



Councillor
(as addressed)

A Special Council Meeting, will be held on Monday 12 October 2020, commencing at 6.00pm, for the sole purpose of considering the Annual Report 2020/21, and your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Steve Kozlowski', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Kozlowski
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Note:

Due to COVID-19 this is a virtual meeting of Council and is being streamed live on the internet and recorded. This meeting of Council can be viewed on Council's website via

<http://webcast.maroondah.vic.gov.au/video.php>

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PURPOSE

To formally consider the Annual Report 2019/20 pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act 1989) and the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act 2020) and associated regulations.

CARETAKER STATEMENT

The recommended decision is not a 'Prohibited Decision', as defined in section 69(2) of the Local Government Act 2020, or a 'Significant Decision' within the meaning of clause 8 of the Election Period Policy.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in Maroondah 2040: Our Future Together and the Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 4: 2020-2021) 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 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.

Key Directions 2020 – 2021:

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

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

Priority Action 2020-2021:

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND

Under Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act 1989), Council is required to prepare and submit an Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government within three months of the end of each financial year. The 2019/20 Annual Report was submitted to the Minister on 22 September 2020.

Section 134 of the *Act 1989* also requires Council to hold a meeting to consider the report within one month of submission to the Minister. This meeting is required to be an open meeting and at least 14 days' notice must be given. Such notice was given in The Age newspaper on 23 September 2020.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council endorsed the Annual Report 2019/20 for submission to the Minister at its meeting held on 21 September 2020 and a copy of the report was subsequently forwarded to the Minister for Local Government on 22 September 2020.

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The necessary statutory advertising has been undertaken and copies of the report have been made available from Council Service Centres and Council's website.

Key features of the Annual Report as required by section 131 of *the Act 1989* include the following:

- A report of Council's operations during the financial year
- Audited financial statements for the financial year
- Performance Statement prepared under Section 132
- Report on the Performance Statement prepared under Section 133
- Inclusion of Council results relating to the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework for the 2019/20 financial year

The report demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to the Maroondah community and highlights a range of achievements. During 2019/20, Council:

- Completed construction of the \$4.25m HE Parker Sporting Pavilion in Heathmont
- Undertook a strategic review of golf in Maroondah, including a new Maroondah Golf Strategy
- Delivered the Be Kind Maroondah campaign
- Promoted and expanded membership of the BizHub Co-Working Space at Realm, and provided support to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Worked in partnership to implement the Bayswater Business Precinct Strategy, including launch of the *BBP Connect* social platform and *BBP Jobs* platform
- Adopted a new *Arts and Cultural Development Strategy 2020-2025*
- Hosted Karralyka performances online during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Adopted the *Maroondah Vegetation Strategy 2020-2030*
- Undertook renewal works on the Dandenong Creek shared trail and constructed 3.49 kilometres of new footpaths
- Commenced the design of multi-level carparks in Croydon, Ringwood, Heathmont and at Heatherdale Station
- Completed the Lincoln Road upgrade in Croydon
- Implemented the new Ringwood Activity Centre Masterplan into planning processes

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- Progressed the Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct Masterplan
- Worked in partnership to implement the Tarralla Creek Connects project
- Commenced development of a Children and Families Strategy
- Progressed the implementation of additional female changing facilities, constructing new facilities at HE Parker Pavilion in Heathmont and Quambee Pavilion in Warranwood
- Provided support for older people, vulnerable residents and linguistically and culturally diverse groups during COVID-19
- Reviewed Maroondah 2040 'Our future together'
- Implemented a COVID-19 relief and recovery response framework
- Implemented the new Local Government Act 2020

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Pursuant to Section 131 of *the Act 1989*:

- Following the submission of the Annual Report to the Minister, Council must give public notice that the Annual Report has been prepared and can be inspected at Council Offices
- Section 134 of *the Act 1989* also requires Council to hold a meeting to consider the report within one month of submission to the Minister. This meeting is required to be an open meeting and at least 14 days' notice of the meeting must be given.

In accordance with the provisions of *the Act 1989*, such public notice was published in The Age newspaper on 23 September 2020.

Copies of the endorsed Annual Report were also made available for inspection on Council's website.

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CONCLUSION

The Annual Report 2019/20 confirms that Council has made significant advances towards achieving the community aspirations relating to community service delivery, environmental enhancement, economic development, infrastructure development and civic administration and leadership, in addition to its statutory requirements under Section 131 of *the Act 1989*.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Maroondah City Council Annual Report 2019-20

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **FORMALLY ENDORSES THE MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**
2. **NOTES THAT THE RELEVANT STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET**