

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 14 February 2012

Held at the
Council Conference and Reception Centre
City Hall, Little Malop Street, Geelong
commencing at 7.05pm

COUNCIL:

Cr. J. Mitchell (*Austin*)

- **Mayor**

(Communications / Sport and Recreation / Democracy & Governance / Central Geelong
Looking Forward)

Cr. B.H. Abley (*Brownbill*)

(Arts and Culture)

Cr. J. Doull (*Coryule*)

(Environment and Sustainability / Climate Change)

Cr. J. Farrell (*Beangala*)

(Education and Youth / Community Safety)

Cr. K. Fisher (*Corio*)

(Community Development)

Cr. C. Granger (*Windermere*)

(Heritage)

Cr. B. Harwood (*Kardinia*)

(Finance / Tourism / Major Events / Strategic Development)

Cr. E. Kontelj (*Cowie*)

(Aboriginal Affairs / Multicultural Affairs)

Cr. Dr. S. Kontelj (*Kildare*)

(Major Projects)

Cr. R. Macdonald (*Cheetham*)

(Economic Development / Planning)

Cr. R. Nelson (*Deakin*)

(Rural and Regional Affairs)

Cr. A. Richards (*Buckley*)

(Transport / Infrastructure / Parks and Gardens)

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE AND RECEPTION CENTRE
CITY HALL, LITTLE MALOP STREET
TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2012
COMMENCING AT 7.05 P.M.**

PRESENT: Cr J Mitchell (Mayor), Crs B Abley, J Doull, J Farrell *(7.09pm), K Fisher, C Granger, B Harwood, E Kontelj, S Kontelj *(7.14pm), R Macdonald, R Nelson, A Richards

Also present: S Griffin (Chief Executive Officer), J Brown (Acting General Manager Corporate Services), P Bettess (General Manager Economic Development, Planning and Tourism), D Frost (General Manager Projects, Recreation and Central Geelong), B Gaudion (Acting General Manager City Services), J McMahon (General Manager Community Services), R Bourke (Governance Co ordinator), J Merlo (Senior Media Officer)

OPENING: The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.05pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The Mayor acknowledged that we are here today on the land of the Wathaurong People and we pay our respects to Aboriginal elders past and present.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cr Abley moved, Cr Harwood seconded -

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 31 January 2012 be confirmed and signed.

Carried.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Cr Farrell declared an Indirect Interest in Agenda Item 7 – G21 Geelong Region Alliance Funding Agreement, in that she is a Board Member of G21, elected by the membership (not a Council appointee).

QUESTION TIME:

Jennifer Bantow addressed Council in relation to the Lara Heritage Places:

Would Council please consider preparing a planning scheme amendment to protect heritage places in Lara identified in the Outer Areas Heritage Study? Fifty-nine places were identified and the list appears in the Lara Structure Plan recently adopted by Council. The Structure Plan recommends that these places have a heritage overlay placed on them.

The Mayor advised that a written response would be forwarded within 14 days.

PETITIONS: Nil.

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN

Portfolio:	Environment, Sustainability & Climate Change - Cr Doull
Source:	City Services/Environment & Natural Resources
General Manager:	Gary Van Driel
Index Reference:	Subject: Council Reports 2012, Environment Waterways

Summary

- Lake Lorne Reserve is a Crown Land Reserve located on the western edge of the Drysdale township, immediately adjacent to the Drysdale Railway Station and Bellarine Rail Trail. Council acts as the Committee of Management for the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).
- It is a popular passive reserve for people to walk around and observe the extensive and diverse number of birds, mainly waterfowl, that frequent this waterway. The Geelong Field Naturalists Club (GFNC) recognises this as one of the most significant freshwater wetlands on the Bellarine Peninsula, used by a number of threatened species.
- The Reserve is currently unfenced along Reserve Road and the Geelong-Portarlington Road enabling unlimited access for vehicles and dogs throughout the Reserve.
- Council received a written request from the Drysdale-Clifton Springs Progress Association to establish a pathway around the lake within this Reserve. There is currently no pathway or infrastructure in the Reserve and the Association expressed a strong desire to improve the connectivity within the Reserve for the local community.
- A Project Working Group was established with key stakeholders and extensive consultation undertaken in the development of a draft Masterplan.
- The key features of the Masterplan involve a new 2.0 metre wide compacted crushed rock pathway, a section of which is to be constructed within the VicTrack land opposite the Drysdale Railway Station; a boardwalk in the north-west corner of the reserve in an area that is inundated when the lake is full; erection of new conservation fencing around the upper water level of the lake and erection of new timber post and rail parking barriers along Reserve Road and a section of the Geelong-Portarlington Road to restrict vehicle access onto the new pathway and into the public reserve.
- Council at its meeting on 25 January 2011 resolved to:
 1. Support the public exhibition of the Draft Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan;
 2. Support that the public exhibition involves, but is not limited to sending letters to the property owners opposite the reserve; placing a notice in the Springdale Messenger, The Echo and The Independent; erecting an information board on-site and the Drysdale Customer Service Centre; placing notices and copies of the Draft Masterplan in the Drysdale Railway Station and send copies of the Draft Masterplan to the Project Working Group.
 3. Be presented with a final report following the public consultation period and liaison with the Project Working Group

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN (CONT'D)

- The public consultation also involved weekly public notices in all the newspapers including the Geelong Advertiser and The Bellarine Times.
- The draft Masterplan was placed on public exhibition from 14 February 2011 to 18th March 2011 and Council received a total of 18 submissions.
- A summary of all the submissions received and recommended actions/responses was prepared and forwarded to the Project Working Group and discussed at a meeting on 11 August 2011. The Project Working Group agreed with the recommended actions/responses as suggested by Council.
- Letters and emails were forwarded to the 18 submitters advising them of the recommended actions/response to the matters raised in their submissions. Council officers also personally liaised with three submitters that live opposite the reserve.
- Subject to some minor amendments, as outlined in this report, it is recommended the Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan be adopted by Council.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Doull seconded -

That Council:

- 1) adopt the Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan incorporating the various amendments as outlined in this report and within the Summary of Submissions document;**
- 2) send letters to the submitters advising them of Council's adoption of the Masterplan and the changes made to the final document;**
- 3) send letters to the members of the Project Working Group thanking them for their assistance and support in the development of the Masterplan;**
- 4) continue to inform the local community about the implementation of the Masterplan.**

** Cr Farrell entered the meeting room at 7.09pm*

Carried.

Report

Background

Lake Lorne Reserve is located on the western edge of the Drysdale township, immediately adjacent to the Drysdale Railway Station and Bellarine Rail Trail. It is a highly visible Crown Land Reserve, on the western entrance to the township. Council acts as the Committee of Management for the Department of Sustainability and Environment. The lake is a freshwater lake approximately 12 hectares in size. It is shallow with two small islands which provide important habitat and refuge for many birds. There is an asphalt pathway running north-south along the eastern edge of the reserve, providing all weather access for school children accessing the three schools to the south. The Drysdale-Leopold Pony Club adjoins the reserve to the east and utilise a number of horse jumps once a year in the south-east corner of the reserve adjacent to Reserve Road.

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The Reserve is currently unfenced along Reserve Road and the Geelong-Portarlington Road enabling unlimited access for vehicles and dogs throughout the reserve.

It is a popular local passive reserve for people to walk around and observe the extensive and diverse number of birds, mainly waterfowl, that frequent this waterway. The Geelong Field Naturalists Club recognise this as one of the most significant freshwater wetlands on the Bellarine Peninsula, used by a number of threatened species including the Freckled Duck, Blue-billed Duck and Latham's Snipe. It also supports a number of other species including the Pacific Black Duck, Black Swans, Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants, Egrets and Purple Swamphens. When water levels are low Council retains an unmown strip around the perimeter of the lake of about 10-15 metres to restrict domestic dogs from direct access to the waterway.

Over the last six years Council has been undertaking extensive rehabilitation works in the Reserve, involving weed removal, exotic tree removal, indigenous tree planting, water quality monitoring, flora surveys, pest animal programs and rubbish removal. It has also assisted, when required, with the successful nest box breeding program undertaken by the Workers for Wetlands.

Council initially received an inquiry from the Rotary Club of Drysdale and then subsequently received a written request from the Drysdale-Clifton Springs Progress Association to establish a pathway around the lake within this reserve. There is currently no pathway or infrastructure in the Reserve and the Association expressed a strong desire in improving the connectivity within the Reserve for the local community.

There had been no Masterplan previously prepared for this Reserve and so the request needed to be assessed having regard to a range of issues and inputs from various key stakeholders.

Discussion

The request by the Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association is considered timely and one which can address a number of interrelated issues regarding the overall management of this Reserve.

Prior to proceeding further with the request, Council sought and obtained consent from DSE to undertake an investigation into the construction of a pathway around this reserve. A key requirement of the DSE consent was the need to prepare a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) prior to any further work being undertaken to determine the presence of aboriginal artefacts and whether these would preclude any works being done.

A CHMP was prepared and approved by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and two small areas were identified. These small areas did not prevent the project from proceeding to the next stage.

Due to the physical constraints of building the pathway in the northern section of the reserve, extensive discussions were undertaken with the Bellarine Tourist Railway and Vic Track. These meetings were very productive and have enabled Council to use part of the railway reservation to construct the proposed pathway and a fence on a level area well removed from the high water mark in the Reserve.

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN (CONT'D)

Council appointed Thompson Berrill Landscape Design to prepare a detailed concept Masterplan. A key part of this process was liaising closely with all the key stakeholders. An informal Project Working Group was established comprising representatives from the Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association, Bellarine Steam Preservation Society, Geelong Field Naturalists Club, Workers for Wetlands, Drysdale Pony Club, Peninsula Little Athletics Club, Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail, Bellarine Secondary College, St Thomas Primary School, Ignatius College, Rotary Club of Highton/Kardinia, DSE and Council officers.

A workshop was held at the Drysdale Railway Station seeking advice and input into the project. This workshop assisted in outlining the key issues to address and resulted in detailed site inspections with representatives from the Geelong Field Naturalists Club and Bellarine Bird Observers Club (BellBOCA). A further follow up site visit was also held with a small number of the Project Working Group members.

The protection and rehabilitation of Lake Lorne so as to remain a key waterfowl habitat is of paramount importance. It is also a key statutory requirement on Council being the Committee of Management. As a result of increased development in the Drysdale-Clifton Springs area, recognised as a key urban growth area, there is a need to develop a Masterplan which will provide the long-term protection of the fauna whilst providing the passive recreational needs of this growing community.

The fauna significance of the reserve has influenced, in part, the location of the proposed pathway and will restrict the pathway from being used for large scale recreational events. This is not the purpose for which the pathway is being constructed and specific conditions regarding its use will be established and signposted to manage the Reserve appropriately in accordance with Council's Committee of Management responsibilities.

A working draft Masterplan was prepared, which incorporated the feedback and suggestions made from the Project Working Group and the site inspections.

The main features of the Masterplan are:

- A new 2.0 metre wide compacted crushed rock pathway, a section of which is to be constructed within the VicTrack land opposite the Drysdale Railway Station.
- A boardwalk in the north-west corner of the reserve in an area that is inundated when the lake is full.
- Erection of new conservation fencing around the upper water level of the lake (approx. at the 61.5 metre contour). This will comprise a 1.2m high post and wire fence with ringlock to the bottom 900mm to restrict dog access to the waterfowl conservation area, which will include the lake and adjacent vegetation.
- Erection of new timber post and rail parking barriers along Reserve Road and a short section of the Geelong-Portarlington Road to restrict vehicle access onto the new pathway and into the public reserve.
- Install seats and interpretative signs at key locations
- Subject to funding, establish a formal pathway and improved traffic management in the Drysdale Railway Station precinct, incorporating that section of the Bellarine Rail Trail.

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN (CONT'D)

It should be noted that the particular works outlined in the last dot point are not directly linked to the original request by the Community Association. It was thought however to be an appropriate time to discuss and prepare concepts for this precinct. Once approved this part of the Masterplan will be transferred to Council's Recreation and Open Space Department to deliver through the Bellarine Rail Trail Advisory Committee.

The working draft Masterplan was then circulated to the Project Working Group representatives seeking their comments and feedback. Council received feedback from the Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association, DSE, VicTrack, Peninsula Little Athletics Club, Bellarine Bird Observers Club, Geelong Field Naturalists Club, Drysdale-Leopold Pony Club, Friends of Lake Lorne Reserve, Friends of the Bellarine Rail Trail and Council's Recreation & Open Space Department. The comments received were positive and there were only minor changes requested to be made to the working draft.

A summary sheet of all the comments received and the recommended actions for each comment received was then produced and circulated to each of the Project Working Group members seeking their support for the suggested changes and an endorsement to proceed to the next phase, being a more comprehensive phase of public consultation. Council received positive feedback to the suggested changes and support for the next phase to proceed.

The working draft Masterplan was amended incorporating the Project Working Group feedback and a report was presented to the Council meeting on 25 January 2011. Council resolved to:

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2. Support that the public exhibition involves, but is not limited to sending letters to the property owners opposite the reserve; placing a notice in the Springdale Messenger, The Echo & The Independent; erecting an information board on-site and the Drysdale Customer Service Centre; placing notices and copies of the Draft Masterplan in the Drysdale Railway Station and send copies of the Draft Masterplan to the Project Working Group and
3. Be presented with a final report following the public consultation period and liaison with the Project Working Group.

A copy of the draft Masterplan is attached as Attachment 1.

The draft Masterplan was placed on public exhibition from 14 February 2011 to 18 March 2011. The public consultation included all of the requirements as determined by Council at its January 2011 meeting as well as those weekly public notices were placed in all the newspapers including the Geelong Advertiser and the Bellarine Times. As a result of the public consultation Council received a total of 18 submissions.

A summary document of all the submissions received and recommended actions/responses to the matters raised was prepared and forwarded to the Project Working Group and discussed at a meeting on 11 August 2011. The Project Working Group agreed with the recommended actions/responses. A copy of the Summary of Submissions document is attached as Attachment 2. Letters and emails were forwarded to the 18 submitters advising them of the recommended actions/responses to the matters raised in their submissions. Council officers also personally liaised with those submitters that live opposite the reserve.

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN (CONT'D)

There was overwhelming support for the draft Masterplan, however there were a few issues of concern raised involving the following matters:

- Opposition to the 1.2 m high conservation fence around the wetland in the reserve.
- Cycling should be banned from the new pathway and boardwalk.
- Lack of consultation with people who live opposite the reserve.
- The connection of the pathway to the Bellarine Rail Trail and the issue of safely crossing High Street.
- A suggestion that a Council ranger is stationed at the reserve for a month once the pathway is built to conduct an education program about dogs on leads.

In relation to issues raised above the following comments are made:

- The most significant issue raised relates to the proposed new conservation fencing. In order to fully explore this matter specialist ecological consultants, Brett Lane & Associates, were consulted regarding the proposed fence and the various issues of concern raised around its erection. Council also liaised with a water bird scientist from the Arthur Rylah Institute regarding the proposal. Both parties advised that the proposed fencing is an appropriate way of managing the interface between increased visitation and sensitive habitats in urban settings. Some months after Council received the submissions to the draft a further letter was received from a member of the GFNC raising new concerns about the proposed conservation fencing. Council officers undertook further liaison with DSE and other members of the GFNC and BellBOCA regarding the matters raised. The outcome of these recent discussions is an alternative approach which has been agreed to by all parties. The proposed fence will be retained on the final Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan which will now include a notation which states-

Council's Environment & Natural Resources Department will establish a close liaison with the GFNC regarding the commencement of a monitoring program once the pathway and boardwalk is constructed regarding the number of dog walkers and any impacts on the local birdlife. At an agreed time and in consultation with the key stakeholders, the conservation fence will be erected, the exact final location to be determined and marked on-site with DSE & the GFNC.

- The banning of cycling on the pathway and boardwalk was not supported as it will be a multi-use track for both cyclists and walkers. Other new pathways and boardwalks elsewhere in the city operate without any issues and the design meets the AustRoads standards for a shared pathway.
- All properties opposite the Reserve were consulted and provided with copies of the draft Masterplan to assess and comment upon. Those people who live opposite the Reserve and made a submission were personally consulted regarding their submission.

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN (CONT'D)

- Council officers held a meeting with Vic Roads regarding the High Street crossing of the Bellarine Rail Trail and its interaction with the Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan. Vic Roads advised it is developing a detailed design for this key crossing which now factors in the proposed Lake Lorne Masterplan. There is no definitive timeframe for the construction of the new crossing but Vic Roads agreed it is an important priority.
- In respect to the ranger being based on-site, Council will be liaising with the GFNC & BellBOCA regarding establishing a monitoring program, once the pathway is built. The monitoring program will monitor dog walkers and any issues observed in the reserve. Information signs will also be erected around the Reserve advising visitors of its values and the need to have dogs on leads.

Overall it is considered that all the key stakeholders have had extensive opportunity to have input into the development of the final Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan. The final Masterplan is therefore a community-owned and developed document which should deliver sound long-term benefits to local residents, visitors and the Reserves flora and fauna.

Environmental Implications

Many of the recommended actions within the Masterplan will result in the long term protection and enhancement of the biodiversity values within this reserve. The threatened bird species will receive specific protection along with the establishment of suitable edge vegetation. The balance of the Reserve will have revegetation using local indigenous species and the use of interpretative signs will assist in educating the public about the cultural and natural values that exist in the Reserve. Through the implementation of the Masterplan the environmental obligations on Council via its role as Committee of Management will also be appropriately delivered.

Financial Implications

The project will involve financial costs associated with the construction of the pathway, fencing and associated infrastructure (i.e. seats, interpretative signs etc). There will also be costs associated with the on-going maintenance of the pathway and the fencing. It is proposed that the costs be spread over three financial years to minimise the financial burden on Council. At this stage the anticipated costs associated with the project are approximately \$150,000 over three years. These costs do not include the proposed works within the Drysdale Station Precinct and upgrades to the Bellarine Rail Trail. Funding for these works will need to be sought through the Bellarine Rail Trail project. There is likely to be some minor financial assistance received for certain parts of the project (i.e. seats, plants, interpretative signs) through the local Drysdale Bendigo Community Bank, Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association and service clubs. \$30,000 has been allocated in 2010/11 to commence works. The works will involve the perimeter fencing and other fencing upgrades, including within the VicTrack land. Further work will be through future budgetary processes.

1. LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE- APPROVAL OF FINAL MASTERPLAN (CONT'D)

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

A number of the bird species that reside and use this waterway and reserve are protected under Federal and State legislation. The Council has a statutory obligation to protect these rare and threatened birds. Under the terms of the Committee of Management responsibilities Council is also responsible for protecting these birds as well as the aboriginal artefacts present on the site. As stated previously there is unrestricted access by the public throughout this reserve which creates a significant conflict with Council's obligations. The new Masterplan addresses these issues through a number of key actions.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

There is no officer direct or indirect interests associated with this project.

Risk Assessment

There is strong community interest for Council to construct a new pathway in this reserve as well as protect the rare and threatened bird species that frequent the area.

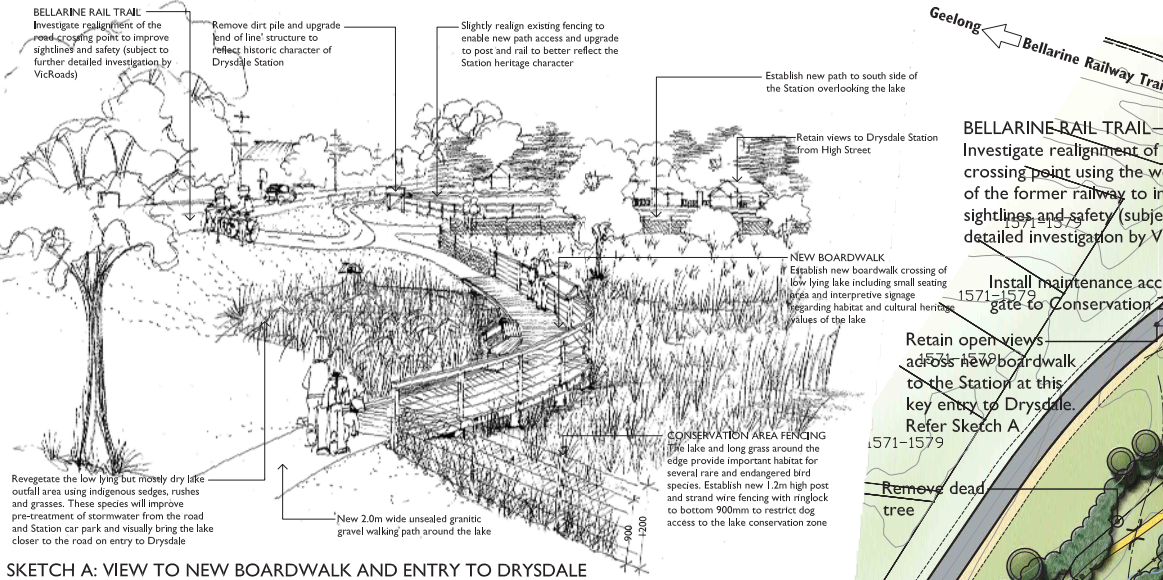
As the local population continues to increase significantly there will be additional pressures placed on this reserve and the fauna that use it. Implementing the new Masterplan will greatly reduce the risk on Council for non-compliance with its Committee of Management responsibilities. The construction of a formal pathway will also reduce the risks associated with trips and falls within the reserve.

Social Considerations

The project will involve on-going close liaison with the registered aboriginal party to ensure all the requirements under the approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan are undertaken. The detailed design of the new pathway will ensure people of all abilities can use the new facility. The local community will be invited to participate in future revegetation programs and the development of new interpretation signs to be erected around the Reserve.

Communication

There has been an extensive public consultation process undertaken with the local community and the key stakeholders to ensure all interested parties have had an opportunity to have input into and comment on the overall development of the new Lake Lorne Reserve Masterplan. The community will continue to be consulted during the implementation of the Masterplan.



SKETCH A: VIEW TO NEW BOARDWALK AND ENTRY TO DRYSDALE

CONSERVATION VALUES

Lake Lorne is located in a natural depression likely to be formed by gradual dissolution of the underlying limestone. The water table is part of the same subterranean groundwater system which runs into the natural mineral springs outletting on the coast of Port Phillip Bay. Substantial variation in lake water levels is common and there is frequently a time delay after rainfall due to the substantial contribution of subterranean groundwater to the system.

The lake is naturally shallow and supports extensive beds of indigenous aquatic and semi aquatic vegetation including Triglochin procera and Eleocharis sphacelata as well as mud flats which provide significant feeding areas for large numbers of birds.

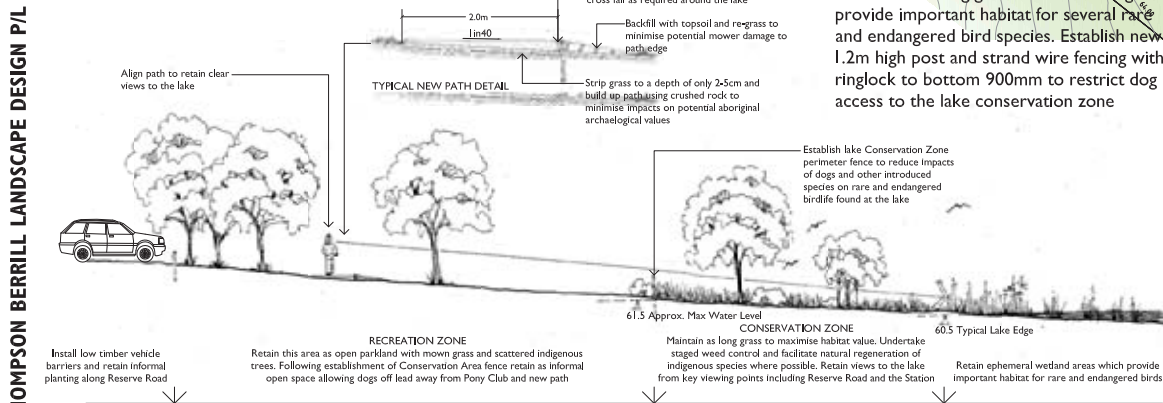
The two artificially created islands (early 1980's), areas of long grass, nesting boxes (mid 1990's), surrounding exotic and natural parkland trees and dense stands of Melaleuca provide regionally significant habitat for a large number of birds including Black Swans, Purple Swamphens, Teal, Ibis, Hardhead, Grebes, Coots, Egrets, Cormorants, Dotterel and various species of duck.

The lake also provides critical breeding sites and drought refuge for several rare and threatened species including Blue-billed Duck, Freckled Duck and Lathams Snipe which are listed under Schedule 2 of the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, 1988. The City has a statutory obligation to protect these rare and threatened birds.

Due to the increasing popularity of the area for the public including dog walkers and repeated disturbance to birds in the lake the intent is to fence this critical breeding area. The fence will be located above the flood level of the lake and will retain a long grass buffer to the edge of the lake while maintaining uninterrupted views to the water from key viewing points including the station and new walking path. Longer term establishment of a birdhide will be investigated subject to consultation with key stakeholders..

CULTURAL HERITAGE

A Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) was completed by Terraculture in 2009 and confirmed the area contains stone artefacts which need to be protected during completion of the path works. The new path around the lake is to be built up to minimise ground disturbance and further assessment and liaison with the Wathuring will be required prior to commencement of works on site. The City will liaise with the Wathuring during the detailed design phase to investigate potential interpretation of site cultural values.



SKETCH SECTION B: TYPICAL LAKE EDGE MANAGEMENT

BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL
Investigate realignment of the road crossing point using the western section of the former railway to improve sightlines and safety (subject to further detailed investigation by VicRoads)

Install maintenance access gate to Conservation Zone
Retain open views across new boardwalk to the Station at this key entry to Drysdale. Refer Sketch A.

Carefully align path through this section to minimise impacts on existing trees and underground telecommunications services
Provide low level crossing of overland flow path

Provide low level crossing of overland flow path
Establish local link path up to Reserve Road

Establish timber post and rail barriers along Reserve Road to retain parking while restricting vehicle access onto the new path
Use timber edge to level out path cross fall as required around the lake

CONSERVATION AREA FENCING
The lake and long grass around the edge provide important habitat for several rare and endangered bird species. Establish new 1.2m high post and strand wire fencing with ringlock to bottom 900mm to restrict dog access to the lake conservation zone

Establish lake Conservation Zone perimeter fence to reduce impacts of dogs and other introduced species on rare and endangered birdlife found at the lake
Maintain as long grass to maximise habitat value. Undertake staged weed control and facilitate natural regeneration of indigenous species where possible. Retain views to the lake from key viewing points including Reserve Road and the Station

Maintain fence clearance at min 1.5 canopy width around mature remnant Red Gum. Liaise with RAP to investigate establishment of interpretive signage and promote natural regeneration in this area to strengthen environmental links to the lake
Remove two existing jumps as shown to enable establishment of new fencing along the 61.5m contour. Final siting of new portable jumps is to be confirmed on site with the Pony Club for the annual event.

Establish new timber boardwalk (Refer Sketch A)
Remove dead wood from Eucalypt

Retain existing Cypress tree ensuring path and seating areas are clear of branch zone

Retain existing Willow which links with the historical development of the Station Precinct. Undertake ongoing weed control to minimise potential spread into and around the lake

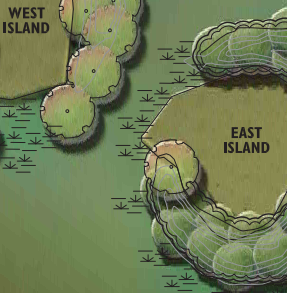
REVEGETATION

Within the lake conservation area works are to focus on targeting weed control to facilitate natural regeneration of indigenous vegetation. Willows on the islands that provide confirmed bird habitat value are to be retained. Any works on the islands are to be undertaken in consultation with a specialist ecologist to minimise impact on habitat values.

New revegetation in parkland around the lake is to be undertaken using indigenous tree species which will maximise habitat values while maintaining views to the lake and clear sightlines for security on the path.

In the Station precinct new planting is to be consistent with the heritage character of this area.

Lake Lorne



Maintain fence clearance at min 1.5 canopy width around mature remnant Red Gum. Liaise with RAP to investigate establishment of interpretive signage and promote natural regeneration in this area to strengthen environmental links to the lake

Resurface existing Station car park and establish new shade trees carefully located to improve parking efficiency

Upgrade end of structure
New post and rail fence

Establish formal bus drop off/pick up point

Restrict vehicle access to one-way outside the station and establish off road Bellarine Rail Trail link with barrier to improve pedestrian/cyclist safety

Future road closure as proposed by the City's Engineering Services Unit
Retain vehicle access from High Street and establish new pine trees to infill heritage avenue

Retain angle parking but provide space for new trail and increased room at information board

FORMER TURNABLE AREA
(No Access - Refer Steam Preservation Society Plans)

Establish culvert crossing with handrail to both sides over deep drainage channel

Install directional/distance signage to Bellarine Rail trail and the station/lake circuits

Existing Bellarine Rail trail signage and crossing point

Install directional/distance signage for the station circuit loop and lake circuit loop

LAKE AND STATION WALKING LOOPS

Two new walking routes will be established. The station circuit is 0.9km long (approximately 15 minutes walk) and will provide close-up views of the steam trains back to the historic station. Elevated views over the lake will be provided from a new seating area near the existing Cypress.

The longer lake walking track (via the station) is 1.6km (approximately 25 minutes walk) and will focus on the environmental and aboriginal cultural values of the area. This route will also improve all weather and ability access for local residents.

LAND MANAGEMENT

Lake Lorne is Crown Land owned by Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and managed by City of Greater Geelong (CoGG) as committee of management.

The Drysdale Railway Station Precinct including car park, picnic area, playground and toilets are owned by Victrack and managed with the assistance of the Bellarine Steam Preservation Society. High Street is owned and managed by VicRoads.

OVERALL DESIGN INTENT

Lake Lorne and the Drysdale Railway Station Precinct provide a unique blend of environmental and cultural heritage values at the key entry to Drysdale and focal point of the current Bellarine Tourist Railway and Bellarine Rail Trail. As initiated by the Drysdale-Clifton Springs Community Association the overall masterplan intent is to:

- Protect, enhance and provide interpretive information on significant bird habitat values in and around the lake.
- Protect and enhance historic and cultural heritage values associated with the station, Bellarine Railway and aboriginal archaeology.
- Provide new looped walking tracks around the station (0.9km) and lake (1.6km) for local residents and railway visitors.
- Manage existing local use of the reserve by dog walkers and the pony club while protecting the significant conservation values of the area.

BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL

Currently there is no off road rail link through the station precinct. The intent is to provide a minimum 2.5m wide sealed off road rail link from High Street around the realigned car park, past the station through to the existing toilets and information board. This will provide a clear and safe route for rail trail users, railway patrons and local residents.

DRAWING KEY	
	Existing Eucalyptus sp.
	Existing Pine trees
	Existing exotic trees
	Existing native / indigenous trees and shrubs
	Proposed indigenous overstorey trees
	Proposed Pine trees
	Proposed exotic overstorey trees
	Items to be removed
	Building
	Existing post & wire fence
	Existing picket fence
	New post and wire fencing with ringlock base to 900mm
	New timber vehicle barrier
	New post and rail fence
	Existing sealed asphalt path
	Upgraded Bellarine Rail Trail route
	Proposed 2m wide unsealed lake circuit path
	Existing bollards
	Proposed bollards
	Existing vehicle barrier
	Proposed vehicle barrier
	Proposed maintenance access gate
	Picnic table (new)
	Seat
	Sign (new)
	Interpretive Signage (new)
	Bins
	Typical lake edge 61.5m contour (Approx. max water level)
	Culvert bridge crossing
	Overland flow path
	Open drainage swale
	Existing drainage pipe & outlet
	Top of bank
	Conservation zone
	Mown grass recreational zone
	Existing ephemeral wetland areas
	New ephemeral wetland areas

LAKE LORNE RESERVE, DRYSDALE

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT MASTERPLAN

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED & RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/RESPONSES

The draft Masterplan, adopted by Council in January 2011, was placed on public exhibition from 14th February 2011 to 18th March 2011. The public consultation involved: sending letters to the property owners opposite the reserve; placing weekly public notices in the Springdale Messenger, The Echo, The Geelong Advertiser, The Independent & The Bellarine Times; erecting an information board on-site & the Drysdale Customer Service Centre; placing notices & copies of the draft Masterplan in the Drysdale Railway Station; placing information & the draft Masterplan on the City's website & sending copies of the draft Masterplan to the Project Working Group and various internal Council Units.

The City received a total of 19 submissions. The submitters are:

Ron Debeen
Denis Shandley
Drysdale Leopold Pony Club
Dr Stephen Ambrose
Michael Wood
Stephen Mart
Betty Horskins
Zane Thornton
Bernard Filbay
Peter Terry
Barry Lingham (GFNC)
Ian Karutz, Vic Roads
Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association
P & E Wigglesworth

Catherine Jones
Bellarine Greens
Tony & Jan Underwood
WK Bufton

This spreadsheet provides a summary of the submissions received and the recommended actions/responses to be taken. The recommended actions/responses will be discussed at the Project Working Group meeting to be held on Thursday 11 August 2011 from 3.30 pm at the Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, High Street, Drysdale.

Following the outcomes from this meeting letters will be sent to each of the submitters thanking them for their submission and advising them of the recommended actions from the Project Working Group meeting. Council will also personally liaise with those persons who made a submission that live opposite the reserve.

The culmination of the above process will be the preparation of a report to Council outlining the consultation process of the draft Masterplan, a summary of the submissions received, the outcomes from the Project Working Group meeting, the suggested changes/additions to the Masterplan and a recommendation seeking approval of the final Masterplan.

Agency / Organisation / Submitter	Summary of comments received	Recommended Actions/Response
1. Ron Debeen	• Great proposal, will enhance the area and entrance to Drysdale • Rubbish bins placed around the path are needed as it will end up in the lake. • Signs warning people about snakes maybe needed. • Change to the rail trail crossing at the main road will help align the trail with the rear of No. 12 Station Street	• Noted • Bins will located at strategic locations where they can be easily serviced • Agreed. Snake warning signs maybe required to be erected • No works are proposed at the Station Street area or next to No.12 Station Street
2. Denis Shandley	• Walking track is long overdue and seems sensibly designed with making the lake the main object of interest • Don't like pine trees, replace with native plants, retained only until they become a danger	• Noted • Pine trees are linked to heritage/cultural values of the railway station precinct. They are only proposed in this area. They were specifically requested by the Bellarine Tourist Railway

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2. Denis Shandley Cont'd	• Plan should link with the proposed sports precinct Masterplan • Water runoff from sports precinct needs filtration before flowing into Lake Lorne • Necessary to direct ground water from Reserve and Gillies Road through a filtration system established in the lake area • Local schools and Landcare could assist in replanting • Has an assessment been made of fauna which are permanent residents of the reserve? Is the plan likely to have a negative impact on them?	• These are two separate types of open space- one for active sports and Lake Lorne for conservation and passive recreation purposes. Both will be connected via the asphalt pathway at the eastern end of the reserve • This will form part of the detailed drainage design for the Sports Precinct site • The existing grassed swale drains along Reserve Road perform a thorough filtration of the course & fine sediments & litter. • Agreed this could occur • A specialist ecologist (Brett Lane, from Brett Lane & Associates) has inspected the site, the fauna species present & the draft Masterplan providing an independent assessment and peer review of the proposed works. A copy of Brett's report will be provided to the Project Working Group. Advice has also been sought from DSE, the GFNC and BellBOCA to inform the Masterplan and location of the pathway around the reserve

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2. Denis Shandley Cont'd	• The area around the end of the railway and High Street / Railway Crescent needs some thought – a safety area in the middle of the road may be needed. • Leave dead trees where they are not likely to be a danger to walkers and their animals • Grassy mounds should be minimized – prefer native grasses and ground covers with mulch • All mostly cosmetic suggestions – basic idea is sound	• A final decision is required by Vic Roads (see Vic Roads submission). This is technically outside the scope of this project & more aligned with the Bellarine Rail Trail • Agreed, these will be left where they do not present a danger to reserve users • Agreed, these will be a feature of future revegetation works • Noted
3. Drysdale Leopold Pony Club	• Enthusiastic about the proposals and appreciate being updated with what is happening in the reserve	• Noted
4. Dr Stephen Ambrose	• Congratulate the City for proposing a conservation fence to exclude dogs from the conservation area. It will set an important conservation precedent for other Councils to follow. • Council needs to put aside funding for regular inspection of the fencing and repair damage as soon as it's noticed. • The fence be extended at least 30cm below ground to discourage foxes from burrowing underneath	• Noted • Noted • To be further discussed with DSE/DPI and included in the tender for the fencing works

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5. Michael Wood	• Great news, if it goes ahead you should be commended • Can the bike/pedestrian path be constructed a safe assistance away from the waterbirds – they needed a refuge • The bird hide needs to be strategically located, not looking into the sun and the view not planted out with trees and shrubs.	• Noted • The pathway alignment and distance from the wetland has been discussed and walked on-site with the GFNC and BellBOCA. DSE are supportive & Brett Lane has advised it is acceptable providing it is at least 40 m from the edge of sensitive habitats or use screen planting for distances less than 40m • The location and design of the bird hides will be based upon expert advise from the GFNC, BellBOCA & Brett Lane's report
6. Stephen Mart	• Great to see people able to experience Lake Lorne • It would be desirable if the rail trail was continued from Lake Lorne to Bridge Street on the southside of the rail trail. This would line up the trail right to Suma Park. This would help resolve rear access to Station Street properties also.	• Noted • This a matter for consideration by the Bellarine Rail Trail Advisory Committee and the Recreation & Open Space Unit which manage the Rail Trail. The land is not DSE Crown Land but managed by VicTrack and the Bellarine Tourist Railway

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7. Betty Horskins	• Bird watching is worth tourist dollars • Should put out 'Bird trails in Greater Geelong' brochure • Good on you preserving a place (especially the dog fence). We have visited several times and spent dollars whilst there. This is a treasured place	• Noted • Agreed, idea will be discussed with the key stakeholders (DSE, GFNC, BellBOCA, Birds Australia) • Noted
8. Zane Thornton	• Could you make the cycling and walking footpath a bit wider	• The size and scale of the pathway reflects the low key passive nature of the pathway & the conservation values of the reserve
9. Bernard Filbay	• Opposed to the 1.2m high fence facing Portarlinton and Reserve Roads to restrict dog access • The beautiful vision of Lake Lorne from Portarlinton Road providing major access to Drysdale and North Bellarine should be preserved and not spoilt by a wire fence. • 'Dogs on Leash' signs should be sufficient in this area	• Advice received from Brett Lane & Birgita Hanson, ARI water bird scientist supports the use of the proposed fence to reduce significantly the risk to wildlife on the wetland from dogs • The open, rural nature of the fence will still provide open views to the wetland from High Street • Dogs on Leash signs will still be erected in this reserve due to the need to protect pedestrians & cyclists using the pathway & boardwalk

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9. Bernard Filbay Cont	• Other than this the plan is excellent • The Rotary Club of Drysdale was involved in this idea, including Roger Lavingdale who had the idea of a walking track around Lake Lorne	• Noted • Noted, reference will be made on the Masterplan to the Rotary Club of Drysdale
10. Peter Terry	• Agree that public amenity and useability needs to be improved for its environmental role as well as a recreation resource • Love the idea of the walking track and fencing off of cars from the reserve • The seating locations are good and the boardwalk excellent – the plan meets my expectations • One issue that may need to be considered is the excess growth of Melaluca around the SE and eastern areas. It's mono species, devoid of ground species and lack of birds using it. Perhaps some removal and replacing of native species could be undertaken • There should be areas free of tree cover so that views of the lake and island can be continued to be enjoyed	• Noted • Noted • Noted • At this stage it not proposed to remove any native vegetation. Brett Lane has advised the SE corner of the wetland is the most significant habitat for the birds & the existing trees play a critical role in screening the public from this area. • Agreed, this will be a feature of the Masterplan

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10. Peter Terry Cont	Are the island trees and their health assessed and maintained? Many weeping willows present on the island – future plantings of other species being considered	There is no current program to assess or maintain the trees on the islands. The existing willows and other trees are used by large numbers of birds. Advice will sought regarding future planting on the islands
11. Barry Lingham (GFNC) Committee	- Congratulations CoGG upon the effective consultations process involved in the creation of the draft plan and the well thought out final plan - The plan addresses the issues of conservation and protection of the important birdlife and other wildlife in the reserve, yet allows access for use by the local population - GFNC supports the draft plan	- Noted - Noted - Noted
12. Ian Karutz, Service Strategic Planning Engineer, Vic Road	- Vic Roads is responsible for the Geelong - Portarlington Road (High Street) - The draft Masterplan includes an action associated with the Bell Rail Trail which is relevant to Vic Roads – “Investigate realignment of the road crossing point using the western section of the former railway to improve sitelines and safety (subject to further detailed investigation by Vic Roads”. This action is currently underway by Vic Roads	- Noted - Noted

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12. Ian Karutz, Service Strategic Planning Engineer, Vic Road Cont	• Vic Roads has undertaken preliminary investigations into issues associated with the rail trail crossing of High Street, these include: ○ Constructing a shared underpass, capable of catering for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders ○ Constructing a pedestrian refuge on High Street so that users can cross the road in two stages ○ To address crashes at the intersection of High Street and Railway Crescent, investigating a safety treatment that includes right and left turn lanes on High Street. Also require widening • Request that Council liaise with Vic Roads regarding the proposed works in the vicinity of the rail crossing to the Masterplan	• Noted • Agreed, any detailed plans will be discussed with Vic Roads before proceeding with future works
13. Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association	• Good to see an allocation of money for initial works • Good job in consulting stakeholders and hope it continues as the Masterplan nears completion • DCSCA held a public meeting in April and several points were raised about the Lake Lorne Project. There points were:	• Noted • Noted

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13. Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association Cont'd	<i>Dogs, fences and wildlife</i> ○ The proposed conservation fencing would not solve the problem of dogs attacking the birds ○ The aim would be to create a fence that excludes dogs but doesn't intrude on sightlines and views, however large dogs could jump a low fence and small dogs could get through a large mesh fence ○ A fence could also have the unintended affect of keeping the wildlife in, preventing them from escaping predators ○ Focus should be on encouraging dog owners to keep them on a leash and explaining why this is necessary ○ Suggested that once the track, vehicle barriers and signs are completed Council ranger be stationed at the site for a month to conduct an education program and ensure dogs are on a leash ○ Signs should be erected similar to beach signs regarding dogs on leashes	● The specialist advice received supports the use of a fence to significantly reduce the risk to the birds from dogs ● The open, rural nature of the proposed fence will still enable clear views through to the wetland. The ringlock attached to the fence will prevent small dogs getting through & the 1.2 m high fence will deter the vast majority of dogs ● Brett Lane has advised that this should not be an issue ● Agreed, the reserve will be a dogs on leash area due to the pathway & the conflict between dogs off lead and pedestrians and cyclists using the pathway. Signs will also be erected to educate visitors to the reserve ● The suggestion will be discussed with the City's Manager Local Laws. If this is not able to be undertaken the concept will be explored using volunteers ● Agreed this can be undertaken once the pathway works are completed

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13. Drysdale and Clifton Springs Community Association Cont'd	<i>Track Usage</i> • Cars should be banned from entering the reserve • Cycling should be banned from the track, especially from any board walks, because of the risk to pedestrians, young and old	• Agreed the proposed low-level timber parking barriers will ensure this occurs • Disagree, the pathway & boardwalk will be a multi-use track enabling cyclists to use the path. This is not seen as major issue as other pathways and boardwalks operate without any major issues. The design meets the Austroads standards for a shared path
	<i>Consultation</i> • Some people disappointed they haven't been invited to any of the consultation meetings as they live across the road from the lake, visit it often and support the project fully	• The Project Working Group is considered to comprise of people with extensive knowledge & experience. The City doesn't normally liaise with every property owner. This is done as part of the exhibition of the draft enabling input from those interested. This has been undertaken & only a few residents have made submissions
14. P & E Wrigglesworth	<i>1.2m conservation fencing</i> • Unaware of any publicity about a significant dog problem that can justify the expense of a perimeter fence – the issue should be addressed by the Council ranger	• It is agreed that there has not been any publicity about a dog problem in this reserve, however incidents have occurred involving injury to birds. The justification for the fence is based on the conservation status of the birds using the wetland, the anticipated

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14. P & E Wrigglesworth Cont	• Lake Lorne is a natural feature which will be totally lost by the erection of such a barrier • Where is there a perimeter fence around Lake Connewarre or McLeods Waterholes?	increase in visitors (incl. dog walkers) once the pathway is built & the rapid population increase as a result of the Drysdale/Clifton Springs urban growth area • The beauty & values of Lake Lorne will not be totally lost. There will of course be visual changes but if no action is taken then the ecological values of the reserve could be severely affected. The Masterplan provides for a range of positive actions to this natural area • No fencing around Lake Connewarre due to its size & lack of urbanized areas adjacent to it. McLeods Waterholes does not have the same ecological values & birdlife as Lake Lorne and as such does not warrant the need. Brett Lane also provides a response to this issue in his report

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14. P & E Wrigglesworth Cont'd	<i>Post and rail barrier fencing</i> • Hope the committee consider building with the inclusion of parking bays to allow off-road parking for park users • Hope the plan provides for the use and enjoyment of the majority of the districts residents and visitors and reviews the desires of the many smaller special interest groups in proportion to the wider population	• The Masterplan provides for informal parking along Reserve Road as well as the parking available in the Drysdale Railway Station precinct. • Noted. A thorough consultation process has been undertaken to ascertain the views of a wide range of people. The primary focus however in constructing a pathway in this reserve is linked to the long-term protection of its ecological values
15. Catherine Jones	• Have you made contact with the old Lake Lorne Management committee? Old local knowledge is invaluable and relevant today.	• Attempted to find out more details about this group but was unsuccessful. Don't believe this will impact on the project
16. Bellarine Greens	• Congratulate the City on the draft plan and most of the concerns are addressed • Following matters are requested to be considered: ○ Would like dialogue and consultation undertaken with the Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative ○ Any fencing shall not use C.C.A or any other chemically treated posts – use sustainable harvested white cypress pine	• Noted • The Wathaurong have been consulted, being the new Registered Aboriginal Party • Agreed

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16. Bellarine Greens Cont'd	○ Barriers of plants such as Acacia paradoxa could be used in sections as an alternative to fencing ○ Removal of dead trees that create habitat is a worry ○ Have any studies been done to determine the state of the silt in the lake as there was lots of chemicals used for farming in the area? If found clear, post-hole soil excavated could be used on-site for landscaping, reshaping etc ○ Will current natural rain run off into the lake be affected by the pathways and other works? ○ Have allowances been made for access to the fluctuating lake levels – from flood to dry bed drought conditions	● Planting can be used & has been tried along the south side of the reserve with mixed results due to vandalism & weather conditions ● Only those deemed unsafe arboriculturally due to proximity to the pathway will be removed ● No works are being done in the actual wetland, so no disturbance of silt will occur. Material removed from fencing works will be relocated to the higher parts of the reserve ● No, as there will be grassed/vegetated areas between the path and lake trapping any fine silt. The boardwalk would be constructed in the drier months when water levels have receded & be governed by a Construction Environment Management Plan ● Yes the alignment of the path & other works factors in these variations

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16. Bellarine Greens Cont'd	○ Has the site been tested for acid sulphate soils ○ The NE corner has a number of dead wattles – is this natural or is there a problem? This open area is suitable for revegetation ○ Design should allow a discreet, single file, all weather path- not bitumen ○ Evidence on-site of the use of glyphosate spray as close as 4m from the present lake edge. This should be immediately discontinued and alternative methods used ○ Friends of lake Lorne could be formed ○ Several birds hides should be established. Preferable to incorporate a bird hide on the lake edge as part of the Masterplan rather than leave it to a later date. ○ Bird hides would have high environmental education value.	• No not as yet. A soil test can be arranged as part of the detailed design undertaken for the boardwalk • The wattles in the NE corner have been affected by borer infestation which is common with this species. This area will be revegetated with suitable EVC listed species • Agreed • The contractors using the spray are complying with the on-label specifications of the chemical used- where possible spraying is avoided & other methods are used • Agreed • Noted, this has been raised in other submissions • Agreed

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16. Bellarine Greens Cont'd	○ First preference is one cited on the elevated northern bank near the Cypress Pine, looking south. A second site is on the western shore near the meander of the proposed path ○ Rather than informal on-grass parking along Reserve Road, prefer a designated unsealed car park with shade trees. Avoids problems of soil compacts around trees along Reserve Road ○ Eco tourism potential enhanced by a native discovery and educational trail as part of the Masterplan. Special attention given to developing a fund and engaging zone and actions for children	• All bird hide locations will involve extensive consultation with DSE, GFNC & BellBOCA. Advice will also be sought from Brett Lane • Disagree, prefer to keep infrastructure along Reserve Road to a minimum and have an informal parking arrangement. This can be monitored over time. • Noted, this can be a feature of the reserve once the interpretative signs are developed
17. Tony & Jan Underwood	• The wildlife's environment should not change, should be a quiet area with information to learn about the area • The use of boardwalks is supported	• The Masterplan is focused on protecting the wildlife and strategically planning for the rapid growth to the population of Drysdale/Clifton Springs. Information signs will be erected to assist in educating visitors about the reserve & its inhabitants • Noted

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17. Tony & Jan Underwood	• No adult bicycles should be allowed to use the pathway. Danger and annoyance to pedestrians, potential for falls when approached and chased by dogs • Dogs must be on-leads in the reserve, to difficult to control off-lead due to unpredictable nature • Children with a bike/scooter are allowed under the supervision of parents • A raised boardwalk needs to go right around Lake Lorne, due to the water level changing constantly, soft ground on the edges and blue-green algae issues • Handicapped and elderly visitors can negotiate a boardwalk better than a path • Horses could skirt around the outside of the boardwalk. • Doesn't support the conservation area fencing around the lake	• Disagree, as stated previously it will be a multi-use pathway • Agree, dogs on leash signs to be erected • Noted • Disagree, this is not required and impractical from a cost & need perspective. The path has been located well away from the flood level & the soft edges • A similar path around Blue Waters Lake Reserve in Ocean Grove is easily used by the elderly and disabled visitors • Horses will still be able to move through the perimeter of the reserve • Advice received from Brett Lane & Birgita Hanson, ARI water bird scientist supports the use of the proposed fence to reduce significantly the risk to wildlife on the wetland from dogs

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17. Tony & Jan Underwood Cont	• No Crown land Reserve and significant wetland should be fenced • The fence would corale the wildlife in making it easier for foxes and packs of dogs. Foxes can jump a 6' fence • Hardly see any dogs walked around the lake • Pelican young will be trapped and defenseless allowing only the parents to escape • Birds with large wingspans need a fair take off area and the fence would restrict this.	• DSE are not opposed to the proposed fencing. As Brett Lane advises, larger wilder wetland reserves (ie Lake Conneware) are not in areas where there is dense and increasing urban development & associated increasing visitation. Also, there are extensive areas of relatively undisturbed habitat as a refuge from the relatively limited areas subject to disturbance • Brett Lane has addressed this in his report and doesn't see this as an issue. Regardless of the height of any fence erected, the City & DSE will need to investigate a fox control program for this reserve • Noted, however the local population is about to rapidly increase, there is no formal pathway at present encouraging dog walkers & Geelong has one of the highest dog registration numbers of any Council • Brett Lane has addressed this issue in his report & it is not considered to be a problem • As above

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17. Tony & Jan Underwood Cont'd	• Spend the fencing money on a boardwalk, corral the visitors for the environments protection • For the wildlife's sake contain the humans and domestic animals and leave the wildlife free to be wild – get it right from the beginning • Excited to see the Masterplan eventuate in all other respects – seats, signs, post and rail parking barriers. • Surprised the City did not include the residents skirting the lake in earlier discussions. You therefore do not have information about the reserve over a 24 hour timeframe	• As discussed previously a boardwalk around the wetland is not feasible or warranted • It is considered the proposed Masterplan achieves this balance & is supported by DSE & a specialist ecologist • Noted • Informal discussions were held with a local resident in Reserve Road before the project commenced. Such a process is not normally undertaken when developing a Masterplan
18. WK Bufton	• Other towns have a big something so it is suggested that a bunyip be erected on the edge of Lake Lorne near the corner of High Street & the former railway line crossing	• Proposal is noted supported in this conservation reserve. Suggest it is better suited to other reserves in Drysdale/Clifton Springs. Being a Crown Land Reserve DSE were consulted & has advised in summary that placing permanent structures that do not serve a particular purpose on Crown Land is not considered favourably.

2. PLANNING FOR THE LARA WEST URBAN GROWTH AREA

Portfolio: Planning – Cr Macdonald
Source: Economic Development, Planning and Tourism – Strategic Implementation
General Manager: Peter Bettess
Index Reference: Amendment C246

Summary

- This report briefs Council on the preliminary planning for the Lara West Urban Growth Area.
- The planning will inform Amendment C246 – an application to apply the Urban Growth Zone, accompanied by a Precinct Structure Plan, Native Vegetation Precinct Plan and Development Contributions Plan. The application is expected to be received in mid 2012.
- The Lara West Urban Growth Area is identified in Clause 21.13 of the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme as 'Future residential'.
- The Growth Area is bounded by Patullos, O'Hallorans, Windermere and Bacchus Marsh Roads and has a total area of 390 hectares. Given its size, development will be staged and full development is likely to be spread over 2-3 decades.
- The area comprises multiple lots developed for low density residential purposes with some larger properties being vacant and managed for rural use.
- Landowners of the larger rural properties have formed Lara Lakes Pty Ltd and engaged Lara Lakes Project Management (LLPM) to achieve a rezoning of the land. LLPM have engaged ABC Project Management as project manager and SMEC Urban as the planning consultant.
- SMEC Urban prepared a Project Management Plan and technical background reports to help inform the planning process. Council, State Government agencies and authorities and the proponent have begun work-shopping this information in a collaborative arrangement.
- Council has written to all the landowners and occupiers in the Growth Area to inform them of the preliminary planning for the area. A community consultation session is planned for February 2012.
- Council will continue to work in partnership with the proponent and State Government agencies and authorities to plan for the Growth Area and provide timely information to local residents.
- A further report to Council will be prepared when the Planning Scheme Amendment application is received.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That Council notes the preliminary planning for the Lara West Urban Growth Area.

** Cr S Kontelj entered the meeting room at 7.14pm.*

Carried.

2. PLANNING FOR THE LARA WEST URBAN GROWTH AREA (CONT'D)

Report

Background

The Lara Structure Plan April 2011 states that the land bounded by Patullos, Bacchus Marsh, Windermere and O'Hallorans Road provides for the best un-fragmented opportunity for Lara's future growth. Lara has long been identified in the Municipal Strategic Statement of the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme as a primary greenfield residential growth node.

The land area is approximately 390 hectares and mostly used for rural pursuits, with rural residential size lots in the West Gateway subdivision and fronting onto the eastern end of Patullos Road. Many of these smaller lots are between 1.5 and 2 hectares and developed with houses.

A zoning map showing the location of the Lara West Urban Growth Area is at Appendix 2-1 and an aerial map is at Appendix 2-2.

The Lara Structure Plan recommends that this area should be developed via the Urban Growth Zone and accompanied by a Precinct Structure Plan, Native Vegetation Precinct Plan and Development Contributions Plan. Development is to integrate with the existing township so staging should occur from east to west.

Importantly, the Structure Plan states that a Planning Scheme Amendment should be considered when the lot supply of the township falls below 15 years or it is clear that other identified opportunities will not be realised in a timely manner.

The Lara Structure Plan was approved by the Minister for Planning on 11 August 2011 and the necessary planning elements implemented into *Clause 21.13 Lara* of the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme. Key relevant strategies include:

- *Support the rezoning of 'future residential' areas when a review of lot supply indicates rezoning is necessary to continue to achieve at least 15 years lot supply taking into consideration any infill opportunities that will not be realised in the short term.*
- *Ensure the sequential development of 'future residential' area west of O'Hallorans Road proceeds from east to west.*

Key landowners in the Growth Area have formed Lara Lakes Pty Ltd who engaged Lara Lakes Project Management (LLPM) to achieve a rezoning of the site to enable its development for residential purposes. LLPM have engaged ABC Project Management as project manager and SMEC Urban as the planning consultant.

On 31 October 2011 SMEC Urban submitted a Project Management Plan that sets out a program of tasks and actions required prior to lodging a Planning Scheme Amendment by mid 2012. The program includes Council and State Government agency and authority workshops, a community consultation session and regular Council review of working drafts.

In association with the Project Management Plan the proponent has prepared a number of technical reports to support the proposal. Some of the notable findings of this work include:

- At full development the site could yield up to 4,000 lots with an approximate population of 10,000 to 11,000 people.

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- The site is directly to the west of another potential development site, Manzeene Avenue (estimated 500 lots).
- A Neighbourhood Activity Centre of 4,700sqm, including a full-line supermarket, would be supportable from 2020.
- Potential exists for the provision of a convenience centre on O'Hallorans Road.
- A multipurpose community centre/hub to service the precinct.
- Provision for two primary schools and Y9-12 campus for Lara Secondary College.
- An active recreation reserve which includes sporting fields, pavilion, playground and passive area.
- Develop a linear park along the Hovell Creek Tributary and stormwater drains and provide walking paths and recreation facilities in the park.
- At full development the area is expected to generate in the order of 28,000 additional vehicle trips per day to and from the external road network. Improvements to the existing external road network will be required.

Discussion

Supported by the Lara Structure Plan and the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme, Council planning officers consider there is sufficient strategic merit to proceed with the planning for the Lara West Urban Growth Area. The project has been allocated planning scheme amendment number C246.

Amendment C246 will consist of a request to rezone the area to the Urban Growth Zone, together with a Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), Development Contributions Plan and a Native Vegetation Precinct Plan.

Central to the process will be for the proponent to demonstrate that the rezoning is necessary to continue to achieve at least 15 years residential lot supply, taking into consideration any infill opportunities that will not be realised in the short term. SMEC Urban has advised that a Lot Supply Analysis is being finalised and will be provided to Council in early 2012.

The Project Management Plan provides for a collaborative working arrangement between the proponent, Council officers and State Government agency and authority staff. This gives Council a proactive role in the preliminary planning, particularly regarding matters such as drainage, traffic management, community and recreation facilities and activity centre size and location.

The Project Management Plan envisages the Amendment being lodged with Council by mid 2012. A further report to Council will be prepared after the Amendment request is received.

2. PLANNING FOR THE LARA WEST URBAN GROWTH AREA (CONT'D)

Environmental Implications

Planning for the area will consider the State Planning Policy Framework, the PSP Guidelines prepared by the Growth Areas Authority and the City of Greater Geelong Sustainable Communities Infrastructure Development Guidelines October 2010.

Any new urban development of this size will increase energy use and greenhouse emissions. Emissions will be minimised by creating communities that contain services within walkable distances to encourage forms of movement other than the car. The Growth Area will also be large enough to support a central bus route that links to the Lara Train Station and Town Centre.

The area can efficiently connect to gas and electricity infrastructure immediately to the east. Smarter home designs, as advocated by the City's Future Proofing Geelong Program, is a significant way for developers and home owners to reduce energy use.

Barwon Water has indicated a preference for growth to occur in a structured, staged way, remaining closely aligned with trunk infrastructure. The Authority states that Class A recycled water will not be considered for the development at this stage and encourages the implementation of stormwater harvesting schemes for public open space.

An initial flora and fauna assessment concludes that cropping, ploughing and grazing have significantly modified or removed remnant grassland communities through much of the study area. A Native Vegetation Precinct Plan shall form part of the Amendment documents. Extensive revegetation will occur in areas of public open space, particularly along and in water ways, in conjunction with best practice stormwater management.

Financial Implications

The planning for the Growth Area will require Council resources. The main financial implications ultimately will relate to the provision of services and infrastructure for a new community.

A Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO) is to form part of the planning for the Growth Area. The purpose of the DCPO is to levy developer contributions for the provision of works, services and facilities before development can commence.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The Growth Area is identified as 'Future residential' in the Lara Structure Plan and Clause 21.13 of the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No Council Officers involved in this report have any direct or indirect interest, in accordance with Section 80(c) of the Local Government Act.

Risk Assessment

There are not expected to be any notable risks associated with either implementing or not implementing the recommendation contained in this report.

2. PLANNING FOR THE LARA WEST URBAN GROWTH AREA (CONT'D)

Social Considerations

Councils are required to ensure a sufficient supply of land is available in designated growth areas for residential, commercial and other community uses, including affordable housing close to jobs, transport and services.

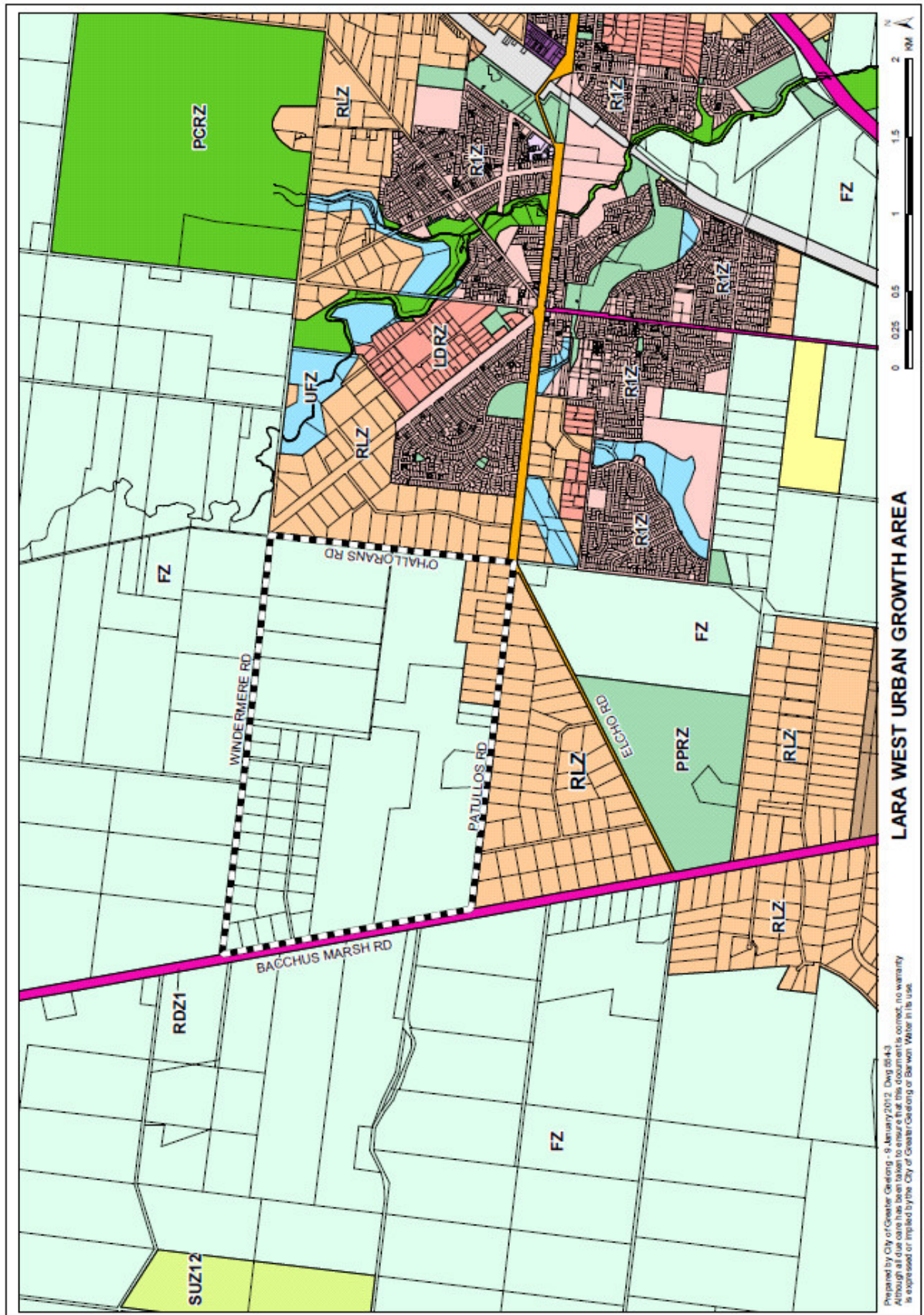
The Lara West Urban Growth Area will be a fully planned community that promotes affordable housing. The scale of the development, staged over many years, will also be a significant economic and employment generator for the Geelong region.

