



Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday 13 October 2025, 7:00 pm

Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street,
Dandenong, Victoria 3175

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COUNCIL OBLIGATIONS AND AGENDA REPORTS

Council has several obligations in relation to its Community Vision, Council Plan, Instruments of Legislation and Council policy. These are summarily considered in each Agenda report and further details are added as required. The obligations are as follows:

Community Vision 2040 (Community Vision | Greater Dandenong Council)

After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted for themselves and our city, the Greater Dandenong People's Panel developed a new Community Vision for 2040:

*The City of Greater Dandenong is a home to all.
It's a city where you can enjoy and embrace life through celebration and equal opportunity.
We harmonise the community by valuing multiculturalism and the individual.
Our community is healthy, vibrant, innovative and creative.
Our growing city is committed to environmental sustainability.
Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.*

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.

The Council Plan 2025-29 (Council Plan 2025-29 | Greater Dandenong Council)

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. The Council Plan has the following key strategic objectives:

- *A socially connected, safe and healthy city*
- *A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts*
- *A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places*
- *A green city committed to a sustainable future*
- *A city that supports business, entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes*
- *A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.*

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.

The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles. These are:

- a) Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- c) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
- d) the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
- e) innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued;
- f) collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- g) the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
- h) regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
- i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

Also, in giving effect to the overarching governance principles above, a Council must take into account the following supporting principles:

- a) the community engagement principles (section 56);
- b) the public transparency principles (section 58);
- c) the strategic planning principles (section 89);
- d) the financial management principles (section 101);
- e) the service performance principles (section 106).

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.



The Gender Equality Act 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services. The objects of the Act are as follows:

- a) to promote, encourage and facilitate the achievement of gender equality and improvement in the status of women; and
- b) to support the identification and elimination of systemic causes of gender inequality in policy, programs and delivery of services in workplaces and communities; and
- c) to recognise that gender inequality may be compounded by other forms of disadvantage or discrimination that a person may experience on the basis of Aboriginality, age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation and other attributes; and
- d) to redress disadvantage, address stigma, stereotyping, prejudice and violence, and accommodate persons of different genders by way of structural change; and
- e) to enhance economic and social participation by persons of different genders; and
- f) to further promote the right to equality set out in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Council is obligated to think about how its programs and services affect different people and different communities and how we can avoid reinforcing unintentional inequalities. Reports authors must consider the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020* and Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy when asking Council to consider or review any issues which have a direct or significant impact on members of the Greater Dandenong community.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Council, Councillors and members of Council staff are a public authority under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and, as such, are all responsible to act in accordance with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (the Charter). The Charter is founded on the following principles:

- human rights are essential in a democratic and inclusive society that respects the rule of law, human dignity, equality and freedom;
- human rights belong to all people without discrimination, and the diversity of the people of Victoria enhances our community;
- human rights come with responsibilities and must be exercised in a way that respects the human rights of others;
- human rights have a special importance for the Aboriginal people of Victoria, as descendants of Australia's first people, with their diverse spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters.

Given this municipality's diversity and inclusiveness, when developing or preparing a report for Council consideration, report authors are required to ensure their report is consistent with the standards set by the Charter.



Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

One of the overarching governance principles of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

In January 2020, this Council joined a growing number of cities around Australia and declared a “Climate and Ecological Emergency” and committed this Council to emergency action on climate change. Council has developed a Climate Change Emergency Strategy and Action Plan 2020-30 to help the City of Greater Dandenong become a resilient, net zero carbon emission city with an active community prepared for the challenges of changing climate.

When developing or preparing a report for Council consideration, report authors are required to consider what impacts their issue has on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching principle on climate change and sustainability.

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Report authors will consider how their report aligns with existing Council policies, strategies, frameworks or other documents, how they may affect the decision of this report or are relevant to this process.



Supporting Documents

Attachments for reports included in these Minutes can be found within the corresponding Agenda document on Council's website <https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-meetings>.

Your Councillors

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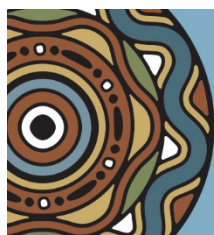
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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.



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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIR

Cr Sophie Tan opened the Meeting at 7.00pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Cr Jim Memeti, Mayor, Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Melinda Yim.

Councillors Present

Cr Sophie Tan, Deputy Mayor (Chair)
Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Alice Phuong Le,
Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Loi Truong.

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer; Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures; Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening; Yuri Guzman, Chief Information Officer; Dani Trimble, Governance Officer; Marjan Hajjari, Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services; Kirsten Geri, Acting Chief Financial Officer.



1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF LAND

Those who wish to stand for the acknowledgement to country are welcome to do so.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respect and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.

1.4 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

All remained standing as Lilian Poke, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network, read the following:

Lilian provided her own personal reflection prior to the below prayer.

"Dear Heavenly Father,

There is much we wish to thank you for - for this season, for this day, for life, for freedom, for this community, for the opportunity to use our varying abilities, our intellect, our collectiveness in this governing meeting, we thank you.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

As we come collectively to advance the affairs set out before this Council, may we have ears to listen to each other, minds to comprehend all proposals and discussions, discernment to weigh up possibilities and wisdom to make correct decisions for the ultimate benefit of our community, those we serve.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. "



1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 22 September 2025.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 22 September 2025 be confirmed.

MINUTE No.213

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 22 September 2025 be confirmed.

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1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil.



2 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 1

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

Executive Summary

1. Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, each Council is a body corporate and a legal entity in its own right. Each Council must therefore have a common seal (like any corporate entity) that is an official sanction of that Council. Sealing a document makes it an official document of Council as a corporate body. Documents that require sealing include agreements, contracts, leases or any other contractual or legally binding document that binds Council to another party.

Item Summary

2. There is 1 item being presented to Council's meeting of 13 October 2025 for signing and sealing as follows:
 - a) An Instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officer under the provisions of the *Building Act 1993*, the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*, the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, the *Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958*, the *Food Act 1984*, the *Housing Act 1983*, the *Infringements Act 2006*, the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, Part 14 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, Parts 2 and 3 of the *Subdivisions Act 1988*, the *Summary Offences Act 1966*, and the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998*, the Regulations made under each of those Acts, the local laws made under the *Local Government Act 1989* or the *Local Government Act 2020*;
 - b) and any other Act, Regulation, local law or delegated legislation (including the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme) which relates to the functions and powers of the Council;
- Deborah Beasley

MINUTE No.214

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

CARRIED 8 / 0



2.2 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. Petitions & Joint Letters [2.2.1.1 - 2 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

Executive Summary

1. Council receives a number of petitions and joint letters on a regular basis that deal with a variety of issues which have an impact upon the City.
2. Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.
3. A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:
 - a) the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
 - b) petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
 - c) the final complete response to any outstanding petition or joint letter previously tabled along with the full text of the original petition or joint letter and the date it was responded to.

Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

4. Council received no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 13 October 2025.

Note: Where relevant, a summary of the progress of ongoing change.org petitions and any other relevant petitions/joint letters/submissions will be provided in the attachment to this report.

MINUTE No.215

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad
Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

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3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question

Maria Sampey, Keysborough

In the Financial year 2023/24 the Council Budget shows that the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd had \$6,886,000.00 of revenue and had expenses of \$6,736,000.00. What is the breakdown of the \$6,736,000.00 of expenses as it is extremely high for expenses?

