CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

MINUTES

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 28 February 2012

Held at the
Potato Shed, Bellarine Multi Arts Centre
Peninsula Drive, Drysdale
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 POTATO SHED BELLARINE MULTI ARTS CENTRE, PENINSULA DRIVE TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2012 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Cr C Granger (Acting Mayor), Crs B Abley, J Doull, J Farrell, K Fisher, E Kontelj, S Kontelj, R Macdonald, R Nelson, A Richards

Also present: Jeff Wall (General Manager Corporate Services), P Bettess (General Manager Economic Development, Planning and Tourism), D Frost (General Manager Projects, Recreation and Central Geelong), G Van Driel (General Manager City Services), J McMahon (General Manager Community Services), P Manolis (CEO Geelong Regional Library Corporation) R Bourke (Governance Co ordinator), D Chiller (Co ordinator Communication and Marketing)

OPENING: The Acting Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.00pm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The Acting 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: Crs J Mitchell (Mayor), B Harwood

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr Abley moved, Cr Fisher seconded –

That leave of absence be granted to Cr J Mitchell (Mayor) from 6 to 31 March 2012, inclusive and Cr John Doull from 12 to 27 March 2012, inclusive.

Carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 February 2012 be confirmed and signed.

Carried.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Nil.

QUESTION TIME:

Jonathan Gay asked that given the stated aim of Council's environmental policy is that ratepayers 'plant indigenous (local native) plants in gardens' and that the current cost of a trailer load of native plant tree prunings is $39.50 for a heaped 6 x 4 trailer, will Council consider removing this cost at their recycling centres for such waste, given it can be mulched recycled and used in parks and gardens? If not, why not?

Gary Van Driel (General Manager City Services), responded that the re-use of greenwaste in parks and gardens is an appealing concept in order to gain benefit out of material that otherwise would have gone to landfill. However, there are complexities to the pursuit of this concept that result in a receival fee being required to offset the costs associated with transforming this 'waste' material into a usable product. Therefore, the fee charged for greenwaste receival at Drysdale is required to recover the costs associated with diverting that greenwaste from landfill.

Michel Le Maistre stated traffic on High Street, Drysdale is becoming chaotic and realised that responsibility for construction of the bypass is primarily that of VicRoads, but what is Council's present position on the proposed by pass? When was the last survey on traffic density (through/local) conducted?

Cr Macdonald responded that Council is supportive of the Bypass and understands that VicRoads has purchased some land in the Reserve area. The amount of traffic going through wasn't sufficient to construct the bypass but Council is now aware of the increase in traffic levels through Drysdale and have had a number of discussions, including the Residents Association, to take up as a project for the town.

Gary Van Driel responded that Council is currently developing the design as part of that process. There has been extensive discussion in relation to the need for the bypass and further work needs to be undertaken to support the case for the bypass including an examination as to whether staging of the bypass would be beneficial.

In relation to the last survey on through and local traffic this is a question Council will take up with VicRoads.

Michele Le Maistre asked the following question on behalf of Susan Le Maistre:

As part of the refurbishment of the Drysdale branch of Geelong Regional Library, the rear access was closed off, making it more difficult for the elderly/infirm to make use of the library. Could more disabled parking be provided in front of the library? Could the rear 'emergency' exit be modified and opened permanently to provide access from the rear, as it was before?

Cr Macdonald responded that there were probably a number of aspects as to why the rear door was removed. However, essentially the decision was made to close the rear door to make better use of the space that was a thoroughfare, thereby increasing the available space for better services to the community. In terms of parking for disabled, Council is reviewing the parking in the front of the library to determine if a disabled bay can be accommodated.

Gary Van Driel confirmed Council's traffic engineers are looking at the possibility of achieving a disabled bay.

QUESTION TIME (CONT'D)

Marcus Gay asked if a manned crossing/pedestrian lights/flyover can be installed at the junction of Crimea Street and Geelong Road. Many school children use this crossing of a morning and afternoon, and it is only a matter of time until someone is seriously injured or killed; due to the increase of cars using this section of road?

Gary Van Driel responded pedestrian crossings are a major traffic control item and as such are subject to VicRoads approval. Certain minimum criteria in terms of pedestrian and traffic volume counts are required. Council will undertake the necessary counts and discussions with VicRoads and provide feedback.

A M Freemantle addressed Council as follows:

1) The paved surface of roadway in Village Walk are in a dangerously, dilapidated condition.

Gary Van Driel responded that the area concerned is private property and as such the responsibility of the property owner. On 23 January Council contacted the agents managing the property requesting repair to the pavers. The agents have advised that as yet they have not received approval from the property owner for the improvement works and will continue to pursue the request.

2) Traffic congestion in and out of Village Walk is increasing and becoming a hazard both entering and exiting Village Walk. I there any long term plan by Council to consider purchasing the land for a through extension to Village Walk in a one way, westerly direction to allow for traffic movement in a westerly direction, thus providing some extra car parking spaces also?

Gary Van Driel responded there are no current plans to extend the Village Walk.

3) Police illegal parking in no standing space adjacent to Village Walk Milk Bar

Gary Van Driel responded that he would refer this matter to Council's Local Laws staff.

4) Is there any long term planning development within the business centre of Drysdale?

Gary Van Driel responded that long term planning will be part of the consideration of work currently being undertaken for the Drysdale Town Centre Urban Design Framework.

Karyn Howie asked if the *key objectives* and *social considerations* of the Draft Barwon Heads Village Park Masterplan according to the report are to 'include supporting the existing uses of the reserve, improving use of areas for formal sports, improving traffic and pedestrian circulation and increasing opportunities for informal public use', then why isn't there an objective about building a formal, substantive educational institution?

Cr Richards responded that the site of the new kindergarten has been through an extensive options study and to ascertain public comment the Draft Barwon Heads Village Park Masterplan will be placed on exhibition for a period of four weeks.

QUESTION TIME (CONT'D)

Ruth Lee asked what are Councillor's reasons for locating a large educational institution in the middle of what the Master plan clearly states is a sporting and recreational reserve and has been for the past 100 years?

Are Councillors aware that this Village Park in Barwon Heads is a very unique reserve with a 100 year old history as a sport and recreational area with individual features such as aboriginal sites, stands of indigenous Moonah trees and heavily supported sporting clubs that have worked with the Council over the years since 1960? Do you think that is the most appropriate location for such an extensive complex that will involve a large capital works construction, hard surfaces, traffic congestion and limited open space when there is another viable alternative site next to the Community Arts Garden?

Cr Richards responded that Council needs to build a new double roomed kindergarten in Barwon Heads. Two sites, i.e. Barwon Heads Village Park and the Community Arts Gardens have been identified as possible locations. No final decision on the location of the kindergarten has been made. In order to ascertain community input a Draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan will be released for public comment for a period of four weeks.

The Acting Mayor responded that some of these concerns will be answered during debate of the item later this evening.

Judith Brooks asked the following question on behalf of Sue Filby:

What is the process from now for the Open Space consultation and the Draft Masterplan for the Barwon Heads Village Park consultation and what are the timelines?

Dean Frost responded that submissions for both Open Space consultation and the Draft Barwon Heads Village Park Masterplan will commence on 3 March and run for 4 weeks until 5 April when submissions will close. During the following week Council will then collate the submissions received. Council will then endeavour to resolve those submissions, however if unable to resolve they will be referred to a Council Submissions Panel, which will be held in late April. That process will also provide an opportunity for residents to raise their concerns. The outcome of recommendations will then be reported to Council, hopefully on 22 May, depending on amount of submissions received. It will then be up to Council to make a decision and then reflect that decision into the Masterplan. The Masterplan will then go to Council in June for formal adoption.

Dallas Jones asked various questions in relation to medium/high density zoning in Drysdale – in particular the inappropriateness of a proposed five lot development in a semi rural environment and asked Council to take into consideration the impact of this type of development on surrounding residents. Concerns were also raised in relation to water pressure issues with respect to new building development and road conditions - upgrades kerb and channelling for new development on busy roads.

Cr Macdonald addressed many of Mr Jones' concerns prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting.

QUESTION TIME (CONT'D)

John Perrott referred his question to the roundabout at the junction of Jetty Road, Grubb Road, Geelong Portarlington Highway. As we have several schools in the vicinity and an estimated 4500 new homes being built, is it not time that the roundabout be removed and traffic lights installed at the intersection? Secondly, when are we going to have a bypass of Drysdale?

Gary Van Driel responded that he would take the question on notice and provide a written response.

Neil McGuinness addressed Council as follows:

1) The Greater Geelong Cycle Strategy (March 2008) states that it is a Priority A (Item 10) to install cycle lanes along Jetty Road. On completion of the current roadworks will Council inform residents what cycle lanes will be provided where Jetty Road crosses Griggs Creek, a) on the west side, b) on the east side, and can Council assure residents that the cycle lanes will be safe and suitable for the use of children, as they commute to and from the nearly Clifton Springs Primary School?

Gary Van Driel responded that he would take the question on notice and provide a written response.

2) Is it the case that Council has installed three of a planned six groynes designed to reduce erosion of the Clifton Springs foreshore? Is it also the case that, since the installation of the groynes, erosion has actually increased at either ends of the three groynes approx 100m to the east of the east most groyne (at Beacon Point) and 100m west of the west most groyne (at the site of the historic Mineral Springs)? Is this erosion of concern to Council and can the Council please inform the residents of Clifton Springs what actions they have planned to arrest this erosion?

   Cr Doull responded that funding received through the State Government for the installation of the three groynes has worked exceptionally well, obviously a fourth groyne (which funding did not extend to) may minimise further erosion.

3) DCSCA believes that Geelong and Bellarine has the potential to become an internationally recognised tourist destination for recreational cyclists. There could be an integrated system of cycle trails including the Bellarine Rail Trail, Barwon Riverside Trails from west of Geelong to Barwon Heads, a Bayside Coastal Trail along the north of the Bellarine, an Ocean Coastal Trail along the south coast of the Bellarine. There could also be linking trails such as alongside the proposed Geelong Ringroad extension and these could connect to scenic areas and new attractions such as a lookout on the highest point on the Bellarine. Such a system of trails would surely be a large economic benefit to the area. Does Council share this vision and does Council have a long term plan to achieve this vision?

Gary Van Driel acknowledged the potential for promoting cycling on the Bellarine Peninsula and had been discussed at the G21 Transport Pillar, and in fact a Bicycle Infrastructure Management Group has been established and key priorities identified for investing into improved cycling around Geelong.

Acting Mayor, Cr Granger added a response will be forwarded in writing.

QUESTION TIME (CONT'D)

Stephen Cathcart asked why is the alternative location of the Barwon Heads Kindergarten not visible to the public for comment? The preferred option is the only one available for comment, and therefore limits the public's ability to make informed comment on the Kindergarten's location?

Cr Granger advised the questions would be addressed during debate.

Cr Richards added Council had to select one site and put it out on display. The selection has been through an extensive process. This will provide an opportunity for the community to submit.

Dean Frost added Council considered a report in January 2012 that assessed two sites, i.e Barwon Heads Village Park and the Community Gardens site. As a result of that report the Village Park is the preferred site over the Community Gardens at this stage.

Colin Wallace asked on what date were the TGSI's installed on the footpath along the northern side of Lawton Avenue, Geelong West, at either side of the southern end of First Street?

Gary Van Driel responded he would take the question on notice and provide a written response.

Anissa Yttrup asked if Councillors are aware that her Committee (The Barwon Heads Kindergarten Futures Committee) have been working on this project for over three years and have extensively explored all possible sites in Barwon Heads that are able to accommodate a kindergarten?

We have chosen the Village Park as the preferred site because it is the best site for the new kindergarten to be built on. We have come to this decision only after thorough consideration of all possible sites in Barwon Heads.

It is the best site for numerous reasons including, it is central to all residents, located adjacent to a safe road with an established children's crossing, the small price of proposed land is not used. It has housed pipes and mulch at various times, the Village Park will be enhanced by the new kinder and use of the entire park increased with kinder kids using it every day, it is close to town, which is good for local businesses and it is on an established safe walking and riding path which will encourage families to leave the car at home which benefits everyone and creates less traffic congestion in our town.

Cr Richards thanked Ms Yttrup for her ongoing commitment.

Mary Wallace addressed Council as follows:

1) Would Councillors note that there was an introduction to my first question I asked at the 13 December 2011 Council Meeting and that this introduction was excluded from the minutes, even though I said it aloud and handed it in, and as a consequence what my first question (at the 13 December 2011 Council Meeting) was about was made less clear?

QUESTION TIME (CONT'D)

2) Would Councillors note that the response that appears in the minutes of 13 December 2011 Council Meeting to my first question is not what the Mayor said on the night, either literally or in essence and that, in the follow up letter signed by Mr Van Driel, I recognise some of the trickery?

3) Would Councillors note that, in my introduction to my first question at the 13 December 2011 Council Meeting, I told you then and I am still telling you that it is less safe for pedestrians crossing the southern end of First Street, Geelong West, which is a consequence of the change of design across the southern end of First Street – specifically the removal of the concrete threshold treatment/footpath across the southern end of First Street (there is asphalt there now) and the change in design of the channel across the southern end of First Street?

4) Would Councillors note that the change in engineering design across the southern end of First Street has resulted in more cars entering First Street at greater speeds, thus making it less safe for pedestrians crossing the southern end of First Street and that these pedestrians include primary school children and other vulnerable pedestrians?

5) Would Councillors note that I believe Council's City Development department and Engineering Services department have knowingly made it less safe for pedestrians crossing the southern end of First Street, Geelong West?

The Acting Mayor responded that Councillors would take into account and note Mrs Wallace's concerns in relation to questions 1-5.

6) Have you, Mr Mayor, or any other Councillors used Street View on your computer to look closely at what the engineering design at both ends of First Street used to be, the Street View images there currently having been taken in November 2007?

Acting Mayor, Cr Granger responded that whilst he could not speak for other Councillors he personally has not used Street View.

Eliza Leake (Member of The Barwon Heads Kindergarten Futures Committee) asked if Councillors are aware of the land survey results that have been carried out both on the Village Park and Community Garden through CoGG consultants? Benefits that have been noted specifically are that drainage and traffic management favour the Village Park and not the Community Gardens. If placed at the Community Gardens, are Councillors aware of the increased costs this could have on Council?

Are Councillors also aware the total land area of the proposed kinder site equates to approximately 1% of the 54 acres of Village Park? A relatively small site which has only been sued for storage and is never used for recreation. This area we see could be enhanced by a well-designed building, creating more vegetation for the families of the Barwon Heads community and improved walking paths. It should be noted that more than half of the area used would be outdoor play spaces. Do you have any comments on this?

Cr Granger indicated the questions would be addressed during debate of the item.

QUESTION TIME (CONT'D)

Elise Wilkinson (Member of The Barwon Heads Kindergarten Futures Committee) asked if Councillors are aware of the Barwon Heads Traffic and Parking Study completed in 2010 by GTA consultants for CoGG which states that the major issues identified by the community include 'the increasing volume of traffic on arterial roads in Barwon Heads, in particular heavy vehicle or truck volume'.

The Acting Mayor responded that Councillors were aware of the study.

Further, as part of the responses and recommendations of this study, it was advised that 'no physical works are considered to be appropriate to arterial roads'. Council carried the motion to accept the study in April 2010 and there were 52 submissions made as part of this study from various individuals, businesses and organisations in Barwon Heads.

Specific measured daily traffic volumes along the Barwon Heads Road, near the community garden site were 10,300 (2006) as opposed to 5,200 (2006) on Geelong Road close to the proposed kindergarten site at the Village Park.

The Village Park site which is in the centre of town facilitates walking and cycling, it has half the volume of traffic and a safe school crossing. The community garden site in contrast, has no safe crossing point, is on the outskirts of town, has twice the traffic volume, including heavy vehicles, and has traffic moving at high speeds. This is unsafe in relation to building a facility for young children. Do you have any comments in relation to this?

The Acting Mayor responded these concerns will be taken into consideration during debate of the item later this evening.

Questions were also submitted by Eric and Jacqueline Banks, Dr Max Simmons, Ken and Michele Davis, Lyn Carracher and Alistair Cameron and but were not in attendance at the meeting.

PETITIONS: Nil.

1. POTATO SHED 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Portfolio: **Arts & Culture – Cr Abley**
Source: **Community Services – Arts & Culture**
General Manager: **Jenny McMahon**
Index Reference: **Subject: Arts & Culture / Multi-arts Facilities**

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information relating to the Potato Shed's activities over the 2010/2011 period (see Attachment).
- The Potato Shed is a multi-arts venue: it presents performing arts, art exhibitions, educational and public programmes to residents and visitors to the Bellarine.
- The presentation of this report is a requirement based on Council's annual contribution to the Potato Shed from the Joint Use Agreement with Bellarine Secondary College and St Ignatius College Geelong.
- The Potato Shed has continued to experience a high level of community demand in 2010/2011. It is currently consistently operating close to capacity and is not able to accommodate all bookings. Over the last five years of operation it has experienced a steady increase in visitation rates.
- A total of 114,084 visits were made to the Potato Shed in 2010/2011.
- General public visits increased by 16,104 in the 2010/2011 period, a higher than expected increase due in part to visitor attendances of 10,000 at the Clifton Springs–Drysdale Community Association's inaugural Festival of Glass.
- A highlight of the 2010/2011 year was the 10th Birthday Bash. This sold out celebration highlighted the past ten years at the venue through music, stories and images. A commemorative CD was also produced to celebrate the 10th year.
- Achievements for 2010/2011 include the culmination of the "Join The Party" Subscription Season in 2010, and the launch and first half of the "Ten Out Of Ten" Season. This latter featured 10 events to celebrate the venue's 10th Anniversary. This included high profile touring productions from Hit Productions, Regional Arts Victoria and prominent independent presenters.
- Other highlights were a sell-out Morning Showtime series, attendances of 3,000 at the 2010 Family Fun Day, and Children's Week Prep Workshops, which attracted participation of most primary schools on the Bellarine. Due to the ongoing success of the Family Fun Day, it is recommended a budget allocation of $10,000 be considered as part of Council's 2012/13 budget deliberations.
- School use of the facility has remained high, with a diverse curriculum of classes and activities in all venues, as well as special productions, events and exams.
- Diverse community engagement activities in 2010/2011 included 84 theatre, dance and music performances, nine all-age music events and two youth arts festivals. A number of original works were presented, along with multiple forums, seminars and workshops, and weekly classes in dance, drama and music.
- The key challenge facing the venue is managing the needs and expectations of the schools, hirers and community groups in the face of the high level of venue usage.

1. POTATO SHED 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)

Cr Farrell moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That Council notes the report.

Carried.

Report

Background

The Potato Shed was built as a joint venture by the City of Greater Geelong, Bellarine Secondary College and St Ignatius College Geelong (formerly Catholic Regional College) with the State Government providing additional funding from the Community Support Fund. Council established a Committee of Management under Section 86 of the Local Government Act, and a Development and Joint Use Agreement was signed. The venue opened on 15 March 15 2001.

Discussion

2010/2011 has been a landmark year for audience and user attendance at the Potato Shed. A total of 114,084 visits were made to the Potato Shed during this period. General Public attendance totalled 71,730, representing an increase of 16,104 patrons over the previous year.

Throughout the 2010/2011 period the Potato Shed has once again been experiencing a high level of community demand. It is consistently operating close to capacity, seven days a week, 14 hours a day, and is not able to accommodate all bookings. The key challenge facing the venue is to manage the needs and expectations of the schools, hirers and community groups in the face of the current ongoing usage level and increasing demand.

Programme highlights over the last year have included several sell out performances including popular satirist Barry Morgan, John Jarrett in the Australian Play "The Sum of Us" and Australian comedic icon Rachel Berger's one woman shows "Hold The Pickle" and "Clever Dicks". The popular Morning Showtime Season featured Jan Preston from Sydney in "Queen of the Ivories" and Splash Theatre from South Australia with "Me and My Mate".

A number of new original works were presented over this period, including self-devised works by innovative dance group Collision, which were custom-designed for presentation in spaces both inside and outside the Potato Shed. Local company Theatre 3triple2 developed and presented new productions by local emerging writers, as well as a weekend of one-act plays at the Winter Solstice Festival.

Other highlights include the ongoing successes of Crash Course Productions (CCP) with all-age events. CCP is an award-winning youth-operated production group which comprises members aged between 14 and 24 years. They stage fully supervised and strictly smoke, drug and alcohol-free events for the youth of Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula. CCP have become a positive model for other youth groups.

1. POTATO SHED 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)

Aside from one-off events, a snapshot of regular weekly bookings reveals an impressive array of community usage which includes: multiple ballet classes; martial arts classes; a range of contemporary dance classes; regular rehearsals for amateur theatre companies; significant community engagement workshops; youth focused activities and band practices. These activities are all conducted within the facility outside school hours and are in addition to the school use during Monday to Friday scheduled class times.

The Potato Shed embraces diversity and encourages participation from all sectors of the community. The venue's resident groups often collaborate to create positive outcomes within the community. The Shed also played host to a number of key events and non-theatre related activities, hosting six conferences and events over this period. People of all abilities are welcomed and encouraged to participate in all the activities at the venue and view performances and events.

Bookings were consistent and user satisfaction high in spite of capacity usage challenges – many touring artists, groups and patrons made return visits throughout the year. However as the venue operates at near capacity there is very little scope for the inclusion of new groups and activities. As the community grows, along with the interest in the venue, some groups may need to find larger or alternative spaces to accommodate their needs. The Festival of Glass is one such example – after attracting 10,000 visitors in its extremely successful inaugural year at the Potato Shed, organisers had to relocate the event to a larger venue to accommodate its needs.

Environmental Implications

A Waste Wise process that was implemented early in the 2008 calendar year, and which gained accreditation in August 2008, continues successfully. The Potato Shed encourages all users and hirers to be waste wise and has banned the use of all polystyrene products in the venue. Since commencing the waste wise process, general waste has decreased dramatically. The community, through events and functions have responded particularly well, and this response has been most evident at the major events at the facility.

The Potato Shed took a proactive approach again in 2010/2011 in working to continually improve in this area. Sponsorship for the Family Fun Day and Children's Week workshops included funded Green Power being used to offset greenhouse emissions. Local high school students continued to plan and design dry spell gardens and wetlands adjacent to the facility.

Potato Shed staff encourage patrons to empty half used water bottles into buckets at the front door. The bucketed water is then transferred to the garden and as water for wildlife and native fauna. The Facility boasts a wide range of native birds as residents, including ducks, ibis, kookaburras and the rare Orange Breasted Parrot to name a few.

The Potato Shed also re-uses resources and materials from other Council departments. 2010/2011 saw Orchestra Victoria concert artworks, UCI banners, and signage recycled into stage floor cloths and set pieces for various events at the facility.

1. POTATO SHED 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)

Financial Implications

The Potato Shed is subject to the terms and conditions of a Joint Use Agreement between the City of Greater Geelong, Bellarine Secondary College School Council and The Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation for the Diocese of Melbourne. Under this agreement, all parties contribute to the daily operation of the facility.

Council's contribution to the operation of the Potato Shed in 2010/2011 was $156,302 with an additional $25,456 allocated to capital and building maintenance. In addition to Council's contribution, Bellarine Secondary College and St Ignatius College Geelong contributed $49,472 to the operating costs and an additional $16,451 towards capital and building maintenance.

In addition to this, the 2010 Family Fun Day received a discretionary allocation of $10,000 and $6,000 external cash sponsorship. Significant in-kind and cash contributions were also made from the community and partner schools. Family Fun Day and Children's Week Prep Workshops now form an important part of the cultural life on the Bellarine Peninsula, and is therefore recommended for consideration as part of the 2012/13 Budget.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

Through a series of resolutions dating back to 1997, Council has agreed to participate as a joint venture partner with both the Bellarine Secondary College and the Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation for the Diocese of Melbourne (representing St Ignatius College Geelong) in the development of the multi-arts facility at the Bellarine Sub-Regional Centre, Drysdale, known as the Potato Shed. The Potato Shed is an important community cultural facility, particularly to the Bellarine Peninsula community, assisting the City of Greater Geelong to deliver the actions outlined in Council's Culture Strategy Creativity +.

Cr Jan Farrell (Chair) is the nominated Council representative on the Potato Shed Committee of Management and was elected Chair again in the 2010/11 financial year.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

There is no direct or indirect interest by Council Officers involved in the preparation of this report.

Risk Assessment

The Potato Shed has obligations under OH&S legislation to provide appropriate equipment and training for manual handling and to ensure that work stations meet Worksafe requirements.

1. POTATO SHED 2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT (CONT'D)

In 2010/11 the Potato Shed consistently operated close to capacity and was not able to accommodate all bookings. Over the previous last five years of operation it has experienced a steady increase in visitation rates. In 2010/2011 Bellarine Secondary College and St Ignatius experienced a combined very minor decrease in attendances at the shed from 43,845 to 42,354, which may be attributed to scheduling challenges during school hours, brought about by capacity use of the venue. The ongoing challenge of managing the needs and expectations of the schools, hirers and community groups in the face of the venue's high level of usage presents a business challenge to the ongoing sustainability of the venue.

Future venue re-development will alleviate these issues and allow for greater access to a variety of users who are already waiting for space in the facility to become available, and for existing users to expand current programmes.

Social Considerations

The Potato Shed provides a valuable resource for the Bellarine. The multi-purpose nature of the venue means the Potato Shed plays a significant role in the cultural, social and educational development of the community. The venue has a reputation as being a valuable, affordable and accessible community resource.

The partnership model between Council and two secondary schools is widely admired, with other local governments and schools periodically visiting to learn from this successful experience.

The Potato Shed promotes cultural diversity and cultural acceptance and is a vital hub of arts, social and educational activity for people of all ages and abilities on the Bellarine. Collision Dance, Crash Course Productions, Bellarine Jongleurs and Theatre 3triple2 are all excellent examples of how the Potato Shed functions as a model for social inclusion, providing independent ways for school students (outside of school hours) and other young people to benefit from the venue.

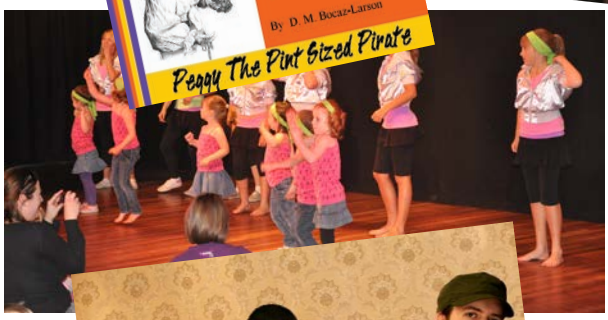
Communication

The Arts and Culture Department, in consultation with Marketing and Administration, will be responsible for communicating this report.

Highlights 2010 - 2011

WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS, SCHOOLS

Total number of Shed visitors:
114,084
(an increase of 16.104 public visits on previous year)



84 theatre, dance and music performances
Nine all-age music events
Two youth arts festivals
Original community works
Multiple forums, seminars and workshops
Weekly dance, drama and music classes

The Potato Shed has continued to experience a high level of community demand in 2010/2011.

It is currently consistently operating close to capacity 7 days a week, 14 hours a day, and is not able to accommodate all bookings. Over the last five years of operation it has experienced a steady increase in visitation rates.

Bellarine Secondary College and St Ignatius College's use of the facility has remained high, with a diverse curriculum of classes and activities in all venues, as well as special productions, events and exams.

The key challenge facing the venue is managing the needs and expectations of the schools, hirers and community groups in the face of the high level of venue usage

CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

SHOWS

- High profile touring productions from Hit Productions, Regional Arts Victoria and prominent independent presenters

- Sell-out Morning Showtime Season

10TH BIRTHDAY BASH

- Sold-out event which showcased stories, images and music from The Shed's ten year history
- Commemorative CD produced

FAMILY FUN DAY

3,000 VISITORS AT 2010 FAMILY FUN DAY

CHILDREN'S WEEK PREP WORKSHOPS ATTENDED BY MOST PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON THE BELLARINE!

