



Councillor
(as addressed)

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood, on Monday 17 December 2018, commencing at 7:30pm and your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully

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Steve Kozlowski
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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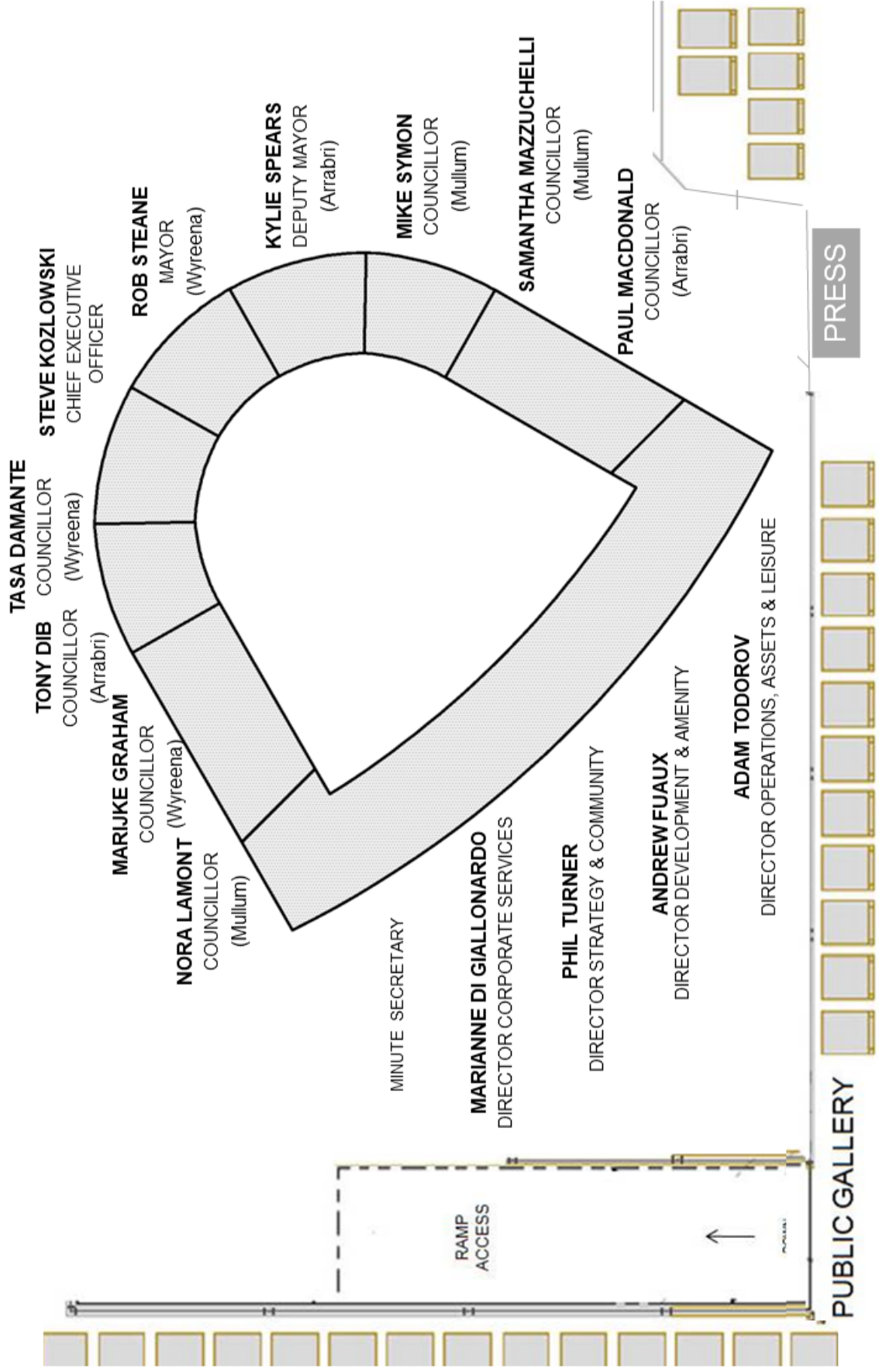
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

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 2: 2018-2019) 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 2018 – 2019:

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

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BACKGROUND

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

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

Examples of an Assembly of Councillors may include:

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

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

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

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS Cont'd**ITEM 2**

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

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

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

The 'Public Record' of the Assembly of Councillors briefings held on 26 November 2018 and 3 December 2018 is attached for information.

