMITTEE HEARING CONDUCTED, FOLLOWING WHICH IT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT TO ENTER INTO THE STATED LEASE AGREEMENTS**
- 3. AUTHORISES THE DIRECTOR OPERATIONS, ASSETS AND LEISURE TO UNDERTAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENABLE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER SECTION 223 OF THE ACT IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER**
- 4. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SUBMISSIONS COUNCIL PROCEEDS WITH THE LEASES TO SCOUTS VICTORIA AND SIGNS AND SEALS ALL DOCUMENTATION**

DRAFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRATEGY - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To resolve to place the Draft Children and Families Strategy on public exhibition for community comment.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3: 2019-2020) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: An inclusive and diverse community

Our Vision: In the year 2040, Maroondah will be an inclusive community where social connections are strong across generations and diversity is embraced and celebrated

Key Directions 2019 – 2020:

- 7.1 Ensure accessibility and social inclusion principles are considered in the planning, delivery and evaluation of facilities and services
- 7.6 Work in partnership to break cycles of poverty and socio-economic disadvantage, particularly within marginalised communities
- 7.8 Support all ages and population groups to be valued, connected, supported and empowered within their local community through the provision and coordination of accessible services, programming and facilities
- 7.10 Promote and create opportunities for community connectedness, learning, mentoring and social interactions for people from all life-stages and cultural backgrounds
- 7.11 Ensure the needs of community members from all ages, backgrounds and lifestyles are considered in planning for local services, programs and infrastructure
- 7.12 Work in partnership to support culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including refugees and new arrivals in Maroondah
- 7.14 Establish a built environment that is child, youth and age friendly through strengthening the inclusiveness and accessibility of our local neighbourhoods and activity centres
- 7.15 Acknowledge, recognise and value our indigenous heritage and communities
- 7.17 Advocate for and support the needs of people from all sexualities, gender identities and sex identities

Priority Action 2019-2020:

Commence development of a Children and Families Strategy

DRAFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRATEGY - PUBLIC EXHIBITION Cont'd

ITEM 1

BACKGROUND

The new *Children and Families Strategy* replaces the *Maroondah City Council Children's Plan 2015-2019* as Council's key strategic document regarding children and their families.

The development of the Children and Families Strategy was informed by extensive community consultation, service reviews, service infrastructure needs analysis and research from 2018 to 2020. Key teams and staff across Council worked collaboratively to process the evidence and develop the new Strategy.

The Children and Families Strategy seeks to:

- Support Council to raise the wellbeing of Maroondah's children and their families
- Utilise a strong evidence base to help Council meet the needs and aspirations of Maroondah's children and their families
- Actively engage children and families in the development of the Strategy and Action Plans
- Guide and focus Council's work with and for children and families into the future

The Children and Families Strategy is a Council-wide strategic document that:

- Encompasses all people aged 0 to 12 years and their families who live, work, study or play in the City of Maroondah City Council
- Sits alongside Council's Youth Strategy to provide continuous and aligned strategic planning for children and young people from birth to 25 years and their families
- Aims to guide Council's partnerships and collaboration with organisations or groups outside of Council, while not directing their work
- Commences in 2020 but does not have a set end-date and will instead be reviewed every two years and renewed when required.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Using the strong evidence base developed through broad community consultation and research, Council developed a new Children and Families Strategy which outlines the focus for Council's work with and for children and their families in Maroondah into the future. The strategic framework for the Strategy is outlined below.

Vision:

Maroondah is a connected community where all children and their families thrive.

Mission:

To raise the wellbeing of all children and their families in Maroondah through collaboration, advocacy and service delivery.

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Strategic Outcomes:

1. **T**ransformed Service Systems and Spaces
2. **H**ealth and Wellbeing
3. **R**espect and Inclusion
4. **I**nformed and Connected Communities
5. **V**aluing the Voices of Children
6. **E**ducation and Learning for Life

Key Directions:

1. Transformed Service Systems and Spaces
 - 1.1. Establish Maroondah as a Child Friendly City and Community, where the voices, needs, priorities and rights of children are an integral part of public policies, programs and decisions
 - 1.2. Strengthen and support the children and family services sector in Maroondah
 - 1.3. Ensure that Council's infrastructure and open spaces are well planned and placed to meet the changing needs of Maroondah's children, their families and service providers
2. Health and Wellbeing
 - 2.1. Provide accessible local services and opportunities that foster the health, wellbeing and development of children and their families
 - 2.2. Expand opportunities to support the health, wellbeing and development of children and families in Maroondah experiencing vulnerability or disadvantage
 - 2.3. Increase community capacity to build the health, wellbeing and development of children and their families
3. Respect and Inclusion
 - 3.1. Respect, value and celebrate the diversity of children and their families in Maroondah
 - 3.2. Enhance accessibility and inclusion for children and their families in Maroondah
 - 3.3. Support children and their families to develop and maintain safe, healthy and respectful relationships
4. Informed and Connected Communities
 - 4.1. Effectively promote and provide information about the range of services and opportunities available to children and their families in Maroondah
 - 4.2. Facilitate the provision of places and opportunities for children and their families that promote community connection and a sense of belonging
 - 4.3. Facilitate networking and information sharing opportunities for professionals who work with children and their families in Maroondah
5. Valuing the Voices of Children
 - 5.1. Advocate for children to be treated as equal stakeholders in the community, whose knowledge, experience and views are valued and respected
 - 5.2. Actively and effectively engage and consult with children and their families on matters that affect them and their communities
 - 5.3. Advocate for the needs and aspirations of all children in Maroondah

DRAFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRATEGY - PUBLIC EXHIBITION Cont'd

ITEM 1

6. Education and Learning for Life
 - 6.1. Equip children and their families with the knowledge and capabilities to successfully navigate life's opportunities and challenges
 - 6.2. Enhance opportunities for children in Maroondah to access high-quality local education and care services that meet community needs

Once endorsed, the Children and Families Strategy will be supplemented by a sequence of separate two-year Action Plans, which will outline the actions Council will undertake. Given the changing landscape due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a key element of the Strategy's first Action Plan will be the adaptation of Council services to meet the emerging and future needs of children and their families resulting from the impacts of the virus.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The Children and Families Strategy will be implemented within existing resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Through the consultation process, a number of items were raised in relation to Maroondah's natural and built environment. The Children and Families Strategy outlines a number of Key Directions which address environmental and amenity issues for the benefit of children and their families in Maroondah, particularly regarding service infrastructure and open space.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

All six of the Children and Families Strategy's THRIVE Strategic Outcomes cover social and community aspects of the lives of children and their families, with Key Directions which address a range of areas of social and community wellbeing for children and their families.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

To inform the Children and Families Strategy, Council undertook extensive community consultation with children, families, school staff and service providers across 2018 and 2019. The consultation used multiple engagement methods across a range of stakeholder groups. Key methods used are outlined below.

Children:

- Wellbeing Survey for students (Grade 4 and up)
- Consultation groups
- Children's "Tell Me A Story" competition

Parents and Carers:

- Wellbeing Survey for parents and carers
- Consultation groups
- Maroondah City Council Client Survey
- Maternal and Child Health hardcopy form
- Engagement activities at Council events

DRAFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRATEGY - PUBLIC EXHIBITION Cont'd

ITEM 1

Service Providers and School Staff:

- Service Provider Survey
- Wellbeing Survey for school staff

Across the range of consultation methods, Council engaged with over 3000 children, parents and carers, school staff and service providers.

CONCLUSION

The Children and Families Strategy was informed by a strong evidence base and was developed through a collaborative planning approach.

Council now seeks to place the Draft Children and Families Strategy on public exhibition to obtain community feedback and ensure that Council is meeting the needs of Maroondah's children and their families.

