
1. ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING ADVISORY BOARD

AUTHOR: Coordinator, Community Participation and Development

REVIEWED BY: General Manager, Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board (AHAAB) represents the interests of older adults in Darebin. The role of the committee is to inform and assist Council in understanding how issues, policies and drivers can impact on the health and wellbeing of older 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

- 13 community representatives
- 1 aged care professional representative
- 4 Darebin City Council Officers

Councillor Representative:

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

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

Key challenges for this period include;

- Council's future role in service provision, which is a critical issue for committee members and the community.
 - Understanding the impact of federal reforms already implemented and projecting likely impact of future federal reforms on current and future services.
 - In May 2018 Council decided to appoint an independent panel to review how to create an Age Friendly Darebin, with the review to incorporate significant consultation with AHAAB members. This will be a key activity in the remainder of 2018 and into 2019.
 - Council's consultation activities in relation to the Needs of Older People in Darebin in 2017/18 saw participation from over 700 older people in Darebin. Some committee members would have preferred a different consultation approach in this phase which more explicitly engaged with issues around future service provision.
 - The process employed in the community consultation around the M40 Project on St Georges Road resulted in strong advocacy from AHAAB which triggered face to face meetings with staff from Melbourne Water. Ongoing work will continue in the future.
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Annual review of the Active and Healthy Ageing Action Plan – December 2017
- Development of AHAAB priorities for 2018
- Sector reform updates regarding the NDIS and Aged Care Reforms.
- Input by AHAAB into the Review of the Needs of Older People in Darebin report.
- Input into various Council plans and projects including: the Northern Pipe Trail; Oakover Village Housing Diversity Report; Northern Urban Renewal Precinct and TW Blake Park Concept Plan and the Safe Travel and Walking Strategies.
- Discussion on the Aged Friendly Darebin Panel and mechanisms for AHAAB to contribute to this work.

FUTURE PLANS

- Input into the Age Friendly Darebin review, before the panel begins formal consultation.
- AHAAB will continue to be fully engaged in advocacy regarding the aged care reforms and Council's future role in the provision of aged services into the future.
- Continued advocacy around safer footpaths; consultation processes used for the M40 Project; Input into the Parking Management Strategy; Advocacy around safer public transport and reinstatement of more seating on trams and Housing.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 'Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Terms of Reference – December 2016'
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1. CLIMATE EMERGENCY DAREBIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Climate Emergency Darebin Executive Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Climate Emergency Darebin is an Advisory Committee of Darebin Council. It supersedes an interim Committee, under the former name of Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board.

The purpose of Climate Emergency Darebin (CED) is to help the Council to implement the Darebin Climate Emergency Plan, and make a highly effective contribution to the achievement of the overarching goals of the Climate Emergency Plan.

Committee Members

- 2 Councillors – The Darebin Mayor (ex officio), and another Darebin Councillor
- 6 community members
- The Council CEO (ex officio)

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)
- Cr Trent McCarthy

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- The Interim Committee (Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board) met for the fourth and final time in January 2018. Key issues and challenges discussed and raised by the Interim Committee included:
 - Foundation name change to 'Climate Emergency Darebin'
 - Implementing the Climate Emergency response and the role of the Advisory Committee
 - Formation of a new formal Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee
 - The legal structure of CED
 - Resourcing
 - Development of Terms of Reference (ToR) to clarify role and reporting/relationship with Council
 - The new CED Advisory Committee met for the first time in April 2018, and again in May, with issues and challenges raised and discussed including:
 - Role of CED
 - Initial priorities and work of CED
 - Planning day to progress CED work plan
 - Budget and resource allocation
 - Appointment of a CED employee, their role and terms of employment
 - CED and Council Staff working partnership – roles and interactions
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Change off name from Darebin Energy Foundation to Climate Emergency Darebin
- Appointment of a new Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee
- Creation of the Terms of Reference for the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee
- Process initiated for hiring a CED 3 -4 month casual employee
- Preparation for Strategic Planning days held
- Participation in Climate Emergency Communication & Engagement research session