The items contained therein were noted.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION



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

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

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS Cont'd

ITEM 2

ATTACHMENTS

1.  2018 November 26 - Assembly of Councillors Public Record
2.  2018 December 03 - Assembly of Councillors Public Record

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS BRIEFINGS HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2018 AND 3 DECEMBER 2018

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS

ITEM 3

PURPOSE

To receive and note the following meeting minutes.

- Maroondah Community Safety Committee (MCSC) held on 29 October 2018
- Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee (MDAC) held on the 15 November 2018
- Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum Meeting held on 15 November 2018
- Maroondah Partners In Community Wellbeing Committee (MPIC) held on 20 November 2018
- Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee (MEAC) held on 27 November 2018

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Key Directions 2018 – 2019:

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

BACKGROUND

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

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

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

Crs Nora Lamont, Rob Steane, and Paul Macdonald are Council's representatives on the Maroondah Community Safety Committee.

Crs Spears and Dib are Council's representatives on the Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee.

Cr Symon is Council's representative on the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum.

Crs Graham and Mazzuchelli were Council's representatives on the Maroondah Partners in Community Wellbeing Committee at the time of this meeting. Since that meeting, Cr Damante has replaced Cr Graham as representative.

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS Cont'd

ITEM 3

Crs Graham, Macdonald and Mazzuchelli are Council's representatives on the Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. ➡ Maroondah Community Safety Committee (MCSC) Minutes - 29 October 2018

2. ➡ Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee (MDAC) Minutes - 15 November 2018

3. ➡ Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum Meeting Minutes - 15 November 2018

4. ➡ Maroondah Partners In Community Wellbeing Committee (MPIC) Minutes - 20 November 2018

5. ➡ Maroondah Environment Advisory Committee (MEAC) Meeting Minutes - 27 November 2018


CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

1. **MAROONDAH COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2018**
2. **MAROONDAH DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2018**

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS Cont'd

ITEM 3

- 3. METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WASTE FORUM HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2018**
- 4. MAROONDAH PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2018**
- 5. MAROONDAH ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 NOVEMBER 2018**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW

ITEM 4

PURPOSE

To provide an overview of an Electoral Representation Review of Maroondah City Council, to be undertaken by the Victorian Electoral Commission during 2019, prior to the next local government general elections in October 2020.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

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Key Directions 2018 – 2019:

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

BACKGROUND

In accordance with section 219C(6) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Marlene Kairouz, has published notice in the Victoria Government Gazette requiring that an electoral representation review of Maroondah City Council be conducted and completed by 31 December 2019, prior to the next local government general elections in October 2020 - (*Gazette No. 39 - 27 September 2018*).

A representation review ensures that the electoral structure of a local council provides fair and equitable representation for all voters. The Act requires the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to review each Council before every third general election (which is approximately every 12 years). The last review undertaken by the VEC at Maroondah was in 2007.

VEC's role as the independent reviewer:

- Electoral Commissioner has overall responsibility for conducting the review and sits as Chair of the Electoral Representation Review Panel
- The Panel is advised by VEC Officers (including policy and GIS specialists) and independent local government experts

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Mr Warwick Gately, Electoral Commissioner, Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has subsequently notified Council, pursuant to section 219C(5) of the Act, that the VEC will commence an electoral representation review of Maroondah City Council on 3 July 2019.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION
REVIEW Cont'd**

ITEM 4

Electoral representation reviews are conducted under Division 2 of Part 10 of the Act and consider the number of Councillors and the internal electoral structure of the Local Council.