ATTACHMENTS

1. YACS MCH - 2020 - Children and Families Strategy CAFS - Draft Document for Public Exhibition

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE DRAFT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STRATEGY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION FROM 23 JUNE TO 21 JULY 2020

PURPOSE

To consider the recommended allocations of financial assistance to be provided through Council’s Community Grants Funding Program to nominated community organisations for the 2020/21 financial year.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3: 2019-2020) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A safe, healthy and active community.

Our Vision: Maroondah is 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 2019 – 2020:

- 1.21 Support and empower local community groups, sporting clubs and special interest groups across Maroondah.
- 2.20 Encourage lifelong learning opportunities that support mature age and retired people to participate in the workforce, learn new skills and build community connections.
- 3.3 Support festivals and events that celebrate local arts, diversity and produce.
- 7.10 Promote and create opportunities for community connectedness, learning, mentoring and social interactions for people from all life-stages and cultural backgrounds.

Priority Action 2019 - 2020:

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND

The Community Grants Funding Program 2020/21 offers three grants schemes to incorporated, not-for-profit community groups on an annual basis.

The Community Development Grants Scheme offers assistance up to \$5,000.00 to incorporated, not for profit groups to develop programs, projects and events that enhance community wellbeing and increase participation.

The Small Equipment Grants Scheme is for requests of \$750.00 or less to cover small equipment purchases, printing or administration costs to incorporated not for profit community support groups.

The Emergency Relief Grants Scheme offers assistance up to \$5,000.00 for incorporated, not-for-profit community groups to deliver and develop emergency relief programs and services to assist vulnerable people and those at risk of or experiencing homelessness

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For the 2020/21 Community Grants Funding Program, a total of 56 eligible applications were received across the three schemes requesting a total of \$187,985.

Eligible applications were reviewed and rated according to the criteria according to program criteria.

The assessment criteria for the Community Development Grants Scheme and Small Equipment Grants Scheme is as follows:

Community Building

Projects which increase community participation, encourage volunteering, provide leadership opportunities and increase learning and skill development.

Community Benefit

New initiatives or the expansion of an existing service that will address a clearly identified community need and contribute to improved community wellbeing.

Community Support

Funding required to provide help, advice or support to a specific population group who share a common experience.

The Assessment Criteria for the Emergency Relief Grants Scheme is as follows:

Community empowerment

Projects, programs and services which increase inclusive access, encourage volunteering and/or assist with the development of life skills such as budgeting, nutrition etc

Community wellbeing

New initiatives or the expansion of an existing service that will directly address identified needs of vulnerable community members and contribute to improved wellbeing.

Community assistance

Provision of assistance in the form of material / food aid plus offer support and advocacy to vulnerable members in the community.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Community Development Grants Scheme applications were assessed under the following categories:

- Children
- Community Projects
- Community Support
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)
- Disability
- Emergency Relief

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- Physical Activity
- Seniors
- Youth

Application for the Small Equipment Grants Scheme and Emergency Relief Grants Scheme were assessed under separate categories.

Following the assessment process, a total of 64 eligible applications were recommended for funding across the three schemes with a proposed overall allocation of \$170,578.

- 33 applications were recommended for funding as part of the Community Development Grants Scheme with a proposed overall allocation of \$110,571;
- 20 applications were recommended for funding as part of the Small Equipment Grants Scheme with a proposed overall allocation of \$13,288;
- 11 applications were recommended for funding as part of the Emergency Relief Grants Scheme with a proposed overall allocation of \$46,719.

All successful applicants for the 2020/21 Community Grants Funding Program will be required to enter into a funding and service agreement with Council. The agreements detail specific responsibilities, obligations and any identified reciprocal arrangements.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

For the 2020/21 Community Grants Funding Program, a total of 67 eligible applications were received requesting a total of \$187,985.

The total value of recommendations recommended for the 2020/21 Community Grants Funding Program is \$170,578 providing funding to 64 community organisations.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Financial assistance provided by Council through the Community Grants Funding Program will facilitate an increase in the availability and range of community services, community support initiatives and inclusion programs throughout the municipality.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Community Grants Funding Program was promoted through an advertisement placed in the Maroondah Leader newspaper on Tuesday 3 March 2020, an extensive mail-out to previous recipients and through Council's website and social media channels.