In recent years why is the Council only receiving between \$129,000.00 and \$150,000.00 from the Dandenong Market when the Dandenong Market Pty.Ltd. has over \$6 million of revenue each year? That is a poor return for the ratepayers when the Council used to receive \$1 million dollars per year prior to 2020 when I was on council.

Where can the Annual Report of the Dandenong Market Pty.Ltd, a public owned entity be found online?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

A Further breakdown of Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.'s financial results for this period is available in the Note 6.3 of 2023-2024 CGD Annual report as part of the Consolidated Financial Statements. This can be found on Council's website.

The vibrant Dandenong Market provides valuable social and economic input into our community. Due to the impact of the pandemic in 2020, the recent cost of living crisis and the requirement of aging infrastructure renewal, Council is closely working with the Market Board on return to council.

Dandenong Market Pty Ltd.'s Financial results are available in the CGD Annual report as part of the Consolidated Financial Statements. This can be found on Council's website.

Question

Pam Naylor, Noble Park

I have heard that the State Government has announced new Statewide tree protection legislation for trees on private land:

- a) How does this impact Greater Dandenong's tree protection Local Law?
- b) In what ways is the new State tree protection regulations different to the Greater Dandenong Local Law i.e how are they stronger and how are they weaker?
- c) Who is going to be enforcing this new Local Law?



Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

The new planning control, just released by the state government, requires a planning permit to remove trees of a certain size and location on sites.

Council officers are currently reviewing this new state planning reform and its impact on councils Local Law.

Any applications for a planning permit for tree removal as a result of this new planning provision will be subject to assessment by the Greater Dandenong Statutory planning team.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC, the pool) is 13.5 years old (opening March 2012) and internal infrastructure has not stood up to the test of time for several years now, namely the door mechanism on the family dressing rooms and now the showers are fatigued and one has been locked for several months. Given the pool was out of action for a good 6 months when the tiles fell off around 2016 and the facility on light duties during COVID the stress of public use daily has taken its toll.

School carnivals and summer are starting again and patrons overall do not respect the public facilities provided because they have no knowledge or respect on how to operate these doors and through rough, inconsiderate use these facilities are fatigued causing them to break down whilst being super costly to replace or fix every time and the wait time for repairs proves inconvenient especially in peak season.

When will real money be spent to replace these doors and showers not just on band-aid repairs that break as soon as there is a repair?

Money must be set aside now for upgrades to NPAC pool before it deteriorates any further and doesn't become another Oasis. It appears a decade for our public facilities is about the time that budgets need to cover replacements, not band-aid treatments.

Response

Marcus Forster, Acting Executive Director Community Strengthening

The City of Greater Dandenong is committed to providing fit for purpose sport, recreation, and leisure facilities, for access by our community. Council demonstrates this commitment with \$100m being committed for the construction of the state of the art, Dandenong Wellbeing Centre, due to open in 2027.

Over the last 18 months, Council officers have been working with South East Leisure to replace all accessible doors at NPAC with accessible automatic access systems, with the project being completed recently.



There is one door system that is proving to be difficult at the moment, and officers are working with the contractor to rectify this situation.

Council continues to be committed to the maintenance of our leisure facilities, and if our community becomes aware of issues with the facilities, we encourage them to please report these directly to South East Leisure so that they can be rectified as soon as practical. It is our understanding that the showers at NPAC are currently fully operational.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

404-406 Springvale Road construction has recommenced building after sitting idle for many long years where the exposed frames have been weathered. The blocks sold in 2010, by January 2019 it was a bladed block with construction starting in September 2019 and in December 2021 the framing walls were up. It has basically sat idle ever since being under the scrutiny of a dreaded building consultant we were told when we asked several years ago. What intervention/ inspection has Council had on this site to make sure the framework is structurally sound given this permit would have expired many times since maybe 2017-2018-2019?

The company, ABP Consultants, was wound up in 30 Sept 2019 — Notice is given that at a general meeting of the members of the Company held on 29 September 2019, it was resolved that the Company be wound up. Who is responsible now to complete the build and when was a new permit granted?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

The site on Springvale Road is owned by a private developer and is subject to building approval through a private building surveyor.

Council's Building team is aware of the site and is reviewing conformity with the approved building permit.



4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

4.1 POLICY AND STRATEGY

4.1.1 Road Management Plan

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director City Futures
Attachments:	1. Road Management Plan 2025 - Draft for endorsement [4.1.1.1 - 30 pages] 2. Summary of change Road Management Plan 2025 Greater Dandenong A12095502 [4.1.1.2 - 4 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council ADOPTS the Road Management Plan 2025 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

Executive Summary

1. As the nominated Road Authority for all local roads within the municipality, Council is required to review its Road Management Plan (the Plan) every four years in order to meet the legislative requirements of the Road Management Act 2004 (the Act).
2. Council last adopted the Road Management Plan 2018-22 in June 2021 with the provision of reviewing it by 31 October 2025. This policy has now been reviewed and updated to ensure it is current, compliant and relevant to Council's operational requirements and is presented to Council for adoption.
3. The revised Plan was publicly exhibited in August - September 2025 and a total of 5 submissions were received. These submissions have been considered and one minor change to the exhibited draft in response to this prior to preparing the final document for adoption.

Background

4. Greater Dandenong City Council, as the Local Road Authority under the Road Management Act 2004 is responsible for the management, maintenance and development of the Local Road network within the municipality. In accordance with the Act, a review of the Road Management Plan (the Plan) has been undertaken by officers in consultation with other related business areas within the organisation. As a result of the review, amendments were made to the Plan to ensure compliance and performance to Council standards.



5. The Plan was also reviewed and updated to align with the recommendations provided by MAV Insurance. This advice was provided to all Councils in Victoria to address the liability exposures to the Scheme, and to provide them with the necessary information and tools to ensure their Road Management Plans are not only accepted by a court as being reasonable, but just as importantly, that they are achievable.
6. Broadly, the changes between the Road Management Plan 2018-2022 (previous) and proposed Road Management Plan 2025 are:
 - Adopting the recommendations from a review undertaken by the MAV (Municipal Association of Victoria)
 - Updating road classifications/terminologies to a modern standard
 - Some alterations to service standards and timeframes (generally considered an improved level of service)
7. In accordance with the relevant legislation, the draft document was exhibited for 28 days with the exhibition advertised in the Age newspaper and submissions sought through Councils website.
8. Five (5) submissions were received. Four of these submissions related to peripheral matters to the Road Management Plan (the current condition of roads etc.). One submission related to clarification around drainage pit terminology in response to recent incidents. Minor amendment was made to provide clarification on this matter.

Proposal

9. It is proposed that the Road Management Plan 2025 be adopted by Council.
10. The required review has been undertaken in accordance with legislation and an updated and improved Road Management Plan proposed.
11. The exhibition period for the draft Plan highlighted no significant issues or further amendments required to the Plan and it is considered suitable for adoption.
12. A copy of the Road Management Plan for adoption is attached to this report.

Governance Compliance

Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

13. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Asset Implications

14. This item provides the mitigation requirements for hazards related to Council assets in the road reserve. The ongoing maintenance costs have been assessed and are included in operating and resource costings.

Legal/Risk Implications

15. Legal advice received from the MAV has been incorporated into the draft Road Management Plan. The Road Management Plan is a key legal document for Council.