FUTURE PLANS

- CED has planned to form several sub working groups which are now developing project proposals and detailed plans to work on several key areas:
 - Engagement and mobilisation
 - Communications
 - Advocacy
 - Research and Strategy
 - Governance
 - Funding
 - Drawdown
 - Quick win project
- Implementation and/or partnership with Council staff on key Climate Emergency projects
- Ongoing creation of internal processes and procedures, including communications and relationship between CED and Council
- Development of a Funding Plan
- Development of a Strategic Plan and an Operational Plan
- Hiring of a longer term CED employee
- Investigate legal models of CED to provide recommendation on future structure according to the ToR

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
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1. DAREBIN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY GROUP

AUTHOR: Aboriginal Contact Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC) is to provide Council with clear advice, direction and strategic opportunity and representation on behalf of the Darebin Aboriginal community and its organisations. The DAAC also provides strategic input into Council's projects, initiatives and to oversee the Council's plan and the Aboriginal Action plan and Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander action plan.

Committee Members

- 3 Darebin Councillors
- 8 Aboriginal community members

Councillor Representative:

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

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

Meetings were held in February and April 2018. Key items of discussion include:

- Solar Saver program update- planned roll out to key Aboriginal community organisations in Darebin.
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy – ongoing discussion to review further employment pathway opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees at Darebin Council.
 - Federal electorate name change from Batman to Wonga.
 - Supporting Traditional Owner participation on the Committee.
 - Aboriginal Treaty and Constitutional reform – what it may mean for Council and Darebin Aboriginal community.
 - Ongoing work with Batman Park Renaming.
 - Review and renewal of Aboriginal Action plan.
 - Relocation of Aboriginal Radio 3KND.
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Planning for event that celebrates for world's oldest living culture.
- DAAC members contributed collectively and individually by providing advice and direction to the development of the Lifelong Learning Strategy.
- Advised on mentor program developed in conjunction with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment strategy.
- Draft development of Aboriginal Action Plan in progress.

FUTURE PLANS

- Provide advice and support to help increase employment pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at Council.
- Provide ongoing advice and support on inclusive and culturally-appropriate event that celebrates Australia's history and culture.
- Provide ongoing advice on the development of the Aboriginal Action Plan.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
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1. DAREBIN ARTS AMBASSADORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Manager Creative Culture and Events

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY

In 2013 Council endorsed the establishment of the Darebin Arts Ambassadors Reference Group to advise Council on any matters relating to the arts in Darebin.

In relation to Darebin's arts and creative culture, Council has a primary responsibility for understanding and articulating the community's values and desired future for providing opportunities for cultural learning, arts participation and creative expression. Council also plays a significant role striking a balance between contributing to and supporting an evolving and dynamic creative sector as well as effectively addressing local needs through creative initiatives and programs.

Committee Members

The group will comprise of a total of 17 members. The following categories apply.

- Five resident participants inclusive of gender, CALD and age balance. Selection is based on demonstrated knowledge and experience in the arts and creative sector; understanding and interest in local government; and a commitment to advancing Darebin as a thriving creative centre.
- Five Creative Sector professionals working predominately in the arts and creative industries within Darebin.
- Five Council Staff; Manager Creative Culture, Coordinator Arts Programming, Coordinator Arts Participation and Coordinator Arts Integration.
- Two Councillors; Chair and Deputy Chair.

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Newton
- Cr. Lawrence

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

Matters considered at the 5 December 2017 meeting included:

- Presentation by officers on the outcomes of the Arts Precincts review, namely the reviews of Northcote Town Hall and the Darebin Art Centre.
 - Update on the development and design on the mid-Art Strategy Review to be undertaken in early 2018
 - Festivals and events overview, including the design and delivery of Creative Darebin Networking Events and consultancy regarding the Future of Festivals in Darebin Framework.
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- Noted the Creative Industries and Cultural Infrastructure Framework intended for Council adoption in March 2018.

Matters considered at the 21 February Meeting 2018 included:

- Proposed agenda items included a focus on the 2018 Arts Partnership Initiative, updates on the progress of actions arising from the 26 January Council Report and subsequent resolutions and presentation by event consultant on the Future of Festivals in Darebin Framework.
- The meeting did not achieve quorum and was subsequently cancelled.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Council adoption of the Cultural and Creative Industries Framework 2018 in March 2018.
- Arts Ambassador engagement and participation in various Council produced arts events, performances, festivals and exhibitions.
- Informing the development of the renewed public art policy.
- Artists Round Table at the Northland Urban Renewal Project - 'Community Hack'.

FUTURE PLANS

- Engagement with the mid-Arts Strategy Review, strategic workshop scheduled for August 2018.
- Influence and shape the newly supported local community event scheme to ensure wide appeal and take up by local community groups.
- Ongoing engagement and participation in local arts events, performances, festivals and exhibitions.
- Ongoing advocacy in alignment with the Arts Strategy and Creative Industries and Cultural Infrastructure Framework 2018.
- Refresh of the membership of the Darebin Arts Ambassadors (October 2018).

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Arts Ambassador Terms of Reference (2016)
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1. DAREBIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Sustainable Transport Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager, City Sustainability & Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

To provide strategic advice to Council on cycling issues affecting the community, and inform Council decision making in relation to policy, program, and service delivery.

Committee Members

- 11 general community members, including one local police officer and a representative of the Darebin Bicycle User Group
- Two council officers (Sustainable Transport Officer; Team Leader Transport Strategy)
- Two councillors

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Stephanie Amir
- Cr. Susan Rennie

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- The Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee held meetings in February, March and May.

The key issues and challenges discussed at these meetings were:

- Review of the 2013-18 Cycling Strategy and input into the development of a new strategy
- Vision and goal setting for a new strategy
- Barriers to cycling
- Bike network priorities
- Level of service approaches
- State government designated bike route priorities, and investment opportunities
- Darebin proposed bike friendly roads and priority bike streets
- Timing of strategy development to fit with other strategy development work

Issues raised or considered by the group included:

- Frustration with State Government investment in cycling
 - Concern about design of some existing cycling lanes adjacent to car doors and traffic
 - Concern about design of some new and existing road safety projects not being safe for cycling
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

Members provided feedback and suggestions on a range of cycling programs and projects listed below.

- Infrastructure projects across the municipality:
 - Northern Pipe Trail Masterplan
 - Streets for People (Bicycle Friendly Roads)
 - Bridge upgrade projects
 - New bridge projects
 - GE Robinson Park and Crawley Road
 - Northern Regional Trails Strategy
 - Merri Creek Trail – Anderson Road and Normanby Avenue section
 - Chifley Drive
 - Bundoora Park shared path
 - Public Bike Repair Stations
 - Bike boxes at traffic lights

- Behaviour Change programs:
 - Octopus schools (Safe Walking to School)
 - Ride2Work Day
 - Bike Skills Workshops – small group programs for adults and school children, as well as one-on-one training.
 - Preston Market bike skills and bike parking

- Strategies:
 - Walking strategy review
 - Safe Travel strategy review
 - Parking strategy development – including how to incorporate bike parking

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 Northern Pipe Trail Master plan.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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

AUTHOR: Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

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. The purpose of the committee is to provide advice around best practice, and promote and advocate for, improved access and inclusion within Council and the wider community.

Committee Members

Community Representatives:

- Eight residents with a disability or carers of people with a disability

Service Representatives:

- Melbourne Polytechnic Work Education Unit
- Encompass House

Council staff:

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

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Susanne Newton
- Cr. Julie Williams

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

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

- Review of 2017 and planning for 2018
 - Housing Diversity report and Accessible housing
 - Safe Travel and Walking strategies
 - Northland Urban Renewal Precinct
 - Council Budget 2018 / 2019
 - Disability Access Capital Work projects
 - Accessible Parking, and Disability Parking permits
 - Information, Linkages and Capacity Building framework under the NDIS
 - Regulation of Mobility Scooters
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The Committee had agreed not to commence any further recruitment due to the upcoming review of committees.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

In December 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:

- Installation of accessible parking bays in Darebin
- Public awareness campaign on disability, with an emphasis on traders
- Social connection and inclusion of people with disability
- Physical access to public spaces and places
- The role and interaction between Building Services and accessibility and liveability of housing standards under the National Construction Code
- Increasing education and employment opportunities for people with disability
- Having ongoing input into Council precinct planning projects

Discussions have been had on all these topics in some form to date, and will continue to be considered.

DDAC has also written submissions into the Senate inquiry into the need for regulation of mobility scooters and motorised wheelchairs and the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Public Housing Renewal Program.

FUTURE PLANS

The committee will continue to meet in 2018, with a meeting in August, October and December.

The committee has recently agreed to commence some internal and external advocacy in relation to establishing minimum liveable housing standards in Darebin, and to call for more accessible transport, and enforceable transport standards. This work will be supported by the Access team.

The committee will also support Darebin in the development of possible Information, Linkages and Capacity Building initiatives under the NDIS.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Darebin Disability Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference (October 2016)

1. DAREBIN DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REFERENCE GROUP (DDAMRG)

AUTHOR: Co-ordinator Civic Compliance

REVIEWED BY: General Manager, City Sustainability and Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group (DDAMRG) was formed approximately four 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. The Group was instrumental in providing input to the development of a Darebin Animal Management Plan adopted by Council on 16 October 2017.

Committee Members

There are currently 10 members of the committee, including 2 Councillors, 3 community representatives and representatives from the following organisations:

- Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) – Chairperson
- Cr Julie Williams
- City of Darebin
- Maneki Neko Cat Rescue
- Getting 2 Zero
- Forever Friends Animal Rescue
- RSPCA

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- 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
 - 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.
- 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.

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- Continuing support for mobile de-sexing events
 - Identifying better ways for residents, local vets, Council and rescue organisations to work collaboratively.
 - Investigating high volume desexing events at the Epping Animal Welfare Facility

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Adoption of the 2017-2021 Domestic Animal Management Plan on 16 October 2017.
- The Epping Animal Welfare Facility commenced operation on the 16 October 2017 and was officially opened by the Mayors of the Cities of Darebin, Moreland and Whittlesea on 15 February 2018.
- Members of the reference group were invited to inspect the Epping Animal Welfare Facility prior to the official opening
- A report was tabled for budget consideration to provide the 1st year pet registration for free.
- Council commissioned a report on why dog walkers do or don't have their dog on a lead which was presented to the reference group for consideration.
- The Pet Expo was held on 25 March and was deemed to be very successful, attracting a much larger audience than previous years with 17 stall-holders including a variety of rescue organisations.
- Council entered into an agreement with Bundoora Vet Clinic to hold stray animal after-hours for collection on the next business day.
- Darebin and Moreland City Council entered into an agreement which provides Moreland the shared use of Darebin's holding facility in Reservoir.
- The Reference Groups focus continues to be on cat management and strategies to reduce the overpopulation. The major issue of cats relates to unowned or partially owned cats which are not de-sexed.
- The focus needs to be on cats. The problem is much bigger for the following reasons:
 - Supply exceeding demand;
 - The ability of cats to breed extremely quickly; and
 - Feeding unwanted cats without taking full responsibility for them.

FUTURE PLANS

- Providing advice in relation to the provision of Pound and collection services at the Epping Animal Welfare Facility.
- Assist in developing strategies to implement year 2 initiatives outlined in the 2017-2021 DAM Plan
- 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
- Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021

1. DAREBIN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Community Renewal Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

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 Representative:

- Councillor Kim Le Cerf
- Councillor Gaetano Greco

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Clarification of the role of the Committee.
- Integration of wellbeing practice and development of resiliency in students as part of teaching and whole-of-school approach.
- Promoting teaching and learning of Darebin specific Aboriginal history and culture.
- Primary to secondary transition, a key challenge across Darebin schools especially for students who experience educational disadvantage and their families.
- Career and employment pathways and alternatives for all students, including workplace opportunities within Council.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Review and update of *Essentials for Darebin Schools – A quick guide to Opportunities and contacts at Darebin City Council*.
 - Completion by four primary schools (90+ educators) of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM), a trauma-informed program which supports the resiliency of students.
 - Second network of four Darebin schools commenced the BSEM. This network includes schools from all three sectors - Government, Catholic and Independent.
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- Darebin Kite Festival artist and participation opportunities – prioritised six schools where there is significant educational disadvantage.
 - Collaboration with Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) on the schools' launch of film, book and curriculum material of *Deadly Dan at the League* – a place-based health promotion resource.
 - Delivered a Council Careers Fair for Year 10 students. Over 60 Council staff and 230+ students from five Darebin secondary schools attended showcasing the breadth of careers available in Local Government.

FUTURE PLANS

- Continue to facilitate school participation in the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) resiliency program and integrate evaluation outcomes of the 4 schools who have completed BSEM professional development.
- Continue to promote Aboriginal history and culture in schools including facilitating Darebin Spiritual Healing Trail tours as school excursion, incursions of *Deadly Dan at the League resource* and coordinate the *Because of Her, we can* Schools' Conference.
- Continue to support initiatives which strengthen primary to secondary transition, including promoting the *Guide for Parents – preparing for Secondary School in Darebin* resource and community event, and ongoing support for Reservoir Transition Cluster.
- Continue to support career and employment pathways in Darebin Council for Year 10 students including workplace experience.
- Promotion of local resources and opportunities to schools which address important social, cultural and environmental priorities within the City of Darebin, including the Islamic Museum of Australia.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Education Committee Terms of Reference.
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1. DAREBIN ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Environmental Education and Promotions Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the Darebin Environmental Reference Group (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.
- Provide community feedback and assistance to Council regarding local environmental issues.
- To contribute to the content of environmental forums and events.

Committee Members

- 12 community members

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)
- Cr. Trent McCarthy

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

Meetings were held in February and April 2018. Key items of discussion include:

- Lifelong Learning Strategy – DERG provided input into this draft strategy
 - Solar Saver program - update
 - Natural Heritage Strategy / launch of the Natural Heritage film and how this might be used to engage community in natural heritage
 - No Extinctions Policy
 - Food Waste Trial – details of trial, and how this might inform development of municipal wide model
 - Open Space Strategy – how DERG might give input into this strategy
 - Recycling Crisis – what is happening, council's response
 - Council budget – funds allocated to projects, initiatives / Council priorities
 - Climate Emergency Conference – details and purpose of conference
 - Climate Emergency Communications and Engagement Research – details and purpose
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Input provided to draft Lifelong Learning Strategy
- Comment on the launch of Darebin's natural heritage film and how the film might achieve natural heritage related community engagement goals
- Comment on the 2018/2019 draft Council budget
- Feedback was provided on Council's Climate Emergency Conference
- Participation in Council's Climate Emergency Research (via a workshop)

FUTURE PLANS

DERG meeting agenda items for consideration – 2018/2019		
Issue	What is it	Proposed meeting
Open Space Strategy - including Biodiversity Assessment	Review of strategy, with emphasis on biodiversity	Update at November meeting
Safe travel and walking strategy	Development of strategy	April meeting
Climate emergency conference and climate emergency communications and engagement research	Input on conference	June/August meetings
Solar Saver Progress and special charge scheme	Updates	Ongoing
Environmental Procurement	Review of procurement policy	update yet to be scheduled
Environmental Engagement and education Strategy	Development of strategy	update yet to be scheduled
Urban Food Production Strategy	Review of strategy	August meeting
Parking strategy	Development of strategy	November meeting
Sustainability Awards	Award program - schedule for November 29, 2018; deferred until February 2019	February 2019 meeting
Waste Strategy	Review of strategy	November 2018
Darebin organisational Carbon management Plan	Development of plan	update yet to be scheduled
Darebin Nature Trust	Trust recommendation	update yet to be scheduled
Policy and action plan for single-use plastic elimination	Update on implementation	update yet to be scheduled

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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

AUTHOR: Community Planner, City Futures

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

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.

Committee Members

- 24 housing and community support services are represented on the committee.
- Two Darebin City Council Officers for executive support

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Susanne Newton
- Cr Gaetano Greco

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

There has been no meeting of the Darebin Housing Advisory Committee during this period. Council is aware of the resourcing limitations of housing associations and has generally been careful to call meetings only when there are specific needs for advice.

A consultation meeting was held with members of the Committee regarding the Housing Diversity Report for Oakover Village. This was not a formal committee meeting, although all the organisations that are members of the committee were invited.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

There has been no meeting of the Darebin Housing Advisory Committee during this period. Input into the Housing Diversity Report for Oakover Village was received from a number of organisations who are members of the Committee.

FUTURE PLANS

- In 2018-19, Council is reviewing its housing and housing affordability policies and this committee will provide input and advice to help develop these.
- Council is also exploring opportunities to facilitate affordable housing on its own land and will seek advice of this committee in relation to these opportunities.

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- - Advocacy for more affordable housing remains a high priority for Darebin Council and it will seek feedback from this committee.
 - Council will seek feedback from the committee on the best way to consult with and seek advice from the housing and community support services represented on the committee to inform its 2018-19 meeting schedule and forward agenda.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Housing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (A1594061)

1. DAREBIN INTERFAITH COUNCIL

AUTHOR: Coordinator Equity and Diversity Unit

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Interfaith Council (DIFC) seeks to promote activities that foster interfaith dialogue and collaboration relevant to the interfaith community within the municipality of Darebin.

During the period from December 2017 to May 2018, DIFC met on:

- Thursday 9th February
- Thursday 4th June

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 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Management of community relations around the Preston Mosque.
- Ensure planning for Ramadan, IFTAR, Eid El Fitr; Mosque Open Day and the delivery of RESPECT attracted positive and safe responses from the community and the media.
- Existing partnerships remained active and productive in the delivery of Council's commitment to a diverse and safe city.
- Promotion of interfaith events encouraging dialogue and understanding as a response to threats to social cohesion arising from violent extremism and the rise of far right groups.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Advice and feedback on the implementation of the interfaith projects including the Darebin Community Inclusion Plan (DCIP) and Darebin SPEAK project.
 - Supported the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Islamic Society of Victoria / Preston Mosque.
 - Promoted the Mosque Open Day, Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr Morning Community prayers at the Preston Mosque.
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- Engaged in consultation regarding the Darebin's Climate Emergency Conference agenda including proposed session to discuss interfaith perspectives and actions on climate emergency.

FUTURE PLANS

- Participation in the Climate Emergency Conference in September 2018: contribution of Interfaith communities.
- Darebin SPEAK: provision of ongoing advice.
- Darebin RESPECT: support the implementation of a 2nd Stage of Respect Guide for Muslim Leaders on Preventing Violence Against Women Project.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Interfaith Council Terms of Reference
 - Multicultural Action Plan 2017 – 2019
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1. DAREBIN NATURE TRUST

AUTHOR: Coordinator Public Places and Design

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Nature Trust is a 12 month interim advisory committee tasked with reviewing the Open Space Strategy, increasing biodiversity across Darebin and strategically acquiring land to add to the public open space network.

Committee Members

- 9 Community Members
- 4 Councillors City of Darebin
- 4 Council Officers City of Darebin

Councillor Representative:

- Chair, Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)
- Cr. Trent McCarthy
- Cr. Steph Amir
- Cr. Susanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Establishment of the Darebin Nature Trust took place during this period. The first members were selected and appointed by Council on 12 June 2018.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Following an Expression of Interest period, the community membership of the Darebin Nature Trust was adopted by Council on 12 June 2018.
- First meeting of the Trust is scheduled for 7 August 2018 at the Preston Town Hall.

FUTURE PLANS

- Darebin Nature Trust will focus on setting the goals for the short and long term for the group, solidifying the governance structure of the group and providing feedback into the Open Space Strategy. Council will seek feedback on its approach to auditing biodiversity across the City during 2018-19 and input into development of a No Local Extinctions Policy.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Nature Trust Terms of Reference.
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1. DAREBIN SEX, SEXUALITY AND GENDER DIVERSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Human Rights Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Darebin's Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity (SSGD) Advisory Committee was established in 2012 to support Council's commitment to recognising sexual orientation and sex and gender diversity as significant aspects of community diversity, and enhance Council's capacity to address barriers to equality that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) residents face.