Due to COVID-19, Council's annual grant writing workshops scheduled for Wednesday 25 March and Thursday 26 March 2020 were cancelled. Instead of these sessions, prospective applicants were invited to discuss their application with a relevant Council officer.

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING PROGRAM 2020/21 Cont'd

ITEM 2

CONCLUSION

The applications recommended for funding under the Community Development Grants Scheme are detailed in Attachment 1.

The applications recommended for funding under the Small Equipment Grants Scheme are detailed in Attachment 2.

The applications recommended for funding under the Emergency Relief Grants Scheme are detailed in Attachment 3.

All applicants will be informed in writing of the outcome of their grant submission. Wherever possible, alternative funding options and other forms of assistance will be provided to unsuccessful organisations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2020/21 Community Development Grants Scheme - Recommended funding allocation
2. 2020/21 Small Equipment Grants Scheme - Recommended funding allocation
3. 2020/21 Emergency Relief Grants Scheme - Recommended funding allocation

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS (AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REPORT) THROUGH THE COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING PROGRAM, TOTALLING \$170,578**
2. **ADVISES ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THEIR GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement for the allocation of financial assistance through the Arts and Cultural Grants Program to nominated community and cultural organisations for the 2020/2021 year.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

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

Outcome Area:

- A vibrant and culturally rich community

Our Vision:

Maroondah is a creative and cosmopolitan community recognised for its celebration and promotion of arts and culture. There are a broad range of engaging entertainment options, diverse cultural activities and the creation and display of traditional and contemporary forms of art.

Key Directions 2019 – 2020:

- 3.4 Promote innovative, contemporary and socially engaged arts practice.
- 3.5 Support and promote the unique cultures of emerging communities in Maroondah.
- 3.7 Encourage artistic expression and community participation in the arts.
- 3.10 Encourage a range of temporary and public art that celebrates the unique characteristics of Maroondah including our history, cultural diversity, environment and future aspirations.
- 3.11 Advocate for and value the contribution of the arts in supporting thriving neighbourhoods and vibrant activity centres.

Priority Action 2019-2020:

Not applicable

BACKGROUND

The Arts and Cultural Grants Program supports a diverse and culturally rich Maroondah through community driven projects, initiatives and events that increase arts profile and participation. These initiatives may focus on a wide variety of art forms.

Objectives of the Program:

- Increase community participation in arts and cultural activities.
- Enhance and celebrate local identity through high quality projects with artists and community.

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ITEM 3

- Build and strengthen local networks within the Maroondah community and encourage partnerships and collaboration with community, business and Council.
- Strengthen the identity and profile of the arts in Maroondah through effective arts programming and marketing.

An online process through Smarty Grants is used for grant applications. Applications for 2020/2021 opened at 9am Wednesday 10 March, closing on Friday 24 April 2020.

Council received ten eligible applications with a total request of \$43,984. The funding pool for the program is \$22,380.

All applications were individually reviewed and rated according to the criteria listed below by Officers from the Arts and Cultural Development team. Applications and preliminary recommendations were then presented to the three Councillor representatives on the Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee for discussion.

The Assessment Criteria include broad Community Grants criteria as follows:

Community building

Projects that increase participation, encourage volunteering, provide leadership opportunities and increase learning and skill development.

Community benefit

New initiatives or the expansion of an existing service that will address a clearly identified community need or opportunity and contribute to improved well-being.

Community support

Funding for community groups that provide help, advice or support to a specific population group who share a common experience.

Arts and Cultural Grant proposals must also meet two or more of the following criteria:

- supports a diverse and culturally rich Maroondah through community driven projects, initiatives and events that increase the profile and participation in the arts;
- involves the participation of a skilled artist/s or arts worker who is suitable to the desired outcomes of the project;
- supports further creative development of existing activities with new and innovative approaches and activities.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

All successful applicants for the 2020-2021 Arts and Cultural Grants Program will be required to enter into a Funding and Service Agreement with Council. The Agreements detail specific responsibilities, obligations and any identified reciprocal arrangements.

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FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The budget available for the 2020/2021 Arts and Cultural Grants Program is \$22,380. The total value of recommendations endorsed is \$22,380 providing funding to six cultural and community organisations.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Financial assistance provided by Council through the Arts and Cultural Grants Program will:

- Increase community participation in arts and cultural activities;
- Enhance and celebrate local identity through high quality projects with artists and community;
- Build and strengthen local networks within the Maroondah community and encourage partnerships and collaboration with community, business and Council;
- Strengthen the identity and profile of the arts in Maroondah through effective arts programming and marketing.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Arts and Cultural Grants Program was promoted through a wide range of accessible media including Council's website and Arts in Maroondah social media channels and mailouts.

Due to COVID-19, Council's annual grant writing workshops scheduled for Wednesday 25 March and Thursday 26 March 2020 were cancelled. Instead of these sessions, prospective applicants were invited to discuss their application with a relevant Council officer.

CONCLUSION

The following applications are recommended for funding:

Fresh Theatre for Social Change

The Unsaid

\$5000

An original play which will be promoted to local schools with an education pack. This play will be unique in its development and structure, improvisational and collaborative approach.

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Maroondah Singers

Inclusion Program \$2500

The program will promote inclusion through musical performance. The capacity of the choir will be built through new technology to facilitate learning of new repertoire. The community will benefit through improved sound enhancement in diverse performance settings.

Ringwood and District Historical Society (Heathmont History Group)

Orchard tribute bollards \$3000

Bollards will be decorated with artworks as a tribute to the orchardists who pioneered Heathmont. The project will be undertaken in partnership with community and schools and will celebrate this aspect of local heritage within the shopping strip. The History Group will work with a suitable artist/arts worker. Council Officers will provide advice and support to ensure high quality artistic outcomes.

Ringwood East Traders Association Inc

Ringwood East Art Installation \$5380

A significant piece or pieces of art within the Ringwood East shopping precinct to raise the quality, enjoyment and appreciation of the arts experience and encourage visitation and participation in the local community and Maroondah in general. Council officers will provide advice on the development of the project in order to ensure a high-quality artistic outcome.

Yarrunga Community Centre

ISO Art \$3000

ISO Art, Images of experiences in isolation during COVID19, will support the community to share their experiences and emotions of Coronavirus lockdown through art, assisting with mental health selfcare. Council Officers will provide advice on opportunities to exhibit the works produced through this project.

Zomi Association Australia Inc

Daaktum Training (Zomi Traditional Music) \$3500

Traditional Zomi musicians will lead Daaktum workshops for young people. The project will benefit Zomi young people by bringing them together to enhance social wellbeing and will encourage them to participate in the wider community by showing their Daaktum music skills.

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ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AS OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT, THROUGH THE ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM, TOTALLING \$22,380**
2. **ADVISES ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE OUTCOME OF THEIR GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

PURPOSE

To present the *Maroondah 2040 Refresh: Our future together* to Council for formal consideration.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3: 2019-2020) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A well governed and empowered community

Our Vision: In 2040, Maroondah will be an empowered community that is actively engaged in Council decision making through processes that consider the needs and aspiration of all ages and population groups. Council will provide strong and responsive leadership, ensuring transparency, while working with the community to advocate for and ‘champion’ local needs

Key Directions 2019 – 2020:

- 8.3 Provide community inspired leadership in democratic governance
- 8.8 Undertake inclusive engagement and consultation using accessible and tailored approaches to consider the needs and aspirations of different age and population groups
- 8.9 Create opportunities for shared decision making through active community involvement
- 8.13 Encourage individuals, groups and organisations to proactively connect with and contribute to their local community

Priority Action 2019-2020:

Engage the community in undertaking an interim review of Maroondah 2040: Our future together

BACKGROUND

Between 2013 and 2014 Council worked with the Maroondah community to develop a long-term vision for our future looking ahead to the year 2040 and beyond. Council formally adopted the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision (*Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together*) on 23 June 2014.

