
1. ACTIVE & HEALTHY AGEING COMMUNITY BOARD

AUTHOR: Coordinator, Community Participation & Development

REVIEWED BY: Director, Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Active and Healthy Ageing Community Board represents the interests of older adults in Darebin. The role of the committee is to inform and assist Council in understanding the issues, policies and drivers that influence services delivered to residents ageing in Darebin. Additionally the committee has a role in monitoring and reporting on the Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011-2021.

Committee Members:

- 15 Community representatives
- 2 age care research/professional representatives
- 4 Darebin City Council Officers

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Susanne Newton
- Cr. Gaetano Greco
- Cr. Lina Messina

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 – May 2017

Key challenges for this period include;

- Discussion of significant reforms in the disability and aged care sector.
- Wanting greater collaboration with other committees, such as DDAC in regard to NDIS reforms.
- Focus on key priorities for the Board which include: Housing, Transport, and Collaboration with other advisory committees.
- Increased representation and diversity of older people to the Board.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 – May 2017

Key highlights for this period include;

- Identification of key priorities through December planning session. Priorities included: Housing, Aged Care Reforms, Social Inclusion, Elder Abuse, and Recruitment of new members.
 - Regular discussion and updates regarding the aged care reforms
 - Regular updates from the Aged Care Reform Working Group
 - Review of the Active and Healthy Ageing Community Board Terms of Reference resulting in an increase to community membership from ten members to fifteen.
 - Initiation of a joint meeting with the Darebin Disability Advisory Committee to address issues and priorities common to both committees to maximise understanding and advocacy.
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- Input into a number of Council strategies/ plans/ local projects which included:
 - Edwardes Lake Master Plan
 - M40 Preston – Reservoir to Merri Creek Water Main renewal project

FUTURE PLANS

- Ongoing recruitment is required particularly in regard to attracting an additional 1-2 Aboriginal elders.
- Ongoing work to encourage and foster collaborative opportunities between the Board and other committees.
- Continue to keep the Board informed particularly with regard to changes in aged care policy and outcomes from the Aged Care Reform working group.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
 - Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011-2021
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1. DAREBIN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Aboriginal Contact Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this of this Committee is to provide clear advice, direction and cultural overlay to Council's project initiatives including monitoring and implementation of Darebin's Aboriginal Action Plan.

Committee Members:

- 3 Darebin Councillors
- 8 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members

In this period the Advisory Council has met on March 8 and for special meeting on May 10, 2017.

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Susan Rennie (Chairperson)
- Cr. Gaetano Greco
- Cr Susanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Established a new 8 person Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
 - Supporting Traditional Owner participation on the Committee – the Wurundjeri Council have a permanent seat on the Committee
 - Aboriginal Treaty and Constitutional reform – what it may mean for Council
 - Ongoing work with Batman Park Renaming and the Renaming of Batman Park Electorate project
 - Mapping of key Darebin Aboriginal organisations, services and the Aboriginal population of Darebin
 - Cultural overlay of Bundoora Park working with Traditional Owner groups
 - Quarterly joint Council meetings (Whittlesea/Darebin/Banyule) and reports with Wurundjeri Cultural Consultants
 - MAYSAR Aboriginal organisation successfully relocated to a building in Kingsbury
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Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Advise and endorse potential relocation of Aboriginal Radio station 3KND to the former Preston Police Station building.
- Provide ongoing support to Wurundjeri Council to scope out tentative business sites and opportunities for relocation within Darebin.
- Input into the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy and Action Plan 2017-2021.
- Review of Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan (Aboriginal component).
- Relocation opportunities for infrastructure/program support for Aboriginal organisations and Traditional Owner groups and exploring opportunities in Darebin.
- Advice and support is ongoing with many of these projects and some are nearer to completion than others. From December 2016 last year until May 2017 this year a lot of the work has been developing strong supportive relationships with both the Traditional Owner groups (Wurundjeri) and the 17 Aboriginal community organisations in Darebin. These relationships have been in the form of partnerships, sponsorships and in-kind contributions.

FUTURE PLANS

- Strategic cultural guidance and advice on development of the new Darebin Aboriginal Action plan and implementation of the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2017-2021.
- Consider joint activities between DAAC and other internal/external community advisory group.
- Continued provision of cultural advice, voice, knowledge and leadership around Council strategic policy and planning
- Continued provision of cultural advice and direction on Council projects in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues
- Provision of knowledge and critical cultural advice around Treaty and Constitutional Recognition and what this may mean for Council and Aboriginal communities.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Aboriginal Action Plan (2012-2017)
 - Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Terms of Reference (A2464958)
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1. DAREBIN ARTS AMBASSADORS REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Manager, Creative Culture and Events

REVIEWED BY: Director, Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Arts Ambassadors Reference Group aims to be a source of advice and advocacy on matters relating to arts, creativity, and creative industry and infrastructure in Darebin.

Committee Members:

- 10 representatives from the Community - five residents who are stakeholders in the arts and creative sector in Darebin, and five creative sector professionals whose work is based in Darebin.
- Five Council Staff including: Manager Creative Culture and Events, Coordinator Arts Programming, Coordinator Arts Participation
- Two Councillors

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Steph Amir and Cr Gaetano Greco

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Reviewing outcomes and operational matters related to Darebin Arts programming, events and initiatives
- Honing the vision, roles and responsibilities of the new Arts Ambassadors group members
- Engagement of Ambassadors as panel evaluators for funding applications
- Clarifying the role Council plays in the arts and creative sector in Darebin and focus on community participation
- Clarifying the depth and breadth of outputs and outcomes of Council's Creative Culture and Events - not cognisant of how many and which events are Council-produced.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Darebin Arts Ambassador selection for 2016-2018 group endorsed by Council February 2017; first meeting convened March 2017
 - Presentation of scope of work and initiatives of Creative Culture and Events Unit, including Cultural Development Network project
 - Reviewed and responded to draft Council Plan from Creative Sector view point
 - Facilitated planning session to clarify purpose and role Arts Ambassadors. To continue in August 2017.
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- Networking events with other key creative sector partners and stakeholders in Darebin including Council's Arts Partnership Initiative partners, Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Board of Management, and developments (rehearsal) outcomes.

FUTURE PLANS

- Continuation of facilitation in August 2017 with Matt Wicking to clarify vision of the Arts Ambassadors' potential and purpose
- Involvement of Ambassadors at Darebin Creative Culture and Events key note events such as opening nights, festivals and events, as voice advocating for Council's work

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Arts Ambassadors Reference Group Terms of Reference - A3983863
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1. DAREBIN AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Civic Events & Engagement Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director, Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The role of the Darebin Australia Day Committee is to promote the Australia Day Award nominations and Australia Day event in the community, to judge the entries for the Awards in accordance with the stipulated criteria, select winners and attend celebrations in January each year. Australia Day celebrations include an Awards ceremony held prior to Australia Day and a Citizenship Ceremony held on Australia Day.

The Committee is supported by the Civic Events and Engagement Officer.

Committee Members:

The current Committee includes:

- One representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council
- Three community representatives

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- There were no key issues or concerns raised by the Committee during this time.

Key Activities /Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Two Australia Day Ambassadors for the Darebin Australia Day Awards event and Citizenship Ceremony were appointed.
- Successful Awards night and Citizenship Ceremony held in January, supported by the Mayor, Committee and Creative Culture and Events Team
- Through a community expression of interest process in August 2017 new community representatives will be appointed in September 2017 for Committee 2018-2019.

FUTURE PLANS

- New Committee to meet in September 2017, after new committee appointed
 - September Promotions for awards commence
 - Event planning for two events in January 2018 to commence.
 - Committee to meet in early December 2017 to review nominations for the 2018 Awards and select the recipients of the Awards.
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RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Australia Day Awards and Event Policy

1. DAREBIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Sustainable Transport Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director, City Futures & Assets

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee (DBAC) provides strategic advice to Council on cycling issues affecting the community and informs Council on decision making in relation to cycling policy, programs, and service delivery.

Committee Members:

- Ten general community members
- One police officer
- One member of the Darebin Bicycle User Group
- Two councillors
- Two council officers (Sustainable Transport Officer, Team Leader Transport Strategy)

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Steph Amir and Cr. Susan Rennie

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

The Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee held meetings in February and May. The key issues covered include:

- Induction for six new members.
- Darebin Cycling Strategy Technical Report - short term and long term improvements that have been planned to improve bicycle infrastructure along the key bicycle routes, local routes and creek trails in the municipality.
- St George's Road and temporary closures of the median crossings due to infrastructure improvements by Melbourne Water
- Level Crossing Removal Project: High St, Reservoir; Grange Road, Alphington; Bell St, Preston.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

Members have had input into the following consultation processes:

- Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan
 - Darebin Climate Change Emergency Draft Plan
 - Draft Council Plan, Draft Action Plan and Proposed Budget
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Members provided feedback and suggestions on a range of cycling projects including:

- Level crossing removals and associated works that may provide opportunities for improved cycling infrastructure
- Expanding safe travel to school audits to audit for bike routes to schools as well as walking routes.
- Bike friendly roads and priority bike streets across the municipality
- Education & Training for truck/bus drivers in relation to rider safety
- Robinson Park and Crawley Road - proposed changes
- Merri Creek Trail – Anderson Road and Normanby Avenue section
- Tyler Street and options for Copenhagen style treatments

FUTURE PLANS

- The committee will continue to provide valuable advice on delivery of the Darebin Cycling Strategy 2013-18 and delivery of key bicycle projects, including the development of the St Georges Rd reinstatement plan.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
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1. DAREBIN DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: MetroAccess Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development

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:

- Ten residents with a disability and carers of people with a disability

Service Representatives:

- Melbourne Polytechnic (formerly NMIT) Work Education Unit
- Encompass House

Council staff:

- Manager Aged and Disability
- Coordinator Community Participation & Development
- Senior Team Leader Access & Inclusion
- MetroAccess Officer
- Coordinator Children & Community Development

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Susanne Newton
- Cr Julie Williams

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

The Committee held three meetings between December 2016 to May 2017 and the key issues covered included:

- Consultation on the DRAFT Council Plan 2017 – 2020
 - DDAC 2016 reflection and planning for 2017
 - The role of Town (Statutory) Planning and providing disability access under the National Construction Code.
 - Edwardes Lake Master Plan consultation
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- Changing Places presentation - Standard disabled toilets are not functional for all people with a disability. A Changing Place is different in that they have extra features and more space to meet the needs of people with disability who need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilet comfortably and with dignity.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

DDAC members identified a list of topics and issues they would like to discuss, the aim is to work through this list and where possible look at avenues for action and/or advocacy on the following topics:

- Public awareness campaign on disability
- Social connection and inclusion of people with disability
- Physical access to public spaces and places
- The role and interaction between Building Services and disability access under the National Construction Code.
- Raising awareness and increasing the employment of people with disability
- Having ongoing input into Council precinct planning projects

FUTURE PLANS

The committee will continue to meet in 2017, with 2 meetings remaining before the November Special Council meeting to elect the new Mayor and appoint Councilors to Council's standing and community advisory committees.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference (October 2016)
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1. DAREBIN DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REFERENCE GROUP (DDAMRG)

AUTHOR: Co-ordinator Civic Compliance

REVIEWED BY: Director, Civic Governance and Compliance

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group (DDAMRG) was formed approximately three years ago to provide advice on issues relating to the reduction of euthanasia of dogs and cats. The Group is focussed on ensuring that Council achieves the target of 50% euthanasia rate for cats and 10% euthanasia rate for dogs as set out in Darebin's Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan 2013-2017. The Group has also been instrumental in providing input to the development of a new DAM Plan for adoption by Council later this year.

Committee Members:

Membership is open to all members of the community with an interest in animal management and welfare. Members include representatives from various animal welfare groups, Australian Veterinary Association, local veterinarians and local residents. The Group meets three times per year.

- The Lost Dogs Home
- Noah's Bark Dog Rescue
- Maneki Neko Cat Rescue
- Paws of Love Animal Rescue
- Forever Friends Animal Rescue
- Pound Reform Alliance Australia
- Cheltenham Cat Rescue
- Blue Cross Animal Society of Victoria
- Getting 2 Zero
- City of Darebin
- Two community members

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Co-Chair)
- Cr. Julie Williams (Co-Chair)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Provision of advice and assistance into the development of strategies related to the key themes arising from the new Domestic Animal Management Plan including:
 - Increasing pet registration and reviewing new technology

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- Reducing nuisance complaints – dogs and cats
 - Increasing desexing rates
 - Reducing dog attacks/menacing/dangerous
 - Reducing euthanasia rates
 - Establishing new relationships with other stakeholders
 - Identifying better ways for residents, local veterinarians, Council and Rescue Groups to work collaboratively
- The high number of cats being collected is continuing to concern rescue groups.
 - Implementation of the revised Cat trapping process to respond to excess number of cats requiring re-homing.
 - Continuing to develop proactive measures to manage the domestic animal population.
 - Continuing to increase ownership, registration and identification of pets.
 - Ongoing focus on reducing the number of animals entering the shelter.
 - Continued support for mobile de sexing events
 - Identifying better ways for residents, local vets, Council and rescue organisations to work collaboratively.
 - Negotiating extensions to the current contract with LDH until the new Epping Animal Welfare Facility is operational

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Input into development of the new Domestic Animal Management Plan.
 - Participation in the DAM Plan 2018-2022 Stakeholder and Community Public Meeting held on 23 May 2017.
 - Through the current DAM plan Council introduced partnerships with rescue group organisations to give all dogs and cats a further chance of being rehoused after the statutory holding time.
 - In Darebin, statistics indicate the percentage of impounded dogs that are euthanised is less than 2% which is significantly lower than the Victorian average at 34%.
 - Dog euthanasia rates are particularly low due to high rates of dogs being reclaimed and rehoused. This has been achieved through more dogs being identified through micro-chipping and/or wearing Council identification tags in recent years. In addition to this, Lost Dogs Home (LDH) shelter has a policy of not releasing any animal without registration. This involves LDH charging for animal registrations on behalf of Council.
 - In comparison to dogs, the percentage of impounded cats that are euthanised in Darebin is 16% which is significantly lower than the Victorian average at 73%. This has been achieved by working in partnership with rescue group organisations who have been committed to rehoming the many cats that have been unable to find a new home through Council's shelter. *The issue of cat overpopulation relates to unowned or partially owned cats which are not de-sexed. People feed semi owned cats and this helps to keep them alive and strong enough to reproduce. The ability of cats to quickly breed contributes to the over-population problem.*
 - Clearly our focus needs to be on cats – cat problem is much bigger for the following reasons:
 - Supply exceeding demand; and
 - The ability of cats to breed extremely quickly.
 - Also people are feeding unwanted cats but not taking full responsibility for them.
 - This then brings us to another issue for us - Darebin's return to owner rate for cats is very low.
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- As previously reported Council has committed to the development of a Regional Animal Welfare Facility (\$11M project) – and has contributed \$2M. Construction is complete and Council's are negotiating a commencement date with the preferred tenderer.
 - Reference Group members assisted in drafting the contract specification for the provision of Pound and Collection services at the Epping Animal Welfare Facility.
 - Individual profiles of cats are continuing to be placed on Council's website which has contributed to increased re-homing rates

FUTURE PLANS

- Assistance with the commissioning of the new Animal Welfare Facility.
- Providing advice in relation to the provision of Pound and collection services at the Epping Animal Welfare Facility.
- Promotion of animal adoption and fostering initiatives.
- Assisting Council with forming a position in relation to the mandatory desexing of cats.
- Assessment and evaluation of community cat programs.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Domestic Animal Management Terms of Reference
 - Council Minutes – 21 September 2016
 - Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013-2017
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1. DAREBIN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Community Renewal Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Education Committee is an Advisory Committee to Council. The main purpose is to oversee and advise on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the 2014 Darebin Education Inquiry.

Committee Members:

Education Representatives:

- Department of Education and Training (DET) – 1 representative
- Darebin Schools – 10 representatives
- Inner Local Learning and Education Network (INLLEN) – 2 representatives
- High School for Preston – 1 representative
- Victorian Council of School Organisations Inc. (VICCSO) – 1 representative
- Darebin City Council – 5 representatives

Councillor Representatives:

- Councillor Kim Le Cerf
- Councillor Gaetano Greco

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Integration of wellbeing practice and development of resiliency in students as part of teaching and whole-of-school approach.
 - Limited understanding by most Darebin schools of breadth of work and opportunities for collaboration with Council, both for practical and strategic purposes.
 - Promoting Aboriginal history and culture learning: Complexity of reaching agreement and developing a process for the development of a Darebin Aboriginal Curriculum, despite various positive discussions and community engagement including with Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. (VAEAI), Wurundjeri Council, Department of Education and Training (North East Area) and Aboriginal parents, students and educators.
 - Primary to secondary transition as a key challenge across Darebin schools, including relationships and processes between secondary and primary schools as well as parental engagement.
 - Early intervention and support for students and families who are at risk of disengaging from school across all levels of education.
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- Communicating and supporting new opportunities for values-based learning in schools on key Darebin issues of equity, wellbeing and sustainability, such as racism, Islamophobia, resiliency, respectful relationships, human rights, fair trade, sexual health, sexuality and gender diversity.
 - Career and employment pathways and alternatives for *all* students.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Positive attendance at two Darebin Education Committee meeting with participation of principals and school representatives with discussion across a broad range of matters, including solar electricity options, arts programming, transport/traffic concerns, 'Safe Schools' changes and initiatives.
- Promoting Aboriginal history and culture learning:
 - Darebin Spiritual Healing Trail: 10 school tours facilitated by Council across 4 schools, with each school co-funding additional tours;
 - Successful coordination of professional development to early and primary school educators by Aunty Joy Murphy of her children's book 'Welcome to Country';
 - Report of priorities by Aboriginal parents, educators and students for Darebin Aboriginal curriculum
- Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) – Trauma-informed positive education wellbeing programme in a whole-of-school approach. First professional development carried out of 90 primary school educators and staff across four primary schools. Advocacy and promotion for extension of BSEM to other schools. Three new schools, primary and secondary with 160+ educators, have made a commitment for 2018.

FUTURE PLANS

- Continue to advocate and strengthen communication and programme development by Council across Darebin schools, with a focus on schools with significant participation of students who experience educational disadvantage.
- Continue to facilitate planning and relationships between three new schools to implement Berry Street Education Model in 2018, continue to support ongoing implementation in four current primary schools and promote across other Darebin schools.
- Continue to promote Aboriginal history and culture in schools. This will include clarification and finalisation of process for the development of a Darebin Aboriginal Curriculum. It will also include ongoing support of school excursions to the Darebin Spiritual Healing Trail and follow-up of ideas arising from professional development with Aunty Joy Murphy to take place in August.
- Promotion of local resources and opportunities to schools which address important social, cultural and environmental priorities within the City of Darebin, including Islamic Museum of Australia, Respectful Relationships, cultural and gender diversity and equity events promoted by Council and partners.
- Advocate for early intervention initiatives across all education levels in Darebin schools with DET and other organisational partners.
- Continue to develop initiatives and work in partnership internally and externally which promote career and employment pathways and alternatives for *all* students, in particular students which experience educational disadvantage.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Darebin Education Committee Terms of Reference. To be reviewed in 2017.

1. DAREBIN ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Acting Manager, Environment & Community Outcomes

REVIEWED BY: Director, Operations & Environment

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Darebin Environmental Reference Group (DERG) is a formal advisory body to Council. Its purpose is to facilitate community action, assist in strengthening links and partnerships between the Darebin community and Council's contribution to environmental sustainability; to provide an avenue of community consultation; to operate as a "sounding board" for key strategies and policies; to provide community feedback and assistance to Council regarding local environmental issues and to contribute to the content of environmental forums and events.

Committee Members:

- Twelve community representatives
- One Councillor and one proxy
- Two Council Officers in attendance (non-voting)

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Kim Le Cerf and Cr Trent McCarthy (proxy)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Meetings were held in February, May and June 2017. Issues discussed included:
 - DERG New Members Orientation
 - Climate change strategy review / Climate Emergency Plan
 - Divestment from fossil fuel
 - Council Procurement Policy and Environmental Purchasing Code
 - Community Grants
 - Health and Wellbeing Plan
 - DERG's input into other Council Strategies/Plans
 - Stop Adani Campaign
 - Car parking and planning (car share)
 - Re-design of St Georges Rd and planting
 - Darebin Energy Foundation
 - Council Plan and Action Plan
 - Council Budget

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Input on the Draft Health and Wellbeing Plan at meeting
- Comment on the draft Darebin Council Plan and Action Plan
- Comment on the 2017-2018 draft Darebin Council Budget
- Feedback was provided on Council's Climate Change Strategy / Climate Emergency Plan
- Suggestions to attract increased applicants for environment stream of community grants

FUTURE PLANS

- Climate Emergency Plan Final Plan
- Darebin Nature Trust
- Darebin Energy Foundation
- Street Lighting Review
- Clarification of role of DERG and how members can make meaningful, improved contribution and receive appropriate feedback

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Environmental Reference Group Terms of Reference
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1. DAREBIN HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Community Planner, Equity and Diversity

REVIEWED BY: Director, Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Housing Advisory Committee has been created to provide timely advice to Council about social, affordable and appropriate housing in the municipality. It functions without a regular meeting schedule, meeting as required in response to emerging issues and key activities that require consideration and direction.

Core Committee Members:

Resident	Spectrum
Council to Homeless Persons	Community Housing Limited
Community Victorian Women's Housing Association	Housing Federation of Victoria
Wishin Women's Information Housing and Support	Affordable Housing Solutions
Community Housing Limited	Northern Support Services
NEAMI Victoria	Northcote Rental Housing Coop
Office of the Victorian Architect	Justice Advocacy
Victorian Women's Housing Association	Salvation Army
Affordable Housing Victoria	Housing Choices Australia
Home at Last	Urban Coup
Department Human Services	Darebin City Council x 3
Community Housing Limited	Unitarian Church

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Susanne Newton and Cr. Gaetano Greco

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- An extra ordinary Meeting was convened on 1 May 2017 to provide Darebin Council advice with regards to creating a 'Darebin Community Housing Trust' Continued sale of public housing stock in Darebin. Attendees at the meeting were:
 - Cr. Gaetano Greco
 - Cr. Susan Rennie
 - Cr. Kim Le Cerf
 - Cr. Stephanie Amir
 - Cr. Lina Messina
 - Cr. Susanne Newton
 - A representative from the Community Housing Federation of Victoria
 - A representative from the Women's Property Initiative
 - A representative from Port Phillip City Council
 - A representative from RMIT
- Ensuring affordable housing as a key component of the Northland Urban Renewal Plan (NURP).

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- The issues with regards proposed renewal sites identified by the New Victorian State Government:
 1. Loss of stock and poor housing design for Penola Avenue (Preston); and
 2. Loss of housing stock, displacement of families at Walker St. (Northcote)
 - Increase in the number of poor quality unregistered rooming houses.
 - The 'Darebin Council: responding to Housing Stress' – A local action plan 2013 – 2017 has expired and being reviewed.
 - Increase in the number of people sleeping rough.
 - Particular concern that the current Planning Minister does not support a 'salt and pepper' model for social housing without providing a clear policy / strategic rationale.
 - The first tranche of public housing (500 units) has been transferred to a Registered Housing Association without having completed a conditions audit on the stock.
 - The Penola Avenue public housing development has been 'approved' with a marked reduction of public housing stock that was previously on this site.
 - Council's advocacy around 'negative gearing' has been 'hi jacked' and diluted in the lead up to the Federal election campaign.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Draft MOU developed with State Government has to progress pilot 'Darebin Council Social and Affordable Housing Program on Council Owned Land'.
- A blitz on unregistered and poor quality rooming houses.
- Discussion with community housing sector to develop a draft Rooming house closure protocol.
- Submission to Melbourne City Council's proposal to introduce a new By Law to displace homeless people from CBD.

FUTURE PLANS

- It is unclear whether the \$20M allocated for public housing properties in Preston also includes the temporary demountable units for homeless people and the proposed aged care facility.
- There is no forward planning mechanism whereby Darebin Council can promote the 11 Council owned sites identified in the 'Darebin Social and Affordable Housing Program'. This could provide practical evidence to the state to grow their social housing funding.
- There is no formal policy acknowledgement of the potential for local government to contribute to increasing social and affordable housing.
- There is no local government representative on the State Government's Social Housing Renewal Standing Advisory Committee which decides on matters such yield, tenant mix housing design, public / private configurations.
- Housing subsidies for people with disabilities under NDIS may still be insufficient to rent / purchase properties in Darebin. Rental subsidies provided by the Commonwealth Government have not stopped low income people from being 'priced out' of Darebin.
- No clarity from State Government about a site for an inclusionary housing pilot program despite Darebin Council's active advocacy and volunteering to be a pilot site.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (A1594061)
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1. DAREBIN INTERFAITH COUNCIL

AUTHOR: Multicultural Relations Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Interfaith Council (DIFC) acts as a reference group to the City of Darebin. It seeks to promote activities that are consistent with the aims and values of the Darebin City Council and that foster interfaith dialogue and collaboration relevant to the interfaith community within the municipality of Darebin.

During the period from December 2016 to May 2017, DIFC met on:

- Thursday, 2nd February, from 6pm to 8pm
- Thursday, 4th May, from 6pm to 8pm
- Thursday, 25th May, from 6pm to 8pm (extraordinary meeting to respond to draft new Council Plan)

Committee Members:

The DIFC Committee is made up of representatives from various faith organisations who represent the religious diversity of Darebin.

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Gaetano Greco - Chair
- Cr Susan Rennie - Proxy

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Management of community relations around engagement with Muslim communities.
 - Ensure planning for Ramadan, IFTAR, Eid El Fitr; Mosque Open Day and the delivery of RESPECT attract positive and safe responses from the community and the media.
 - Coordination of existing partnerships remained active and productive to deliver on Council's commitment to a diverse and safe city.
 - Support to Equity and Inclusion planning to respond to diversity commitments enshrined in the Council Plan with a focus on cultural diversity and interfaith collaboration.
 - Threats to social cohesion arising from socio-economic inequality and global events impacting locally.
 - Internal and external stakeholders at times rely on DIFC to promote campaigns and/or to provide speakers and solidarity statements.
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Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Effective advice and feedback to Council on the implementation of the Darebin Interfaith Work Plan.
- Coordination of Darebin Community Inclusion Plan (DCIP) Project / Darebin SPEAK and ongoing implementation of Civil Disturbance and Social Emergencies Sub Plan.
- Successful engagement with faith leaders and strengthening of relationships with and between Committee members.
- Successful implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Islamic Society of Victoria / Preston Mosque.
- Provision of input into the CALD Communications consultation.
- World Interfaith Harmony Week was held successfully.
- Open Day at the Preston Mosque supported.
- Input into Preventing Domestic Violence – Respect: A Guide for Muslim leaders:
- DIFC held an additional meeting to provide feedback on the Council Plan.
- DIFC supported the successful Preston Mosque Open Day.

FUTURE PLANS

- Organisation of quarterly meetings of the Committee.
- Involvement in the review of the Equity and Inclusion Policy and Multicultural Action Plan.
- Hosting of Interfaith Tour to Iconic Places of Worship in July 2017.
- Planned ‘Protecting the Planet’ seminar in August 2017.
- Organisation of World Interfaith Harmony Day in February 2018.
- Implementation of Darebin Speak in partnership with stakeholders.
- Launch of RESPECT. Support the implementation of a 2nd Stage of Respect Guide for Muslim Leaders on Preventing Violence Against Women Project.
- Planned interfaith youth ambassador’s event in 2018.
- Monitor the implementation of MOU with Preston Mosque.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Equity and Inclusion Policy 2012-2015 – extended to 2017
 - Terms of Reference of the Darebin Interfaith Council (A2270262)
 - Multicultural Action Plan 2012 – 2015 – extended to 2017
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1. DAREBIN WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Diversity Policy Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Darebin Women's Advisory Committee (DWAC) was initially established in 2009 as a conduit between women in Darebin and Council. Its purpose has evolved to:

- advise Council on issues and barriers to equality affecting women in Darebin, notably by providing a gender lens on issues, policies, services or program
- promote and advocate for gender equity and women's full and equal participation
- promote and advocate for the elimination of violence against women

Committee Members:

- Up to twelve community members representing the diversity of Darebin women.
- At least one nominated female Darebin Councillor.
- Two City of Darebin officers for executive support.

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)
- Cr Susanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

The committee met in March and May 2017. Key issues for this period include:

- Advice and feedback to Council on services, programming and policies.
- Applying a gender lens to Council research and strategies.
- Discussion on Council's current preventing violence against women and gender equity initiatives.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Celebration of International Women's Day with the Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration on Thursday 9 March 2017
 - Induction of 10 new members to the committee
 - Feedback on the Council Plan 2017-2020
 - Feedback on the Climate Emergency Plan 2017-2022
 - Informal meet and greet between committee members and councils arranged.
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FUTURE PLANS

- Assist with the development of the Equity and Inclusion Framework
- Assist with the review of the Gender Equity and Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plans
- Provide feedback on the 2017-21 Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Planning for the 2018 International Women's Day celebrations
- Presentations from local agencies
- Input to future Women's Leadership Program activities
- Assisting with putting a gender lens over 2016 Census data

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (A3948737)
 - Darebin Equity and Inclusion Policy 2012-2015 – extended to 2017
 - Darebin Women's Equity Strategy 2012-2015, Darebin Gender Equity Action Plan & Darebin Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plan 2012-2015 – extended to 2017
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1. DAREBIN YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

AUTHOR: Acting Manager Community Experience and Learning

REVIEWED BY: Director Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Youth Advisory Group was established in 2013 as a key action of the Darebin Youth Engagement Strategy 2012–2017. The Advisory Group's purpose is to provide advice and guidance to Council on youth-related issues in Darebin. Council acknowledges the need to consider and understand the issues, policies and drivers that influence young people within the City of Darebin.

Committee Members:

- 10 young people aged between 12–25 years who live, work, study or reside in the City of Darebin
- Darebin Council – Coordinator Youth Services
- Darebin Council – Manager Libraries, Learning and Youth

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Steph Amir and Cr. Susan Rennie

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Due to a variety of unit priorities and a number of staff vacancies the implementation of the recruitment for new members for the Youth Advisory Group has been delayed till August 2017.
- This decision was made to ensure appropriate recruitment campaign could be implemented to seek a diverse membership.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Recruitment campaign for new membership has been refined and is now ready to be implemented in August 2017. This includes updated terms of reference, application forms and communication tools.

FUTURE PLANS

- Implement the updated Youth Advisory Group model as developed in 2016.
 - Commence the recruitment for new members based on the revised model and using the organisation communication channels.
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- Contribute to the development of a new Youth Strategy through late 2017 to first quarter 2018.
 - Continue to identify strategic opportunities for Advisory Group members to support operational activities and themes via sub-working groups.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Youth Advisory Group – Terms of Reference
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1. EDWARDES LAKE PARK REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Urban Designer, Public Places

REVIEWED BY: Director, Future Cities and Assets

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Committee is to serve as a reference group for the development of a master plan for Edwardes Lake Park.

Committee Members:

- Five local residents
- Three representative from local Community Organisations
- Three Council officers (Manager Parks and Vegetation, Coordinator Public Places and Urban Designer/Project Manager).

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Tim Laurence & Cr. Susanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

The Edwardes Lake Park Reference Group held two meetings in December and March.

Issues and opportunities raised at the December meeting for consideration in the master plan included:

- Improving access from the Park to the surrounding open space network (ie. Moore Park, Edgars Creek Corridor).
- Water quality and contamination issues of Edgars Creek and the Lake
- Dog-off lead areas are required for the park
- Need to create designated area for Personal Trainers and large group activities
- All signage including way-finding signage is needed for the park
- Redevelopment of the boathouse needs to be expedited by Council
- The Aboriginal significance of the site should be referenced in the plan and park.
- Trees along Griffiths Street require urgent replacement as they are a safety risk.

The March meeting involved discussing and testing ideas for the draft Edwardes Lake Master Plan. Officers presented a preliminary master plan. The Group raised the following ideas for additional consideration by officers and covered:

- Water quality and contamination issues of Edgars Creek and the Lake
 - Litter Education campaign and rubbish collection frequency need to go-hand in hand when addressing the litter issues at the park.
 - Any new structures proposed for the park needs to be sympathetically design to suit the natural bushlands surround. (i.e. natural material used).
 - Pedestrian access to the park must be improved in the master plan.
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Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- First Working Group Meeting was held on Wednesday 14 December.
- Second Working Group meeting was held on Tuesday 14 March 2017.
- Some members of the group assisted with promotion of the project and stall scheduled for the Darebin Kite Festival.
- Some members attended the Council Stall at the Darebin Kite Festival on 26 March 2017.

FUTURE PLANS

- Input to the draft Edwardes Lake Park Master Plan when it is released in August for comment.
- Committee to meet in August.
- Input to the implementation of the Master Plan when it commences in 2017/2018.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Edwardes Lake Park Reference Group Terms of Reference
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1. MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Manager, City Works & Contracts (Municipal Emergency Resource Officer)

REVIEWED BY: Director, Operations & Environment (Municipal Emergency Manager)

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

This Committee is formed pursuant to Section 21(3) and (4) of the *Emergency Management Act 1986*:

(3) A municipal council must appoint a municipal emergency planning committee constituted by persons appointed by the municipal council being members and employees of the municipal council, response and recovery agencies and local community groups involved in emergency management issues.

(4) The function of a municipal emergency planning committee is to prepare a municipal emergency management plan for consideration by the municipal council.

Committee Members:

- Mayor (Chairperson)
- Municipal Emergency Manager (MEM)
- Municipal Emergency Resource Officer (MERO)
- Deputy Municipal Emergency Resource Officer (D/MERO) x 2
- Municipal Recovery Manager (MRM)
- Deputy Municipal Recovery Manager (D/MRM)
- Municipal Community Safety Manager (MCSM)
- Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO)
- Municipal Emergency Response Coordinator (MERC)
- MEMPC Executive Officer (PA to Director Culture, Leisure and Works)

Agency Representation:

- VicPol
- SES Victoria
- Ambulance Victoria
- Metropolitan Fire Brigade
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Red Cross
- Darebin Community Health
- CentreLink/Medicare
- VicRoads
- Salvation Army
- VicRoads
- Victorian Council of Churches
- DIVRS

Councillor Representative:

Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Reviewed and updated sections of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP). The MEMP was reviewed by representatives from the SES, Police, MFB and the Department of Health and Human Services, and corrections incorporated.
- Identify any emergency management issues that had arisen.
- Debriefed on any incidents that occurred since the last meeting.
- Reviewed and updated all sub-plans annually.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Co-ordination and attendance across Darebin in the relief and recovery of the 29 December storm events.
- The MEMPlan went to Council Meeting and was adoption on the 15 May 2017
- The Audit Certificate was presented to the Mayor and MEMPC on the 24 May 2017, by Ray Jasper & John Chaplain of Vic SES – the MEMP “*Complied with Conditions*”.

FUTURE PLANS

- Maintain the MEMP to ensure currency.
- Continue ongoing meetings with all emergency authorities and agencies.
- Updating Council’s CERA in preparation for next audit.
- Updating of the Municipal Fire Management Plan to ensure it is current for next audit.
- Review of the Municipal Emergency Recovery Plan is in progress.
- Updated the Technical Resources Sub Plan
- Looking at a shared resource officer to appoint for a joint emergency management role with Moreland currently once the draft budget is adopted.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Municipal Emergency Management Plan
 - MEMPC - Terms of Reference
 - EMMV (Emergency Management Manual Victoria)
 - *Emergency Management Act 3 December 2013*
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1. NORTHLAND URBAN RENEWAL PRECINCT STEERING COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Manager City Design and Strategic Planning

REVIEWED BY: Director, City Futures and Assets

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Northland Urban Renewal Precinct Steering Committee will work collectively to provide a clear direction for the efficient and timely delivery of the ongoing work program. The Committee has a five point priority focus as follows:

1. Advocacy and Promotion;
2. Sound Design Concept Foundation;
3. Working in Partnerships;
4. Engagement; and
5. New Delivery Models (Fostering Innovation).

Committee Members:

The Committee comprises of 19 members as follows:

- Darebin Mayor as Committee Chair
- 3 x Darebin ward Councillors
- 2 x Banyule ward Councillors
- 2 x Council Directors (one from each Council)
- 2 x Institutional representative (La Trobe University and Northern College of Arts and Technology)
- 2 x Community representatives (one from Darebin and one from Banyule)
- 2 x Representatives with specialist development industry experience
- 1 x Community Infrastructure (Health sector)
- 1 x Victorian Planning Authority
- 1 x DELWP (formerly DTPLI)
- 1 x DHHS (Housing)
- 1 x Program Manager

Councillor Representatives:

- Mayor/Councillor Kim Le Cerf
 - Councillor Amir
 - Councillor Messina
 - Councillor Williams
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PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

Matters considered at the 15 December 2016 Steering Committee meeting included:

- 2016/2017 NURP Work Program
- Urban Design and Environmental Performance Modelling Study – completed
- Light Rail Pre-Feasibility Study - completed
- Joint Community Infrastructure Plan report – complete
- Draft Transport and Movement Strategy - update
- Draft Car Parking Discussion Paper – issues
- Draft Economic Development and Employment Strategy – project scope
- Draft Public Realm Strategy – issues
- Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy – project scope
- Development Facilitation – 73 Gower Street
- Advocacy and Change Project – project list and scope
- Capital Works -proposed bids

Matters considered at the 30 March 2017 Steering Committee meeting included:

- Committee Members - updates
- Draft Urban Renewal Strategy Summary – presented and circulated for review
- Draft Public Realm Strategy – preliminary outcomes presented
- Draft Car Parking Discussion Paper – analysis and options presented
- Draft Economic Development and Employment Strategy – consultants appointed
- T.W. Blake Reserve Water Sensitive Urban Design project - commenced
- Development Facilitation – Enquiry from 120 Chifley Dr
- Community Engagement and Webpage – Council resolution for Consultation Plan and summary of enquiries provided
- La Trobe National Employment and Innovation Cluster – Framework Plan update

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Darebin Council received a report from the December 2016 Steering Committee meeting deliberations at its meeting of 20 March 2017. All recommendations from the Committee were supported.

FUTURE PLANS

- The Steering Committee aims to meet three times a year to review and monitor progress on individual projects within the NURP Program.
- The next Steering Committee is scheduled for 27th July 2017. A report with recommendations from the Committee will go to Darebin Council in the October 2017 cycle.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Updated Terms of Reference (June 2016)
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1. PRESTON BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Business Development Coordinator

REVIEWED BY: Director, City Futures and Assets

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Preston Business Advisory Committee (PBAC) is an advisory committee to Council. The purpose of the PBAC is to provide ongoing input, advice and feedback in the promotions, marketing and administration of the Preston Central Special Rate Levy; and develop Preston Central as a business hub as one of Darebin's Principal Activity Centres.

Committee Members:

- Five business representatives, liable for the special rate (2 spaces currently available)
- One representative from the Preston Market
- Two community representatives (associate members)
- Two associate business representatives (associate members)
- Two Council officers

Councillor Representatives:

- Councillor Lina Messina and Councillor Julie Williams (proxy)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

Issues for Preston Central include:

- Developing a ten year business plan that meets the needs of business.
- Community perceptions of the Preston Market development and the lack of certainty with the redevelopment.
- Parking availability and restrictions.
- Safety of business owners and shoppers.
- Increased aggressive behaviour, begging and vandalism.
- Poor retail mix and a need to enhance the diversity of offering.
- Increased number of vacant shops in High Street.
- Poor presentation standards of the shopping strip and need for beautification.
- Lack of representation from business owners on the Committee.

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Held placemaking activities in Preston Central to gain community input into the development of a ten year business plan.
 - Completed a draft business plan.
 - Advocated for an increased Police presence in the Centre. This resulted in monthly Police patrols in Preston Central over a three month period.
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- Completed a visual merchandising project which included façade and re-branding of two Preston Central businesses and held a business competition.
 - Delivered Christmas decorations, and partnered in the #darebinxmas digital campaign.
 - Delivered a Spring Food Advertising Campaign.
 - Sponsored and participated in the Melbourne Tomato Festival. This included delivering two promotional pre-events and a stall on the festival day at the Preston Market.
 - As part of Lunar New Year celebrations delivered 35 store blessing of shops within Preston Central.
 - Sponsored the Darebin Music Feast.

FUTURE PLANS

- Complete a ten year Business Plan for Preston Central.
- Increase Preston Central business representation on the Committee.
- Revise the Terms of Reference to include a resident on the Committee.
- Increase social media presence.
- Increase placemaking activities.
- Review the calendar of events to ensure that promotional opportunities are maximised.
- Deliver an educational program to help businesses improve store presentation.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Preston Business Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2015
 - Darebin Tourism Strategy 2016-2021
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1. RESERVOIR STRUCTURE PLAN COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Principal Strategic Planner

REVIEWED BY: Director Assets and Business Services

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Reservoir Structure Plan 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 Reservoir Structure Plan.

Committee Members

The Committee comprises members as follows:

- LaTrobe Ward Councillors (as Co-Chairs)
- Local business representative(s) (Reservoir Village and Broadway)
- Community organisation/group representative(s)
- Local community representative(s)

Councillor Representative:

- Councillor Greco
- Councillor Laurence
- Councillor Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- None

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- None

FUTURE PLANS

- The Reservoir Structure Plan was adopted by Council in August 2012. The Committee is not expected to be required to meet in the foreseeable future.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Reservoir Structure Plan Project Terms of Reference: Community Reference Group
 - Reservoir Structure Plan, August 2012
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1. SEXUALITY, SEX AND GENDER DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Human Rights Officer

REVIEWED BY: Director, Community Development

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee represents the interests of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities of Darebin. The role of the committee is to inform and assist Council in understanding the barriers to equality, needs and aspirations of these communities. Additionally the committee has a role in monitoring and reporting on the Darebin Sex, Sexuality and Gender Diverse Action Plan 2012-2016.

Committee Members:

- Eight community members
- Three representatives from community-based organisations that support LGBTIQ communities

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Steph Amir and Cr Susanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2016 to May 2017

- Maintaining a watching brief on commentary regarding marriage equality and providing feedback on impacts LGBTIQ communities in terms of health, wellbeing and inclusion.
- Monitoring the impact of changes to the administration and focus of the Safe Schools Program in Victoria particularly on school-aged youth, their families and Darebin Schools
- Engaging in renewed consideration of the proposed Rainbow Shed for Darebin in the wake of confirmation of the new Victorian Pride Centre location, its role and main tenants
- Utilising opportunities offered during Midsumma Festival to engage with LGBTIQ communities and survey needs and priorities, to inform future planning

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2016 to May 2017

- Planned and delivered community events to acknowledge and celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT), notably a rainbow flag raising ceremony & morning tea on 17 May and a community reflection on the 2017 theme 'Families' on 24 May.
 - Provided feedback and input to Council Plan 2017-21 and Action Plan 2017-18.
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- Provided feedback on the new, interactive *Find the Rainbow Map* which lists location and details for LGBTIQ services, groups and supports across Cities of Darebin, Yarra, Banyule and Moreland.
 - Hosted a stall at Midsumma Carnival (jointly with Yarra, Banyule and Moreland Councils) to promote Council services and programs, engage with participants and gauge their needs and priorities using a range of survey tools.
 - Jointly planned LGBTIQ-inclusive programming, resource development and catalogues inclusions with the new Diversity Librarian.
 - Provided advice to Leisure Services on the proposed swim nights at Reservoir Leisure Centre for trans and gender diverse people.

FUTURE PLANS

- Support and improve engagement with LGBTIQ communities in Darebin – to address personal isolation, fragmentation across communities and build skills and resilience.
- Continue to build working partnerships with new, emerging and established groups and organisations that can assist with Council's work on LGBTIQ, for example GALFA, Matrix Guild.
- Increase the participation of staff and residents in Midsumma, particularly the Darebin Council contingent in Pride March.
- Identify ways in which the committee can support Council in proposed implementation of the Rainbow Tick accreditation.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (A2523530)
 - Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan (2012-2015 – extended to 2017)
-