Environmental Implications

16. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

17. Prior to this report, the draft Road Management Plan 2025 was available for public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.
18. Consultation occurred from 8 August 2025 to 5 September 2025 via Council's Have Your Say web page including on 8 August a public notice in The Age daily newspaper and a post on Council's Facebook page.
19. The Council Have Your Say web page received 225 views and 5 comments.
20. Council officers have reviewed the feedback and made changes to address relevant issues identified.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

21. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Safe and peaceful community.
 - Sustainable environment.
22. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
23. 2025-29:
 - A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
 - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
 - A green city committed to a sustainable future.
 - A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

24. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020.
 - Climate Change and Sustainability.

MINUTE No.216

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Isabella Do

That Council ADOPTS the Road Management Plan 2025 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.1.2 Greater Dandenong City Council Annual Report 2024-25

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. Annual Report 2024-25 [4.1.2.1 - 238 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **APPROVES** the Annual Report 2024-25 (per Attachment 1) and presents the same to the public as a report on the implementation of the final year of the Council Plan 2021-25, in line with the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*; and
2. **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make amendments to the document to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent of the document.

Executive Summary

1. The Annual Report 2024-25 has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and contains all mandatory information as outlined in the legislation.

Background

2. Council has a statutory obligation to prepare an Annual Report that is in accordance with sections 98 and 99 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Annual Report must be prepared as soon as is practicable after the end of the financial year and Council is required to publicly consider the report within four months of the end of the financial year.
3. The Annual Report must contain:
 - a. a report of operations of the Council;
 - b. audited financial statements;
 - c. an audited performance statement; and
 - d. a copy of the Auditor's report on the financial statements under Part 3 of the Audit Act.

Key Issues and Discussion

4. The audited statements were approved in-principle by Council at the 22 September 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting. Subsequent to this, the Auditor-General's endorsement of the statements has been received with no further amendment.
5. The Greater Dandenong City Council Annual Report 2024-25 meets all legislative requirements.
6. The presentation of the completed Annual Report 2024-25 to this meeting is a condition of section 100 of the *Local Government Act 2020* which requires Council to consider the annual report at a meeting of the council within four months of the end of the financial year.
7. Copies of the adopted Annual Report will be made available at Council's customer service centres and libraries, and on Council's website at www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au on 14 October 2025.



8. The Greater Dandenong City Council Annual Report 2024-25 also incorporates performance highlights against each of the strategic objectives, which outline Council's major achievements for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.
9. Key highlights in 2024-25 included:
 - a. \$60 million invested in infrastructure including community facilities, recreation spaces, roads and footpaths
 - b. 99% completion of the Keysborough Community Hub which will open to the public in September
 - c. Commencement of construction on the new Dandenong Wellbeing Centre – our largest infrastructure project to date
 - d. \$1.7 million of State Government funding announced for 2025-26 to undertake path works following the completion of the Progress Street Level Crossing Removal
 - e. Over 69,000 people engaged through festivals and events across the municipality
 - f. Over 820,000 visitors welcomed to Council's libraries
 - g. 82% reduction in Council emissions.
10. Printed copies of the report are available to interested members of the public upon request.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

11. This item does not have an impact on existing human resources.

Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

12. The Financial Statements of Greater Dandenong City Council, as included in the attached Annual Report, are a general purpose financial report that consists of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Capital Works and notes accompanying these financial statements. This report complies with Australian Accounting Standards (AAS), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.
13. These consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025 comprise the results of operations for both Council and its wholly owned subsidiaries, namely the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd and South East Leisure Pty Ltd.
14. The Comprehensive Income Statement highlights that Greater Dandenong City Council's accounting surplus for the financial year is \$30.91 million (\$12.29 million in 2023-24). The early distribution practices of Financial Assistance grant allocation funding by the Victorian Local Government Grants Commission contributed to the surplus increase from the prior year.
15. In order to reach the overall comprehensive income result, Council has recorded a revaluation increase of its roads, drainage, footpaths and off-street carparks of \$373 million resulting in a Comprehensive Income Statement surplus result of \$404 million. It is emphasised that these are accounting results only and comprise significant non-cash items.

Asset Implications

16. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

17. There are no legal / risk implications relevant to this report.



Environmental Implications

18. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

Gender Impact Assessment

19. A gender impact assessment is not required.

Community Consultation

20. The Annual Report 2024-25 has been compiled from information provided by the Executive Team, Managers and staff across the organisation regarding the various performance achievements.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

21. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
- Sustainable environment.
- Mind, body and spirit.
- Art and culture.

22. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

23. 2025-29:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
- A green city committed to a sustainable future.
- A city that supports business, entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.
- A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

24. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.



MINUTE No.217

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Isabella Do

That Council:

- 1. APPROVES the Annual Report 2024-25 (per Attachment 1) and presents the same to the public as a report on the implementation of the final year of the Council Plan 2021-25, in line with the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*; and**
- 2. AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make amendments to the document to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent of the document.**

CARRIED 8 / 0

Deputy Mayor Sophie Tan read out a statement regarding the Annual Report 2024-25.



4.1.3 Review of Council Policies for Abolition

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services
Attachments:	1. Policy for Abolition - Asset Management - 2019 08 [4.1.3.1 - 7 pages] 2. Policy for Abolition - Parking Fees Management - 2016 11 [4.1.3.2 - 3 pages] 3. Policy for Abolition - Guarantee of Community Loans - 2021 01 [4.1.3.3 - 4 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council ABOLISH the following policies attached to this report:

- **Asset Management Policy (attachment 1);**
- **Parking Fees Management Policy (attachment 2); and**
- **Guarantee of Community Loans Policy (attachment 3).**

Executive Summary

1. Council policies are in place to ensure accordance with relevant legislation, regulations and best practice. Council's policies are reviewed as part of a cyclic program to ensure they remain current and meet Council's operational needs.
2. The attached policies have been reviewed and found to be superfluous to Council's operational needs and are presented to Council for abolishment.

Background

3. Essentially, policies developed by Council are aimed at ensuring good governance and decision-making processes, as well as the effective and efficient management of community resources and the day-to-day business of Council. They help govern how Council operates and provide a clear set of principles that provide a definite direction for Council.
4. Each policy is developed in order to address specific matters and objectives as outlined in the Council Plan 2025-2029 or as required by legislation.
5. Existing council policies are subject to an ongoing review process to ensure they remain up-to-date and comply with current legislation. Policies are also reviewed and updated if legislation requires it; or when Council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems are implemented.
6. Council policies should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, relevant internal policies, codes of practice or guidelines. A Council policy is considered to be automatically revoked upon readoption of the latest version of that policy.
7. Policies that are superseded or superfluous to Council needs it must be formally abolished by resolution of Council.



Proposal

8. It is proposed that the following policies found surplus to Council's needs be abolished for the reasons provided in the table:

Policy Name	Reason for Abolition
Assent Management Policy	This policy now forms part of the 10-year Asset Plan.
Parking Fees Management Policy	This policy was found superfluous to Council operational needs and has not been required or exercised post 2015.
Guarantee of Community Loans Policy	This policy was found superfluous to Council's operational needs and will be replaced with a set of guidelines.

Governance Compliance

Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

9. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Asset Implications

10. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

11. There are no legal / risk implications relevant to this report.

Environmental Implications

12. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

13. Prior to this report, the Policies attached to this report were reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Team.
14. Council's Policy Register is regularly reviewed by Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

15. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
- Not Applicable
16. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
17. 2025-29:
- Not Applicable



Legislative and Policy Obligations

18. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.