The Maroondah 2040 Community Vision captures the aspirations, desires, and priorities of the community. The Vision provides a ‘roadmap’ for the community, Council and other levels of government to partner together and create a future that enhances Maroondah as a great place to live, work, play and visit.

Over the past eighteen months, Council has been undertaking a review of the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision. The purpose of the review has been to:

- Review progress made to date in working towards the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision

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- Understand emerging trends and implications for Maroondah, along with the role of Council
- Check-in with key stakeholders and the broader Maroondah community regarding the aspirations and policy directions in the Vision
- Help to position and align Council's future direction, resources and service delivery activities for the next five to ten years.

The review has involved three key stages.

Stage 1: Where have we already made progress?

In November 2018, Council commenced work on a review of the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision with development of the *State of Maroondah 2019* document. This biennial report highlighted where activities had supported achievements of the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision outcomes, along with a review of the community indicators of progress.

This work was followed by research that examined global and national trends, emerging issues, local population data and implications for Maroondah.

Stage 2: Where are we now and where do we want to go?

A variety of community and stakeholder engagement activities were undertaken during this stage aimed at gaining insights on emerging trends within the municipality, including testing findings from the research.

Community engagement during this stage was undertaken from November 2018 to February 2019 via online surveys and face-to-face pop-up activities at various locations across Maroondah.

Stakeholder engagement commenced at a Community Forum in March 2019 attended by a broad range of community and business leaders. The facilitated discussion explored progress made over the past five years, implications arising from emerging trends, and provided local insights on future priorities. Other activities included discussions with local community networks and workshops with Council employees, including a Leadership Forum.

Stage 3: How do we get there?

This stage sought to further explore the emerging trends and associated implications for Maroondah in more detail. Broad community engagement was undertaken during this phase of the project via an online survey and face-to-face pop-up engagement in various locations.

This stage included a Community Forum in November 2019 with community, education, leisure and business leaders that considered collective aspirations, revised policy directions, game-changing priorities and partnership opportunities. Consultation also involved targeted stakeholder engagement through focus groups with Council advisory committees who helped to inform and refine policy directions related to their respective areas of expertise and experience.

The Draft Maroondah 2040 Community Vision Refresh was made available for community feedback from 23 April to 21 May 2020 following Council approval to release the document on public exhibition at the Council Meeting on 20 April 2020.

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The result of this process is a refreshed Vision that captures the collective aspirations, emerging trends and implications, along with the evolving priorities of the Maroondah community.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

As the review of the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision is an interim review, the existing overarching community vision statement and the structure of the eight outcomes areas have been retained.

Changing community aspirations and priorities, and emerging themes and trends, are captured in updated vision statements, key directions and community indicators of progress for each of the eight outcome areas. The key directions describe the high-level strategies that will guide the activities of Council and the community in working towards the outcome area's vision. Progress towards the vision and preferred future outcomes will be measured, over time, through the community indicators of progress.

A summary of the revised Maroondah 2040 Community Vision Strategic Framework is provided below, with the full version available in the attached *Draft Maroondah 2040 Community Vision Refresh*.

Figure 1. Revised Maroondah 2040 Community Vision Strategic Framework

Community Vision



In 2040, Maroondah will be a vibrant and diverse city with a healthy and active community, living in green leafy neighbourhoods which are connected to thriving and accessible activity centres contributing to a prosperous economy within a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment.

Outcome Areas



Safe, healthy and active

In 2040, Maroondah will be a safe, healthy and active community where all people have the opportunity to experience enhanced levels of social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

This vision is supported by 14 key directions and six community indicators of progress.



Prosperous and learning

In 2040, Maroondah will be a thriving regional centre of economic activity and education, where the sustainable growth of local businesses is supported, and diverse lifelong learning opportunities are accessible for all community members.

This vision is supported by 15 key directions and eight community indicators of progress.