The VEC will follow a detailed process for the review that will include public information sessions; calls for public submissions on possible structures; release of options for public comments; and consideration of submissions on those options.

Key Dates:

- Publication of notice of review: 3 July 2019
 - by which time a *Submission Guide* will be available
- Public information session: TBC, circa week commencing 1 July 2019
- Close of preliminary submissions: 5.00 pm on 31 July 2019
- Release of preliminary report: 28 August 2019
- Close of response submissions: 5.00 pm on 25 September 2019
- Public hearing: TBC, circa week commencing 30 September 2019
- Release of final report: 23 October 2019

At the conclusion of the consultation process, the Electoral Commissioner is required to provide a final report to the Minister for Local Government that recommends electoral arrangements for Maroondah City Council that will ensure fair and equitable representation for the persons who are entitled to vote at a general election of the Council.

Note:

- External local council boundaries are outside the scope of electoral representation reviews.
- The VEC is required to conduct its electoral representation and subdivision review program in accordance with legislation in place at the time, i.e. the Local Government Act 1989.
- Given the result of the recent State election, in all probability the Local Government Bill 2018 will be re-introduced and passed by the Victorian Parliament early 2019; in which case, the Electoral Commissioner will seek advice in respect to the status of the required electoral representation reviews.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Council is also expected to meet the costs associated with such a review and on current pricing arrangements such is expected to be up to \$51,000. This amount has been incorporated within the Draft Budget for 2019/20.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION
REVIEW Cont'd**

ITEM 4

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The Electoral Representation Review to be undertaken by the VEC in 2019 is an independent review, undertaken at *'arm's length'* from Council.

The VEC's Communications Strategy for the review comprises:

- Statutory notices
 - The Age and/or the Herald Sun newspapers
 - Local newspapers
- Advice on VEC's website (www.vec.vic.gov.au)
- Media liaison during the course of the review
- Consideration of other communications/advertising opportunities
 - e.g. general advice and links to VEC on Council's web-site and in Council publications
- Public Information Session
- Public Hearing of Submissions

CONCLUSION

The Minister for Local Government has determined that an Electoral Representation Review be carried out and completed by 31 December 2019.

This independent review will be undertaken by the VEC, commencing the first week of July 2019.

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION
REVIEW Cont'd**

ITEM 4

RECOMMENDATION

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES DETAILS OF THE ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW
TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION, COMMENCING
JULY 2019 AS ADVISED**

2018 MAROONDAH FESTIVAL

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To provide an overview of the 2018 Maroondah Festival.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 2: 2018-2019) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A vibrant and culturally rich community

Our Vision: In 2040, Maroondah is a creative 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 contemporary and traditional forms of art.

Key Directions 2018 – 2019:

- 3.2 Provide a diverse range of engaging entertainment spaces, events and activities
- 3.3 Support festivals and events that celebrate local arts, diversity and produce

BACKGROUND

The Maroondah Festival originated in 1990 as the Croydon Festival. Primarily a music festival, it was designed to encourage the involvement of Council, community groups, local traders and key business stakeholders within the local area and the surrounding Eastern Region.

In 2009 a comprehensive review was carried out of the Festival and the decision was made to make the Festival a bright and colourful, interactive event with a stronger community focus. Taking advantage of the natural shade in Town Park it was suggested that the event meander among the trees and have a relaxed feel for all of the family to enjoy.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Attendance for the 2018 Maroondah Festival was estimated by the Victorian Police at over 26,000. There were 220 stalls on site, with 81 of those assigned to Community groups, a further 123 sites were assigned to food stalls, business and commercial enterprises. This is an overall increase of 19 sites on 2017.

In addition to the stalls there was over 64 local community groups and commercial performers that participated in stage programming, workshops and demonstration spaces.

Council's presence also continues to grow with 16 departments conducting displays or interactive activities, including Sport & Recreation, Depot Operations, Local Laws, Communications & Marketing, Children's Services, Occasional Care, Community Health, Aged and Disability, Community Development & Sustainability, Assets, Karralyka, Youth Services, Arts & Culture, Maroondah Leisure, Waste Management and Maternal & Child Health.

We also had 27 locally based businesses participate in display sites on the day.

2018 MAROONDAH FESTIVAL Cont'd**ITEM 1****FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES**

Whilst the budget for the Maroondah Festival has not increased, the cost of infrastructure, programming and staffing continues to increase. Sport & Recreation in conjunction with Fruitbowl Productions who are contracted to manage the event has worked hard to increase sponsorship to offset these costs with a record \$55,000 sourced in sponsorship and an estimated \$11,000 more with in-kind support. This support included

- Park Lawyers provided a mini animal petting zoo located in the Main Arena
- Eastlink road side signage and advertising on their website
- Noel Jones had a photo booth
- Eastland provided the Lego activity in Kids Area
- Mercedes-Benz had a car display in Artisan Area
- Platypus provided kids activities involving playdough in Kids Area

The Maroondah Festival costs Council \$197,985 per year, which equates to \$1.70 per resident or \$4.39 per Rate Paying Household.

In 2017 Sport & Recreation conducted a customer feedback survey which involved the consultation of 334 participants. Each of the participants were asked to rate their level of enjoyment at the Festival and 99% of those respondents rated their level of enjoyment as enjoyable (12%), very enjoyable (52%) to extremely enjoyable (35%), which highlights the community's appreciation for the Council Initiative.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Council engaged waste management company 'Closed Loop' to ensure the event site was clean and tidy both during and after the event with regular cleaning of the public toilet facilities. Council worked with the Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee to provide greater accessibility throughout the Festival site including the use of Marveloo, compliant access points, accessible Park & Ride bus service, the relocation of Café Consult and a low sensory environment room to support participants who are on the autism spectrum.

Post event discussion with members of the Maroondah Disability Advisory Committee have suggested that the Library become the sensory environment room in future years as they are familiar with this space and believe that the participants will be more comfortable in these surrounds.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Festival is continuing to increase the diversity of community groups and participants at the event, which reflects the increase in diversity of the Maroondah population.

This year the Maroondah City Council partnered with the Croydon RSL for the 100 year Amnesty Celebration, with record crowds attending the 11:00 am service. The feedback from the RSL was extremely positive.

2018 MAROONDAH FESTIVAL Cont'd**ITEM 1****COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Council provided both the Community and Commercial stall holders with a post event survey. A total of 46 stallholders undertook the survey.

We asked the stall holders how worthwhile the 2018 Maroondah Festival was for their organisation, with 94% responding with 'Extremely Worthwhile' and 6% very worthwhile.

97.22% said that the site fees charged were reasonable priced.

86% of the respondents were returning participants with 100% of the respondents surveyed intending on booking a site in 2019.

We asked the respondents how they would rate the ease of set up and pack down. 94% said good (35%) or very good (59%)

CONCLUSION

The Maroondah Festival continues to grow in popularity and is widely regarded as one of the biggest community festivals in Victoria.

ATTACHMENTS

Not Applicable

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT ON THE 2018 MAROONDAH FESTIVAL

**MAROONDAH HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN - YEAR 1
REPORT**

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To present the Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 - Year 1 Report, to highlight progress made towards the implementation of actions from this Plan.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 2: 2018-2019) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: A 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.

In 2040, Maroondah will be an inclusive community where social connections are strong across generations and diversity is embraced and celebrated.