MINUTE No.218

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

That Council ABOLISH the following policies attached to this report:

- **Asset Management Policy (attachment 1);**
- **Parking Fees Management Policy (attachment 2); and**
- **Guarantee of Community Loans Policy (attachment 3).**

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.2 OTHER

4.2.1 Noble Park Community Centre DDA Facilities

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures
Deputy Director Chief Engineer & Major Projects

Attachments: 1. Comparison Table of Options 1, 2 and 3 [4.2.1.1 - 1 page]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **APPROVES** the progression of Option 1 for the internal refurbishment of Noble Park Community Centre Building 2 male and female bathrooms to include ambulant toilets and the construction of a new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) accessible bathroom, subject to procurement outcomes and within the allocated budget;
2. **APPROVES** the progression of the internal refurbishment of Noble Park Community Centre Building 1 foyer kitchenette, subject to procurement outcomes and within the allocated budget; and
3. **NOTES** that funding for these works is proposed to be sourced from the Major Projects Reserve for community infrastructure upgrades.

Executive Summary

1. The Noble Park Community Centre comprises two 40+ year old buildings with recent need for accessibility upgrades. Building 1 received a \$28,000 upgrade in 2024 to its accessible bathroom. Building 2 contains a non-compliant accessible bathroom that does not meet the 2022 Building Code of Australia standards. Building 2 users with accessibility needs are required to use the compliant accessible bathroom in Building 1, All Abilities Playground Toilet Block or Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion.
2. In response to this, Council initiated a \$50,000 design project in FY 2024/25 to achieve Building 2 bathroom compliance. A July 2024 audit confirmed that the existing Building 2 accessible bathroom cannot be made compliant within its current footprint, necessitating structural changes. The audit also identified the need to add ambulant toilets to the male and female bathrooms.
3. Three Building 2 accessible bathroom design options were developed as follows:
 - Option 1: New internal room containing accessible toilet amenities
 - Option 2: Extension to new external room containing accessible toilet amenities
 - Option 3: Extension to prefabricated accessible toilet block pod
4. Outside of the above three options, consideration was also given to a low cost 'Portaloo' style arrangement, which is a temporary toilet would need to be located outside the building that is typically used at short term functions and events.
5. Given the temporary nature of this style of toilet, potentially without connection to existing services, poor aesthetics, odour management, unknown longevity, as well as the need for users to travel outdoors with exposure to wet weather to access a Portaloo, this option was investigated and carefully considered by Officers but is not able to be recommended due to its shortfalls.

6. Following stakeholder consultation, Options 1 and 2 were endorsed, with a preference for Option 2 due to increased space. However, Option 1 was recognised as more cost-effective and lower risk. Option 3 was rejected due to high cost, limited asset lifespan, and reduced quality.
7. Concurrently, Noble Park Community Centre management proposed upgrades to Building 1's kitchenette to improve accessibility for disabled users. The proposed works include motorised benchtops and cabinetry to enhance usability for all needs.
8. These upgrades will significantly enhance equity and accessibility across the Noble Park Community Centre, aligning with Council's commitment to inclusive and compliant community infrastructure.
9. The Noble Park Community Centre currently provide community facilities for the Dandenong Disability Advisory Committee as well as running several of all abilities programs to support arts, gardens, health and wellbeing.
10. The estimated costs (including contingency) for the proposed works are:
 - Up to \$450,000 (ex GST) for Building 2-bathroom refurbishments.
 - Up to \$70,000 (ex GST) for Building 1 foyer kitchenette refurbishment.

Background

11. The Noble Park Community Centre is a vital Council facility that serves approximately 1,000 patrons weekly and is comprised of Building 1 and Building 2. Building 1 is a larger building constructed in 1976 containing meeting rooms, a basketball court, stage, kitchen, male and female changerooms and bathrooms and a compliant accessible bathroom that received upgrades in 2024 to the value of \$28k.
12. Building 2 is a smaller building constructed in 1987 containing a hall, kitchen, male and female bathrooms and a non-compliant accessible bathroom that technically can only cater to ambulant users. Building 2 was compliant with standards at the time of construction but is no longer deemed compliant according to 2022 Building Codes of Australia.
13. This non-compliant accessible toilet requires Building 2 patrons with accessibility needs to leave the facility and navigate outdoor conditions to enter Building 1, All Abilities Playground Toilet Block (constructed in 2021) or Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion (constructed in 2023).



Image 0.1 (above) - Accessible bathroom locations in and around the Noble Park Community Centre



14. In March 2024, a notice of motion requested that Council acknowledge the need for a compliant accessible bathroom facility within Building 2 of the Noble Park Community Centre and prioritise its installation. Accordingly, a 24/25 accessible bathroom design project was considered by Council and approved to commence with a budget of \$50k.
15. An audit conducted by a DDA consultant in July 2024 found the non-compliant Building 2 accessible bathroom to be significantly undersized with no opportunity to achieve compliance within the room's existing footprint. Therefore, any refurbishment solution would require demolition of walls to increase the available space and achieve compliance. The audit also found that the male and female bathrooms do not include ambulant toilets which would need to be remedied if any work is done.
16. To support Noble Park Community Centre programming, the use free of charge of the Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion social room containing a compliant accessible bathroom was offered to relocate affected user groups as an alternative to Building 2. Noble Park Community Centre use the Ross Reserve Sports Pavilion social room once a month for committee meetings.
17. In September 2024, a meeting was held commencing this design project inviting Noble Park Community Centre staff and relevant stakeholders to discuss the direction of the upcoming process. During this meeting it was agreed by all that the project will produce 3 compliant accessible bathroom concept designs, and one will be selected for detailed refinement based on a cost and benefit analysis.
18. The scope was determined to include other non-compliances such as provision of male and female ambulant toilets and widening entry doors for DDA access. An architect was appointed in November 2024 with the design phase and surrounding site investigations occurring until June 2025.
19. Concurrent to this Building 2 accessible bathroom design project, Noble Park Community Centre management have been exploring potential improvements to the kitchenette area in Building 1's foyer. While Building 1 boasts a robust commercial kitchen containing two 6-burner stovetop/oven units, two fridges and three sinks, the kitchenette adjacent is a leaner offering for casual patrons. It contains approximately 2.5m of benchtop including overhead and underneath cabinetry, a sink, an instant boiling tap, a microwave and a bar fridge.
20. The kitchenette in Building 1 is not arranged to allow wheelchair-using patrons access to its amenities. The under-bench cabinetry is a blockage for wheelchair traffic, and the standard sink fitting is not suitable for accessibility needs without an extended mixer tap. Equally the overhead cabinetry cannot be reached by most disabled users or particularly short patrons.
21. A quote was sought to identify a scope including modern motorised benchtop and cabinetry fittings. As well as increasing the size of the kitchenette and revamping the space with new finishes and compliant fixtures, the works will allow wheelchair users access to operate motorised overhead cabinets and adjustable benchtops with use of an up and down controller.

Key Issues and Discussion

22. To produce three compliant accessible bathroom options connecting to Building 2, the architectural design phase employed the use of feature level surveying, services scanning, and geotechnical analysis with consultancy by a structural engineer, a quantity surveyor and a building surveyor.