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Vibrant and culturally rich

In 2040, Maroondah will be a vibrant and creative community recognised for celebration of the arts, cultural expression and diverse entertainment options.
This vision is supported by eight key directions and four community indicators of progress.



Clean, green and sustainable

In 2040, Maroondah will be a resilient community committed to sustainable living, enhancing our natural environment, and providing leadership in responding to climate change.
This vision is supported by eleven key directions and five community indicators of progress.



Accessible and connected

In 2040, Maroondah will be accessible for all ages and abilities with walkable neighbourhoods, sustainable transport options, and a safe integrated transport network.
This vision is supported by nine key directions and eight community indicators of progress.



Attractive, thriving and well built

In 2040, Maroondah will be an attractive, sustainable and well-built community with thriving activity centres and a network of neighbourhoods where everyone has the opportunity to live, work and play locally.
This vision is supported by twelve key directions and nine community indicators of progress.



Inclusive and diverse

In 2040, Maroondah will be an inclusive and equitable community where all people are valued, supported and socially connected, and diversity is embraced and celebrated.
This vision is supported by 13 key directions and eight community indicators of progress.



Well governed and empowered

In 2040, Maroondah will be an empowered community actively engaged in local decision making, led by an innovative community inspired Council that collaborates regionally and proactively champions local needs.
This vision is supported by 12 key directions and 13 community indicators of progress.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Financial and economic issues are considered and addressed in the *Maroondah 2040 Refresh: Our future together*, particularly in relation to the two community outcome areas: *A prosperous and learning community* and *A well governed and empowered community*.

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ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Environment and amenity issues are considered and addressed in the *Maroondah 2040 Refresh: Our future together*, particularly in relation to the three community outcome areas: *A clean, green and sustainable community*; *An accessible and connected community* and *An attractive, thriving and well-built community*.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Social and community issues are considered and addressed in the *Maroondah 2040 Refresh: Our future together*, particularly in relation to the three community outcome areas: *A safe, healthy and active community*; *An inclusive and diverse community*; and *A vibrant and culturally rich community*.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community engagement has been a key focus during the review of the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision. The engagement has been undertaken in three stages.

Stage 1 - November 2018 - April 2019

During this stage a range of community and stakeholder engagement activities were undertaken to gain insights on emerging trends within Maroondah, including testing findings from the research consultancy.

Community engagement during stage one included online surveys (*Your Say Maroondah* website) and face-to-face pop-up activities at various locations such as: the 2018 Maroondah Festival, Realm and Ringwood Town Square, 2019 Australia Day at Ringwood Lake and Family Fun Day at Glen Park.

External stakeholders were engaged through a consolidated workshop of business and community leaders in March 2019. Internal stakeholders were engaged through workshops in March and April 2019.

Stage 2 - July 2019 - November 2019

During this stage feedback from Stage One was used to further explore emerging trends and associated implications for Maroondah.

Community engagement during Stage Two included online surveys (*Your Say Maroondah* website) and face-to-face pop-up activities at various locations including the 2019 Maroondah Festival, and Realm and Ringwood Town Square.

Stakeholder's were engaged through focus groups with Council advisory committees to help inform and refine policy directions related to their respective areas of expertise and experience. Stakeholder engagement concluded with a Community Forum in November 2019.

Stage 3 - 23 April to 21 May 2020

The Draft Maroondah 2040 Community Vision Refresh was made available for community feedback from 23 April to 21 May 2020 following Council approval to release the document on public exhibition at the Council Meeting on 20 April 2020.

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Community members were invited to read the document and provide feedback, either via an online survey or through a written submission.

During the feedback period, a total of 18 survey responses were received, and two questions were asked via the Maroondah 2040 Your Say Maroondah page. A public response was provided to these questions with input from relevant Service Areas.

An additional two formal submissions were received from the Croydon Conservation Society and the Heathmont History Group, a sub-committee of the Ringwood & District Historical Society. Issues raised were considered and amendments made accordingly.

