



Ordinary Meeting of Council Attachments

Monday 17 April 2023

Council Chamber Realm

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COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 20 March 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Tasa Damante (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Marijke Graham (entered at 6:02pm)	Cr Kylie Spears
Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Paul Macdonald (entered at 6:25pm)	Cr Suzy Stojanovic
		Cr Mike Symon
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Chloe Messerle	Senior Governance Officer	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	
Isabelle Cancino	Manager Finance & Commercial	Item 2
Damian Thorp	Waste Management Coordinator	Item 2
Antonia Heward	Team Leader Waste Strategy & Policy	Item 2
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure & Major Facilities	Item 3
Kirstie Dench	Sport & Recreation Liaison Officer	Item 3
Jim Herron	Manager Cyber & Technology	Item 4

Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Rob Steane, Cr Linda Hancock

Council Officers:

Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Cr Damante: Item 3 - Capital Funding for Community Organisations Program 2023/24
Reason: Employee at Arrabri Community House and member of club at East Croydon Kilsyth tennis club.

Council Officers:

Cr Macdonald: Item 5.2 - Parking at Ringwood East station.
Reason: Business customer.
Nil

Items Discussed:

Confidential

1	Council Meeting Agenda
2	Food Organics Garden Organics - Bin Lid Roll Out Update
3	Capital Funding for Community Organisations Program 2023/24
4	Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan
5	Items of a General Nature raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer
Title

Emma Hills
Governance Officer



COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: 24 - 26 March 2023

Location: Lakes Entrance

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Rob Steane (Mayor)	Cr Marijke Graham (virtual)	Cr Kylie Spears
Cr Tasa Damante (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Linda Hancock	Cr Suzy Stojanovic
Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Paul Macdonald	Cr Mike Symon
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	

Apologies:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil

Items Discussed: ## Confidential

1	Long Term Outlook
2	Operational Outcomes
3	Pipeline Projects & Priorities
4	Strategic Issues
5	Councillor Forum
6	Regional Representation

Record completed by:

Council Officer	Tony Rocca
Title	Director/Chief Financial Officer



COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 3 April 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Rob Steane (Mayor)	Cr Marijke Graham	Cr Kylie Spears
Cr Tasa Damante (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Linda Hancock	Cr Suzy Stojanovic (left at 6:35pm)
Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Paul Macdonald	Cr Mike Symon (entered at 6:18pm)
Council Officers:		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Nina Pirruccio	Coordinator Governance & Procurement	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	Item
Steve McIntosh	Manager Projects & Asset Management	1
John Richardson	Coordinator Assets Projects & Facilities	1
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure & Major Facilities	1 & 2
Danielle Butcher	Manager Communications & Citizen Experience	2
Phil Medley	Manager Governance & Performance	3 & 4
Kate Klep	Integrated Planning Advisor	3 & 4

Apologies:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil

Items Discussed: **## Confidential**

1	Assets and Leisure Projects Update
2	Jubilee Indoor Cricket Training Centre - Proposed name
3	Maroondah 2050 Community Vision
4	Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (2023/24 Update)
5	Palmerston Road Discontinuance
6	Councillor Conference 2023 Outcomes
7	Councillor Delegates' Meeting Report
8	Items of a General Nature raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer	Emma Hills
Title	Governance Officer



Maroondah Liveability Safety and Amenity Committee – Minutes

Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2023

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Meeting Room 1 & 2, Realm

Attendees:

Councillors

Cr Rob Steane (Mayor & Chair)
Cr Tasa Damante (Deputy Mayor)

Council Officers:

Kirsten Jenkins, Manager Community Safety
Chris Zidak, Manager Business and Precincts
Sharyn Davey-Sharman, Coordinator Local Laws
Nic Daws, Place Manager - Major Activity Centres
Rebecca Penrose, Asset Planner
Nicole Finkemeyer, Team Leader Asset Planning
Stefanie Black, Asset Planner
Annette Degenhardt, Project Officer - Free from Violence
Chloe Messerle, Senior Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

Community Representatives:

Ellen Mitchell
Mallory Healey
Linda Tubnor

Agency Representatives:

Sam Bartlett, Croydon Main Street Traders Association
Tim Malloch, QIC Eastland
Shaun Ruigrok, Metropolitan East Bicycle Users Group
Gavin Ryan, Victoria Police
Ray White, Victoria Police
Sally Fornaro, Eastern Regional Libraries
Carol Atkins, Yarra Valley Water
Kathryn Collier, METEC
Michael Bateman, Department of Transport
Berlyn Shelton, Department of Transport

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Linda Hancock
Council Officers:	Chris Zidak, Manager Business and Precincts Chris Riseley, Team Leader Community Development Robyn Williams, Safe and Liveable Communities Officer
Community Representatives:	Wendy Thomas Judith Lenthall
Agency Representatives:	Inspector Dean Grande, Victoria Police Jodi Long, QIC Eastland Melissa Carmody, Melbourne Water Rhonda Emery, Department of Transport Kate Gallagher, Yarra Valley Water Anthony Glover, Metro Trains

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil
Community Representatives:	Nil
Agency Representatives:	Nil

Items Discussed

1. OPENING OF MEETING (Acknowledgment of Country)

Cr Steane opened the meeting and read the Acknowledgement of Country -

Maroondah City Council, in the spirit of Reconciliation, acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today, where Indigenous Australians have performed age-old ceremonies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. WELCOME

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2022

ITEM 3

Cr Steane called for the minutes to be moved by the committee and all attendees confirmed the minutes.

4. ITEMS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS - ORGANISATION UPDATES

ITEM 4.1

Cr Steane introduced the item advising that there were new members to the committee.

All members introduced themselves and the organisation that they represent -

Cr Rob Steane - Yarrunga Ward Councillor and Mayor.

Kirsten Jenkins - Manager, Community Safety which includes Health, Emergency Management and Local Laws at Maroondah City Council.

Senior Sergeant Ray White - Ringwood Police Station.

Acting Senior Sergeant Gavin Ryan - Ringwood Police Station.

Sam Bartlett - Events Manager for Croydon Main Street Traders Association.

Shaun Ruigrok - Metropolitan East Bicycle Users Group - a group enabling people to get on their bike more often.

Sally Fornaro - Manager Realm Library.

Nic Daws - representing Chris Zidak - Place Manager - Major Activity Centres.

Carol Atkins - Business Partnership role at Yarra Valley Water

Cr Tasa Damante - Wicklow Ward Councillor and Deputy Mayor.

Sharyn Davey-Sharman - Coordinator Local Laws at Maroondah City Council.

Mallory Healey - Community Representative

Linda Tubnor - Community Representative

Ellen Mitchell - Community Representative.

Tim Malloch - Operations Manager at Eastland.

Michael Bateman - Office Accommodation Manager at Department of Transport.

Berlyn Shelton - Workplace Solutions Manager at Department of Transport.

Chloe Messerle - Senior Governance Officer and minute taker for the committee meeting.

PLAY AND GATHERING SPACE DRAFT STRATEGY DISCUSSION

ITEM 4.2

Cr Steane introduced the item.

Kirsten Jenkins introduced the Rebecca Penrose, Nicole Finkemeyer and Stefanie Black.

Rebecca provided a powerpoint presentation - to be circulated with the minutes.

Rebecca spoke about the 127 existing playspaces that have recently been assessed to include the following for the strategy -

- Identified need to expand provisions to include inclusive play (for all ages, abilities, genders, cultures) and to include gathering opportunities
- Acknowledgment of the importance of creating 'places'
- Establishment of Vision

The Vision for the strategy -

To provide inclusive places within our open spaces that aim to cater for all cohorts within our community. Places that promote gathering, interaction, connection, wellbeing and liveability,

that are thoughtfully and sustainably planned to honour Maroondah's natural environment and culture.

Rebeccah shared two vision board slides that incorporated ideas and themes for the type of visions included in the strategy -

- Play
- Wheels
- Sensory
- Games
- Fitness
- Picnic
- Calm
- Yarning
- Art
- Information Board / Interpretative Signage

Rebeccah shared a brainstorming activity, allowing the group to separate into three groups and discuss a question each.