23. The three concepts were developed beyond typical concept designs to provide an accurate comparison of each option's cost exclusive of unknowns such as building permit implications, surrounding non-compliances, authority overlays, etc. It should be noted that all construction options developed will share some portion of work aimed at remedying these surrounding non-compliances.
24. The architectural design process has determined three different directions that the refurbishment can take, such as options 1, 2 and 3, with their own costs, benefits and limitations. Please refer attached document for a comparison of concept options.
25. In consideration of the costs, benefits and constraints outlined in Table 1.1, the only options that appear cost effective for Council are Option 1 and Option 2 (internal refurbishment valued at \$388,500 or extension valued at \$488,127).
 - Option 1 presents the least risk to Council in terms of unknown factors such as latent conditions causing time and cost variations during construction.
 - Option 2 offers increased trafficable area within Building 2 and locates the bathroom further away from the hall.
 - Option 3 which is valued at \$460,947 is a needlessly expensive endeavour using portable solutions in fixed locations. It is similarly priced to Option 2 with lesser quality finishes and lesser asset lifespan including a typical 5-year warranty on structural elements.
26. With the conclusion of the Building 2 accessible bathroom concept design phase in June 2025, a meeting was held inviting Noble Park Community Centre staff and relevant stakeholders to review the findings of the architectural design and quantity surveying consultancies including the perceived benefits and constraints of each concept option as well as a cost indication for construction.
27. During this meeting, all attendees agreed that Option 3 was not a viable solution and that an event-style portable bathroom unit in any other location such as the carpark in front of the building would not achieve the equity that is intended as an outcome of this project. Noble Park Community Centre staff supported options 1 and 2 conceptually, indicating a particular preference for Option 2 but understanding that Option 1 may be a more achievable cost within Council's budget.
28. During this discussion Noble Park Community Centre management also presented their intent to upgrade the kitchenette in Building 1. The Building 1 works, which are aimed at enabling DDA access to the kitchenette amenities.
29. These facilities will provide for the Dandenong Disability Advisory Committee as well as running a number of all abilities programs to support arts, gardens, health and wellbeing.
30. In early September 2025, the Noble Park Community Centre Committee of Management met for their regular monthly committee meeting. The Council officer recommendation to undertake 'Option 1' Building 2 internal refurbishment including a new compliant accessible bathroom was discussed as an agenda item and supported.
31. Based on the findings of the concept design phase, quantity surveying and discussions with the Noble Park Community Centre staff, it is recommended to undertake an internal refurbishment of Building 2's male and female bathrooms to include ambulant toilets and construction of a new DDA accessible bathroom (Option 1) for \$450,000 ex GST (including contingency). It is also recommended to undertake an internal refurbishment of Building 1's foyer kitchenette for \$70,000 ex GST (including contingency).



Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications

32. This item does not have an impact on existing human resources.

Financial/Asset Resource Implications

Operating Budget Implications

33. Funding for the proposed refurbishments at the Noble Park Community Centre is intended to be drawn from the Major Projects Reserve.

34. The estimated costs for the proposed works are:

- **Up to \$450,000 (ex GST)** for Building 2-bathroom refurbishments (including contingency).
- **Up to \$70,000 (ex GST)** for Building 1 foyer kitchenette refurbishment (including contingency).

Asset Implications

35. This item increases the use of council assets. The ongoing maintenance costs have been assessed and included in operating and resource costings.

Legal/Risk Implications

36. There are no legal or risk implications.

Environmental Implications

37. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

Community Consultation

38. There was no requirement for community consultation.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

39. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Safe and peaceful community.
- Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
- Mind, body and spirit.

40. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

41. 2025-29:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
- A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.

42. This report relates to Notice of Motion 25 March 2024.



Legislative and Policy Obligations

43. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* 2006.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Framework

MINUTE No.219

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

That Council:

1. **APPROVES** the progression of Option 1 for the internal refurbishment of Noble Park Community Centre Building 2 male and female bathrooms to include ambulant toilets and the construction of a new Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) accessible bathroom, subject to procurement outcomes and within the allocated budget;
2. **APPROVES** the progression of the internal refurbishment of Noble Park Community Centre Building 1 foyer kitchenette, subject to procurement outcomes and within the allocated budget; and
3. **NOTES** that funding for these works is proposed to be sourced from the Major Projects Reserve for community infrastructure upgrades.

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.2.2 Community Engagement Submissions - Proposed Sale of 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **NOTES** all community members and local business owners who objected to the sale of 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong were invited to present their submissions to Council at the Pre-Council Meeting on 13 October 2025. One community member/business owner, has indicated their intent to attend on the 13 October 2025 Pre-Council Meeting to present their objection. At the time of writing this report, officers have not received any further acceptances to attend the abovementioned Council Meeting;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the property at 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong is surplus to Council's requirements; and
3. **AUTHORISES** the sale of 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong (the Land) by a public process and the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documentation associated with the sale of the Land, ensuring the property will not be sold for less than the market value of the Land.

Executive Summary

1. A four-week community engagement process was conducted regarding the proposed sale of Land.
2. Council received a total of six submissions from the community, comprising:
 - Two (2) responses in support of the proposal
 - Three (3) responses objecting to the proposal
 - One (1) petition

Background

3. The Land was fire damaged in 2017.
4. Council purchased the Land in 2019 with the strategic intent to demolish the damaged building and integrate it with Vanity Lane.
5. The goal was to enhance pedestrian connectivity between the station, market, and Thomas Street multi-deck car park.
6. On 8 July 2024, Council resolved to discontinue the project, reallocating remaining funds to the DNA Gallery.
7. On 23 June 2025 Council endorsed that the CEO commence the process to sale of the Land by way of public notices and community engagement proposing the Land is no longer required.



8. In July 2025, a public notice and community engagement process was undertaken in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.
9. Six (6) responses were received from community members and business owners, two (2) in support of the proposal, three (3) objections to the proposal and one (1) petition.
10. All who objected to the sale were invited to present their submissions at the Pre-Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, 13 October 2025.

Key Issues and Discussion

11. The objections and petition were from a variety of community and business owners, with concerns grouped into four main themes:
 - Preservation of Strategic Opportunity – Concerns about losing a site with long-term value to the community.
 - Community Expectations and Trust – Concerns about transparency and alignment with public interest.
 - Economic Impact on Local Businesses – Potential negative effects on nearby businesses.
 - Business Owner's Perspective – Negative impact the sale is going to have on the businesses operating in the area. Disappointment in the original project not going ahead.

Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

12. This item does not have an impact on existing human resources.

Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

13. The financial implications associated with this report include the sale price of the Land, with any associated costs being funded by the sale.

Asset Implications

14. This item proposes to remove the use of a council asset.

Legal/Risk Implications

15. The risks regarding the property included have been outlined in the Officer's Report tabled at the 23 June 2025 Council Meeting.

Environmental Implications

16. There are no environmental implications relevant to this report.

Gender Impact Assessment

17. A gender impact assessment is not required.

Community Consultation

18. Community consultation was conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and Council's Community Engagement Policy from Tuesday 29 July to Monday 25 August 2025.



Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

19. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Safe and peaceful community.

20. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

21. 2025-29:

- A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
- A city that supports business, entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

22. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.

MINUTE No.220

Moved by: Cr Bob Milkovic

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

That Council:

1. **NOTES** all community members and local business owners who objected to the sale of 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong were invited to present their submissions to Council at the Pre-Council Meeting on 13 October 2025. One community member/business owner, has indicated their intent to attend on the 13 October 2025 Pre-Council Meeting to present their objection. At the time of writing this report, officers have not received any further acceptances to attend the abovementioned Council Meeting;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** that the property at 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong is surplus to Council's requirements; and
3. **AUTHORISES** the sale of 275 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong (the Land) by a public process and the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documentation associated with the sale of the Land, ensuring the property will not be sold for less than the market value of the Land.