Of the 18 survey responses received during the public exhibition phase, 13 respondents 'fully supported' the Draft Maroondah 2040 Community Vision Refresh. The remaining five respondents indicated 'partial support' and generally identified policy areas they would like strengthened.

Community feedback particularly affirmed the inclusion of key directions on:

- Promoting a regionally-sourced healthy food system, including community gardens and sustainably grown local produce
- Pursuing urban design that promotes environmental sustainability, water sensitivity, and community wellbeing
- Facilitating urban design that enhances the connection between the built, natural and social environments

Community feedback identified a number of policy areas to be strengthened including:

- Safety, especially around parks and train stations
- Local employment opportunities
- Local history and heritage
- The natural environment, including: canopy vegetation, linkage between the natural and build environments
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change
- Active and sustainable transport, including walking and cycling paths
- Urban planning and development
- Appropriate spaces for community groups
- Inclusion and diversity
- Activities and services for children living in Maroondah
- Activities and services for residents aged 55+ living in Maroondah

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- Linkages and interdependencies between outcome areas and key directions

In response to community feedback received during the public exhibition process, a number of changes have been made to the document. This has included the addition of three additional key directions and the amendment of 10 key directions within the document. Changes were also made to some of the contextual sections based on community feedback. Details on the community feedback received and Council's response can be found in the attached document.

CONCLUSION

The review of the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision has involved considerable background research and extensive engagement with the local community.

The *Maroondah 2040 Refresh: Our community together* captures the updated community aspirations and priorities, emerging themes and trends, and provides the strategic blueprint for Council and the community to work together to continue to shape the future of Maroondah to the year 2040.

This refreshed community vision is tabled for Council adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Maroondah 2040 Refresh Community Vision - June 2020
2. Maroondah 2040 Refresh Community Vision Summary - June 2020
3. Maroondah 2040 Refresh Public Exhibition - Community Feedback

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. **ADOPTS MAROONDAH 2040 REFRESH: OUR FUTURE TOGETHER**
2. **THANKS THE SUBMITTERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND INPUT**

LETTER UNDER SEAL - EMPLOYEE MILESTONES 2020

ITEM 1

BACKGROUND

Council recognises employees each year who have achieved service milestones. Combined service with either the former Cities of Ringwood or Croydon and Maroondah City Council is recognised.

During the year, from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, one employee will have achieved 40 years of service, eight employees will have achieved 30 years, seventeen will have achieved 20 years and twenty-five will have achieved 10 years.

The names of employees to be presented with Letters Under Seal are listed in the recommendation to this report.

The Letters Under Seal will be presented to the recipients at a future date once COVID-19 restrictions allow. Feedback from employees over many years has indicated that both the Milestones themselves and the celebration recognition are held in high esteem by employees and their immediate families.

It is necessary for Council to formally resolve to execute the Letters Under Seal in line with Council's Meeting Procedure Local Law.

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS LETTERS IN RECOGNITION OF:

1. FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN BY:

IAN REIDY

2. THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN BY:

IVY FELL

MARGARET GLAUBITZ

MICHAEL HENRY

FIORENZA LAWS

ANDREW RUTHERFORD

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

SUSAN SPICER

GRAEME TAPLIN

PHILLIP TURNER

3. TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN BY:

DEBBIE BAKKER

WENDY BINYON-SWART

DONATO DI GIANDOMENICO

SHARON GREIG

MARISA GROSSO

JEANETTE INGRAM

SUSAN KENDALL

KERRIE MCPHEE

LYNNE MORRIS

SUSANNE OATT

STEVEN O'BRIEN

CHRISTINE POSTE

THERESE PROCTOR

NARELLE SALTER

NINA STEWART

SUZANNE WALKER

DAVID WAY

4. TEN YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN BY:

KIRSTYN ANDERSON

NATHAN BACHMANN

VICKI BAIGENT

ALEKSANDRA BOGDANOVIC

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

DANIELLE BUTCHER

KIRSTIE DENCH

MALA FERNANDO

BRENDA GUIDA

SARAH HANLY

MEAGHAN HARMES

JENNIFER HARRIS

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