Communication

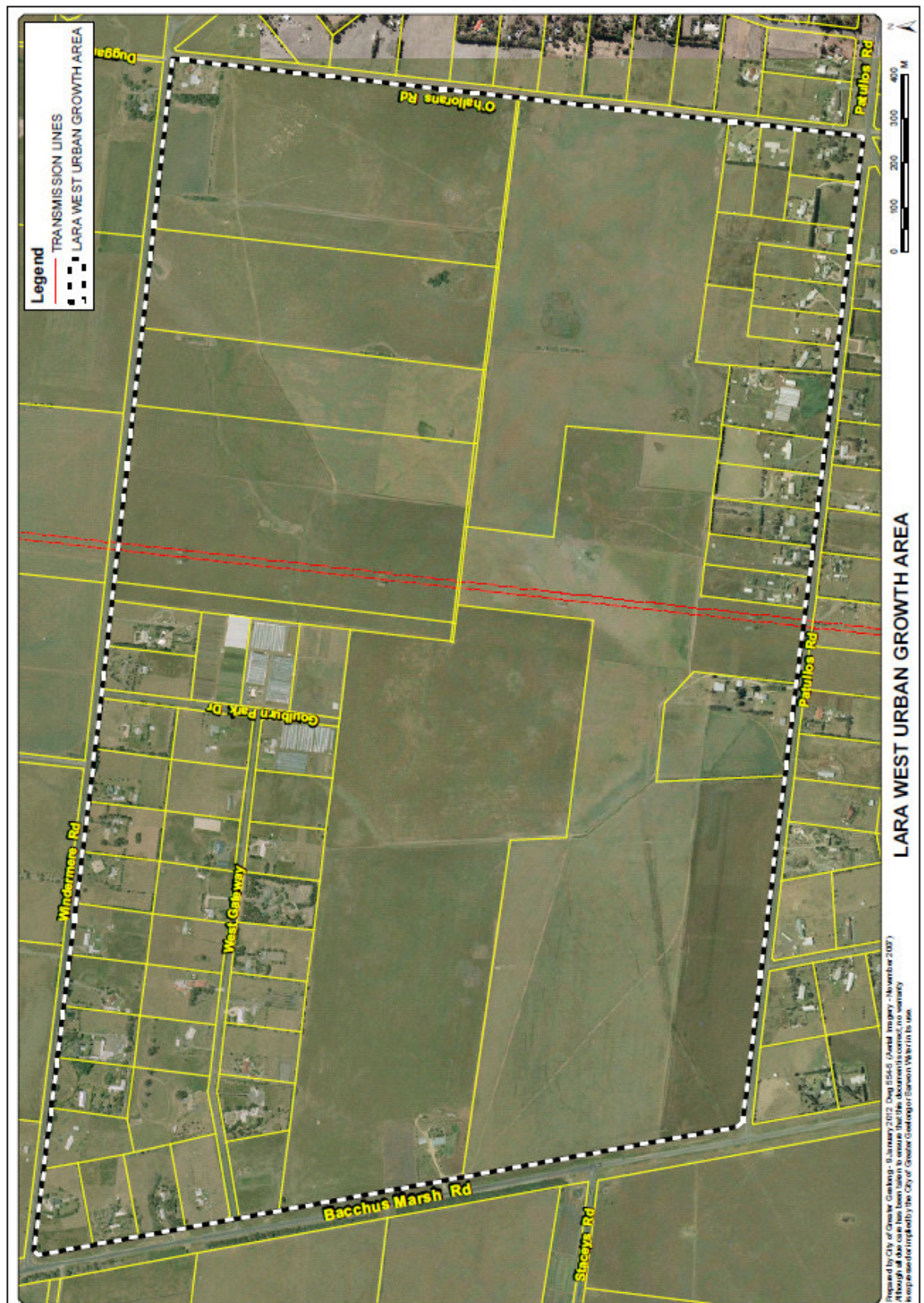
On 5 December 2011 Council officers wrote to all directly affected landowners and occupiers informing them of the preliminary planning for the Growth Area. The letter also flagged a joint Council and proponent consultation meeting to be held in February 2012, to which all owners/occupiers will be invited.

Formal exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment C246 is anticipated in the second half of 2012, subject to the endorsement of Council and the Minister for Planning.

APPENDIX 2-1 – Zoning Map



APPENDIX 2-2 – Aerial Map



3. GROVEDALE INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Portfolio:	Community Services – Cr Fisher
Source:	Community Services / Family Services
General Manager:	Jenny McMahon
Index Reference:	Subject: Community Services / Family

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council on the development of an Integrated Children's Centre in Grovedale and to seek endorsement from Council on the scope of the project.
- This project has previously been reported to Council in May 2011 and June 2011.
- The State Government has made a commitment of \$2 million towards a new Integrated Children's Centre in Grovedale.
- Current Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and kindergarten facilities in Grovedale have been identified as being inadequate to meet existing and future service requirements. In July 2010, Council approved the temporary relocation of the MCH Centre to Reynolds Road, Belmont, until the development of a new integrated centre could be completed in Grovedale.
- This project will further develop the Grovedale Community Centre situated at John Croft Reserve in Heyers Road, Grovedale, to incorporate an expanded range of early years services. The proposed scope of the project includes a refurbishment of the existing Centre.
- Investigations have been completed and the services proposed to be incorporated are two kindergarten rooms, three consulting rooms, a toy library area and a registered multi-purpose room that will be available for playgroup and possibly occasional care.
- At this stage it is not proposed to include a long day care service. Current data suggests that the need for child care is being met through the existing services. However, the development of the Centre will be designed in such a way as to allow for future development of a long day care component should it become necessary.
- Traffic management issues have been raised through discussions at Project Control Group meetings. A traffic management study will form part of this project to identify any impact to the existing site and Heyers Road.
- The estimated gross cost of the project, including the new services and the refurbishment of the existing facility, is in the order of \$6.6 million. This is a net cost to Council of \$4.6 million.
- Discussions in regard to governance of the facility and responsibility for service provision are progressing and will be the subject of a future report to Council

Cr Richards moved, Cr Fisher seconded -

That Council:

- 1) **Authorises officers to proceed with a design for the Grovedale Integrated Children's Centre, which includes two kindergarten rooms, three consulting rooms, toy library, multi-purpose room, ancillary areas and refurbishment of the existing facility.**
- 2) **Refers the sum of \$4.6 million (net) for consideration in future budgets.**

3. GROVEDALE INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S CENTRE (CONT'D)

Resolution (Cont'd)

- 3) Authorises officers to complete a traffic and pedestrian study in regard to the selected site.**

Carried.

Report

Background

The State Government has granted Council \$2 million for an integrated children's centre at Grovedale. Previous reports to Council in both May and June 2011 identified the need for services in Grovedale and sought direction from Council to progress the project.

In 2010, initial concept plans were developed for the Grovedale Community Centre site to incorporate Early Years facilities. Current early childhood facilities in Grovedale are largely stand alone and ageing.

Council has previously approved the Grovedale Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Centre to be temporarily relocated to Reynolds road, Belmont until new facilities could be constructed. In addition, the site of the existing single room Grovedale Kindergarten is situated in a built up area with no scope to expand the ageing facility to meet future program and population requirements.

As previous reports to Council noted, the Heyers Road site provides potential land and scope for the development of a community hub that provides for a wide range of community needs and services.

Following these reports to Council, a scope for the project has been determined.

Discussion

The need for integrated services, particularly for families with young children has been clearly articulated in previous reports to Council.

Contemporary community facility planning and service development practices in children's services has shifted away from the provision of single purpose buildings to the development of multi-purpose facilities, which incorporate a wide range of compatible and complementary services and programs.

Integrated Children's Centres, funded by the State Government, are expected to provide a range of services that must include: kindergarten and Maternal and Child Health, along with provision for early intervention and family support services.

There are a number of service components to consider in this project based on community and infrastructure needs. Included in the project scope at this stage are:

- Two kindergarten rooms providing a double unit facility with capacity for four groups of 33 children each group
- Three consulting rooms – two rooms designated Maternal and Child Health, with one room for early intervention, family support and other services
- Capacity for a toy library, multi-purpose room and ancillary areas, e.g. kitchen, staff rooms, etc

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- Refurbishment of the existing Centre which is ageing, dated and in need of a refurbishment. Some of these works will be required as the building is adapted to greater use
- At this stage it is not proposed to include a long day care service. Current data suggests that the immediate need for child care is being met through existing services and that a long day care service is not warranted. However, the design of the Centre will enable the future development of a long day care component should it become necessary.

Two other key issues have been raised as part of the Project Control Group discussions:

- Traffic Management – It is acknowledged that there are current traffic management issues in Heyers Road and at various intersections in the immediate area. In addition, there are also pedestrian access issues through a lack of footpaths and safe crossing points. While these are pressing issues it is unclear at this stage how much additional impact the Grovedale Children's Centre development might have on these issues. A traffic study will be required as part of the project.
- John Croft Reserve – The expansion of the current Centre will impact upon the current Reserve, encroaching further onto open space. To ensure that the development is sensitive to other existing uses, e.g. the community garden and playground, it is imperative that the architect explores the contextual issues of the siting and design of the new facility.

Environmental Implications

There are no known environmental implications associated with this project. Environmental Sustainable Design principles would be incorporated into the detailed design of the facility, consistent with contemporary quality and design principles and requirements.

While the proposed facility will be designed to maximise environmental benefits, any costs provided do not include environmental features over those that are required by the building code.

Financial Implications

The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$6.6 million if all components currently identified as in scope are delivered. The State Government grant of \$2 million will result in a net cost to Council of \$4.6 million.

There is currently \$2 million allocated in Council's long term financial plan. At the time it was assumed the project cost would be in the order of \$4.3 million.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The project is in line with federal, state and local governments' vision of integrated children's services and community hubs.

3. GROVEDALE INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S CENTRE (CONT'D)

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

Pursuant to Section 80(c) of the Local Government Act 1989, no Council staff involved in the preparation of this report have a direct or indirect interest in the matter to which this report relates.

Risk Assessment

There is a risk to Council's reputation if it is unable to provide essential early childhood services to the Grovedale community.

A governance structure is currently being developed to manage the operations of the Integrated Children's Centre.

Financial and operational risks will be identified for each phase of this project and will be mitigated through various control measures.

Social Considerations

The provision of strong and effective support to children and families in the early years of children's development and family formation are widely recognised as having significant long-term benefits and implications for children's early development, family participation and community wellbeing.

Provision of high quality services, facilities and environments that support and encourage positive participation and access by children and families have been identified as being critical to improving children's early development outcomes, addressing disadvantage, reducing family isolation and contributing to the creation of more vibrant, cohesive and prosperous communities.

Communication

Council's Community Development and Family Services Departments will be responsible for communicating and reporting on the information contained within this report.

4. RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

Portfolio:	Community Safety, Education & Youth – Cr Farrell
Source:	Community Services – Community Development
General Manager:	Jenny McMahon
Index Reference:	Subject: Committees / Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee
	Subject: Community Development / Alcohol & Drugs

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to recommend updates to the City of Greater Geelong's 2008 Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, as well as the Terms of Reference of the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee. In addition this report provides a mid-term account of the activities and achievements of the Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009–2013.
- Local government has the capacity to influence the management of alcohol and other drugs utilising a range of mechanisms such as land use planning, licensing, regulation, community development, leadership and workforce development. The Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, along with the Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009–2013 and the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee are the key elements to ensuring Council is informed, connected and responsive to alcohol and other drug matters
- Council's Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy (originally titled Statement on Drugs) was first adopted in 1999, and reviewed in 2004 and 2008. The harm minimisation principles of reduced demand, reduced harm and reduced supply underpin the policy, and direct Council management of alcohol and other drug misuse. The recommended updates are advised by the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee, feedback from Council officers and a review against existing best practice approaches (refer Appendix 4-1).
- The Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (GDAPC) is an Advisory Committee of Council. It was established in 2001 and has been operating under its current Terms of Reference since 2004. The current Committee has representation from 11 key agencies including health, police, education and government. Dr Darren Palmer currently chairs the committee.
- GDAPC has reviewed the existing Terms of Reference and recommended some revision for Council's consideration (refer Appendix 4-2).
- In 2008 the Department of Human Services (Victoria) funded Council to facilitate and develop a regional Drug Action Plan for the municipalities within the Barwon Region (Queenscliffe, Geelong, Surf Coast and Colac Otway). The result is an overarching regional framework with each local government adopting a local action plan.
- The Geelong Drug Action Plan (GDAP) 2009–2013 adopted by Council in 2009, provides a strategic direction in responding to the management of alcohol and other drugs. The GDAP is deliberately flexible to ensure it stays relevant and responsive to emerging issues.
- Since the adoption of the GDAP a range of key projects have been implemented across the four action areas including:

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- Barwon Safe Parties project 2009–2011. This was a federally funded project responding to concerns regarding young people and binge drinking
- Wathaurong, University of NSW and COGG National Cannabis 'Smoke and Mirrors' Program – Part One. In collaboration with Wathaurong this project used an arts approach to produce a glass sculpture addressing the issues of cannabis use within the Aboriginal community
- Barwon Region and Geelong Drug Action Plan webpage developed (located on the Geelong Australia website)
- A range of activities facilitated during Drug Action Week 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Cr Farrell moved, Cr Fisher seconded -

That Council:

- 1) Adopts the revised Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy 2011–2013 (Appendix 4-1);**
- 2) Adopts the revised Terms of Reference for the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (Appendix 4-2);**
- 3) Thanks the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee members for their contribution to the health and wellbeing of Geelong citizens through their input to the management of alcohol and other drug misuse;**
- 4) Acknowledges the achievements and future directions of the Barwon Regional Drug Action Plan 2009–2013.**

Carried.

Report

Background

Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

In the late 1990s there was an escalation of concern regarding harm related to drug misuse in the Geelong region. In response, the City of Greater Geelong developed a Statement on Drugs, which spelled out the role of Council and identified the guiding principles to underpin future responses of the City of Greater Geelong. The resulting Council policy – Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy – was adopted in 1999 and reviewed in 2004 and 2008.

The harm minimisation principles of reduced demand, reduced harm and reduced supply underpin the policy and direct Council management of alcohol and other drug misuse. These principles have consistently informed and guided the actions of Council in responding to drug misuse.

The policy encompasses both legal and illegal (illicit) drugs. Legal drugs include alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and prescription medications. Illegal drugs include those drugs identified under the Drugs, Poisons & Controlled Substances Act, 1981.

Council has the capacity to influence the management of alcohol and other drugs through a number of mechanisms including:

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- **Land use planning.** Councils can plan for more inclusive and safer communities through their role in land use planning, including the provision of health services, public transport and urban design.
- **Licensing and regulation.** Advice regarding the provision of permits and licences for the sale and consumption of alcohol, along with the role of local laws, are all key mechanisms used by local government to manage the use of alcohol.
- **Facilitation and leadership.** Resourcing committees such as the Geelong Drug Action Plan provides for integrated strategic responses in the management of drug misuse. Additionally, the City of Greater Geelong plays a role in relation to public order through forums such as the regional Liquor Accords.
- **Community engagement.** Local relationships which facilitate community engagement are well developed in Geelong. Developing projects such as Party Safe and the Smoke and Mirrors projects engages local people to develop responses to their issues, and at the same time to have a voice in broader strategic responses.
- **Workforce development.** As a major employer in the Geelong region Council has the ability to implement staff procedures and training to better support staff who may be experiencing issues related to drugs.

These mechanisms provide Council with a framework for the management of alcohol and other drugs to support and foster healthy communities.

The Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (GDAPC)

The Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (GDAPC) is an Advisory Committee of Council which was established in 2001 and has been operating under its current terms of Reference since 2004. Since this time two Drug Action Plans have been developed and implemented.

The GDAPC has developed over time from its origins as the Geelong Drug Advisory Committee. In the eight years since the inception of the (current) GDAPC, a number of members have contributed to the direction of the Geelong Drug Action Plan activities. The current Committee includes representation from the following organisational members:

- Dr Darren Palmer, Deakin University – Chairperson
- Cr Jan Farrell, Community Safety, Education and Youth portfolios, City of Greater Geelong
- Barwon Youth
- Salvation Army
- Victoria Police
- City of Greater Geelong – Community Development
- BATForce
- Drug Treatment Services, Barwon Health
- Headspace Barwon
- Department of Human Services

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- Surf Coast Shire
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Deakin University (general member).

Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009-2013 (GDAP)

The current Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009–2013 (GDAP) was developed with funding from the Department of Human Services (Victoria) and adopted by Council in 2009 to provide strategic direction in responding to the management of alcohol and other drugs. The GDAP is deliberately flexible to ensure it stays relevant with the capacity to respond to emerging issues. The key areas for action are:

- Data collection
- Research
- Network
- Media and communication.

The GDAP also has a priority focus area which allows the plan to respond to emerging issues and short term projects.

Since its adoption in 2009 the following actions of the GDAP have been undertaken:

- Barwon Safe Parties project 2009–2011. This was a federally funded project responding to concerns regarding young people and binge drinking
- Wathaurong, University of NSW and COGG National Cannabis 'Smoke and Mirrors' Program – Part One. In collaboration with Wathaurong this project used an arts approach to produce a glass sculpture addressing the issues of cannabis use within the Aboriginal community
- A Barwon Region and Geelong Drug Action Plan webpage was developed (located on the Geelong Australia website)
- A range of activities have been facilitated during Drug Action Week 2009, 2010 and 2011
- Participation in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Safe and Healthy communities program
- Local drug and alcohol training was facilitated and hosted. This focused on responding to identified gaps
- Local drug and alcohol data profiles for the region were produced
- City of Greater Geelong's liquor licence referral process has been reviewed
- Drug and alcohol and mental health Quick Reference Guides have been updated, produced and distributed
- Supported and worked in partnership with the Colac Drug Action Plan Committee
- Drug and alcohol network forums have been hosted.

4. RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (CONT'D)

Discussion

It has been recognised that local government is best placed to respond to policy direction, as new evidence emerges in relation to community wellbeing and health. Through state government planning structures greater responsibility is being granted to local government in a number of drug policy areas. Council's Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy, the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (GDAPC) and the Geelong Drug Action Plan (GDAP) are the key elements to ensuring the City of Greater Geelong is informed and connected in relation to drug and alcohol matters.

Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy

In initially developing a response to the misuse of drugs, the focus of community concern was around heroin and deaths related to heroin. In turn this advised the focus of Council's activities. However, over the past decade these concerns have broadened to focus not only on illicit drugs, but also the misuse of legal drugs such as alcohol and prescription drugs.

The existing Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy has been reviewed and discussed by the GDAPC. The recommended changes are advised by these discussions as well as feedback from responsible Council officers and were reviewed against existing best practice approaches.

The focus of the recommended changes is based on linking the areas of influence (land use planning, licensing and regulation, facilitation and leadership, community engagement and workforce development) to the Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy.

Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (GDAPC)

The Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee (GDAPC) provides advice on both the Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy and the Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009–2013 (GDAP). The GDAPC provides the framework for the City of Greater Geelong to work in partnership with a range of agencies to pro-actively address alcohol and other drug management and misuse in the Geelong area.

The GDAPC has been operating under its current Terms of Reference for eight years. The timing of this report has provided the opportunity to review the Terms of Reference to better align the Committee to future Geelong Drug Action Plan processes.

The proposed changes to the Terms of Reference have been made in order to maximise the synergies and linkages across the activities involved in responding to drugs. This in turn will ensure that best use of resources and expertise are applied.

Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009–2013 (GDAP)

The Geelong Drug Action Plan continues to work in partnership with a number of local, state and federal agencies to meet the needs of the community. The GDAP offers communities a flexible, up-to-date and relevant approach to local drug and alcohol issues.

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Over the next two years the following will be further developed and implemented:

- Work with the newly established Barwon Medicare Local to review the existing Quick Reference Guides and develop a mental health navigation tool pilot
- Development of a Licensed Establishment Policy for the City of Greater Geelong
- Wathaurong, University of NSW and COGG National Cannabis Program – Part Two
- Incorporate relevant findings from the Barwon Safe Parties project into the GDAP and activities of partner agencies
- Continue to facilitate and promote local drug and alcohol training opportunities
- Continue to host the Drug and Alcohol Network forums
- Redevelopment of the Geelong Drug and Alcohol Data profile
- Review and evaluate the current Barwon Regional Drug Action Plan to advise the future Geelong Drug Action Plan.

As part of the integrated and interagency management of alcohol and other drugs Council actively participates in a range of local, regional and state level forums including Victorian Local Government Alcohol and Other Drugs Forum.

The integrated approach of policy, plan, advisory committee and working partnerships has ensured the Geelong response to the management of drug misuse operates from a strong foundation. The recommendations in the report build on this established base.

Environmental Implications

The City of Greater Geelong has in place procedures such as needle and syringe collection and disposal, as well as beach cleaning programs, which ensure decreased environmental and health implications.

Financial Implications

Programs are within current budget, and when opportunities arise grants are sought from government and philanthropic organisations.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

For the purpose of the Local Government Act, the Committee is an Advisory Committee to Council. The current policy, action plan and committee provide the framework for an integrated response to drug management within the City of Greater Geelong.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

There is no direct or indirect interest noted for this report.

4. RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (CONT'D)

Risk Assessment

Sound management of drug and alcohol through policies and plans will contribute to a decrease in risk for drug and alcohol misuse.

Social Considerations

The overall aim of the Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009–2013, is to respond to community concern in relation to drug and alcohol misuse, improve the health and wellbeing of communities as well as to highlight projects and the excellent work being done in Geelong.

Communication

The City's Community Development department is responsible for communication of the report and issues relating to the Geelong Drug Action Plan.

Partnerships across the broad health sector provide ongoing communication in relation to priority concerns regarding alcohol and other drug misuse and the implementation of the Geelong Drug Action Plan.