CARRIED 7 / 1

**For - Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Isabella Do, Cr Alice Phuong Le, Cr Bob Milkovic,
Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan and Cr Loi Truong.**

Against - Cr Rhonda Garad.



4.2.3 S6 Instrument of Delegation by Council to Members of Council Staff and S18 Instrument of Sub- Delegation under the Environment Protection Act 2017

This item was previously presented at the Council Meeting held on 22 September 2025. However, due to a procedural irregularity, it is now being re-submitted for formal consideration by Council.

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services

Attachments:

1. Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2020 [4.2.3.1 - 2 pages]
2. S6 Instrument of Delegation by Council to Members of Staff 251020 [4.2.3.2 - 145 pages]
3. S18 Instrument of Sub- Delegation under the Environment Protection Act 2017 251020 [4.2.3.3 - 6 pages]

Officer Recommendation 1

In the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, Greater Dandenong City Council (Council) **RESOLVES** that:

1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the *S6 Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (Attachment 2)*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument. The Instrument comes into force immediately once the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument;
2. On the coming into force of the Instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked; and
3. The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Officer Recommendation 2

In the exercise of the power conferred by s 437(2) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the Instrument of Delegation of the Environment Protection Authority under the Act dated 4 June 2021, Greater Dandenong City Council (Council) **RESOLVES THAT:**

1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the *S18 Instrument of Sub-delegation to members of Council staff (Attachment 3)*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument;
2. The Instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument; and
3. The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.



Executive Summary

1. In accordance with section 11(7) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, provided as **Attachment 1**, Council is required to review and update its Instruments of Delegation within 12 months of a general election.
2. The last review of Council's S6 Instrument of Delegation made directly to staff was conducted in August 2022.
3. This report presents:
 - An updated S6 Instrument of Delegation by Council to Members of Council Staff, reflecting changes to legislation, conditions and limitations, and delegate titles since August 2022.
 - A new S18 Instrument of Sub-Delegation, required under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, to enable Council officers to perform statutory duties under this legislation.

Background

4. Council, as a statutory body, is responsible for carrying out various powers, duties and functions under a range of State legislation and Council's Local Laws under the *Local Government Act 2020*.
5. Council and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may delegate many powers, duties and functions to Council officers, particularly those of an administrative or operational nature, those that require officers with certain qualifications to undertake them and those that generally do not require formal Council consideration. Delegation is an important tool which allows for the efficient and effective function of the organisation.
6. The S6 Instrument of Delegation by Council to members of Council Staff (**Attachment 2**), provided by Maddocks Law Firm, includes all recent legislative updates and conditions/limitations specifically for Greater Dandenong City Council.
7. The S18 Instrument of Sub-Delegation (**Attachment 3**) is essential for Council to meet its obligations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, particularly in relation to environmental health and protection. It enables authorised officers to perform functions related to environmental compliance and enforcement. This is a new delegation required due to an update in the legislation.
8. Whilst the Local Government Act 2020 only allows Council to delegate to the CEO or delegated committees, other Acts do contain provisions that allow Council to directly delegate powers, duties and functions to staff.
9. These Acts often include clauses that explicitly empower Council to delegate to staff, and in some cases, do not permit sub-delegation, making direct delegation necessary.
10. To support this approach, Maddocks Law Firm provide regular updates to Victorian Councils, including Greater Dandenong, on delegation formats and maintains that direct delegation is appropriate under these other legislative frameworks.



11. Examples of legislation where Council can still delegate directly to Council staff are:

- a. *Domestic Animals Act 1994*
- b. *Food Act 1984*
- c. *Heritage Act 2017*
- d. *Local Government Act 1989*
- e. *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- f. *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*
- g. *Road Management Act 2004*

12. Regulations:

- a. *Planning and Environment Regulations 2015*
- b. *Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016*
- c. *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016*
- d. *Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations 2015*
- e. *Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2024*

Key Issues and Discussion

- 13. Delegations are where a member of Council staff is empowered to act on Council's behalf. The decision of the delegate is deemed to be a decision of Council. Powers, duties and functions are delegated to a Council position.
- 14. The S6 Instrument of Delegation by Council to Members of Council Staff is a key administrative tool that delegates powers from Council-to-Council staff to ensures staff can continue to act on Council's behalf in accordance with updated legislative requirements.
- 15. The document has been reviewed by internal staff and the Executive Leadership Team. Minor updates have been made to formatting and position titles to reflect current organisational structure.
- 16. The S18 Instrument of Sub-Delegation under the Environment Protection Act 2017 is a new Instrument to Greater Dandenong City Council. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) allows councils to appoint officers under the Environmental Protection Act 2017. These officers can then be provided with specific EPA powers.
- 17. The Environment Protection Act 2017 supports the EPA and other authorities in reducing pollution and managing waste. Recent legislative changes have enabled the EPA to delegate specific powers to local councils. As a result, it is now necessary for Council to formally delegate these functions to relevant staff to ensure they are exercised appropriately and in accordance with legislative requirements.
- 18. Both instruments have been reviewed in consultation with Maddocks Law Firm to ensure legal accuracy and operational relevance.



Governance Compliance

Human Resource Implications (consider Workforce Planning and Service Statements)

19. This item does not have an impact on existing human resources.

Financial/Asset Resource Implications (consider Service Statements, Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy and Asset Plan)

Operating Budget Implications

20. There are no financial implications with the development and establishment of Instruments of Delegation and all resources required are taken from existing budget and resource allocations.

21. Instruments of Delegation do not affect the salaries of the positions that receive delegated authority to act on behalf of Council.

Asset Implications

22. This item does not affect any existing assets.

Legal/Risk Implications

23. The updates mitigate risk by ensuring Council's delegations are current and compliant with relevant legislation.

Environmental Implications

24. The S18 Instrument supports Council's environmental responsibilities under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, enhancing its ability to respond to environmental issues.

Community Consultation

25. Delegations are internal administrative tools. There is no requirement for Council to consult with the community in relation to delegations, however under Council's Public Transparency Policy and section 11(8) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, these Instruments of Delegation must be made available to the public.

Links to Community Vision, Council Plan, Strategy, Notice of Motion

26. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Not Applicable

27. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

28. 2025-29:

- Not Applicable

Legislative and Policy Obligations

29. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:

- The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.



MINUTE No.221

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

In the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, Greater Dandenong City Council (Council) RESOLVES that:

- 1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the *S6 Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff (Attachment 2)*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument. The Instrument comes into force immediately once the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument;**
- 2. On the coming into force of the Instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked; and**
- 3. The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

CARRIED 8 / 0

MINUTE No.222

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Phillip Danh

In the exercise of the power conferred by s 437(2) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the Instrument of Delegation of the Environment Protection Authority under the Act dated 4 June 2021, Greater Dandenong City Council (Council) RESOLVES THAT:

- 1. There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the *S18 Instrument of Sub-delegation to members of Council staff (Attachment 3)*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument;**
- 2. The Instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument; and**
- 3. The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.2.4 Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC) Minutes - 19 August 2025

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee MAPSAAC Minutes 19 Aug 2025 [4.2.4.1 - 6 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council NOTES the draft Minutes of the meeting for the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC) as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC) meeting held on 19 August 2025 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.

