

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

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REVIEWED BY: Director City Works and Development, Michael Ballock

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Planning Committee is a special committee appointed pursuant to Section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989 to assist Council in urban planning matters and for dealing with permits under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

The year in review

The Planning Committee considered reports on planning applications during the year. In addition to deciding on applications, the Committee also received reports on:

- details of recent and upcoming appeals at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- the progress of significant planning applications
- specific matters of interest, or statutory planning matters that were required to be reported to Council.

Committee members

- Cr Vince Fontana, Chairperson (from Dec 2010);
- Cr Tim Laurence, Chairperson (to Dec 2010);
- Cr Diana Asmar (to Dec 2010);
- Cr Gaetano Greco;
- Cr Nick Katsis;
- Cr Trent McCarthy (to Dec 2010);
- Cr Steven Tsitas

Frequency of meetings:

The Planning Committee is made up of five Councillors and meets fortnightly (excluding late December through to mid January) to consider and determine:

Committee to be reviewed by:

At the Special Council Meeting 5 December 2011.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

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- applications which receive five or more objections, fail to meet the objectives of adopted Council policy or raise major policy implications

- applications for major development/change of use
- minor amendments to Development Plans

The Planning Committee has full delegated authority to determine applications, and has discretion to refer matters to full Council if considered appropriate.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- There have been significant increases in the complexity and scale of development in Darebin.
- Community interest in planning matters remains high with a slight increase occurring in the number of applications being reported to the Planning Committee. (200 words)

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

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- details of recent and upcoming appeals at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- the progress of significant planning applications
- specific matters of interest, or statutory planning matters that were required to be reported to Council.

Challenges

The Planning Committee has functioned quite well making decisions on 79 applications in 2010/11 compared with 64 in 2009/10. This is despite a major increase in the number of major applications received for major developments and increasing development pressures in many parts of the municipality.

Financial and Resource Implications

There is an increase in the number of planning committee decisions being appealed at VCAT and this is having an impact on the Council costs in funding representation and where required expert witnesses. The number of appeals lodged against planning committee decisions has increase from 27 in 2009/2010 to 41 in 2010/2011.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

These issues are required to be considered as part of the decision making process on all individual planning applications considered by the Planning Committee.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

These issues are required to be considered as part of the decision making process on all individual planning applications considered by the Planning Committee.

CONCLUSION

Despite an increase in the contesting of its decisions before VCAT the Committee has served as an appropriate form of governance in adjudicating on the more complex and contentious planning received in the city of Darebin.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- The Committee functions will remain unchanged in 2011/2012.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Planning Committee Charter, December 2011.

2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Governance and Corporate Planning Manager, Rhys Thomas

REVIEWED BY: Director, Corporate and Business Services, Vijaya Vaidyanath

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Hearing of Submissions Committee is a special committee appointed to hear and report to Council on public submissions received by Council. The Committee hears submissions and reports as required to a subsequent meeting of the Council.

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Diana Asmar (Chairperson)
- Cr Stanley Chiang
- Cr Vince Fontana
- Cr Gaetano Greco
- Cr Nick Katsis
- Cr Tim Laurence
- Cr Trent McCarthy
- Cr Ben Morgan
- Cr Steven Tsitas

Frequency of meetings:

Meeting of the committee are convened by the Chairperson as required, with the number of meetings changing each year.

Committee to be reviewed by:

The Charter of the Hearing of Submissions Committee is reviewed by Council annually, with the next review scheduled for the Special Council Meeting on 5 December 2011.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Hearing of Submissions Committee is a special committee appointed pursuant to section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989 to hear and report to Council on submissions received by Council in accordance with section 223 of the Act.

The Committee has delegated authority to hear any person who has requested to be heard and reports as required to a subsequent meeting of the Council. A separate report on each matter heard by the Committee is submitted for formal determination by the Council.

Key issues for 2010/2011

The Hearing of Submissions Committee met three times during 2010/2011 as a result of a request from members of the public to have their submissions heard by the committee.

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

The Hearing of Submissions Committee met as follows:

Meeting Date	Reports considered	Number of submissions heard
8 July 2010	Proposed 2010/2011 Budget	4
12 July 2010	Right of way (road) discontinuance adjoining 550 High Street and 2 Darebin Road, Northcote	1
	Right of way (road) discontinuance adjoining 89 and 91 Westgarth Street and adjoining 1a Knowles Street, Northcote	2
14 June 2011	Proposed Budget 2011/2012	2

Challenges

None.

Financial and Resource Implications

None.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

None.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

None.

CONCLUSION

Provide a summarised evaluative overview of the Committee's performance for 2010/2011

FUTURE ACTIONS

- The role of the Hearing of Submissions Committee is expected to remain unchanged during 2011/2012.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Local Government Act 1989 (Section 223)
- City of Darebin Governance Local Law 2009
- Minutes of the Special Council Meeting – 6 December 2010

3. BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD ART CENTRE

AUTHOR: Operations Manager, Jakki Mann

REVIEWED BY: Director, City Design and Environment, Daniel Freer

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Bundoora Homestead Art Centre is a public art gallery located at Bundoora Park. The gallery has been in operation for over 10 years and is overseen by a board of management with representation of 3 Councillors, 4 Community representatives and supported by Council Staff.

Committee members

- Heather Shand, Community Representative
- Helen Bodycomb, Community Representative
- Merv Lia, Community Representative
- Cathy Dodson, Community Representative

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Gaetano Greco
- Cr Tim Laurence
- Cr Stanley Chiang

Frequency of meetings:

Quarterly

Committee to be reviewed by:

February 2012

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Board of Management oversees the operations of the art gallery and exhibition program. The board of management has a broad range of skills drawing on arts industry professionals and community interests. The board oversees the development and implementation of the exhibition program in consultation with the staff of the homestead.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Art Galleries Programming
- Financial performance
- Visitation numbers
- Gift Fund status

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Increase in visitations over the 2010/11 financial year
- Business Planning framework with focus on marketing, partnerships and program development

Challenges

The membership of the board has declined over recent years due to ill health and age of members. Whilst the facility has continued to operate successfully throughout the year, a recruitment process will be undertaken to broaden the membership of the board.

Financial and Resource Implications

The Bundoora Homestead has operated within the budget parameters set by Council. Over time there has been a decrease in the level of subsidy.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

None

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The Board continues to ensure that there is broad community involvement through the exhibition program in the Access Gallery. In the past 12 months there have been numerous exhibitions in partnership with local community organisations, community health service providers, NMIT and schools.

CONCLUSION

2010/11 has been a successful year for the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre, in the development of new programs and exhibitions. Attendance figures have demonstrated a continuing growth in visitations which has been reflected in the operation of the café facility at the homestead.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Review of terms of reference
- Attraction of new committee members

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil listed

4. AUDIT COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Director, Corporate and Business Services, Vijaya Vaidyanath

REVIEWED BY: Chief Executive, Rasiah Dev

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Audit Committee is an Advisory Committee appointed pursuant to section 139 of the Local Government Act 1989 to assist Council in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to internal control mechanisms and external reporting requirements.

Committee members

Mr David Ashmore (Chair)
Mr Albert Zago
Mr Bruce Carroll

Councillor representatives

Cr Diana Asmar (Mayor)
Cr Gaetano Greco

Frequency of meetings

The Audit Committee meets no less than four times per year.

The Committee has no delegated powers and its decisions become recommendations considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

Committee to be reviewed by

All Standing Committees of the Council are reviewed at a special meeting of the Council in December each year.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The scope of the Audit Committee is to facilitate:

- The enhancement of the credibility and objectivity of internal and external financial reporting;
- Effective management of financial and other risks and the protection of Council assets;
- Compliance with laws and regulations as well as use of best practice guidelines;
- The effectiveness of the internal audit function; and
- The provision of an effective means of communication between the external auditor, internal auditor, management and Council.

The Committee has no delegated powers and its decisions become recommendations considered at a subsequent Council meeting.

Key issues for 2010/2011

The key issues raised and discussed by the Audit Committee in 2010/2011 include:

- Corporate Compliance and Electronic Funds Transfer
- Revenue and Debt Collection
- Management of Recruitment Agencies
- Business Continuity Planning and Disaster Recovery Planning
- VicRoads Confidentiality
- Internal Audit Strategic Plan
- Cash Handling
- Audited Financial Statements 2009/2010
- Investment Performance
- Procurement Policy and Guidelines
- Financial Reporting Developments
- Capital Works Performance Report
- Risk Management Framework including Social Inclusion
- Related Party Transactions
- Employee Code of Conduct
- Essential Services Commission
- Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (General) Regulation Amendments
- Auditor-General's Report – Darebin Financial Sustainability Ratios
- A Guide to Good Practice for Local Government

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Annual Report
- Capex Programme
- Risk Management and all of the above Key Issues for 2010/2011

FUTURE ACTIONS

The Audit Committee will meet four times during 2011/2012 to discuss various matters documented in the Internal Audit Plan as well as other matters of interest that arise during the course of the year.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Audit Committee Charter (December 2010)

5. ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING ADVISORY BOARD

AUTHOR: Co-ordinator, Ageing Communities Unit, Michelle Marinelli

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, Community Services, Katrina Knox

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board is a community representative body whose role is to assist Council in considering and understanding the issues, policies and drivers that are influencing aged care and their relevance to and impact on Darebin, as well as monitor and report on the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011-2021.

The Board will convene in February 2011.

Committee members

- Recruitment model underway and will be finalised in November 2011.
- Councillor - Chairperson
- 10 resident participants
- 2 external aged care professionals/researchers
- 4 Council Staff from Community Services Directorate

Councillor Representative:

- To be determined through current Council processes relating to Councillor representation on community advisory bodies and committees.

Frequency of meetings:

One meeting every two months commencing February 2012.

Committee to be reviewed by:

Community representatives will be appointed for a minimum of 2 years.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

While the title refers to the Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board, it's function is that of a community advisory committee to Council, therefore will not be established as an incorporated or legal Board entity to Council. The statement of purpose for the board includes: representing the interests of older adults in Darebin, including carers and family members; advocacy at local, State and National levels; providing input into the design and planning of key events and community celebrations such as Darebin Seniors Festival; and communicate Council achievements through the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011-2021 to the broader community.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Not yet convened.

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

Not yet convened.

Challenges

Not yet convened.

Financial and Resource Implications

Not yet convened.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

Not yet convened.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

Recruitment model for the Board aims to achieve balance in representation of participation by out diverse older adult community inclusive of age, gender, economic status and ethnicity.

CONCLUSION

Not yet convened

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Promotion and nomination processes currently underway.
- Assessment of nominations in November 2011.
- Offers made to nominees December 2011.
- Inaugural meeting February 2012.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Council Report – Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board, 3 October 2011.
- Council Briefing – Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board, 26 September 2011
- Council Report – Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy Advisory Board, 15 August 2011
- Council Report: Darebin Draft Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011-2021 – 29 November 2010.

6. DAREBIN DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: MetroAccess Officer, Community Development, Christine Mulholland

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, People and Performance, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Disability Advisory Committee (DDAC) is Council's advisory committee on issues relating to access and inclusion for people with disabilities living, working, studying or visiting Darebin. To promote and advocate for, improved access and inclusion within Council and the wider community.

Committee members

Community Representatives:

- Vince Pirrottina
- Elisabeth Coldicutt
- Judith McLean
- Susanna Augustine
- Ray Jordan
- Anne Norgate
- Luke Nelson
- Barry Kendall
- Kane Riley
- Sandra Barber

Service Representatives:

- NMIT Work Education Unit
- NEAMI
- Northern Support Services
- Leadership Plus

Council staff:

- MetroAccess Officer
- Disability Planner
- Coordinator Community Development
- Community Recreation Facilitator
- Access for All Abilities Coordinator
- Coordinator HACC Service Delivery
- Ageing with Disability Project Officer
- Safe Transport Officer
- HACC Aboriginal Liaison Officer
- People and Performance Group Manager

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Diana Asmar

Frequency of meetings:

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Monday.

Committee to be reviewed by:

The Committee is reviewed formally every four years in line with Council elections. The Terms of Reference and membership is reviewed annually or when a vacancy arises.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Darebin Disability Advisory Committee (DDAC) has been operating for over 10 years as Council's advisory committee on issues relating to access and inclusion for people with a disability. DDAC aims to represent the interests of all people with disabilities in Darebin, including carers and family members, when advocating on their behalf regarding issues at the local, State and National level.

The committee provides Council staff with the opportunity to consult with community members with a disability and disability service providers about new and existing Council policies, strategies, and initiatives.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011 – 2021
- Responding to Housing Stress: Darebin Local Action Plan 2010 – 2013
- Darebin Disability Action Plan: year 1 implementation
- Council's Building and Planning Application processes
- Mental Health Help Cards
- Emergency Management for people with a disability
- Access for All Abilities Leisure Needs Survey
- Route 86 Corridor Improvement Project disability access features of the project
- Accessible bus shelters in Darebin

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Submission lodged to Productivity Commission regarding an Inquiry into a Long-term Disability Care and Support Scheme
- Letter of advocacy to Department of Transport regarding disability access to low floor trams
- Submission lodged to the Productivity Commission regarding an Inquiry into a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Submission lodged to the Victorian Taxi Directorate regarding an Inquiry into the Victorian Taxi Industry
- Providing advice on Council strategies and initiatives

Challenges

At the start of 2011 it was identified that DDAC's membership was not reflective of the diverse community that is Darebin. Therefore with some vacancies arising in 2010 we

recruited new members with the aim of expanding the diverse background and experiences of DDAC members.

DDAC now boasts members with a disability from CALD backgrounds, the Aboriginal community, youth through to older age, men and woman, people with mental health experience and carers of people with a disability. DDAC also expanded on the types of disability experienced by its members beyond just physical and sensory disability.

Financial and Resource Implications

Issues identified for action by DDAC are generally covered within the existing operational budget of the relevant area of Council. In some instances the action may need to be explored further and allocated to the following year's budget.

The only exception is for capital works upgrades to Council facilities. Access upgrades identified by DDAC go onto a priority list for action and costs are covered under the annual disability capital works budget.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

Nil

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The committee has identified a range of issues which impact on groups that are at risk of exclusion. They include:-

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – heavily under-represented in the disability service system, lack of flexible service models to support community values and beliefs
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities – the increased difficulty in navigating the disability service system
- People with a Disability – the importance of access to accessible transport options and lack of emergency management knowledge and targeted education
- Elderly – lack of understanding regarding people with a disability who are ageing and their needs and wants to continue being individuals
- Women, men – increased experience of violence against people with a disability, women in particular
- Low Socio-economic background – under representation of people with a disability in the open work force
- People with mental illness – lack of clarity in service boundaries when seeking support from the mental health sector versus the disability sector
- Carers – increased experience of isolation, low socio-economic status and mental health issues

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Disability Advisory Committee is a longstanding committee with an ongoing commitment in providing equitable and dignified access to Council processes and services as well as the broader community. DDAC has a strong history and continues to progress disability access issues at the local, State and National levels.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- DDAC has one remaining meeting for 2011.
- 2012 meeting dates will be scheduled in bi-monthly.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee 2010 Overview

7. DAREBIN EARLY YEARS REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Manager, Family and Children, Cheryl Hermence

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, Community Services, Katrina Knox

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the Darebin Early Years Reference Group is to inform the development of the Darebin Early Years Strategy and to guide the actions arising from the strategy. The Darebin Early Years Reference Group forms the strategic arm of the governance structure for Darebin Best Start and will oversee the broad strategic direction of the Darebin Best Start Partnership and Action Plan.

Committee members

- representatives of local early years care and education providers, including community, not-for-profit and commercial organisations
- representatives of local community members who are current members of early years services committees of management
- representatives of family support agencies
- representatives of early intervention services
- Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- relevant Early Years peak bodies
- local organisation representing families experiencing disadvantage in Darebin

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Diana Asmar
- Cr Steven Tsitas
- Cr Nick Katsis

Frequency of meetings:

The group meets approximately 6 times per year.

Committee to be reviewed by:

The committee will be reviewed in December 2011.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The role of the Early Years Reference Group is to:

1. provide advice and input on processes during the development stage of the Darebin Early Years Framework and the Darebin Best Start Action Plan
2. provide strategic thinking for effective planning

3. ensure alignment with relevant Council policy including: the Darebin Social Inclusion Agenda; Diversity Policy; Human Rights Check List and the Darebin *Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009- 2013*
4. advise Council on the delivery of actions that arise from the plans.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- The Early Years Reference Group provided advice and guidance in the development of Darebin's Early Years Strategy which is composed of three documents: Darebin Early Years Strategy, Darebin Early Years Infrastructure Plan and Darebin Early Years Plan.

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Darebin Early Years Strategy, Darebin Early Years Infrastructure Plan and Darebin Early Years Plan.

Challenges

Development of the Strategy with sector groups.

Financial and Resource Implications

The Strategy is per allocated budget.

A 10 year financial model is being developed outlining both capital and operational funding to support the implementation of the Darebin Early Years Plan and Darebin Early Years Infrastructure Plan according to Council's corporate planning systems to ensure our commitments align with our business planning.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

The impacts of climate change and peak oil are significant to the ongoing provision of staff, costs of service delivery, health and well-being of those who are vulnerable and community infrastructure. Council's Climate Change and Peak Oil Adaptation Plan as well as Environmental Sustainable Design principles will guide the development of appropriate and sustainable responses and actions throughout the Early Years Strategy, Early Years Plan and Early Years Infrastructure Plan.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The Darebin Early Years Strategy, Early Years Plan and Darebin Early Years Infrastructure Plan align with the Darebin Social Inclusion Agenda, Diversity Policy, Human Rights Check List and Council's broader commitment to respect community diversity and wellbeing. The research and consultation processes consolidate Council's understanding of the composition, strengths, opportunities, vulnerabilities and attitudes of the community in relation to families and children.

CONCLUSION

Darebin Early Years Strategy, Darebin Early Years Infrastructure Plan and Darebin Early Years Plan.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Darebin Early Years Reference Group will monitor implementation of the Strategy
- Darebin Early Years Reference Group review of purpose and role.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Early Years Strategy
- Darebin Early Years Infrastructure Plan
- Darebin Early Years Plan

8. DAREBIN ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: **Manager, Environment and Natural Resources, Libby Hynes**

REVIEWED BY: **Director, City Design and Environment, Daniel Freer**

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Darebin's Environmental Reference Group (DERG) is a community advisory group that has been operating since 2001. DERG provides valuable input to Council on policies, strategies and projects of environmental significance and plays an important role in building community engagement and participation in environmental issues.

Committee members

Toni Meek, Craig Walters, Anna Haygreen, Anthony Wood, Nicole Cook, Tania Struzina, Alister Huth, Caroline Gonzalez, Damien Gerrens, Katrina Roberg, Patrick Lias, Bill O'Connor.

Councillor Representative:

Cr Trent McCarthy

Frequency of meetings:

Six weekly

Council Officer Support:

Manager, Environment and Natural Resources, Libby Hynes
Environmental Strategy Coordinator, Michelle Bennett

Committee to be reviewed by:

The DERG Terms of Reference was reviewed by Council on 2 May 2011. DERG considers the Terms of Reference annually and any proposed amendments are referred for Council consideration.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The purpose of DERG is:

- To facilitate community action and to assist in strengthening links and partnerships between the Darebin community and Council's contribution to environmental sustainability.
- To provide an avenue of community consultation regarding policy, strategies and matters pertaining to environmental sustainability in Darebin and to operate as a "sounding board" for key strategies and policies.

- To provide community feedback and assistance to Council regarding local environmental issues.
- To contribute to the content of environmental forums and events

Key issues for 2010/2011

- **Sustainable Food and Food Security** - including input into the Food Security Policy and the Sustainable Food Leaders Forum and other food related programs and events.
- **Climate Change** - including consideration and suggestions for current community programs including energy efficiency programs for low income households and bulk roll-outs.

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Submission to the Food Security Policy with recommendations largely incorporated.
- DERG provided input into the Sustainable Food Leaders Forum held in November 2010 which was well attended and successful. DERG continued to be updated and provide advice to the priority projects identified via the forum; the development of the Northcote Library Food Garden; and sustainable food workshops for low income households including the development of the Darebin 'Budget Bites' guide.
- Consideration and input into the Cycling Strategy Review.
- Consideration and input into Tram Route 86 upgrade.
- Input into the Community Leaders Forum held in June to provide input into the Sustainable Homes and Communities program.

Challenges

There were no significant challenges. Two members resigned from the group in 2011 due to other commitments and these positions were quickly filled via candidates that had applied in the annual committee renewal process.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no budget implications. DERG is supported with officer time.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

As per the body of this report DERG's focus is to contribute to environmental sustainability.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

One of the key selection criteria for appointing DERG members through the annual renewal process is that: *a broad representation of the Darebin community will be sought – based on location (home address) and diversity.*

DERG continues to provide advice and suggestions for engaging the broad and diverse Darebin community on environmental issues. DERG is regularly updated and provides input into environmental projects that target groups in the community at risk of exclusion such as the Darebin Fan Fair program, Darebin Cool Shade, Budget Bites and Talking My Language

(food and energy efficiency projects aimed at low socio-economic or culturally and linguistically diverse communities).

CONCLUSION

DERG continues to provide valuable input and advice to Council on environmental sustainability issues.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- DERG annual committee renewal process to be promoted in October/November with applications from community members closing in early December.
- Sustainable Food, Climate Change and the upcoming Municipal Strategic Statement consultation are expected to be ongoing priority issues for DERG.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Council Report 2 May 2011 Darebin Environmental Reference Group Annual Report
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group Terms of Reference

9. DAREBIN HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Housing Project Officer, Community Development, Andrea Levey

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, People and Performance, Fred Warner.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Housing Advisory Committee is a council committee comprised of local and not-for-profit organisations and other interested parties. The committee has as its primary focus the discussion of housing and homelessness issues within the municipality.

Committee members

Membership is comprised of representatives from the following agencies:

The City of Darebin
Department of Human Services.
Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre
City of Moreland
City of Yarra.
Council to Homeless Persons
Community Housing Limited
Victorian Women's Housing Association
Community Housing Federation of Victoria
Affordable Housing Solutions
WISHIN
Northern Support Services
Neami
DIVRS
Justice Advocacy
Salvation Army Preston
Housing Choices Australia
Women's Housing Limited
Preston Progress Association
North East Housing Service.
Wombat Housing
Darebin Community Health
VCOSS
Homeground Services
Merri Housing.

Councillor Representative:

Cr Tim Laurence chairs the Housing Advisory Committee.

Frequency of meetings:

The Committee meets bi-monthly.

Committee to be reviewed by:

The Committee and the Terms of Reference are reviewed every year at the first meeting of the year.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Darebin Housing Advisory Committee was re-established in February 2010. With the council employing a Housing Project Officer and developing the Housing Stress action plan. The committee was involved in a consultative process throughout the writing of the document.

The main function of the committee this year has been to focus on housing and homelessness issues that affect agencies and residents in Darebin. The focus is also on broader housing issues and there is a topical guest speaker at each meeting.

Key issues for 2010/2011

The key issues for this year have been

- progress of the "Responding to Housing Stress Action Plan"
- identification of gaps in the service system and identify possible response strategies
- recommendations from Rooming House Taskforce
- rate exemptions for Affordable Housing Agencies
- accessible housing for young people with a disability
- availability of affordable housing, waiting list number of local services, and Government funding
- coordination of activities for Housing Week
- 'Street to Home' project, Homeground Services
- WISHIN annual women's car sleepout
- Liberal Government changes in legislation. Guest speaker Community Housing Federation.

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

DECC Housing Forum 'Affordable Housing + Diversity = Community'
Participated in and contributed to WISHIN Women's Sleepout.
Supported North East Housing Service in their tender to manage supported housing in Darebin.
Represented the Housing committee on the Darebin Emergency Relief Network.
Provided input into the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy
Presentation by committee members at the Health and Wellbeing Forum

Challenges

There were no challenges faced by the committee this year. Membership has always been organic with different representatives coming from a diverse range of local and state wide agencies on a regular basis.

Financial and Resource Implications

No financial implications.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

N/A.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

Whilst housing affordability is a concern for the majority of residents within Darebin, there are particular groups that are more vulnerable to housing stress and homelessness. They include:-

- Women – lack of safe, secure housing options for women experiencing domestic violence
- Aboriginal – lack of appropriate support services and affordable housing stock
- Single Parents – lack of suitable and affordable housing
- Mental Illness – access to appropriate support services
- Low Socio-Economic – affordability
- People with a Disability – availability of accessible housing stock

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Housing Advisory Committee has a strong membership with good attendance at the meetings. Local services are represented regularly and give feedback that the committee is of value and relevance to them. The “Responding to Housing Stress Action Plan” is a standing agenda item at every meeting. The Committee strongly supports the strategic directions of Council and the role of the Housing Officer.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Review of the committee and the terms of reference in February 2012.

Continued reporting to the committee on the implementation of the “Responding to Housing Stress Action Plan”

Council response to issues affecting homelessness and housing as they arise, and are identified as important by the committee.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Darebin Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

“Responding to Housing Stress a Local Action Plan”.

10. DAREBIN INTERFAITH COUNCIL

AUTHOR: Equity and Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Bathgate

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, People and Diversity, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

This Darebin Interfaith Council (DIFC) is a collaborative partnership between members of different faiths aimed at providing information, guidance and inspiration to the local community on matters related to the benefits of interfaith collaboration and dialogue. DIFC is managed by a two year appointed Governing Committee which is made up of representatives of the following faiths: Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Baha'i, Sikh, and Jewish. Its membership also includes a councillor who is appointed to chair this group as per DIFC's Terms of Reference.

Committee members

- Mr. Salvatore Miano – Catholic, Reservoir;
- Mr. Baha Yehia – Sunni Muslim Preston;
- Sheikh Wadoud Al- Saad – Muslim Shiaa, Nth and Nth East Melbourne;
- Ms. Susan Fisher – Bahai Community, Preston;
- Rev. Ian Smith – Churches of Christ, Preston;
- Moti Visa – Hindu Society of Victoria;
- Ms Jacqui Mason – Northcote/Thornbury Interchurch Council;
- Ven. Andrew Oddie – Sth Darebin Anglican Church;
- Nalliah Suriyan – DECC, Tamil;
- Rev. Leonie Purcival – Uniting Church, Preston;
- Ms. Ruth Leonard – East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation;
- Fr. Gerry Medici – Catholic, Thornbury.

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Gaetano Greco

Frequency of meetings:

DIFC aims to meet monthly however this year has been bi-monthly.

Committee to be reviewed by:

November 2012

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The objectives of DIFC are:

- To create an opportunity for dialogue between religious leaders and community members of diverse faith background.
- To provide advice to Council on interfaith and intercultural collaboration.

- To provide leadership to the Darebin community on matters pertaining to interfaith relations, interfaith understanding and cooperation.
- To promote the work of interfaith collaboration and interfaith understanding in the City of Darebin.
- To act as a source of information and advice to Darebin City Council and the Darebin community on interfaith related matters.
- To work on issues of concern to Darebin's communities.
- To promote social harmony and cohesion between diverse faith communities and the protection of human rights.
- To work towards eliminating racial and religious prejudice, intolerance and vilification.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Interfaith Network for the North of Melbourne
- Domestic Violence
- Data base 'Guide to Faith Communities'
- Islamic/Community Relations

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Participation Northern Interfaith Respectful Relations Project (Prevention of Violence Against Women and Families)
- Darebin Peace Poles
- Launch of The Northern Interfaith Intercultural Network (NIIN)
- Interfaith Breakfast Seminars
- Guide to Faith Communities booklet
- Support for 'Salam Aleykum' project
- Tenancy arrangements Darebin Intercultural Centre

Challenges

A key challenge, as reflected in varied member attendance and meeting frequency, has been maintaining current membership participation as well as engagement of new members. This is reflected in out of date membership records and contact lists. Scheduled review in November 2012 will seek to address these challenges and reinvigorate membership and strategic priorities into the future. The DIFC model is different to other interfaith networks in the North that are based on a less structured model rather than formal committee of Council.

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Environmental Sustainability Implications

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

A key role of DIFC is to work on issues of concern to Darebin's communities and promote social harmony and cohesion between diverse faith communities. DIFC also aims to promote protection of human rights and work towards eliminating racial and religious prejudice,

intolerance and vilification. This has implications for the following social inclusion target groups:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex
- Women, men
- Isolated people

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Interfaith Council has a well established track record with Council in fostering and promoting intercultural/interfaith dialogue and community harmony. DIFC presence within the Darebin Intercultural Centre and pending review in November 2012 will help reinvigorate this important local committee to remain relevant and inclusive at the local and regional level.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Peace Poles launch 25th October
- Strategic Review November 2012

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Nil

11. DAREBIN LOCAL SAFETY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Coordinator Community Development, Tennille Bradley

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager People and Performance, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Local Safety Committee is jointly coordinated and administered by the City of Darebin and Victoria Police. The Committee operates within the framework of the *City of Darebin Safe Travel Strategy* and *Community Health and Wellbeing Plan* and the *Victoria Police The Way Ahead Strategic Plan*.

Committee members

Membership is comprised of representatives from the following services:-

The City of Darebin
Department of Human Services
Department of Justice (Reservoir Community Correctional Services)
Victoria Police
VicRoads
Business networks
Universities and TAFE colleges
Darebin Community Health Service
Metropolitan Fire Brigade
Public Transport Providers
Migrant Resource Centre
State Emergency Services (SES)
Community agencies
Other agencies and groups as deemed necessary by Council, Police and the Committee.

Councillor Representative:

The Mayor of the Day chairs the Darebin Local Safety Committee

Frequency of meetings:

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday

Committee to be reviewed by:

An annual review is undertaken at the first meeting of each year including a review of the Terms of Reference and membership. Next review due February 2012.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Darebin Local Safety Committee has been a formal committee of Council since 2001 with the key purpose of the committee being to develop a multi – agency forum comprising representatives from government, non – government, police and community agencies at the

local level who share a collective commitment to improving community safety and perceptions of safety.

The key objectives of the Committee are:-

- To champion community safety strategies outlined in the *Darebin Safe Travel Strategy* and *Community Health and Wellbeing Plan* and promote a 'whole of community' response to priority community safety issues identified.
- To ensure successful community participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of community safety initiatives.
- To collect quantitative and qualitative evidence that assists the planning and review of community safety projects and strategies.
- To develop an integrated approach to responding to local safety issues involving action by Council, police, community agencies and government departments.
- To provide a forum for community groups to refer community safety issues for appropriate action and coordinate responses to community safety priorities as required; and
- To support broader projects that promote 'best practice' in community safety.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Alcohol Restricted Zones pilot project
- Weapons Intervention Campaign
- Graffiti Removal
- Hoarding
- White Ribbon Campaign
- Prevention of Violence against Women
- Safety on trains
- International Students Project
- Bridge Park, Community Art Project
- East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal
- Walker Street Housing Estate
- Electronic Gaming Machines

Updates/ Projects:-

- Darebin Y-ute Crew, Youth Outreach Project – updates and collective discussion regarding local issues
- Streets Ahead Project – updates and collective discussion regarding future planning for the project post VicHealth funded period
- Darebin Safe Travel Strategy – stakeholder feedback into development and implementation of the strategy
- Darebin Health Committee – updates and collective discussion regarding collaborative projects

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Six and twelve month review of the pilot Alcohol Restricted Zones surrounding Cramer Street Preston and Edwardes Street Reservoir
- Community Safety Month activities and events October 2010
- Implementation of Operation Bounceback initiative including distribution of 100 engine immobilisers across Darebin
- Walker Street Housing Estate, Community Action Plan

Challenges

There were no challenges experienced by the committee in 2010/11. Membership was consistent with an average of 15 representatives attending each meeting. The co chair function between Darebin Police and Council works well with the District Inspector stepping in and assuming the role in the absence of the Mayor.

Currently the work of the committee is influenced by the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan. It has been identified that a more specific safety strategy is required to guide the work of the committee over the coming years.

Financial and Resource Implications

The Alcohol Restricted Zones pilot project had financial implications on current operational including cost of officer time, surveys and outreach support worker program. The estimated cost of the project that was absorbed by existing programs was \$30,000.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

N/A

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The committee has identified a range of issues which impact on groups that are at risk of exclusion. They include:-

Youth, anti-social behaviour
Older Adults, hoarding
CALD communities, International Students general safety and wellbeing
Children/ Youth, road safety and pedestrian safety
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, substance related issues
Women, prevention of violence against women

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Local Safety Committee is a vibrant committee which has strong representation from local services. Darebin Police in particular are extremely committed to the committee and have indicated that it creates a strong and robust partnership between Council and the Police which is not necessarily the case in other municipalities.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Review of committee to take place March 2012
- Consultation with committee regarding the development of a new Safety Strategy incorporating graffiti and drug & alcohol related issues.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Local Safety Committee Terms of Reference, 2011
- City of Darebin, Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009 - 2013
- City of Darebin, Graffiti Management Strategy 2008 - 2012

12. DAREBIN WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Equity and Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Bathgate

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, People and Performance, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Women's Advisory Committee (DWAC) is open to women who live, work or study in Darebin and was established in 2009 following on from the Darebin Women's Forums. Women can join at any stage. There are currently around 15 active members.

The Committee's mission is to support development of a healthy, inclusive local democracy by acting as a conduit between women in Darebin and Council that engages and empowers women and enhances Council's capacity to explore and take account of women's issues across all of its services and programs. The Committee seeks to build and reflect diversity within membership and be inclusive in practice.

Committee members

- Rae Kingsbury (Convenor appointed for Council term)
- Anna Stewart, Women's Health in the North
- Trish O'Donohue, Executive Officer, Women's Housing Information Support Network
- Leanne Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Koorie Women Mean Business/Resident
- Ursula Harrison, Coordinator, Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House
- Deborah Walsh, Resident (ex-DATSICC)
- Jan Muir, Resident (also member Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee)
- Monica Morgan, Executive Director, Elizabeth Hoffman House
- Ivana Csar, Resident
- Maria Poletti, Resident
- Fortunata Callipari, Resident
- Allie Dawe, Resident
- S'hi D'Amour, Resident
- Marianna Pettolino, Resident
- Sally Northfield, Resident
- Angela Villella, Resident
- Anne Learmoth, Resident
- Deanne Clarke-King, Resident
- Sharon Nelson, Resident
- Ashanthi Mudannayake, International Student
- Sharmila Kaul, International Student
- Diana Naranjo Fino, International Student

Councillor Representative:

- Mayor, Cr Diana Asmar

Frequency of meetings:

Bi-monthly

Committee to be reviewed by:

End of year 2013

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

Darebin Women's Advisory Committees (DWAC's) mission is to support a healthy, inclusive local democracy by acting as a conduit between women in Darebin and Council that engages and empowers women and enhances Council's capacity to explore and take account of women's issues across all of its services and activities. Since its inception in 2009, DWAC has grown in strength and diversity with investment in capacity building and strategic planning to ensure it continues to grow as an effective council committee. An annual strategic Action Plan supports their work (attached).

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Promoting women and leadership - supporting women in Darebin to get involved in government decision making processes and leadership through a range of strategic platforms and initiatives including education and awareness raising on how government works
- Addressing Social Isolation – supporting programs and initiatives to increase women's engagement and social inclusion
- Aboriginal women – working with Aboriginal women to increase profile, influence and capacity of Aboriginal women across council and community. Workshops are planned for early 2012 at the Intercultural Centre.
- Advisory – seeking to influence and inform Council policy and strategic frameworks, to support a gender equity approach to Council services, programs and policy
- Strategic - working with the International Women's Day Committee and the internal Women's Equity and Leadership Group to progress outcomes for women
- Engagement and visibility- promoting the work of the Committee to community including Darebin Women's E-List
- Infrastructure, planning and design – advocating on women friendly spaces

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

Key achievements for DWAC in the last financial year include:

Strategic Planning

Activities included two facilitated planning sessions with refinement and development of Terms of Reference, a Strategic Action Plan and Evaluation Framework

Engagement

The Committee is active in engaging with community through a range of mechanisms including participation in community events - Darebin Kite Festival, Festival of Light and Friendship, Women's Car Sleep Out and Support for Aboriginal Women's Sorry Day activity in the Intercultural Centre 27th May 2011.

During this period, DWAC undertook targeted engagement and dialogue with International Students and Aboriginal women.

Communication and engagement was maintained through the Darebin Women's E-list (a local list of Darebin Women wanting to keep linked into activities of the Committee and related Council information. The list contains over 80 email members.) An E-List evaluation undertaken April 2011

DWAC has a dedicated website: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/womensadvisorycommittee

Advocacy and advice on Council policy and projects

The Committee has had input into Darebin Leisure Strategy, Darebin Food Security Strategy, Youth Strategy, Reservoir Structure Plan, Fair Go For International Students Project, Women's Space for Darebin and the Intercultural Centre Project

Strategic partnerships

DWAC has been working with Women's Health in the North and Darebin Council Human Rights Project Officer on developing a targeted Human Rights project for women in the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal area. I has strengthened partnerships with local Aboriginal women through membership and support for community activities such as the Sorry Day Exhibition.

Building membership capacity

The Committee continues to grow and develop. Establishment phase has seen the Committee mature with a diverse membership base of 15 core members following initial Registration of Interest Process in 2009. Membership is a mixture of local residents and agencies and open to people living, working and studying in Darebin.

Fostering leadership in women

In addition to attending meetings members have been attending Council meetings. A Councillor Reception was held for Women's Advisory Committees on International Women's Day Event 7th May 2011.

Challenges

A key challenge is ensuring the DWAC has ensuring opportunity for meaningful and timely input in to Council strategies and plans.

What impact did they have on the overall Committee's performance?

The Committee may not have had as much impact and influence on Council decision making as it impacts on women in the community as it potentially could have.

What actions were taken to address the challenges and were they successful?

Supporting officers will seek to provide information on Council strategic planning cycles/key strategies in advance where possible. The activities and role of the Committee will also be better promoted across Council. The development of the Social Inclusion Audit tool and Women's Equity Action Plan will help remediate this.

Financial and Resource Implications

Expenditure of the Committee per annum within budget \$4-6k including meetings, promotion and engagement activities.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

Impact on climate change and environmental crisis such as flood, storms, drought affect women and men differently in relation to access to services, support and impact on domestic spheres such as providing food, shelter and family support. Economic stress as a result of climate change/resource impacts such as peak oil – have flow on effects such as economic stress with burden on women and their families often being increased during such periods.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

Gender equity is an important social justice goal. Gender inequity leads to many women experiencing significant disadvantage, impacting on their physical, mental and social health and wellbeing.

The concept recognises that within all communities, men and women have different benefits, access to power, resources and responsibilities. Gender equity is the process of being fair to both men and women by recognising diversity and disadvantage and directing resources and services towards those most in need to ensure equal outcomes for all.

Local government plays an important role in creating and supporting environments that enable community to achieve optimal health and wellbeing. Reducing gender inequality for women across their diversity is a key strategy in achieving this goal, allowing for a more just, inclusive and fair society for both men and women.

Work being progressed in the Equity and Diversity under Community Planning, Partnerships and Performance Department including development of a comprehensive Social Inclusion Framework and Audit Tool, Human Rights Framework, Women's Equity Action Plan and Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children Strategic Action Plan will further advance Councils work in supporting gender equity and prevention of violence against women and children.

The work of the Women's Advisory Committee advances Council commitment to support social inclusion, greater equity and valued participation of women in our community.

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Women's Advisory Committee is a relatively new committee of Council. It continues to develop in capacity and scope and is a key element in Councils work around promoting gender equity, access and inclusion for women in our community.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- The committee will conduct two more meetings for 2011 in October and December.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Strategic Action Plan 2011-2012
- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Strategic Action Plan 2010-2011
- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

13. DAREBIN HEALTH COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Health Planner, Melissah Morrison

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager People and Performance, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Health Committee is a group of internal and external representatives which provides advice to Council on issues relating to the health and wellbeing of the Darebin community. It also oversees Council's *Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009-2013*.

Committee members

Membership is comprised of representatives from the following services:-

- Darebin Council
- Northern Division of General Practice
- Darebin Community Health
- Northern Area Mental Health
- NEAMI Darebin
- Mental Illness Fellowship Victoria
- Women's Health in the North
- Darebin Progress Association
- Northern Health
- Austin Health
- Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre
- Department of Health (North/West Region)
- North East Primary Care Partnership

Councillor Representative:

The Committee is co-Chaired by two Darebin Councillors:-

- Cr Gaetano Greco
- Cr Stanley Chaing

Frequency of meetings:

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month.

Committee to be reviewed by:

An annual review of the Terms of Reference and membership is undertaken at the first meeting of the year. A more formal review was undertaken in October 2011, to strengthen partnerships between Council's Community Services and local health services.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Darebin Health Committee has been a formal committee of Council since 2003 with the key purpose of the committee being to oversee the Darebin Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing planning. The Committee is made up of a wide variety of services from across Darebin's health and community sectors and provides advice to Council on health and wellbeing issues in the Darebin community.

The key objectives of the Committee are:-

- Assist Council to identify relevant public health and wellbeing issues affecting the City of Darebin.
- Assist Council to develop the most appropriate strategies to address the public health and wellbeing issues identified. This will be achieved through an understanding of the current concepts associated with health planning and health promotion such as the Environments for Health Framework and the Social Model of Health and the role of Local Government in public health planning.
- Monitor and evaluate the efficacy of the strategies implemented.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Community Health and Wellbeing Plan Action Plan and Progress Report for Year One
- Darebin Health and Wellbeing Forum 2011
- Victorian Population Health Survey 2008 Data for the City of Darebin
- COAG Healthy Communities grants for Local Government Areas
- National Health Reforms
- Northern Melbourne Medicare Local
- Health Workforce Issues
- E-Health
- Primary Care Partnership (PCP) Transition
- New Prevention and Recovery Centre (PARC) in Wood Street Preston
- Food security
- Social inclusion agenda
- Gay and lesbian health and wellbeing issues
- Prevention of violence against women
- Mental Health Support Services Guides
- Open Mind Fiesta event
- Building Inclusive Sports Grant
- Exercise program in Darebin parks
- Outdoor Smoke-Free Areas
- Carer Card Scheme

Updates/Projects:-

- Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy – stakeholder feedback into development and implementation of the strategy
- Darebin Food Security Policy – stakeholder feedback into development and implementation of the Policy

- Streets Ahead Project – updates and collective discussion regarding future planning for the project post VicHealth funded period
- Darebin Local Safety Committee – updates and collective discussion regarding collaborative projects

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Ran the inaugural Community Health and Wellbeing Forum in April 2011 with around 100 community members and agency representatives in attendance. The purpose of this Forum was to report back to the community on progress over year one of the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009-2013. Fifty-three percent of attendees reported that they were very satisfied with the role Council is playing in addressing the health and wellbeing needs of the Darebin community. The majority of respondents rated the forum as good (61%) to very good (33%).
- Developed a *Mental Health Support Services Guide*. These pocket-sized guides were launched by the Darebin Mayor, Cr Vince Fontana at the Open Mind Fiesta on 17 October 2010. Six thousand copies of these guides have already been disseminated in their first year, with a second edition being developed and 5000 more copies being printed to keep up with community demand.
- Prepared a submission to the *Primary Care Partnership Boundary Review*.
- Wrote letters to the State Minister regarding Darebin Community Health taking over the PANCH site and the Federal Minister advocating that Community Health be preserved in the *federal health reforms*.

Challenges

One of the difficulties faced by the Darebin Health Committee is dealing with the spectrum of health issues from health prevention and promotion such as active transport and healthy eating to health acute services and treatment. As the majority of the representation in this Committee is from health services, work naturally tends to focus on the services and treatment end of this spectrum. To strengthen the work of this Committee across all areas of health, Council officers are currently engaging in a review of the governance model to ensure the partnership operates effectively in both the health prevention/promotion and health services/treatment areas into the future.

The commitment to this Committee is strong, with the majority of representatives being long-term members sitting on the Committee since it began in 2003. Membership is also consistent with an average of 11 representatives attending each meeting.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this Committee. Council's Health Planner provides staff resources to the coordination and administration of the Committee.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

The health impacts of climate change, including food security, are priority areas under the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009-2013, and are therefore issues that relevant to the work of the Darebin Health Committee.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The Darebin Community Health and Wellbeing Plan, upon which the Darebin Health Committee is based, acknowledges that there are specific groups in our community who are more at risk of poor health and wellbeing outcomes than others and who need more targeted intervention. The following are Darebin's priority groups for this Plan which are supported by the Darebin Health Committee:

- People experiencing socio-economic disadvantage
- Isolated older residents
- People with a disability
- People from culturally diverse backgrounds, particularly newly arrived migrants, refugees and international students
- People from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
- Women and children experiencing social disadvantage

CONCLUSION

The Darebin Health Committee is a valued committee with strong representation and commitment from local health and community services across the City of Darebin. The current review process aims to strengthen the good work and collaborative work ethic of this Committee and its stakeholders to ensure good health and wellbeing outcomes for the Darebin community.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Review of the Committee to take place in October 2011.
- Action planning for 2011/2012

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Health Steering Committee's Terms of Reference, 2011 (Objective ID: A1012820)
- City of Darebin, Community Health and Wellbeing Plan 2009-2013

14. PRESTON BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Business Development Coordinator, Wendy Dinning

REVIEWED BY: Economic Development and Employment Manager, Eddy Boscarol

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Preston Business Advisory Committee (PBAC) is an advisory committee to Council. The objective is for PBAC and Council to work in partnership to improve and further develop Preston Central as a business and community hub and as a flagship Principal Activity Centre.

Committee members

Membership is comprised of representatives from the following businesses and organisations:-

Old Fire Station Café

Preston Market

Snap Printing

Westpac

Bendigo Bank

Cheaper Party Supplies

Preston Eye Care

Preston Girls Secondary College – resigned June 2011

Northern Bullants – Community Member

Department of Transport – Community Member

Preston Marketing Coordinator – paid position

Councillor Representative:

Cr Vince Fontana

Frequency of meetings:

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

Committee to be reviewed by:

A review of this committee will occur with the renewal of the Special Rate Levy in 2013.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The current model of the PBAC was adopted by Council on 2 June 2008 as the model for the management, administration and other functions related to the marketing and promotions of the Preston Central Shopping Centre and the administration of the Preston Special Charge Scheme.

The model works due to the willingness of business and community representatives to work in partnership with Council and to contribute their expertise, particularly with regard to marketing and promotional activities. With Council taking on the administrative functions, local business people have been able to contribute in a more effective manner.

The role of the PBAC

The role of the PBAC is to provide advice to Council on how best to develop and promote Preston as a vibrant and sustainable shopping centre.

The PBAC provides a forum for the business community of Preston to partner with Council and provide ongoing input, advice and feedback in the development, management and marketing of Preston Central and the administration of the special charge scheme.

The PBAC seeks to achieve the vision reflected in the Preston Central Business Plan; to participate in the development of a new Business Plan and Marketing Plan to guide the marketing activities in the Centre and provide advice and assistance on marketing and communication activities to promote Preston Central Shopping Centre.

The PBAC also assists Council to monitor the expenditure of the special rate levy fund and the implementation and effectiveness of various business and marketing plans; and provide advice on any issues relevant to the management, marketing, promotions and administration of Preston Central

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Calendar of promotional events
- Variety of retail stores in Preston Central
- Graffiti and poster management
- Cleansing of footpaths and street furniture
- Parking
- Upcoming road works in Cramer, Gower and High Street
- Beautification of shopping strips
- Public drinking

Updates/ Projects:-

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Delivery of 9 promotional or cross promotional events
- Website development
- Development of Preston Central positioning line 'Preston Central – the people's place'
- Promotion of Preston Professional Services Campaign
- Centre Banner Project with Preston Girls Secondary College
- Preston Central eco friendly bags

Challenges

There were no major challenges presented for the PBAC.

One meeting was postponed due to lack of a quorum. This is understandable as members have to attend to their own business requirements.

New administration processes have been put in place to ensure that payments made on behalf of the PBAC are proactively processed.

Financial and Resource Implications

The Preston special charge raises an amount of \$110,000 per annum over a five year period for marketing, promotional and related activities for Preston Central.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

N/A

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The committee has identified a range of issues which impact on groups that are at risk of exclusion and work with businesses and organisations within Preston Central to promote inclusiveness.

In 2010/11 the event program incorporated the Lunar New Year. Future events scheduled by the PBAC will be aimed at celebrating the diverse cultures that live and shop in Preston.

CONCLUSION

The Preston Business Advisory Committee is vibrant committee and has strong representation from local passionate businesses. The Bendigo Bank, Westpac and the Preston Market representatives are able to provide great linkages to the wider business and residential community. The representatives on the PBAC have formed a strong network and provide a leadership role for the Preston community.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Development of the 2012/13 Business Plan
- Additional promotional events
- Launch of website

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Preston Business Advisory Committee (PBAC) Terms of Reference.

15. DAREBIN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES COUNCIL

AUTHOR: Equity and Diversity Coordinator, Mandy Bathgate

REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, People and Diversity, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) is a peak body which seeks to represent the views and interests of Darebin's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. DECC currently represents over 80 ethnic groups and associations within the city of Darebin. DECC's role is to act as consultative body to the Darebin City Council for developing appropriate programs and services in order to meet the needs of Darebin's CALD communities.

Committee members

John	Zika	VICSEG
Sofia	Kotanidis	Greek Community
Andy	Mylonas	Greek
Josara	De Lange	Dutch
Carmelina	Di Guglielmo	Italian
Lina	Hassan	Lebanon/Arabic
Miranda	Elias	"
Bone	Daspetovski	Macedonian
James	M. Fornah	Sierra Leone
Nalliah	Suriyakumaran	Tamil/Sri Lanka
Zacharia	Dhieu	Sudanese
Nur	Osman	African
Lionel	Bopage	PHRE
Carolyn	Hines	
Jackie	Mansourian	DCH
Carlene	Lamada	Spectrum MRC
John	Nicolau	
Jenny	Mikakos	Greek Community Member for Jika Jika

Councillor Representative:

Cr Gaetano Greco
Cr Trent McCarthy

Frequency of meetings:

DECC meets monthly - every third Thursday of the month.

Committee to be reviewed by:

December 2012

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

DECC is a peak body which seeks to represent the views and interests of Darebin's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. Originally established as the Northcote Ethnic Communities Council by the Northcote City Council's resolution and was incorporated in 1990. As a result of Local Government amalgamations its membership was expanded to represent the City of Darebin's CALD communities. In 2010 DECC with the support of the Darebin City Council, opened its offices at the Darebin Intercultural Centre.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Implementation of MOU between DECC and DCC
- Population debate
- Multicultural inquiry
- Darebin Intercultural Centre
- Climate Change and Carbon Tax forum
- Meet your local candidates
- Housing affordability

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

Forums

- Population Forum organised in partnership with Darebin and Whittlesea Council
- Meet your local state candidates Forum organized with the Spectrum MRC. The aim of the forum was to provide an opportunity for the CALD communities to meet their local candidates, ask questions about their policies and promote civic participation
- Climate Change and Carbon Trade Forum to promote understanding of climate change and carbon tax.
- Public inquiry into multiculturalism in partnership with DCC
- Housing affordability forum in partnership with the DCC

Consultation

- During 2010/11 Council officers consulted with DECC on : Tram Route 86, Talking my Own Language, Development of an Active Health Ageing Strategy, Darebin Racism inquiry, CALD Communications Strategy and Greening Streets Strategy.
- Input to the Victorian Multicultural Policy review.

Projects

DECC has organised two important projects in 2010 - 2011:

Darebin' Backyard Harvest Festival: This project was funded through the Council Community Grants program with the aim of recognising and celebrating the contribution of migrants to the Australian society as a natural process of their settlement. Between February and March 2011, seven Darebin gardeners opened their garden of produce to the Darebin public. The program was very successful attracting interest of local papers, local and wider community. Over 60 local residents were recorded as visiting the open gardens.

Storytelling Workshops: Two workshops were conducted with Arnold Zable and a final presentation at the Darebin Intercultural Centre with 50 people in attendance. The project was successful and will continue in 2011-2012.

Challenges

- To continue building an effective engagement with the newly arrived communities
- To maintain and seek an affective financial base for the organisation
- To continue to build the capacity of DECC to support and facilitate community consultation and engagement with Council.

Strategies to address these challenges are included within the DECC strategic plan and MOU arrangement with Council.

Financial and Resource Implications

DECC receives a recurrent annual grant of \$10,000 to support operational costs. It has also received funding support of \$15,000 for projects through the Community Grants Program.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

DECC has sought engagement with diverse CALD groups through provision of information and education on environmental issues and local implications.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

DECC's key role is to represent the views and interests of Darebin's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and to act as consultative body to the Darebin City Council for developing appropriate programs and services in order to meet the needs of Darebin's CALD communities. As such it is aligned with and progresses Council's social inclusion agenda working with CALD communities across diversity relating to gender, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, health, housing and religion.

CONCLUSION

DECC continues to be an important mechanism advocating for the needs and aspirations of Darebin's diverse CALD population and ensuring Council's programs, policies and services are inclusive and accountable to CALD communities. As an advisory body, supported through Council MOU and Strategic Action Plan, effective partnership with Council continues to be a priority to ensure it remains visible, effective and strategic.

FUTURE ACTIONS

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Council and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council MOU 2011-2014

**16. EAST RESERVOIR NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL
STEERING COMMITTEE**

AUTHOR: Place Manager, East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal,
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REVIEWED BY: Group Manager, People and Performance, Fred Warner

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

This Steering Committee is responsible for the development and delivery of the East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Community Action Plan. A number of Action Groups assist the membership to deliver projects and strategies to improve the local community according to the key objective areas of Neighbourhood Renewal.

Committee members

- Dean Turner, Resident (Chair)
- Colleen Cleeve, Resident
- Rawinia Carroll, Resident
- Merrill Bray, Resident
- Marion Harper, Resident
- Graeme Ashton, Resident
- Donna Carpenter, Resident
- Lyn Ettridge, Resident
- Mary Holdsworth, Reservoir Tenant Group
- Sally Rossiter, Darebin Community Health
- Steve Maillet, Melbourne Citymission
- Emma Pase, Darebin City Council
- Tennille Bradley, Darebin City Council
- Moya White, Darebin Community Health
- Sue Silk, Melbourne Citymission
- Ian Fidler, Reservoir Police
- Viviane Lacey, Dept of Human Services
- Hoang Nguyen, Dept of Human Services
- Sarah Foley, Reservoir Neighbourhood House

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Tim Laurence
- Cr Gaetano Greco

Frequency of meetings:

Monthly between February - November

Committee to be reviewed by:

Review process determined by membership as required. Committee will be reviewed as part of Mainstreaming Process for East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal in 2012.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

Neighbourhood Renewal is a State Government initiative that provides opportunities and investment into disadvantaged communities across the State. The East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal project commenced in 2005 and was the first project in the State where the Place Manager was employed by Local Government from the commencement of the 8 year project. The program seeks to enhance and improve opportunities for local people through addressing 6 key objective areas. These are:

- increasing people's pride and participation in the community
- enhancing housing and the physical environment
- lifting employment and learning opportunities and expanding local economies
- improving personal safety and reducing crime
- promoting health and wellbeing
- increasing access to services and improving government responsiveness (joined-up government).

The East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Community Action Plan documents goals and actions relating to these key objective areas that are prioritised by the community through consultation and research.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Community Action Plan review
- Reservoir Neighbourhood House first birthday celebration
- Visit to other Neighbourhood Renewal sites
- Election of office bearer roles
- Reflection on visit of Minister for Housing Children and Early Childhood Development
- Action Group updates

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Community Action Plan review
- Planning and reflection on key events including Reservoir Neighbourhood House first birthday celebration and Ministerial Visit
- Planning and delivery of visit to other Neighbourhood Renewal sites for project partnership learning
- Election of office bearer roles to resident members

Challenges

The Committee's goal is to have active resident participation and responsibility for key roles within the membership. This goal was not being achieved to its maximum impact during 2010/2011 therefore office bearers were elected in 2011 to strengthen the capacity of residents to Chair and take minutes at the meetings. Elections were held and roles were filled on an ongoing basis.

Delays were experienced in the development of a new Community Action Plan. Initial consultation and engagement work was commenced in late 2009/early 2010 which gathered the information required to complete a new plan for the community. The development of a new Community Action Plan wasn't progressed in the remainder of 2010 as planned, however, this process was prioritised at the conclusion of the 2010/2011 year. The Community Action Plan has since been completed.

Financial and Resource Implications

Not applicable.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

One of the key achievements of the Committee was the establishment of environmentally sustainable community gardens within the East Reservoir community on Council land during 2011.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal initiative's core purpose and function with the community is to address social justice for this disadvantaged area of Darebin. The way the program works includes various consultation, inclusion and empowerment activities for the whole of community.

CONCLUSION

The Committee fulfilled its function and goals for the 2010/2011 year. The membership remained solid, with strong resident participation levels achieved.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Development and signing of first Neighbourhood Agreement with partners
- Regular reviews of Community Action Plan 2011-2013
- Commencement of Mainstreaming Workbook tasks
- Guidance to Action Group and project team on Mainstreaming planning

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Community Action Plan 2011-2013
- East Reservoir Neighbourhood Renewal Steering Committee Terms of Reference

17. NORTHLAND STRUCTURE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Manager City Development – Darren Rudd

REVIEWED BY: Director City Works and Development – Michael Ballock

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

This committee is a project steering committee, responsible for guiding the development of a Structure Plan for the Northland Activity Centre. The committee brings together the experiences and ideas of a range of stakeholders to provide a balanced and representative understanding of the future needs of the Northland Activity Centre and to ensure best practice in the development of the Structure Plan.

Committee members

- City of Darebin Cazaly Ward Councillors Vince Fontana, Nick Katsis and Ben Morgan (Co-chairs)
- City of Darebin Strategic Planning Unit officers
- City of Darebin Major Projects and Activity Centres Representative
- Department of Planning and Community Development Representative
- Colonial First State Property Management (Northland Shopping Centre)
- Northland Secondary College
- Banyule City Council Representative
- Local Community Representative

Councillor Representative:

- Cazaly Ward Councillors Vince Fontana, Nick Katsis and Ben Morgan

Frequency of meetings:

Steering Committee meetings are held to coincide with significant milestones in the project and are scheduled as required. On average meetings are 3 months apart.

Committee to be reviewed by:

The committee is not proposed for review. The project is close to completion (expected completion by June 2012)

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The Northland Structure Plan Steering Committee was established in March 2009 and is intended to meet until the final Northland Structure Plan is adopted by Darebin City Council.

