

Moreland City Council

COUNCIL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2009

COMMENCING 7PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL
CNR SYDNEY ROAD AND DAWSON STREET, BRUNSWICK

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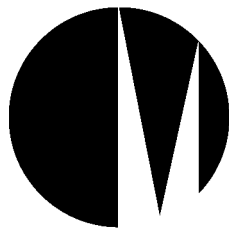
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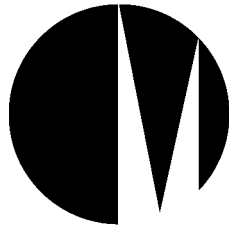
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INFORMATION ABOUT COUNCIL MEETINGS

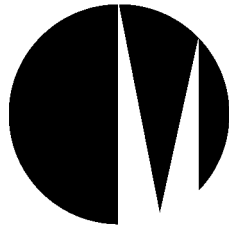
Moreland City Council encourages its citizens to participate in the local government of Moreland. Accordingly, these notes have been developed to help citizens better understand Council meetings. All meetings are conducted in accordance with Council's local legislation on Governance.

1. **WELCOME** The Mayor, who chairs the meeting, formally opens the meeting, delivers an acknowledgement of country and welcomes all present.
2. **APOLOGIES** Where a Councillor is not present, his/her absence is noted in the Minutes of the meeting.
3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** The minutes of the previous meeting are placed before Council to confirm the accuracy and completeness of the record.
4. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTERESTS** Under the *Local Government Act 1989*, a Councillor has a duty to disclose any direct or indirect pecuniary (financial) interest, s/he may have in any matter to be considered by Council that evening.
5. **PETITIONS** Council receives petitions from citizens on various issues. Any petitions received since the previous Council meeting are tabled at the meeting and the matter referred to the appropriate Council Director for consideration.
6. **MAYOR & COUNCILLORS CORRESPONDENCE** A list of correspondence received since the last meeting is considered by Councillors.
7. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL** Council considers reports from Committees that Councillors represent Council on.
8. **QUESTION TIME** This is an opportunity (30 minutes), for citizens of Moreland to raise questions with Councillors.
9. **"ON NOTICE" ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING** Items raised during Question Time at the previous Council meeting that were not able to be answered are responded to.
10. **COUNCILLORS ITEMS** Councillors may raise issues or matters of interest that are not listed on the meeting Agenda.
11. **COUNCIL REPORTS** Detailed reports prepared by Council's Administration are considered by Councillors and a Council position is adopted on the matters considered. The Mayor can invite firstly Councillors, secondly Officers, and then citizens in attendance to identify Council reports which should be given priority by the meeting and considered in the early part of the meeting.
12. **LATE REPORTS** Reports have not been submitted by such time that the Council Agenda is photocopied. These reports are identified in the Table of Contents and have been distributed separately. Copies of Late Reports are available at the Council Meeting.
13. **NOTICE OF RESCISSION** A Councillor may propose a motion to rescind a resolution of the Council, provided the previous resolution has not been acted on, and a notice is delivered to the authorised officer setting out the resolution to be rescinded and the meeting and date when the resolution was carried. For a decision of the Council to be rescinded, the motion for rescission must be carried by a majority of the votes cast. If a motion for rescission is lost, a similar motion may not be put before the Council for at least one month from the date it was last lost, unless the Council resolves that the notice of motion be re-listed at a future meeting. If a motion for rescission is not moved at the meeting for which it is listed, it lapses. A motion for rescission listed on a meeting agenda may be moved by any Councillor present but may not be amended.
14. **URGENT BUSINESS** The Chief Executive Officer or Councillors, with the approval of the meeting, may submit items of Urgent Business (being a matter not listed on the agenda) but requiring a prompt decision by Council.



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- 15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS** Whilst all Council and Committee meetings of Council are open to its citizens, Council has the power under the *Local Government Act* to close its meeting to the general public in certain circumstances which are noted where appropriate on the Council Agenda. Where this occurs, members of the public leave the Council Chamber or Meeting room while the matter is being discussed.
- 16. CLOSE OF MEETING** The Mayor will formally close the meeting and thank all present.
- 17. NEXT MEETING DATE** The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 May 2009 commencing at 7 pm, in the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg..



1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 March 2009 and Special Council meeting held on 23 March 2009 be confirmed.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

5. PETITIONS

(D09/50567) RESIDENTS OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ADJACENT TO BUSH MEWS, GOWANBRAE.

A petition has been received containing 245 signatures. The petitioners object to the proposed construction of a telecommunications facility adjacent to Bush Mews, Gowanbrae.

Recommendation:

1. The petition be received and noted.
2. The petition be referred to the Director City Development for consideration.
3. Any proposed action is emailed to all Ward Councillors, relevant Portfolio Councillors and Councillors Responsible For, allowing seven clear days for Councillor feedback.
4. The first named signatory to the petition be advised of this action.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' CORRESPONDENCE

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL

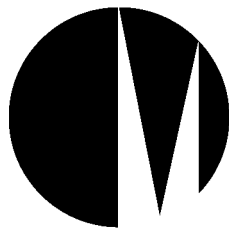
Nil.

8. QUESTION TIME

9. "ON NOTICE" ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Nil.

10. COUNCILLORS' ITEMS



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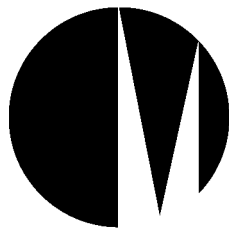
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DSD12 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN'S CENTRE (D09/46331)

Pursuant to section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 this confidential report will not be publicly disclosed because it relates to a matter which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person.



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Mayor and Councillors Correspondence

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D09/33463

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Coburg Moreland Bowls Club President's Day on 28/3/09 from 12:30pm at 19 Harding Street Coburg

Author

COBURG MORELAND BOWLS CLUB INC

D09/33476

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Date Registered 4/03/2009 at 11:46 AM

Petition not to demolish local community Moreland City Band Hall or provide the band an equivalent facility

Author

D09/34837

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Date Registered 5/03/2009 at 12:09 PM

Enclosed copy of MAV Land Use Planning in Victoria - A Councilors Guide 2009

Author

Municipal Association of Victoria

D09/35659

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Date Registered 6/03/2009 at 10:19 AM

Invitation to meeting on 11/03/09 from 10 00am at Manningham Council to discuss a proposal Cities as Water Supply Catchments

Author

NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION

D09/35668

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Date Registered 6/03/2009 at 10:30 AM

Invitation to attend Welcome Reception in honour of His Excellency Mr Dory Chamoun Mayor of Dier EL Kamar & President of the National Liberal Party Lebanon on 19/3/09 from 12 30pm at Darebin Civic Centre

Author

CITY OF DAREBIN

D09/36444

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Date Registered 10/03/2009 at 11:47 AM

Information on the new Diverse Australia Program also seek support for Harmony Day 2009

Author

PARLIAMENTARY SEC FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

D09/36448

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Date Registered 10/03/2009 at 11:52 AM

Response to councils letter in relation to Brumby Governments Accessible Housing Program

Author

MINISTER FOR PLANNING

D09/36454

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Date Registered 10/03/2009 at 11:54 AM

Bushfire Appeal Fundraising Dinner Function on 27/3/09 from 7:30pm at Ishtar Reception 8-12 Kyabram Street Coolaroo

Author

ASSYRIAN COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC



Mayor and Councillors Correspondence

Date range: 04/03/2009 - 31/03/2009

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On behalf of resident of Reynard Street Coburg concerning traffic management around Coburg West

Author
THOMSON, KELVIN

D09/37099 Scanned Document Date Registered 11/03/2009 at 11:30 AM

Seeking council vote for one of two available positions on the ICLEI Oceania Executive Committee

Author
KOGARAH COUNCIL

D09/37103 Scanned Document Date Registered 11/03/2009 at 11:36 AM

Kangan Batman TAFE Graduation and Awards Ceremony on 27/3/09 at 2:00pm and 6:00pm Bell City 205 Bell Street Preston two tickets also enclosed

Author
KANGAN BATMAN TAFE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

D09/37107 Scanned Document Date Registered 11/03/2009 at 11:39 AM

Concerning various traffic issues around Waterloo and Glenroy Roads Glenroy

Author

D09/37154 Scanned Document Date Registered 11/03/2009 at 12:09 PM

Further to Moreland City Band request not to demolish Keith Ford Hall or to include replacement bandroom at Brunswick City Baths

Author
Moreland City Band Incorporated

D09/37157 Scanned Document Date Registered 11/03/2009 at 12:12 PM

Petition attached in relation to demolition of Keith Ford Hall and replacement of bandroom for Moreland City Band at Brunswick City Baths

Author
Moreland City Band Incorporated

D09/38282 Scanned Document Date Registered 12/03/2009 at 12:10 PM

Tenth International Cities Town Centres & Communities Society Conference at Deaking University Waterfront Campus Geelong from 27-30/10/09

Author
ICTC SOCIETY

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Italian Institute of Culture events on 20/3/09 from 7:30pm at Federation Hall Victorian College of the Arts Grant Street Southbank and 17/3/09 from 7:30pm at 233 Domain Road South Yarra

Author
ITALIAN INSTITUTE OF CULTURE



Mayor and Councillors Correspondence

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Invitation to 73rd Anniversary of the death of Eleftherios Venizelou on 4/4/09 from 8:00pm at 148-150 Nicholson Street Brunswick East also on 5/4/09 service at St Basil's Church Staley Street Brunswick from 10:00am

Author

CRETAN BROTHERHOOD OF MELB

D09/39323 Scanned Document Date Registered 13/03/2009 at 10:37 AM

Further to traffic management issues around the corner of Newlands and Murray Roads Coburg

Author

THOMSON, KELVIN

D09/39355 Scanned Document Date Registered 13/03/2009 at 10:40 AM

Enclosed brochure detailing information on Arabic Welfare Incorporated

Author

ARABIC WELFARE INCORPORATED

D09/39394 Scanned Document Date Registered 13/03/2009 at 10:45 AM

Enclosed DVD outlining the Bus Rapid Transit systems

Author

BUS INDUSTRY CONFEDERATION INC

D09/39414 Scanned Document Date Registered 13/03/2009 at 10:50 AM

Brunswick Zebras Junior Football Club Harmony Day Celebration on 22/3/09 from 10:00am at Sumner Park Alister Street Brunswick East

Author

Brunswick Zebras Junior Soccer Club

D09/39441 Scanned Document Date Registered 13/03/2009 at 10:52 AM

Celebrating 2009 Antipodes Festival on 21/3/09 from 6:30pm in the Antipodes Festival Marquee

Author

GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF MELBOURNE & VICTORIA

D09/40850 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 12:56 PM

Declare intention to stand for MAV Board and Presidency in the upcoming elections

Author

BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL

D09/40855 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 1:01 PM

Seeking support at general elections for the MAV Presidency scheduled for 3/4/09

Author

MACARTHUR, BILL

D09/40863 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 1:04 PM

Acknowledge councils letter of 13/1/09 concerning strategy to reduce homelessness

Author

MINISTER FOR HOUSING



Mayor and Councillors Correspondence

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Confirm 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government will be held at the National Convention Centre Canberra between 21st and 24th of June

Author
Australian Local Government Association

D09/40868 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 1:09 PM

On behalf of resident regarding street property numbers along Dawson Street Brunswick