Background

3. Greater Dandenong Council is represented on a wide range of Committees, Reference Groups and Advisory Groups which frequently reflect the interests of individual Councillors in serving the broader community in their role. A full listing of these appointments is confirmed each November at Council's Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.
4. The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees or Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes and for noting. To ensure they are provided to Council in a timely manner, Minutes of these Advisory Committees or Reference Groups are submitted to Council typically in a draft form (in that they have not yet been adopted by the relevant Committee). If significant material changes occur when they are adopted by the Advisory Committee or Reference Group, then those particular Minutes would then be resubmitted to Council for noting.
5. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.
6. There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.



Links to Community Vision and Council Plan

7. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Safe and peaceful community.
 - Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
8. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
9. 2025-29:
 - A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
 - A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
 - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
 - A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

10. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - *The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020.*
 - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006.*

MINUTE No.223

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That Council NOTES the draft Minutes of the meeting for the Multicultural and People Seeking Asylum Advisory Committee (MAPSAAC) as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.2.5 LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee Minutes

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Strategy & Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. LGBTIQA Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 12 August 2025 [4.2.5.1 - 3 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **NOTES** the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report; and
2. **ENDORSES** the Committee's recommendation that rainbow stickers are installed at primary entrances on the following public-facing Council buildings:
 - a) Dandenong Civic Centre and Library;
 - b) Springvale Hub and Springvale Library;
 - c) Keysborough Hub;
 - d) Walker Street Gallery; and
 - e) Drum Theatre.

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 August 2025 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council and that the Committee's recommendation for installation of rainbow stickers on selected Council facilities be endorsed by Council.

Background

3. Greater Dandenong Council is represented on a wide range of Committees, Reference Groups and Advisory Groups which frequently reflect the interests of individual Councillors in serving the broader community in their role. A full listing of these appointments is confirmed each November at Council's Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.



4. The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees or Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes and for noting. To ensure they are provided to Council in a timely manner, Minutes of these Advisory Committees or Reference Groups are submitted to Council typically in a draft form (in that they have not yet been adopted by the relevant Committee). If significant material changes occur when they are adopted by the Advisory Committee or Reference Group, then those particular Minutes would then be resubmitted to Council for noting.
5. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.
6. The financial implication associated with the installation of the rainbow stickers at selected Council buildings is a one-off cost of approximately \$200 with no ongoing costs. This amount can be absorbed within the Council's existing budget allocation.
7. Building Maintenance and applicable departmental officers have been consulted re proposed location and sticker type.

Links to Community Vision and Council Plan

8. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Safe and peaceful community.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
 - Mind, body and spirit.
9. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
10. 2025-29:
 - A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
 - A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
 - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
 - A green city committed to a sustainable future.
 - A Council that demonstrates leadership, responsible use of public resources, and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

11. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - *The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020.*



MINUTE No.224

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Isabella Do

That Council:

- 1. NOTES the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report; and**
- 2. ENDORSES the Committee's recommendation that rainbow stickers are installed at primary entrances on the following public-facing Council buildings:**
 - a) Dandenong Civic Centre and Library;**
 - b) Springvale Hub and Springvale Library;**
 - c) Keysborough Hub;**
 - d) Walker Street Gallery; and**
 - e) Drum Theatre.**

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.2.6 Draft Minutes of Advisory Committee Meetings

Responsible Officer:	Executive Director Community Strengthening
Attachments:	1. Draft Minutes of Springvale Community Hub Committee Meeting 30 April 2025 [4.2.6.1 - 3 pages] 2. Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting 14 August 2025 [4.2.6.2 - 3 pages] 3. Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 18 August 2025 [4.2.6.3 - 4 pages] 4. Draft Arts Advisory Board Minutes 21 August 2025 [4.2.6.4 - 5 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That Council NOTES:

- 1) **Draft Minutes of the meeting for Springvale Community Hub Committee held on 30 April 2025 (per Attachment 1);**
- 2) **Draft Minutes of the meeting for Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held on 14 August 2025 (per Attachment 2);**
- 3) **Draft Minutes of the meeting for Disability Advisory Committee held on 18 August 2025 (per Attachment 3); and**
- 4) **Draft Minutes of the meeting for Arts Advisory Board held on 21 August 2025 (per Attachment 4).**

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the following Advisory Committee meetings be noted by Council:
 - a) Springvale Community Hub Committee held on 30 April 2025 (Attachment 1),
 - b) Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held on 14 August 2025 (Attachment 2),
 - c) Disability Advisory Committee held on 18 August 2025 (Attachment 3), and
 - d) Arts Advisory Board held on 21 August 2025 (Attachment 4).



Background

3. Greater Dandenong Council is represented on a wide range of Committees, Reference Groups and Advisory Groups which frequently reflect the interests of individual Councillors in serving the broader community in their role. A full listing of these appointments is confirmed each November at Council's Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.
4. The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees or Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes and for noting. To ensure they are provided to Council in a timely manner, Minutes of these Advisory Committees or Reference Groups are submitted to Council typically in a draft form (in that they have not yet been adopted by the relevant Committee). If significant material changes occur when they are adopted by the Advisory Committee or Reference Group, then those particular Minutes would then be resubmitted to Council for noting.
5. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as attachments to this report.
6. There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

Links to Community Vision and Council Plan

7. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
 - Mind, body and spirit.
 - Art and culture.
8. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
9. 2025-29:
 - A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
 - A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
 - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and places.
 - A city that supports business, entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

10. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* 2006.
 - Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.



MINUTE No.225

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

That Council NOTES:

- 1) Draft Minutes of the meeting for Springvale Community Hub Committee held on 30 April 2025 (per Attachment 1);**
- 2) Draft Minutes of the meeting for Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held on 14 August 2025 (per Attachment 2);**
- 3) Draft Minutes of the meeting for Disability Advisory Committee held on 18 August 2025 (per Attachment 3); and**
- 4) Draft Minutes of the meeting for Arts Advisory Board held on 21 August 2025 (per Attachment 4).**

CARRIED 8 / 0



4.2.7 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors [4.2.7.1 - 2 pages]

Officer Recommendation

That the listed items for the period 15 September to 3 October 2025 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

Executive Summary

1. Subsequent to past Council resolutions in relation to the listing of registered incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 to this report provides a list of this correspondence for the period 15 September to 3 October 2025.

MINUTE No.226

Moved by: Cr Loi Truong

Seconded by: Cr Rhonda Garad

That the listed items for the period 15 September to 3 October 2025 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 8 / 0



5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.



6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Isabella Do

To our relatively new LGBTQIA+ Committee, I acknowledge the challenges involved in advocating for inclusive spaces and ensuring that every person, regardless of background, feels accepted in our public-facing community settings. I am pleased to hear that new rainbow stickers are being installed.

I want to acknowledge that the Planning Minister has fast-tracked a permit on Chapel Road, Keysborough. This permit is significantly larger in scope than the 2022 application, which Council had previously objected to.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me regarding the Lost Dog Home and Council's contract with them. We recently closed public consultation on our Domestic Animal Management Plan, and I look forward to reviewing the draft this month to explore how we can better respond to these concerns and improve outcomes for animals in our community.

Question

Cr Isabella Do

Thank you to a resident who informed me about the State Government's new Amendment Clause 52.37, introduced in late September and now in operation regarding tree protection.