Objectives of the Committee:

- To guide the Northland Structure Plan project process

- To provide advice in the form of recommendations to Council on strategic directions for a range of land use and urban design issues in the Northland Principal Activity Centre.
- To engage with the public and stakeholders during the undertaking of the structure planning process.
- Identify opportunities and build support for the Structure Plan's implementation following its development.

Key tasks of the Committee:

- Make decisions at significant milestones as identified in the project process.
- Ensure the project is steered in accordance with the Project Brief.
- Consider the findings of the project research tasks and make recommendations to Council to achieve the objectives of the project as set out in the Project Brief.
- Work with community and stakeholders to obtain information and provide feedback on the findings of the project.

Key issues for 2010/2011

- Development of a future Vision for the Northland Activity Centre.
- Finalisation of Vision for public consultation.
- The outcomes of the Vision public consultation and examination of issues for development of the draft Structure Plan.
- Further work required to examine environmental, economics and transportation issues and questions.
- Consultation and cooperation with Banyule City Council.
- Consideration of proposed extension of the structure plan study area and activity centre boundary.

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Development of an agreed Vision for the Northland Activity Centre
- Endorsement of the Northland Vision Scenarios Paper
- Successful completion of a consultation program for the Northland Vision Scenarios Paper
- Understanding of key issues required to complete the draft Structure Plan.
- Successful completion of additional research into environmental, economics and transport requirements for delivery of the vision and completion of the structure plan.
- Agreement to support expansion of the Structure plan study area and activity centre boundary.

Challenges

Main issues were in the consistent attendance of all members to each meeting and ensuring all members were involved in decisions made. The community representative in particular did not attend any meetings in 2010/11 and appears to have lost interest in the project. However, this was not considered to undermine the committee's performance. The extensive community consultation undertaken on the Vision Scenarios Paper in 2011 has ensured that community views on the project are well understood. In addition, the 3 Councillor Representatives are not always all able to attend, however they coordinate between themselves to ensure at least 1 of them is present at each meeting. This arrangement has worked well.

To ensure all committee members are up to date and informed on key milestones and developments, the project manager has maintained regular email communications with committee members.

Overall, the committee is considered to have operated well in 2010/2011.

Financial and Resource Implications

The Committee operates within the Northland Structure Plan project budget.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

The Northland Structure Plan project seeks to maintain and enhance the long term environmental sustainability of Northland PAC via a number of strategies including but not limited to:

- Creating an environment where appropriate land uses and linkages are arranged so as to promote walking and cycling for local journeys and public transport for access to nearby Activity Centres and the CBD.
- The development of appropriate design principles that will provide directions for future development to ensure ecologically sustainable development and practices, such as passive design
- Direction for how the above principles may be incorporated into streetscape design such as relating to public spaces, public lighting, water sensitive urban design and the like.
- Direction for how ecological systems around Darebin Creek can be respected and ecological conditions improved with future development in the centre.
- Identification of opportunities for reducing waste generation.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The City of Darebin aspires to develop a physical, social and economic environment that supports and enhances the health and wellbeing of Darebin residents and will strive for a just and inclusive community that feels connected, understood and valued. Commitment to this principle is particularly important for Northland PAC, where the resident population currently experiences high levels of socio-economic disadvantage. It is a priority of the Structure Plan project to deliver a strategy for future development of Northland PAC which will minimise the barriers to community participation in and access to jobs, services and facilities in Northland PAC as part of tackling disadvantage and ensuring fair access to the benefits of growth and change.

Through improved design, the structure plan will lead the development of a safer and more stimulating built environment which, over time, will deliver the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour. Northland is one of the locations in Darebin that is of concern to Police and this is due in part to the lack of passive surveillance and general design of the shopping centre.

CONCLUSION

The Northland Structure Plan steering committee has performed effectively in 2010/2011. The Committee has overseen the direction of the project and worked enthusiastically and collaboratively. In particular the steering committee members have worked to ensure the

profile and objectives the project been significantly strengthened via increased support across state government departments and direct dialogue and cooperation with Banyule City Council and key land owners in the centre.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Review and completion of the draft Structure Plan (November 2011 - February 2012)
- Confirm public exhibition program for the Draft Structure Plan (March - May 2012)
- Review of the public consultation outcomes and finalisation of Structure Plan for Council adoption (May - June 2012)

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Northland Structure Plan Background and Issues Report, April 2010
- Northland Structure Plan Vision Scenarios Paper, March 2011
- Darebin Creek Northland Ecological Improvement Study, AECOM, July 2011
- Northland Vision Economic Feasibility Study, Spade Consultants, September 2011
- Northland Vision Transport Analysis, Booz&Co, October 2011
- Committee's Terms of Reference (attached)

18. RESERVOIR STRUCTURE PLAN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Strategic Planner, Kylie Long

REVIEWED BY: Manager, City Development, Darren Rudd

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Community Reference Group (CRG) brings together the experiences and ideas of a range of community stakeholders to provide a balanced and representative understanding of the future needs of the Reservoir Major Activity Centre. The CRG represents and acts as a sounding board on a range of community opinions and views to enrich and add value to the preparation of the structure plans.

Committee members

- Roy Arnott
- Cameron Taylor
- S'hi D'Amour
- Ray Jordan
- Eric Jamieson
- John Nicolaou
- John Gallinaro
- Chris Samartzis

Councillor Representative

Co-chairs:

- Cr Greco
- Cr Chiang
- Cr Laurence

Frequency of meetings

Meetings are held at project milestones. Seven meetings have been held since September 2009 and it is anticipated that three more meetings will be held prior to the project completion.

Committee to be reviewed by

The committee is to be reviewed on Delivery of the Reservoir Structure Plan project.

PROGRESS REPORT

Introduction and Background

The CRG brings together the experiences and ideas of a range of community stakeholders to provide a balanced and representative understanding of the future needs of the Reservoir Major Activity Centre. The CRG represents and acts as a sounding board on a range of community opinions and views to enrich and add value to the preparation of the structure plans.

Key issues for 2010/2011

The CRG:

- provided feedback and preferences on land use / development options during the vision scenarios community consultation period
- participated in the design process for the community engagement strategy to finalise the vision
- reviewed the draft community engagement strategy and suggested that the strategy needed to be more exciting and engaging and feature more on the street types of activities
- expressed the need for support for community leaders in Reservoir to play a role in the implementation of the project

Key activities/outcomes/achievements for 2010/2011

- Direct participation in the design of the community engagement strategy for the vision finalisation

Challenges

It has been a challenge to respond to the multiple aspirations for the community engagement strategy as expressed by the CRG representatives.

Financial and Resource Implications

The work of the committee informs the preparation of the Reservoir Structure Plan and has no financial and resource implications.

Environmental Sustainability Implications

The Reservoir Structure Plan project seeks to maintain and enhance the long term environmental sustainability of Reservoir MAC via a number of strategies including but not limited to:

- The integration between Reservoir Village and Broadway by creating an environment where appropriate land uses and transport infrastructure are arranged so as to promote walking and cycling for local journeys and public transport for access to nearby Activity Centres and the CBD,
- The development of appropriate design principles that will provide directions for future development to ensure ecologically sustainable development and practices, such as passive design,
- Direction for how the above principles may be incorporated into streetscape design such as relating to public spaces, public lighting, water sensitive urban design and the like,
- Identification of opportunities for local renewable energy generation in both the public and private realm,
- Identification of opportunities for using waste as a resource and the overall reduction in waste generation,
- Identification of necessary initiatives required to improve the food security in Reservoir.

Social Inclusion and Diversity Implications

The consultation strategy for the Reservoir Structure Plan is to develop a vision for Reservoir that is shaped by the community and captures and builds on the essence of the place. In addition the structure plan seeks higher levels of community participation and empowerment through activities such as the small wins actions and the role of the Community Reference Group.

The up and coming community engagement period will provide much needed resourcing to reach the 'hard to reach' groups in Reservoir such as women's groups, CALD community groups, youth and indigenous groups to ensure their needs and aspirations are considered as part of the project outcomes.

CONCLUSION

The CRG continue to enrich the structure plan preparation through ongoing ideas, suggestions and feedback on key project milestones.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Community engagement on the aspects of the Draft Structure Plan with CRG involvement
- Preparation of the Final Structure Plan for Reservoir MAC

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- *Strategic Transport Plan, Baseline Report, June 2010*
- *Economic and Market Feasibility Report, June 2010*
- *Background and Issues Paper, September 2010*
- *Place Essence Report, September 2010*
- *Small Wins Action Plan, August 2010*
- *Reservoir Junction Discussion Paper, August 2010*
- *Vision Scenarios Discussion Paper, November 2010*