Author
THOMSON, KELVIN

D09/40986 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 2:10 PM

On the occasion of the National Day of Greece a Reception will be held on 27/3/09 from 7:00pm at Hawthorn Town Hall 858 Burwood Road Hawthorn

Author
CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE

D09/40991 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 2:14 PM

Brunswick Zebras Junior Football Club Harmony Day Celebration 22/3/09 from 10:00am Sumner Park East Brunswick

Author
Brunswick Zebras Junior Soccer Club

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Due to unforeseen circumstances advise cancellation of Welcome Reception on 19/3/09 in honour of Mr Dory Chamoun Mayor of Dier El Kamar Lebanon

Author
CITY OF DAREBIN

D09/41080 Scanned Document Date Registered 16/03/2009 at 2:51 PM

Appreciate support at the last meeting by providing \$15 000 to community centre invitation also to visit the Dar-Alawda Community Centre at 1 Wendel Street Brunswick on 17/3/09 at 4:30pm

Author
DARALAWDA COMMUNITY CENTRE

D09/41649 Scanned Document Date Registered 17/03/2009 at 12:21 PM

Concerns raised over potential danger caused by large eucalyptus trees in Brunswick Park

Author

D09/41666 Scanned Document Date Registered 17/03/2009 at 12:28 PM

Regret to advise the welcome celebration of His Excellency Mr Dory Chamoun which was to be held on 20/3/09 at La Mirage Receptions has been cancelled

Author
AUSTRALIAN LEBANESE NATIONAL LIBERAL ASSOCIATION



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Request advice in relation to the installation of a public toilet on the Inner Linear Park at Nicholson Street

Author

NICHOLSON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION INC

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Copy from Federal Member for Wills Kelvin Thomson MP - Australian Energy Market Amendment (AEMO and Other Measures) Bill 2009 11/3/09 Second Reading

Author

THOMSON, KELVIN

D09/41744

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Date Registered 17/03/2009 at 2:18 PM

Official opening of Uniformed Services In Your Community Expo on 22/3/09 at 11:15am in the Darebin Community Sports Stadium 857 Plenty Road Reservoir

Author

Metropolitan Fire & Emergency Services Board

D09/42521

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Seeking support for Oak Park Primary School application for funding under Building the Education Revolution program

Author

OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

D09/42556

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Seeking support for the re-establishment of the State Bank of Victoria

Author

D09/42557

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Celebrating the Declaration of Greek Independence on 23/3/09 at 10:30am Greek Orthodox Church 186 Victoria Parade East Melbourne wreath laying at the Shrine at 12:30pm and cocktail function 7:30pm at 3/168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne

Author

FEDERATION OF MESSINIAN ORGANISATIONS MELB & VIC

D09/43461

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On behalf of resident of Oak Park concerning increase in Land Tax

Author

THOMSON, KELVIN

D09/43464

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Concerning parking permit issues in Edward Street Brunswick

Author

D09/43469

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City of Edmonton Canada will host the ICLEI World Congress 2009 from 14/6/09 to 18/6/09 information calendar enclosed

Author

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability



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Enclosed invoice for the Moreland Rotary Club Australia Day Breakfast function

Author

ROTARY CLUB OF MORELAND

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Invitation to Getting women's health on your Local Government agenda training session on 4/4/09 from 12:45pm at VLGA 60 Leicester Street Carlton

Author

WOMENS HEALTH IN THE NORTH

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Concerns raised over Mayor and Councillors allowances

Author

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Council set to receive additional federal financial help to the value of \$2.1 million

Author

THOMSON, KELVIN

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Celebrating this years Sinhala New Year Festival on 5/4/09 from 8:45am at Gladstone Park Secondary College 14 Taylors Drive Gladstone Park

Author

BRUNSWICK SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY GROUP INC

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Further to proposed funding opportunity for the Pascoe Vale Sports Club

Author

PASCOE VALE SPORTS CLUB

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Advise Councillor Rod Fyffe is standing for the MAV Presidency

Author

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

D09/45535 Scanned Document Date Registered 23/03/2009 at 11:31 AM

Response on behalf of Minister for Education concerning Kids on The Avenue Children's Centre in Coburg

Author

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

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Enclosed two copies of the 2009 Anzac Day poster commemorating 10th anniversary of INTERFET - international task force for East Timor

Author

MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Treaties report on the Kyoto Protocol

Author

THOMSON, KELVIN



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Seeking local government support for the Outback Calling Campaign

Author

OUTBACK CALLING LTD

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Proud to announce Youth Projects Inc has been selected to join the federal government's \$41 million Innovation Fund panel

Author

YOUTH PROJECTS INCORPORATED

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Further to ongoing saga in relation to traffic management in Albert Street Brunswick East

Author

ROBERT MARSICOVETERE PTY LTD

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Notice of Moreland Enterprise Development Centre Board Meeting on 26/3/09 at 5:30pm in the Gravell Room copy of Agenda and correspondence enclosed

Author

BRUNSWICK BUSINESS INCUBATOR

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Copy of Hansard from Christine Campbell MP relevant to Bushfire Condolence

Author

CAMPBELL, CHRISTINE

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Building Your Business 2009 AALARA Conference and Trade Exhibition 25-28 May at Conrad Jupiters Hotel & Casino Gold Coast registration brochure enclosed

Author

AALARA INC

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Further to request for a new Gold / Express Post street posting box to be installed in front of 67 Coonans Road Pascoe Vale

Author

Australia Post

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Request a review of parking infringement issued on 18/3/09 in Sydney Road Brunswick

Author

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Issues concerning gum trees planted along front of 80 Reynard Street Coburg

Author



Mayor and Councillors Correspondence

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Response to councils letter regarding investment in bus services under The Victorian Transport Plan

Author
PREMIER OF VICTORIA

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On behalf of resident concerning vacant block of land at 33 Surrey Street Pascoe Vale

Author
THOMSON, KELVIN

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Further to e-mail concerning better noise attenuation walls along the Western Ring Road

Author
THOMSON, KELVIN

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Celebrating Syrian Independence Day on 25/4/09 from 8:30pm at Saint George's Reception Centre 70 Stott Street Thornbury

Author
SYRIAN ARAB EXPARTIOTS COMMITTEE

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Objection to the process and support of a \$15 000 grant towards community group at 1 Wendel Street Brunswick

Author

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Concerns raised over venue located between Stewart and Albion Streets Brunswick incident of noise and fighting on evening of 21/3/09

Author

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Further to the Local Government Employees Health Plan

Author
Municipal Association of Victoria

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Appreciate letter of 10/2/09 offering condolences on recent bushfire tragedy also offer condolences to staff at Moreland affected by the fires

Author
MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Concerns raised over traffic issues around Royal and Brearley Parades Pascoe Vale

Author



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Enclosed diary dates for a new education initiative Schools First Workshops

Author

National Australia Bank

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Commemoration service of the Greek Pontian Genocide on 16/5/09 from 11:30am at the Shrine of Remembrance Hellenic Memorial Foundation

Author

PONTIAN COMMUNITY OF MELBOURNE

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Further to letter of 24/11/08 concerning implementation of a graffiti policy

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CEO4 THE COBURG INITIATIVE - AFFIRMATION (D09/44349)

Chief Executive Officer

Major Projects

Executive Summary

Council formally adopted the Central Coburg 2020 Structure Plan on 9 August 2006 (DCD74). The Coburg Initiative is the project to implement the Structure Plan.

On 11 June 2008 Council resolved to nominate Equiset Services Pty Ltd to progress to strategic partnering negotiations to implement The Coburg Initiative (CEO5). A Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA) was subsequently negotiated with Equiset and adopted by Council on 10 September 2008 (CEO10).

A new Council was elected in November 2008 and the project process calls for Council to endorse or cease the project at the Affirmation date. Special briefings were provided ahead of the Affirmation Date to inform Council about the project in more detail.

Recommendation

Council resolve to endorse The Coburg Initiative to proceed.

1. Policy Context

This report supports the commitments that form part of the Central Coburg 2020 Structure Plan adopted by Council on 9 August 2006 (DCD74). As outlined in the Mayor's Speech 2008-2009, these commitments will remain a priority for Council in the current year and in the years ahead.

2. Background

Council adopted the Central Coburg 2020 Structure Plan on 9 August 2006 (DCD74). The Coburg Initiative is the project to implement that structure plan. A new Council was elected in November 2008. This report seeks Council's endorsement for The Coburg Initiative project to proceed.

3. Issues

In October 2007 Council invited expressions of interest from private sector developers and consortia with the appropriate experience and qualifications to partner with Council for the redevelopment of Central Coburg as envisaged in the Central Coburg 2020 Structure Plan. During this time Council engaged the William Kerr Company as its Lead Advisor on the project on the basis of direct experience and knowledge of the processes required for the delivery of such a major project.

On 11 June 2008 Council resolved to nominate Equiset Services Pty Ltd to progress to strategic partnering negotiations to implement The Coburg Initiative (CEO5).

Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA)

A Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA) was subsequently negotiated with Equiset and adopted by Council on 10 September 2008 (CEO10). The SPA has been circulated under separate cover. The SPA is intended to guide the relationship between Council and Equiset up to December 2009 while the Spatial Masterplan and Development Management Agreement are being prepared. As part of this process at least two catalyst projects will be identified, which can be developed during the next stage to follow after December 2009.

The SPA included the Affirmation Date, i.e. the date by which the new Council, after receiving briefings on the project, has the opportunity to endorse or stop the project. The Affirmation Date was originally set for 11 March 2009, but was deferred to the Council meeting on 8 April 2009.

Special briefings were provided ahead of the Affirmation Date to inform Council about the project in more detail.

Program Plan

It is proposed that the 'exploring' phase of the project from April to June 2009 will incorporate a public engagement program aimed at eliciting input from the community and other stakeholders into the development of a place framework and a draft Spatial Masterplan. The engagement program will be multi-faceted and aimed at engaging with a wide range of stakeholders and citizens.

The Spatial Masterplan is a plan including three dimensional images that provide a clear structure for the public and private realm with the urban form of new development and preferred uses of each precinct of The Coburg Initiative area. Specific project opportunities will be identified during this period.

The 'deciding' phase of the project from July to December 2009 will involve the development of project and program business cases and the preparation of a Development Management Agreement (DMA). The DMA is the agreement to be entered into between Council and Equiset, which will set out an implementation strategy and program for the Project and that will allow one or more related corporations of Equiset to be nominated by Equiset to undertake discrete stages of the project. Ongoing stakeholder and community engagement will occur during this phase of the project.

Governance

Process guidelines for The Coburg Initiative project were adopted by Council on 10 September 2008 (CEO10). These guidelines are included as **Attachment 1** dated 23 March 2009 to this report. This document includes the Probity Plan.

The SPA established a Project Control Group (PCG) to lead the project. Council and Equiset each have three representatives on the PCG and all decisions must be unanimous.

Land

A land strategy is being developed as part of the process. The current budget does not provide for purchase of land by Council. Opportunities to purchase land may arise during the process and will be brought to Council for authorisation where Council needs to be the acquirer.

4. Consultation

Councillors have been consulted at Issues & Discussion Workshops held on 23 February 2009 and on 23 March 2009. On 4 February 2009 a community workshop, "Ideas for Coburg", was attended by 85 community participants. At the workshop attendees contributed their ideas on how Central Coburg could be transformed into a people-friendly destination where people would like to spend time, live, shop and work.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Current budget

The budget is made up of two major components – Council project team costs (including salaries, Council consultants and direct project costs) and shared project costs (during the SPA period).