1. Does the clause expand or reduce the number of regulated trees in our area?
2. Does the clause strengthen or weaken tree protection?
3. How do authorities balance development, canopy cover, and housing targets?
4. Will this lead to stronger enforcement regarding Council action?
5. How do the new replacement canopy tree rules compare to our current Local Laws?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Clause 52.37 expands regulations to include more trees that require permits. Council officers will need to consider Clause 52.37 if a planning permit is required. If it is determined that a planning permit is not required, then Council's Local Law regarding tree removal on private land must be checked, and a Local Law permit may be required instead.

This clause strengthens tree protection and applies uniformity across residential zones in Victoria. It requires permits even when no development is proposed, such as on vacant lots. The clause also introduces minimum replacement requirements for canopy trees when they are removed.

Additionally, it provides stronger enforcement powers, allowing Council to prosecute tree removal under the Planning Act. This enhances our ability to take enforcement action.



Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

I have received several calls from residents in the surrounding streets near Brady Road, Dandenong North, particularly between Gladstone Road and Loch Road. These include Shalimar Crescent, Victor Avenue, First Avenue, Second Avenue, and Third Avenue. Residents have reported that since the installation of speed calming devices on Brady Road, drivers are using these side streets as shortcuts, which has led to increased speeding.

There was a recent incident where a car took a corner too quickly, crashed into a fence, and nearly hit a house. I would like to request that Council undertake a traffic survey in these streets to assess whether there has been an increase in speeding and to explore options to slow down traffic and discourage shortcutting through residential areas.

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

I will arrange for the transport team to investigate the area. They will conduct a traffic assessment and report back with findings and recommendations.

Comment

Cr Loi Truong

I worked with the South Eastern Melbourne Vietnamese Associations Council (SEMVAC) to organise the Lantern Festival for children. This event is funded entirely by them, without support from other levels of government. I hope that next year Council can provide some support as it is a valuable event that brings joy to many families.

Cr Bob Milkovic left the Chamber at 7.56 pm and returned at 7.59 pm.

Comment

Cr Alice Phuong Le

I attended the following events over the past few weeks:

- A fundraising night in Springvale to support the construction of the Temple.
- The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Gala Dinner in Melbourne.
- The Super Asian Business Association Awards Night, which recognised local businesses.
- The SEMVAC Lantern Festival, which was self-funded and well-organised despite light rain at the end.
- The Lantern Moon Festival hosted by the Cambodian China Friendship Association.
- I visited Rainbow, a local organisation that has been operating for two years and supports over 1,000 residents.



Comment

Cr Sean O'Reilly

I attended several events recently, but I will focus on one in particular, the MAV Council meeting held last Friday. At the meeting, we resolved a number of motions to advocate to other levels of government. One motion, proposed by Greater Dandenong and supported by the MAV Council, called for a reduction in the number of pokie machines in areas experiencing higher levels of harm and lower socioeconomic conditions, such as Greater Dandenong. This motion was supported across Victoria.

Additionally, I would like to highlight the success of our Council at the MAV Lab Awards. There are 79 local governments in Victoria and 16 award categories. Greater Dandenong was recognised in two categories, which is a remarkable achievement and reflects the disproportionate level of success our Council has attained.

The two awards were:

1. **Wellbeing Award for Community Health Impacts** – for our Filtered Body Image Project.
2. **Connector Award for Community Inclusion and Cohesion** – for our “Proud to Be” project, which was a finalist.

Cr Sean O'Reilly presented the above awards to Deputy Mayor Sophie Tan.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

I attended the following events over the past few weeks:

- A community prayer gathering held last Friday in Harmony Square, in support of Palestine.
- The Hazara Genocide Memorial Day. It was extremely well attended, with standing room only.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

Residents have raised concerns about the now-closed St John of God Hospital on Heatherton Road, Dandenong regarding fires, unsafe conditions, and people living in the building. It is becoming a serious issue. Do we have any updates on whether the site will be demolished soon?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

The most recent update we have is that the property owner intends to demolish the site. However, we have not received a confirmed timeframe. Our building surveyors are working closely with the owner to determine the schedule. We will provide an update as soon as more information becomes available.



Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

I would like to acknowledge the presence of the Chair of our newly formed Committee. The action plan for the committee is underway, and although it is still in its early stages, there is a great deal of energy and excitement.

Comment

Cr Phillip Danh

I am pleased and proud to report that Noble Park was recently recognised for having the best Main Street activation across Australia. These achievements are a testament to the hard work of Council officers, small businesses, and local residents.

A new Little Library has been launched in the Noble Park area. As someone who values libraries and sees them as vital assets to our community, I welcome this innovative initiative to encourage greater engagement with books and learning.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan, Deputy Mayor

I attended the following events over the past few weeks:

- 14 September 2025, the Cambodian Ancestor celebration hosted by the Cambodian Association of Vic.
- 15 September 2025, a meeting with Mfaume Mmeswa, President of the African Communities Council Victoria.
- 17 September 2025, the Father's Day lunch celebration. Later that day, the Citizenship Ceremony (in celebration of Citizenship Day).
- 29 September 2025, the National Police Remembrance Day - End of Day Reflection Service.
- 2 October 2025, the Cambodian Kids Can Charity Gala Dinner.
- 4 October 2025, the Moon Festival and Chinese National Day celebration hosted by the Cambodian Chinese Friendship Association of Vic. Later that day, the Rotary Club of Greater Dandenong and Endeavour Hills 90th Anniversary of service to the community.
- 5 October 2025, the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 SEMVAC Children Lantern Festival.
- 7 October 2025, the SABA Local Trader Awards & Launch of the 2026 Lunar New Year Festival (Year of the Horse).
- 9 October 2025, the 2025 Mid-Autumn Festival and Multicultural Song & Dance Gala hosted by the Xinjiang Chinese Association of Australia. Later that day, the MAV Conference Dinner.
- 11 October 2025, the Fiji Day Multicultural Festival celebrating 55th years of independence.
- 12 October 2025, the Double Ten Day Celebration Dinner hosted by the Chinese Community Society of Victoria and Springvale Chinese Ethnic School.
- 13 October 2025, the Official launch of the Springvale Heart Safe Community initiative, led by Ambulance Victoria and the Heart Foundation.

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer tabled a listing of responses to questions taken on notice/requiring further action at the previous Council meeting. A copy of the responses is provided below.



COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE/REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION

Date of Council Meeting	Question Asked By	Subject & Summary of Question	Responsible Officer	Date of Completion	Summary of Response
22/09/25 CQT5	Cr Lana Formoso	Letter from Mayor While celebrating personal milestones, I was devastated to learn of the tragic deaths of Dao Akouen (15) and Chol Achiek (12). As a mother, teacher, and community advocate, I emphasise that these boys were not involved in gangs they were loved, active in school and sport. I condemn the harmful and divisive language used in media, stressing that this is a human and societal tragedy. I urge the Council to stand in solidarity, observe a minute of silence, and send support letters to the families and community.	Mayors EA		Initial response provided 22/09/2025: If you can pass on the relevant contact information, we will ensure the letters are sent as soon as possible. Let us now observe a minute of silence. FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED



7 URGENT BUSINESS

MINUTE No.227

Moved by: Cr Rhonda Garad

Seconded by: Cr Bob Milkovic

That Council hear an Item of Urgent Business.

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For - Cr Isabella Do, Cr Rhonda Garad and Cr Bob Milkovic.

**Against - Cr Phillip Danh, Cr Alice Phuong Le, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan and
Cr Loi Truong.**



8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cathy', written over a horizontal line.

Signature