COUNCIL POLICY



Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs	Document No:	CPL295.7
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Authorising Officer:	Chief Executive Officer	

1. PURPOSE

This policy provides the community and council with a clear communication of the City of Greater Geelong's strategic response to drugs, the harm minimisation principles which guide the response to drugs, and the key platforms of the role Council plays in managing drug use in our community and minimising the harm caused by misuse.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to both legal and illegal drugs across all areas of Council.

In developing its strategic response to drugs the City of Greater Geelong collaborates with whole of community including, neighbouring Councils, Victoria Police, the Department of Education & Training, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services (state & federal), drug treatment services, community health and non government community organisations.

3. REFERENCES

- Geelong Health and Well Being Plan (2009 – 2013)
- Barwon Regional Drug Action Plan (2009 – 2013)
- Geelong Drug Action Plan (2009 – 2013)
- The Geelong Liquor Accord and Bellarine Liquor Accord
- Geelong Community Safety Strategy (2010 – 2013)
- G21 Health and Well Being Pillar
- Local Government alcohol and other Drugs Issues Forum (Municipal Association of Victoria)

4. DEFINITIONS

- Legal drugs – include alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and prescription medications
- Illegal drugs – include drugs identified under the Drugs, Poisons & Controlled Substances Act, 1981
- Drugs – in the context of this policy refers to illegal and legal drugs of all kind.

5. COUNCIL POLICY

Drugs – illegal and legal – require Council attention and response, both in terms of the harm they cause to drug users, and the impact that their use has on the wider Geelong community.

An appropriate and workable response to drugs requires a whole of government approach from all levels of government, as well as other organisations. But as the government closest to its people, local government must play a pivotal role.

Some important principles underpin and guide the work of Council in relation to drugs:

5.1. Harm minimisation

Reduce supply – reduce demand – reduce harm.

Harm minimisation accepts the reality that drugs exist, that they are being used, and that they threaten life.

It does not imply support for or even condoning of illegal drug use. Nor does it advocate decriminalisation of, or legalisation of drugs which are currently illegal.

The aim of harm minimisation is to prevent the potential harm, and to reduce the actual harm done to individuals and to the community by drugs.

5.2. Population Health

Strategies adopted must be considered, evidence based and informed in order to provide a whole of community, population health approach.

Drug use is not just a health issue: it is a social issue and a legal issue.

Council's strategies on drug response will be annually reviewed to ensure changing trends and needs are considered and the response to drugs continues to work for the whole community.

5.3. Consultation

To ensure that Council's response to drugs is and remains informed and accurate, Council is committed to ensuring that a range of views are sought and that appropriate consultative processes and mechanisms are in place. The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum guides the consultation processes.

5.4. A Range of Responses

A range of responses is required as there is no typical drug user and no single response to their drug use. Real solutions to managing drug use in the community must be numerous, and must recognise social and cultural diversity.

Council will ensure that action on drugs is taken and promoted in the following key areas of influence;

5.4.1. Facilitation, Advocacy and Partnerships

Local Government is in close contact with residents, community organisations, businesses, and other stakeholders at the local level. This influence can be used to develop shared understandings and encourage whole of community responses to social sustainability.

Council will:

- Provide leadership in planning and strategy development in responding to the harm caused by drugs, as guided by the Barwon Regional Drug Action Plan 2009 -2013.
- Stimulate and progress community discussion of issues related to drugs, via Council representation on relevant committees and forums.
- Represent the suggestions and wishes of our community to federal and state governments and agencies, and to other organisations, in the planning and implementation of their responses to drug issues.
- Facilitate and promote collaboration in responding to drug issues, through bodies such as the City of Greater Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee and the Local Government Alcohol and Other Drugs Forum.
- Encourage the development of networks for the debate and discussion of, and response to drug issues.
- Strengthen co-ordination and sharing of information between municipalities on drug strategies such as the Local Government Alcohol and other Drugs Issues Forum
- Work with all levels of government and community agencies to ensure effective, co-ordinated responses to drug issues.

5.4.2. Urban Planning and Land Use

A key role of Council is to manage local places in a coordinated, planned way that reflects the community's shared vision for the future.

Council will:

- Ensure that the needs of our community are addressed.
- Maintain a commitment to addressing urban design issues, which impact on drug issues.
- Work with the local community, government departments and business in developing appropriate plans and strategies to respond to drug and alcohol issues within the municipality.

5.4.3. Community Service delivery, community development and civic engagement.

Council is committed to preserving the safety, health and wellbeing of residents and visitors, and ensuring active civic participation.

Council will:

- Ensure that the drug statement informs existing and future initiatives, which intersect with drug issues such as the Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan, the Geelong Community Safety Strategy and G21 Health & Wellbeing Pillar.
- Continue to work with the Department of Health and key partnership groups in the development and continuous review of a Barwon Regional Drug Action Plan for Geelong.
- Through Environmental Health strategies, continue to play an active role in the safe disposal of needles and syringes.

- Through Council's Community Services Division continue to provide a range of activities which fosters skills through information, education, community action and supportive environments.

5.4.4. Licensing and Regulation

Council can utilise powers to set the local regulatory environment through assessment and approval processes and local laws.

Council will:

- Ensure the Drug statement informs existing and future processes for assessing and processing land use permits, liquor licenses and strategic planning documents.
- Continue to build capacity within council and with other enforcement bodies to further develop and improve regulatory systems.

5.4.5. Workforce Development

Council can lead the way in ensuring good occupational health and safety systems.

Council will:

- Build organisational capacity to incorporate harm minimisation principles in workplace systems.

6. QUALITY RECORDS

Quality Records shall be retained for at least the period shown below.

Record	Retention/Disposal Responsibility	Retention Period	Location
Drug Action Plan	Community Services	Permanent	Corporate Records

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Geelong Drug Action Plan (2009 – 2013)
- IAP2 participation spectrum

COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Drug Action Plan Committee	Document No:	CTR 295.7
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Authorising Officer:		Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

The purpose of the Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee is to provide expert advice to Council in relation to the misuse of alcohol and other drugs in the wider Geelong community. The Committee will focus on proactive health and community safety strategies.

The Committee is an Advisory Committee for the purposes of the Local Government Act, therefore does not have delegated authority, and reports to Council as required.

The Committee is established to provide advice to the Council regarding issues and initiatives surrounding drug related activity whilst developing:

- Inter-agency collaborative linkages and community partnerships
- Joint projects and activities to improve service planning and delivery
- Projects to implement the “ Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009-2013” and any future plans.

The Responsible Management of Alcohol and other Drugs Policy and the Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009-2013 shall guide the Committee. Consistent with policy the Committee shall focus on both licit and illicit drugs.

The target area for the Committee is the municipal boundary of the City of Greater Geelong.

2. OBJECTIVES

Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee shall

- Review and set in place mechanisms to enable the implementation of the Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009-2013 recommendations and actions
- Advocate / lobby
- Assist planning , policy development
- Participate in ongoing monitoring
- Maintain a media strategy

3. DEFINITIONS

Drugs refers to both illicit and licit drugs

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

4.1. Expected / Definite life of the Committee

Two years with the capacity for reappointment. Half to be appointed for one year, half for two to preserve continuity.

4.2. Constituency of the Committee

The Committee will consist of:

- City of Greater Geelong Councillors X 1
- Surfcoast Shire officer x 1
- An independent Chairperson x 1
- Department of Health x 1
- Treatment/Support Services – 1 position Barwon Health, 1 position Salvation Army
- Victoria Police x 1
- A representative from the broader Health Sector x 1
- Victorian Department of Education, Employment and Training (Barwon South West regional office) x 1
- An expert in Social Research x 1
- Barwon Adolescent Taskforce x 1
- Wathaurong Aboriginal Community x 1
- Barwon Youth x 1

Selection Process

The City of Greater Geelong will seek to select appropriate individuals based on expertise, involvement in appropriate networks and the need to ensure a balanced composition of the Committee.

Casual Vacancies

Council shall determine appointments to vacancies on the advice of the Committee. Any replacement must represent the category of the vacant member.

4.3. Authority of the Committee

The Committee may appoint working groups to pursue specific projects and issues as appropriate. Working groups for the Committee will be chosen where possible from the Geelong Drug Network on the basis of specialist interest to look at emerging issues of policy, planning and research.

Council gives authority to Committee to implement Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009-2013 Organisations/agencies will enact the plan.

4.4. Meeting Procedure

- The Committee will elect a chair from the membership.
- The Committee will meet quarterly.

4.5. Reporting Requirements/ Accountability

The Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee shall

- Review and update I Geelong Drug Action Plan 2009-2013
- Engage with organisations working directly in alcohol and other drug treatment services as well as agencies undertaking preventative and support programs. Including Councillors and government departments.
 - PDevelop strategies to ensure appropriate and adequate representation of all marginal groups.
 - Review its operations every 2 years.

4.6. Secretariat

The City of Greater Geelong's Community Development will support the Committee.

4.7. Facilities & Resources

The Committee shall not be funded per se. The cost of Committee administrative needs shall be borne by the Council's Community Development Department.

5. QUALITY RECORDS

Quality Records shall be retained for at least the period shown below.

Record	Retention/Disposal Responsibility	Retention Period	Location
Meeting minutes/agendas	Committee	Permanent	G150-13-06
Correspondence	Committee	Permanent	G150-13-05
Submissions	Committee	Permanent	G150-13-05

5. 2009–2013 GEELONG HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN STATUS REPORT

Portfolio: Community Development – Cr Fisher
Source: Community Services / Aged and Disability Services
General Manager: Jenny McMahon
Index Reference: Subject: Public Health / Public Health Plan

Summary

- The 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing (H&WB) Plan was adopted by Council on 23 February 2010.
- The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 requires Council to adopt, annually review and amend, as appropriate, their Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.
- The plan is based on the social model of health which identifies the environmental and social factors that impact on wellbeing.
- The 2009–2013 Geelong H&WB Plan is structured around six themes and is consistent with previous regional and Local Government plans. The themes are:
 - Safe and Healthy Environment
 - Preparing for Population Change
 - Better Access to Services
 - Community Strengthening, Social Inclusion and Mental Wellbeing
 - Physical Activity and Healthy Eating
 - Healthy Transport
- Reporting on the H&WB plan progress is now part of the corporate reporting process.
- This report contains a summary of the key outcomes of the plan over the last 12 months (refer Appendix 1).

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That Council notes the progress that has occurred in the implementation of the 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan over the last 12 months.

Carried.

Report

Background

The 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan outlines how the City of Greater Geelong is working to enhance the wellbeing of the community. The plan is based on a social model of health which aims for improvements in health and wellbeing by addressing the social and environmental factors that impact on community wellbeing.

5. 2009–2013 GEELONG HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN STATUS REPORT (CONT'D)

The priority themes of the plan are:

- Safe and Healthy Environment
- Preparing for Population Change
- Better Access to Services
- Community Strengthening, Social Inclusion and Mental Wellbeing
- Physical Activity and Healthy Eating
- Healthy Transport

Discussion

Some of the key achievements that have been made in each of the themes include:

Priority Theme 1 – Safe and Healthy Environment

Council's Environmental Management Strategy continues to be implemented with many of the ongoing actions being completed. These actions include revegetation programs, waterway improvement programs, community education, climate change mitigation and adaptation programs. (Strategy 1.2 Actions 2.01–2.04)

The Corio Norlane Environmental Network has continued to work with the community to redevelop open space areas such as Stead and Connections Parks and Labuan Square Shopping Centre. (Strategy 1.2 Action 2.05)

Council's Environmental Health Officers participate in a rooming house task force with Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Department of Health to examine issues associated with rooming houses. Rooming houses are now required to be registered with Council. (Strategy 1.3 Action 3.0)

Priority Theme 2 – Preparing for Population Change

Upgrade of the Old Courthouse Building has been completed; café has reopened and Courthouse ARTS has successfully undertaken a promotional fundraising performance and an inaugural exhibition in the new spaces. (Strategy 2.2 Action 2.02)

The Waurin Ponds library opened its doors in December 2011 with 3,600 visits in the first week and 167 new memberships taken out. Drysdale Library upgrade complete and Lara Interim library open before Christmas. The Geelong Regional Library Corporation has introduced a new community outreach service with a community library van visiting nursing homes for those unable to access library services due to frailty or disability.

Funding has been secured from both the State (\$15 million) and Federal (\$10 million) to match the City's own commitment of \$20 million to the new integrated Library and Heritage Centre. (Strategy 2.2 Action 2.04)

5. 2009–2013 GEELONG HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN STATUS REPORT (CONT'D)

To strengthen the municipality's capacity to underpin economic development and work with the business community, Council was successful in obtaining funding from State Government for 'Hit' Geelong strategy to elevate traffic to the Council Business Website Pages, and in August Council hosted a Small Business Festival that had 43 events.

Promoting the advantages of living and working in Geelong continues through several avenues such as the development of resource materials, ie. City Scope and monthly Indicators Bulletin and speaking at industry and business events to promote broad business opportunities. (Strategy 2.4 Action 4.02–4.05)

Priority Theme 3 – Better Access to Services

Best Start and Linking Schools and Early Years (LSEY) projects have developed a new partnership agreement and reconstituted partnership group. An action plan is being developed to reflect Best Start and LSEY indicators and outcome priorities. (Strategy 3.1 Action 1.06)

Thirty-three of the 53 actions of the Youth Strategy have been implemented with others on schedule. (Strategy 3.1 Action 1.11)

The Community Directory is being promoted to CALD communities and web updates are occurring to enable translations and easy access to information regarding CALD activities. (Strategy 3.2 Action 2.03)

Stage two of the Bellarine Transport Connections project is completed and Council has received funding for stage three which will include a municipal wide strategic component as well as the focus on the Bellarine Peninsula. (Strategy 3.3 Action 3.05)

Priority Theme 4 – Community Strengthening, Social Inclusion and Mental Wellbeing

The City offered three L2P training sessions throughout the year and trained 39 mentors that assisted 44 learner drivers. Two hundred and sixty-six driving sessions have been conducted, equating to over 392 driving hours. (Strategy 4.2 Action 2.05)

The Multicultural Action Plan was adopted by Council in April 2011 and activities will be implemented from 2011–2014. (Strategy 4.3 Action 3.05)

'The fOrT' Youth Centre has been opened and is offering a range of activities including a drop-in centre, free dance and music lessons and a meeting place. (Strategy 4.3 Action 3.07)

The City is chairing the Norlane Corio Urban Renewal Community Infrastructure and Transport Committee and has identified a range of key actions to be undertaken. (Strategy 4.3 Action 3.07)

The City continues to support initiatives that decrease harmful behaviours by administering and enforcing the Tobacco Act, delivering Responsible Serving of Alcohol across all events hosted at the Arena, hosting a Drug Action Week, delivering Drug and Alcohol education in partnership with Headspace and Barwon Youth and being actively involved in the White Ribbon Campaign. (Strategy 4.4 Actions 4.01–4.06 Strategy 4.5 Action 5.01–5.02)

5. 2009–2013 GEELONG HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN STATUS REPORT (CONT'D)

Priority Theme 5 – Physical Activity and Healthy Eating

During 2011 Council was fortunate to be selected to participate in the National Partnership for Preventative Health. This program is focussed on increasing the level of physical activity of residents, increasing the consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables and reducing smoking. The program which will commence in January 2012 will run for three and a half years with the objective to halt the increase in obesity and overweight within the community and further reduce smoking. . (Strategy 5.3 Action 3.01)

Food Security Network group has continued to use and gather evidence based research to gain an insight into the local level of Food Insecurity in the G21 region. It conducted the Victorian Market Basket Survey and is developing a directory of 'Who is doing What?' in terms of food relief, food rescue, low cost/no cost meals, nutrition education and food access.

Fresh food access has increased in the north of Geelong by the Food Security Network supporting Food Inc (funded by Workskil) to establish food swaps, fresh food markets and in the future will be developing a market garden in the northern area. (Strategy 5.1 Action 1.07)

Community Care Workers have completed the Active Service Model training which will support them to encourage older residents to remain physically active and independent for as long as possible. (Strategy 5.4 Action 4.02)

Children have been supported by a number of initiatives encouraging them to keep active through promoting active transport by the Travel Smart and Streets Ahead projects; Active Play training for all City and Learning Care Staff; and numerous programs run through our Council Leisure Centres. (Strategy 5.5 Actions 5.01–5.02)

Priority Theme 6 – Healthy Transport

Section 4A of the Geelong Ring Road opened with work is continuing on Section 4B and confirmation of the alignment of Section 4C. (Strategy 6.1 Action 1.01)

In recognition of the City's efforts to promote road safety and active travel, Council received the Kidsafe Victoria award. (Strategy 6.1 Action 1.02)

Central Geelong Shuttle continues to operate for workers into Central Geelong. Safe taxi ranks operate on Saturday nights/Sunday mornings as well as a night bus from Central Geelong for safety and to assist patrons. (Strategy 6.2 Action 2.04)

The Transport Connections Program funding will now be used to consider and support activities Geelong-wide including Norlane, Corio, Whittington, East Geelong, the Bellarine and Grovedale. A range of projects specific to the priorities of each community are being implemented. (Strategy 6.2 Action 2.01)

A summary update of all actions included in the 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan is attached.

5. 2009–2013 GEELONG HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN STATUS REPORT (CONT'D)

Environmental Implications

A key priority of the 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan is 'Safe and Healthy Environment' with actions outlined that are designed to enhance and preserve the natural environment, whilst creating a supportive built environment for the health of residents.

Financial Implications

All actions within the Health and Wellbeing plan are provided for in individual departmental budgets or are dependant upon external funding.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The annual update of the 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan fulfils the requirements outlined under Section 26 (4) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officer involved in the preparation of this report has any direct or indirect interest relative to the advice provided in the report.

Risk Assessment

The preparation of this report ensures compliance with the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 and contributes to Council's aim to achieve the actions outlined in the Plan by February 2014.

Social Considerations

The 2009–2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan reinforces Council's commitment to addressing the social determinants of health through planned and sustained action.

Communication

This report will be available to the community via the Geelong Australia website and on request.

2009-2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan 2011 Update

Priority Theme 1 Safe and Healthy Environment		
Action		Comments
Strategy 1.1 To facilitate appropriate urban development that encourages a healthy environment and healthy human behaviours and responses.		
1.01	Ensure that social, environmental, economic and cultural factors continue to be considered when planning and implementing sustainable urban design (eg. Healthy Spaces and Places guidelines).	H&W principles are incorporated into Armstrong Creek Precinct Structure Plans (PSP), Lara, Leopold and Central Geelong draft plans for, Portarlington and Lara town centre urban design framework
1.02	Extend the success of the graffiti action plan to address issues of vandalism including rapid response, prevention and policing - underpinned by community engagement)	Successful implementation of Graffiti Action Plan strategies
1.03	Continue to have regard to the Victorian State Government's Safer Design Guidelines in assessing the design and built form of new development.	Relevant applications assessed to comply with 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' Framework.
1.04	Ensure that commercial, industrial, recreational or passive land use activities do not impact negatively on community health and well being.	Relevant applications assessed to protect amenity of surrounding areas.
1.05	Continue to consider mechanisms which influence the social impact that new and existing liquor licenses have on drinking culture and Local Government's role.	ICLEI: Safe and Healthy Communities Program finished. Alcohol Harms LGA report presented to Foundation members. CoGG involved in Local Government Alcohol and other Drugs Issues Forum (LGAODIF). COGG cross divisional work group is reviewing current liquor licensing application process and developing a new referral pathway.
1.06	Proactively promote sustainable development within the parameters of the Sustainability Victoria guidelines.	Positive working relationship with Sustainability Victoria to develop a business case for a sustainable development across Armstrong Creek to inform work across the rest of the municipality.
1.07	Implement Council Tree Strategy for streets, parks and other community spaces.	New funding approved in 2011/2012 budget and \$500k.
Strategy 1.2 Provide a healthy and balanced ecological environment, which promotes health in a sustainable manner		
2.01	Continue to implement the Council Environmental Management Strategy (2006-2011).	Actions ongoing.
2.02	Provide protection for the enhancement and rehabilitation of the natural environment.	Ongoing works and programs continued to minimise community impacts on the natural environment.

Action	Comments
2.03 Establish recycling facilities for the processing of recycling containers, paper, cardboard and all organic waste that will result in at least 80% of household waste being processed for beneficial use.	Recycling facilities for containers, paper and cardboard and green waste kerbside collected in place. Advanced waste treatment facilities needed for food waste and other organic waste not viable for 80% recovery target in immediate and mid term future.
2.04 Develop and implement a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy including issues such as sea level rise, fire preparedness, health impacts, emergency management, storm events, and biodiversity impacts.	Climate Change Adaptation Strategy adopted by Council and implementation underway.
2.05 Support community participation regarding environmental issues affecting health and wellbeing. (examples include consulting residents in the north regarding design, safety and functionality of open space)	Ongoing consultation occurring with community over redevelopment of open space as a part of a number of plans in the North - Connections Park, Labuan Square, Stead Park.
2.06 Continue to support and assist the research into Mycobacterium ulcerans ('Bairnsdale Ulcer') organism and its impact on the Bellarine Peninsula communities.	Funding for research reduced, more focus will be on education measures for protection and getting treatment promptly.
2.07 Develop an Influenza Pandemic Plan for the City of Greater Geelong.	Plan nearly complete waiting for generic layout from DoH.
2.08 Maintain the City's 'State of the Environment' report, which outlines the major environmental factors that impact on health and well being and the appropriate responses to control such factors.	26/7/11 This report is no longer produced by the City.
2.09 Maintain the provision of advisory/information packs to assist residents with the proper management of asbestos products in domestic environments.	Provide Department of Health Booklet on 'Asbestos in the Home.' Intention is to develop an information kit as stated in the Business Plan.
2.1 Participate in the Terminals Community Consultative Committee (TCCC) and the Shell Community Advisory Panel (SCAP) and provide consumer feedback on emissions.	TCCC no longer exists, Community Liaison Group formed Council not required to attend.

Strategy 1.3 Provide a safe and healthy environment through the elimination of hazards and other environmental factors detrimental to community health and well being.

3.01 Provide and/or advocate for environmental health safeguards through the statutory role of the Environmental Health Department such as safe and sanitary healthy housing and work environments.	Rooming houses required to be registered with Council, process integrated in the Business Plan. Ongoing advocacy regarding safe, sanitary housing work environments.
3.02 Maintain coordination of Communicable Diseases Focus Group to monitor, report on and respond to infectious diseases, and promote strategies, behaviours and awareness relating to the prevention and control of infectious diseases within the community	CDFG meets quarterly but is updated regularly by email to share issues.

Priority Theme 2 Preparing for Population Change

Action	Comments
Strategy 2.1 To integrate 'Healthy by Design' concepts into future urban growth areas and within existing areas.	
1.01 Implement Best Practice in urban design principles in new areas and redevelopment areas.	Internal processes in place to ensure Departments are consulted re. appropriate design of developments.
1.02 Implement the Community Infrastructure Program 2009-2020 to provide multi-use facilities for all the communities.	Accessibility reports on community facilities reviewed and 2 year priority works list developed. Number of groups sharing facilities. In planning phases facilities are being designed for multi- use.
1.03 Develop information pathways to ensure ageing population needs are met in future urban growth areas (Armstrong Creek, Ocean Grove, Drysdale / Clifton Springs, Lara and Leopold) and newly developed structure plans (Leopold).	Social planning input into referral process and regular meetings between Aged and Disability staff to ensure input.
Strategy 2.2 To increase life-long learning in partnership with external stakeholders and education institutions	
2.01 Continue to provide quality education programs to children (including those with complex needs).	Education programs provided to all children attending City and Learning Care services, Early Learning Centres and School Holiday Programs.
2.02 Continue partnerships with key cultural institutions eg. Courthouse, art gallery	Courthouse facility upgrade completed - café open, Courthouse Arts exhibiting and Back to Back Theatre resumed in January 2012. Councillor and Council staff representation on Courthouse Board of Management. Courthouse ARTS Constitution and Strategic Plan reviewed, new Artist Director appointed and new leases between Council and Courthouse ARTS, Back to Back Theatre and Cafe developed.
2.03 Continue support to community education providers eg Neighbourhood houses, U3A	Ongoing general support and Council grants
2.04 In conjunction with Geelong Regional Library Corporation, implement the City Strategic Library Update Plan (including service extensions to Belmont, Lara and Waurin Ponds)	Waurin Ponds Library opened December 2011. 3,600 visits first week, 167 new memberships. Lara Interim Library opened. Drysdale Library upgrade completed. Community Outreach service with van visiting nursing homes and those unable to access service through limited mobility introduced. Funding from State (\$15ml) and Federal (\$10ml) secured to match Councils commitment of (\$20ml) for integrated Library and Heritage Centre.
2.05 Continue participation in local youth employment, education and training networks.	City's Youth Department Staff participate in Smart Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network and Barwon Adolescent Taskforce. Partnerships developed with a range of secondary schools and Youth Training Providers.
Strategy 2.3 Increase options, investigate alternative service models for services relating to the growing and ageing population.	
3.01 Monitor re-development projects for meeting the needs of the growing population, including affordable and accessible housing.	Partnership with G21 Housing Task Force. Geelong and G21 Housing data available via http://www.housingvictoria.com.au/Default.aspx

Action	Comments
3.02 Encourage and seek funding to operate pilot programs on alternative service models in healthy and active ageing and mobility and access. (examples include increasing availability of balance and strength training for older adults in the north)	Application submitted in August 2011 for Federal Funding via Healthy Communities Initiative to encourage healthy active lifestyle for ageing population- not successful.
3.03 Continue to action the Positive Ageing Strategy.	Live Well Positive Ageing Strategy incorporated into a number of the City's strategies - Volunteering Strategy, Community Support Register, expansion of U3A into the Northern suburbs, Geelong Seniors Festival, provision of Active Adults Membership at Council Leisure Centres.
3.04 Continue implementation of the Early Years Plan , including co-location of early years services within educational precincts) (see Section 3 of this Plan)	Early Years Plan still in draft form, engaged consultant to complete plan. Planning commenced for integrated Children's Centre at Ocean Grove.
3.05 Establish and Implement Council Diversity Policy to respond to new and emerging communities (see Section 4 of this Plan)	Multicultural Action Plan completed and adopted by Council.
Strategy 2.4 To encourage opportunities for localised employment for all community members	
4.01 Review the 2005/10 'Economic Strategy' with the aim of developing new plans that increase the number of long term jobs and investment.	City's Economic Strategy to be reviewed when G21 Economic Development Strategy 2011 is completed. The Strategy due to be endorsed by Project Steering Group first quarter of 2012.
4.02 Work with the business community towards strengthening the municipality's capacity to underpin economic development.	Small business Festival held August 2011 - 43 events. Developing with G21, Councils and Internal Departments Live in Victoria Expo April 2012. Looking to attract funding and investment for provision of infrastructure, providing skills and building capacity of workforce and business support services.
4.03 Work with the business community to consider changes in skill demand and skill gaps especially in the areas of and in relation to: apprenticeships; succession planning; and flexible workplaces	City supported and scoped Transport and Logistics training program in Northern Suburbs - number of participants now employed. Developed implementation strategy ensuring that State sponsored skilled migration address current shortages in Geelong and looks and migrants as trainers for future skilled professions.
4.04 Create environments that facilitate business activity and investment (North Heales Road Industrial Precinct subdivision, Intermodal freight terminal, Armstrong Creek, incentive grants to support investment attraction).	City sourced \$2 million grant for work in relation to Geelong Ring Road Employment Precinct (GREP) and developed special benefits scheme for O'Briens Road Catchment allowing for fully serviced industrial land for northern suburbs to deliver jobs. Work continues with Keystone Business Park - Armstrong Creek to adopt employment target of one job per household.
4.05 Promote the advantages of living and working in Geelong	Promotion through several avenues: City Scope & Monthly Indicators Bulletin; SEGRA, Agri Business summit Geelong 2012; Connect Geelong; Engagement with Key stakeholders including the Chamber; Development of online materials including - GREP, Geelong Business Calendar, Skilled Migration Collateral.
4.06 Support the Northern Futures Strategic Plan where possible.	Continues support to key projects with Northern Futures - Transport and Logistic Training Program and GREP.

Priority Theme 3 Better Access to Services

Action	Comments
Strategy 3.1 Develop a seamless service system for council community services and community partners	
1.01 With the G21 Primary Care Forum -service coordination project, Council will plan and develop partnerships, protocols and services integration for child health, aged care and mental health.	Post-acute care and development of a client centred Active Service Model for aged care partnership with Barwon Health. GP Associations Referral Net software monitored by Service Coordination group will be adopted when Barwon Health does.
1.02 Integrate the principles and actions from the 'Cultural Equitable Gateways' (such as cultural training, use of interpreters and the provision of service information in community languages) into mainstream Home and Community Care service delivery.	80 per cent of Aged & Disability services staff have completed Cultural Awareness Training. Brochures (hard and electronic) developed and printed in seven languages. The use of interpreters have increased.
1.03 Implement the Disability Action Plan 2009-2013.	Implementation continues on schedule, significant achievements recorded and actions noted.
1.04 Work with Senior Citizens Centre members to increase broader usage of these facilities and to promote activities and socialisation that promote wellbeing including healthy eating.	All self managed clubs are continuing to increase broader usage by hiring space out to community groups. Centre - based meals operated in 20 Senior Clubs.
1.05 Complete the current Early Years Municipal Plan and commence the new plan in 2010	Municipal Early Years Plan still in draft form to be presented to Council and made available for public comment in 2012.
1.06 Continue to support the Best Start Program at Rosewall.	Best Start and Linking Schools and Early Years (LSEY) Project have developed a new partnership. Projects are developing a new action plan to reflect key Best Start/LSEY indicators and priority outcomes. 2011 Annual Report completed and submitted to DEECD.
1.07 Continue to support Wathaurong to facilitate Best Start activities for children.	Mingo Waloom Aboriginal Best Start involved in the Early Learning Working and Partnership group.
1.08 Review the Australian Early Development Index (2009) data and develop responsive strategies accordingly.	Next AEDI data collection round scheduled in 2012. Continued participation on Victorian State Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) Reference Committee. Involved in review of aggregated data for communities across Barwon South West Region.
1.09 Seek to expand the availability of Family Day Care services across the municipality.	No change in availability of Family Day Care Service.
1.1 Continue to provide access to primary health support for families with infants and children to school age, through Maternal and Child Health services.	Maternal and Child Health Service continue to provide a universal service to families across the municipality.
1.11 Complete the review of the City Youth Strategy (2010).	33 of the 52 identified actions completed.
Strategy 3.2 Increase information about services in the City of Greater Geelong.	
2.01 Maintain a web based and customer service directory that is accessible by the general community that includes up to date information regarding the community services (over 3,000) that are available to the municipality.	Ongoing and continues to be updated

Action	Comments
2.02 Engage local media in the promotion and publicity of key public health and wellbeing events.	Carried out on a case-by-case basis.
2.03 Promote culturally and linguistically diverse information and services.	Web updates to enable translations and access to information regarding CALD activities. Cross cultural training for organisation being developed. Community Directory promoted to CALD communities.
2.04 Promote information on facilities available for the promotion of health in the community (using the Community Update Newsletter as well as the City News section of local media)	Community Update produced every two months with a section devoted to community news. City News is published weekly.
2.05 Provide appropriate and timely community information that promotes accessibility to facilities, events and cultural festivals. Encourage participation in marginalised groups within the community.	Ongoing through the City's various communications channels.
2.06 Continue Council's Community Consultation Program (over 100 different consultation activities carried out during 2008/9)	Continuing and ongoing.

Strategy 3.3 Improve access to services in target populations with a concentrated focus on Whittington, Corio and Norlane.

3.01 Implement CoGG led actions in the Corio Norlane Development Advisory Board Healthy Community Plan 2009-13, including advocacy for increased service provision and preventative interventions.	City involved in supporting and delivering renewal of Labuan Square Shopping Centre, environmental and economic activities around neighbourhood shopping precincts. Monthly updates given to CNDAB on progress.
3.02 Implement and complete the Whittington Community Renewal Action Strategy	Whittington Action Plan adopted by Council in September 2010 actions on schedule.
3.03 Implement strategies in partnership with Corio Norlane Development Advisory Board.	The City is a signatory to the Healthy City Alliance (WHO) and committed to strategies identified in the Corio Norlane Healthy City Plan. CEO, Ward Councillors, Community Services General Manager and Community Development Place Manager sit on this board.
3.04 Work with the G21 Health and Well Being Pillar to support innovative service delivery models in disadvantaged areas, including industry supported transport options.	City Chairs the Norlane Corio Urban Renewal Community Infrastructure and Transport Committee and a number of activities as outlined in the Norlane Corio Urban Renewal Project include industry supported transport options.
3.05 Continue implementation of the actions from the Bellarine Strategic Plan (including community transport project, electronic community directory, supporting the elderly to stay in their own homes)	Stage 2 of the Transport Connections Project completed and Council received funding for stage 3 which includes a municipal wide strategic component as well as a focus on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Priority Theme 4 Community Strengthening, Social Inclusion and Mental Wellbeing

Action

Comments

Strategy 4.1 Support initiatives that promote the mental health and wellbeing of the community.

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| 1.01 | Support and deliver programs for young people with an emphasis on enhancing self worth and engaging in constructive activities (eg Piercing truth magazine, Spud Fest and the SKAART Festivals, after school and holiday programs in the North). | City deliver s a range of programs for Young people including; YouthLinx, Skate Program, Piercing Truth Magazine, YouthCan Van, SKAART Festival, Training opportunities at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, Northerly aspects Newsletter Youth Pages, and Borderline |
| 1.02 | Support initiatives of regional mental health agencies (eg Mental Health Week, RUOK Day). | City supports initiatives like RUOK, Mental Health Week activities and Headspace across municipality. |
| 1.03 | Support the development of the Headspace youth mental health service on the Bellarine Peninsula. | Headspace site at Drysdale opened and operational next to the Potato Shed and Bellarine Secondary College |
| 1.04 | Promote children's safety through reduction of childhood injury and protective notifications. | Safestart Program ceased December 2011. Community Services will look at ways in which child safety will be embedded in public safety programs. |

Strategy 4.2 Provide and promote opportunities for participation in community life.

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| 2.01 | Continue to support capacity building activities and work of the neighbourhood Houses. | Annual Councillor grants support governance training and community development activities. |
| 2.02 | Continue to support the Portarlington Community Building Initiative Committee. | Project completed final report submitted to DPCD February 2011 |
| 2.03 | Work with the Corio Norlane Development Advisory Board and the Whittington Community Renewal Programs in sustaining current plans into the future (including walkability projects, 'active play', risk minimization programs (alcohol and other drugs) | Transport project now part of Geelong Transport Connections 3 project. Corio Norlane Active Transport project informs strategic direction of Urban Renewal Program. Social planning activities within the City continue to complement place-based work. |
| 2.04 | Continue to provide and support a range of community groups and events that include the arts, culture, sport, recreation and social connectiveness, eg complete the Connecting Identities Arts Project | 78 events registered for Children's Week with 17,800 children and adults attending and 260 volunteers involved. Flamefest drew together 1200 people and 60 volunteers in the Whittington area. |
| 2.05 | Continue the youth focused L2P Program. | City offered 3 training L2P sessions and trained 39 mentors. 44 learner drivers benefited from the program- 266 driving sessions conducted (392 hours driving time.) |

Strategy 4.3 Build stronger healthier communities that reduce social isolation.

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| 3.01 | Strengthen the role of volunteers through working with local volunteer networks and by adopting the Volunteering Australia National Standards. | Principles adopted and training completed. Centralised volunteering database being sourced and current volunteers details updated. Application form has been designed to be place on website. |
| 3.02 | Provide appropriate multipurpose facilities to enhance broad social connection and community collaboration, including children's hubs, community centres, performing arts spaces, and neighbourhood houses. | Ocean Grove - Avenue and Allanvale Kindergarten extensions near completion. Community Hub planning for Leopold, Grovedale and Lara. Planning underway for Integrated Children's Services Hub- Ocean Grove. |



Action	Comments
3.03 Strengthen support for vulnerable children and families within defined high needs areas through the Family and Community Services and Aged and Disability Services Departments.	Best Start, Linking Schools and Early Years agreements signed and draft action plan submitted to Partnership in Nov 2011.
3.04 Conduct group parent education activities through out the Barwon South Western Region	Programs will be delivered starting Term 1 2012.
3.05 Establish and implement a policy promoting diversity within the municipality	Multicultural Action Plan adopted by Council April 2011, and actions being implemented.
3.06 Establish and implement an Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan	Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan Completed.
3.07 Support the work of State Government Departments in particular the Corio Norlane education regeneration and urban renewal programs	City chairs Norlane Corio Urban Renewal Community Infrastructure and Transport committee. City has opened 'The fOrT' Youth Centre. City commenced planning for children and family hub at North Shore Primary School. City partners with DEECD Schools Regeneration Program to prioritise improving services to meet strategic direction.
3.08 Provide 'place based' youth activities	City provides place based youth activities across the municipality such as; Girls Go Extreme Camp, Drop in centres at Lara and Leopold, Development of Youth actions teams.

Strategy 4.4 To continue to support initiatives that decrease harmful behaviours such as violence, problem gambling, tobacco use and drug and alcohol misuse

4.01 Administer and enforce the Tobacco Act.	Tobacco Act monitoring continues and have implemented tobacco reforms that came into place January 2011 with high level of compliance. In second year of service agreement with MAV. Continue educational visits as required.
4.02 Continue to promote smoke free policies in all Council facilities and/or lands.	All community venues are smoke free.
4.03 Encourage responsible serving of alcohol in licensed premises. For example, the Good Sports program and licensing at The Arena.	Geelong Arena delivers 'Responsible Service of Alcohol' (RSA) across all events and activities hosted at the venue. Good Sports Program facilitated by Leisure Networks is delivered
4.04 Implement the Barwon Regional Drug Action Plan 2009-13	Barwon Safe Parties Project final report submitted to Federal Government. 8 events held in 2011 for Drug Action Week. 2nd stage of Smoke and Mirrors Project progressing. CoGG, Headspace and Barwon Youth developing a coordinated approach to school drug education. Evaluating the pilot of Mental Health Navigation Tool with GP Association.
4.05 Educate and increase awareness on the harm and misuse of alcohol and other drugs and endeavour to support harm minimization initiatives.	Rreported via the Barwon Drug Action Plan 2009-2013 (see above)
4.06 Endeavour to reduce harmful behaviours that diminish the mental physical health / quality of lifestyle of the population i.e. family violence, problem gambling.	Action also reported in Barwon Drug Action Plan 2009-2013.

Action	Comments
4.07 Investigate the establishment of a problem gambling action plan.	Gambling Action Plan developed and Geelong Gambling Advisory Committee established.
Strategy 4.5 To continue to support initiatives that decrease the level of violence in the community	
5.01 Establish a Community Accord to promote the safety and wellbeing of women.	Involved in White Ribbon Campaign. Developed a submission for prevention of Violence against women in collaboration with Borough of Queenscliffe, Surfcoast Shire and G21.
5.02 Support and participate in the activities of the G21 Violence Against Women Working Group as well as other key networks	Ongoing
5.03 Produce an Action Plan to reduce the level of violence against women.	Funding not received to undertake this project so being revised. Will be incorporated into new COGG policy inline with Family violence clause in EA.
5.04 Work with the Geelong Safety Committee and the Victoria Police in creating strategies for enhancing safety in the community.	New Safety Plan adopted in the second half of 2010.

Priority Theme 5 Physical Activity and Healthy Eating

Action

Comments

Strategy 5.1 To assist and encourage the community and business sectors to make informed nutritious choices.

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| 1.01 | Promote children's physical activity and nutrition in partnership with schools and early child care services. | City Learning and Care Program incorporates active play for all children and implements Start Right Eat Right nutritional guidelines in all Early Childhood Services. Working with Primary schools canteens to make menus greener and delivered presentations to parents on Healthy Lunchboxes. |
| 1.02 | Continue to provide community education and promotion of the importance of healthy nutrition through relevant programs. | Community events supported with information on healthy eating and physical activity. Workplace supported with healthy nutrition reading the labels sessions. Seniors clubs offered Cooking for One Made fun sessions. |
| 1.03 | Promote food safety awareness and surveillance of food safety regulations and compliance through Council's Health and Local Laws Department. | Inspections, food sampling and response to complaints continue as well as communicating legislative changes. Biannually, Food Safety Newsletter circulated conduct talks in relation to food safety when requested. |
| 1.04 | Implement Council's Healthy Eating Action Plan by encouraging healthy eating options via Council facilities and services. An example being the provision of nutritious food choices at leisure and sporting facilities. | New Leisure Link and Arena, Waterworld following guidelines. Other Council Leisure Centres need to adhere to guidelines. Procedure for Catering at meetings and forums adopted. Posters showing examples of Green, Amber and Red foods put in all Council lunchrooms. |
| 1.05 | Develop guidelines for the establishment, management and sustainability of community gardens. | Guidelines completed September 2010. Policy/Procedure drafted awaiting Council review. Community Development Officer appointed to assist new community garden groups. |
| 1.06 | Foster collaboration between individuals and groups with an interest in community health and gardening, organic gardening and permaculture. | CoGG facilitates G21 Community Gardens Network and meets bi-monthly with representation from Community Gardens in municipality. Four network events held with different gardens as host. |
| 1.07 | Investigate options for Council to influence greater equity in food access for the community through mechanisms such as: land use and urban planning; licensing and regulation; and community development programmes. | CoGG facilitates G21 Food Security Network and meets bi-monthly. An evidence based picture of food security has been established by conducting a Market Basket Survey across municipality, GIS mapping of Fresh food outlets, Creating a directory of Food Access and Support (now on Web and hard copy) and supporting initiatives addressing food insecurity ie. Foodskil 2&5 Fresh Food Markets. |

Strategy 5.2 To encourage participation in physical activity by people of all ages and abilities.

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| 2.01 | Promote the importance of play. Encourage participation in both structured and incidental recreation activities through provision of quality accessible infrastructure and relevant community activities. | Playground strategy currently out for public comment due back to Council January 2012. |
| 2.02 | Deliver activities and infrastructure that provide and promote safe, family, accessible and affordable participation opportunities and open space for all ages and abilities. | Pricing and infrastructure regularly reviewed to ensure it meets community standards. |

Action	Comments
2.03 Increase information and marketing of CoGG participation opportunities and key venues such as Play Space & Rippleside Park, Corio Leisuretime Centre and Youth Action Teams.	Sports venue marketing plan in draft for completion in 2012.
2.04 Continue to seek additional funding from all levels of government and relevant agencies / corporations for community leisure projects. ie. pedestrian/cycling paths, Rail Trails, etc.	Submit annual applications to most funding bodies.
2.05 To ensure events promote physical activity and healthy eating (act as a health promotion tool) and captivate the community to increase wellbeing initiatives.	City supports approximately 430 almost exclusively free events for the general public. Many are sporting or healthy lifestyle events. Swim, Sport and Leisure have targeted programs that encompass both fitness and healthy eating.
Strategy 5.3 To support initiatives that reduces obesity and overweight in the general population.	
3.01 Continue education on reducing obesity and continue to support initiatives targeting the overweight population.	CoGG, Barwon Health and Bellarine Community Health have signed a National Partnership Agreement on Preventative Health (NPAPH) with Department of Health, of which the allocation for Geelong is \$5.25ml over 3.5 years to address childhood and workplace obesity. This project will employ 11 staff.
3.02 Develop partnerships with other agencies to address relevant local issues.	Council has strategic partnerships with G21, the Corio Norlane Development Advisory Board, GRAND and participates in a regional Human Services network. These forums provide a platform for addressing regional health and well-being priorities. The NPAPH will be the significant driver of this initiative in 2012
Strategy 5.4 Encourage older residents to remain physically active as long as possible.	
4.01 Promote health benefits of physical activity and healthy eating to service clubs / groups and the older aged network. For example Seniors Membership.	Active Adult Membership at Council Swim, Sport and Leisure Centres is at 1845 members and continues to grow.
4.02 Support increased integration and initiatives improving quality of lifestyle for older adults. For example promote the active service model of home care, No Falls and Grey Power.	Active Service Model Pilot Program with Post Acute care clients commenced. 120 Community Care workers trained in Active Service Model to December 2011, funding sourced to extend this to 2012 and beyond.
Strategy 5.5 To improve the physical health and wellbeing developmental outcomes for children Implement relevant recommendations and strategies contained within Council's Municipal Early Years Plan.	
5.01 Ensure Council's Early Childhood services operate within relevant physical activity and nutrition policies. To support initiatives that reduces obesity.	Nutritional Meals and snacks provided to children attending CLAC services by implementing Start Right Eat Right guidelines. CLAC staff attending Active Play in-service and implementing physical activity as part of program.
5.02 Continue to support specific children's physical activity projects; i.e. Learn to Swim Programs, Walking School Bus, Before/After School and Holiday Programs, Child, Family & Youth Events.	Outdoor play integrated into CLAC's daily program. Walk and Ride to schools activities promoted through Streets Ahead, Travel Smart and Walking to School Bus. Little Bubbles learn to swim program ongoing. Children's week activities including Kids Mini Sports, Kids Circuit Class and Circus Skills.

Priority Theme 6 Healthy Transport

Action

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Strategy 6.1 Improve road safety, access and infrastructure.

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| 1.01 | In association with VicRoads develop a 30 year road transport strategy. | November 2011 Section 4A of Geelong Ring Road opened, work continues on 4B, 4C alignment confirmed. Breakwater Road realignment in progress. Continue to work with VicRoads on Road Transport Strategy. |
| 1.02 | Actively promote educational programs which improve road safety and support the City's aim to reduce crashes. | City received Kidsafe Victoria Award recognising our effort in promoting safety and active travel for young children and families. |

Strategy 6.2 Provide integrated and comprehensive public transport to enhance community usage.

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| 2.01 | Plan, advocate and assist in facilitating an effective coverage of public transport over the municipality and in particular the Bellarine Peninsula and Corio-Norlane. | Transport Connections Program supports a range of projects specific to the priorities in Norlane, Corio, Whittington, East Geelong, the Bellarine and Grovedale communities. An asset plan of Geelong Transport Services, interest groups, programs and related policies and strategies finalised December 2011. |
| 2.02 | Use recommendations from the Bellarine Strategic Plan and the G21 Transport Strategy to drive change for effective coverage of public transport across the municipality, in particular the Bellarine Peninsula. | Addressed via the Bellarine Building Connections Project (see above). |
| 2.03 | Continue work with Street Access Committee to make the public domain accessible to people of all abilities and to encourage walking. | Street Access Advisory Committee continues to work on improving access for all. |
| 2.04 | Provide programs to encourage community use of public transport. Provision of circuit bus during summer in Central Geelong, as well as Ocean Grove / Barwon Heads. | Central Park & Ride shuttle operated from Eastern Park for City worker. Kardinia Park & Ride operates using public bus service. Christmas (December 5- 23) Free Central Geelong Shuttle operated. January weekend tourist bus service not operating unless sponsorship found. Night Bus for Central Geelong operates every Sunday morning. Safe taxi rank operates Saturday night/Sunday morning. Free Barwon Heads/Ocean Grove circuit bus operates hourly 10.00am - 6.00pm 27 December 2011 - 25 January 2012. |
| 2.05 | Continued provision of community bus for use by community groups. | Review of accessibility to existing bus sites undertaken, signage and review of documentation for community will be undertaken 2012. |
| 2.06 | Ensure all land use planning activities include provision for public transport access by the community. | Council complies with public transport provision of Clause 56 of the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme to deliver a high standard in public transport in new residential developments. |

Action	Comments
Strategy 6.3 Foster partnerships to ensure better healthy transport outcomes.	
3.01 Maintain and develop partnerships with stakeholders with an interest in road safety eg. Police, Community, VicRoads, Geelong Road Safety Council and Barwon Region Bicycle Council.	Partnerships continue to be developed and maintained. Barwon South West Regional Road Safety Group to be established in lieu of 'Road Safe Barwon' following a review by VicRoads.
3.02 Maintain and develop partnerships with infrastructure funders and providers eg VicRoads, DoI, State Government. Regular meetings with funding agency, VicRoads and representation on the G21 Transport Group.	Partnerships continue to be maintained and developed with success in attracting funding for transport projects.
3.03 Maintain support for the Northshore Station and Stationeer's Projects.	Planning and support to sustainability of volunteering projects at North Shore Station
Strategy 6.4 Increase participation in active transport.	
4.01 Continue to promote active transport modes eg. Walk to school program, cycling to work.	Streets ahead project funding extended till February 2012.
4.02 Develop infrastructure which facilitates cycling and walking eg. Provision of walking / cycle paths and footpaths (eg. Walkability and footpath programs for Leopold, North Bellarine, Corio and Norlane).	Regional Development Victoria RDV funding received for Rail Trail upgrade and Melaluka Rd footpath construction works planned Jan 2012. Corio/Norlane- Renewal considering links access at north shore station be installed. G21 transport/bicycle group recommending sites for review. Breamlea Bike Link project out to tender, 1/3 share RDV funding, Barwon Water, CoGG works to commence early 2012.
4.03 Council to set an example regarding encouragement of active transport. Staff programs which include 10,000 steps program, ride and walk to work day.	Ride to Work Day Breakfast 13th October 2011, 250-300 people attending, free bike ID engraving, giveaways and entertainment provided.

6. DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – PROGRESS REPORT

Portfolio:	Community Development – Cr Fisher
Source:	Community Services / Aged & Disability Services
General Manager:	Jenny McMahon
Index Reference:	Subject: Committees / Disability Advisory Committee
	Subject: Community Services / Disability

Summary

- The 2011 report outlines the broad spread of items dealt with by the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), and the increasingly active role taken in reporting and consultation both internally and to the state on local matters.
- The DAC maintains a grounded approach to disability access and inclusion, staying alert to local access matters that may block inclusion in the wider community.
- The DAC also provides comment to Council on policy areas.

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That Council:

- 1) Notes the progress report on the activities of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)**
- 2) Thanks the members of the DAC for their ongoing commitment to working with Council to address the needs of people with a disability.**

Carried.

Report

Background

The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) has been in existence since July 2003, and remains an involved and vibrant group of members.

The Committee meets monthly at City Hall for 11 months of the year. Each meeting has a full agenda dealing with access and inclusion for people with disability.

Matters pertaining to streets, roads, bus stops etc are heard and then transferred to the 'sister' committee, 'Street Access for the Aged and People with Disability'.

Some 73 per cent of the Committee are people with experience of living with disability, most from personal experience, or otherwise having a carer role. The remainder are people from a range of professional backgrounds with many years experience in disability access.

6. DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROGRESS REPORT (CONT'D)

Discussion

Presentations

Some of the informative and productive presentations from Council officers external to the DAC have offered insight and information into planning and processes of various departments. Presentations have included plans from Events Management; overview of the Moorabool Street bus exchange and impact on people with disability; overview of the Eastern Gardens Plan and how public access may develop; Geelong transport including bus services and the Moorabool Street exchange; and a good overview of the vision for planning and development in central Geelong.

DAC member presentations have included:

- Tactile Ground Surface Indicators (TGSi) Policy 2010 presentation on behalf of Blind Citizens Australia (BCA). Feedback about the existing draft policy was offered in some detail, including recommendations from the Policy Advisor at BCA head office in Melbourne.
- A Geelong CATS presentation and discussion on *Respect For Diversity: People And Culture Policy*. This gave a broader sense of the football club as part of the community.

Reports / Consultations

The DAC has been active in forming sub groups and conducting consultations in response to various reviews and inquiries in 2011, for example:

- *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* – in response to the 2011 review of the Charter/Act, a sub group of the DAC met and discussed the items of the Charter that impacted on disability. A feedback document was produced and subsequently added to before being placed on the Geelong Australia website for comment.
- *Moorabool Street Bus Exchange* – comments tendered from the DAC included items of discussion from DAC minutes, providing examples of both good and unhelpful aspects of the interchange.
- *Taxi Industry Inquiry* – a sub group of DAC members met regarding the Taxi Industry Inquiry and offered a wealth of significant comment. The overarching sentiment was that vulnerable people, including children and people with disability, need to be able to catch any taxi and expect to be conveyed safely and competently to their destination.
- *City of Greater Geelong Footpath Trading Policy* – in offering comment on the Policy, the Committee had previously identified impediments for people with vision impairment and also parents with prams and toddlers walking along the street. One such area is al fresco dining, whereby chairs and tables placed against café walls impede movement along the footpath.
- *"Design Considerations: New Stand at Skilled Stadium"* – the Waypoint team gave a presentation regarding the new stand focusing on options regarding disability seating access. The options for disability seating (wheelchairs) gave comparative models and it was identified that an amount of ambulant seating would also be provided. Members were given a month to offer feedback to the architects.

6. DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROGRESS REPORT (CONT'D)

- *Shared Pathways Charter* – the presentation was informative and gave Committee members the opportunity to discuss the use of shared pathways from the perspective of people with disability.
- *Public Toilet Upgrade Strategy and Design Guidelines* – a DAC sub committee met to consider the draft strategy. Their comments, along with public comment received on Exeloo installations, were endorsed by the Committee.

Current Topics

Topics throughout 2010–11 were clustered around several themes with the two most prominent being transport matters and general access to community.

1. Transport matters

This included Moorabool Street Bus exchange; accessible parking spaces; taxi, bus and train travel; and physical access to the point of public transport. The questions relating to the Street Access Committee were transferred across to this committee to be addressed. The Committee has noted that regrettably, access to train stations has not progressed due to lack of communication from the relevant authorities, although the latest December correspondence offers hope that this will be progressed.

2. General access to community

This included Leisurelink; Armstrong Creek; and the lack or shortage of general admission price wheelchair access to Skilled Stadium to watch the Geelong CATS play football. Specific examples include:

- *The Municipal Association of Victoria and Office for Disability Partnership Project – Disability Access and Inclusion Strategy Background Report on Development of a Strategic Framework for Local Government March 2011.*

The Committee is about to consider an Office for Disability document that has arisen from that strategic framework, *Opportunities of Victorian Local Government in 2011–12: Creating more inclusive community for people with a disability*. The Committee will be involved in the initial areas of focus chosen, which includes civic participation.

- *Geelong Arena*

A DAC sub group met at the Geelong Arena for a walk through of the building, to look at access to the building and in particular the proposed installation of a lift situated near the main entrance and directly linking the gym. The assessment of the DAC sub group which included Brian Kidd, retired architect and informed advocate for disability, was that the access project of an internal lift is vitally necessary for participants, staff and spectators.

- *Geelong Visitor Access Centre*

The DAC continue their wholehearted support and advocacy of this project, and are kept informed of progress.

6. DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PROGRESS REPORT (CONT'D)

Committee composition of DAC

The 2011 DAC recruitment process has been conducted for the year. Two retiring members chose not to re-nominate in order to pursue other areas of interest. They were thanked for their substantial contributions. Following the recruitment process, there will be 11 DAC members, and as one member resigned, a further nominee may be sought to bring the Committee up to full numbers. The current Committee has a wealth of experience with 73 per cent of members either with a disability (45 per cent) or having direct experience as a primary carer (28 per cent). The remainder of the Committee comprises people with many years of professional experience in the disability field.

A joint meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong Disability Advisory Committee is scheduled for 2012 with the opportunity to agenda questions for the joint meeting and discuss roles and responsibilities.

Environmental Implications

There are no significant environmental implications pertaining to the DAC or their meetings.

Financial Implications

The DAC has an advisory role within Council with a small budget within the Aged & Disability Services budget to provide catering and administrative support.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The Committee is an advisory committee only.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

Conflict of interest is an agenda item at each DAC meeting.

Risk Assessment

The role of the DAC is to keep Council informed of matters concerning good access for people with a disability. As such, the existence and operation of the Committee mitigates against claims against Council under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Social Considerations

The DAC provides a valuable forum for matters to be raised on behalf of people with disabilities. The DAC advocates for good access for all members of the community.

Communication

The DAC uses Council's mainstream media as a means to communicate relevant matters.

Cr Farrell declared an Indirect Interest in Agenda Item 7 – G21 Geelong Region Alliance Funding Agreement, in that she is a Board Member of G21, elected by the membership (not a Council appointee) and left the meeting room at 7.51pm.

7. G21 GEELONG REGION ALLIANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT

Portfolio:	Democracy & Governance – Cr Mitchell
Source:	Corporate Services – Corporate Strategy
General Manager:	Jeff Wall
Index Reference:	Corporate Strategy / Planning

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to advise of minor changes to the proposed new G21 Regional Alliance funding agreement and to seek Council support for continuation of this important regional initiative for a further 4 years.
- Council's current Memorandum of Understanding with the G21 Geelong Region Alliance (G21) expires on the 30th June 2012.
- G21 continues to operate successfully with strong involvement by member Councils through their Mayors and Chief Executive Officers. There is also key participation via Pillar leadership by Councillors and Officers
- G21 has furnished Council with a new Memorandum of Understanding for a further four year period from 1st July 2012 to the 30th June 2016.

Cr Harwood moved, Cr Nelson seconded -

That Council defer consideration of the report.

Carried.

Cr Farrell re-entered the meeting room at 7.52pm.

8. ANNUAL REPORT & MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE FOR GEELONG

Portfolio:	Communications – Cr Mitchell
Source:	Corporate Services – Administration & Governance
General Manager:	Jeff Wall
Index Reference:	Committees – Committee for Geelong

Summary

- In 2001 Council became a foundation member of the Committee for Geelong and has since maintained membership.
- This report tables the Committee for Geelong's Annual Report for 2011 and recommends renewing Council's membership.
- Strong links between Council and the Committee enable a collaborative approach on key strategic advocacy initiatives to benefit our region.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Harwood seconded -

That Council receives the Annual Report and continues as an Executive Member of the Committee for Geelong at a cost of \$22,000 per annum.

Carried.

Report

Background

Formed in 2001, the Committee for Geelong has a commitment to developing Geelong's social, economic, cultural and environmental conditions. The Committee draws its membership from business, community and not-for-profit organisations from the Geelong region as well as Local Government. Council supported its formation and has continued to support the Committee via its annual membership.

The Committee's role includes advocating and influencing decision-makers to act as a catalyst by researching, validating, building community support for, and initiating, longer-term projects that will materially improve the quality of life of the citizens of Geelong.

In recent years, this role has further expanded to include raising awareness and building consensus in the community around how Geelong should best position itself in relation to the broader economic landscape.

Discussion

A copy of the Committee for Geelong's December 2011 Annual Report is attached. The report provides an overview of activities in 2011, covering the following:

- Chairman's Message.
- Executive Director's Report.
- Executive and Board Membership.
- A Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011.

8. ANNUAL REPORT & MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE FOR GEELONG (CONT'D)

The City of Greater Geelong continues to work closely with the Committee for Geelong on a number of key projects including northern suburbs, Rail Line Project, the G21 Regional Growth Plan Vision II and ongoing support for Avalon Airport.

The Committee is a signatory to Council's Future Proofing Geelong, Regional Sustainability Covenant. The Committee's Executive Officer also joined the Mayor in a trade delegation to the USA to support Alcoa's Point Henry operation and to make connections with other organisations that are key to Geelong's economy.

Strong links between Council and the Committee enable a collaborative approach on key strategic advocacy initiatives to benefit our region.

It is proposed that Council endorse continued membership of the Committee for Geelong.

Financial Implications

Council's membership for the Committee for Geelong is \$22,000, which represents a 10% fee increase and has been provided for in the 2011/12 budget.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no policy or legal implications for Council continuing as a member of the Committee for Geelong.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.

Risk Assessment

To ensure transparency regarding Council's membership, the Committee for Geelong's Annual Report is tabled every year at Council and the Executive Director is available at any time to report on activities and outcomes.

Social Considerations

Representatives of Council are members of a number of advocating bodies within the region and beyond. Membership of the Committee for Geelong enables both the Mayor and CEO to attend briefings on topical issues, connect with members, share information and keep abreast of current issues.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Communication

The City's ongoing membership and associated work with the Committee for Geelong is communicated to relevant stakeholders.

9. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS - HOVELL PARK RESIDENTS AGREEMENT

Portfolio:	Environment and Sustainability - Cr John Doull
Source:	City Services
General Manager:	Gary van Driel
Index Reference:	Waste Management: Corio Landfill

Summary

- In May 2010 an amendment to Planning Permit No. 937/2000 was approved that enabled Council to continue to operate the Corio Landfill site until 31 December 2011.
- During the planning permit amendment process objections were received from residents of Hovell Park, particularly those fronting Cummins Road and being directly opposite the landfill site.
- Given that this was the second extension of operation for the site one of the concerns of these residents was that Council would again apply for an extension of operations post 31 December 2011.
- A condition was therefore added to the Planning Permit that required Council to enter into a Planning and Environment Act Section 173 agreement to confirm that Council would cease operations on or before 31 December 2011.
- In preparing the S173 agreement Council received legal advice that, as a S173 agreement must be between the property owner and the responsible authority and in this case as Council is both parties, a S173 agreement was not possible. That is, a party (ie: the Council) cannot form an agreement with itself.
- Following extensive discussions with those Hovell Park residents that had raised these concerns a position was reached that an agreement between Council and any of the Hovell Park residents wishing to be a party to that agreement would be established.
- In order to provide maximum surety to the residents that the agreement would meet their objective to ensure that Council ceased (and does not recommence) the operation on 31 December 2011 the concerned residents were given the opportunity to seek independent advice (funded by Council) from a barrister experienced in planning matters.
- The residents are currently receiving that independent legal advice based on the draft agreement, included in this report as Appendix 9-1 – Corio Landfill Agreement to Terminate Operations.
- To enable finalisation of this agreement Council's acceptance of the terms of the proposed agreement is sought along with delegation to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council's powers and functions to execute a Deed of Agreement in substantially similar form to that in the draft agreement.
- As the agreement process now differs from that in the Planning Permit condition it will be necessary to apply for a further Planning Permit amendment to acknowledge this.

9. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS - HOVELL PARK RESIDENTS AGREEMENT (CONT'D)

- While making this amendment to the Planning Permit it is also intended to amend the Permit to make it clear that site rehabilitation, methane gas extraction and site aftercare may continue after operations of the landfill cease.
- Council is therefore also requested to instruct its officers to institute an application to amend Conditions 1 and 12 of the Planning Permit to incorporate the new agreement process and make it clear that site rehabilitation, methane gas extraction and site after care may continue.
- Should any material changes be required to the agreement or the Planning Permit amendment these will be brought back to Council for consideration.

Cr Doull moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That Council resolve:

- 1) To accept the terms of the draft Deed of Agreement (Appendix 9-1) and delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the Council's powers and functions to execute a Deed of Agreement in substantially similar form to that of the draft Deed of Agreement.**
- 2) That in any case where there are proposed material variations to the draft Deed of Agreement any such new terms and the modified Agreement must be brought back before the Council for consideration.**
- 3) To instruct Council officers to institute an application to the Council to amend Conditions 1 and 12 of the Planning Permit, together with any necessary ancillary amendments, such that:**
 - **the requirement for a Section 173 Agreement in Condition 12 is amended to a requirement for a contractually binding Deed of Agreement between the Council and no more than 6 specified residents;**
 - **the terms of the Agreement make it clear that the Council must cease (and not recommence) after 31 December 2011, the placement of landfill waste at the site;**
 - **provisions ensuring there is no doubt that the Council may continue the activities of site rehabilitation, gas extraction and site aftercare; and**
 - **such other amendments to the Planning Permit necessary to give effect to the above.**
- 4) That any proposed amendment to the Planning Permit materially different to those contemplated in Item 3 above (not otherwise imposed on the Council) must be brought back before the Council for consideration.**

Carried.

9. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS - HOVELL PARK RESIDENTS AGREEMENT (CONT'D)

Report

Background

In May 2010 an amendment to Planning Permit No 937/2000 was approved that enabled Council to continue to operate the Corio Landfill site until 31 December 2011.

During the Planning Permit amendment process objections were received from residents of Hovell Park, particularly those fronting Cummins Road and being directly opposite the landfill site. Given that this was the second extension of operation for the site one of the concerns of these residents was that Council would again apply for an extension of operations post 31 December 2011.

A condition was therefore added to the Planning Permit that required Council to enter into a Planning and Environment Act Section 173 agreement to confirm that Council would cease operations on or before 31 December 2011.

In preparing the S173 agreement Council received legal advice that, as a S173 agreement must be between the property owner and the responsible authority, and in this case as Council is both parties, a S173 agreement was not possible. That is, a party cannot form an agreement with itself.

Following extensive discussions with those residents of Hovell Park that had raised these concerns a position was reached that an agreement between Council and any of the Hovell Park residents wishing to be a party to that agreement would be established.