Shared project costs cover third-party costs supported by invoices and do not include internal staffing and other costs. Council is contributing \$750,000 and Equiset is contributing \$1,500,000. It is anticipated that a total of \$440,000 will be expended in 2008-09 and \$450,000 in 2009-10. Council resolved on 10 September 2008 when adopting the SPA, that an additional \$440,000 should be allocated in the current budget year and \$450,000 allocated in next year's budget. Costs of \$865,000 have been committed as shared project costs to April with \$195,000 having been paid by Council to date.

The current operating budget is \$865,000 (excluding the \$440,000 of shared project costs). This included an estimated \$222,000 of grant funds which were primarily anticipated from the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD). DPCD has funded a number of studies for the project over two years, however, they have preferred to directly fund studies such as a central Coburg retail and commercial analysis. This accounting treatment has meant that some of these grants will not be reflected as received by Council despite Council having benefited from the studies. As a result, grant funding is unlikely to achieve the budget this year. The project team is continuing to seek grant funding to address this issue.

Termination

The SPA allows Council or Equiset to terminate the agreement at any time. If this were to occur, Council will retain the rights to the intellectual property that has been created. In order to avoid dispute over ownership of intellectual property in the event of termination, it is proposed that Council will pay Equiset their agreed shared project costs incurred up to that time (excluding their internal costs). The total shared project cost is \$2,250,000 and this is the extent of Council's exposure. Any change to this amount must be agreed to by Council.

If Council were to stop the project at this point, there would be an obligation to reimburse Equiset for the costs that it has incurred/committed on the project (excluding its own internal costs). This equates to \$670,000 (commitments of \$865,000 less the \$195,000 that Council has already paid).

CE05 CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR CATEGORIES OF SPEND IN EXCESS OF \$150,000 (D09/41487)

Chief Executive Officer

Corporate Performance and Improvement

Pursuant to section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, confidential Attachment 1 to this report will not be publicly disclosed because it relates to contractual matters.

Executive Summary

In accordance with Section 186(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council tendered a number of categories whereby the spend for goods and services exceeded \$150,000. Public Tenders for the Provision of Goods and Services in a number of categories were advertised in *The Age* newspaper between January to February 2009. The tenders were designed to engage a panel of contractors with a schedule of rates for each of the categories and contracts will be for a period of three years with a further two one-year options.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To accept the tenders for the identified areas of spend as per the spreadsheet shown in Attachment 1.
2. That the responsible Directors indicated in the spreadsheet shown in Attachment 1 be authorised to enter into a three-year (+ 2 one year options for extension) contract and to sign the necessary contract documentation.
3. To inform the tenderers of the outcomes.

REPORT

1. Policy Context

The development of the tenders was exercised in accordance with Council's purchasing policy and commitment to an open competitive process.

2. Background

In late 2008, Corporate Performance and Improvement conducted a review of suppliers by category, paid in excess of \$150,000 without being subject to tender. The results indicated that there was twelve categories of spend that required tendering as a priority. These included:

1. Food Services
2. Automotive Spare Parts
3. Tyres and Batteries
4. Provision of Landscape Services and Supplies
5. Provision of Turf Services and Supplies
6. Provision of Arboricultural Services and Supplies
7. Provision of Playground services and Supplies
8. Corporate Uniforms and Personal Protective Equipment
9. Corporate Catering
10. Provision of Hardware Supplies
11. Provision of Audio Visual Supplies
12. Corporate Event Logistical Services and Supplies

To date all categories have gone to public tender with seven of the categories having been closed and fully evaluated. The results of these seven (see **Attachment 1**) are to be considered in this report and the five remaining categories will be subject to a future Council report.

3. Issues

In assessing the tenders consideration was given to:

- The capability offered by the tenderers (this includes level of service offered, operating methodology, ability to deliver the service, experience, reliability, customer service)
- The price
- The technical capability of the tenderers (this includes insurance, warranty and OH&S systems)
- The extent to which the tenderer works towards corporate governance, social and sustainability goals in the product and in their business.

Submissions failed to be considered because of the following factors:

- Failure to complete a number of sections of the tender documents.
- Inability to provide evidence of Insurances, (some having little or no coverage), OH& S Policies and Risk Management Strategies.
- A much higher schedule of rates than competing applicants with no indication of value for money
- Not Competitive in areas of pricing, sustainability and quality

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

Public advertisements were placed in *The Age* newspaper inviting tenders for the provision of goods and services in each of the categories, a schedule of dates has been provided in **Attachment 1**.

A broad range of Council officers were consulted in the development of the specifications and in the evaluation process as panel members. This included Fleet Management, Occupational Health and Safety representatives, Waste Services, Street Cleansing, Building Maintenance, Open Space, Human Resources, Aged and Disability Services, Communications and Research, Food Services, Citizens Services, Civic Facilities, Youth Services, Aged Services, Libraries, Arts and Culture, Environmental Health, Civic Safety and Amenity, Leisure Services, Sustainable Development, Road Maintenance, Finance, The Coburg Initiative, Governance and Social Policy. The assessment panels ranged in size from three to fifteen representatives and comprised of a combination of staff from across Council.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The budgets for each of the categories will be the responsibility of the individual units across Council.

CEO6 FINAL REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES FOR THE NEXT FOUR FINANCIAL YEARS (D09/39563)

Chief Executive Officer

Governance

Executive Summary

Provisions for allowances to the Mayor and Councillors are detailed in section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The Mayor has a leadership role in the Moreland community and Moreland has consistently supported this role by dedicating it as a full time position. Each Councillor commits considerable time in addition to their employment and personal lives in the execution of their Council responsibilities.

The Act states that a Council must review and determine the level of the Councillor allowance and the Mayoral allowance within the period of 7 months after a general election.

Community comment on the proposed allowances for the Mayor and Councillors for the next four financial years was sought and submissions were heard at a Special Council meeting held on 23 March 2009 in accordance with section 223 of the Act.

Council, upon adopting this report, will have fulfilled its requirements under section 74 of the Act in reviewing and determining the level of the Mayoral and Councillor allowances within the period of 7 months after its general election.

Recommendation

Council resolve that the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the next four financial years be fixed at \$77,300 and \$24,200 per annum respectively, subject to any changes in the *Local Government Act 1989*.

1. Policy Context

Provisions for allowances to the Mayor and Councillors are detailed in section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The Mayor has a leadership role in the Moreland community and Moreland has consistently supported this role by dedicating it as a full time position. Each Councillor commits considerable time in addition to their employment and personal lives in the execution of their Council responsibilities. The 2008 Mayor's Speech reaffirmed Council's commitment to a full time Mayor and ongoing support for Councillors.

2. Background

On 11 February 2009 (DCS4) Council resolved that notwithstanding the Council resolution (DCS44) at Council's Ceremonial meeting on 15 December 2008 to seek community comment on the Mayoral allowance and Councillor allowances for the next four financial years being fixed at \$77,300 and \$24,200 per annum respectively. Council further resolved to hold a Special Council meeting on Monday 23 March 2009 at 6.00pm to consider submissions from the community regarding the proposed Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the next four financial years.

To ensure compliance with the Act, Council is required to adopt the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the next four financial years not later than at the Council meeting on 10 June 2009.

3. Issues

A Special Council Meeting was held on Monday 23 March 2009 to consider submissions to formally receive and consider all submissions and to provide the opportunity for people to speak to their submissions. Three (3) written submissions were received from the community with one resident being present in the gallery to make a verbal submission.

Miss Wendy Ford Expressed an objection to the proposed increase in Mayoral and Councillor allowances, in particular the \$21,800 increase in the Mayoral Allowance and recommended an increase of \$2,000 for the Councillor allowances.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

A public notice was placed in the *Moreland Leader* newspaper on 16 and 23 February 2009, inviting submissions from the community in respect to the Mayoral and Councillor allowances being set and fixed for the next four financial years by 5.00pm, Monday 16 March 2009.

The notice also advised that the meeting for hearing submissions would be held on Monday 23 March 2009 in the Council Chamber at the Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg, commencing at 6.00pm.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Mayoral and Councillor Allowances are funded within Council's current budget allocation. Provision for Mayoral and Councillors allowances for the next four financial years will be made within the annual budget.

**CE07 REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF THE MORELAND CITY
COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 2008 (D09/42856)**

Chief Executive Officer

Governance

Executive Summary

Moreland City Council conducted its Council Election in November 2008 as per legislative requirements. The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) were contracted by Council to undertake the election on Council's behalf. As a follow up to the election services, the VEC have provided Council with a report on the conduct of the election.

Recommendation

Council resolve that the report from the Victorian Electoral Commission regarding the conduct of the Moreland City Council General Elections in November 2008 be received and noted.

1. Policy Context

Council held its 2008 Election on 29 November 2008 in line with the legislative timetable prescribed in the *Local Government Act 1989*.

2. Background

As part of the specification requirements provided in the Election Services contract, the successful contractor is to provide the Chief Executive Officer with a report on the conduct of the Election. The VEC report satisfies this requirement.

3. Issues

The VEC has undertaken all their specific works to date, in accordance with the tender specification. The VEC is now in the final phase of its contract requirements, being the enforcement of the compulsory voting process, which will be undertaken from 3 January to 30 September 2009.

The number of ballot papers counted (formal and informal), as a percentage of the total enrolment for the November 2008 elections was 68.41%, compared to 64.04% at the 2004 election. The average voter turnout for attendance elections throughout Victoria was 70.03%. The voter turnout rates for the resident's voters (Electoral Commissioner's lists of voters), non resident voters (Chief Executive Officer's lists of voters) and residents voters aged 70 years and over were as follows:

- Residents 78.6%
- Non-residents 9.9%
- Residents (aged 70 and over) 46.6%

The voter turnout for each Ward was as follows: -

- North-East Ward 71.00%
- North-West Ward 72.00%
- South Ward 61.02%

The primary aim of the VEC's communication campaign was to maximise participation. This was achieved by raising voter awareness of when to vote, informing voters of their rights and responsibilities and explaining how to vote correctly. The statewide advertising commenced in September 2009 through to December 2008.

Statutory advertising and media releases formed an important part of the voter information campaign, assisting journalists in providing factual and accurate information when reporting on the conduct of the Election. A series of statewide media releases publicising the Elections were undertaken leading up to the Election.

The VEC provided a customised home page for Moreland City Council's elections on its website, providing links to other relevant pages that provided information on various aspects of the election process. During each process, the website was updated by the VEC. The VEC recorded approximately 6,062 unique visitors to Council's homepage from 22 September to 15 December 2008.

Voters received a personalised Easy Vote Card, which provided ward specific information about voting on Election Day, voting centres and early and postal voting options. An electorate map indicated ward boundaries and the location of voting centres as well as multi-language information and interpreting services was provided.

The VEC worked with Vision Australia to provide information for blind and vision-impaired voters about the local elections. This included MP3 audio files on the VEC website, onsite access to assisted reading equipment at Vision Australia centres and promotion of the election on 3RPH throughout Victoria. 2 Braille and 11 large print ballot papers were issued for the Moreland City Council election.

The VITS Language Link telephone interpreting and multi-language information service operated throughout the election period. A total of 49 requests for an interpreter were responded to for the Moreland City Council election, with Arabic, Italian, Greek and Turkish the most requested languages. In addition, the VEC engaged ethnic specialists to translate two media releases into 69 ethnic publications in 17 languages.

The report also highlights a number of interesting issues and elements, which provide further insights into the elections:

- 35 interested persons attended the Candidates Information Session on 21 October 2008
- 50 nominations were received by close of nominations on 28 October 2008
- 3,704 postal votes were received
- 10,973 early votes were cast at the early voting centres
- 220 unenrolled votes to persons whose name could not be found on the voters' roll and who believed they were entitled to vote were issued
- 207 declaration votes were issued, these are issued to voters where a voter fails to provide their name or proof of identity, where the voters' roll has been marked to show that a ballot-paper has already been issued or where a voter claims not to have received their postal ballot paper
- Of the votes polled, 15.34% were informal votes compared with 13.90% at the November 2004 elections.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

Council awarded the contract for the Council Election Service 2008-2012 to the VEC on 11 June 2008 (DCS15).

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Provision for an allocation of \$500,000 was made in the 2008-2009 Council budget for the Council Election Services 2008 – 2012 (\$480,000 for expenditure and \$20,000 for income). The tendered price was within the proposed allocation. To date Council has paid an initial bill of \$337,989 to the VEC.

CEO8 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2009 - PROPOSED COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE (D09/41781)

Chief Executive Officer

Governance

Executive Summary

The Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly is an annual opportunity for Councillors to inform themselves on current major policy issues and to contribute to national policy debate. It provides Councils across Australia with the opportunity to submit motions regarding issues of both local and national importance for consideration and possible adoption and assists as a means of local government advocating to State and Federal governments on issues of importance.

In past years, Moreland City Council has been represented by staff and Councillors and has submitted motions for consideration. Council will have the opportunity to submit motions based on the theme "Rising to the Challenge - Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change". Motions should be submitted online by Friday 24 April 2009.

With regard to attendance at the conference it is proposed that the Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos, and other nominated Councillors attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly between 21 – 24 June 2009.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. That motions be prepared and submitted to the 2009 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly for consideration.
2. That the Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos, Cr _____ and Cr _____ represent Council at the 2009 Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra between 21 - 24 June 2009.
3. That travel, accommodation, registration and associated expenses be met from the Mayor and Councillors Conference and Seminars budget.

1. Policy Context

Participating in the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly is an annual opportunity for Councillors to inform themselves on current major policy issues and to contribute to national policy debate.

In line with Council's Interstate and Overseas Travel by Councillors Policy (CSD22), attendance by Councillors to interstate conferences must be resolved by Council.

2. Background

The Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly is an annual event attended by Councillors and staff. Each year the conference addresses key issues in Local Government and debates motions submitted by Councils at its General Assembly.

3. Issues

Council proposed a number of new motions and presented the previous 2006 motions at the 2007 Assembly. Resolutions of the 2007 National General Assembly were considered on 19 December 2007 during a meeting of the Australian Local Government Association Board. Action taken in respect to the motions by Council is at **Attachment 1**. A National General Assembly was not held in 2008.

In 2009, Council will have the opportunity to submit motions based on the theme "Rising to the Challenge - Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change". Motions must be submitted online by Friday 24 April 2009.

4. Consultation

Councillors will be consulted in the development of motions for the 2009 Assembly.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Financial capacity for Councillor attendance to this event is included in the 2008-2009 Budget under the Councillors attendance at seminars and conferences budget.

DCS6 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT - PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2009 (D09/43920)

Director Corporate Services

Finance and Business Systems

Executive Summary

Director Corporate Services presenting the Financial Management Report for the financial year-to-date (YTD) period ending 28 February 2009.

The operating result for Council is positive by \$4.348M, with revenue above budget by \$3.632M and expenditure below budget by \$0.716M.

Unfilled vacancies continue to exist throughout the organisation. This has created an under spend in Employee Expenses, which is being offset by the use of agency staff to resolve the staffing shortage.

Permanent savings and shortfalls are being identified across the organisation, some of which are disclosed in Attachment 1.

Attachment 1 outlines high level favourable and unfavourable category results and comments on the closing cash position and capital performance. A brief snapshot of each Department is also provided in (Attachment 1 Section 4).

Recommendation

Council resolves to receive the Financial Management Report for year to date 28 February 2009.

REPORT

1. Policy Context

This report supports Council's continuing commitment to open and accountable management of the financial resources of Moreland on behalf of its ratepayers.

2. Background

The Financial Management Report ([Attachment 1](#)) provides Council's financial results for the year-to-date (YTD) period, ending 28 February 2009. The actual results are compared to the Budget. Commentary has been provided in [Attachment 1](#).

3. Issues

3.1 Operating Budget

The operating result shown in the attached Financial Management Report is favourable to budget by \$4.348M.

Revenue is \$3.632M favourable, due primarily to favourable positions in Statutory Fees and Fines, grant funding sources and Other Revenue income. This is offset by an unfavourable position in User Fees.

Further commentary has been provided in [Attachment 1 Section 1](#).

Expenditure is \$0.716M favourable, due to a combination of savings identified within the Employee Benefits, Financial Expenses and Other Materials & Services categories which are offset by an enduring overspend arising from the engagement of contractors to fill vacant positions.

Further commentary has been provided in [Attachment 1 Section 1](#).

3.2 Capital Works Budget

Overall capital program spending was \$2.851M behind budget year to date. Graphical representation has been provided in [Attachment 1 Section 2](#). A separate report to Council shows the details.

3.3 Cash and Assets

The cash balance has increased by \$5,859M from the prior month. Summary information has been provided in [Attachment 1 Section 3](#).

4. Consultation

The Finance & Business Systems Branch has prepared this report based on information provided by Managers and reviewed by Directors.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The overall corporate objective is to deliver the 2008-2009 budget outcomes as closely as possible in line with the adopted budget targets.

**DCS7 2008-2009 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT
FEBRUARY 2009 (D08/43162)**

Director Corporate Services

Finance and Business Systems

Executive Summary

This report details the financial status of each project in the 2008-2009 Capital Works Program as at the end of February 2009 as shown in Attachments 1. Attachment 2 contains details of the proposed reallocation of funds with the Capital Program to the footpaths program.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To note the status of the 2008-2009 Capital Works Program as at February 2009 as shown in Attachment 1 of the report.
2. To adopt the proposed changes to the 2008-2009 Capital Works Program as shown in Attachment 2 of the report.

REPORT

1. Policy Context

This report supports Council's continuing commitment to open and accountable management of the financial resources of Moreland on behalf of its ratepayers.

2. Background

This report provides an update as at February 2009 (**Attachment 1**) on the 2008/2009 Capital Works Program. To ensure projects are proceeding in accordance with the program, this information is monitored on a weekly basis by the responsible project managers and branch managers, and on a monthly basis by the Unit Manager Contracts and Purchasing.

3. Issues

Program Status

YTD Variance by Key Program

Capital expenditure is \$2.851M under budget for February 2009 primarily due to:

Program	Sub Programs	YTD Variance	Commitments	Explanation for Variances
Road Assets	Roads & Car Parks	\$302,700	\$2,561,000	The under expenditure relates primarily to O'Hea Street, the project is on target and due for completion in April 2009.
	Footpaths and Bikepaths	\$483,400	\$512,200	Relates primarily to two projects – The Upfield & Merri Creek paths extension project. Upfield project is currently in the design and procurement phase. Merri Creek extension is complete but has phasing issues on payments.
	Transport Management	\$171,300	\$307,100	The variance is primarily due to a phasing issue and awaiting a MOC from VicRoads for the West Street pedestrian operated signals.
Drainage	Drainage	\$205,000	\$229,800	This variance has been caused by a phasing issue and will be resolved in the April Capital Report.
Property and Building Assets	Aquatics and Leisure Centres	\$645,000	\$161,800	Coburg Leisure Centre is tracking well with the variation due to a phasing and invoice issue. Brunswick baths is currently interviewing for a Project Manager and works have commenced on the Coburg Olympic Pool.
	Pavilions and Sports Clubs	\$860,100	\$1,296,000	The variance relates to the Pavilion upgrade project – Allard Park construction has now commenced on this project.
	Community Use Facilities	\$135,700	\$184,700	The under expenditure primarily relates to the Gowanbrae Community Centre – project underway.
	Early Years Facilities	\$123,200	\$72,400	The under expenditure primarily relates to Doris Blackburn Kindergarten and Woodlands Maternal and Child Health Centres – will be tendered in March 2009.
	Senior Citizens	\$188,400	\$4,700	Primarily relates to Recommissioning of the Newlands Senior Citizens project. Tenders were called for at the end of February 2009.

Program Changes

A review of the capital works has been completed to identify up to \$1.2m of 2008/2009 Capital projects, which may not be fully expended in the current financial year. **Attachment 2** presents to council a draft list of projects, which could be utilised in the current financial year to facilitate the transfer of the \$1.2m to the footpaths budget. It is proposed that these projects will shown as committed as part of the 2009/2010 capital works budget discussions.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

The Corporate Services Department have prepared this report based on information provided by managers and reviewed by Directors.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The overall corporate objective is to deliver the 2008-2009 budget outcomes as closely as possible in line with the adopted budget targets.

DCS8 2010 GENERAL VALUATION (D09/43901)

Director Corporate Services

Finance / Revenue & Valuation Services

Executive Summary

In accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* Council is required to return a general valuation of all rateable land within its municipal district. The return of the general valuation is undertaken every two years. The 2010 general valuation is to be based on the level of values as at 1 January 2010 and will be effective from the 1 July 2010 for the purpose of assessing municipal rates. The general valuation is to be completed and returned to Council by 30 April 2010.

Council in proposing to make a general valuation must give to the Valuer General and to any other rating authority interested in the valuation of land within its area notice of its resolution to cause a general valuation to be made.

Recommendation

Council resolve to undertake the 2010 General Valuation of all properties within the municipality and give notice to the Valuer General and all other rating authorities interested in the valuation in accordance with section 6(1) of the *Valuation and Land Act 1960*.

REPORT

1. Policy Context

Council is required to return a general valuation of all properties within the municipality in accordance with the provisions of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

2. Background

The *Valuation of Land Act 1960* requires Council to cause a valuation of all rateable properties within its municipal district to be made as at 1 January in every even calendar year.

The 2010 general valuation, which will be based on the level of values as at 1 January 2010 and will be effective from the 1 July 2010, is to be returned to Council by 30 April 2010.

3. Issues

Council in proposing to make a general valuation of all properties within the municipality are required to give notice of its resolution to the Valuer General and to every other rating authority interested in the valuation of land.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

This process is a requirement of Council, no consultation is required.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Council is required to provide returned valuations to other authorities for a fee in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, for the purpose of assessing rates and taxes. In providing these valuations to other authorities Council will be reimbursed 50% of the cost of the general valuation and supplementary valuations from the State Revenue Office and will receive a fee for supplementary valuations from Yarra Valley Water in accordance with respective agreements.

DCD21 PENTRIDGE (PIAZZA) COBURG DESIGN GUIDELINES AND MASTERPLAN (D09/41545)

Director City Development

City Development

Executive Summary

The Pentridge (Piazza) site (6.5ha) is generally bounded by Murray Road, Champ Street, Pentridge Boulevard and Stockade Avenue and was purchased by the Valad Property Group and joint venture partner Abadeen Group in June 2007. A consultant team was later appointed to review the existing Masterplan document, previously endorsed by Council on 14 April 2003.

It is intended that the revised Pentridge (Piazza) Coburg Design Guidelines and Masterplan document, once adopted by Council, will establish the vision and framework for the future use and development of the site, consistent with the *Central Coburg 2020 Structure Plan*. A number of key issues of concern have been identified that require further discussion and consideration by Council.

This report recommends placing the Masterplan on public exhibition for one month, without prejudice and seeking community input as part of Council's consideration of the Masterplan.

The Minister for Planning has previously expressed an interest in the redevelopment of Pentridge and a referral seeking input and advice from the Priority Development Panel was sent in March 2009.

Recommendation

Council resolve to:

1. Commence the community consultation phase of the Pentridge Coburg Design Guidelines and Masterplan over a one-month period.
2. Continue to work with the Pentridge developers to resolve outstanding issues of concern, prior to the further consideration of the revised Masterplan.
3. Consider any submissions received and input from the Priority Development Panel in a further report on the revised Masterplan for Pentridge.

1. Policy Context

The Council Plan commits Council to continue to work co-operatively with the developers in the redevelopment of the former Pentridge Prison site.

Moreland's Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) identifies Pentridge as a focus area for change and its redevelopment is an exciting component of the Coburg Principal Activity Centre. The MSS commits Council to continue to work with the developers of the site to create a successful, integrated and seamless activity centre for Moreland.

In the Moreland Planning Scheme, Pentridge is included within the Comprehensive Development Zone (Schedule 1) and its purpose is to provide for a mix of residential, tourist and commercial uses that can integrate the site with the surrounding uses whilst complementing the heritage significance of the site.

2. Background

The Pentridge (Piazza) site (6.5ha) is generally bounded by Murray Road, Champ Street, Pentridge Boulevard and Stockade Avenue and was purchased by the Valad Property Group and joint venture partner Abadeen Group in June 2007. A consultant team was later appointed to review the existing Masterplan document, previously endorsed by Council on 14 April 2003.

The Minister for Planning has previously expressed his commitment to the successful development of the entire Pentridge site to showcase the outcomes of *Melbourne 2030*.

Over the past 18 months, Council Officers have been working closely with the developers, the consultant team and representatives from the Department of Planning and Community Development, including Heritage Victoria and the Development Facilitation Unit on the revised Masterplan. In part, the vision for Pentridge in the revised Masterplan is "...to create a vibrant and sustainable urban hub, a place for the shared use of its residents and workers, the neighbouring community and tourists." (page 2).

The purpose of the document is to "...set the framework for the ongoing development of the Pentridge site over the next 8 to 10 Years." (page 5). The November 2008 document, (previously circulated at the Issues and Discussions Workshop on 10 March 2009) addressed a number of issues previously raised in the draft March 2008 version.

3. Issues

Valad was advised of the key issues of concern identified as part of the internal review process of the Masterplan and provided at **Attachment 1**. A detailed matrix, responding to specific sections of the document is provided at **Attachment 2**. This included the *Economic Impact Assessment* by Deep End Services and the *Retail Planning Policy Review* by Essential Economic, submitted to Council separately on 16 January 2009.

The key outstanding issues are summarised below:

Building height

The proposed 16-level building (Building No. 16) in the south-west courtyard of B Division was identified as a key concern, on the basis that it is to be located in an area of primary heritage significance, contrary to previous heritage studies undertaken and will also impact on major viewlines into the site. Heritage Victoria is currently considering an application for construction of this building. Council is yet to receive a planning permit application.

Concerns have also been raised in relation to Building No. 4 (15 levels) and Building No. 6 (14 levels) along the Murray Road frontage, although the concept of varying building heights is supported along this frontage. The current Masterplan envisages an 8 storey building height along this frontage, with higher built form considered for exemplary design.

Heritage Buildings / adaptive re-use

There appears to be a lack of commitment to the restoration and adaptive reuse of the heritage buildings on site. While it is acknowledged that there will need to be a 'critical mass' in terms of resident population, prior to the reuse options being viable, the staging component of the Masterplan should commit to restoration and adaptive reuse occurring at particular points in time.

Commercial Component

Jones Lang Laselle were engaged to provide Council with an independent assessment of the *Pentridge Piazza Economic Impact Assessment* (December 2008) by Deep End Services and the *Proposed Pentridge Piazza Development Retail Planning Policy Review* (January 2009) by Essential Economics, provided in **Attachment 3**. Assistance was sought to interpret the implications of the Masterplan and accompanying documentation to ensure that the proposed retail / commercial component proposed at Pentridge (Piazza) will not operate in competition with or have significant negative impacts on the core of the Coburg Principal Activity Centre.

It is recognised that while some new retail development outside the Coburg core is appropriate, this development should be limited in size to ensure that the core achieves a critical mass of quality retail facilities. Insufficient justification has been provided to increase the commercial floor space above that approved by the current Masterplan and identified in the Coburg Structure Plan.

Priority Development Panel

A request was sent in March 2009 to the Minister for Planning, seeking a referral to the Priority Development Panel (PDP) for advice in relation to the revised Masterplan to ensure its consistency with the State Planning Policy Framework and Council's long-term vision for the Coburg Principal Activity Centre.

The role of the PDP is to provide advice to the Minister for Planning in relation to a specific project and includes for example, the strategic context of a project, its consistency with the State Planning Policy Framework, the statutory planning arrangements, the planning and design merits of the proposal, including appropriate type and scale of development.

It is anticipated that submissions received during the community consultation period can also be referred to the PDP for review.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

The revised document was circulated to the Corporate Management Team on 26 November 2008 for comment. The feedback from this internal consultation process has been incorporated in the Council Officers' response to Valad on 25 February 2009 provided at **Attachment 1**. A detailed matrix, responding to specific sections of the document is provided at **Attachment 2**.

Councillors have been consulted at the Issues & Discussion Workshop held on 10 March 2009 and invited to attend a site visit on 12 March 2009.

This report recommends commencement of the community consultation phase over a one-month period. This is not part of any formal statutory process but rather an opportunity for the community to have their say on the Masterplan before Council formally considers the document.

Consultation will include, but not be limited to, notification to nearby residents, notices in local papers, notification to State agencies and other key stakeholders. It is also intended to hold a public information session during the exhibition period.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

There are no financial implications for Council. The proponent will be required to pay for costs associated with the community consultation process.

DCD22 SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONES CONSULTATION DRAFT (D09/35480)

Director City Development

Sustainable Development Branch / Strategic Planning Unit

Executive Summary

The Minister for Planning released proposed New Residential Zones for Victoria in February 2009 for the purposes of consultation. The proposed zones were prepared following the release of a Discussion Paper early last year outlining proposals for three new residential zones. Council made a submission on the Discussion Paper in April 2008 (DCD24).

The proposed new Residential Zones are as follows:

- Substantial Change Zone
- Incremental Change Zone
- Limited Change Zone

The zones are intended to make housing outcomes clear by applying different development requirements to neighbourhoods based on the preferred neighbourhood character desired in different locations. Each of the proposed new residential zones has a schedule to allow certain local provisions to be defined.

Submissions to the new zones must be made by 9 April 2009. Submissions will be referred to an Independent Advisory Committee that will make recommendations to the Minister for Planning on the final form of the zones.

Essentially the new zones attempt to provide a different way of implementing housing policy in the Planning Scheme. Currently, State and Local policy directions for housing are contained in the State and Local Planning Policy Framework sections of the Scheme (SPPF and LPPF). Under the new zones housing policy is intended to be translated into the application of the zones and use of the schedules to the zones. It remains unclear as to exactly how this implementation would work in practice and the extent of background work likely to be required by Council to justify the use of the new zones.

Council Officers have identified a number of significant problems with the new zones, as outlined in Council's submission (Attachment 1).

Recommendation

Council resolve to endorse and forward the Submission on the proposed New Residential Zones (Attachment 1 to the report) to the Department of Planning and Community Development.

1. Policy Context

The use and development of land in Victoria is regulated through a range of controls contained in planning schemes, including Zones, Overlays, State and Local Policies.

With regard to the use and development of residential land, planning schemes contain State and Local policy that encourages a diversity of housing to meet the future needs of the population. Higher density residential development is encouraged within designated Activity Centres and transport corridors and on strategic redevelopment sites (which tend to be redundant industrial sites in Moreland). Residential development is expected to respect preferred future character. In Moreland all areas have been included within preferred neighbourhood character precincts to ensure new residential development respects the valued characteristics of individual neighbourhoods.

Standard zones for Statewide application are included in the planning scheme (eg. Residential 1 Zone, Business 1 Zone, Industrial 1 Zone, etc). An important feature of the zones, which is reflected in the first purpose of each zone, is that they are to be administered to implement State and Local Policy. There is no opportunity to vary the zones or to introduce local zones. However, some zones have schedules that allow specific provisions to be defined according to local circumstances and locally defined objectives. Each of the proposed new residential zones has a schedule to allow certain local provisions to be defined.

2. Background

During the 1990s, the Victorian planning system underwent significant reform. As a result of the reforms, the 'Victoria Planning Provisions' (VPPs) were introduced to set the framework for all Victorian planning schemes. Moreland's VPP planning scheme was introduced in 2000. The VPPs are strategically driven, based on a State and Local policy framework, and decision making is 'performance based', rather than prescriptive – many permit decisions are not black and white but must be justified against the policy framework. Therefore, all controls contained within the planning scheme should have a clear link back to planning policy and where a planning objective cannot be implemented directly by a zone or overlay, a Local Planning Policy can be used. As such, a Local Planning Policy is seen as a 'guideline' of expectation, not a control.

Since the introduction of the VPPs the operation of Local Planning Policy has become unclear over time. In many instances, it has replaced other components of the planning scheme as the primary method of expressing strategic direction. This has led to a proliferation of local policy, inconsistencies between policies, confusion about how local policy should be used and what it can or should deliver. Ultimately this has led to considerable uncertainty within the planning system and numerous situations where VCAT has chosen to disregard local planning policy in decision-making.

In 2006 the Minister for Planning established a working group to review the role of local planning policy in decision-making. The working group's findings were documented in the *Making Local Policy Stronger* report, released in June 2007. One of the key findings of the working group was that:

"Despite local housing strategies which might identify (for instance) areas for accelerated growth or areas for special protection, the Residential 1 Zone is the overwhelming 'zone of choice' in residential areas and provides for a mix of densities and dwelling types".

“The Residential 2 Zone, which is meant to ‘encourage residential development at medium or higher densities’, covers only small areas and its greatest concentrations are in the outer suburbs at Frankston and Dandenong. The Residential 2 Zone is not to be found around the vibrant inner and middle ring centres, the public transport nodes or along arterial roads with tramlines which is where Melbourne 2030 suggests are the very places to ‘encourage residential development at medium or higher densities’.”

“...While some councils proactively identify ‘go go’ (substantial change), ‘slow go’ (incremental change) or ‘no go’ (minimal change) areas in their local planning policy framework, they do not have a suite of zones that provides a ‘neat fit’. As a consequence, the issue tends to be resolved through complex and lengthy local planning policy or difficult permit application assessment processes rather than through a combination of zoning, state planning policy direction and local application”.

To address these issues, the following action was identified:

“Revise the zones, overlays and particular provisions to provide more opportunity to express state and local policy outcomes. As a priority, review the residential zones and associated provisions.”

In response to the *Making Local Policy Stronger* report, the Victorian Government released a 5 Point Priority Action Plan to make local policy stronger. The first priority of the Action Plan is to:

“Introduce new Residential Zones that better implement housing strategies.”