Q1 - Which Play and Gathering spaces in Maroondah do you feel best support feelings of safety currently? (physically, culturally, emotionally)

- CPTED - Passive surveillance
- Parking - volume and location
- Facilities maintenance
- Presence of toilets
- Seating and shelter
- Local parks from a liveability perspective
- Wyreena as a great example - cultural events, community centre, café, play space, central location, community connected
- McAlpin - accessible for all ages and abilities
- Ringwood Lake - well connected, balance of built and nature
- Croydon Dog Park
- Cheong Park - variety activities, many sports, good lighting
- Town Park - same as above
- Warriem Reserve and Wombolano Parks (some people are not aware of these)

Q2 - What elements do you feel could improve feelings of safety and liveability in Maroondah's play and gathering spaces?

- Lighting
- Well maintained paths
- Built and natural features
- Parks and open spaces are continuances of our backyards
- All abilities
- All access
- Clean
- No vandalism
- Events in local spaces
- Proximity to other attractions
- Parking
- Ability to get there by public transport
- End of trip facilities

- CPTED
- Encouraging use after hours
- Ongoing maintenance
- Possibility use of wifi stations and solar in the future
- Sensory movement
- CCTV surveillance

Q3 - How do you feel the Play and Gathering Strategy can increase liveability, safety and amenity for the Maroondah community?

- Encourage people to activate spaces
- Create inclusive safe spaces
- Encourage people to try new activities and new spaces
- Ensure rideability
- Ensure adaptation and new updates
- Open spaces not being single use
- Caters to all community
- Dog parks for other uses
- Different spaces to cater for the local community
- Looking at options for seating for elderly
- Engage people who may not use these spaces and figure out why
- Culturally relevant engagement
- Genuine consultation
- Genuine input
- Tangible actions to progress to constructions
- Community gardens
- Public toilets in terms of viability

Rebeccah advised that feedback will form part of the consultation process.

Cr Steane advised how important the feedback is from this advisory committee in the consultation process.

Cr Steane requested an update from the representatives of Victoria Police.

Victoria Police Update

Senior Sergeant Ray White advised that there had been reports of aggravated burglaries occurring locally where home doors and cars were left unlocked.

Senior Sergeant Ray White spoke about the upcoming OMNI Operation which is a controlled weapons area project that will enable Police Officers to search the public to detect weapons. People will be selected at random and if they do not agree to the search, Police have the power to charge them as they are delaying the operation. The public will be provided an information sheet to inform them of why they are being searched. To be able to conduct this operation, Victoria Police have significant approval processes to go through. This is likely to not be a one off exercise and instead will be conducted regularly based on need.

Break - 10:30 - 10:45am.

LOCAL LAW REVIEW

ITEM 4.3

Cr Steane introduced the item.

Kirsten Jenkins provided a powerpoint presentation (to be circulated with the minutes) and a verbal update since the last time she presented to this advisory committee.

Kirsten spoke about the purpose of the Local Law 11 with the sunset clause ending in 2025.

Documents as part of the review included -

- General Local Law Review - Report on Community Consultation
- Summary of proposed changes
- Community Impact Statement
- Draft Community Local Law 2023
- Waste Collection Guidelines (new incorporated document)

Key themes identified in the review includes the following -

- Ensuring walkways, footpath and nature strips are kept clear of obstructions
- Public smoking and extending smoking bans
- Drinking alcohol in public places (anti-social behaviour)
- Building site management
- Waste collection (hard waste, dumping etc)
- Safety around the use of bicycles, e-scooters and skateboards
- Maintenance of vacant/abandoned building and vacant land
- Responsible removal of animal faeces from Council land by pet owners

Kirsten spoke about the Proposed Changes which includes -

- Removed unnecessary duplications and administrative matters.
- Created a more user-friendly, 'Plain English' document which does not compromise Council's enforcement powers and functions.
- Summary of proposed changes document lists all significant (non- administrative amendments) and new clauses
- Waste Services guidelines developed as an incorporated document

The Next Steps include the consultation on the draft Local Law which will begin after Easter and be open for 4 weeks. This will be advertised on the Council YourSay website where there will be two options, the completion of a survey or a formal submission where the results may be made public.

[Your Say Maroondah](#)

Senior Sergeant Ray White advised that he and other members of the police force have used the Local Law in regards to drinking in public and smoking in banned areas.

Kirsten advised that if any committee members wished to discuss this further that they could contact her by email Kirsten.jenkins@maroondah.vic.gov.au

FREE FROM VIOLENCE PROJECT

ITEM 4.4

Cr Steane introduced the item.

Annette Degenhardt provided a powerpoint presentation - to be circulated with the minutes.

Annette read an Acknowledgment of Country and also acknowledged individuals who may have experienced violence in any form.

Annette advised that if you needed to leave the conversation due to personal experiences or feelings relating to the topic, please feel free to leave. Consideration should be given to the relevance of sharing personal stories and if required to, contact 1800RESPECT.

Annette provided some background to the domains of influence -

- Council as a workplace
- Council as a service provider
- Council as a connector
- Councillor as leaders and decisions makers

Primary Prevention includes recovery, response, early intervention and primary intervention. Primary intervention is the basis to start, to stop the violence occurring in the first place.

Annette provided a clearer understanding on what are the drivers of family violence.

The committee broke up into three groups and discussed ranking the following methods of delivering primary prevention activities from the most effective to least effective. The discussion included the following words to be the prompt for further conversations as to how to manage the idea of breaking the cycle of violence -

- Community partnerships
- Community education
- Respectful relationships
- Providing meaningful resources
- Stopping the cycle of violence and the reoccurrence of it
- re-education to be taking charge of your life
- assistance with life skills such as budgeting, understanding how to grocery shop, cooking lessons etc

Acting Senior Sergeant Gavin Ryan advised that he had previously been a detective in child abuse field and this was a topic that he felt very passionate on and was able to share a different perspective on.

Annette to provide further updates to the group as the project continues.

Cr Steane expressed interest in representatives sharing what is currently occurring in their workplace -

Sam Bartlett spoke about the recent Chin Festival held on the 18 March 2023 as well as the upcoming Easter Hunt parade this Saturday on Main Street Croydon. She spoke about an increased Victoria Police presence and an increased number of switch over of shops with more service shops are moving into the area ie: mental health services rather than clothing stores or cafes.

Sam also advised that 300 LXR staff would be working out of the old FoodWorks building located along Main Street Croydon for the next few years whilst the LXR Project is underway.

Shaun Ruigrok spoke his role on the LXP construction liaison group - Bedford and Dublin Road crossings, multiple projects with Council including Ringwood Lake that includes a short term fix and long term planning, two way bike path along Bedford Road with Council seeking funding for construction, a continuous bike path from Mooroolbark train station to Chirnside Park Shopping Centre. Shaun advised anyone with questions around the LXP project to contact him.

Sally Fornaro spoke about the Autumn events happening at the Library with planning completed for winter events. She advised of an increase in the number of visitors at the library compared to pre covid numbers. Sally also advised of internal structure changes that are currently happening.

Nic Daws spoke about the upcoming BizWeek in May that includes a brunch with Samuel Johnson, The Sebel Wine Down and other events include training and workshops.

Cr Damante advised of the 40km p/h flashing lights out the front of the old Croydon Community School on Mt Dandenong Road that has since closed down. Some drivers slow down when they see the sign but other drivers do not and this is causing traffic issues. This issue to be followed up with Vic Roads.

Carol Atkins spoke about her new role at Yarra Valley Water and the Business Partnerships in conjunction with hardships. She advised of works happening in Brushy Creek, new projects about to start, the proposal of new recycle water pipeline to supply Chirnside Park and the commencement of the Bargenong water project.

Sharyn Davey-Sharman spoke about the draft local law review, an upcoming communications campaign to support road safety around schools and reducing risks for school crossing supervisors.