Key Directions 2018 – 2019:

- 1.1 Work in partnership to address community safety issues, with a focus on activity centres, public spaces, roads and public transport
- 1.3 Promote and facilitate safer cultures relating to issues of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling, child abuse and family violence
- 1.5 Facilitate the provision of affordable, accessible and responsive services, resources and initiatives that support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of the community
- 1.6 Actively promote health and wellbeing principles and initiatives within the community
- 1.11 Work in partnership to address and promote awareness of mental health issues within the community
- 1.15 Advocate and promote the increased provision of affordable housing options in accessible locations
- 7.4 Support community members to age in place, live in accessible neighbourhoods and remain socially connected
- 7.10 Promote and create opportunities for community connectedness, learning, mentoring and social interactions for people from all life-stages and cultural backgrounds
- 7.12 Work in partnership to support culturally and linguistically diverse communities, including refugees and new arrivals in Maroondah
- 7.15 Acknowledge, recognise and value our indigenous heritage and communities

Priority Action 2018-2019:

Not Applicable

**MAROONDAH HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN - YEAR 1
REPORT Cont'd**

ITEM 1

BACKGROUND

The Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 is one of Council's key strategic documents that plays an important role in delivering on health and wellbeing outcomes identified in the Maroondah 2040 Community Vision.

The actions contained within the Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 have been captured across five outcome areas:

- Healthy and well,
- Safe and secure,
- Capacity to participate,
- Connected to culture and community, and
- Liveable.

The Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 is a statutory plan that is prepared in condition with the requirements set out in the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. This Act requires Council to prepare a community health and wellbeing plan every four years, within 12 months of general council elections.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 - Year 1 Report has been developed to report to the community on the first year of the Plan. The Report shows a broad range of actions have been successfully implemented or commenced. Subsequent reports on the implementation of the Plan will occur on an annual basis.

The Report showcases progress on items including the following:

- Working towards making Ringwood Town Square and Croydon Town Square smoke-free zones;
- Collaborating to raise awareness of suicide prevention, reduce alcohol-related harm, prevent violence against women, promote gender equality in sports clubs and advocate for safe, secure and affordable housing;
- Finalising new Council policies on affordable and social housing, gender equity and gambling;
- Receiving significant Victorian Government funding to further the Maroondah Plus 10 Schools Project;
- Preparing to implement the 'Healthy Choices' Framework at the HE Parker Multi-Sports Complex;
- Developing the *Domestic Wastewater Management Strategy 2017-2021*;
- Upgrading and extending the CCTV network at Croydon Town Centre;

**MAROONDAH HEALTH & WELLBEING PLAN - YEAR 1
REPORT Cont'd**

ITEM 1

- Implementing facilitated playgroups to supporting vulnerable families and supporting families with children under 24 months with severe developmental delay;
- Up-skilling Council employees to further assist individuals over the age of 65 who require intensive short term case management.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The initiatives in the Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 strive to improve health and wellbeing for all Maroondah residents. A range of social issues are addressed in the Plan and are reflected in the Report. These social issues include: alcohol, tobacco and gambling prevention, prevention of violence against women, promoting inclusivity, diversity and accessibility, social and affordable housing, as well as physical and mental health.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

A comprehensive consultation program was undertaken to inform the direction of the Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021. This included extensive consultation with the Maroondah Partners in Community Wellbeing Committee.

By way of this Report, Council will report to the Maroondah community and Maroondah Partners in Community Wellbeing Committee on the implementation of the first year of the Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021. This Report will also be made available on Council's website.

CONCLUSION

The attached report identifies that a broad range of Year One actions within the Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 have been successfully implemented or commenced.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Maroondah Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 - Year 1 Report

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THAT POSITIVE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN IMPLEMENTING YEAR 1 ACTIONS FROM MAROONDAH HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2017-2021

**DRAFT MAROONDAH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN
2018-2020**

ITEM 2

PURPOSE

To seek Council endorsement for the public exhibition of the *Draft Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020*.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 2: 2018-2019) provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose of this report.

Outcome Area: An inclusive and diverse community

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

Key Directions 2018 – 2019:

7.15 Acknowledge, recognise and value our indigenous heritage and communities

Priority Action 2018-2019:

Not applicable

BACKGROUND

Late in 2014 Council undertook a research project to identify the most beneficial model to review, document and progress Council's commitment to reconciliation. In 2015 Council endorsed the recommendation to proceed with the Reconciliation Australia, Reconciliation Action Plan Program.

The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program, developed by Reconciliation Australia is a framework for organisations to realise their vision for reconciliation. The RAP program guides organisations in developing a strategic action plan that identifies practical actions and measures for building respectful relationships and creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. RAP's can help to generate social change and economic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

There are four different RAP's within the program. Maroondah has developed an "Innovate RAP". The Innovate RAP framework is for organisations that have developed relationships with their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders and are ready to develop or implement programs for cultural learning, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and supplier diversity. The Innovate RAP also provides Council with the freedom to develop and test new and innovative ideas.

**DRAFT MAROONDAH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN
2018-2020 Cont'd**

ITEM 2

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

In the initial planning stages of developing the Reconciliation Action Plan, Council formed the Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group comprising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non- Indigenous individuals from both within and external to Council.

The MRAP Working Group has supported and guided the development of the MRAP bringing knowledge, skills and experience that have contributed to the draft Plan.

Membership of the group included representatives from the Wurundjeri Tribal Land Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council, Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place, Boomdawan William Healing Service, EACH and Maroondah Movement for Reconciliation.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

As identified in the 2016 Census, there are 566 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples recorded in Maroondah. This is a notable increase from 412 in 2011. The majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Maroondah are Aboriginal (94.2%). This is in line with results across Victoria (93.3%). A much smaller proportion identify as Torres Strait Islander (5.7%) or both (1.4%).

Looking across age groups, most Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Maroondah are under 50, with over a third (36.0%) being 17 years or younger. However, this proportion is smaller than in Victoria (46.0%). Almost half (44.4%) are between the ages of 18-49 (43.5% in Victoria). Less than one in five (19.6%) are over 50 (10.6% in Victoria).

Almost one in four (23.4%) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in Maroondah have either an Advanced diploma or diploma or Bachelor degree level or higher. This is higher than the proportion in Victoria (16.8%). 41.4% of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples living in Maroondah have finished Year 12 or equivalent. This is again higher than in Victoria (34.2%).

The majority (92.4%) of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples in Maroondah are employed. This is higher than the proportion in Victoria (86.0%). Reflecting this, the unemployment rate amongst Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples is lower in Maroondah (7.6%), compared to 14.0% in Victoria

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council has undertaken inclusive, accessible, wide reaching and meaningful engagement and consultation with the whole of community and key stakeholders on the identification of actions that Council can undertake towards reconciliation in Maroondah.

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The consultation program included Café Consult at Maroondah Festival, activity based sessions at Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place and a stakeholder forum at the Karralyka Centre.

Throughout the collation and analysis of the consultation program findings, a number of re-occurring themes have emerged that have been incorporated into the Plan. In response the Plan includes four areas of focus: Relationships; Respect; Opportunities and Reporting.

Actions will be delivered across Council from a broad range of service areas.

To seek feedback on the Draft Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan, a public exhibition process is proposed as follows:

- Public exhibition of the Draft Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan on Council's website, Council Service Centres and local libraries.
- Advertisements in the newspaper seeking comments or feedback from the community on the Draft Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan.

To this end, an advertisement will be placed in The Age newspaper on 23 January 2019 advising the community that the Plan is available for viewing on Council's website and will also be available from Council's Service Centres and Libraries from this date.

Both written and online comments on the Plan will be received until 5pm on 20 February 2019.

Once feedback is considered, the Plan will be amended as appropriate and be brought back to Council for formal consideration.

CONCLUSION

Council has developed a Draft Maroondah Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020 involving community consultation. Council authorisation is sought to release this draft Plan for a period of public exhibition before being formally considered for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

1.  Draft Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020 - November 2018

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. AUTHORISES THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2018-2020 FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION FROM 23 JANUARY 2019 TO 20 FEBRUARY 2019**
- 2. FOLLOWING PUBLIC EXHIBITION AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED, FURTHER CONSIDERS THE MAROONDAH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2018-2020 FOR FORMAL ADOPTION**
- 3. THANKS LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED THEIR INPUT INTO DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT PLAN**