A Discussion Paper on New Residential Zones for Victoria was released in February 2008. This paper presented the idea of three new zones – Substantial Change, Incremental Change, Limited Change. Council considered a report on the Discussion Paper (DCD24) and made a submission on the Discussion Paper in April 2008.

The proposed new residential zones have now been drafted and released for consultation.

Submissions to the new residential zones must be made by 9 April 2009.

Submissions will be referred to an Independent Advisory Committee that will make recommendations to the Minister for Planning on the final form of the residential zones.

3. Issues

The proposed new residential zones clearly attempt to include State and Local policy outcomes within the zones; a direct response to the issues raised in the *Making Local Policy Stronger* report. However, a number of significant concerns have been identified with the new zones, as detailed in the submission included as **Attachment 1**.

In summary these issues include:

- Inconsistent use of different VPP provisions – in general, there is widespread agreement on the need to resolve the problems associated with inconsistent implementation of Local policy and the potential to better express Local policy within zones, overlays and particular provisions. However, there is a danger that by only changing the residential zones to include Local policy objectives, inconsistency and confusion will result as to where Local policy is expressed within the planning scheme (ie. some policy will remain within the LPPF and other policy will be scattered across the zones), continuing the problems originally identified with inconsistent implementation of Local policy.

- The proposed approach will not affect consideration of all residential proposals - residential uses can be considered in a number of zones, not just the residential zones (eg. Mixed Use Zone, Business Zones). It is not clear how residential proposals in other zones should be treated.
- It is not clear how the new zones would work alongside the proposed new Activity Centre Zone – the Substantial Change Zone tends to reflect the objectives to be achieved in activity centres and therefore creates confusion about which zone to use.
- The three zones are too similar to each other to warrant their justification. This is particularly prevalent with regard to height limits and extent of change envisaged. Whilst the actual name of each zone clearly refers to the extent of change acceptable in an area, the provisions of each zone are ambiguous as to the actual extent of change envisaged.
- The zones only attempt to implement one aspect of residential / housing policy (ie. neighbourhood character and the extent of change allowed in different neighbourhoods), they do not address the pressing issues of accessibility, affordability and Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD).
- Politically difficult decisions associated with the zones, such as removal of third party appeal rights and locations for Substantial Change Zones, have been left for Council's to make in the development of schedules to the zones. Past experience with minimal use of the Residential 2 Zone has shown that this results in a reluctance to use the tools in any meaningful manner.
- Financial and resources implications for Council – a significant amount of strategic work is expected to be required to justify the application of the zones. No direction has yet been provided by the State Government as to the type of strategic planning work required to justify use of the new zones. However, it is expected that at the very least, a significant amount of time will be required to rewrite Local policy into the zones. In addition it is expected that a Local Housing Strategy would be required.

4. Consultation

Council's submission on the proposed New Residential Zones has been put together following consultation with officers from Urban Planning, Activity Centres and Strategic Planning within the City Development Department.

Council officers attended an information session on the proposed New Residential Zones, facilitated by the Department of Planning and Community Development, on 4 March 2009.

The Portfolio Councillor, Cr Connellan, has been consulted as part of the preparation of this report.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Other than Strategic Planning Officer time, there are no resource implications in the preparation and lodgement of Council's submission on the proposed New Residential Zones.

Once endorsed by the Minister, the implementation of the proposed New Residential Zones in the Planning Scheme is expected to have significant resource implications for the Strategic Planning Branch. These implications have been raised with the State Government as part of Council's submission.

DCD23 SUSTAINABLE MORELAND ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE (D09/46328)

Director City Development

Sustainable Development/ESD Unit

Executive Summary

The Sustainable Moreland Advisory Group (SMAG) assists Council with Community engagement and acts as a consultation process for new and existing policies, strategies and programs related to environmental sustainability. In late 2008 consultation was undertaken with various Council Branches and the members of SMAG with the view to merge SMAG with two other Community reference groups (Greening Moreland and Waste Management Reference Group).

At a meeting of Councillors and Council Officers on the 15 January 2009 and through a subsequent Council report on 11 February 2009 Council confirmed that the three groups be merged.

This Council report presents the proposed terms of reference for SMAG and requests that Council nominate a Councillor to SMAG.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To endorse the Terms of Reference for Sustainable Moreland Advisory Group.
2. To nominate Cr _____ to act as the Chair for the Sustainable Moreland Advisory Group.
3. To note Council Officers will initiate a recruitment process for new Sustainable Moreland Advisory Group Members in April/May 2009.

1. Policy Context

Council's strong commitment to environmental sustainability has been a key priority of Council. Additionally, the Environment is one of the four key commitment areas included in the Council Plan 2007 – 2011.

Council has developed and is implementing a range of strategies, plans and projects that aim to improve environmental outcomes for the City of Moreland and relate directly to SMAG. Strategies include, Integrated Environment Plan, Climate Action Plan, Watershed, Stormwater Management Plan, Open Space Strategy and the Waste Management and Litter Strategy. SMAG ensures Council consults effectively with the Community when developing and implementing these strategies/plans.

2. Background

SMAG has been operating for a number of years and addresses a number of urgent environmental issues. Similarly the Greening Moreland forum has been working with the Community to improve open space and waterway management throughout the municipality. The Moreland Waste Reference Group was established to assist in the development of the Moreland Litter and Waste Strategy.

All three groups have at times struggled to keep an effective number of members engaged in the work of the groups to be of clear value to Council and the other community group members. As such, Council has merged the three groups in order to ensure greater Community participation and maintain a larger core group of members throughout the four-year term of the Council. Additionally, by merging the groups Council is more effectively utilising internal resources.

3. Issues

Environmental Implications

SMAG is specifically set up to engage with the Community on environmental sustainability projects.

Social Implications

Community reference groups are a key way in which Council can support the Community give them a voice in the environmental projects that Council implements.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

The Portfolio Councillor City Development, Cr Connellan, has been advised of the preparation and content of this report.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

There are no financial or significant resource implications for Council through the operation of SMAG apart from staff time to co-ordinate the quarterly meetings and subsequent follow-up.

DCI17 MERRI CREEK AND ENVIRONS STRATEGY (2008-2013) (D09/45826)

Director City Infrastructure

Open Space

Executive Summary

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) has been developed by Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) in partnership and consultation with member Councils, including Moreland City Council, Friends groups (Merri Creek, Wallan Creek), and the broader community. The document is a revised and updated version of the original strategy developed in 1999.

The strategy is a visionary, detailed, and comprehensive document highlighting significant environmental, cultural and social assets and issues relating to Merri Creek and its environs. The content of the strategy is based on expert scientific land management knowledge, legislation, key regional strategies (eg. Regional Catchment Strategy), and local plans and reference documents.

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) is a valuable reference document which addresses significant issues, identifies the lead role responsible for implementing actions, sets time frames, and estimates the potential cost associated with implementing actions.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. That Council endorse the Merri Creek & Environs Strategy (2008-2013) in principle.
2. That Council officially write to, and commend, Merri Creek Management Committee and the implementation sub-committee for producing the strategy.
3. That Council refer listed actions in the strategy to Council's annual budget process for consideration.
4. That Council lists the strategy as a reference document in the Moreland's Planning Scheme and Open Space Strategy (MOSS), being revised in 2009.

1. Policy Context

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) (**Attachment 1**) specifically relates to Merri Creek and Edgars Creek within the municipality. It addresses a number of key subject areas and issues, many of which are also addressed in Council Strategies (eg. Moreland Open Space Strategy) and other key Council documents (eg. Merri Creek Rail Review).

2. Background

Merri Creek is a northern tributary of the Yarra River. It starts at the base of the Great Dividing Range at Wallan and flows through northern Melbourne and merges with the Yarra River near Dight Falls in Abbotsford.

Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) was established in 1989 and is a not-for-profit organisation involved in creek advocacy, biodiversity management, community education and engagement. MCMC is made up of elected representatives from each of the member councils (Yarra, Moreland, Darebin, Hume, Whittlesea, Mitchell) and the Friends of Merri Creek.

MCMC sources funding predominantly from Councils, Federal Government, and corporate organisations. MCMC employs a small workforce to undertake the functions of the organisation, including bushland management.

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) addresses the following key subject areas:

- Cultural Heritage (eg. indigenous and non-indigenous)
- Visual Character
- Natural Heritage (eg. native plants and animals)
- Land Management (eg. pest plant and animal management)
- Water Quality
- Community Engagement, Education and Recreation
- Management
- Implementation and Monitoring.

The strategy, according to each key subject area, provides a detailed assessment of the current context and background, identifies the major issues, sets objectives and targets, and provides a list of actions required to address the issues. The actions identify the following:

- Lead role agency (eg. according to legislation)
- Potential key partners (eg. MCMC)
- Estimated cost (nominal)
- Priority Level
- Time frames.

3. Issues

Environmental Implications

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) addresses a number of key environmental issues aimed at improving the environmental health of the waterway and catchment. The issues addressed include biodiversity protection and enhancement (eg. improved habitat for native plants and animals), water quality improvement, and control and management of weeds and pest animals. The overarching goal of the strategy in relation to biodiversity is:

“Healthy and enduring ecosystems with a diversity of habitats and native species”

Social Implications

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) addresses a number of key social and cultural issues aimed at protecting Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage, fostering community involvement in environmental activities, and improving access and recreational opportunities (eg. trails). The overarching goal of the strategy in relation to people is:

“The community valuing, understanding, and celebrating the region’s catchment assets and working to achieve sustainability”

Economic Implications

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) contains a comprehensive section of actions addressing key subject areas. Moreland City Council has been identified as the sole lead role in three actions, at a minimum cost of \$210,000 in addition to joint lead role in 135 actions (shared between member Councils at an estimated total cost of approximately \$7.5 million, with approximately \$2.2 million of the cost to be born by Moreland).

Regional / Strategic Implications

The Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) has been developed in reference to a number of overarching State Government regional strategies. The strategy also takes into account the designated responsibilities of landowners and other agencies according to key legislation, such as the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

- Councillors have been consulted at the Issues & Discussion Workshop held on 10 March 2009.
- Public consultation has been facilitated by Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and included a request for public comment in September 2008 involving three community workshops, lodgement of copies of the strategy in 17 public libraries and Council offices, and lodgement on the MCMC and Council websites.
- Copies of the Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) were circulated to all Councillors prior to the I&D session of 10 March 2009.
- Advice was sought from officers employed within Council’s Open Space Design and Development team.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Moreland City Council has been identified in the strategy as the sole lead role in three actions and as the joint lead role with member Councils in 135 actions. Many of the associated actions are responsibilities, legal or otherwise, of landowners and land managers.

According to the nominal costs provided in the strategy, the cost of implementing the actions with Moreland listed as the lead role is as follows:

- \$210,000* for the three actions listing Moreland as the sole lead role
- A shared portion of \$7.37 million* for the 135 actions listing Moreland as the joint lead role.

*The above costs are based on conservative estimates given in the strategy and will vary according to the issue and actual extent of the issue according to each relevant stakeholder.

Moreland's current financial commitment to Merri Creek includes annual funding of \$240,000 to MCMC for co-ordination and bushland management services, the commitment of \$2.2 million to actions listed in the Merri Creek Trail Review (eg. flood warning signage, pedestrian bridges), and employment of a Natural Resource Management Officer.

Many of the actions identified in the Merri Creek and Environs Strategy (2008-2013) are currently being addressed to varying degrees as part of Council's Open Space operations and capital works activity and through specific actions in the MOSS.

It is envisaged that actions listed in the strategy will be considered in Council's annual budget process, in context of the needs and demands across the entire municipality with regard to Open Space management and development.

DSD9 BRUNSWICK BATHS REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC REVIEW AND FEASIBILITY STUDY OUTCOMES (D09/43937)

Director Social Development

Youth and Leisure Services

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief overview of the Brunswick Baths Redevelopment project, a summary of key findings and recommendations arising from the Strategic Review and Feasibility Study and to seek Councillor endorsement to proceed from Stage One of the project, Feasibility and Concept Design, to Stage 2 of the project, Design Development and Costing.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To endorse the key findings of the study and interpretation of these findings in the form of the Component Schedule and Concept Plan – Proposal 1.
2. To advertise its intention to use the land at 21 and 23 Phoenix Street, Brunswick for the proposed Brunswick Baths Redevelopment in accordance with Sections 192 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
3. That in the event of any submission made to Council as part of the statutory process, a report be presented to Council's Urban Planning Committee to receive submissions and that a future report be presented to Council for its final decision.
4. That in the event of no submission being received, to approve the proposed change of use and authorise the Acting Director City Infrastructure to do all things necessary to effect this decision.

1. Policy Context

The Moreland Aquatic Strategic Framework was endorsed by Council at a meeting in February 2007. The key outcome of this Framework is the recommendation that Council review the current suite of six aquatic facilities to ensure that any plan for facilities moving forward is environmentally and economically sustainable.

The Framework recommends a strategic focus for each of the facilities and includes a 10 year program of maintenance and renewal, with a projection of capital investment over this period.

Redevelopment of Brunswick Baths is consistent with the Framework.

2. Background

At the Council meeting of April 2007, Council resolved:

1. To formally endorse the Brunswick Baths Project Mandate.
2. To publicly exhibit the draft master plan for comment and receive a report on the outcome at its June 2007 meeting.
3. To consider the results of the consultation for the draft master plan prior to proceeding with the Brunswick Baths renewal project.

The draft master plan approved for public exhibition by Council had been developed by BHA Architects, who were appointed in July 2006. The Project Mandate endorsed by Council outlined a scope of works listed under the headings of:

- Demolition (including the band room and rifle range / club room)
- New Construction Sub-Ground
- New Construction Ground Floor
- New Construction First Floor

Community feedback on the concept plans was considered at Council meeting in November 2007 and a new concept plan was prepared by BHA architects to incorporate a toddler's pool.

Council endorsed a funding application of \$2.5m to Sport and Recreation Victoria (Department of Planning and Community Development) for redevelopment of the Brunswick Baths under the Major Facilities / Aquatic Access Better Pools funding category for an expected total project cost of \$14m. This application was unsuccessful.

As part of preparation for a new funding application to Sport and Recreation Victoria the Project Board undertook a Strategic Review and Feasibility Study. The rationale for undertaking this study included passage of time between previous consultation and analysis of community needs, and feedback from Sport and Recreation regarding the reasons that the previous application had been unsuccessful.

A new funding application for \$2.5m was submitted to Sport and Recreation Victoria in October 2008. The Manager Metropolitan Community Facilities has advised that the application was successful. Terms of the funding agreement are currently being drafted.

A funding application for \$5m was also submitted to the Australian Government Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program in December 2008, and resubmitted in March 2009 following expansion of the funding pool from \$50m to \$550m. Announcements of successful projects are yet to be made.

3. Issues

The concept design arising from the Strategic Review and Feasibility Study for the Brunswick Baths is driven by several key factors;

- Limited budget
- Limited space
- Environmental issues and Council's environmental policies / targets
- Current and future community needs determined through:
 - Review of Council, Regional, State policies, strategies and legislation
 - Community consultation
 - Demographic analysis
 - Competitor analysis
 - Industry trend analysis

The Investment Logic Map for the Brunswick Baths Redevelopment includes three key benefits from an upgraded facility:

1. More active public spaces in Brunswick
2. Healthier Brunswick community
3. Reduced cost to the environment

The Study conclusions state that from community leisure, recreation, health and well being perspective, there are significant community segments that are not enjoying the benefits, which it is known, can be delivered by aquatic leisure venues. The Component Schedule represents a mix of aquatic health and fitness, and social facilities that could be developed to meet the needs of the present users as well as youth, families, the aged, people with disabilities, people seeking a safe social environment and many of the City's multi-cultural communities. The Component Schedule (**Attachment 1**) is translated into a concept design (**Attachment 2**) with consideration of the site space constraints, project budget and operation functionality.

Key Issues / Tensions Between Elements Of Design

Character

Users have highlighted the importance of the historic and local character of the facility, whilst also seeking major upgrade of the condition and accessibility of the facility. The concept plan includes retention of the art deco style façade to Dawson Street while making the entrance more accessible and allowing a view through to the internal facilities. It also retains the detail of the timber ceiling above the existing 25m pool, albeit as the ceiling of a new section of the first floor for expanded health club facilities. The mural on the brick wall to the railway line has also been identified as having significance to the community.

Outdoor 50m Lanes

Users have highlighted the importance of retaining a 50m outdoor pool, however this is in conflict with environmentally sustainable design and the requirement for space for other new or expanded facilities. Concept Plan – Proposal 1 includes a four lane 50m outdoor pool with ramp access.

The number of lanes is based on peak demand calculated via a survey of actual lane usage undertaken in September 2008, with allowances for seasonal increase in demand for lap swimming, including squads. Bather load data has been collected over the summer season and will be analysed shortly.

The reduced number of outdoor lanes, combined with reduced depth of the lanes (change from 0.9m - 5m to 1.2 – 1.5m) results in a substantial reduction in the surface area and water volume, therefore a reduction in the associated evaporation and energy requirements to heat the water. Because of the reduced depth, the total capacity for shallower, safer, recreational swimming space on the site is actually increased for hot weather demand.

Community feedback on Concept Plan – Proposal 1 may include requests to increase the number of outdoor 50m lanes. The cost plan for Concept Plan - Proposal 1 is \$14,180,290 and includes \$4m for pool upgrades. Based on a cost per square meter of water space, a high level cost estimate for each additional outdoor 50m lane would be in the vicinity of \$490,000. In addition to costs, the impact on space would also need to be considered. The lane width of 2.25m is a FINA competition standard so it is also possible to consider reducing the width of the lanes to 1.8m therefore providing 5 lanes without changing the overall size of the pool.

Improved and / or Expanded Facilities

Improved and / or expanded facilities included in the Component Schedule include:

- Crèche (increased from 7 to 35 places)
- Multi-use special services / consulting rooms for health and well being services
- Health Club / Gymnasium
- Flexible, multi-use program rooms (operable walls desirable but not included in current budget)
- Bicycle parking (in conjunction with improved streetscape)
- Indoor Pool – upgraded to full 25m with 6 x 2.25m lanes
- Spa
- Entry and reception
- Change-rooms
- Café – indoor / outdoor service and seating areas
- Pool plant
- Outdoor concourse space and landscaping

Additional Facilities

Additional facilities include:

- Seating (indoor / outdoor)
- Shade (in addition to efforts to retain established trees on site where possible)
- Indoor warm water program pool with ramp access
- Outdoor water play area / shallow pool / water features
- Indoor water play area / splash pad
- Operable glass doors to integrate indoor aquatic spaces with outdoor aquatic spaces when weather permits

Change of Use

While there are no formal triggers required of Council to use the land known as 21 and 23 Phoenix Street, Brunswick as part of the Brunswick Baths Redevelopment Project, Section 192 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to give public notice of its intention to use the land for another purpose. A plan showing the location of the site is provided in **Attachment 3**.

It is proposed that the public notice be given inviting submission under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on the proposal.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

Consultation relevant to the Brunswick Baths Redevelopment Project has been undertaken in conjunction with:

- Preparation of the Strategic Aquatic Framework
- Public Exhibition of the draft master plan
- Strategic Review and Feasibility Study

Further consultation is proposed via:

- Public exhibition of Concept Plan – Proposal 1

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The cost plan for Concept Plan – Proposal 1 prepared as part of the Strategic Review and Feasibility Study is \$14,180,290 (excluding GST).

This includes allowances for consultant fees, design contingency and contract contingency however does not include escalation.

\$2.5m funding from the Victorian Government has been approved in principle with terms of the funding agreement yet to be received and signed.

\$5m funding has been applied for via the Australian Government Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program. Successful projects have not yet been announced.

The financial and resource implications of the recommendations in this report are incorporated into the Brunswick Baths Redevelopment Project budget.

DSD10 HOSKEN RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN - FINAL REPORT (D09/44637)

Director Social Development

Youth and Leisure Services

Executive Summary

Three redevelopment options have been prepared for Hosken Reserve, Coburg. Each option has an extensive list of proposed works that could be prioritised for further consideration as part of future capital works programming.

The purpose of this report is to therefore nominate a preferred redevelopment option, and investigate the feasibility of its future implementation having regard to the costs, funding opportunities and community and stakeholder acceptance.

Option 3 is the preferred redevelopment option and includes the reconfiguration of the current cricket / football oval into a rectangular field. All options include the provision of a synthetic training pitch. Option 1 retains the existing oval / pitch configuration, Option 2 would allow the expansion of the rectangular pitch into a full sized training pitch whilst retaining the turf wicket, whilst Option 3 seeks to remove the turf cricket wicket from the reserve to allow the construction of 1 full sized pitch and a synthetic training pitch.

It is therefore proposed, that Council publicly exhibit option 3 as the preferred redevelopment option for Hosken Reserve, seek community feedback and input into the proposed redevelopment plan and liaise with the Australian International Academy, State Government and local sporting clubs to determine the feasibility of future redevelopment opportunities.

Recommendation

Council resolve:

1. To receive the Hosken Reserve Redevelopment Masterplan Final Report dated March 2009.
2. To nominate option 3 as the preferred redevelopment option for Hosken Reserve and seek stakeholder and community input and feedback on all options.
3. To write to the Australian International Academy seeking to commence negotiation over a suitable formal usage and potential development and contribution agreement.
4. To further consider this matter upon completion of the consultation period.

1. Policy Context

The preparation of three redevelopment options for Hosken Reserve has been made having regard to a number of policy documents including:

- Moreland Open Space Strategy 2004,
- Moreland Playground Strategy 2007 –2017,
- Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy 2007,
- Building Assets Management Strategy 2007,
- Moreland Municipal Public Health Plan 2003; and
- Moreland Leisure Plan 2001 – 2006.

2. Background

The purpose of the study was to produce a cohesive plan to guide the long-term redevelopment of Hosken Reserve.

In 2003, a planning group was formed to produce a redevelopment plan for Hosken Reserve. The group comprised representatives of Council, the local community and five user groups, King Khalid College, North Coburg Saints Football Club, Haig Amateur Cricket Club, Merlynston Tennis Club and Pascoe Vale Soccer Club.

The group's development vision for the reserve was that it be transformed into a 'vibrant community recreation hub' catering for cricket, football, soccer, informal play and general local community activities. However, the group soon realised that the reserve did not have the capacity to satisfy the growing facility needs of the user groups, including requests for additional soccer fields, larger Australian rules oval and increased access to open space and fields by the college.

As a result of an opportunity to access another facility, the North Coburg Football Club merged with the Fawkner Park Football Club and relocated to Mutton Reserve, Fawkner. The club now successfully operates as the Northern Saints. This leaves Hosken Reserve with no winter tenant of its cricket / football oval and little impetus for the continuation of the user group.