2. AMENDMENT C250 – REZONING REQUEST OF 31 DUDLEY PARADE, 1 HOPETOUN STREET AND 18 CLIFF STREET, ST LEONARDS

Portfolio: **Planning - Cr Macdonald**
Source: **Economic Development, Planning and Tourism – Strategic Implementation**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Index Reference: **Application: C250**

Summary

- This report seeks Council endorsement to proceed with the preparation and exhibition of Planning Scheme Amendment C250, subject to authorisation being obtained from the Minister for Planning.
- The proposal is a Council-initiated Amendment made by the Property Services Department.
- It is proposed to rezone the land 31 Dudley Parade and 1 Hopetoun Street, St Leonards from Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to Residential 1 Zone (R1Z), and to rezone the land at 18 Cliff Street, St Leonards from PPRZ to Residential 3 Zone (R3Z) with a Design and Development Overlay 14 (DDO14).
- There is no use or development proposed with this application.
- These 3 parcels of land have been identified as being surplus to Council requirements for public open space purposes. Part of the Cliff Street property is intended for road realignment purposes.
- Under the Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale and Exchange of Land, Council is required to ensure that prior to being offered for sale, property should be appropriately zoned.
- The proposed zonings reflect the surrounding zoning pattern for each of the three parcels.
- A Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (CHVA) concludes that the properties will not be affected by the projected increased sea levels to 2100
- The rezoning of the three parcels is consistent with planning policy.
- It is recommended that Council resolve to exhibit the proposed Amendment, subject to the Minister's authorisation being obtained.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Doull seconded -

That Council resolves to exhibit Amendment C250 to the Greater Geelong Planning Scheme to rezone:

1) **31 Dudley Parade St Leonards from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Residential 1 Zone**
2) **1 Hopetoun Street St Leonards from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Residential 1 Zone**
3) **18 Cliff Street St Leonards from Public Park and Recreation Zone to Residential 3 Zone with a Design and Development Overlay 14**

subject to the Minister for Planning providing authorisation for the preparation of the Amendment.

Carried.

2. AMENDMENT C250 – REZONING REQUEST OF 31 DUDLEY PARADE, 1 HOPETOUN STREET AND 18 CLIFF STREET, ST LEONARDS (CONT'D)

Report

Background

The location of the three St Leonards properties is shown in Appendix 2-1.

The application seeks to rezone land at 31 Dudley Parade, 1 Hopetoun Street and 18 Cliff Street, St Leonards. All three parcels of land are owned by the City of Greater Geelong. It is proposed to rezone the land from Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to Residential 1 Zone (R1Z).

The land to be rezoned at Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street has a total area of 2,228m^2 and is relatively flat. There is native vegetation on the land located in 4 clusters comprising Ti Tree, Golden Wattle, Black Wattle, She Oak, Boobialla and Saltbush. A species of Wallaby Grass is also present.

The land is located approximately 500m to the south west of the St Leonards town centre. It is part of the older St Leonards township subdivision and is surrounded by residential development. Both streets are constructed but without footpaths. New development in the area is often in the form of multi unit development taking advantage of the large lot sizes.

Approximately 180 m to the west is the St Leonards Recreation Reserve and wetlands provided open space and recreation facilities. The foreshore reserve and Bay are 400m to the east.

The land at Cliff Street is located on an acute bend in the road and slopes steeply down an escarpment which runs in a SW to NE direction through this part of St Leonards. Native vegetation on and adjoining the land includes a West Australian Flowering Gum, Sweet Pittosporum, Ti Tree and Beard Heath.

This land is also located in an old residential subdivision. The land to the north and west is elevated whilst land to the south and east is flat and generally less than 3m above sea level. Cliff Street is an unmade road.

The owner of the property at 1 Wattlehill Grove has a driveway located over the higher western portion of the Council's land providing access to the lower portion of their property. The owner has the benefit of an access licence for this purpose.

All three properties are able to be serviced.

Discussion

History of the land

Council's land at Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street is currently zoned PPRZ however the land has never been used or improved for recreation purposes. It is thought that the properties were purchased by the former Shire of Bellarine in 1975 for use as part of a sewerage reticulation and disposal scheme which did not proceed. Other nearby properties at 2 Hopetoun Street and 13 McLeod Street purchased for this purpose have since been sold, as has one other property in another location in the town purchased for the same scheme.

Rezoning the land in Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street to Residential 1 Zone is justified by the lack of use or improvement of the land for recreational use. The land has been zoned PPRZ since the year 2000 and was zoned for public purposes before that date. The land is also located close to the St Leonards Recreation Reserve and foreshore, meeting the recreation needs of the local community.

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Rezoning the land in 18 Cliff Street to Residential 3 Zone is justified by the lack of use or improvement of the land for recreational use, and recognition of its intended purpose which is to improve the alignment of Cliff Street by providing an improved gradient and less acute bend in the road.

A design for the realignment of Cliff Street has been prepared. Any land remaining in Council's ownership following any realignment would be occupied by the batter supporting the road and footpath and the natural escarpment. A small part of the higher portion of the land would be occupied by the driveway for 1 Wattlehill Grove.

State Planning Policy Framework

The SPPF sets out policies based on planning anticipating and responding to the needs of existing and future communities. This is to be achieved through provision of zoned and serviced land and facilitating sustainable development based on existing settlement patterns.

Clause 11 seeks to ensure a sufficient supply of land for all forms of land use, and to limit urban sprawl and direct growth to existing settlements. St Leonards is recognised as a regional town on the Regional Victoria Settlement Network Plan, and has accessibility to utility services, education, recreation and other urban infrastructure. The rezoning will satisfy the objectives of and support the SPPF.

Local Planning Policy Framework

The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) ay Clause 21.14 identifies strategies for the future development of the St Leonards township. The proposed amendment is consistent with the strategy for residential land use in the area of the subject land. It is not

Referrals

The application was referred for comment to internal Council departments and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA), with the following responses:

Recreation and Open Space: supports the rezoning of the land as it is not required for the provision of public open space in St Leonards

Community Development: supports the rezoning in principle but seeks Council to earmark the funds raised from the land sale to capital projects to upgrade/improve community infrastructure in St Leonards

Environment and Natural Resources: subject to a favourable arborist report, recommends it would be highly desirable to retain a number of trees on the Hopetoun Street and Dudley Parade properties for their streetscape and habitat value.

Engineering Services: none of the lots are necessary for the construction of major drainage infrastructure. Whilst there are no short or long term capital works program for the road realignment works in Cliff Street, it is still desirable to undertake the realignment in accordance with a 2000 concept design. Recommends that a Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment be undertaken.

CCMA: based on their best estimate, does not consider inundation associated with sea level rise to be an impediment to the proposed rezoning. Storm tide peaking at a projected level of 2.22 metres AHD is not expected to result in inundation of the Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street properties.

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Although a minor portion of 18 Cliff Street may be lower than the 2100 projected storm tide level, relatively high ground to the east and north is expected to provide a physical barrier against storm tide inundation of the property itself. CCMA considered that a CHVA was unnecessary for the rezoning.

DSE: no response received.

Officer consideration

In response to the referral comments, the application was asked to prepare a CHVA for the Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street properties. This was requested to ensure that the Council land to be sold for residential development was free from coastal inundation and therefore suitable for this purpose. A CHVA was not required for the Cliff Street property as it will be partially used for a road realignment and partially sold to the adjoining landowner to formalise a current lease.

A CHVA has subsequently been prepared by Worley Parsons consultants. It concludes that the subject properties may be vulnerable to localised flooding with variations of water surface levels at St Leonards Lake when combined with overland flooding of the sub catchment. Further, they are unlikely to be vulnerable to coastal erosion or inundation from predicted increased sea levels out to at least 2100.

The vegetation on the Dudley and Hopetoun properties ranges in condition from good to poor and none of the identified species are rare or endangered, all species being common to the locality and Bellarine Peninsula. The application of a Vegetation Protection Overlay to protect the vegetation is not recommended.

Native vegetation on and adjoining the Cliff Street land includes a West Australian Flowering Gum, Sweet Pittosporum, Ti Tree and Beard Heath, none of which are rare or endangered species and one, the Pittosporum, is an environmental weed.

Funds raised from the sale of the land will be included in consolidated revenue.

It is recommended that the current application be supported because it:

- is consistent with Local and State Planning Policy for development at St Leonards;
- the land will not be affected by coastal sea level rise; and
- the land is not required to meet the open space needs of the St Leonards community.

Environmental Implications

The land consists of mowed grassland and some native species which are either common to the locality and Bellarine Peninsula, or considered environmental weeds. None of the native species present are considered rare or endangered.

There are no foreseeable adverse environmental effects as a result of the amendment for either future residents of the site or any of the nearby or adjoining residents and property owners.

Financial Implications

Council will bear the costs of the planning scheme amendment costs.

2. AMENDMENT C250 – REZONING REQUEST OF 31 DUDLEY PARADE, 1 HOPETOUN STREET AND 18 CLIFF STREET, ST LEONARDS (CONT'D)

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The rezoning of the Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street land will facilitate the sale of surplus Council land for future use consistent with the SPPF and LPPF.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

In accordance with section 80(c) of the local Government Act no Council officers have any direct or indirect interest in the matters to which this amendment relates.

Risk Assessment

There is no risk associated with this Amendment.

Social Considerations

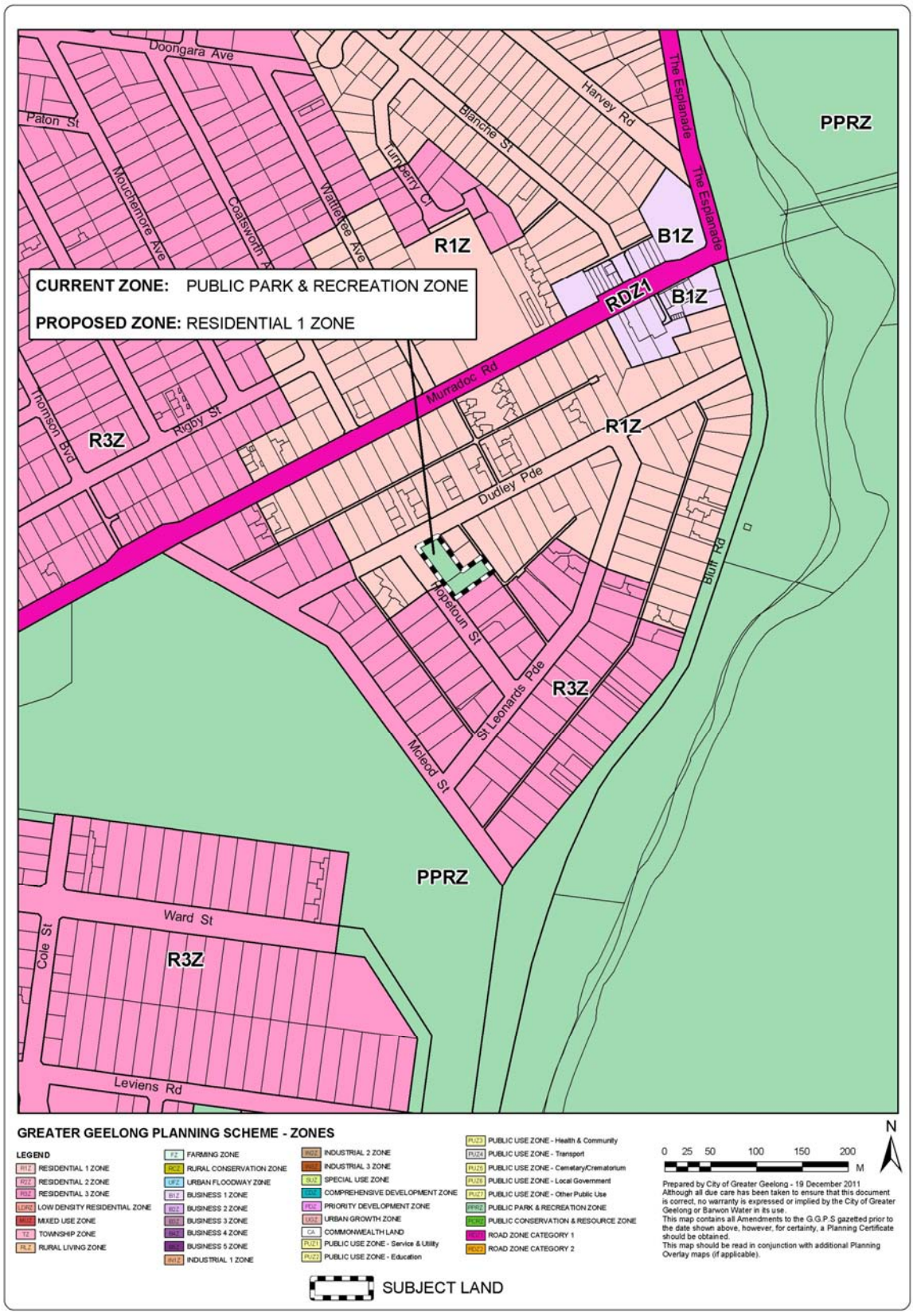
Future use of the land will be consistent with the surrounding land uses and zoning.

The disposal of the surplus land will allow these resources to be redeployed to other services for the benefit of ratepayers.

Communication

If Amendment C250 proceeds and receives Ministerial authorisation, the usual statutory notifications in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act 1987 will take place. This will include the publication of notices in the local newspapers, and letters to surrounding land owners and residents.

APPENDIX 2-1 – LOCATION OF SUBJECT LAND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The Esplanade
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Murradoc Rd
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R3Z
Rigby St
Dudley Pde
Topstoun St
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GREATER GEELONG PLANNING SCHEME - ZONES
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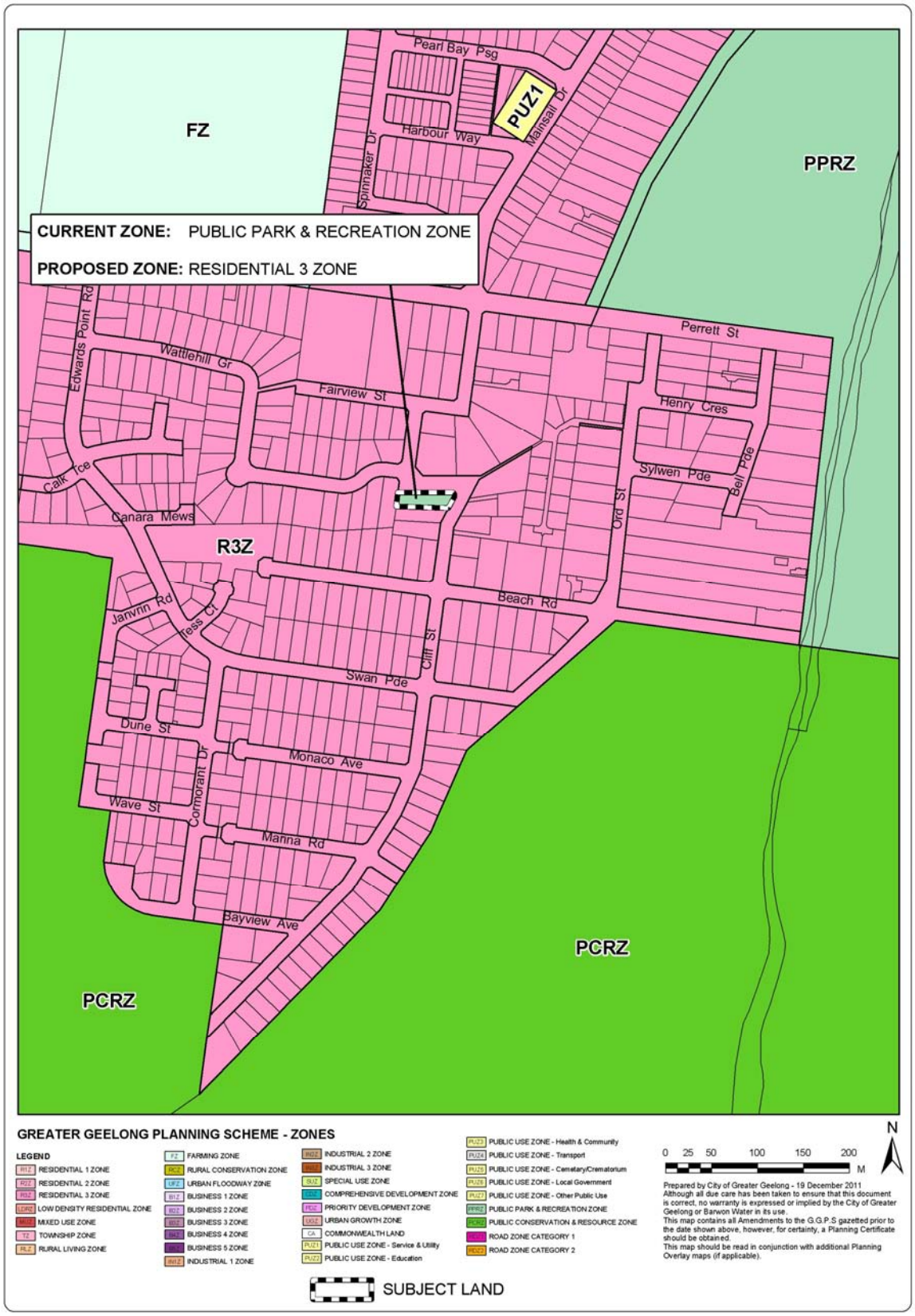
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3. SALE OF LAND DUDLEY PARADE AND HOPETOUN STREET ST LEONARDS

Portfolio: **Finance - Cr Harwood**
Source: **Corporate Services, Corporate Strategy & Property Management**
General Manager: **Jeff Wall**
Index Reference: **Sale of Land**

Summary

- The Council is the owner of 2 residential allotments located at 31 Dudley Parade and 1 Hopetoun Street, St Leonards. The land is zoned Public Park and Recreation Zone and Amendment C250 (refer to Report on this Agenda) proposes to rezone the land to Residential 1 Zone.
- The land is thought to have been acquired by the former Shire of Bellarine for use as part of a sewerage reticulation and disposal scheme which did not proceed. Other allotments in the area which were formerly owned by Council have been sold.
- Comprising two relatively large residential lots, the land is located approximately 500m from the St Leonards Town centre. The land unimproved and is mainly mowed grass with some native trees and shrubs, none of which are rear or endangered species.
- Subject to the approval of Amendment C250 it is recommended that the land be sold. The proposed sale of the land is required to be advertised under s189 of the Local Government Act allowing any person to make a submission. If submissions are received they will be heard by the Submissions Hearing Panel and a further report will be put to Council. If no submissions are received, and Amendment C250 is approved, the land will be sold.
- The price of the land will be set at no less than a certified valuation to be obtained. The land will be sold either by public auction or listing with an agent active in the area.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Doull seconded -

That Council being of the opinion that the land situated at 31 Dudley Street and 1 Hopetoun Street, St Leonards ("the land") is no longer required for Council purposes, resolves that:

1. **Subject to approval Amendment 250, the land be sold on the following terms and conditions –**
    - **the reserve price to be set at no less than the certified valuation of the land;**
    - **terms of the sale being 10% on signing of the Contracts of Sale with the balance due in 60 days from the date of sale;**

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- **such other terms and conditions considered appropriate to be included in the Contracts of Sale and other relevant documents; and**

2. **the statutory procedures be commenced under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land and that public notice of and the right of a person under section 223 of the Act to make a submission in relation to the proposed sale be given in the Geelong Independent and Advertiser; and**
3. **the Submissions Hearing Panel be appointed to hear and report to the Council on any submissions in relation to the proposed sale; and**
4. **in the event that no submissions are received the land will be sold and;**

- **the General Manager – Corporate Services will execute the Contracts of Sale; and**
- **the Transfers of Land be signed and sealed.**

Carried.

Report

Background

This report recommends that subject to the rezoning of the land at 31 Dudley Street and 1 Hopetoun Street, St Leonards ("the land") that the land be sold. A report on this agenda relating to Amendment C250 proposes that the land be rezoned from Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to Residential 1 Zone.

The land consists of two relatively large residential allotments of 1,216m2 (Dudley St) and 1,012m2 (Hopetoun St) which are both currently zoned PPRZ. However the land has never been used or improved for recreation purposes. It is thought that the properties were purchased by the former Shire of Bellarine in 1975 for use as part of a sewerage reticulation and disposal scheme which did not proceed. Other nearby properties at 2 Hopetoun Street and 13 McLeod Street purchased for this purpose have since been sold, as has one other property in another location in the town purchased for the same scheme.

The land at Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street is located approximately 500m to the south west of the St Leonard's town centre. Being part of the older St Leonards township subdivision the land is surrounded by residential development including permanent residences and holiday houses. All services are available to the land and both Dudley Parade and Hopetoun Street are constructed without footpaths.

Discussion

The land has never been improved or used for recreation purposes and there is no reasonable prospect of the land being required for a Council purpose within the foreseeable future.

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The current zoning of the land is likely to have been applied based on Council's ownership rather than any intention to use the land for recreation.

Approximately 180m to the west of the land is the St Leonards Recreation Reserve and wetlands providing an oval, bowling club, netball and tennis courts and playgrounds. The foreshore reserve and bay are 400m to the east.

Environmental Implications

There is native vegetation on the land located in 4 clusters comprising Tea Tree, Golden Wattle, Black Wattle, She Oak, Boobialla and Saltbush. A species of Wallaby Grass is also present. The vegetation ranges in condition from good to poor and none of the identified species are rare or endangered, all species being common to the locality and Bellarine Peninsula.

Financial Implications

The land will be sold at a price being no less that the market valuation.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 189 of the Local Government Act ("LG Act") requires that Council obtain a certified valuation dated not less than six months prior to the sale of the land being the date of the contract of sale. A valuation will be obtained prior to sale and the sale price will not be less than the valuation.

Under the same section of the LG Act the Council is required to give public notice of its intention to sell land and consider any submissions received. If any submissions are received they will be heard by the Submissions Panel followed by a report to Council. If no submissions are received the land will be sold.

Under the Local Government Best Practice Guideline for the Sale and Exchange of Land, the Council is required to ensure that "Prior to being offered for sale, property should be appropriately zoned. This will ensure that the ultimate use of the land is determined by that zone and the highest possible sale price is achieved." This requirement is the basis of the application to rezone the land to Residential 1.

Under the same Guideline the Council is required where possible to sell the land via a public process. The land will either be sold by public auction or listed for sale with an agent active in the area.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officers, consultants or contractors involved in the sale of the land have or will have a direct or indirect interest in the land.

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Risk Assessment

The risks associated with the sale of the land can be managed by obtaining appropriate advice and following normal management procedures.

Social Considerations

There are no social implications associated with the sale of land.

Communication

The proposed sale has been referred to Council's Design, and Sport and Recreation Departments, and has been considered by the Property Strategy Advisory Committee.

Aerial View of the Land

4. DRAFT BARWON HEADS VILLAGE PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW

Portfolio: **Sport & Recreation - Cr Mitchell**
Source: **Projects, Recreation & Central Geelong - Sport & Recreation**
General Manager: **Dean Frost**
Index Reference: **Property: #312838 - Barwon Heads Village Park**

Summary

- The purpose of this report is for Council to note the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan and permit the release of the document for formal public exhibition and comment before Council endorsement.
- The Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan was initiated by Council to examine the existing Barwon Heads Village Park Management Plan (2002) and develop a new plan to guide the development of the reserve in recognition of changing community expectations.
- Key objectives of the Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan include supporting the existing uses of the reserve, improving use of areas for formal sport, improving traffic and pedestrian circulation and increasing opportunities for informal public use

Cr Richards moved, Cr Macdonald seconded -

That Council:

1) **Note the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan.**
2) **Seek feedback from the Project Reference Group & the Project Working Group on the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan.**
3) **Release the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan for public comment for a period of four weeks.**

Carried.

Report

Background

Barwon Heads Village Park (BHVP) is the largest recreation reserve in the township of Barwon Heads. The 24ha Village Park is centrally located and bounded by Barwon Heads-Geelong Road to the South and Sheepwash Road to the West with established residential properties directly adjoining the Northern and Eastern boundaries. The park has a number of sporting and community facilities including equestrian facilities, scout hall, tennis courts,bowling greens, two ovals (used for soccer, cricket and football), athletics facilities and a basketball half court.

The objectives of the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan is to support the existing uses of the reserve, improve use of areas for formal sport, improve traffic and pedestrian circulation and increase opportunities for informal public use

4. DRAFT BARWON HEADS VILLAGE PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW (CONT'D)

Discussion

The purpose of this report is for Council to note the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan and release the document for public exhibition, comment and refinement before formal endorsement by Council.

The aim of the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan is to examine the existing Management Plan (2002) and develop a guide for the future development of the reserve. The planning process involved a review of background information, including a review of the existing Management Plan (2002).

Formal reference groups were established to provide input into the planning process:

- Project Control Group (PCG) consisting of the Ward Councillor and key Council officers to provide high level strategic direction on key issues and opportunities.
- Project Working Group (PWG) consisting of Council officers from across CoGG departments to provide technical advice on the project.
- Project Reference Group (PRG) consisting of representatives of the sporting and community groups within the Park. The PRG provided input, direction and feedback into the project at key stages.

The consultation and research undertaken during the Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan confirmed a number of issues to be addressed at the reserve. Based on these issues identified during the consultation and investigation process, a number of key recommendations were identified, including but not limited to the following;

- Implementation of a fire management plan for the park with the Barwon Heads CFA;
- Installation of traffic-slow points and signage at the key entries to the reserve;
- Installation of vehicle track cross overs to improve pedestrian safety;
- Upgrading the of the main cricket pavilion to include additional male & female home and away change rooms;
- Decommissioning of the toilet block located at the rear of the Bowls Club and Cricket Club pavilions;
- Investigation into the potential future relocation of existing Bowls Club pavilion closer to the bowling greens;
- Improvement to playing surfaces for football, soccer, cricket and athletics;
- Installation of training lights to the southern end of Blyth Field;
- Provision of additional bicycle racks to key areas in the park;
- Resurfacing of the two northern tennis courts and establish line marking and goals to increase multi use for basketball/tennis and informal soccer; and
- Provision for works to be carried out to address the environmental weed invasion in the understorey of the Moonah Woodland and in the fenced off area of the Dune Woodland.

4. DRAFT BARWON HEADS VILLAGE PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW (CONT'D)

Initial consultation with key stakeholders through the PCG, PWG and PRG has indicated support for the vision, objectives and resultant draft report.

Section 4.1 of the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan outlines the recommended implementation schedule and indicative capital costs for the works identified in the Master Plan. The total cost of all works is estimated at $748,375 and is represented by the following prioritised breakdown:

- Mandatory: $7,500
- Critical: Nil
- High: $360,500
- Medium: $195,000
- Low: $185,375

Implementation of recommendations will improve the overall amenity and functionality of the park, including improved soccer facilities, enhanced traffic management, safety and pedestrian circulation. The current and future needs of the all stakeholders and the wider community have been considered in allowing for improved facilities and amenities.

During the formation of the Master Plan a site within Village Park was identified as the preferred location for the Barwon Heads Early Learning Centre (Kindergarten). This facility has been included in the Master Plan for community consideration.

Environmental Implications

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan seeks to support initiatives that facilitate long-term environmental sustainability within the park, including water use, vegetation management and ongoing maintenance. Future development will seek to enhance the landscape quality of the reserve, promote improvement of facilities, infrastructure and functioning for broad community use, whilst retaining the natural ambiance of the precinct.

Financial Implications

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan provides a number of recommendations and indicative costings for recommended projects.

Where implementation of specific recommendations requires a new capital allocation from Council, these will be presented and considered as part of the overall annual budget process. Opportunities for contributions from State Government, Clubs and other funding sources are listed against specific projects in the Master Plan.

The implementation plan provides a broad estimate of cost specific to each of the recommended actions. These actions are assessed as Mandatory, Critical, High, Medium and Low to guide Council decision making in terms of development.

Whilst the adoption of this report does not have any direct financial implications, the listed actions within the plan will cost in the order of $748,375. It is expected that the Master Plan will be implemented over an approximate timeframe of 10-15 years.

4. DRAFT BARWON HEADS VILLAGE PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW (CONT'D)

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The Equal Opportunity Act (1995) protects Victorians against discrimination based on a wide range of personal characteristics or associations. These include (but are not limited to) age, gender, ethnicity, disability, pregnancy, religion and employment status. The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan recognises that all community members have equal rights to participate in and enjoy the benefits of sport and physical activity. The development of the park will consider design solutions to help facilitate access for all.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No Council staff or persons engaged under contract have a direct or indirect interest in the development of the draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan.

Risk Assessment

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan provides guidance for the development of this important piece of open space over the next 10-15 years.

There are no immediate risks associated with this report. Appropriate risk management measures will be put in place when implementing the recommendations of the report.

Social Considerations

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan will enhance recreational and social experiences within the park. Improvements in the design, layout and functionality of the park, together with improved sporting facilities and road/ path networks will increase safety for visitors to the park.

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan recognises that participation in sport and physical activity brings about a range of personal, social, health and economic benefits for individuals and communities. Barwon Heads Village Park has an established history of active recreational use, including formal sports such at football, cricket, equestrian, soccer, bowls and tennis. Future development of the reserve will support ongoing use of the area for a range of formal and informal sport and recreation activities.

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan recognises that supporting formal sporting clubs does not only support participation in physical activity. Sporting clubs are recognised as providing a range of broader benefits to the community, including contributions to social capital, community cohesiveness, community connection and building local leaders.

4. DRAFT BARWON HEADS VILLAGE PARK MASTER PLAN REVIEW (CONT'D)

Communication

The draft Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan has been overseen by a three tiered management structure. These included:

- Project Control Group (PCG) consisting of the Ward Councillor and key Council officers to provide high level strategic direction on key issues and opportunities.
- Project Working Group (PWG) consisting of Council officers from across CoGG departments to provide technical advice on the project.
- Project Reference Group (PRG) consisting of representatives of the sporting and community groups within the Park. The PRG provided input, direction and feedback into the project at key stages.

The planning process involved a comprehensive review of background material and the establishment of formal reference groups to guide the planning process. The project has involved extensive consultation with stakeholders, Council staff and the community.

The main consultation tasks have included:

- On-site meetings to discuss aspect of the reserve in detail;
- Follow-up site visits, telephone interviews and meetings;
- Establishment of the Project Control Group, Project Working Group and Project Reference Group. These groups have met on a minimum of two occasions each in the lead up to this report; and
- Consultation with the sporting and community groups within the Park.

5. BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS STRATEGY

Portfolio:	**Infrastructure, Parks and Gardens - Cr Richards** **Sport and Recreation - Cr Mitchell** **Environment and Sustainability - Cr Doull**
Source:	**Projects, Recreation and Central Geelong** **City Services - Environment & Natural Resources**
General Manager:	**Dean Frost & Gary Van Driel**
Index Reference:	**Subject: Parks Gardens and Reserves/Gardens**

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Barwon River Parklands Strategy, which has been compiled by an inter-agency group, lead by Parks Victoria and consisting of City of Greater Geelong (CoGG), Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA), Barwon Water and the Barwon Coast Committee of Management.
- In 2009 a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) was signed between the above agencies, which have management and planning responsibilities along the Barwon River, from the Ring Road in Geelong to the coast at Barwon Heads. The Barwon River Parklands Strategy has been developed as a consequence of this MOC.
- The aim of the Barwon River Parklands Strategy is to guide the management of the open space and chain of parklands along the Barwon River between Geelong and Barwon Heads.
- The Strategy contains a number of key objectives of relevance to the CoGG. These include;
    - Protection of environmental and cultural values of the Parklands and the Barwon River.
    - Provision of an accessible and diverse recreational opportunities and settings for enjoyment of the Parklands, social connection and wellbeing.
    - The active participation of local communities in the management, protection and operation of the parklands to improve community wellbeing
    - Protection and restoration of remnant vegetation communities and habitat for species of national, state and regional significance.
    - Provision of open space for growing communities and future generations.

Cr Richards moved, Cr Doull seconded -

That Council note the Barwon River Parklands Strategy.

Carried.

5. BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS STRATEGY (CONT'D)

Report

Background

The Barwon River Parklands extends over 36km linking historic areas of central Geelong through rural farming areas of the Bellarine Peninsula to the coast at Barwon Heads.

In November 2006 the State Government made a commitment to link existing parks and public land along the Barwon River, to establish a continuous chain of parks from the Ring Road in Geelong to the coast at Barwon Heads.

In 2009 the various agencies with management and planning responsibilities for this portion of the Barwon River signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) to provide strategic direction for the management of the land and waters of the river. The Barwon River Parklands Strategy had been developed as a consequence of the MOC and provides a shared vision and strategic direction for relevant agencies to guide the future development of public land and parks along the river.

Discussion

The vision of the Barwon River Parklands Strategy is to develop;

'A well connected, diverse and healthy waterway parkland that balances recreation and conservation and provides for everyday enjoyment of nature and community liveability and wellbeing.'

The key strategic directions contained within the Strategy are:

- Expanding a connected network:
- Strengthening and promoting features of the Barwon River Parklands:
- Planning the next wave of regional open space expansion:
- Strengthening connections with nature; and
- Revitalising the existing network.

The Strategy also identifies a range of proposed specific projects to implement the strategic directions. CoGG will be lead agency for many of the projects, which are already largely captured within a range of existing Master Plans. In this regard, the Strategy effectively serves to consolidate various existing CoGG Master Plans, which have relevance to the City's role in the future development of the Barwon River Parklands. These include:

- Study of Open Space Networks -2002
- Belmont Common North Master Plan - 2011
- Barwon South West Regional Trails Master Plan - 2009
- Barwon River Landuse and Open Space Corridor Plan - 2003
- Barwon and Moorabool River Reserves Master Plan and Management Plan 2006

5. BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS STRATEGY (CONT'D)

- Mt Brandon Landscape Plan (in draft) - 2012
- Queens Park Master Plan - 2009
- King Lloyd Reserve Master Plan - 2009
- Barwon Valley Fun Park Landscape Plan - 2011etc
- Barwon Heads Village Park Master Plan (in draft) - 2012

Environmental Implications

The directions and actions contained in the Barwon River Parklands Strategy deliver a number of anticipated environmental benefits including the restoration of remnant vegetation communities, protection of critical habitat and floodplain rehabilitation works.

The Strategy also recommends the development of appropriate signage and interpretative information along trails to promote improved community awareness and respect for the Parklands diverse environmental values.

Financial Implications

The recommendations contained within the Barwon River Parklands Strategy are not costed or funded. However projects for which CoGG has responsibility are largely already identified within the existing Master Plans presented in this report. Each relevant Master Plan report incorporates an implementation plan with indicative costings for these actions, each of which has been assessed as Mandatory, Critical, High, Medium and Low to guide Council decision making in prioritising future development.

Where implementation of specific recommendations requires a new capital allocation from Council, these will be presented and considered as part of the overall annual budget process. The inclusion of these projects within the Barwon River Parklands Strategy is also likely to improve the opportunities for co-contributions from external funding sources.

The Barwon River Parklands Strategy does not have any direct financial commitments It is expected that the Master Plan will be implemented over a 10-15 year timeframe and as funding becomes available through a range of sources.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The Barwon River Parklands Strategy has been developed by Parks Victoria and sets out a shared vision and recommendations for future development of the open space and chain of parks along the Barwon River. CoGG staff have contributed to the development of the Strategy, which aligns with existing Council Master Plans. The Barwon River Parklands Strategy is not a Council document and has no Legal or Statutory implications for CoGG.

5. BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS STRATEGY (CONT'D)

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No Council staff or persons engaged under contract have a direct or indirect interest in the development of the Barwon River Parklands Strategy.

Risk Assessment

The Barwon River Parklands Strategy provides guidance for the future development of open space and parklands along the Barwon River.

There are no immediate risks associated with this report. Appropriate risk management measures will be put in place when implementing the recommendations of the report.

Social Considerations

The implementation of the recommendations contained within the Barwon River Parklands Strategy would improve the connections and functionality of the open spaces and parks along the river and enhance recreational and social experiences of visitors to the Parklands.

The overarching philosophy of the Barwon River Parklands Strategy is centred on the Parks Victoria motto *Healthy Parks, Healthy People*, which recognises that participation in passive recreation and contact with natural environments brings about a range of personal, social, health and economic benefits for individuals and communities.

Communication

The development of the Barwon River Parklands Strategy has involved a community engagement process comprising four Open House Forums, promotion to educate the community about Barwon River Parklands, a community survey, consultation with key community groups and the opportunity for written submissions.

The participation by all of the partner agencies in the Open House provided the community with an opportunity to speak with representatives from the partner agencies. The general feedback from the community was that they appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the Barwon River Parklands consultation process. The surveys also indicated that people gained a greater understanding about the Barwon River Parklands through participating in the process.

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BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS STRATEGY

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A PROSPEROUS REGION

Regional Context

The City of Greater Geelong is Victoria's largest regional centre with a population of over 217,000 people. The region includes country, coastal and suburban areas where the proximity to Melbourne, its liveability and affordability are driving rapid population growth, expected to exceed 290,000 within the next 20 years.

The Barwon River Parklands extend over 36 km linking the more established historic areas of central Geelong through rural farming areas of the picturesque Bellarine Peninsula to the thriving coastal tourism areas at Barwon Heads. The Parklands exemplify the benefits of nature entwined within a city providing home to rare and threatened wildlife and regionally significant biodiversity while supporting the open space, recreation, accessible natural assets and community networks which have long enriched the lives and health of the people of the Geelong region.

The landscape is subject to change shaped by the social, environmental and economic context in which we live. Our population is increasing and diversifying, climate change is requiring adaptation and mitigation measures, lifestyle and recreational choices are changing and our sedentary lives are contributing to new health priorities. Urban ecology is increasingly impacted as the built form modifies the environment. The Parklands provide a wonderful landscape to explore these opportunities, work together and secure the long term vision and the *Healthy Parks, Healthy People* provides the overarching philosophy for management by which communities conserve and care for the natural environment in parks, and individual and social health is improved by contact with nature.

The role of this plan is to translate the philosophy into strategic directions for the linear open space and chain of parklands along the Barwon River between Geelong and Barwon Heads and define goals and actions.

The key goals of the Barwon River Parklands are consistant with the G21 Regional Alliance Environment Pillars goals. The G21 Environment Pillar aims to protect and enhance our environment while balancing needs of regional communities by supporting regional efforts to :

- Promote sustainable best fit land use
- Achieve quality stated emission targets
- Be national leaders in water efficiency
- Identify and acknowledge natural and cultural heritage
- Protect our bays, coast and estuaries
- Ensure no further loss of biodiversity
- Provide human services within an environmentally sustainable footprint
- Integrate with other strategies

A BEAUTIFUL ACTIVE PARKLAND

Existing Open Spaces and Recreation

A long history of strategic planning has provided Geelong with an open space network of parks, trails and conservation areas along the Barwon River. This legacy is the outcome of a vision planned and implemented over more than a century, now embedded in the landscape and character of the city, and the values of its community.

BARWON RIVER TRAILS

There are over 26km of walking and cycling paths along both sides of the Barwon River developed over many years. Existing pedestrian and road bridges combine with the landscape character to form a series of connected walking/cycling loops of between 4-5km in total length. These popular loops provide a walk of approximately 1 hour, easy jog of around 30 minutes and cycle journey of 10 - 15 minutes. The diversity of character and visitor experience available within the loops both as part of the linear trail and established parkland visitor nodes is a key feature of the Barwon River Parklands and there has recently been a new criterion track established at Belmont Common.

RECREATION FACILITIES

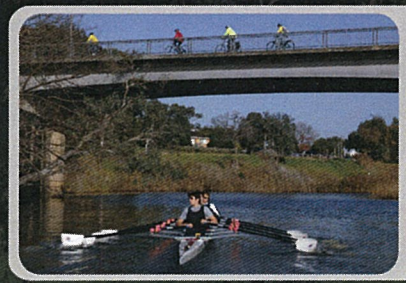
There is a wide range of facilities available in the Parklands including public golf courses, numerous fishing and viewing platforms, playgrounds and picnic areas.

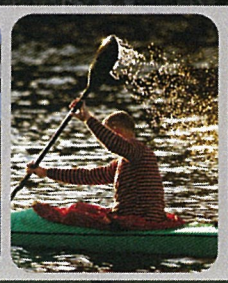
The rowing mile between Shannon Avenue and Moorabool Street has been used for rowing since the late 1800s. The Barwon River also provides for canoeing, kayaking, outrigger canoe and dragon boat racing. Wind and kite surfers occasionally launch from Brinsmead Lane, McCorkell Reserve, and onto Lake Connewarre, subject to water depths.

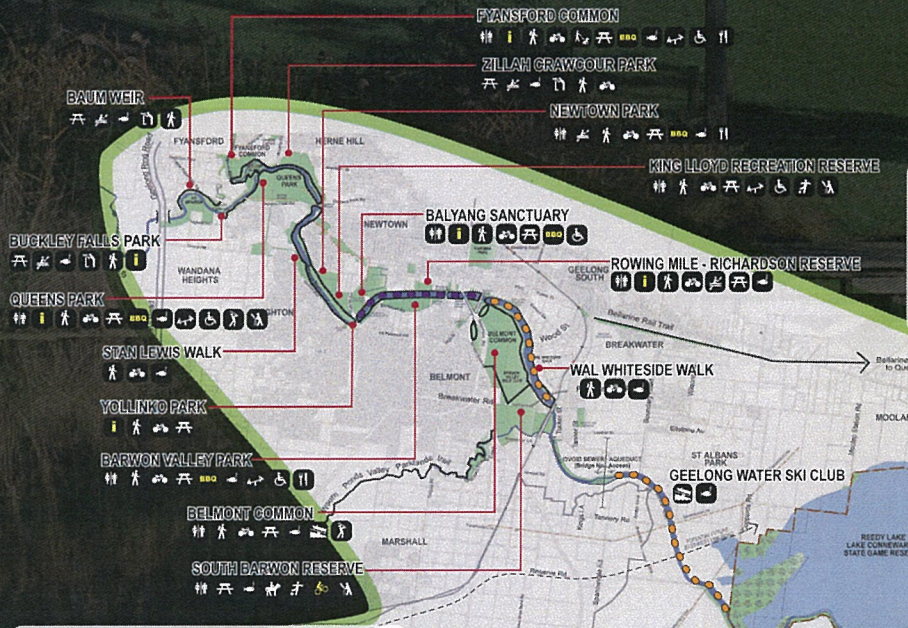
Water skiing is an established use on the River with several clubs using the River at Belmont Common and the Rowing Mile on Sundays. The Geelong Water Ski Club uses the River from downstream of the Ovoid Sewer Aqueduct to Coppards Road.

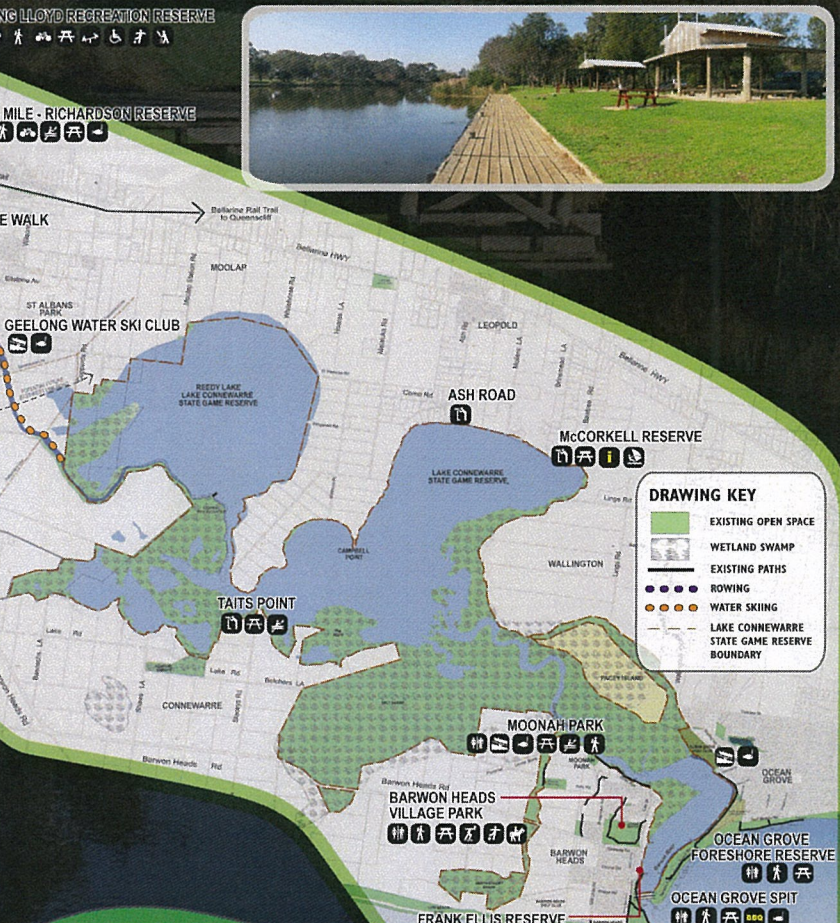
FISHING AND HUNTING

Fishing is popular all along the Barwon River and there is access for recreational fishing craft and other water craft launched from boat ramps at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove. The Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve is a gazetted under the Victorian Wildlife Act 1975, allowing hunting activity according to seasonal conditions and at specified times throughout the year.









Barwon River PARKLANDS

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Land Management

In November 2006 the State Government of Victoria made a commitment to establish a continuous chain of parks along the Barwon River, from the Ring Road in Geelong to the sea at Barwon Heads, by linking existing parks and public land. The various land and water managers have been co-operatively managing the area through the Barwon River Parklands Steering Committee to provide integrated quality services and management of environmental values, recreational assets and community programs. Key objectives include:

- Protection of the natural environmental and cultural values of the Parklands and the Barwon River
- Accessible opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of the Parklands
- The active participation of local communities in the management, protection and operation of the Parklands to improve community well-being
- Integration with regional planning and landscape management policies and initiatives.

MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Parks Victoria

Parks Victoria is the lead agency in development of the Barwon River Parklands and is responsible for the Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve (which includes Reedy Lake). They manage the Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary and assist recreational waterway management downstream of the lower Breakwater to Sheepwash Road .

City of Greater Geelong

City of Greater Geelong is responsible for management of all open space reserves along the Barwon and Moorabool Rivers upstream of Queens Park Bridge to the Geelong Ring Road. They also manage Balyang Sanctuary, King Lloyd Recreation Reserve, Barwon Valley Park, Landy Field, South Barwon Reserve, Barwon Heads Village Park, Ash Road, McCorkell Reserve and the majority of Belmont Common.

Corangamite CMA

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA), as the regional caretaker of river health, is responsible for the implementation of State Government priorities for the management, protection and enhancement of high value river, wetland and estuarine assets in the Barwon and Moorabool Basins, as identified under the Corangamite River Health Strategy (RHS). This includes management of environmental entitlements as manager of the Environmental Water Reserve (EWR). The Corangamite CMA is also responsible for the bed and banks of the Barwon River between Orana Road and the lower breakwater. It is also responsible for most of the open space river corridor directly adjoining the river downstream of the Queens Park bridge, including Stan Lewis Walk, Newtown Park, Rowing Mile, Richardson Reserve, Belmont Common Boat Ramp, Wal Whiteside Walk, as well as leased Crown land reserves along the river downstream of Breakwater Road to Reedy Lake and the lower breakwater.

Barwon Water

Barwon Water own and manage McIntyre Footbridge and Ovoid Sewer Aqueduct. They directly manage reserves surrounding sewerage and water supply infrastructure at these locations and other sewer pumping stations through the Parklands.

Barwon Coast

Barwon Coast Committee of Management act as a Department of Sustainability and Environment committee of management for coastal land including the Ocean Grove Spit, Barwon Heads Caravan Park and coastal land along 13th Beach Road. Responsible for the management of the Port of Barwon Heads downstream of Sheepwash Road to the mouth of Barwon River.

Victoria

The Department of Sustainability and Environment leads the Victorian Government's efforts to sustainably manage water resources and catchments, climate change, bushfires, parks and other public land, forests, biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, as the owner of Crown Land. DSE is directly responsible for the management of the Marnockvale site off Shannon Ave.

The Department of Planning and Community Development is responsible for land-use planning and environment assessment in Victoria. This includes managing the regulatory framework and providing advice on planning policy, urban design and strategic planning, as well as information on land development and forecasting.

Registered Aboriginal Party representing the Traditional Owners of the areas including those covered by the Barwon River Parklands. The Wathaurung Corp represents Wada wurrung people who are members of the Kulin nation from the coastal country in the west of Port Phillip Bay. Members of Wathaurung Corp have continued to live on country and have an ongoing relationship with the land of the Wada wurrung people.

Barwon River PARKLANDS

ENHANCE OUR NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND RIVER HEALTH

Environment Protection

The Barwon River Parklands are the lungs and lifeblood of Geelong and form some of the most significant natural assets in the region. The health and wellbeing of the Parklands and that of the people of the Geelong region are intrinsically linked. The Parklands are home to rare and threatened species and provide critical biodiversity and habitat links . The Barwon River within the Parklands corridor comprises two "high value river reaches" under the Corangamite River Health Strategy. The International Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress held in Melbourne April 2010 highlighted the benefits of parks and asked governments of the world to adopt the philosophy and act according to the principles. The benefits of parks, from wilderness to local green spaces, included in the Melbourne Communiqué are summarised as follows:

- Parks are integral to healthy people and a healthy environment
- Human health depends on healthy ecosystems
- Parks conserve healthy ecosystems
- Contact with nature can improve human health
- Parks contribute to economic growth and wellbeing
- Parks contribute to cohesive, vibrant and healthy societies

BARWON RIVER

Remnant River Red Gums are scattered through the upstream section of Parklands. There has been extensive weed control and revegetation completed over many years with the invaluable assistance of committed local community and volunteer groups to protect areas of remnant vegetation and reintroduce the full range of indigenous species found along the Barwon River.

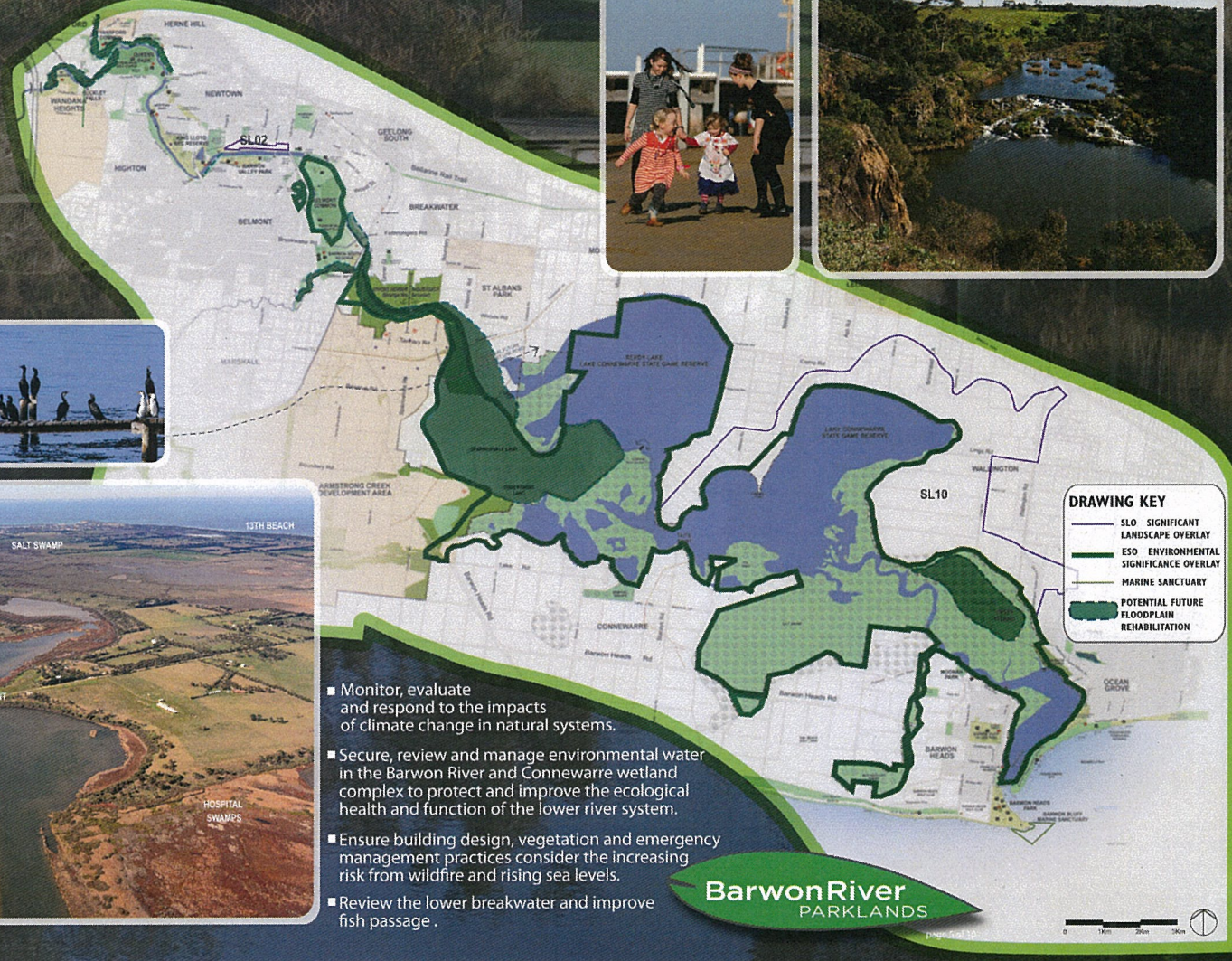
Significant fish species of the Barwon River include Australian Grayling, Short-headed Lamprey, Short-finned Eel and Common Galaxias. Baum Weir provides important summer refuge for Platypus and the natural floodplain of the Barwon River with areas of Tangled Lignum and Common Reed provides ideal habitat for a number of threatened frog species, reptiles and mammals including possums and Black Wallaby.

LAKE CONNEWARRE STATE GAME RESERVE

The Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve comprising Reedy Lake, Hospital Swamp, Salt Swamp and sections of the Barwon Estuary is a significant waterbird breeding and feeding area supporting large numbers of migratory waders and native waterfowl. Rare and threatened species which are found there include Orange-bellied Parrot, Hooded Plover, Little Tern, Fairy Tern and Freckled Duck. It was declared a wetland of international significance under the Ramsar Convention in 1983 and is a part of the Port Phillip Bay (Western Shoreline) and Bellarine Pennisula Ramsar Site and is also subject to three international agreements for the protection of migratory birds.

BARWON RIVER ESTUARY

The Barwon River Estuary changes with the tides. There are extensive stands of regionally significant mangroves and saltmarsh vegetation along with some older stands of Moonah trees. The Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary contains significant environmental values including sandstone and basalt reefs with thick patches of giant and bull kelp which are important aquatic habitat zones.



KEY PRIORITIES

- Protect and restore remnant vegetation communities along the Barwon River as part of integrated, holistic and sustainable management of the waterway corridor.
- Protect and restore habitat for species of national, state and regional significance.
- Develop partnerships with private landholders to remove gaps and barriers to a continuous riparian and floodplain habitat corridor and bio-link.
- Manage the impacts of urbanisation on stormwater run off to protect water quality and natural waterway function.
- Recognise and maintain the hydraulic function and capacity of the Barwon River Floodplain.
- Continue staged woody weed control along the river to reduce potential downstream impacts.
- Monitor, evaluate and respond to the impacts of climate change in natural systems.
- Secure, review and manage environmental water in the Barwon River and Connewarre wetland complex to protect and improve the ecological health and function of the lower river system.
- Ensure building design, vegetation and emergency management practices consider the increasing risk from wildfire and rising sea levels.
- Review the lower breakwater and improve fish passage .

Barwon River PARKLANDS

TO HONOUR THE PAST

Cultural Heritage and Enhancement

The Wada wurrung people used the Barwon River, Lake Connewarre and Barwon Estuary system as a key food source and trading route and the entire Barwon River Parklands area is of high archaeological and cultural heritage value. The Barwon River forms an integral part of the history and development of the Geelong region from the first interaction between local tribes and William Buckley; its importance for supply of fresh water to the town; early industrial development including paper and flour mills, wool scours and woollen mills; historic bridges, homesteads and water based recreation including rowing which began in 1864.

A key Barwon River Parklands initiative will be the staged development of interpretive signage and information regarding the rich and diverse history of the River through a series of self guided tours completed along the Barwon River Trail.

GEELONG INDIGENOUS TRAIL

The Barwon River Parklands will form a key part of the proposed Geelong Indigenous Trail, working inclusively with local Indigenous groups to develop an interactive trail around Geelong that promotes awareness of Indigenous culture unique to Geelong. It is envisaged the trail will be interactive and combine pictorial, narrative and art interpretations of the area.

FYANSFORD – QUEENS PARK – BUCKLEY FALLS

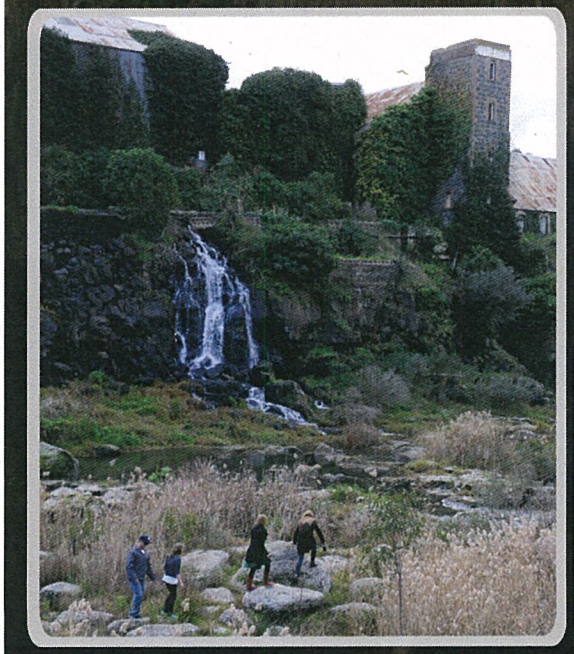
The first settlements were initially located around the historic Fyansford area, the only source of fresh drinking water. Weirs upstream of Buckley Falls still divert water from the river to the magnificent Barwon Paper Mill c.1878 to this day and can be viewed from various spots along the river. Queens Park was reserved in 1850 in response to widespread deforestation and early planting was assisted by Ferdinand Von Mueller. Today exotic specimen trees combine with ancient River Red Gums including a canoe tree to provide a picturesque landscape experience.

ROWING MILE AND INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT

The modern day refrigerator was originated by local Geelong pioneer and businessman James Harrison, who invented the first mechanical ice-making machine, beginning operation in 1851 using river water pumped from the banks of the Barwon River into a cave at Rocky Point in Geelong. The West Fyans Street area is of major historical and architectural significance with various industrial buildings including Marnockvale, Godfrey Hirst and other woollen mills and scours along with substantial listed residential properties including Barwon Grange, Barwon Bank, Sladen House and Rosebank all built in the 1850s'. The River has been used for rowing since 1864 with the first boat races held in 1876.

EUROPEAN HISTORY

The Ovoid Sewer Aqueduct which was constructed as part of the first Geelong sewerage scheme in 1915, was decommissioned in 1992 and is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. Interpretation of remnants of this structure along with other former land uses in the area such as orchards, market gardens and grazing will be a key feature in new public Parklands established along the Barwon River.



BARWON HEADS

Historic boathouses, jetties, the sea wall/promenade and numerous public and private properties which still exist along the Barwon River and estuary contribute to the heritage significance of the township. Barwon Heads Bridge was the longest timber road bridge in Victoria and interpretation around the new bridges will form a key element in this section of Parkland.

Barwon River PARKLANDS

PROVIDE FOR GROWING COMMUNITIES

Future Growth

The Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula have grown strongly over the last ten years and a significant proportion of this population growth has been concentrated in areas along the Barwon River. During the next twenty years the majority of Geelong's population growth will also occur in close proximity to the the Barwon River Parklands, predominantly in growth areas at Armstrong Creek and Highton/Wandana with infill development in existing suburbs such as Leopold and St. Albans Park.

As residential development continues to expand open space in the region will be at a premium becoming increasingly important to community health and well being . Expansion of the parklands to provide green open space and a transition area between encroaching urban development, passive and active recreational space and the key biodiversity and habitat values of the Barwon River and Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve is the key objective for future planning:

FUTURE OPEN SPACE

C As infill development continues in the St. Albans Park, Leopold and Breakwater Area a new park will be established between Tucker Street and Boundary Road to protect and enhance areas of remnant vegetation and open the large open space reserve to the public. Following resolution of future management of the historic Sewer Aqueduct public access will be restored along the Barwon River.

ARMSTRONG CREEK LINEAR OPEN SPACE

D As development proceeds at Armstrong Creek new linear open space reserves will be established along the Barwon River. The new park will include public access to the River via a network of new trails and boardwalks with birdhides, picnic and visitor facilities developed in stages as development works are completed and specific funding is made available.

MOORABOOL RIVER - FYANSFORD

A As development occurs at the former Geelong Cement Site new open space reserves will be established along the Moorabool River upstream of the Hamilton Hwy linking from the Geelong Ring Road through to Fyansford Common and the Barwon River. This will enable environmental protection and rehabilitation works in conjunction with staged development of recreation facilities including a network of paths, water access platforms, picnic facilities and playspace.

MT.BRANDON - BUCKLEY FALLS

B As development occurs at Highton and Wandana new parkland areas already reserved east of the Geelong Ring Road will be opened to the public linking through to existing open space at Buckley Falls Park. Staged development of facilities will include a network of walking and cycling paths, water access platforms, picnic facilities and playspace. Longer term, a new bridge across the Barwon River at the Geelong Ring Road will link back via a new open space network to the historic Barwon Paper Mill , Moorabool River Reserves and Fyansford Common.

Barwon River PARKLANDS

RENEW A VISION

Strategic Directions Plan

A well - connected, diverse and healthy water way parkland, that balances recreation and conservation, and provides for everyday enjoyment of nature, and community liveability and well - being.

KEY GOALS

An enhanced and resilient open space network that:

- protects the natural environmental and cultural values of the Parklands and the Barwon River.
- protects and enhances environmental values of the riverand its floodplain, wetlands and estuary, and connects communities with natural settings.
- is accessible and reflects the needs of a diverse community.
- provides open space for growing communities and future generations.
- provides a diversity of quality recreational opportunities and settings for enjoyment, social connection and wellbeing.
- increase awareness and appreciation of nature and cultural heritage.
- responds and adapts to the challenges of climate change.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Consistent with Healthy Parks Healthy People and the G21 Environment Pillar, the key strategic directions for the Barwon River Parklands include:

Expanding a connected network

Environmental values at Lake Connewarre and lack of public land in some areas mean development of an off road link between Geelong and Barwon Heads may take many years to achieve. Community consultation completed in 2009 indicated completion of shorter more frequently used looped paths was the highest priority. Projects to expand the trail and open space network include:

1. Establish trail links west from Buckley Falls Park to new open space areas at Mt.Brandon including staged development of new recreation facilities and environmental rehabilitation.
2. Investigate integration of pedestrian and cycle access across the Barwon River at the Geelong Ring Road bridge.
3. Investigate future opportunities to expand open space along the north side of the River enabling completion of an off road trail loop back to Baum Weir and Fyansford Common.
4. Improve access to the Barwon River at Pakington Street.
5. Investigate improved on and off road trail links from the Barwon River to the existing Bellarine Rail Trail including upgrade of Wal Whiteside Walk.
6. Investigate improved links to existing Waurn Ponds Creek Trail.
7. Investigate improved on and off road links along the Barwon River at Barwon Heads as part of the Round the Head Trail.

Strengthening and promoting features of the Barwon River Parklands

8. Investigate opportunities for development of new heritage trails and interpretation for significant sites in new and existing parks and along the Barwon River Trail.
9. Promote the Barwon River Parklands and major events on key regional tourism routes.
10. Investigate establishment of a Regional Sustainability Education Centre.

Strengthening connections with nature

15. Improve public access to the Lake Connewarre State Game Reserve at Ash Road, McCorkhell Reserve, Moolap Station Road and Taits Point through to Hospital Swamps.
16. Investigate a canoe/kayak link between Geelong and Barwon Heads.
17. Investigate opportunities to undertake floodplain rehabilitation works and improve habitat corridor values and buffers to adjoining future development.
18. Develop new boardwalks and signage to protect significant vegetation and habitat areas at Moonah Park while providing walking and fishing access along the Barwon River.

Revitalising the existing network

Use the Healthy Parks Healthy People philosophy to provide a new framework within which to revitalise and plan settings, facilities, programs and services. Provide investment to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of the existing network incorporating Environmental Sustainable Design (ESD) and universal access through design principles for new infrastructure and facilities. Implement the statewide Active in Parks Program.

19. Continue staged woody weed control at Federick Morton Reserve.
20. Develop new nature based playscapes at Barwon Valley Park and Frank Ellis Reserve, Barwon Heads and longer term in new parklands at Mt.Brandon and Armstrong Creek.
21. Rehabilitate the Former Geelong Junior Motorcross Site including environmental restoration and provision for community events. Improve links around Belmont Common to complement the new Criterion Track.
22. Establish an off road shared trail link from Barrabool Road to the Belmont Common Boat Ramp.
23. Investigate improved circuit walking trails and facilities at Ocean Grove Spit.

Planning the next wave of regional open space expansion

11. Establish new linear open space reserves along the Moorabool River. As development proceeds undertake staged establishment of trail links, recreation facilities and environmental rehabilitation north from Fyansford Common along the Moorabool River through to the existing Ring Road Trail.
12. Establish new parkland at the Ovoid Sewer Aqueduct Reserve including restoration of public access along the river and resolution of the future of the aqueduct structure and reserve. Continue environmental rehabilitation and undertake staged development of new circuit walking paths, with improved river access for fishing and canoeing.
13. Establish new linear open space reserves along the Barwon River at Armstrong Creek. Undertake staged establishment of trail links, recreation facilities and environmental rehabilitation with links through to Belmont Common along the River.
14. As part of long term future planning for a new east-west link road across the Barwon River consider opportunities for integrated pedestrian and cycle access to improve direct links between Armstrong Creek and St. Albans Park-Leopold and a new trail loop back to the Ovoid Sewer Aqueduct reserve along the north bank.

Barwon River PARKLANDS

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Completed Works 2006 - 2010

WEST FYANS CAR PARK / TRAIL REALIGNMENT
$48K BRP + $48K CCMA = $96K

ROWING CLUB OFFICIALS SHELTER
$10K BRP + $2.5K CCMA = $12.5K

BARWON VALLEY WATER SKI CLUB PICNIC SHELTER
BRP COMMUNITY GRANT $5K

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS - BELMONT COMMON
$23K BRP + $23K CCMA = $46K

OVOID SEWER AQUEDUCT WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT
$5K BRP + $5K BW = $10K

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS LEOPOLD - LAKE CONNEWARRE
$28K BRP + $22K COGG = $50K

ASH ROAD VIEWING PLATFORM
$106K BRP + $53K CoGG = $159,000

GORDON TAFE - BARWON FLORA BOOKLET
BRP COMMUNITY GRANT $5K

COGG COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOKES DAY OUT
BRP COMMUNITY GRANT $550

BARWON PARKLANDS CO - BRANDED SIGNAGE
$8K BRP + $8K COGG = $16K

BUCKLEY FALLS STAIRS UPGRADE-CONNECTION
$55K BRP + $55K CoGG = $110K

GEELONG ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL HIGHTON WETLANDS
$5K BRP + $101K COGG = $106K

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS - QUEENS PARK / BARWON PAPER MILL
$20K BRP + $18.5K CoGG = $38.5K

MOORABOOL STREET BOAT RAMP LIGHTING
$11.5K BRP + $2.5K CCMA = $14K

ORANGE BELLIED PARROT REVEGETATION
BRP COMMUNITY GRANT $5K

BELLARINE SEC COLLEGE MARINE MATES PROGRAM
BRP COMMUNITY GRANT $1,550

TAITS POINT REDEVELOPMENT - STAGE 1 & 2
$383K BRP

SHEEPWASH ROAD TOP DRESS TRACK SURFACE
$10K BRP

BARWON HEADS - SHEEPWASH ROAD WALKING TRAIL
$48.7K BRP

PLANNING AND INVESTIGATIONS

PROJECT	BRP	AGENCY	TOTAL
BUCKLEY FALLS CONNECTIONS STUDY	$28,000	$12,000 City of Greater Geelong	$40,000
DRAFT TRAIL CONCEPT GEELONG TO BARWON HEADS	$58,000		$58,000
BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS COMMUNITY CONSULTATION	$36,000		$36,000
BARWON RIVER PARKLANDS STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS PLAN	$45,000		$45,000
OCEAN GROVE ESTUARY WALK STUDY	$20,000	$10,000 Barwon Coast Committee	$30,000
OVOID SEWER AQUEDUCT LAND USE STUDY	$25,000	$25,000 Barwon Water	$50,000

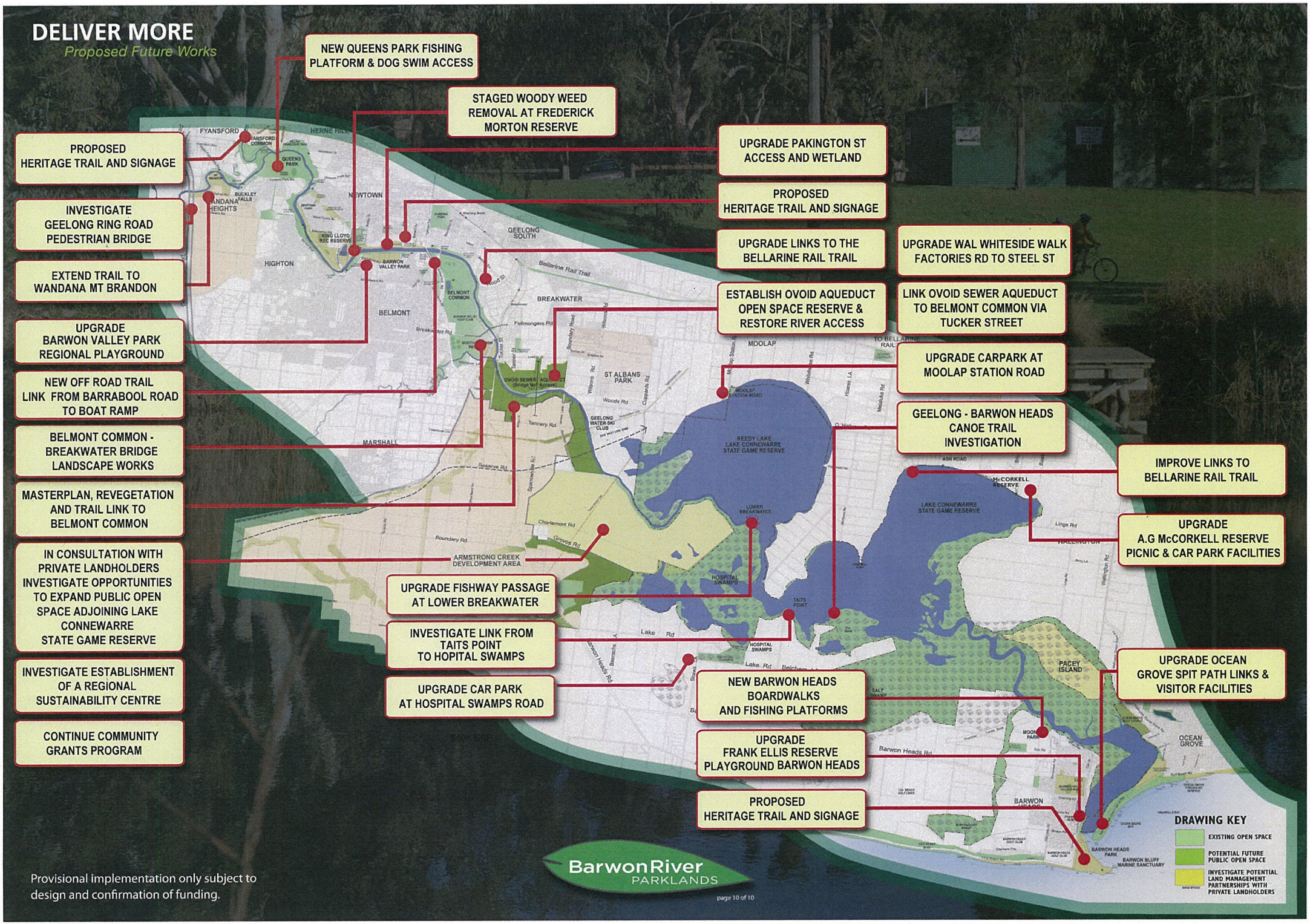
DRAWING KEY

EXISTING OPEN SPACE

Barwon River PARKLANDS

DELIVER MORE

Proposed Future Works



Provisional implementation only subject to design and confirmation of funding.

BarwonRiver PARKLANDS

6. GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

Portfolio: **Arts & Culture - Cr Abley**
Source: **Community Services – Arts & Culture**
General Manager: **Jenny McMahon**
Index Reference: **Subject: Arts & Culture Libraries**
Customer: Geelong Regional Library Corporation

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation Annual Report 2010/11.
- The Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) provides library services to the residents of the City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast Shire, Borough of Queenscliffe and Golden Plains Shire.
- In 2010/2011 the GRLC operated a total of 13 branches in the region, 11 in the City of Greater Geelong (CoGG), and three mobile libraries, one which operates in CoGG.
- A total of 1,431,609 visits were made to libraries in 2010/11 which is a 13% increase on 2009/10. Of these 1,315,235 were to CoGG libraries representing an increase of 14% on previous year.
- Total circulation of print and multimedia collections for 2010/11 was 2,483,015. Of these 2,216,524 were borrowed from CoGG branches and mobile library, an increase of 11.6% on the previous year.
- A total of 13,312 new members joined GRLC in 2010/11 with 79% of these new members coming from City of Greater Geelong.
- *Dollars Sense and Public Libraries the landmark study of the socio economic value of Victorian Public Libraries* featuring GRLC as a detailed case study, was launched in Geelong.
- Other highlights and initiatives undertaken by GRLC in 2010/11 include
    - Launch of the Community Library Service with over 10,000 items loaned to people unable to physically access public libraries.
    - 1,466 lifelong learning events and programs held with 48,797 attendances representing an increase of 26% over previous year. Events and programs included author talks, children's literacy programs, holiday activities, Open Mind Lecture Series, poetry events, information technology training and specific events for youth such as Manga clubs, theatre performances and writing workshops.
    - 605,039 website visits representing a 69% increase from the previous year.
- The City of Greater Geelong worked in collaboration with the GRLC on a number of capital projects including the Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, the development of the Waurn Ponds and Interim Lara Libraries and the refurbishment of the Drysdale Library. The City, GRLC and Department of Education also worked on the Western Heights College Library (Vines Road). Planning for the Leopold Library was also undertaken.
- GRLC audited financial statements demonstrate prudent financial management.

6. GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011 (CONT'D)

Cr Richards moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That Council note the Annual Report of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation 2010/11.

Carried.

Report

Background

The City of Greater Geelong in partnership with Surf Coast Shire, Golden Plains Shire and Borough of Queenscliffe established the Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) in March 1997 to operate library services in the region.

In 2010/2011 the GRLC operated a total of 13 branches in the region and three mobile library services. In the City of Greater Geelong the 11 branch libraries are located in: Barwon Heads; Belmont; Chilwell; Corio; Drysdale; Geelong; Geelong West; Grovedale; Highton; Newcomb and Ocean Grove. There is also the Mobile library service (one mobile operating in CoGG).

The branch libraries provided a total of 527 hours of service to the public each week in the 2010/2011 financial year.

Discussion

The GRLC Annual Report 2010/11 clearly demonstrates continued improvement in library services and growth in community usage as demonstrated by the following highlights:

- The popularity of the library service continued to grow with 1,431,609 visits to the libraries (13% increase), 2,483,015 items loaned (8% increase) and 605,309 website visits (69% increase).
- 1,315,235 visits were made to City of Greater Geelong libraries representing an increase of 14% on the previous year with 2,216,524 items borrowed from CoGG branches and mobile library, an increase of 12% on the previous year.
- Community access of public internet computers continued to grow reaching 127,386 sessions (52% increase) whilst the introduction of free wireless hotspots in all libraries resulted in 20,016 wireless sessions.
- Information Technology infrastructure projects included the completion of the four year Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) project across all libraries and mobile libraries, an increase in public access computers to 83 and implementation of Envisionware PC Reservation software enabling improved booking systems and print management for Internet users.
- Belmont Library was redeveloped during the 2009/10 financial year resulting in an increase in public space including new youth and children's zones, 18 internet computers and wireless internet access. This has resulted in Belmont experiencing 280,355 visits in 2010/11 an increase of 39% compared to 202,042 visits in the 2008/09 (this being the previous full year Belmont was open prior to the redevelopment).

6. GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011 (CONT'D)

- Online retrieval of full text articles and e-information via the GRLC website grew by 98% to 45,927 with the introduction of databases including *Press Display* (national and international newspapers), E-a*udio books* and *E-books* as well as *Tumblebooks* (animated electronic picture books) for children and young adults.

- Programs for adults continued to grow with the Open Mind Lecture Series attracting audiences listening to keynote speakers on topics such as *clean energy, dementia, resilient children, post traumatic stress disorder* and *technology and the effects on learning.*

- Author events included hosting the Melbourne Writers Festival keynote event speaker in Geelong, Bryce Courtney.

- A new series *Poetry and Conversation* illustrated GRLC's ongoing commitment to creating accessible community events and programs across all genres of writing.

- Information Technology training for the community included Introduction to Ancestry.com, Web allsorts Internet Training, Cloud Computing and Open Source Software.

- New youth programs were implemented targeting ages 12 to 24 including the introduction of Manga Clubs at Belmont, Corio and Geelong West Libraries to explore the increasingly popular art of Manga and anime (Japanese graphic novels).

- During Education Week 300 children from Drysdale Primary, Highton Primary, Northern Bay College and the Mila Mila playgroup from the Wathaurong Community enjoyed a day of storytelling, rhymes and songs whilst travelling on the Storytrain across the Bellarine Peninsula.

- The landmark study *Dollars Sense and Public Libraries* was launched in Geelong in April 2011. Commissioned by the State Library of Victoria and the Public Libraries Victorian Network, this independently produced study highlighted GRLC as one of seven Victorian public library services case studies. The key findings identified that GRLC libraries generate the following:

    - $26.8m income generation.
    - $3.7m in value added income generation.
    - 168 jobs in host economies.
    - Up to $7.46 economic benefit and $4.23 economic activity for every dollar invested in Geelong libraries.

The City of Greater Geelong worked in collaboration with the GRLC on a number of capital projects including the Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, the development of the Waurn Ponds and Interim Lara Libraries and the refurbishment of the Drysdale Library. The City, GRLC and Department of Education also worked on the Western Heights College (Vines Road) Library. Planning for the Leopold Library was also undertaken.

6. GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011 (CONT'D)

- Strategic work undertaken by the GRLC Board included adoption of the GRLC Disability Discrimination Act Action Plan 2010-2013, the commencement of the Customer Service Initiative The Way We Work and the completion of the Collection Revitalisation Strategy.

- The 2010/11 year represented Year 3 of the GRLC Board's strategic directions document *Reading Revolution, new generation Libraries: Library Plan 2008-2013***.** By all performance measures it was a very successful year of continued growth, improvement and significant achievements.

Environmental Implications

There are no specific environmental implications for Council in the adoption of this report. *Dollars Sense and Public Libraries* identifies that a key benefit of libraries is the environmental saving offered by the multiple usage of materials. Multiple borrowing of library print material such as books and newspapers, and non-print materials such as CD's and DVD's is more resource friendly.

Financial Implications

Council makes an annual contribution to the GRLC. In 2010/11 City of Greater Geelong's contribution was $5,288,467 which included an 11% increase to the recurrent contribution and a further 5% for Lara Library. The City of Greater Geelong's contribution represents 66% of GRLC total income with 9% from other Member Councils, 20% from the State Government Public Library Grants Program and a further 5% raised through other grants, fees, charges and interest.

The level of Council's contribution to GRLC is based upon a funding formula and subject to the Agreement to continue Geelong Regional Library Corporation, and consideration as part of the Annual Budget process.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The actions undertaken in 2010/11 contribute to the implementation of GRLC strategic plan *Reading Revolution new generation libraries*: Library Plan 2008/2013.

Council was represented on the GRLC by Cr. Rod Macdonald (Chair), Cr. Barbara Abley, Cr. Cameron Granger and Cr. Andy Richards (Deputy Chair).

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

There is no direct or indirect interest by Council Officers involved in the preparation of this report.

Section 196(7A) of the Local Government Act exempts a member of the governing body of a regional library from having a conflict of interest if their only interest is as a Councillor or member of Council staff, who was appointed to the board by Council.

6. GEELONG REGIONAL LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011 (CONT'D)

Risk Assessment

The Annual Report of GRLC has been subject to Financial Audit and approved by Auditor General of Victoria.

Social Considerations

Public Libraries contribute significantly to community in a variety of ways including:

- Creating informed communities, supporting and strengthening democracy through the equitable and free provision of access to local and global information sources.

- Providing free and universal access to information technology infrastructure, computer literacy and technology resources.

- Providing opportunities for lifelong learning through resources to support self directed learning and programmed information, reading and digital literacy activities.

- Building community by providing welcoming, neutral, community space that is open to all members of the community from all walks of life and by connecting individuals, groups and government.

Communication

The Arts & Culture department, in consultation with Marketing and Administration, will be responsible for communicating this report.

7. WINDSOR PARK FAMILY AND 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 seek endorsement from Council on the scope of the project for the development of a Family and Children's Centre at Windsor Park in Norlane North Shore.
- It is proposed to build a facility adjacent to the school that will include, consulting rooms for Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and other family support services such early intervention services, and two early years rooms to provide services such as kindergarten, playgroup or occasional care, along with a multiple purpose room.
- The concept of a Family and Children's Centre at the site in Norlane North Shore has been endorsed by Council in the report *Future Provision of Community Services in the Corio area* in November 2010. This facility will replace the existing Norlane MCH Centre and Norlane North Shore Kindergarten, and allow for expansion of services for this community.
- Grants are available through the State Government for Integrated Children's Centres and Council submitted an Expression of Interest to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) for a $1.5 million grant towards this Centre. In December 2011 DEECD invited Council to develop a full proposal for consideration.
- The land is currently owned by DEECD, but Council officers are in the final stages of negotiations for a land transfer agreement with DEECD. A report will shortly be presented to Council that seeks endorsement for the land transfers. The cost to Council of this land transfer will be $110,000. A business case has been prepared for consideration in the 2012/13 budget deliberations
- The proposed location of the new Family and Children's Centre at Windsor Park, will link closely with the local government and Catholic Primary schools, and nearby Norlane Community Centre.
- The estimated gross capital cost of the project is $4.2 million. Funding for the project has been included in Council's Four Year Resource Plan.
- It is proposed to dispose of the existing Norlane North Shore Kindergarten site in Gerbera Avenue and the Norlane MCH Centre in Plume Street, Norlane.
- 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.
- The construction of this facility is dependent on the exchange of land between Council and DEECD currently being finalised.

7. WINDSOR PARK FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE (CONT'D)

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Richards seconded -

That Council:

1) **Authorises officers to proceed with the development of the Windsor Park Family and Children's Centre, which includes two kindergarten rooms, five consulting rooms, a multi-purpose room and ancillary areas**

2) **Authorises officers to proceed with the submission to DEECD for a contribution of $1.5 million**

3) **Refers the sum of $4.2 million for consideration in future budgets.**

Carried.

Report

Background

In November 2010 Council endorsed the concept of developing an integrated Family and Children's Centre on the proposed site in Norlane North Shore, in the *Future Provision of community services infrastructure in Norlane/Corio* report.

The current site of both the existing Norlane North Shore Kindergarten and the Norlane MCH Centre are isolated and facilities are no longer fit for purpose. Previous assessments of existing buildings conducted by Council have recommended replacement of these facilities.

Consistent with existing policy directions, the proposed site of the new Family and Children's Centre provides the opportunity to co-locate services with the Northern Bay College Primary School in Tallis Street and to create a more integrated streamlined service for families and children.

The school has previously indicated strong and enthusiastic support for the potential development of an integrated Family and Children's Centre on the proposed site, which would complement and extend their existing education and community programs.

A number of locations have been investigated within the Windsor Park site in regard to the best location for a Family and Children's facility. The preferred location has been identified as being next to the school on the corner of Tallis Street and Gerbera Avenue, North Shore.

The land for the Centre is currently owned by DEECD. Council officers are in the final stages or negotiating a land swap with several pieces of land in the north. The preferred site for the Centre is one of these pieces of land.

- A report will be shortly presented to council that seeks endorsement for the land transfers. The cost to Council will be $110,000. A business case has been prepared for consideration in the 2012/13 budget deliberations.

- Current Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and kindergarten facilities in Norlane North Shore are identified as being inadequate to meet existing and future service requirements.

7. WINDSOR PARK FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE (CONT'D)

At this stage it is not proposed to include a long day care service within the scope of the new Centre. Current service information suggests that the need for child care in Norlane North Shore is being met through existing service provision. However, the proposed Centre will be designed in such a way as to allow for future development of a long day care component, should it become necessary.

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, partially funded by the State Government, are expected to provide a range of services that include: long day care, kindergarten, 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 licenced for 33 children per room. This would enable provision of multiple kindergarten groups of up to potentially 132 children depending on the program structure and operating models.
- Five consulting rooms – for Maternal and Child Health, early intervention services, family support and other services.
- A concept map showing composition of the facility and possible orientation on the site is shown at Attachment 1. The facility would have an approximate internal size of 1300 square meters.
- It is not proposed to include a long day care service at this stage. Local service assessments and planning suggests that the existing provision of long day care in the geographic catchment area is sufficient to meet current and anticipated future requirements, and is consistent with average service provision benchmarks across the municipality.
- The relocation and expansion of services at this site will encourage strong relationships within the services working with local children and families and will provide a safe stimulating and nurturing environment for children that facilitates their development and actively encourages their potential.
- The catchment area of the proposed Family and Children's Centre is recognised as an area of socio-economic disadvantage with relevant demographic indicators identifying higher proportions of young children being developmentally vulnerable in Norlane North Shore compared with average local, state and national benchmarks.

The proposed development of the Windsor Park Family and Children's Centre establishes a new benchmark in the design and delivery of early childhood services and facilities in Geelong's northern suburbs. The development will further enhance capacity to develop and provide innovative responses in relation to program design and responding to the local needs of children and families.

7. WINDSOR PARK FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE (CONT'D)

The design of the Centre combined with governance and management arrangements will act as vehicles for integrated planning and delivery of multi-disciplinary services and activities, enabling parents, children and community members to join together to plan, develop and be part of activities that are: comprehensive, local, child centred, welcoming, responsive, non-judgemental, inclusive, sustainable, and, most importantly, engaging.

The development of the Windsor Park Family and Children's Centre will increase both the quality and capacity of existing children's services and infrastructure in the area.

Environmental Implications

There are no known environmental implications associated with this project. Environmental Sustainable Design principles will 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 capital project is estimated to be approximately $4.2 million if all components currently identified as in scope are delivered. If the State Government grant was to be successful the net cost to Council would be $2.7 million.

There is an allocation of $200,000 in Council's budget in 2012 for concept design and the first stage of detailed design.

The Windsor park project is costed into Council's Four Year Resource Plan.

The operational model for the new Centre is being developed and will be the subject of a further report to Council.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The project is consistent with federal, state and local government policy in relation to the development of integrated children's services.

The proposal is also consistent with key objectives contained within Council's Municipal Early Years Plan, Creating Communities for Children, and the recently completed draft Structure Plan for Corio Norlane, along with previous Community Infrastructure Plans endorsed by Council.

This project aligns with and closely complements existing developments in the area in relation to the Corio Norlane Education Regeneration Project, Extended Schools Hub Project, and Department of Human Services' Building for the Future Urban Renewal Project.

7. WINDSOR PARK FAMILY AND 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 Norlane North Shore community.

Existing facilities in Norlane North Shore provided by Council for children and families do not meet quality and service requirements, with previous reports recommending replacement of these facilities.

The nature of existing service facilities in the area result in staff working in an isolated environment which increases exposure to potential occupational health and safety risks that are difficult to address or mitigate in the current service locations.

Social Considerations

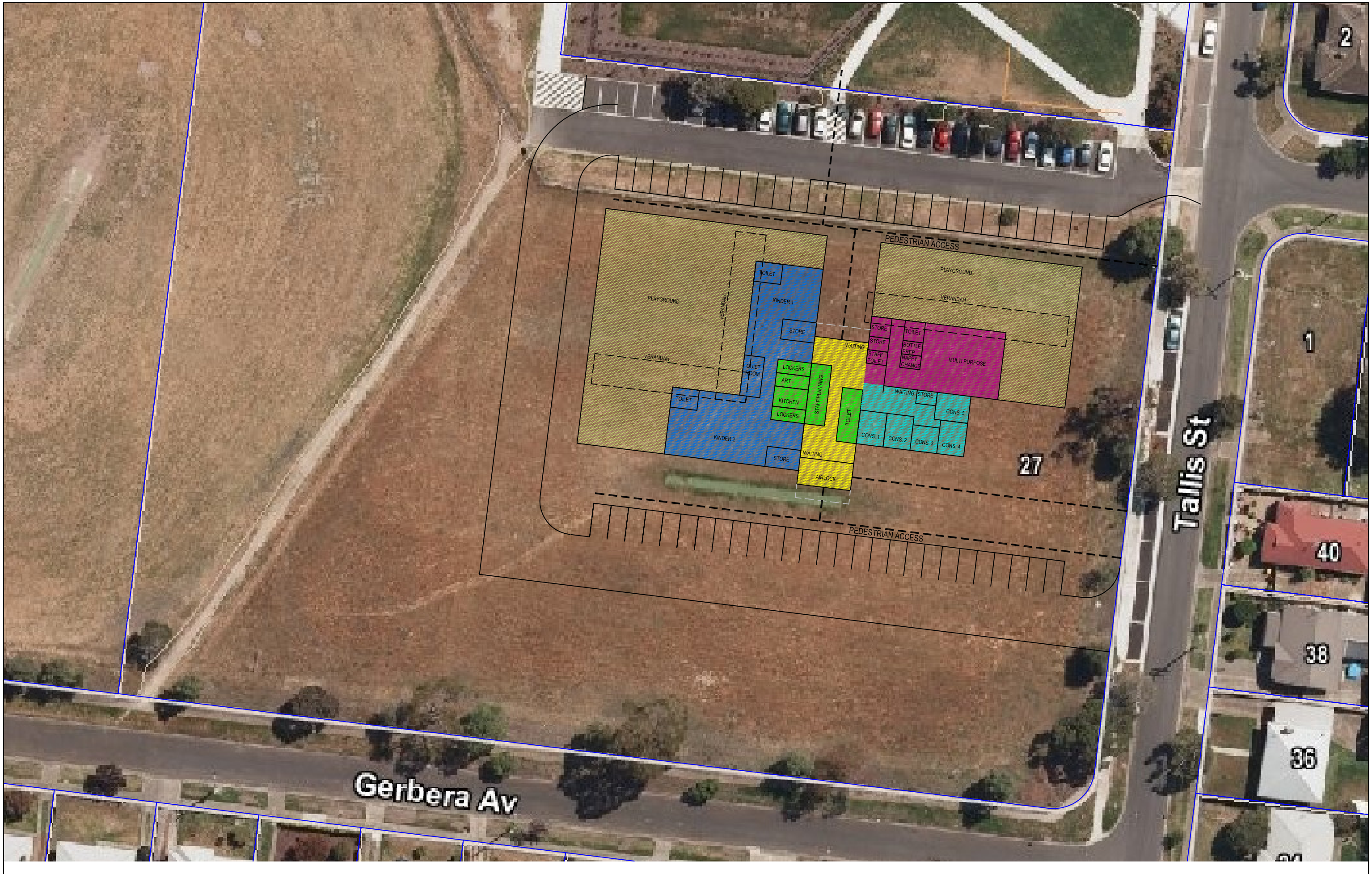
The provision of strong and effective support to children and families in the early years of children's development and family formation are widely recognised as having significant long-term benefits and implications for children's early development, family participation and community wellbeing.

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.

Attachment 1



Windsor Park Kindergarten - Cnr. Gerbera Ave & Tallis St.

PROPOSED SITE PLAN 1:500 @ A3

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8. EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH DEECD NORLANE

Portfolio: **Finance – Cr Harwood**
Source: **Corporate Services –Corporate Strategy and Property Management**
General Manager: **Jeff Wall**
Index Reference: **Land Exchange**

Summary

- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and the Council have held discussions to exchange land in Norlane. The Council wants to purchase 5,000m2 of DEECD land at Gerbera Avenue, Norlane for a future family services hub, and the DEECD wants to purchase 5,206m2 of Council land at Peacock Avenue, Norlane West to expand the Norlane West Primary School.
- Council's proposed use of the land to be purchased in Gerbera Avenue, Norlane is based on the recommendations of the adopted strategic directions report Future Provision of Community Services in Norlane/Corio.
- The Council's land in Peacock Avenue, Norlane West to be sold to DEECD is located at the rear of the Council's preschool centre and is part of an open space reserve.
- Valuation estimates have been obtained for both the Council's and DEECD's land and the difference in valuations is $110,000 in favour of the DEECD. Despite the respective land parcels being approximately the same size, the Council's land to be sold to DEECD is less valuable due to its relative isolation from roads and other physical services. The actual land sizes are to be confirmed by survey and valuations are to be certified.
- It is recommended that the exchange of land proceed subject to final survey and valuations, and that notice of Council's intention to sell land be given under s189 of the Local Government Act. If submissions are received they will be heard by the Submissions Hearing Panel and a further report will be put to Council. If there are no submissions the land will sold and the Council will purchase the DEECD land in Gerbera Avenue, Norlane.
- It is also recommended the net cost of the exchange of land of approximately $110,000 be referred to the 2012/13 budget process.

8. EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH DEECD NORLANE (CONT'D)

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Richards seconded -

That Council:

1) **purchase from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) 5,000m2 of land at the corner of Gerbera**

   Avenue and Tallis Street, Norlane and sell to DEECD 5,206m2 of land at 39 Peacock Avenue, Norlane West on the following terms:

   - **The purchase and sale prices for the land to be exchanged shall be the certified valuations obtained by Council for the areas to be exchanged which will be confirmed by survey.**
   - **Other conditions considered appropriate to be included in the Deed of Exchange of Land.**

2) **commence the statutory procedures under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell (and purchase) the land and that public notice of and the right of a person under section 223 of the Act to make a submission in relation to the proposed sale of land be given in the Geelong Independent and Advertiser; and**

3) **appoint the Submissions Hearing Panel to hear and report to the Council on any submissions in relation to the proposed sale (and purchase) of land; and**

4) **in the event that no submissions are received –**

   - **the Deed of Exchange of Land be signed and sealed; and**
   - **the Transfers of Land be signed and sealed.**

5) **refer the funding of the net cost of the land exchange to the 2012/13 Budget.**

Carried.

Report

Background

The Councils owns 9,436m2 of land at 39 Peacock Avenue and 12 Adriatic Court Norlane West which contains the Norlane West Pre-school facility. The DEECD owns the Norlane West Primary School immediately to the south of Council's land and wants to purchase 5,206m2 of Council's land to allow for the expansion of the Primary School (refer to Plan 1 attached).

The Council's land at Peacock Avenue is zoned partly Residential 1 being part of an unrestricted lot, and partly zoned Public Park and Recreation Zone which consists of part of reserve No3 on PS345911G which was set aside on the subdivision of adjoining land to the north.

The DEECD (Minister for the Education Act) owns land associated with the North Shore Primary School in Tallis Street Norlane to the east of Council's Windsor Park Reserve. The Council wants to purchase 5,000m2 of land from DEECD at the corner of Tallis Street and Gerbera Avenue as a future site for a family services hub.

The DEECD land in Tallis Street has no restrictions on the title and is zoned Residential 1 which is suitable for Council's intended use of the land.

8. EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH DEECD NORLANE (CONT'D)

Discussion

In November 2010 the Council adopted the report Future Provision of Community Services in Norlane/Corio to provide strategic direction for future provision of community services. The report recommends the development of multi functional family services/community hubs/shared facilities in five neighbourhoods, including Norlane/North Shore to be developed at Windsor Park.

The land proposed to be purchased in Gerbera Avenue is adjacent to the North Shore Primary School and Council's Windsor Park Recreation Reserve. Together with the school and the facilities located in Windsor Park, the proposed Family Services Hub will create an expanded community precinct to service this area of Norlane and North Shore. The new facility to be developed will include a range of family services, including Preschool, Maternal and Child Health, Playgroups and family support services.

Council currently owns and operates the Norlane North Shore kindergarten and Norlane Maternal and Child Health Centre in ageing infrastructure located at 11 and 32 Plume Street some 350 metres west of the land to be purchased. These two services will be relocated to the proposed new Family Services Hub and the properties will be sold.

Council has recently completed a Masterplan for Windsor Park and the proposed Family Services facility and school complement and extend the range of services and activities available from this recreation and education precinct.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has undertaken an Educational Regeneration Project for the northern suburbs of Geelong and has identified the Norlane West Primary School in Peacock Avenue for expansion. By purchasing land from Council the school is able to expand without occupying its oval and open play areas.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Financial Implications

The final net cost of the land exchange will be known once survey plans confirm the areas to be exchanged and the parties have obtained certified valuations.

The Council has obtained valuation estimates of both the Council's land to be sold and the DEECD land to be purchased. The following table summarises the areas and values of the respective parcels assuming that the Council's land to be sold has been rezoned to Residential 1 Zone and restrictions removed from the title.

8. EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH DEECD NORLANE (CONT'D)

	Size m2	Rate $psm	Estimate $*
Council Land (to be sold)	5,206	$75	$390,000
DEECD Land (to be purchased)	5,000	$100	$500,000
Difference			$110,000

* excluding GST

The Council's land is valued at a lower rate than the DEECD land due it its lack of road frontage and relative isolation from physical services.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

Before proceeding with the exchange of land, public notice will be given in the Geelong Advertiser and Independent in accordance with sections 189 and 223 of the Local Government Act in respect of the land sale. While there are no requirements to advertise Council's intention to purchase land the purchase will be included in the notice for information purposes.

The Act provides that a person may, within 28 days of the date of publication of the public notice, lodge a written submission regarding the proposed sale of the land. If submissions are received they will be heard by the Submissions Hearing Panel, and the Panel will further report to the Council on the outcome of the hearing. If there are no submissions the land exchange will be executed and the sale and purchase will proceed.

Since the Council land to be sold to DEECD is partly zoned PPRZ and has a reserve restriction on its title, it is Council's responsibility as vendor to arrange for the zone to be changed from PPRZ to Residential 1, and obtain a planning permit to subdivide the land and to remove the reserve restriction from the title.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officers, consultants or contractors involved in the sale or purchase of the land have a direct or indirect interest in the land or its sale or purchase.

Risk Assessment

The risks involved in the purchase and sale of the land are not significant and can be managed by following standard procedures.

8. EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH DEECD NORLANE (CONT'D)

Social Considerations

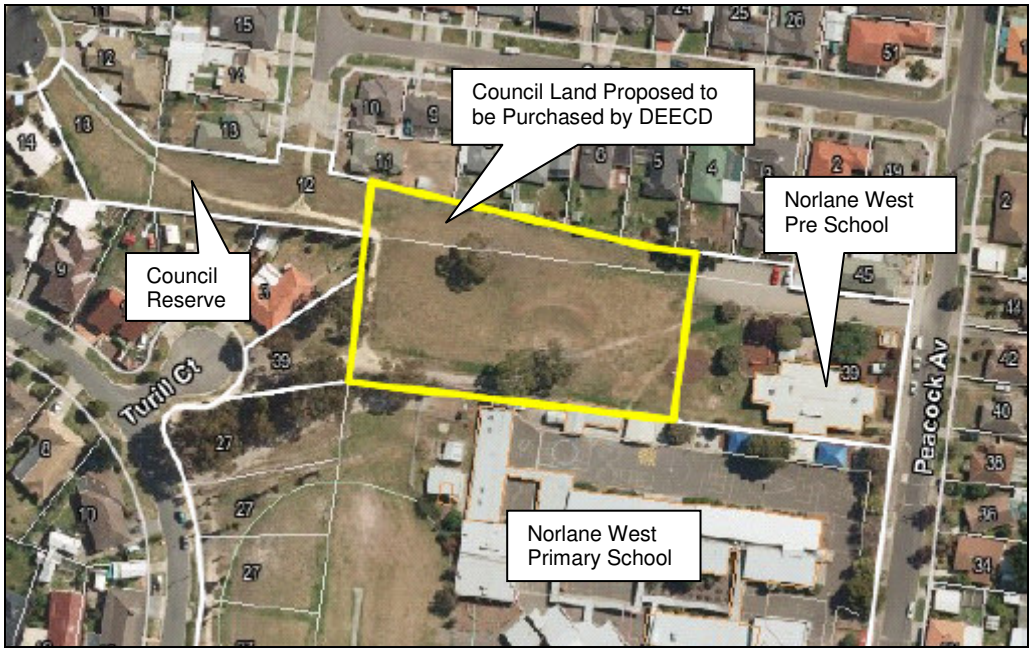
The exchange of land will facilitate the development of education and family services facilities in the Norlane area that will provide community benefit and reflect the respective strategies of both the Council and the DEECD.

Communication

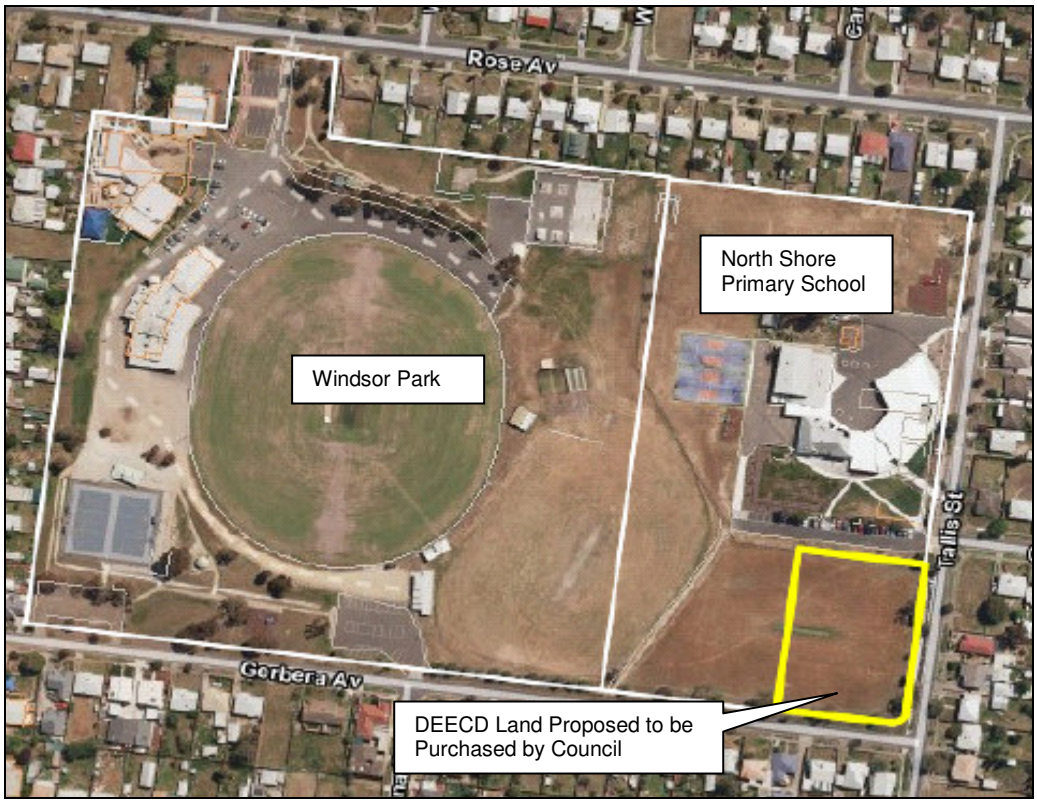
The proposal is supported by the Community Development Department and the report has been considered by the Property Strategy Advisory Committee.

EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH DEECD NORLANE (CONT'D)

Plan 1. Council Land Proposed to be Purchased by DEEC – Norlane West



Plan 2. DEECD Land Proposed to be Purchased by Council – Norlane North Shore



9. COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 - SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2011

Portfolio: **Democracy & Governance, Communications, Sport & Recreation – Cr Mitchell**
Source: **Community Services**
General Manager: **Jenny McMahon**
Index Reference: **Subject: Councillor Community Grants Program 2011/12**

Summary

- The Councillor Community Grants Program has an annual budget allocation of $240,000. This amount is divided into the 12 Council Wards which equates to an annual allocation of $20,000 per Ward that is available to expend on groups that apply and are eligible under this grant program.
- As part of the accountability framework for managing the Councillor Community Grants Program, details of successful applications and allocations are reported to Council.
- This report provides a statement of allocations under the program during the period of 1 October to 31 December 2011 (refer Appendix 9-1)
- The total amount funded under this program for period 1 October to 31 December 2011 was $57,095 allocated to 34 community organisations.

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Macdonald seconded -

That Council:

1) **note the statement of allocations granted to community groups and organisations for the period 1 October to 31 December 2011.**

2) **commends and congratulates the community groups and organisations who have received funding under the Councillor Community Grants Program for their efforts and contribution to the Geelong community.**

Carried.

Report

Background

The Councillor Community Grants Program is for not-for-profit community groups and organisations who can apply for funds to support either Ward based or Municipal wide activities or events that will benefit the Geelong community. In order to receive funds, applicants must comply with the established guidelines which govern the grant program.

As part of the ongoing reporting process, a report to Council on the groups that have received funds is presented to Council on a quarterly basis.

9. COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 - SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

Discussion

The total amount funded under this program for period 1 October to 31 December 2011 was $57,095 allocated to 34 community organisations. This brings the total amount funded for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011 to $133,955 allocated amongst 80 community organisations.

As the program accepts applications on an ongoing basis, further allocations are likely to have been made at the time of this report being presented to Council.

The allocation of grants assists with meeting the objectives of Council by providing an opportunity to enhance the well-being of the community by building social capital and enabling community engagement through the provision of funds to assist with local activities.

Appendix 1-1 provides a list of groups, the title of the activities funded and the amounts that were allocated during this period, as well as a summary of balances.

Environmental Implications

Some of the projects supported via this grant program include a variety of environmental activities.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications. All funds to date have been expended in accordance with the Councillor Community Grants Guidelines and within budget.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The provision of grants to the community supports local, community organisations and endorses the aims of City Plan and the G21 Regional Plan.

This report is presented in accordance with the City of Greater Geelong Grants and Donations Policy.

The provision of grants is carried out in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

The Councillor Community Grants Program has provision in the assessment process to record any conflict of interest relating to each grant application that is assessed.

9. COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2011/2012 - SUMMARY OF ALLOCATIONS 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

Risk Assessment

The Councillor Community Grants Program is governed in accordance with Council's monitoring, reporting and accountability framework.

Successful applicants are provided with an evaluation form for their completion and return to Council as a record of the outcome of the grant funding they received. Annual audits are also conducted on a sample group of grant recipients.

Social Considerations

The provision of the Councillor Community Grants provides an opportunity to support and strengthen communities to provide a broad range of activities for the benefit of the Geelong community.

Communication

All groups are notified in writing of the outcome of their grant application.

The list of allocations will be reported on the Geelong Australia Website.

The Community Development Department is responsible for communication of all matters relating to this report.

APPENDIX 9-1

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Austin	**Mitchell**	Whittington Senior Citizens	Purchase of communication equipment	**$100.0**	
Austin	**Mitchell**	1st Eastern Park (Try Boys) Scout Group Auspiced by Scout Assoc of Australia	Getting Started in Scouts	**$1,000.0**	Austin $1,000, Brownbill $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,000.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$100.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$250.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	Geelong Cycling Club	100 Year Celebration Event	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Deakin $200, Kardinia $550, Kildare $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,200.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Austin	**Mitchell**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Austin	**Mitchell**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$250.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Austin Total				**$2,700.0**	
Beangala	**Farrell**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Beangala	**Farrell**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Beangala	**Farrell**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$50.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Beangala	**Farrell**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Beangala	**Farrell**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Beangala	**Farrell**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Beangala	**Farrell**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00
Beangala	**Farrell**	Ocean Grove Angling Club Inc	Battle of the Bridge	**$395.0**	
Beangala	**Farrell**	Ocean Grove Park Inc	Play Park Equipment Addition	**$1,000.0**	
Beangala Total				**$2,045.0**	
Brownbill	**Abley**	1st Eastern Park (Try Boys) Scout Group Auspiced by Scout Assoc of Australia	Getting Started in Scouts	**$1,000.0**	Austin $1,000, Brownbill $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,000.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$250.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$100.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Chilwell Primary School	Bell Tower Restoration Project	**$200.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $150, Cowie $500, Deakin $500, Kildare $1,500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,850.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$250.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Brownbill	**Abley**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$250.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$150.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$500.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$1,900.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Geelong YMCA	Little ED GYM	**$200.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $400, Cowie $500, Kildare $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,100.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$500.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	MIS Playgroup auspiced by Polish Community Council Vic	Running of Playgroup	**$500.0**	Brownbill $500, Cowie $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,000.00
Brownbill	**Abley**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$250.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Brownbill	**Abley**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$500.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Brownbill Total				**$6,750.0**	
Buckley	**Richards**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Buckley	**Richards**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Buckley	**Richards**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Buckley	**Richards**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Buckley Total				**$400.0**	
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Bellarine Landcare Community Nursery	Nursery Water Harvesting	**$600.0**	Cheetham $600, Coryule $620 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,220.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$100.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$300.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Drysdale Bowling & Croquet Club Inc - Croquet Section	Club Shirts	**$1,000.0**	
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Drysdale Senior Citizens	Lighter Tables	**$600.0**	
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$100.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$200.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00
Cheetham	**Macdonald**	Portarlington Drysdale Lions Club	Australia Day	**$800.0**	Cheetham $800, Coryule $700 - TOTAL ALLOCATION
Cheetham Total				**$4,300.0**	
Corio	**Fisher**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$500.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$200.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Chilwell Primary School	Bell Tower Restoration Project	**$150.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $150, Cowie $500, Deakin $500, Kildare $1,500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,850.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$1,000.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$200.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Corio	**Fisher**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$500.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Geelong YMCA	Little ED GYM	**$400.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $400, Cowie $500, Kildare $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,100.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Lions Branch Club of Corio/Norlane auspiced by Lions Club of Lara	Northern Bay College Breakfast	**$2,000.0**	Corio $2,000, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Corio	**Fisher**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00
Corio	**Fisher**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$500.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00
Corio	**Fisher**	North Shore Recreation Club	Equipment	**$1,600.0**	
Corio	**Fisher**	North Shore Residents Group Inc	Moorpanyl 1000 Swim	**$600.0**	Corio $600, Cowie $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,100.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Corio	**Fisher**	Northern Bay College - Hands on Learning	Football Oval Bench Replacement	**$750.0**	Corio $750, Cowie $500, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,750.00
Corio	**Fisher**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$900.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Corio Total				**$9,800.0**	
Coryule	**Doull**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Coryule	**Doull**	Bellarine Landcare Community Nursery	Nursery Water Harvesting	**$620.0**	Cheetham $600, Coryule $620 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,220.00
Coryule	**Doull**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$100.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Coryule	**Doull**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$100.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Coryule	**Doull**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$50.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Coryule	**Doull**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Coryule	**Doull**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Coryule	**Doull**	Portarlington Drysdale Lions Club		**$700.0**	Cheetham $800, Coryule $700 - TOTAL ALLOCATION
Coryule	**Doull**	St Leonards Progress Association	Memorial Hall Restoration	**$5,000.0**	
Coryule	**Doull**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$100.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Coryule Total				**$6,970.0**	
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$50.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Chilwell Primary School	Bell Tower Restoration Project	**$500.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $150, Cowie $500, Deakin $500, Kildare $1,500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,850.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$50.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$50.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Geelong YMCA	Little ED GYM	**$500.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $400, Cowie $500, Kildare $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,100.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	MIS Playgroup auspiced by Polish Community Council Vic	Running of Playgroup	**$500.0**	Brownbill $500, Cowie $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,000.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	North Geelong Soccer Club	New Training Equipment	**$1,300.0**	Cowie $1300, Windermere $1250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,550.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	North Shore Residents Group Inc	Moorpanyl 1000 Swim	**$500.0**	Corio $600, Cowie $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,100.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Northern Bay College - Hands on Learning	Football Oval Bench Replacement	**$500.0**	Corio $750, Cowie $500, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,750.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$50.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Cowie	**Kontelj (E)**	Vines Road Senior Citizens Club	Seeing the Difference	**$1,050.0**	
Cowie Total				**$5,050.0**	
Deakin	**Nelson**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Deakin	**Nelson**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$100.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Chilwell Primary School	Bell Tower Restoration Project	**$500.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $150, Cowie $500, Deakin $500, Kildare $1,500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,850.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$200.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$100.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Geelong Cycling Club	100 Year Celebration Event	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Deakin $200, Kardinia $550, Kildare $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,200.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$150.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$100.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Deakin	**Nelson**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$150.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$200.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	St John's Anglican Church Highton	Highton Community Christmas Carols 2011	**$1,950.0**	Deakin $1,950, Kardinia $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,200.00
Deakin	**Nelson**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$250.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Deakin Total				**$4,300.0**	
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Belmont Senior Citizens Inc	Computer & Printer	**$1,000.0**	
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$200.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$200.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Geelong Cycling Club	100 Year Celebration Event	**$550.0**	Austin $200, Deakin $200, Kardinia $550, Kildare $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,200.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Geelong Ethnic Communities Council (Diversitat)	Surf for Life Program	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $150, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION - $1,550.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Geelong West Brass Band	Centenary Celebrations	**$200.0**	Austin $200, Brownbill $1,900, Buckley $100, Cheetham $200, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $3,000.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$200.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$200.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	St John's Anglican Church Highton	Highton Community Christmas Carols 2011	**$250.0**	Deakin $1,950, Kardinia $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,200.00
Kardinia	**Harwood**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$250.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Kardinia Total				**$3,550.0**	

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Australian Slovenian Cultural & Sports Association "Ivan Cankar" Geelong Inc	Sound. Media & Technology Systems Upgrade	**$1,500.0**	Kildare $1,500, Windermere $250 - TOTALALLOCATION $1,750.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Chilwell Primary School	Bell Tower Restoration Project	**$1,500.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $150, Cowie $500, Deakin $500, Kildare $1,500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,850.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$90.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Geelong Cycling Club	100 Year Celebration Event	**$250.0**	Austin $200, Deakin $200, Kardinia $550, Kildare $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,200.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Geelong YMCA	Little ED GYM	**$1,000.0**	Brownbill $200, Corio $400, Cowie $500, Kildare $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,100.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00
Kildare	**Kontelj (S)**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Kildare Total				**$4,740.0**	
Windermere	**Granger**	Australian Slovenian Cultural & Sports Association "Ivan Cankar" Geelong Inc	Sound. Media & Technology Systems Upgrade	**$250.0**	Kildare $1,500, Windermere $250 - TOTALALLOCATION $1,750.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong auspiced by Gateway Support Services	Autism Awareness Walk Geelong 2012	**$500.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Buckley $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Coryule $100, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,250.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Chany Community Association of Australia	NUER Non-Formal Language School	**$100.0**	Austin $100, Brownbill $100, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $850.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Diversity and Disability auspiced by Migrant Resource Centre North West Region	Self Advocacy and Independence Support Group	**$250.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $300, Corio $1,000, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,400.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Funtasia auspiced by Leisure Networks	Funtasia (Sporting & Social Activities for people with high support needs)	**$150.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $200, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kardinia $200, Windermere $150 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,400.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Geelong Cross Country Club	Dawnbuster Fun Run Traffic Management	**$90.0**	Austin $200, Beangala $50, Brownbill $200, Buckley $100, Corio $100, Coryule $50, Cowie $50, Deakin $100, Kildare $90, Windermere $90 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,030.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Geelong Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc	Advanced Techniques Workshops	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $100, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $100, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,250.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Lara Bowling Club Inc	Purchase of Defibrillator	**$1,500.0**	

Ward	Councillor	Organisation	Title of Project	Amount Approved	Breakdown and Totals Where the Applicant was awarded funds for their project from multiple Ward allocations
Windermere	**Granger**	Lions Branch Club of Corio/Norlane auspiced by Lions Club of Lara	Northern Bay College Breakfast	**$500.0**	Corio $2,000, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Windermere	**Granger**	MG Car Club Geelong Inc	Classic Car Display 2012	**$1,000.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $500, Cheetham $200, Corio $100, Deakin $150, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $1,000 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,350.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Mothers Day Classic auspiced by Women in Super	Geelong Mother's Day Classic	**$100.0**	Beangala $100, Brownbill $250, Cheetham $100, Corio $500, Deakin $200, Kardinia $200, Kildare $100, Windermere $100 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,550.00
Windermere	**Granger**	North Geelong Soccer Club	New Training Equipment	**$1,250.0**	Cowie $1300, Windermere $1250 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,550.00
Windermere	**Granger**	Northern Bay College - Hands on Learning	Football Oval Bench Replacement	**$500.0**	Corio $750, Cowie $500, Windermere $500 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $1,750.00
Windermere	**Granger**	VALID - Victorian League Individuals with Disability	Having a Say Conference 2012	**$200.0**	Austin $250, Brownbill $500, Corio $900, Coryule $100, Cowie $50, Deakin $250, Kardinia $250, Windermere $200 - TOTAL ALLOCATION $2,500.00
Windermere Total				**$6,490.0**	
Grand Total				**$57,095.0**	

SUMMARY OF WARD ALLOCATIONS TOTALS FOR 2011/2012 FINANCIAL YEAR AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

Ward Name	Ward Councillor	Total Allocated 1/07/11 – 30/09/11	Total Allocated 1/10/11 – 31/12/11	Balance Remaining as at 31/12 2011
Austin	Cr John Mitchell	$ 3,250	$ 2,700	$ 14,050
Beangala	Cr Jan Farrell	$ 5,050	$ 2,045	$ 12,905
Brownbill	Cr Barbara Abley	$ 8,090	$ 6,750	$ 5,160
Buckley	Cr Andy Richards	$ 1,250	$ 400	$ 18,350
Cheetham	Cr Rod Macdonald	$ 12,030	$ 4,300	$ 3,670
Corio	Cr Kylie Fisher	$ 7,000	$ 9,800	$ 3,200
Coryule	Cr John Doull	$ 5,840	$ 6,970	$ 7,370
Cowie	Cr Eddy Kontelj	$ 9,400	$ 5,050	$ 5,550
Deakin	Cr Ron Nelson	$ 5,000	$ 4,300	$ 10,700
Kardinia	Cr Bruce Harwood	$ 5,650	$ 3,550	$ 10,800
Kildare	Cr Dr Srechko Kontelj	$ 2,900	$ 4,740	$ 12,360
Windermere	Cr Cameron Granger	$ 11,400	$ 6,490	$ 2,110
	Total	**$ 78,860**	**$ 57,095**	**$106,225**

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011

Portfolio: **Democracy and Governance – Cr Mitchell**
Source: **Corporate Services - Corporate Strategy and Property Management**
General Manager: **Jeff Wall**
Index Reference: **Subject/Corporate Management**

Summary

- Council at its meeting of 28 June 2011 adopted City Plan 2009-2013, 2011-2012 Update, that outlined the Objectives and Strategies planned by the City over that four-year period, and the Annual Business Plan Actions planned for 2011–2012.
- This report is the progress report to Council of the organisations achievements against these actions.
- Attachment A details the status and provides commentary against the Annual Business Plan actions. This report has been generated from the CorVu Performance Management System. The key to the status of actions is:

Minor Issue	Yellow	14
Major Issue	Red	0
Not yet Started	White	5
On Schedule	Green	165
Completed	Black ('C' in white font)	23
Total Actions		**207**

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Fisher seconded -

That Council receives and notes the City Plan Progress Report to 31 December 2011.

Carried.

Report

Background

Council at its meeting of 28 June 2011 adopted City Plan 2009-2013, 2011-2012 Update which has been developed within a framework of three strategic directions:

Community Wellbeing

To improve the health and quality of life of all residents of Greater Geelong

Growing the Economy

Securing Geelong's economic future

A Sustainable Built and Natural Environment

The City of Greater Geelong leads the community in sustainable planning and environmental action.

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

Discussion

This report and attachment indicates the status of the actions in City Plan for the 2011-2012 financial year.

Status and comments are provided for each of the 207 actions within the three strategic directions.

Some significant progress and completions for the quarter include:

Community Wellbeing

Status Summary:

On Schedule	92	Completed	18	Major Issue	0
Minor Issue	6	Not Started	1		

- The $6.5 million redevelopment of the Old Geelong Courthouse building is now complete and has been reopened, providing an exciting boost for the Geelong arts and culture scene. Whilst care has been taken to respect the strong heritage values of the building, all internal areas have been completely renovated including the theatre, back of house facilities, art gallery and administration areas. The redevelopment has provided space for a new theatre rehearsal space, a new staircase, a lobby area, and improved access to the building and outdoor café area.
- The new state-of-the-art Waurn Ponds Library is officially open, making it the first major new public library to be built in the region for almost 20 years. This $5.3 million development will house a library, a community hub with space for community meetings, interest groups, information sessions and other community gatherings. The library will open 57 hours a week and will include a shopfront where residents can access council services. This library will cater for all ages and will accommodate for the needs of the growing community into the future. Overall the new development has stirred a great sense of excitement from the community.
- A number of sport and recreation facility upgrades are underway or have been recently completed. Works are currently on schedule for the Corio Sporting Club clubrooms upgrade, Geelong Rangers Soccer Club change room upgrade, West Oval Flowers Stand interior change rooms upgrade and the South Barwon Football and Netball Club pavilion renovation. The Grovedale Sports Club social rooms are nearing completion and the John Landy Field Athletics Track improvements have now been completed.
- The 2011 Children's Week was a major success. The aim of this week was to encourage families and children to engage with their community, and focus the attention of the wider community on children, their needs, and their achievements. 68 separate events were hosted by 48 local organisations, including participation from schools, playgroups, kindergartens, libraries, and other community groups. The Potato Shed hosted a particularly successful day with in excess of 3,500 people in attendance. Feedback received indicated that Children's Week was a huge hit with families with people even coming from Melbourne to participate.

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

- The Geelong Seniors Festival 2011, which remains the largest celebration for seniors in regional Victoria, was a huge success. The festival hosted a total of 94 events and activities in its jam-packed program, including a huge variety of community hosted events such as theatre, sailing, art shows, traditional afternoon tea and animal farms. A number of exhibitions were held throughout the week which proved extremely popular with the festival goers, particularly the Stamp and Coin Exhibition, Ritches of Stitches Exhibition and the Woodcraft Exhibition. The Portarlington Art and Garden Trail also proved to be a favourite attraction. A review and feedback morning tea session will be held with event holders in April 2012 in preparation for the 2012 festival.
- The $26.9 million Vines Road school and community redevelopment has now been officially opened. The redevelopment has provided state-of-the-art school, library, community centre and recreation facilities. The impressive design has allowed for flexible use of different spaces which will benefit schooling and community groups.
- This financial year the Community Arts and Festival Grants Program will see $220,000 provided to local community groups to undertake arts projects and hold community festivals. 25 out of 44 applications were successful under the Community Arts Grants Programme with a total of $114,400 allocated. 22 out of 33 applications were successful under the Community Festivals Grants Program with a total of $99,360 allocated. The number of applications received increased compared with previous years, with a 70 per cent increase for festivals and a 16 per cent increase for arts programs. The increase has been put down to a more focussed and broad marketing campaign, and a greater number of information sessions to encourage applications. This year has also been the first to allow festivals that are three years or older to apply for a three-year annual funding contract; in the past festivals and programs have had to be invited for this opportunity. $10,000 has been left in reserve for applications to the Quick Response and Professional Development streams throughout 2011-2012.
- Kindergartens to receive upgrades during the last quarter include Allanvale Kindergarten, Lara Lake Preschool and Ocean Grove Kindergarten. Contracted works were completed with only landscaping to be completed in readiness for the new kindergarten year.

Growing the Economy

Status Summary:

On Schedule	29	Completed	2	Major Issue	0
Minor Issue	3	Not Started	2		

- The new Geelong Regional Library and Heritage Centre development is in its initial stages after the Federal Government announced it would provide $10 million in funding, adding to the $15 million committed by the State Government and $20 million from the City of Greater Geelong. This development was set as the City's number one funding priority not only because Geelong has outgrown its current library built over 50 years ago but because economic modelling has shown that as a result of such a significant advancement, the centre will attract up to one million visitors per annum within five years of operation. Briefs have already been prepared for architecture, project management and quantity surveyor contracts. It is anticipated that works will commence by mid 2012.

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

- The historic Eastern Beach Children's Pool is now open and ready for use after undergoing a $4.88 million redevelopment. The children's pool has been one of the most important and recognisable features of Geelong for many years. The pool, which is close to 70 years old, has been designed to look as close as possible to the original given its heritage significance. The renovation includes a new pool, seawall, dive tower, pumps and a new filtration system. The $4.88 million project was funded by the Federal Government ($3.1 million) and the City of Greater Geelong ($1.78 million). This restoration will ensure that the Eastern Beach Children's Pool remains one of Geelong's main summer attractions.

- Geelong has recently had the 'Spirit of Adventure' be its first cruise ship to visit for 2011-2012 attracting 500 people to the shores of Geelong. The City ($65,000), State Government ($30,000), Geelong Otway Tourism and Tourism Victoria have all contributed towards funding a business case into attracting cruise ships to Geelong and establishing the region as Victoria's second cruise ship destination. Large cruise ship companies in Australia have indicated they would consider including Geelong into their itineraries if there was a publicly owned pier that would guarantee a berth. The Victorian Regional Channels Authority has begun investigating options such as a suitable route to the proposed new Yarra Street Pier, in order to attract more cruise ships to visit Geelong. The 'Regatta' will be the second cruise ship to visit Geelong in February 2012.

- The Armstrong Creek Urban Growth Plans are becoming a reality now that the City has endorsed the creation of two new suburbs; Armstrong Creek and Charlemont, along with the proposed boundary realignment for Mt Duneed, Grovedale, Connewarre and Marshall. To maintain logical boundaries and reflect aspects of the Armstrong Creek Urban Growth Plans, it has been proposed that Armstrong Creek will take in parts of Mt Duneed and Connewarre, while Charlemonte will take in sections of Marshall and Grovedale. With an expected 55,000 – 65,000 population, importance has been given for the area to have its own unique identity, therefore the new suburbs of Armstrong Creek and Charlemonte have been proposed together with a postcode of 3217.

- The State Government recently announced it will allocate $500,000 to continue the reinvigoration of Central Geelong. This funding will contribute to a series of works which aim to improve the arcades and laneways that form an integral part of Geelong's inner-city fabric. The activation of these spaces was a key task identified in the Central Geelong Looking Forward Action plan. Laneways provide intimate spaces for smaller café's, bars and public art and culture. A number of laneways have already been identified as priorities, and work has commenced to explore how these linkages can be improved. It is considered crucial to keep the existing character and heritage of the laneways and to let them evolve with their individual characteristics and appeal.

- The 2011 Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) four-day conference was held in Geelong from the 25th October 2011. The conference was a great success and the theme was based on planning for a sustainable Australia and the need for strong relationships between resource growth and development, and the impacts these relationships have on regional communities.

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

- A number of events showcasing our region were held during the last quarter including the Geelong Cats AFL Premiers Street Parade, Alcoa Australian Corporate Head of the River, Jayco Herald Sun Tour, Toast to the Coast, Gala Day Parade, Geelong Offshore Superboat Classic and the Denis Walter Carols by the Bay. The next quarter will see the calendar get busier with a large number of events scheduled for our region.

A Sustainable Built and Natural Environment

Status Summary:

On Schedule	44	Completed	3	Major Issue	0
Minor Issue	5	Not Started	2		

- Works are well underway on a major water recycling project in Eastern Park. The stormwater harvesting project will take the form of man made lake in Eastern Park, which will be designed to look like a natural part of the landscape. The project will save approximately 30 million litres of mains drinking water a year recycling stormwater and using it to maintain the Geelong Botanic Gardens. The Geelong Botanic Gardens is in the top five water users for Council, and this project will be able to supply around 90 per cent of the gardens' water demands. With a walking track and plants, it will become an appealing feature of the popular park.
- Designs are currently being developed for the implementation of a wetland system to recycle water for irrigation at Hume Reserve. The reserves soccer fields, trees, and potentially North Geelong High School's sports oval will all be irrigated as a result of the system's installation. This system will cause the irrigated areas of the reserve to be drought resistant and will potentially save up to 20 million litres of potable drinking water.
- Various works on the annual drainage design and construction program, kerb and channel renewal program, roads construction and design program and traffic management programs have been scheduled and construction projects are underway. All projects are progressing well and are currently on or well ahead of schedule.
- The Tree Inventory System data collection project is underway with 18,000 trees now entered into the database. The City is collecting data on over 120,000 tree assets so we can identify, locate, quantify and risk assess trees and accurately document maintenance activities. The aim for this project is to provide a complete database containing all tree asset information and maintenance records. Data will be collected at the same pace as tree maintenance activities to ensure the database is always current.
- A number of water quality programs have been undertaken with Blue Waters Lake, Begola, Waurn Ponds Creek, McLeods Waterhole and Cowies Creek works undertaken. Highett Road wetland has been completed and Zilah Crawcour wetland works are nearing completion.
- The Corio Landfill Rehabilitation is progressing however the construction is unlikely to commence prior to the end of June 2012. The Drysdale Landfill Cell 4A construction is nearing completion after weather delays.

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

- Implementation of the City of Greater Geelong Cycle Strategy is continuing. Since the introduction of this strategy, a wide range of infrastructure has been completed to encourage bicycle usage as opposed to vehicles around the Geelong area. Swanston street and Carr street bike path stages 1 and 2 are now complete and project development is currently underway for the Boundary Road works with wayfinding signage also being investigated.
- The City's Resource and Recovery Centre is conducting promotions custom to the holiday period aiming to encourage environmentally friendly ways for Geelong households to dispose of their unwanted goods. The centre has conducted a range of surveys to identify which items need to be disposed of the most with results helping to form the current waste disposal promotions. Throughout November a $10 'boot load' promotion allowed for the disposal of unwanted rubbish for a fraction of the regular price. This promotion proved very successful as 1,317 boot loads were taken to the Resource Recovery Centres compared to 1,038 the previous year, making for an overall 27% increase. There was a noticeable drop in the amount of bagged rubbish dumped in the lead up to the promotion. Additionally, Residents were encouraged to dispose of their Christmas tree through their green waste bin once the festive season was over.

Environmental Implications

There are several actions under the Sustainable Built and Natural Environment Strategic Direction within City Plan that aim to increase the use of public and active transport within the municipality, reduce the organisation's environmental footprint, enhance and protect our natural areas, and develop a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

Financial Implications

The City's Annual Budget provides the Resource Plan to support the initiatives identified within the adopted Annual Business Plan.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

The City's external auditors will undertake a Performance Audit of the planned Key Strategic Activities and prepare a report as part of the 'sign off' of the Annual Accounts.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

There is no conflict of interest to be disclosed.

Risk Assessment

The risks arising from the Actions are managed within the framework of the City's adopted Policies, Procedures and Risk Management strategies.

10. CITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DECEMBER 2011 (CONT'D)

Social Considerations

Several of the actions identified within City Plan are aimed at improving the quality of life for the residents in the City of Greater Geelong. This is particularly the case for actions within the Community Wellbeing Strategic Direction.

Communication

The outcomes arising from the Performance Audit will be published in the City's Annual Report for 2011-2012 that will be submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

City Plan Council Report 2011/12

For Quarter Ending: Dec 2011

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Strategic Direction: Community Wellbeing			
Outcome: Improved healthy eating and physical activity			
Best Start Program - improving the health, development and wellbeing of children from birth to school age		OnS	New partnership agreement ratified by partner organisations, action plan priorities for 2012 under consideration, new brokerage funding guidelines developed.
Ocean Grove Sporting Infrastructure Plan - Shell Road Pavilion Construction		OnS	Designs are well under way and electrical works and soccer pitch relocation are out to Tender.
Playground Development Program			
Brownbill parks and playground improvements		OnS	Recreation and Open Space advised that the project is in hold
Playground Development Program implementation		OnS	Project now scoped . Currently preparing selective tender documents
Rix Street Kinder playground upgrade		OnS	Concept design underway by Mary Jeavons Architects - site survey completed - currently awaiting drainage plan
Steampacket playground replacement		OnS	December 2011 Quotes for works above budget. Scope of project under review.
Recreation Facility upgrades			
Barwon (Grovedale) Soccer Club detailed plans for club facility		OnS	Concept design endorsed by club, design development meeting scheduled Monday 19 December
Barwon Grove Golf Club contribution to expansion of club facilities		NS	Funds reallocated to Barwon Heads Cricket Club nets upgrade and Barwon Heads Fine Music Society Concert Series.
Barwon Heads Football and Netball Club contribution to upgrade facilities		OnS	Disbursement on hold as per councillor advice.
Barwon Rowing Club contribution to upper level fit out		OnS	Project Details Form has been completed, invoice received and funding agreement signed. Four instalments paid (@ $10k each). Ward councillor has transferred Geelong Rowing Association disbursement funds to Barwon Rowing Club ($50,000)
Bell Park Sports Club hot water and security upgrade	Aug-11	C	Completed a disbursement of funds.
Corio Sporting Club upgrade		OnS	Slab poured ready for major works post Christmas.
East Geelong Bowls Club contribution for disabled toilet and access	Dec-11	C	The club has discussed the need for expertise to manage this project, therefore the project has been transferred to Capital Projects for delivery. Ward councillor has been notified.
Geelong Football Umpires Clubrooms completion	Sep-11	C	Project completed.
Geelong Rangers Soccer Club changeroom upgrade		OnS	Stopping plaster and hanging doors.
Geelong Regional Indoor Sports Infrastructure Strategy		OnS	Selective quotation currently taking place
Geelong Rowing Association - contribution to riverside redevelopment	Dec-11	C	Documents were sent to Geelong Rowing Club on 5th September 2011. Currently awaiting a return of the Project Details Form before proceeding. Project has been delayed due to CCMA review, the club is in discussions with ward councillor regarding rolling over funds to next financial year. Disbursement has been deferred for the 2011/12 fiscal year.
Grovedale Sports Club social rooms redevelopment		OnS	Construction completed with some external paving and clean up to be completed.
Grovedale Tennis Club disbursement for court lighting		OnS	Due to instructions from the Councillor to not proceed with the disbursement, no actions have been taken. Club has been sent Project documentation and still awaiting return of this information Awaiting invoices from the club to organise payment
Guild Cricket Club clubrooms upgrade		OnS	Design to be re worked with clubs following a confirmed budget of $250k over the 2011/12 and 12/13 budget period.
Hamlyn Park Reserve pavillion improvements		OnS	Consultation to begin in January 2012.
Highton Reserve pavillion completion		OnS	Awaiting final invoice
Highton Tennis Club pavilion upgrade		OnS	Tender evaluation currently in progress
Manifold Heights Cricket pavilion upgrade		OnS	Project is currently at the detail design stage.
Marshall Cricket Club kitchen upgrade		OnS	Project is currently at detail design stage.
McDonald Reserve clubroom upgrade		OnS	Club managed project. Club negotiating with preferred tender
Memorial Park (Leopold) Master Plan implementation		OnS	Cricket net design to be priced. Concept pavilion design presented to ward councillor Dec 11. To consult with users on design Feb 2012. Tennis courts works commenced.
North Shore multi purpose rooms detail design		OnS	Construction due to start early Feb 2012

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Queens Park Master Plan implementation - construction of new netball pavilion		OnS	Contractor appointed, offsite construction commenced 12th December.
St Albans Reserve improvements		OnS	Club is currently in negotiations with the builder.
Thomson Reserve Master Plan implementation		OnS	Drainage system installation is complete. Grass works on drainage lines to commence 8/2/12 and be completed on 13/2/12.
West Oval Flowers Stand upgrade - interior changeroom redevelopment		OnS	Stopping plaster. Roller doors for storage due in January
West Oval Storage		OnS	Block work complete, installation of roller doors mid Feb.
Recreation Reserve upgrades			
Anakie Reserve power and lighting upgrade		OnS	Club managed project to commence early in 2012
Barwon Valley Fun Park upgrade		OnS	Double BBQ installed -Fabrication of swing set almost complete -install for swings 2nd week Feb
Barwon Valley Golf Club contribution	Oct-11	C	Grant has been processed. Club has received the funding. Evaluation submitted to finance.
Beacon Point Master Plan development		OnS	December 2011project inception meeting held, draft timeline discussed, consultation to begin mid-Feb. Consultant (Thompson Berrill) appointed. Project to commence early December. November 2011- submissions assessed, consultant to be appointed early November. September 2011- consultants' brief in development. To be distributed to three consultants in early October.
Bell Post Hill Netball Club court upgrade		OnS	Powercor works confirmed. Waiting on pole relocation before netball court works can commence. Powercor works may be undertaken prior to Christmas. Contractor appointed for court works.
Bellarine Lookout Analysis detail design		OnS	December 2011 - progression from opportunity analysis to design phase pending discussion with Cr.
Belmont Criterium track club feasibility study		OnS	December 2011 - Project brief completed waiting on Manager approval to proceed. November and October 2011 - Waiting on broad scoping document to informing the development of consultancy brief.
Belmont Croquet Club contribution to pitch upgrade		OnS	Funding Agreement finalised and Invoice received. All four instalments paid (@$10k each). Awaiting project evaluation from club
Drysdale Netball Court upgrade and lighting		OnS	Quotes confirmed for lighting and court construction works. Works to commence early Jan
Ervin Reserve Master Plan implementation - irrigation and turf conversion		OnS	Recreation and Open Space advised that no works are to occur on this project until advised.
Evans Reserve Master Plan		OnS	To be completed by Recreation and Open Space - in progress.
Geelong Cement Bowls Club contribution to green redevelopment		OnS	A project details form has been completed and funds have been dispersed. Awaiting Project Evaluation documentation.
Goldsworthy Reserve improvements		OnS	Design/construct costs to be sourced. Works to be staged so that funding to be available in next budget.
Grinter Reserve Community Garden		OnS	Site levelled awaiting fencing to complete the first stage of works.
Grovedale Netball Club seating		OnS	Finalising quotes. Club & school have agreed on required outcomes. Funds to be disbursed to school to manage project as works on Dept of Education land.
Highton Cricket Club nets upgrade		OnS	Project to be handed over in January.
John Landy Field Athletics Track minor capital improvements	Dec-11	C	Works complete- Toilet open to public - handover shortly
Kardinia Park Netball redevelopment	Jul-11	C	Project completed in July 2011.
Kevin Kirby Reserve upgrade		OnS	Works on shelter construction and BBQ set for Feb/March.
Lake Lorne walking track fencing works		OnS	Report to Council on 14 February 2012. Once adopted fencing works are scheduled for March/April 2012
Minor capital renewal - Cheetham Ward		OnS	Works to be scoped and undertaken during the course of the year as raised by councillor.
North Geelong Cricket Club practice facilities upgrade		OnS	Project works nearing completion - laying of turf scheduled for week commencing 23rd January.
Pioneer Road Footbridge replacement		OnS	Tender closed and being evaluated. old bridge removed. Works to commence Jan 12
Portarlington Sports Reserve wetlands and environment works		OnS	Site assessment with various Council departments completed. Landscape Plans to be developed shortly and approval sought from local Clubs.
Shell Road Reserve Master Plan implementation - overflow car parking (including Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre Car Park)		OnS	Services successfully relocated 30/11/11. Quotes for car park works being finalised. Looking to commence car park works early Feb.
Shell Road Reserve Master Plan implementation -installation of lights for soccer club		OnS	Electrical installation for tender 15 December - 25 January. Installation subject to finished levels.

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
St Leonards Recreation Reserve Master Plan implementation		OnS	Project working group set up and initial meeting to be scheduled for early Feb.
Stead Park Master Plan implentation		OnS	Shelter works are complete. Snakes and ladders and shelter concrete works are complete. Snakes and ladders art work to be completed mid March.
Swim Sport and Leisure upgrades			
Arena Cyclical Maintenance		OnS	Ongoing maintenance responsibilities and management at venue level.
Concrete replacement program at Kardinia Pool, Lara Pool and Waterworld.	Dec-11	C	Completed
Gymnasium Equipment Replacement Program		OnS	Still a small amount of equipment to be purchased to complete the project. Tender process has been completed and contract awarded. Equipment has been ordered and is due to be installed in early December this year. Other equipment will be purchased in April.
Leisurelink landscaping		OnS	Project is going well and is about 80% complete. Planting is almost completed. Coordinating works to the front of the centre and the creche area in with the Library project. Delay on planting in some areas due to weather.
Leisuretime Court Refurbishment		OnS	Main project in Beggs & Branch Stadium to be completed by 17/1/2012. Invoice is in process of being payed. Decisions remain pending on whether excess monies should be spent further floor upgrades.
Splashdown concourse maintenance and change room upgrade		OnS	Works completed. Working through some minor defects with contractor.
Waterworld pool repaint		OnS	Ongoing. Painting and tiling works have been pushed back to coincide with the change room project to minimise business disruption.
Waterworld Change room upgrades		OnS	Project to now commence post summer due to lead times with design and tender. Aiming to start April 2012. Scope of project has increased to include roof replacement. Consultation is being undertaken on a number of sketch plans with design options for the number of family change facilities and layout
Outcome: Increased lifelong learning and literacy			
Children's Week Activity Program	Dec-11	C	Successful Children's Week 2011 held. Evaluation report presented to Council. Planning for 2012 CW commenced and remains subject to Council budget approval.
Geelong Kindergarten Association contribution		Min	31/12/2011 Agreement by Council to extend funding for a further period of 3 months to end of March 2012. Further consideration of future arrangements required. 7/12/2011 Review report completed and recommendations presented to Council. 4/11/2011 Report on review process is being completed to be followed by a report to Council with recommendations regarding future arrangements.
Ocean Grove Integrated Children's Centre construction		OnS	Architect working on agreed concept. Open Space Approval process under way, public information sessions being held on 10th & 11th Feb
Playgroup support program for disadvantaged groups and families		OnS	31/12/2011 Planning commenced for 2012 National Playgroup Week celebration, update of playgroup registrations implemented, new playgroup activities in key target areas continuing. 7/12/2011 Plans being developed to conduct local training for playgroup facilitators in 2012. 4/11/2011 Range of project events held for CW. Plans being developed for 2012 National Playgroup Week. Current playgroup activities consistent with action plan priorities. The playgroup project is continuing to implement programs and activities which are consistent with current plans and local priorities. New groups have been established in St Leonard's, Whittington, and Portarlington in response to identified needs.
Potato Shed Family Fun Day - Children's Week	Oct-11	C	Oct 2011 ~ A hugely successful day with in excess of 3,500 people in attendance, and a wonderful variety of community engagement and performances. Sep 2011 ~ Programme developed, Community sponsorship secured, promotion underway. June 2011 ~ Preliminary project planning underway.
Rosewall Precinct Planning		Min	Scoping of services and sites underway. Awaiting outcome of Rosewall fire insurance claim.

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
School Holiday Program		OnS	Leopold -74% and North Shore - 69% had good numbers through Dec-Jan school holidays and the 4th week at Belmont - 65% and North Shore 69% were exceptionally good. Newtown was much lower than expected. External events -camps etc had an impact. Throughout the programs ISS numbers were monitored more closely-improved service delivery.
Community Facility upgrades - Children's Services			
Virginia Todd Centre future directions investigation		Min	Project scoping underway. Preliminary site assessments have been completed.
Allanvale Kindergarten Extension		OnS	Contracted work completed. Playground work under way. Capital Projects Dept to look at providing solar power to building.
Children Services Facilities upgrades to meet changing needs and regulations		OnS	Construction complete .- - handover proposed early Feb.
Contributions to St Pauls Lutheran Kindergarten and Grovedale East Kindergarten		OnS	Throughout August and September 2011, $30,000 was allocated to St Paul's Lutheran Kindergarten, and $30,000 was allocated to Grovedale East Kindergarten. Both have been funded $20,000 as the first milestone payments. Further payments are to be made once milestone is achieved.
Lara Lake Preschool second stage construction		OnS	Building works complete, landscaping underway, planting to occur in January to enable management when staff return.
Ocean Grove Kindergarten extension		OnS	Contracted works complete. Capital Projects Dept to look at solar power to building. Facilities Maintenance to replace existing roof
Reynolds Road Maternal and Child Health Centre development	Dec-11	C	Completed
Libraries			
Geelong Regional Library contribution		OnS	Third quarter paid and services continuing extremely well with much excitement generated by the openings of the new Waurn Ponds and Lara libraries and the upgrade of the Drysdale library.
Mobile Library Sites upgrade		Min	Anakie bus bay completed 28/10. St. Leonard's bus bay to be completed 25/11.Powercor requirements currently being finalised for all sites to enable costs to be sourced.
Vines Road Library community access to facility		OnS	The second Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting is being held on 9 February. CoGG will be chairing this meeting and the College will be minute taking. Also supporting Colac Library Advisory Committee until March 2012.
Waurn Ponds Library Construction, fit out and first year operating costs		OnS	Library opened December 2011
Neighbourhood Houses			
Cloverdale Community Centre contribution	Dec-11	C	Evaluation received and payments made.
Geelong West Neighbourhood House contribution	Dec-11	C	Payments made.
Support to Neighbourhood Houses		OnS	These disbursements are generally not made until the end of the calendar year to align with the Houses Annual General Meeting's. Update as at 19 December - some payments have been made, others still in process. Still waiting on 5.
Outcome: Liveable neighbourhoods			
Arts Directory Edition 7		OnS	Hard copy and online Registration Process Review nearing completion, including consultation with IT Department.
Central Geelong Night Bus Service		Min	This service is currently ongoing at this stage. TAC have granted $20k to assist with its marketing. The current usage for this service is averaging 130 per Saturday night, whereas current targets are 200 per night. Recent discussions with the bus provider and security provider have identified cost savings. The service is stable at about 120 to 130 passengers per Saturday. This still requires a Council subsidy. Fee increases are likely.
Councillor Community Grants Program		OnS	Quarterly reports have been provided to Council detailing each individual allocation. Expenditure is currently on track.
Development of 2012-2016 Domestic Animal Management Plan		OnS	A 'position paper' is being prepared as part of the community consultation. The focus of this years consultation will be around trends, incident statistics and new legislation etc, the effectiveness of existing DAMP strategies/orders and community/agency expectations. This process is expected to commence in late February with an aim to have the Plan adopted within this financial year.

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Domestic Animal Management Plan implementation		Min	Outstanding issues relating to mandatory de-sexing and establishing a pet activity park. Some preliminary work conducted on these but consideration being given to 'rolling' these over into the next plan and consultation period where further discussion/feedback from stakeholders supported by data may provide Council with a clear position about the communities views as part of the 2012-2016 Plan. Shared Pathway Charter adopted by Council on the 25/10/11.
Grants to support Community Arts	Nov-11	C	Successful grant ceremony held at the recently upgraded Old Courthouse Building at which cheques were presented to the majority of community recipients and previously funded projects were celebrated.
Grants to support Community Festivals	Dec-11	C	Successful grant ceremony conducted.
Installation of Animal Control Signs		OnS	Following consultation with key CoGG departments, a template for signs have been developed and are awaiting production. Some areas identified that require more signage will also be supplied with such.
Leopold Community Hub detail design		OnS	Currently tendering for Design team
Mouth to Mountain Event recording		OnS	Dec ~ Contract negotiation with Musical Director, and review of composition in preparation for studio recording in January. Preliminary engagement of choirs commenced.
Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre "Going Potty" Festival		OnS	Dec 2011 ~ No further developments. Nov 2011 ~ No further developments. Oct 2011 ~ Council Contribution for this event is currently being processed. Sept 2011 ~ January 2011 festival acquittal has been received. Applicants are to be contacted in October 2011 regarding their 2012 contribution.
Senior Citizens Festival	Nov-11	C	The Seniors festival 2011 was a great success. The review and feedback session will be held within the first quarter of 2012 in preparation for the 2012 festival. The 2011 Seniors Festival commenced on October 1st with over 100 events held. Most events were free or of low cost and provided residents and visitors the opportunity to try new activities, meet active seniors and enjoy themselves.
Community Facility upgrades			
Cloverdale Community Centre detail design		OnS	Design and consultation to take place in January-February 2012.
Community Halls Upgrade - Geelong West Town Hall new ovens and painting, Virginia Todd Hall painting, Cobradah House toilet upgrade, Civic Centre Belmont upgrade		OnS	Works underway at Centenary Hall, Virginia Todd Hall and Cobradah House. Barwon Civic Centre and Geelong West Town Hall are now complete and are at handover stage.
Disability Access program - Yooringa Senior Citizens accessible toilet upgrade, Whittington Senior Citizens access and parking, addressing of accessibility issues in community buses and mobile libraries.		OnS	Breakwater preschool toilet/kitchen upgrade has been completed. Yooringa Senior Citizens toilet upgrade is at detail design. Whittington Senior Citizens Centre is at detail design. Hamlyn Park toilet and ramp currently under construction and scheduled to be completed late February.
Diversitat contribution for relocation of the Northern Mens Shed		OnS	Waiting on Project details form to be submitted as at 14 Dec 2011. First milestone paid on signing of agreement Second and final payment provided following the achievement of the first milestone
Holy Family Church contribution to redevelopment		OnS	As at 19 Dec 2011 waiting on signed Funding Agreement
Pettit Park Bell Post Hill public toilet		OnS	Works awarded to Laney constructions - works to begin in Feb 2012.
Potato Shed Master Plan implementation		OnS	Awaiting advice on availability.
The Parade Ocean Grove toilet replacement and car park	Dec-11	C	Project is complete.
Whittington Community Building and Renewal			
Whittington Flame Fest	Nov-11	C	Festival held on 21 October and attended by an estimated 1300-1500 people. More than 60 volunteers and 30 organisations involved. Festival included a mini-job expo, art show, theatre performance, active sports area, the grand final of Whittington's Got Talent, fireworks and carnival rides. Very positive feedback has been received.
Whittington Community Building and Engagement		OnS	The Community Building and Engagement programs and projects outlined within the Action Plan are proceeding on schedule. Monthly indigenous engagement activities initiated with Whittington Primary School, Newcomb Secondary College, Greening Australia and other partners. Community Tree planting planned for later in 2012
Whittington Community Renewal		OnS	The programs and projects outlined within the Action Plan are proceeding on schedule.
Youth Events			

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Youth Events, including SKAART Festival, Spudfest, Courthouse redvelopment launch, Youth Week, Skate Program		OnS	Events are on schedule and continuing.
Youth Facility upgrades			
Upgrade of the fOrt - Northern Suburbs Youth Centre		OnS	Architect appointed, consultation about to begin.
Youth Programs			
Better Youth Services Pilot- Youth Strategy		OnS	A Project Control Group has been established. A consultant has been engaged and development of the strategy is progressing. On target and progressing well.
Youth Programs, including Youth Participation program, L2P Project, SSAGQY project, Bettery Youth Services Pilot, Youth Centres and activities, Piercing Truth Quartlery Magazine		OnS	Programs are on schedule and continuing. L2P project has received notification of further 3 years funding

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Strategic Direction: Growing the Economy			
Outcome: Plan and develop the Nat Transport and Logistics Precinct			
Geelong Ring Road Employment Precinct			
Acquisition of Drainage Reserves for Elcho Drain		OnS	Negotiations with landowners commenced
Construction of Elcho Drainage system to allow for development of precinct		OnS	Permit applied for. Special rates and charges scheme being prepared. Designs being revised.
Geelong Ring Road Employment Precinct design and implementation		OnS	Require further funding for Cultural Heritage Management Plan etc.
Outcome: Development of the cosmopolitan heart			
Baywalk Bollards maintenance and replacement		OnS	December 2011 Evaluation of tender in progress. Bollard replacements on hold until new contract in place. Bollards with advanced timber rot that require replacement have been identified. Working with the artist representatives to devise best conservation approach. Works will not be undertaken until maintenance contract is tendered and awarded later this year
Cruise Ship Visits		OnS	On schedule for February visits. Discussions and planning underway with relevant authorities and owners of Cunningham Pier. The December Cruise Ship visit and the Festival of Sails Event in January were both very successful opportunities realised to promote, advocate and lobby for State Government support for this number one priority project. The 17 February ship visit will again be utilised to create an excellent experience and to lobby State Government.
Develop and implement Cruise Ship Strategy		OnS	Geelong Otway Tourism is working in cooperation with the Strategic Projects Unit to coordinate the events surrounding the recent Spirit of Adventure Cruise Ship visit. Specific collateral with the developed Cruise Ship Branding, welcome from the Mayor as well as a commemorative Wathaurong Plate were also produced. We continued to work in cooperation with the development of the Yarra St Pier Business Case as well as the lobbying function during the Festival of Sails event. We are also involved with the events surrounding the upcoming Regatta Cruise Ship visit on 17 February.
Economic Development - Industrial Investment Support		OnS	Currently waiting for invoice for expenditure.
Geelong Central City Management-programs and activities		OnS	Ongoing program of $600k involving marketing, activities and professional development. A recent success has been the School Holiday program.
Little Malop Street Retail Booths		Min	December 2011 - Further investigation and consultation with CAA traders continuing in order to provide niche retail opportunities that will add value and doesn't compete with existing businesses in CAA.
National Wool Museum Conference Facilities and Equipment		OnS	Chairs have been re-covered. Awaiting quote for curtaining. Tables have been delivered and are in use. Auction Room has been painted. Glass doors frosted.
NWM Exhibition Programme Increase Capacity		OnS	Visitation is 120 ahead on YTD figures. Exhibitions programmed for next 12 months. Nov 2011 Upcoming Amazing Backyards on, exhibition should deliver high level of visitation.
WiFi Hotspot expansion		OnS	Works have begun on installation of Wi Fi receivers in the CBD. It is anticipated that there will be a gradual rollout through the year in concert with the expansion of the CCTV network.
Eastern Beach Master Plan			
Eastern Beach Children's Pool construction	Jun-12	OnS	December 2011 At practical completion and open to public. Finishing works will continue January.
Eastern Beach Master Plan implementation - rebuild of heritage assets		OnS	First stage of project finished. 2nd stage start delayed until new year. Savings in project will be directed to children's pool project.
Outcome: Managed Growth			

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Animal Pound Facility Northern Area implementation		OnS	Consultants engaged and have conducted benchmarking and feasibility studies in terms of the current and future capacity requirements of the Pound. Early indication suggests that the current site is suitable and warrants further investment to deal with future growth. Changes in processes such as foster care, adoptions etc can also relieve pressure on capacity. Final report to be submitted and reported to Council in the first quarter.
Bio Geelong Education Bus funding		NS	Not started, no meetings held.
Civic Accommodation potential site purchase		OnS	Work proceeding on preparation for staff to move into rented building. Building not yet for sale
Committee for Geelong Contribution		NS	Disbursement yet to be made.
G21 Contribution		OnS	Payments being made as per schedule.
Geelong Manufacturing Council contributions		OnS	First instalment Payment $10K Nov 2011. Second instalment will come March/April.
Geelong Region Digital Strategy	Dec-11	C	Connect Geelong: The digital direction for the Geelong Community has been completed but a regional strategy is in abeyance
Hosting of the National SEGRA Conference		OnS	Conference held in Oct 2011 highly successful. Final conference accounts are being reconciled with organisers.
Lara Town Centre expansion project		OnS	Key Milestone reached with release of 2nd Stage EOI in Sep Planning Scheme Amendment pending Minister approval.
Skilled Stadium Wade Stand upgrade		OnS	Council contribution confirmed in principle approval given.
Armstrong Creek			
Armstrong Creek planning and infrastructure implementation		Min	Project is progressing well with the East Precinct DCP complete (awaiting Minister approval), the West precinct PSP & DCP has completed exhibition and a panel hearing is scheduled for February 2012. The defence of this amendment (C240) is likely to require an overrun of the current budget (legal and expert costs) The Major Activity Centre and Horseshoe Bend Precinct have advanced their PSP preparation. These two plans are expected to be on exhibition late 2012.
Armstrong Creek Sport Development Plan		OnS	December 2011 - Meetings held with the State Sporting Bodies and quotations sort to link the sports development for the Master Plan for the Eastern Residential Precinct District Sporting Reserve
ICT Cluster			
Employment Growth through Cluster Facilitation		OnS	$6k spent. Smart Geelong Network - Research of the Year Award.
ICT Cluster facilitation		OnS	The City is acting as the auspice body for funding from the Innovation through Cluster Program. The first claim is now due and work is progressing on schedule. First claim submitted waiting for the State Government to pay it.
ICT Cluster invention test	Dec-11	C	Cluster Invention Test was very successful with approximately 200 attendees on Friday 28th October. The event attracted considerable press coverage. That part of the funding for the project that was provided by the State Government now needs to be acquitted and this process has begun
Outcome: Growing the Economy - other actions			
Channel 31 Media contribution		OnS	3rd milestone payment due end of Feb 12.

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Conference Marketing and Delegate Boosting programs		OnS	2012-2013 CONFERENCE PLANNERS GUIDE The new Guide has attracted more advertising participants than ever before - expanding the document to 93 advertisements and 72 pages. New features include: * Open for Business Economic Indicators * Overview of 4x clusters + Deakin Uni * CSR partnership with National Breast Cancer Foundation * QR codes linking advertisers to You Tube video footage or image library * Separation of Geelong/Bellarine from Great Ocean Road venues The Guide will be launched at AIME 2012. TRADE EVENT ACTIVITIES conducted or upcoming include: * Melbourne's Event Showcase, 29-30 June, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne * Pacific Area Incentives & Conference Expo, 9 November, Sky City, Auckland NZ (partnership with MCVB) * Meeting Mart, 15 November, Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne (partnership with Surf Coast Tourism) * Executive Assistant Network, 17-18 November, Grand Hyatt, Melbourne * Asia Pacific Incentives & Meetings Expo (AIME), 21-22 February, Melbourne Exhibition Centre. BUSINESS EVENTS INDUSTRY BIMONTHLY FORUMS The October Forum was held at Chifley on the Esplanade on 4 October, featuring a Virgin Australia update. The December Forum was held at Surf World Museum on 6 December, with an overview of surfing history and use of the museum as a unique venue to accompany conferences.
Extension of the Melbourne Road Promotional Signage		Min	This project is being coordinated by a working group with Capital Projects, Events and GOT. Capital Projects is currently working on the design phase of the project. A carry-over of funds from 10/11 has been combined with additional funds in the 11/12 budget to meet the increased anticipated costs of the project.
Geelong Major Events funding		OnS	A number of events were held during the Oct-Dec quarter with the next Quarterly Report to Council to be tabled at Council meeting in March.
International Sports Procurement Strategy		OnS	Brief in development, seeking funding partners
Provide for tourist information and administrative support centres within the Geelong region		OnS	The Centre's have been very busy during the Summer period with the influx in tourists. Final figures will be collated in February for the December and January period. Additional services have also been provided over this period including a Barwon Heads Information Booth at the Bridge, Avalon Airport and during the Festival of Sails an Information Booth at the entrance to the Yacht Club. Volunteers also greeted visitors on the recent Spirit of Adventure Cruise Ship. During the Australia Day weekend, services were provided at 7 locations including Market Square, National Wool Museum, Waterfront Booth, Festival of Sails, Little River, Avalon Airport and Barwon Heads. Visitor outlets on the Bellarine continue to be well received. We are currently working in cooperation with Council's Urban Design Unit to develop the Project Proposal for consideration of funding to move the relocatable Centre currently in storage at Anakie Rd to the Geelong Waterfront adjacent to Moorabool St and Customs Park. This would include the consolidation of services at National Wool Museum and Waterfront Booth to one facility in a prominent location if approved.
VicCLUE 2011		OnS	Funding from DPCD confirmed. Letters printed and circulated to all Central Geelong Businesses. Surveyors began collection of data in September 2011 and should complete work before end of Feb 2012.

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Strategic Direction: Sustainable Built and Natural Environment			
Outcome: Increased use of public and active transport			
Bicycle infrastructure program		OnS	Swanston St/Carr St bike path stages 1 & 2 complete. Carr St pending DDA and landscaping. Cycle strategy works planned.
Central Geelong Bus Super Stop - supervision and maintenance		OnS	This is an ongoing program which requires funding of $180k per annum from the Department Of Transport. Bus usage has increased 19% to date. Recent trader interviews have expressed satisfaction with the safety officer services. Dept of Transport now fund and manage the supervision and cleaning.
Central Geelong Park and Ride shuttle service		Min	Department of Transport have withdrawn sponsorship funding of the service. A review of the service will be undertaken to seek cost saving options and new sponsorship opportunities. Reduced Free Summer Shuttle occurred. Park and Ride marketing continues to try to fund the gap left by DoT. If income can't be increased then reducing service is likely.
Footpath renewal program		OnS	December Update - Program well underway and 49% complete Vs forecast 46% for the end of December 2011.
Greater Geelong Cycle Strategy implementation		OnS	Project options for Boundary Rd currently being reviewed prior to construction. Wayfinding signage and mapping options for Council facilities also being investigated.
Portarlington bus shelters construction		OnS	Design work complete. Contact with relevant Councillor has occurred. Works planned to be completed around Feb-Mar 2012.
Summer Circuit Bus service		Min	The Department of Transport have not paid their contribution for the 2010/2011 financial year, and are uncertain about assisting with the 2011/2012 service. No commitment will be made to commence this service until the Department of Transport confirm their funding. A reduced service occurred this summer due to Tourism Geelong funding
Outcome: A reduction in the organisation's environmental footprint			
Greenhouse Reduction Local Action Plan		OnS	Lighting installation at Anakie Rd Depot workshops completed. ROI and contract development for Community Sustainability Program near completion. ReGreening site maintenance carried out. Busport car park lighting upgrade carried out. Potato Shed LED lighting upgrade carried out. Street lighting business case report 2011 produced and received by consultants. Utility data management discussion paper produced - Nov. NWM HVAC efficiency upgrade works carried out Dec. Energy audit conducted at Sports House - Simmonds Stadium Dec.
Tree Planting, establishment and aftercare		OnS	Tree planting is on schedule with 2011/12 tree planting plan as at Jan 2012.
Waste projects			
Corio Landfill rehabilitation		OnS	Auditor feedback on proposed design has been presented to VCAT. Full design currently being prepared by design consultant. This will then be audited and presented to EPA. Design and auditing fees will be incurred in the remainder of financial year. Material sourcing costs may also be incurred however construction unlikely to commence prior to the end of 2011/12.
Drysdale Landfill - Cell 4A construction		OnS	Construction nearing completion after lengthy delays due to wet weather.
Landfill gas monitoring bores construction		OnS	Gas monitoring bore installations have been undertaken. Currently assessing if any follow up works are required
Unwanted household goods - projects and information		OnS	Various reduced cost promotional initiatives have been undertaken in the first half of the year. More are planned in the remainder of the financial year. Barwon Region component of the project has been agreed to and will be completed prior to the end of the financial year. Only three days have been agreed to though so expenditure likely to be under budget.
Water saving initiatives			
Eastern Park stormwater harvesting		OnS	Construction commenced and progressing well. Alternative clay lining methodology employed due to poor quality clay on site. Minimal public response.
Elcho Park irrigation system upgrades		NS	Project not yet commenced.
Hume Reserve stormwater harvesting - aquifer recharge and reuse		OnS	Aquifer recharge has been deemed too risky and costly to proceed. An alternative concept to extract stormwater from Seagull Paddock is viable, within budget and cost efficient. This option is currently being designed for further review

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Rippleside stormwater harvesting		OnS	A high poor quality ground water table forced the design to consider options on higher ground. A location adjacent the Geelong Saleyards is viable and detail design is under way to harvest, treat and reuse stormwater at the Saleyards and West Oval.
Water Pressure Management system implementation		OnS	Have identified 8 sites with potable water supply problems effecting irrigation. Monitoring of these sites underway to determine extent of supply problem.
Water Restriction Program		OnS	Continuing to work to strategic targets. No increase has been made in the number of approved sites for water allocation.
Outcome: Agreed standards for sustainable development are in operation			
Establish a cross divisional work team to progress development of the Environmental Sustainable Development Policy		OnS	Initial workshop held with work group. Workshop held with broad Council participation. Final draft of Sustainable Building Policy received and comments provided back to consultant. Will be seeking Council adoption of Strategy early 2012.
Support the use of Infrastructure Development Guidelines by development industry	Nov-11	C	All new major subdivision applications are required to comply with these guidelines. All applications are referred to the various internal departments to ensure compliance and requirements are met to Council standards.
Outcome: The climate change adaptation strategy is established			
Climate Change Adaptation Strategy implementation		OnS	1. Climate Change Adaptation Toolkit: Draft engagement plan to test Toolkit with selected Departments has been completed. Components of Toolkit: Draft User Guide and Compatibility Questionnaire completed. 2. Coastal Climate Change -3rd Pass assessment. Environment dept now represented on Project control Group and project management of the Local Coastal Hazard Assessment (LCHA) will be carried out by Environment. Project geographic area has now been extended to include inner Corio Bay to Point Wilson. Draft MOU and 2 schedules (1.comms plan and 2.LCHA project definition)have been reviewed and will be amended and presented to EMT in early 2012. 3. Biodiversity: Land Management Team are assessing biodiversity and risks to climate change. Benchmarking of quality and extent of EVC's in coastal areas underway.
Future Proofing Geelong project		OnS	Project on schedule, working group, advisory board and reference groups established. Key tasks for quarter Low Carbon workshop and Armstrong Creek owners and builders workshops.
Drought recovery			
Significant tree watering project		OnS	Program has commenced in December 2011.Tanks have been installed.
Sports grounds renovation program		OnS	Maintenance and grass establishment now underway.
Trial of warm season grass conversion for second sports grounds		OnS	Grass planting works are completed. Cricket pitch covers have been purchased and will be installed mid March.
Outcome: Enhancement and protection of natural areas			
Assessment of biodiversity assets		OnS	A project brief is currently being prepared. The biodiversity mapping program is being updated with support from IT to be ready for new information that will be collected. The next meeting with IT is in January 2012 to complete the upgrade. A further meeting has been held with IT re the upgrade of the Biodiversity Mapping Program which should now be complete by Feb 2012. In the meantime some biodiversity assessment work is about to begin on the Old Melbourne Road in Lara.
Bellarine Catchment Network contribution	Dec-11	C	Bellarine Catchment Network have provided a program of works. Funding has now been supplied.
Coastal infrastructure maintenance		OnS	Significant works at Clifton Springs to manage cliff falls and associated risks.
Council environmental reserves maintenance and improvement works		OnS	Ocean Grove and St Helens Fish Cleaning tables completed. Completed Griffins Gully pier upgrade. Upgrade of car park and vegetation improvements at Clifton Springs Boat Harbour. On-going maintenance at St Helens, Limburners Pt and Clifton Springs boat harbour and surrounds.
Eastern Park tree planting		OnS	Planting underway and species being sought

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Fire Management of Roadside Biodiversity Conservation areas		OnS	A working group has been established with representatives from CFA, VIC Roads, DSE and the City of Greater Geelong Land Management Team and Municipal Fire Prevention Officer. A map has been completed that shows strategic fire breaks and biodiversity conservation areas on roadsides. The working group has completed bus tours/inspection of the southern and northern zones and a program of works has been devised. Agreed works will begin on the roadsides in December and should be completed by March.
Friends of Buckley Falls Park contribution for maintenance works		OnS	Contributions being made as per agreement.
Geelong Botanic Gardens irrigation system renovation		OnS	Designs and Water Management Plan complete. Spec for 'tank farm' designed and to go to Heritage Vic for approval. Irrigation installation spec being finalised ready for tender process. Next steps- tender process and communications plan.
Geelong Field and Naturalists Club - contribution to Jeringhot wetland upgrade		OnS	Waiting on outcome of Environment Master plan for the Jeringhot wetlands prior to allocating funds. The Project Details form has been provided to group.
Geelong Saleyards Conservation Management Plan works		OnS	Planning underway with works programmed for the period February to May.
Parks and Reserves Maintenance		OnS	Maintenance programs are being delivered.
Tree Inventory project			
Tree Inventory System - data collection		OnS	18,000 trees have been entered into data base.
Tree Inventory System - development of software		OnS	Trialling field collection program
Water programs			
Geelong Healthy Waterways program		OnS	Blue Waters Lake, Begola, Waurn Ponds Creek, McLeods Waterhole and Cowies Creek works undertaken.
Stormwater Quality Management Plan implementation		OnS	Highett Road wetland fully completed. Zillah Crawcour wetland planting completed and supplementary planting now being incorporated. Jerringot Master plan underway, Waurn Ponds Creek Rehabilitation Project underway and completion of Lake Lorne Reserve Master plan on schedule - implementation to occur in 2012. Works also occurring at various wetlands.
Water Quality Programs		Min	This program is seasonal and runs from January to May.
Outcome: Sustainable Built and Natural Environment - Other actions			
Bridge upgrades - major renewal Works		OnS	31Dec11 - Yarram Creek Bridge Banks Road, complete. Level 2 assessments for 1/3 of bridge assets commenced by Pitt and Sherry. Identified works underway - 65% 08Dec11 - Yarram Creek Bridge Banks Road, complete. Level 2 assessments for 1/3 of bridge assets commenced by pit and sherry. 01 Nov 11 - Yarram Creek Bridge Banks Road, complete. Level 2 assessments for 1/3 of bridge assets to be undertaken in 2011/12 out for quotation with Pitt and Sherry.
Drainage design and construction program		OnS	Drainage construction program underway, Hepner Place stage 2 complete. Barwon Heads Rising Main Ongoing. Watersedge Tce complete. Minor works ongoing and ahead of schedule. Broderick Road South complete. Collins St temp works and flood mitigation design underway
Kerb and channel renewal program		OnS	December Update - Program well underway and on schedule being 38% complete vs. 38% projected for the end of December 2011.
Prestige Park - Hedgeley to Thompson Rd main drainage and basin		Min	Project included in Drainage Construction Program - design complete, modifications pending outcome of ASR reuse project and works to compliment master plan on Hume Reserve. optional source from Seagull paddock Report No 3 submitted.
Rehabilitation of Sandy Creek Road, Anakie		OnS	Program underway Sandy Creek Road complete - income received. Carr street works with income from DOT underway. Pavement trial designs progressing. 46%

Description	Completion Date	Status	Comments
Road network condition rating		OnS	December 2011 Condition survey in progress October 2011 Contract let for condition survey. Project commenced in November, but wet weather in November & December (21 rained out days of 54)has caused significant delays to Contractor's progress. Two batches of data have been received from contractor for validation. On-road capture should be complete by mid February. With interim results available in early March.
Roads - construction and design including local roads, Federal Roads Program and Vic Funded works		OnS	December Update - Program commenced and 26% complete Vs 42% forecast for the end of December 2011. Major project of Mervyn St reconstruction has commenced with watermain relocation now complete and main works having commenced. Will meet end of FY requirements.
Special rates and charges to carry out roads, footpaths, kerb and channel, and drainage works		Min	Program underway Design / Intention - Wood, Manton, The Avenue, Albert, Colite Panel - Bailey Declare - The Terrace, Aberdeen car park, Central road Construction - Finalise - Princess Complete - SRC process review underway therefore delays to all SRC projects anticipated, report adopted Oct11 - 7%
Traffic management - investigation, design and construction		OnS	Projects have been placed on the design and construction programs and are on schedule
Streetscapes			
Alkira Avenue streetscape improvements		OnS	31 December - Design approved and currently seeking quotes for works.
Streetscape improvements in Cowie Ward	Dec-11	C	Works have reached Practical Completion. Only minor defects and maintenance items still being attended too.
Streetscape works - shopping strip parking upgrade In Thorburn Street, Bell Park		NS	This road widening project Has not commenced
End of Report			

11. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR REGIONAL AUSTRALIA (SEGRA) CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

Portfolio: **Planning - Cr Macdonald**
Source: **Economic Development Planning and Tourism**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Index Reference: **Geelong Open for Business**

Summary

- The Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) conference took place between 25 and 27 October 2011.
- Conference achieved all six sponsorship commitments.
- 235 delegates registered, a total of 248 participated in the program a slight increase on the 2010 conference.
- Estimated economic value to the local economy was $600,000.
- High profile events, such as SEGRA help position, Geelong as a significant city in national terms.
- The conference advanced topics of particular interest to regional areas including; attracting investment; securing infrastructure; achieving regional and inter-regional cooperation at government, community and business levels; developing community capacity and building regional identity.
- The SEGRA 2011 sponsors report is appended to this report.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Richards seconded -

That Council notes the success of the SEGRA conference highlighted within this report.

Carried.

Report

Background

The inaugural SEGRA conference was held in Geelong in 1997 in response to the absence of a single forum in which practitioners, business, government and researchers committed to regional Australia could discuss issues and suggest possible solutions. The SEGRA Secretariat use the annual conference to profile a regional area. It is gratifying that Geelong was successful in attracting the SEGRA conference back to its original starting place, providing an opportunity to showcase Geelong and the region. The event achieves an average of 230 delegates each year.

Discussion

SEGRA is a unique opportunity for all organisations both public and private in regional Australia to come together and learn from each other, discuss issues at a strategic and operational level and experience differing regions. SEGRA relies on sponsorship and the following commitments were agreed between the 15 sponsors and the conference organisers Management Solutions (QLD):

11. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR REGIONAL AUSTRALIA (SEGRA) CONFERENCE FEEDBACK (CONT'D)

- Conduct the SEGRA conference to the highest possible quality and maintain its reputation as Australia's premier national conference on issues affecting regional Australia.
- Promote regional Australia as a significant player in Australia's social, cultural, economic and environmental future.
- Provide outstanding professional development and training opportunities in regional economic development to practitioners and the policy community throughout Australia.
- Promote sponsors as lead organisations, who are active and forward thinking in the area of sustainable regional economic development.
- Provide opportunities for sponsors to network build relationships with delegates and stakeholder groups.
- Provide economic benefit to businesses within the region and promote the destination and location of the conference.

These commitments were met and the sponsors report appended provides a detailed commentary on each.

In meeting these commitments the conference achieved a high standard in its attraction of speakers including:

- The Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government.
- The Hon Dr Denis Napthine MLA, Minister for Ports, Minister for Major Projects, Minister for Regional Cities and Minister for Racing.
- Senator Barnaby Joyce, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water.

Keynote plenary session speakers included three professors and Mr Mark Keil Chief Information Officer, City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA.

Council conducted two study tours of the region, Marine Industry – growing opportunities and Sustainable Development in Action both were particularly successful and well evaluated by participants.

An important component of the conference is providing delegates with exposure to best practice and professional development opportunities. The four practitioner workshops detailed below fulfilled this element and were well received.

- Sustainable Technologies Showcase: delivering decentralised systems to regional Australia.
- The Role of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Building individual and Regional Economic Opportunity.
- Economic Development for Regional Towns.
- Developing Research Collaborations.

11. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR REGIONAL AUSTRALIA (SEGRA) CONFERENCE FEEDBACK (CONT'D)

Council invested $35,000 in sponsorship that achieved an estimated $600,000 return to the local economy. The value of conferences also includes the intangible benefits such as the contacts achieved through networking, the media exposure and the continued profiling of Geelong as a city capable of holding national events in addition to the economic value.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications contained in this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications contained in this report.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no policy, legal, or statutory implications contained in this report.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officers or contractors involved in the preparation of this report have a direct or indirect interest in matters to which this report relates.

Risk Assessment

Not applicable.

Social Consideration

Not applicable.

Communication

Not applicable.

12. FUTURE PROOFING GEELONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - TRANSITION TOWNS

Portfolio: **Climate Change, Environment and Sustainability – Cr Doull**
Source: **Planning Strategy**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Index Reference: **Future Proofing Geelong**

Summary

- As part of the Future Proofing Geelong Program the Community Reference Group identified Transition Towns as a key action.

- Transition Towns is a grass roots movement which deals with the issues of increasing community resilience for the future when there will be much less fossil fuel to rely on. It is a flexible model which allows people from all walks of life to connect to the fundamental vision of a healthy, resilient community.

- The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has issued an invitation to Councils to join the MAV Councils and Communities in Transition (CACIT) Program.

- The CACIT program aims to promote awareness and understanding of the significant challenges councils and communities will face in coming years and to provide tools to assist in dealing with these challenges.

- The CACIT program will see each participating council establish a cross-functional group (6 – 9 people) of officers and councillors to work with a CACIT program facilitator and attend between 2-3 workshops. It is proposed that this cross-functional group would be the Future Proofing Community Reference Group.

- MAV's aim is to have all Victorian councils involved in the CACIT Program by 2012.

- It is recommended Council participates in the CACIT program to strengthen the communities and Council's capabilities to adapt to the challenges that climate change will bring.

- Council participation in this program will progress the vision endorsed by City of Greater Geelong through the Future Proofing Geelong project and the Sustainability Covenant.

Cr Doull moved, Cr Richards seconded -

That Council participates in the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Councils and Communities in Transition (CACIT) Program.

Carried.

12. FUTURE PROOFING GEELONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - TRANSITION TOWNS (CONT'D)

Report

Background

The MAV launched the 'Councils and Communities in Transition' (CACIT) Program early in 2010 and there are currently 19 Councils participating. The MAV is now looking to expand the program state wide with the aim of having all Council's involved in the CACIT Program by 2012.

The Program explores ways in which local communities can become more resilient and self-reliant, and how local government can play a key support role. It is based on the international Transition Towns model which is now receiving widespread acceptance as a means of improving local community resilience in the face of a growing number of global challenges.

The objectives of the Program include:

- Promoting awareness and understanding of the nature of the significant challenges Councils and communities will face in coming years, including climate change, drought, peak oil, and more expensive energy and food, in a climate of economic constraint. These issues will require local communities to develop increased resilience and collaboration
- Identifying local implications for Councils and communities
- Providing Councils with support in planning the development of response plans and community engagement strategies (including Energy Descent Action Plans).
- Identifying impediments with current regulations that impede 'transition' strategies
- Accelerating the number of Councils and communities involved in 'Transition' strategies and actions and to leverage the strength of the current community planning activity across Victoria.

There are a number of Transition Town groups already active in Geelong including 'Transition Bell' in Bell Park and Bell Post Hill and 'Transition South Barwon'.

Discussion

The CACIT program will complement the work Council is already undertaking as part of the Future Proofing Geelong project and its role as a signatory to the Sustainability Covenant. The program is also consistent with Council's City Plan which includes priority outcomes such as preparing for climate change and engaging with the community.

12. FUTURE PROOFING GEELONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - TRANSITION TOWNS (CONT'D)

As part of the program a cross-functional group (suggested 6-9 people) of officers and Councillors would be established to work with a CACIT Program facilitator. It is suggested the officers involved need to include a member of the Executive Management Team as well as representatives from health, community development, planning, infrastructure and environment areas.

The CACIT program offers training to participants in the form of 2-3 workshops covering topics such as:

- The need to Transition to a more sustainable future;
- Implications for Council and the Community;
- Energy Descent Action Plans – Council's Role and
- Getting the Community on Board.

The program will assist Council and communities in the area of transitioning to a less fossil fuel dependent future through training, support, networking and community engagement. The CACIT program is seen as an excellent opportunity for Council to further develop its skills and knowledge in this area. The training and support offered will ensure Council is well placed to provide support to community groups looking to take action in response to the challenges presented by climate change.

Environmental Implications

The CACIT program has the potential to empower Council and the community to reduce energy consumption, increase sustainability outcomes and deal with climate change though education, training and facilitating grass roots action.

Financial Implications

The cost to participate in the CACIT program is $2,500 (not including GST). This cost will be covered by the Future Proofing budget with resources managed by Planning Strategy. This cost will cover the facilitator and workshops as outlined in the report.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

Participation in this program is consistent with Council's polices around Climate Change Adaptation, the Low Carbon Growth Plan and as a signatory to the Sustainability Covenant.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

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

Risk Assessment

There are no notable risks in endorsing Council's participation in the CACIT program.

12. FUTURE PROOFING GEELONG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - TRANSITION TOWNS (CONT'D)

Social Considerations

Participation in the CACIT program will promote the development of healthy, resilient and sustainable communities. This may have the impact of increased social interaction, a feeling of inclusiveness, increased mental and physical health and may further promote and support community based activities.

Communication

Should Council agree to participate in the CACIT program an appropriate communication plan will be developed and implemented.

13. STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES 2011 AND CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Portfolio: **Planning – Cr Macdonald**
Source: **Economic Development, Planning and Tourism**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Index Reference: **Economic Development**

Summary

- The State of Australian Cities was released in October 2011. It provided the evidence base for nation urban publication policy 'Our Cities, Our Future'.
- It is intended to be a yearly report produced to inform policy makers, industry and the community on the progress of cities towards improved productivity, sustainability and liveability.
- The report provides a comprehensive snapshot on: Population and Settlement, Productivity, Sustainability, Liveability and Governance based on ABS data and other data sources.
- There is some data and statistics that relate specifically to Geelong, however, much of the data looks at national trends with a focus on the capital cities when comparing data.
- The document will be useful in putting the Council's and broader regions strategic planning into context.
- The second document which has been produced by the Australian Government is the Publications State of Australian Cities, and Creating Places for People an urban design protocol for Australian Cities be circulated for Council and Officers information.
- Creating Places for People – An Urban Design Protocol for Australian Cities was released in November 2011.
- The protocol considers what are good urban design; aims and principles; model processes and elements of urban design.
- The protocol is complemented by a web-based tool with case studies and reference materials provided.
- Both of these documents are a valuable resource for Council in providing background information on key trends and best practice and will assist in both the planning process and informing Council applications for Federal funding.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Richards seconded -

That Council notes the report.

Carried.

13. STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES 2011 AND CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS (CONT'D)

Report

Background

State of Australian Cities 2011

The State of Australian Cities was released in October 2011 and provides the evidence base for nation urban policy 'Our Cities, Our Future' (released May 2011).

It is a yearly report produced to inform policy makers, industry and the community on the progress of cities towards improved productivity, sustainability and liveability.

Much of the information collated relates to 'major cities' which is defined as cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents. Applying this definition, there were 17 major cities in Australia in 2006, including Geelong.

The report provides a comprehensive snapshot on Population & Settlement, Productivity, Sustainability, Liveability and Governance based on ABS data and other data sources.

Creating Places for People – An Urban Design Protocol for Australian Cities

The protocol is intended for parties with an interest in the built environment with a focus on elected representatives & officers and consultants & practitioners. The document looks at what is good urban design?; aims and principles; model processes and elements of urban design. The protocol is complemented by a web-based tool with case studies and reference material.

Discussion

State of Australian Cities 2011

Some of the key findings that have the most relevance to Geelong are summarised below:

Population

- Australia's population has grown by three million in the past decade. The contribution of international migration to this growth has varied over time and has declined from 67.6% in 2008 to 52% in 2010.

- The majority of migrants settle initially in capital cities, particularly Sydney and Melbourne.

- Alongside the trend of older Australians moving away from cities, a similar trend is evident among younger Australians and higher skilled people moving to near-city and coastal regional areas, with housing affordability and less congestion reported as possible reasons.

- The outer suburbs of capital cities continue to accommodate much of the population growth.

13. STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES 2011 AND CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS (CONT'D)

- In 2010 Geelong's population was 178,650 which was most comparable to Hobart at 214,705 and Townsville at 172, 316.

- The projected population for Geelong in 2027 is 198,047 this is most comparable to Townsville – 236,809; Cairns – 215,616; Darwin – 167,700 and Toowoomba – 165,928.

- Population growth in Geelong in 2009/2010 was 1.6%. Cairns experienced the highest percentage growth of the major cities at 2.6 per cent. Launceston experienced the lowest percentage growth over the same period at 0.7%.

Productivity

- Productivity growth has slowed and then declined since 1998. The major cities account for 80 per cent of the nation's economic activity.

- Employed residents of Melbourne took 31 minutes on average for the journey to work in 2006. Commuting times have changed little for a decade.

- Public transport trips in the eight capital cities have increased by 14.7% from 2004 to 2008.

- Public transport mode share increased from 9.3% to 10.6% over the same period, well above the population growth rate and higher than many comparable cities internationally.

- Unemployment levels varied across major cities from a low of two per cent to a high of 9%.

- Industry structure in cities is highly variable suggesting that each city plays a unique role in the nation's economic system.

- Traditional industries such as manufacturing have declined as a proportion of GDP. Despite this decline, these industries are still major employers in cities and continue to make up a significant proportion of the gross value added of Australia's economy.

- As at the June quarter 2011, Darwin had the lowest unemployment rate at 1.6% while Cairns (8.5%) and Wollongong (7.2%) had the highest. Geelong had just over 6%.

- Geelong's key employment sectors are retail, manufacturing and health & community services.

Sustainability

- Since 2006, Australians have been consuming less energy per capita, particularly that generated by coal, recovering more waste from landfill per capita, producing less household waste, consuming less water and have cleaner air in their cities than they have done previously.

13. STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES 2011 AND CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS (CONT'D)

- Energy consumption across Australia is dominated by electricity generation, transport, and manufacturing sectors which together used more than 75% of the energy consumed in 2009–10.

- In 2009–10 Canberra and Adelaide recorded the highest rates of waste recycled (70%).

- In terms of fatalities, heatwaves are the largest threat to Australian cities from natural disasters.

- About 85% of Australians live within 50 kilometres of the coast. More than 700,000 dwellings are within three kilometres of the coast and less than six metres above existing sea level.

- Projected impacts of climate change show that a significant number of residential buildings may be at risk of inundation and damage from a sea level rise of 1.1 metre (high end scenario for 2100). Projections also show an increased frequency of extreme weather events with associated storm surges and coastal erosion, and an increased risk of damage to property and infrastructure from inundation and erosion.

Liveability

- The cost of greenfield developments is significantly lower than infill developments in all capitals except Sydney where cost of land and associated infrastructure charges on greenfield developments push their price higher than some infill.

- Australia has had one of the largest increases in real house prices among the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, particularly since 2000.

- Household size continues to decrease as families with children continue to decline as a proportion of household mix.

- Income inequality remains an area where Australian cities are not performing as strongly as many other OECD countries.

Governance

- The Productivity Commission has pointed to the need for improved governance arrangements to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness of cities.

- The governance structure of Australia's major cities differs between States and territories, and between capital and regional cities within them. There is evidence to support significant integration of the different levels of major city planning, infrastructure provision and management, particularly in capital cities.

13. STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES 2011 AND CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS (CONT'D)

Creating Places for People – An Urban Design Protocol for Australian Cities

The protocol includes 12 broadly agreed principles for quality urban design places in Australia under the headings of:

- Place (productivity and sustainability)
- People (liveability)
- Leadership and Governance

The principles can be applied to a project or location and at any urban scale.

A model is included which advocates for a multi-disciplinary team that works collaboratively at all stages of the project including design, procurement, implementation, operation and maintenance.

A full page image of the Geelong Youth Activity Area is included in the protocol as an example of good design.

Conclusion

These reports provide a valuable resource in the areas of planning and urban design. Both reports are available online and have been widely distributed by the Government.

Environmental Implications

These reports provide valuable source background information in relation to the environment including public transport usage, energy production and consumption, water use and the impacts of climate change.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for Council with the release of these reports.

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal ramifications for Council from the release of these reports.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

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

13. STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES 2011 AND CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS (CONT'D)

Risk Assessment

There are no notable risks for Council associated with the release of these reports.

Social Considerations

These reports provide a valuable source background information in relation to population, housing, employment and liveability which could be used within Council.

Communication

A media release as part of the Councils review of this report is considered the appropriate steps to advise interested step to advise interested parties of these 2 publications from the Government.

14. SALE OF LAND - 14 BELLBIRD AVENUE NORLANE

Portfolio: **Finance - Cr Harwood**
Source: **Corporate Services, Corporate Strategy & Property Management**
General Manager: **Jeff Wall**
Index Reference: **Land Sales**

Summary

- Council owns the property at 14 Bellbird Avenue, Norlane which contains a former weather board residence currently used as an office.
- The current use does not comply with the planning scheme and the building requires works to comply with the building regulations should the premises continue to be used as an office.
- The current tenant North Geelong Rental Housing Co-operative has agreed to look for alternative premises for its offices.
- Since there is no economic or practical alternative use for the premises other than residential, it is recommended that the Council sell the property at a price not less than the certified valuation.
- Council is required to give notice of intention to sell the land under s189 of the Local Government Act. If submissions are received they will be heard by the Submissions Hearing Panel and a further report will be put to Council. If no submissions are received the property will be sold on the recommended terms.

Cr Fisher moved, Cr Macdonald seconded -

That Council being of the opinion that the land situated at 14 Bellbird Avenue, Norlane ("the land") is no longer required for Council purposes, resolves that:

1) **the land be offered for sale to a Victorian registered housing association on the terms outlined in Item 2 of this recommendation;**
2) **should the land not be sold to a registered housing association, that the land be sold on the market on the following terms and conditions –**
    - **the sale price be no less than a certified valuation of the land to be obtained;**
    - **such other terms and conditions considered appropriate to be included in the Contract of Sale and other relevant documents; and**
3) **the statutory procedures be commenced under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land and that public notice of and the right of a person under section 223 of the Act to make a submission in relation to the proposed sale be given in the Geelong Advertiser and Independent; and**
4) **the Submissions Hearing Panel be appointed to hear and report to the Council on any submissions in relation to the proposed sale; and**

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5) if no submissions are received the land will be sold and;

- **the General Manager – Corporate Services will execute the Contract of Sale; and**
- **the Transfer of Land be signed and sealed.**

Carried.

Report

Background

The Council owns a property at 14 Bellbird Avenue, Norlane containing a weatherboard residence.

The property has in the past been used most recently as an office for the North Geelong Rental Housing Co-operative. The property may have been purchased by the former Shire of Corio for child care as it has been used for this purpose in the past.

The land has an area of 596m2 and is zoned Residential 1.

Discussion

Following inspection of the premises issues have arisen in relation to planning and building compliance. The use of the premises as an office in a Residential 1 zone is prohibited. Notwithstanding the prohibited use, on going occupancy by the tenant requires approximately $50,000 of building works including re-stumping, disability access and toilets, fire rating and general maintenance. It is considered that expenditure of that level is not justified on these premises.

The tenant has indicated they are looking for alternative premises and will move out as soon as suitable alternative premises are found. Preparation for disposal of the property is required now to ensure that the premises are vacant for a minimal period to avoid vandalism.

The building is in good condition and could be used for a residence with minor expenditure.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Financial Implications

Prior to sale of the property a certified valuation will be obtained in compliance with s189 of the Local Government Act. The property will not be sold for less than the certified valuation.

14. SALE OF LAND - 14 BELLBIRD AVENUE NORLANE (CONT'D)

Policy/Legal/Statutory Implications

Under section 189 of the Local Government Act the Council is required to give public notice of its intention to sell land and consider any submissions received.

Notice of intention to sell the property will be given in both the Geelong Advertiser and Independent. If any submissions are received they will be heard by the Submissions Hearing Panel followed by a report to Council. If no submissions are received the property will be sold.

The preferred method of sale is by listing through a local agent.

Officer Direct or Indirect Interest

No officers, consultants or contractors involved in the sale of the land have a direct or indirect interest in the land.

Risk Assessment

The risks associated with the sale of the land can be managed by obtaining appropriate advice and following normal management procedures.

Social Considerations

The sale of the land does not involve any social considerations.

Communication

The sale of land is supported by the Council's Community Development Department. The report has also been considered by the Council's Property Strategy Advisory Committee.

14. SALE OF LAND - 14 BELLBIRD AVENUE NORLANE (CONT'D)

Photo of 14 Bellbird Avenue, Norlane

15. DEBT MANAGEMENT - SALE OR TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES TO RECOVER OUTSTANDING RATES

Portfolio: **Finance - Cr Harwood**
Source: **Corporate Services - Financial Services**
General Manager: **Jeff Wall**
Index Reference: **Financial Management / Reporting**

Cr Richards moved, Cr Macdonald seconded -

That in accordance with Section 89 (2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1989, this matter relative to the personal hardship of ratepayers 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 Mitchell proposes to raise an item as Urgent Business:

Cr Nelson moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That Council considers as Urgent Business a motion concerning the Mayor's attendance at a meeting with Alcoa Senior Management in New York.

Carried.

During my proposed leave of absence from 6th – 24th March 2012 inclusive. I was to travel to the United States at my own expense on a private holiday to the west coast. Following discussions in recent days, Greg Combet (Federal Minister for the Environment) and Alan Cransberg (Chief Executive Officer - Alcoa Australia) have advised that a meeting with Chris Ayers (President Global Primary Products) and Bill Oplinger (Chief Executive Officer - Global Primary Products Alcoa) would be advantageous whilst holidaying in the United States.

I therefore seek Council support to meet with Alcoa Senior Management at 11:00am, 7th March 2012 (New York time), pay for my internal flights from Los Angeles to New York and for two nights accommodation.

The meeting with Alcoa in New York is extremely important in light of the pending review of operations at Point Henry and the significance of Alcoa Geelong to the local economy.

I estimate the cost to Council to be around AUS$1,100.

Cr Nelson moved, Cr Abley seconded -

That Council approve the estimated cost of $A1,100 to cover internal flights from Los Angeles to New York and two nights accommodation in order to meet with Alcoa Senior Management on 7 March 2012.

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION – Cr B Abley

REALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS – BROWNBILL WARD

Following the completion of the Landy Field Toilet Upgrade Project C11831, surplus funds can now be transferred other projects where additional funding is required.

The Landy Field Toilet Upgrade Project was completed in late 2011 with a small budget surplus achieved. These funds can now be used to assist with other recreation projects in that area.

Cr Abley moved, Cr Fisher seconded -

That Council support the following reallocations:

Ward Name	Project	Allocation
Brownbill	Landy Field Toilet Upgrade – C11831	- $6,456
Brownbill	Parks & Playground Improvements – Brownbill	$6,456

Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION – R Macdonald

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE

The Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy provides for the attendance of Councillors at meetings, which includes training programs, conferences and functions based on the relevance to the role and development of the Councillor. An amount of up to $3,000 per Councillor is allocated each financial year, with attendances in excess of $3,000 subject to approval by resolution of Council.

Portfolio Councillor for Economic Development and Planning, Cr Rod Macdonald has indicated a preference to attend the upcoming CEDA Seminar for a Low Carbon Future: Integrated Energy Network Planning, which will result in Cr Macdonald exceeding the $3,000 threshold.

In order to undertake further Councillor and Portfolio related attendances on behalf of Council to the end of this financial year, an additional amount of $1,500 is sought.

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Fisher seconded -

That Council, having regard to the Councillors' Expenses and Facilities Policy, approves the additional funds in the amount of $1,500 to be applied for Meeting Attendance for Cr Rod Macdonald for 2011-2012.

Carried.

COMMON SEAL REGISTER

Cr Macdonald moved, Cr Richards seconded -

That the following documents be signed and sealed by Council.

Carried.

1. SECTION 173 AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL AND CLINTON PETER SHARP FOR 1 PITMAN STREET, NEWCOMB

Portfolio: **Planning – Cr Macdonald**
Source: **Economic Development, Planning & Tourism**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Property: **1 Pitman Street, Newcomb**
Application No: **435/2009**

Officers' Comments

This Agreement pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 was required by Condition 2 of Planning Permit No. 435/2009 issued on 06 February 2012 which allowed the construction of two (2) additional dwellings and a three (3) lot subdivision.

The purpose of the Agreement is to require the approved development to be constructed if statement of compliance for the approved subdivision is sought prior to the dwellings being substantially completed.

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

Owner's Obligations

To construct the development as approved by Planning Permit 435/2009.

Council Obligations

Nil.

2. SECTION 173 AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL AND DARREN JOHN THOMSON AND KELLI ANN MCCOMBE FOR 1 BANKS COURT BELMONT

Portfolio: **Planning – Cr Macdonald**
Source: **Economic Development, Planning & Tourism**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Property: **1 Banks Court, Belmont**
Application No: **1107/2010**

Officers' Comments

This Agreement pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 was required by Condition 4 of Planning Permit No. 1107/2010 issued on 08-Jun-2011 which allowed the Subdivision of Land into Two (2) Lots.

The purpose of the Agreement provides for the construction and maintenance of the accessway to lot 2 within McKenzie Street o be the responsibility of the developer or any subsequent owner of Lot 2. Before the issue of Statement of Compliance for the subdivision, application must be made to the Registrar of Titles to register the Section 173 Agreement on Title to the land under Section 181 of the Act.

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

Owner's Obligations

The applicant must enter into an agreement under Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with the Responsible Authority. The agreement must be in a form to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, and the applicant must be responsible for the expense of the preparation and registration of the agreement, including the Responsible Authority's reasonable costs and expense (including legal expenses) incidental to the preparation, registration and enforcement of the agreement. The agreement must contain covenants to be registered on the Title of the property so as to run with the land, and must provide for the following:

a) The construction and maintenance of the accessway to lot 2 within McKenzie Street is the responsibility of the developer and any subsequent owner of Lot 2.

The agreement will be registered on Title in accordance with Section 181 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Council Obligations

Nil

3. SECTION 173 AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL AND KOLE STOJANOVSKI AND LINDA JOY STOJANOVSKI FOR 18 BRUCE STREET, BELL PARK

Portfolio: **Planning – Cr Macdonald**
Source: **Economic Development, Planning & Tourism**
General Manager: **Peter Bettess**
Property: **18 Bruce Street, Bell Park**
Application No: **548/2011**

Officers' Comments

This Agreement pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 was required by Condition 6 of Planning Permit No. 548/2011 issued on 30- Sep-2011 which allowed Construction of Two (2) Dwellings and Two (2) Lot Subdivision.

The purpose of the Agreement provides for all development to be in accordance with the endorsed plans forming part of Planning Permit 548/2011 (or any amendment to that permit) or any subsequent Planning Permit for the abovementioned site. Before construction commences on site for the dwelling, application must be made to the Registrar of Titles to register the Section 173 Agreement on Title to the land under Section 181 of the Act.

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

Owner's Obligations

The owner of the land must enter into an agreement with the Responsible Authority pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority which provides for all development to be in accordance with the endorsed plans forming part of Planning Permit 548/2011 (or any amendment to that permit) or any subsequent Planning Permit. The owner must pay the costs of preparation, execution and registration of the agreement and the agreement must be registered on the newly created title/s. The Section 173 Agreement may be ended by the Responsible Authority at the written request of the owner and at no cost to Council.

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 Macdonald moved, Cr Abley seconded –

That the information be received.

Carried.

Cr Richards moved, Cr Fisher seconded –

That the meeting be closed to the public.

Carried.

The Meeting was closed to the public at 9.40pm

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 9.45pm

CLOSE OF MEETING

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. Tuesday, 28 February 2012.

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Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date of Confirmation: _____