Kathryn Collier spoke about the changes to P plate laws, changes in mobile phone laws and fines, the MG Car Club holding an event, filming for Road Safety Victoria and then return of school groups to the METEC facility.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/new-vic-road-rules-2023>

Tim Malloch provided an update on sustainability projects throughout Eastland in terms of installing solar panels on as many roofs as possible, the purchase of a waste master for organics which turns waste into power to be used for electricity, the dirt car park on the side of Eastland being used by employees of the LXP Project, the Myer lift/escalators currently being replaced, the Mini&Me events coming up for Easter and Mother's Day and the introduction of more cleaners and more security for school holidays. Tim advised that there had been conversations with Victoria Police in terms of safety over the two week school break.

Michael Bateman advised of the renaming of the Department of Transport and Planning. He also advised that there would be scope to utilize the DoT building further.

Senior Sergeant Ray White spoke about road safety on the upcoming long weekends and school holidays. He also advised of roadside alcohol and drug testing which will be out in force during these times.

Nic Daws spoke about the Staley Gardens Consultation and advised that you can share your thoughts on the YourSay website - [Your Say MaroonDAH](#)

The Meeting concluded at 11:55am.



Maroondah Arts Advisory Committee – Minutes

Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday 8 March 2023

Optional Pre-Meet - Guided Site Visit to Ringwood Arts Precinct public art Time: 6:30-7:00pm Location: Meet at Realm front desk 6:25pm

Committee Meeting Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm Location: Meeting Room 1 & 2, Realm

Attendees:

Councillors

Cr Mike Symon (Chair)
Cr Paul Macdonald
Cr Suzy Stojanovic

Council Officers:

Chris Zidak, Manager Business & Precincts
Elise Murphy, Coordinator Arts and Culture
Rebeccah Penrose, Asset Planner (Open Space)
Stefanie Black, Asset Planner (Open Space)
Emma Hills, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

Community and Creative Industries Representatives:

David Billimoria
Grace Watson
James Andrews
Kali Michailidis
Katie Stackhouse
Maryanne Leavey
Sharyn Mullens Taylor OAM
Wendy Catling

Apologies:

Councillors:

Nil

Council Officers:

Marianne Di Giallonardo

Community and Creative Industries Representatives:

Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil
Community and Creative Industries Representatives:	Nil

Items Discussed

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2. WELCOME

Cr Symon introduced himself and the other two Councillors and welcomed all in attendance. Cr Symon also noted that there are five new members on the committee this year and thanked the three outgoing committee members - Kiron Robinson and Aunty Janet Turpie-Johnstone who have reached end of 4-year term, and Andrea Jackson who has taken up a role at Council.

The group went around the table and introduced themselves briefly:

Chris - manager of business and precincts at Maroondah City Council

Maryanne - theatre manager at Aquinas College, also past dance school manager

Kali - manager of external relations at TarraWarra Museum of Art

David - musical director Croydon Wind Symphony and role at Department of Education and Training

Sharyn - founder of Fresh Theatre for Social Change

James - founder and managing director of YourDNA Creative Arts

Grace - engagement and learning role at NGV, freelance curatorial and youth arts

Katie - artist and teacher at Steiner school

Wendy - artist and visual arts faculty leader at Wesley College

Elise.- coordinator of arts and culture at Maroondah City Council

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2022

ITEM 3

Cr Symon requested the confirmation.

Cr Stojanovic moved the Minutes from Wednesday 14 September 2022 and David Billimoria seconded them. The minutes were confirmed.

4. ITEMS

SECTOR INSIGHTS

ITEM 4.1

Cr Symon introduced the item.

Elise asked that all members go around table to share insights from their spheres so as to provide information and perspectives to the group.

James advised that he is the artistic director of YourDNA which provides arts-based programs to support people with physical and intellectual disabilities aligned with NDIS. With key to NDIS being employment, arts in unique position to facilitate this. James advised that they currently have 100 students but a waitlist of 450. James noted that there is a great opportunity for Council to be involved in this space and noted that Federal Government art initiatives create scope for programs such as YourDNA.