ASR Consulting were engaged in 2007 to undertake a redevelopment masterplan for the reserve following the receipt of Sport and Recreation Victoria planning / feasibility funding grant through the 2006/2007 Community Facilities Funding Program.

3. Issues

Redevelopment Plan Options

Option 1

Has 17 key improvements listed with a total project cost in excess of \$2.2 million including the installation of a small synthetic training pitch and pavilion upgrades. Proposes no change to the configuration of the oval, rectangular field and the car parking areas and access road to the east and south of the rectangular field.

Option 2

Has 18 key improvements listed with a total project cost in excess of \$2.35 million including the installation of a junior sized synthetic training pitch and pavilion upgrades. Under this option, the synthetic junior training pitch would encroach upon the cricket oval and diminish the oval's long term viability and suitability as a cricket / football oval. The option also includes a re configuration of the carparking area to the east and south of the rectangular field.

Option 3

Similar to Option 2, however, includes the removal of the turf cricket wicket / oval and installation of an additional soccer pitch. Has 18 key improvements listed with a total project cost in excess of \$2.25 million. This option also includes an extension to the car parking area off Pallett Street.

Australian International Academy

The secondary campus of the Academy is located next to the reserve. The campus currently has 650 students and is expected to grow to 900 -1,000 students within 5 years. The campus site has a land area of 1.4ha. This is considered very small for a secondary college. The college therefore relies heavily on access to the reserve for its students at recess times, physical education classes, intra and inter-school activities. The Academy also hires the tennis courts from the Merlynston Tennis club.

The car park at the reserve is also very important to the school. It is used by buses and individual parents for student 'drop offs and pick ups'. The current use of the reserve and car park is without formal agreement and is a risk management issue for the school and Council, especially at drop off and pick up times.

Pascoe Vale Football (Soccer) Club

The club formed in 1966 and relocated to Hosken Reserve in 1992. The club is strong socially and administratively and reasonably strong financially. In 2008, the club fielded 4 junior girls' teams, 6 junior boys' teams and 2 senior mens teams. Its senior mens team was promoted to State League Division 1 at the end of the 2008 season. The club had no junior teams in 2005, and is expecting to continue to grow.

The club is currently completing a minor upgrade to its facility on the basis of receiving state and local government funding contributions.

Northern Saints Football Club (formally North Coburg Football Club)

North Coburg Saints Football Club (formally St Oliver's) formed in 1947. It amalgamated with Fawkner Park Football Club in 2007 to form the Northern Saints Football Club and subsequently relocated to Mutton Reserve Fawkner. The relocation was favourable to both football clubs on the basis that Fawkner Park was about to fold, North Coburg had limited juniors and facilities are considered better at Mutton Reserve including having two ovals compared to one under-sized oval at Hosken.

The merger has effectively allowed Australian Rules to continue to operate in Fawkner and resulted in more juniors participating in the code.

Haig Amateur Cricket Club

The club commenced in the 1930's. It currently fields 3 senior men's teams and 2 junior boys teams and a 'have a go' program. Its junior teams were established in 2001. The club's top two grades compete in the Moreland - Moonee Valley Turf competition and share Hosken Reserve as their home venue. The club's third grade also uses the western oval at Mutton Reserve as its home venue.

Pascoe Vale United Cricket Club

The club currently has 2 senior men's teams, which compete in the North West Cricket Association. The club's sides play on 'hard wickets' and use east Mutton Oval (full share) and west Mutton Oval (half share).

Merlynston Tennis Club

The club is about 100 years old and has been located at Hosken Reserve for 70 years. The club has a relatively stable membership of approximately 100 players and fields teams in the weekend junior and senior, weekday women's and weeknight mixed competitions. It also operates a coaching program. Two of the four courts are currently being re-surfaced following receipt of a \$30,000 state government grant.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

Consultation has been extensive and remains ongoing. Club and Councillor consultation commenced in 2003 with the establishment of the planning group. More specifically, consultation on the redevelopment plan commenced in 2007 and has included consultation with Council staff from the recreation, building maintenance, Open Space Planning and Maintenance, Street Cleansing and Waste, Traffic and Urban Planning units. Direct consultation was undertaken with all user groups of the reserve as well a household survey, which was completed by 177 residents.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The implementation of the preferred redevelopment option for Hosken Reserve is expected to cost in excess of \$2.25 million. It is unlikely therefore that Council could commit to undertake the implementation of the preferred option within a given time frame, but rather work toward a preferred development option having regard to available funds and external funding opportunities.

As the re-configuration of the existing cricket / football oval is a key component of the preferred option, it is important to assess both the likelihood and full cost of all key recommendations prior to the prioritisation of any future works.

DSD11 2008 YOUTH SUMMIT REPORT - PUTTING YOUTH INTO COUNCIL (D09/39526)

Director Social Development

Youth and Leisure Services

Executive Summary

The Youth Summit Report - "*Putting YOUth into Council*" outlines the process and outcomes of the 2008 Youth Summit held on 28 May 2008. The 2008 Youth Summit provided the forum for over 100 young people from schools across Moreland to discuss the challenges faced by young people in our community and develop recommendations for action.

The four themes discussed were:

1. body image,
2. bullying,
3. mental health; and,
4. family conflict.

Information gathered from the summit will contribute to the way that Council and community organisations provide services to young people in Moreland. The report and recommendations will serve to inform program planning and development. This includes the establishment of the Youth Action Committee as further opportunity to engage young people in the response to improve the lives of young people in Moreland.

Recommendation

Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the recommendations outlined in the Youth Summit Report (Attachment 1 to the report) Moreland City Council Youth Summit 2008 – '*Putting YOUth into Council*'.
2. Endorse the establishment of the Youth Action Committee to implement recommendations from the Youth Summit.

1. Policy Context

The Youth Summit is consistent with the Mayors Speech 2009, Policy Framework for Services for Young People, Council Plan 2005-2009 and the 2004 -2009 Youth Strategy '*Young People - Seen, Heard, Valued and Include*'.

The Youth Summit aims are consistent with State Government objectives with regard to young people. The inclusion and engagement of young people is seen as central to youth policy and service development.

2. Background

The Youth Summit is just one of many Council operated programs aimed to facilitate social and civic participation of young people. '*Putting Youth into Council*' highlights the achievements of young people in organising and participating in the Moreland Youth Summit held at the municipal offices on 28 May 2008.

Over 100 people from ten schools across Council attended the day to discuss their concerns around body image, bullying, family conflict and mental health. More than 110 recommendations were made over the course of the day. These have been highlighted in the report and will inform the actions of Council and other service providers in planning for youth services and programs.

The forum provided a great opportunity for young people to have their say; meet and make new friends; and to play an active part in addressing issues that concern them.

3. Issues

The Youth Summit recommendations will serve to inform the planning and development of services and programs for young people. The recommendations from the report will assist in identifying priorities for future program development within in Council and the wider community.

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

Local young people who made up the Youth Summit Working Group led the planning, development and implementation of the 2008 Youth Summit. A number of key internal and external staff including representatives from Moreland Community Health Service, Brunswick Salvation Army, Centre for Multicultural Youth, Victorian Arabic Social Services, Schools Focused Youth Service, Hume/Whittlesea Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network and Inner North Community Foundation also supported this process.

The Portfolio Councillor Social Development, Cr Pryor, and Councillor Responsible for Youth, Cr Yildiz, have been consulted on the outcomes of the 2008 Youth Summit.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

Youth Services will contribute funds from the 2009/2010 operating budget to support initiatives identified through the 2008 Youth Summit.

CEO9 100 DAY CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN (D09/50781)

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

Council has identified building a sense of pride in the Moreland community, and cleaning up our streets, lanes and parks as major priorities. The "*Our Moreland: Looking Good*" initiative is a program aimed at improving the physical appearance and cleanliness of the City.

This report details the scope of the *Our Moreland: Looking Good* initiative.

Recommendation:

Council resolve:

1. To endorse the *Our Moreland: Looking Good* program.
2. To allocate \$400,000 this financial year to the *Our Moreland: Looking Good* initiative.
3. That this program be funded from the Vacant and Vacated Land Differential Rate income, and fine income from enforcement of Local Laws under the *Local Government Act 1989*.
4. That a further report be presented to Council regarding the ongoing costs of the *Our Moreland: Looking Good* initiative and the success of the 100 day clean up project.

1. Policy Context

The Mayor's Speech 2008 provides a commitment to implement a City Improvement Program to keep Moreland's streets clean and free of rubbish.

2. Background

Council has identified building a sense of pride in the Moreland community and cleaning up our streets, lanes and parks as major priorities.

Research over a number of years has indicated that whilst our population is proud of its community and way of life, many believe we can do better. Close to 50% of those recently surveyed indicated that they thought our public areas needed regular clean ups, and that there should be increased education and enforcement activity.

The "*Our Moreland: Looking Good*" initiative is a program aimed at improving the physical appearance and cleanliness of the City. The name, *Our Moreland: Looking Good* is an aspirational title that explains where we want to be. At the end of the campaign, Council want to be able to say, "not only is our City good, it is looking good".

The *Our Moreland Looking Good* initiative contains a number of challenges. An overview of the initiative is summarised in **Attachment 1**.

Some of the key parts of the initiative are:

- Reducing dumping of rubbish
- Reducing graffiti
- "Zero tolerance" enforcement of dumping and graffiti
- Fortnightly identification of the "Dirty Dozen" sites
- Locking car parks overnight that attract undesirable or suspicious activity
- "Dob in a Dumper" promotion
- Clean up activities to coincide with the annual hard waste collection
- Increased tree pruning and planting activities
- Increased footpath replacement and grinding programs
- Additional support for community and sports groups
- A "Neat Streets" competition
- Adopting a new graffiti policy

A key and high profile part of the initiative will be the "100 Day Clean Up". This campaign will be co-ordinated efforts to give Moreland a total clean up over one hundred days, including targeting the "Dirty Dozen" hot spots for rubbish dumping and locking car parks overnight that that attract undesirable or suspicious activity.

The "Dirty Dozen" sites to be targeted in the 100 day clean up are listed in **Attachment 2**.

Approximately 10 to 15 car parks are proposed to be locked overnight. This will be done as a pilot program during the 100 day clean up in order to see if this makes a difference to the activities currently evidenced after hours at certain trouble spots. If the pilot is successful then a permanent ongoing strategy could be implemented.

3. Issues

An estimate of costs for delivering the *Our Moreland: Looking Good* program is:

Program component	Estimated cost
Cleaner City Campaign	\$36,000
Community and Staff Engagement	\$60,000
Education and Enforcement	\$70,000
Clean Up and Beautification	\$200,000
Future Operations	\$24,000
TOTAL	\$390,000
Allocation	\$400,000

It is likely that the *Our Moreland: Looking Good* initiative will need to run for several years in order to raise the profile of the issue throughout the city. Further investigation into ongoing costs and how Moreland's resources can best be structured to deliver a cleaner City will need to be undertaken and reported to Council for Consideration

Human Rights Consideration

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Consultation

A special task group consisting of a number of Council's operational staff has been involved in developing this plan. The Mayor has been consulted about the preparation of the plan.

5. Financial and Resources Implications

The cost for implementing the *Our Moreland Looking Good* initiative is \$400,000.

It is proposed that the initiative be funded in 2008/2009 from the funds raised from the non-conforming properties that have contributed to the Vacant and Vacated Land Differential Rate, and from fine income from the enforcement of Council's Local Laws under the *Local Government Act 1989*.