In order to provide maximum surety to the residents that the agreement would meet their objective to ensure that Council ceased operation (and did not recommence) on or before 31 December 2011 the concerned residents were given the opportunity to seek independent advice from a barrister experienced in planning matters. This opportunity was to be funded by Council.

The residents are currently taking this advice based on the draft Deed of Agreement, included in this report as Appendix 9-1.

As the agreement process now differs from that in the planning permit condition it will be necessary to apply for a further Planning Permit amendment to acknowledge this.

While making this amendment to the Planning Permit it is also intended to amend Condition 1 and 12 of the Permit to make it clear that site rehabilitation, methane gas extraction and site after care may continue after operations of the landfill cease.

Discussion

Extending the operation of the Corio Landfill site until 31 December 2011 has been crucial to the provision of waste services within the City. In particular it has enabled Council to utilise the available air space at this site and also generate income to contribute to the higher standard of site rehabilitation now required by the Environment Protection Authority of Victoria.

The benefit of a Section 173 agreement was that it would establish obligations on the title of the land and provide a high level of surety to the Hovell Park residents that landfill operations would cease on 31 December 2011.

9. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS - HOVELL PARK RESIDENTS AGREEMENT (CONT'D)

Once it was identified that a S173 agreement was not possible considerable time and effort has gone into identifying an alternative form of agreement and a process to provide comfort to the residents.

This process has been developed in consultation with Council's legal advisor and with the input of the barrister acting for the residents. It is considered to provide the best alternative outcome.

Council's legal advice has also raised the concern that the wording of Conditions 1 and 12 of the Planning Permit, by specifying that the 'use and development of the site for refuse disposal works' must cease on or before 31 December 2011, may give rise to an interpretation that the site rehabilitation, gas extraction and site aftercare works must cease along with the landfill operations. These functions must continue as essential elements of the ongoing management of a former landfill site.

Therefore, while amending the Permit to acknowledge the changed form of agreement it is also proposed to amend the wording of the Permit to clarify that rehabilitation, gas extraction and site after care may continue post the cessation of the landfill operation.

The Agreement

As noted, the key difficulty with the agreement is that the Council cannot enter into a Section 173 Agreement with itself and cannot register that agreement on its own land.

To achieve the intent of the agreement, namely providing a contractual right, in favour of particular residents, to require the Council to stop placing waste at the land, a relatively straight forward Deed of Agreement ("**Agreement**") (rather than a formal Section 173 Agreement) has been proposed.

An independent Barrister appointed on behalf of the residents is advising the residents separately about this matter. Key elements of the proposed Agreement with the residents are as follows:

- a number of key residents are suggested as parties to the Agreement. Plainly it would be extremely complicated and a cumbersome exercise to have dozens of residents in the locality execute the Agreement. Each of the six objectors to the planning permit amendment have been formally given the opportunity to be parties to the agreement, only two of these have indicated interest. Ultimately, only one party is required to establish the agreement;
- placing of waste at the site must cease by 31 December 2011;
- importantly the Council is committing, contractually, that no further placing of waste can occur at the site after 31 December 2011; and
- there is recognition by the residents that the ongoing obligations of site rehabilitation, gas extraction and site aftercare can and must continue.

The Council should be aware that if at some future date the Council sought to recommence landfilling activities on the site, the relevant resident(s) (who are parties to the Agreement) would have the ability to take legal action in the Courts to enforce the Agreement. This would be in addition to and separate from, the rights of those residents to take action in VCAT under the Permit in any event.

The draft Deed of Agreement is presently with the Barrister representing the residents and they are consulting in terms of whether they wish to see any amendments to the Agreement.

9. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS - HOVELL PARK RESIDENTS AGREEMENT (CONT'D)

The recommendation of this report is that the Council delegate the powers and functions of the Council to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Deed of Agreement on substantially the same terms and conditions as those set out in the draft Deed of Agreement, subject to a right to agree to minor amendments which do not affect the overall intent of the Deed of Agreement.

If there is any significant amendment requested (which is unlikely given its content and the justification for the Agreement in any event) the matter would be brought back before the Council.

Proposed Changes to Planning Permit

As noted the Permit, (at condition 12) contains effectively two flaws, as follows:

- (a) it calls for the Council to enter into a Section 173 Agreement with itself, which it cannot legally do; and
- (b) when requiring the cessation of the "use" permitted under the permit implies that post-closure site rehabilitation, gas extraction and site aftercare (which are also effectively uses permitted under the permit) must also cease. Obviously these post-closure activities must continue.

As a similar issue, Condition 1 states, in part:

"...shall cease to be used and developed for refuse treatment and disposal works no later than 31 December 2011."

If you interpret "refuse treatment" to include the ongoing site remediation, after disposal ceases, it is arguable that Condition 1 may also, strictly interpreted, not permit the post closure activities the Council will need to undertake. A minor amendment to Condition 1 to make this clear is all that is required.

The recommendation of this report calls for the Council officers to institute an instruction from the Council to seek the relevant amendments to the Planning Permit to:

- (a) establish a new Condition 12 which:
 - requires the entry into an agreement with the relevant landowners (that is, not a Section 173 Agreement); and
 - makes it clear that the Permit allows for site rehabilitation, gas extraction and site aftercare works.
- (b) amend Condition 1 to make it clear the Permit allows for site rehabilitation, gas extraction and site aftercare works.

The nature of the direction and delegation to the Chief Executive Officer would be subject to the constraint that if there is any substantial change in the nature of the proposed outcome that the matter be brought back before the Council.

As discussed elsewhere, the proposed changes to the Planning Permit have been raised with a Barrister appointed on behalf of the residents and are being fully disclosed and discussed with the residents.

9. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS - HOVELL PARK RESIDENTS AGREEMENT (CONT'D)

Environmental Implications

There are no direct environmental implications from the recommendations in this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The recommendations in this report have been developed in consultation with Council's legal advisor and as a result of advice received.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No Council officers have any direct or indirect interest in this matter, in accordance with Section 80(C) of the Local Government Act.

Risk Assessment

There are no notable risks to Council as a result of the recommendations in this report. The agreement referred to in the recommendation simply confirms Council's obligations under the planning permit.

Social Considerations

There are no social implications as a result of the recommendations in this report.

Communication

There are no communications issues as a result of the recommendations in this report.

Appendix 9-1

GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL
("Council")

and

[INSERT RESIDENTS NAMES]
("Residents")

DEED OF AGREEMENT

Corio Landfill
Agreement to Terminate Operations

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PARTIES

- 1 **GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL**
of City Hall, 30 Gheringhap Street, Geelong Vic 3220
("Council")
- 2 **[INSERT EACH RESIDENT'S NAME AND ADDRESS AS FOLLOWS]**

[INSERT NAME]
of _____

[INSERT NAME]
of _____

[INSERT NAME]
of _____

[INSERT NAME]
of _____

[INSERT NAME]
of _____

[INSERT NAME]
of _____

("Residents")

RECITALS

- A The Council operates the Landfill at 1500 Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio.
- B The Landfill operates pursuant to the Planning Permit which, amongst other things, requires the use of the Landfill for refuse or waste disposal to cease no later than 31 December 2011.
- C The Residents are the owners and occupiers of various properties located relatively near to the Landfill.
- D The Residents have been opposed to the continued operation of the Landfill, including particularly the extension of the proposed termination date of the operation of the Landfill, including its last extension to 31 December 2011.
- E The parties wish to enter into this Agreement so as to bind the Council pursuant to a legally enforceable agreement to cease the disposal of refuse and waste at the Landfill as provided in this Agreement.

THE PARTIES AGREE THAT:

1 DEFINITIONS

In this Agreement:

- 1.1 **"Agreement"** means this Deed of Agreement, including the recitals and any annexures to this Agreement.
- 1.2 **"Council"** means the Greater Geelong City Council.
- 1.3 **"Landfill"** means the operations of the Council at 1500 Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio pursuant to the Planning Permit.
- 1.4 **"Planning Permit"** which means Planning Permit number 937/2000/A issued by the Greater Geelong City Council, last amended 18 May 2010.
- 1.5 **"Residents"** means the parties so named as the Residents in this Agreement.

2 COMMENCEMENT

This Agreement comes into force upon it being signed or executed by the last of all of the parties to this Agreement.

3 TERMINATION OF LANDFILL OPERATIONS

3.1 Council commitment

The Council must

- 3.1.1 cease to use the Landfill for the disposal of refuse, or another waste on or before 31 December 2011; and
- 3.1.2 not seek to recommence the use of the Landfill for disposal of refuse, or another waste, after 31 December 2011.

3.2 Aftercare Obligations

It is acknowledged by the parties that after the cessation of disposal as contemplated in Clause 3.1, the Council will commence, continue and complete any and all of its site rehabilitation obligations in respect of the Landfill under the Planning Permit and any approval or requirement imposed by the Environment Protection Authority, together with the Council continuing to operate, manage and maintain the methane gas extraction and electricity plant associated with the Landfill and carry out any site aftercare.

4 PLANNING PERMIT – PROPOSED SECTION 173 AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge that Condition 12 of the Planning Permit required an agreement pursuant to Section 173 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987*, however, as the Council is also the Responsible Authority and the owner of the land on which the Landfill is located, that such an agreement could not be entered into. This Agreement, therefore, is in part designed to be in substitution for that section 173 agreement otherwise required under Condition 12 of the Planning Permit.

5 RESIDENTS' RIGHTS

It is agreed that:

- 5.1 any provisions of this Agreement which exist in favour of the Residents as a group also exists in favour of them individually.
- 5.2 the Residents may enforce this Agreement in any relevant Court of competent jurisdiction.
- 5.3 any rights of the Residents expressed in this Agreement are in addition to and do not reduce or otherwise impact upon any rights of the Residents pursuant to the *Planning & Environment Act 1987*, the planning permit or any other legislation or subordinate regulation or at common law.

6 GENERAL

6.1 No fettering of Council's powers

This Agreement does not fetter or restrict the Council's power or discretion in respect of any of the Council's decision making powers including but not limited to an ability to make decisions under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Explanation – this condition is a standard clause confirming Council, as a statutory agency, cannot bind the exercise of future statutory decisions by contract.

6.2 Enforcement and severability

6.2.1 This Agreement shall operate as a contract between the parties and be enforceable as such in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

6.2.2 If a Court, arbitrator, tribunal or other competent authority determines that a word, phrase, sentence, paragraph or clause of this Agreement is unenforceable, illegal or void, then it shall be severed and the other provisions of this Agreement shall remain operative.

7 NOTICES

7.1 Service of notice

A notice or other communication required or permitted, under this Agreement, to be served on a person must be in writing and may be served:

- 7.1.1 personally on the person;
- 7.1.2 by leaving it at the person's address set out in this Agreement;
- 7.1.3 by posting it by prepaid post addressed to that person at the person's current address for service; or
- 7.1.4 by facsimile to the person's current number notified to the other party.

7.2 Time of service

A notice or other communication is deemed served:

- 7.2.1 if served personally or left at the person's address, upon service;

- 7.2.2 if posted within Australia to an Australian address, two Business Days after posting;
- 7.2.3 if served by facsimile, subject to the next clause, at the time indicated on the transmission report produced by the sender's facsimile machine indicating that the facsimile was sent in its entirety to the addressee's facsimile; and
- 7.2.4 if received after 5.00pm in the place of receipt or on a day which is not a Business Day, at 9.00am on the next Business Day.

8 INTERPRETATION

In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears:

- 8.1 the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- 8.2 a reference to a document or instrument, including this Agreement, includes a reference to that document or instrument as novated, altered or replaced from time to time;
- 8.3 a reference to an individual or person includes a partnership, body corporate, government authority or agency and vice versa;
- 8.4 a reference to a party includes that party's executors, administrators, successors, substitutes and permitted assigns;
- 8.5 words importing one gender include other genders;
- 8.6 other grammatical forms of defined words or expressions have corresponding meanings;
- 8.7 a covenant, undertaking, representation, warranty, indemnity or agreement made or given by:
 - 8.7.1 two or more parties; or
 - 8.7.2 a party comprised of two or more persons,
 is made or given and binds those parties or persons jointly and severally;
- 8.8 a reference to a statute, code or other law includes regulations and other instruments made under it and includes consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them;
- 8.9 a recital, schedule, annexure or description of the parties forms part of this Agreement;
- 8.10 a party that is a trustee is bound both personally and in its capacity as trustee;
- 8.11 a reference to an authority, institution, association or body ("**original entity**") that has ceased to exist or been reconstituted, renamed or replaced or whose powers or functions have been transferred to another entity, is a reference to the entity that most closely serves the purposes or objects of the original entity;
- 8.12 headings and the provision of a table of contents are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

EXECUTED as a deed of agreement.

THE COMMON SEAL of GREATER)
GEELONG CITY COUNCIL was affixed)
hereto in the presence of:)

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Mayor

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Chief Executive Officer

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in the presence of:)

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10. CORIO LANDFILL OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

Portfolio:	Environment and Sustainability - Cr John Doull
Source:	City Services
General Manager:	Gary van Driel
Index Reference:	Waste Management: Corio Landfill

Cr Doull moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That in accordance with Section 89 (2) (d) of the Local Government Act 1989, this contractual matter be considered at the conclusion of all other business at which time the meeting be closed to members of the public.

Carried.

URGENT BUSINESS

Note: Introduction of Urgent Business requires two-thirds majority of Councillors present.

Cr Richards proposes to raise an item as Urgent Business:

Cr Richards moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That Council considers as Urgent Business a motion concerning Police Officer numbers in the City of Greater Geelong.

Carried.

POLICE NUMBERS IN THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

Over the last three decades the City of Greater Geelong area has expanded in size, and number of residents. During this period of growth, police resources, including the number of police officers allocated to the City of Greater Geelong area has not kept pace with the expanding population. There is now a significant shortfall in police resources in Geelong. Council is thankful to all police officers stationed here for doing their best with the resources they have over many years. The only way for the problem can be fixed, and police numbers increased is for the State Government to allocate more funding to employ more police officers, and for Police senior management to make the decision to allocate those resources to the City of Greater Geelong area.

Cr Richards moved, Cr Granger seconded -

That Council write to the Victorian Premier, Deputy Premier, Leader of the Opposition, and all state lower and upper house MPs in the City of Greater Geelong area, and senior police management, outlining Council's concerns about the lack of police resources being allocated to the City of Greater Geelong area, the problems that this lack of resources generate, and calling on the State government to increase funding for overall police numbers across Victoria, and for senior police management to allocate a substantially increased number of these resources to the City of Greater Geelong area.

Carried.

The Mayor vacated the Chair at 8.50pm

Cr Granger assumed the Chair at 8.50pm.

Cr S Kontelj left the meeting room at 8.50pm for the evening.

COMMON SEAL REGISTER

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That the following document be signed and sealed by Council.

Carried.

1. SECTION 173 AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL AND STOCKLAND DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD FOR 2202-2350 BELLARINE HIGHWAY, POINT LONSDALE

Portfolio:	Planning – Cr Macdonald
Source:	Economic Development, Planning & Tourism
General Manager:	Peter Bettess
Property:	2202-2350 Bellarine Highway, Point Lonsdale
Application No:	361/2011

Officers' Comments

This Agreement pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 was required by Condition 2 of Planning Permit No. 361/2011 issued on 26 July 2011 which allowed a two lot subdivision. This subdivision facilitates the creation of a lot, for the development of an aged care facility on the site, prior to when it would have been created in the overall subdivision permitted under Planning Permit 673/2007.

The purpose of the Agreement is to ensure that the lot is serviced in accordance with the requirements of planning permit 673/2007 which allowed a multi lot subdivision for the entire site.

This Agreement has been prepared by one of Council's panel solicitors.

Owner's Obligations

The Owner must ensure that all works, drainage, roads and services as required under planning permit 673/2007 are completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority prior to the commencement of the use/occupation of the lot created as a result of this planning permit.

Council Obligations

Nil

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS RECORD

Portfolio: Democracy and Governance – Cr Mitchell
Source: Corporate Services
General Manager: Jeff Wall

Summary

- Section 80A (2) of the Local Government Act 1989 requires the record of an Assembly of Councillors be reported to the next practicable Ordinary Meeting of Council.
- A record of Assembly of Councillors meeting(s) is attached as an Appendix to this report.

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Macdonald seconded -

That the information be received.

Carried.

RECORD OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
(Council Meeting 14 February 2012)

Assembly Details	Councillor Attendees	Officer Attendees	Matters Discussed	Conflict of Interest Disclosures
Councillor Briefing 7 February 2012	Crs Abley, Doull, Farrell, Harwood, Mitchell, Macdonald, Richards	S Griffin (CEO) D Frost (GM) J Wall (GM) P Jamieson (ACT-GM) P Bettess (GM) B Gaudion (ACT-GM) S Adams (CO ORD) R Bourke (CO ORD)	• Corio/Norlane Housing – Presentation • Terminals – Presentation • Draft Public Art Strategy 2012-2022 • Corio Landfill Operations – Hovells Park Residents Agreement • Corio Landfill Operations - Agreement (<i>Confidential</i>) • Grovedale Integrated Children's Centre • Geelong Freight Connections Masterplan • Planning for the Lara West Urban Growth Area • G21 Geelong Region Alliance Funding Agreement • Annual Report and Membership of Committee for Geelong • Barwon Water Application for Price Adjustment • Responsible Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs • Disability Advisory Committee – Progress Report • 2009-2013 Geelong Health and Wellbeing Plan Status Report • Lake Lorne Reserve, Drysdale – Approval of Final Masterplan	Crs Farrell and Richards declared an indirect interest in the G21 Geelong Region Alliance Funding Agreement and left the meeting room prior to discussion.

PLANNING DELEGATIONS

Portfolio:	Planning - Cr Macdonald
Source:	Economic Development, Planning & Tourism - City Development
General Manager:	Peter Bettess
Index Reference:	Delegation

Summary

- Section 98 of the Local Government Act 1989 and section 188 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 empower Council to delegate its powers, duties and functions under relevant legislation to members of Council staff.
- Council may also delegate to committees comprising Councillors and staff or a combination of both, pursuant to sections 86 and 87 of the Local Government Act and section 188 of the Planning and Environment Act.
- At its meeting on 13 March 2007 Council established a Planning Committee and a Development Hearings Panel with delegated powers to determine upon any development applications which have been the subject of an objection or in circumstances where officers have recommended refusal of the application.
- At its meeting on 23 September 2008 Council adopted a recommendation to allow Officers (restricted to Manager, Coordinator and Team Leader level) the ability to consider and approve applications with five or less objections.
- The appendix to this report contains a schedule of all applications determined under these delegations.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That the information be received.

Carried.

Monthly Decisions Report - January, 2012

App No	Location	Application Type	Decision Date	Description	Authority Description
1050/2011	70 Staceys Road, Anakie VIC 3221	Boundary Re-alignment	20-Jan-2012	Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit	Development Hearings Panel
1115/2011	15 Bourbon Way, Waurin Ponds VIC 3216	Construction of five dwellings and five lot subdivision	20-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Development Hearings Panel
832/2011	2/32 The Esplanade, Portarlington VIC 3223	Construction of viewing deck over 7.5 metres	20-Jan-2012	Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit	Development Hearings Panel
663/2007	300 Moorabool Street Geelong	Construction of a multi-level office building and partial waiver of car parking - Extnsion of Time	20-Jan-2012	Refusal to Grant Extension of Time	Development Hearings Panel
1009/2011	43 Apex Avenue, Belmont VIC 3216	Two (2) Lot Subdivision and the Construction of a second Dwelling	6-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 1 objector
1028/2011	15 Peary Street, Belmont VIC 3216	Demolition of Existing Dwelling, Outbuildings and Front Fence, and Construction of a Single-Storey Dwelling and Front Fence	6-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 2 objectors
1067/2011	71 Tait's Road, Barwon Heads VIC 3227	Alterations to the existing dwelling and construction of a double storey dwelling and two (2) lot subdivision on land affected by a Special Building Overlay	6-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 2 objectors
1090/2011	37 Summit Avenue, Belmont VIC 3216	Two (2) lot Subdivision and the Construction of a second Dwelling and single carport.	6-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 1 objector
1111/2011	115-117 Rivergum Drive, Highton VIC 3216	Construction of one dwelling exceeding 7.5m in height and site cut greater than 1.5m	17-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 1 objector
618/2011	407 Yarra Street, South Geelong VIC 3220	Use of the Land for an Office and Accommodation, and Business Identification Signage	30-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 1 objector
756/2011	161-163 Ryrie Street, Geelong VIC 3220	Use and Development of Six (6) Dwellings, Subdivision of the Land into Seven (7) Lots and Partial Waiver of Car Parking Requirements	31-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 2 objectors

877/2011	2/70 Stephens Parade, Barwon Heads VIC 3227	Buildings and Works associated with one Dwelling and Removal and Lopping of Vegetation	25-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 2 objectors
885/2011	69 South Valley Road, Highton VIC 3216	Construction of a Second Dwelling on a Lot	25-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 1 objector
903/2011	118 Dare Street, Ocean Grove VIC 3226	Buildings and Works Associated with the Construction of a Dwelling Over 7.5m in Height and a Garage	27-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 4 objectors
934/2011	55 Bourke Crescent, Geelong VIC 3220	Construction of an Extension to a Dwelling over 7.5 m in Height	31-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 2 objectors
508/2010A	22 Percy Street, Newtown	Construction of Four (4) Double Storey Dwellings	30-Jan-2012	Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit	Delegated Authority - 1 objector

Cr Richards moved, Cr Fisher seconded –

That the meeting be closed to the public.

Carried.

The Meeting was closed to the public at 8.57pm

A record of the proceedings of this section of the meeting is contained in a Confidential Minute Book.

The Meeting was opened to the public at 8.59pm

CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.59pm. Tuesday, 14 February 2012.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date of Confirmation: _____