Wendy noted that wellbeing, relationships, consent and gender are the big issues for teenagers and schools at the moment and these themes could be considered for art engagement in Council.

Sharyn advised that she works with Fresh Theatre which is a not-for-profit for people ages 10-18. Sharyn noted that they have more young people involved this year which may be due to the cost of living increase as young people can't afford other art programs but are still wanting to continue their passion. She noted that Fresh Theatre are a low-cost option. There are challenges meeting demand with existing volunteer base.

Grace noted that there are more ideas than opportunities at the moment. She has seen a lot of people with ideas and creative passions who are looking for places to reflect themselves and options to show work She spoke about how Council grants are great for young people who are ready to express their ideas and are looking for ways to put them into practice.

David advised that in contrast he has found that from a performing arts perspective it has been hard to recruit. He noted that this could be due to covid as a lot kids let go of their skills or instruments. He noted that bands are struggling to get members particularly brass instruments. David advised that he wants to look at finding ways to reengage young people. Collaboration is also an issue, it would be good to build forums for various arts organisations to connect. Working together can create great outcomes and would mean the risk and reward is shared. Even a one-off or annual event could make a real difference.

Cr Symon noted that there a formats for events like this for sporting clubs and Council that get clubs together to talk about opportunities and make connections.

Sharyn noted that the eastern suburbs don't have as many workshops or places to engage. There is an opportunity for symposiums or forum for artists.

Katie advised that there is a Regional Arts Australia conference (Artlands 2023) coming up in Canberra in September on bringing regional arts industry together, which also provides funding for people who want to go and could be interesting model for forum. Katie agreed that there is more activity in the inner suburbs. In her field, there has been a lot interest in public art within councils. Katie also noted that the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) website has information regarding public art and has updated artist fees, which are both good for industry and a challenge for artists to afford to collaborate with other artists.

Elise advised that the 2023/24 Arts and Cultural Grants funding that supports artists and arts organisations in Maroondah is opening soon. She will provide information to the group to share to networks.

Maryanne suggested that several Council areas could work together to offer online training. Maryanne also elaborated on her introduction and advised that she studied visual arts at RMIT and is now doing a Master of Art Management at RMIT.

Wendy noted that collaboration is big theme in the VCE curriculum this year - art and creative practice. Workshops on how to write applications for arts grants could be helpful.

Kali advised that her work at TarraWarra focusses on grant applications and funding. She noted that since covid, many foundations and government bodies restructured what they will fund and tailored quite specific criteria, with reporting and acquittals also having more requirements now. Focus on First Nations first as a key criteria. More accountability is good but process is more onerous for arts organisations who are trying to roll out initiatives, and it is tougher all round. State government body Creative Vic also totally restructured their grants last year, with this year very different from what happened last year. No announcement on what is happening next year, although probable will follow federal policy lead. Last year there were state government grants available for organisations that are large or small, but medium organisations of 10-30 staff members weren't accounted for.

BUSINESS AND PRECINCTS ORGANISATIONAL REALIGNMENT

ITEM 4.2

Cr Symon introduced the item and noted that since Phil Turner retired late last year, Council has had a realignment.

Chris Zidak provided a powerpoint presentation and introduced himself.

He studied classical guitar and considered going on tour but chose to pursue architecture. Chris graduated architecture in Launceston and then gained a position at the Launceston Council. He joined Maroondah around the time they were building Ringwood activity centre in partnership with QIC Eastland.

Chris introduced the Business and Precincts team members and spoke about the projects they have worked on over the years including the coworking space in Ringwood, activity centres in Ringwood and Croydon and shopping centres throughout Maroondah.

Chris spoke about the cultural venues and precincts in Maroondah:

- Ringwood Arts Precinct - including ArtSpace at Realm, Maroondah Federation Estate (and Gallery)

- Wyreena Community Arts Centre
- Karralyka Performing Arts
- Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct including future black box theatre

Chris advised that the Business and Precincts team have always worked collaboratively with other teams within Council. For example when the bus interchange upgrade was taking place and funding was available, the arts and culture team assisted with involving local artists to contribute to the project. The team are always looking for opportunities for artists to monetise their skills.

Existing Business and Precincts collaborations include:

- Eastland activations, public art, Urban Art walks
- LXR Ringwood and Croydon Station redevelopment public art
- GloBird Energy public art mural which came about through Nic Daws engaging with businesses and an opportunity was discovered.

Chris advised that recently funding has been secure for the Reignite Croydon: Laneway Lights project which is a public art infrastructure project and will see up to four artists commissioned along with a mentorship opportunity. The project hopes to contribute to perceptions of safety and night time economy in Croydon.

James noted that this follows on from what David said and is creating opportunities for collaboration. He noted that there are projects already in place that will get people together.

Chris noted that businesses and organisations could conduct networking events at Karralyka. There is potential to build the economy for artists. If people are already aligned then the connections are there for other organisations.

Grace advised that Burrinja Cultural Centre put on an event called Artists Meeting Artists which invites local artists to a productive space for collaboration. She noted that the event is mainly visual but could be extended easily.

Sharyn said she has been on this Committee for many years and noted that many things being discussed tonight were tabled many years ago for input. She noted that it is really affirming to see things that the Committee have worked on in the past being put into practice now. These conversations are important. The talents and skills here are really valuable.

Cr Symon noted that it is also great for Councillors as they can absorb the information being discussed and can advocate for these issues.

David spoke about the upcoming Croydon redevelopment with the new train station and community wellbeing hub, and would like to hear an update on this in a future meeting and continue with arts community consultation. It is an amazing opportunity over the next years to make Croydon an arts and cultural hub, and look at night time economy and night life.

Cr Symon noted that the Federal Government have promised \$5 million for that project which is really beneficial to such a large project.

Wendy said she is excited to hear Council is bringing the night to life in Croydon with the laneway lights project. She noted that main street has been a difficult area and it takes time for change but the project sounds really positive.

Cr Stojanovic asked if the Gluttony Festival would be coming back this year. Chris advised that it wasn't this year, but they are looking at opportunities for next year.

Kali noted that it was great to see a crossover between business and arts. She noted that if Council can advocate for businesses to collaborate with artists that could help to facilitate connections. She noted that similar to the way businesses sponsor sports clubs there could be opportunities for artists to do the same.

Chris advised that prior to covid we were seeing a lot of engagement and over time we will see more collaboration again. He noted that Eastland have been a long-term partner of Council and are open to exploring opportunities for the arts.

Kali advised that TarraWarra are currently finishing up grant that allowed for donations from private sponsors to be effectively doubled, a great selling point for them as it meant any donations made would reach twice as far. Businesses and art working together can be beneficial to both parties. How to get funding is a skill worth developing for small arts organisations, who often don't know how to communicate their value. Good to explore how to bring businesses together to sponsor arts. I.e. businesses could pool funds to develop grants/invest in identified projects?

David noted that it will be interesting to see how things develop given the current economic situation. Businesses that support locally may have an edge in the future. Local businesses will be willing to support the arts if it brings them a return.

Cr Macdonald provided an example of Bendigo Bank who are big on community sponsorship which has been shown to benefit both parties. Sponsorship is really important in supporting local groups and if you don't ask you won't get it.

Kali noted that small arts groups don't know how to communicate with potential sponsors which is where Council could help.

Sharyn noted gaining DGR status not easy to access for organisations, but there are ways of auspicing DGR status for organisations, so donations can go through auspicer.

Chris responded to David's comment and noted that Croydon Main Street is one of the longest running trader associations. A number of activations could be delivered under the trader association as they collect funds from traders and apply for a number of grants. There is an opportunity to work with them in this space.

NEW REVIVE NATIONAL CULTURAL POLICY DISCUSSION

ITEM 4.3

Cr Symon introduced the item.

Elise provided a powerpoint presentation and noted that Revive is new 5-year national Cultural Policy with \$286 million committed to revive Australia's arts, entertainment and cultural sector.

Elise outlined the new organisations that will sit under Creative Australia. Elise noted that the policy is structured around five pillars, with ten principles that sit across the pillars to guide government actions and investments over the next five years.