Committee Members

- 10 community members
- 1 representative Rainbow Families Victoria
- 1 representative Senswide LGBTIQ Employment Services
- 1 Council officer for executive support
- 1 Council officer to co-facilitate discussion when/as needed

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Steph Amir
- Cr Suzanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

The Committee met in February and May 2018. Key issues for this period include:

- Formation of new relationships between new and longer-standing committee members.
- Discussion on Council's Equity-related goal and activities in Council Plan.
- Advocating for more/better data on the LGBTQ communities of Darebin.
- Strengthening the trans and gender diverse components of Council's LGBTIQ work.
- Community engagement – how can Council best engage with LGBTIQ communities?
- Amplifying Council's messages of equality, respect and inclusion in the public realm.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Welcome and induction for new members including agreement on guiding principles for working together.
 - Planning for and participation in Midsumma Festival 2018, specifically a Council stall on Carnival day and a contingent in Pride March (both undertaken in partnership with Banyule, Yarra and Moreland Councils).
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- - Planning for and participation in Council's IDAHOBIT event (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia).
 - Planning for Council's first-time recognition of International Transgender Day of Visibility
 - Advice and feedback to Your Community Health on a proposed new LGBTIQ health clinic at YCH's Northcote site.

FUTURE PLANS

- Assist Council to undertake gendered community safety audits, beginning with Northern Pipe Trail.
- Assist with review of Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan.
- Planning for Midsumma Festival and Transgender Day of Visibility 2019.
- Presentations from local agencies.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Terms of Reference for Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diverse Advisory Committee
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1. DAREBIN WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Preventing Violence Against Women Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

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

- 12 community members
- Two Darebin City Council Officers for executive support

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Kim Le Cerf
- Cr Lina Messina

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

The committee met in February and May 2018. Key issues for this period include:

- Advice and feedback to Council on services, programming and policies.
- Applying a gender lens on Council's Community Safety Audits to create safer cities for women.
- Discussion on Council's current preventing violence against women and gender equity initiatives.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Feedback on Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021
 - Feedback on Council's Women's Leadership Program
 - Supporting the development of Council's first partnership program with Global Sisters, to deliver the Sister School business education program
 - Planning Council's 2018 International Women's Day event on 8 March, *Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration*
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FUTURE PLANS

- Assist with Council to undertake gendered community safety audits with relevant public realm and community safety initiatives.
- Assist with the review of the Gender Equity and Preventing Violence Against Women Action Plans.
- Planning for the 2019 International Women's Day celebrations.
- Presentations from local agencies.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (A3948737)
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1. DAREBIN YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

AUTHOR: Coordinator Youth Services

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

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 Darebin
- Darebin Council – Coordinator Youth Services
- Darebin Council – Manager, Families Youth and Children

Councillor Representative:

Cr. Steph Amir, Cr. Susan Rennie (Proxy)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- The Youth Advisory Group was an endorsed activity of the 2012 – 2017 Youth Engagement Strategy. In December 2017 the Strategy expired along with the Youth Advisory Group.
- Following the implementation of the Young Citizen Jury in 2017, Officers discussed with Council at the 4 December 2017 meeting that the Young Citizen Jury model was a more appropriate model than the Youth Advisory Group, providing enhanced outcomes for young people's civic participation.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- There are no activities or outcomes to report between 1 December 2017 and 31 May 2018 as no meeting took place.

FUTURE PLANS

- It is recommended that the Youth Advisory Group be officially discontinued and replaced with the Young Citizen Jury reporting to Council annually in November via a council report.
- No future councillor representation is anticipated to be required as part of the Young Citizen Jury.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

1. EDUARDES LAKE PARK REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Urban Designer, Public Places

REVIEWED BY: Manager City Futures

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 Representative:

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

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- No meetings of the reference group were held during 2017-18

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- No meetings of the reference group were held during 2017-18
 - The master plan development was substantially done during 2016-17, with significant input and advice from the reference group. Since then, the key concepts developed have not changed.
 - During 2017-18, further geotechnical investigations were completed to understand risks rising from the Site's history as a former tip. Feasibility work to better understand what upgrades are required for the Athletics Track.
 - During 2017-18 some 'easy wins' arising from the earlier work that the reference group informed have been delivered in Edwardes Lake Park, including replacement of old park furniture and installation of the compacting solar bins to manage the litter issues at the park.
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FUTURE PLANS

- The next meeting of the group will be scheduled for August/September.
- The reference group will be asked to review and input into the draft Edwardes Lake Park Master Plan ahead of release for wider community comment in late 2018.
- Feedback will be sought on how to best engage the community in regards to the draft Edwardes Lake Park.

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: General Manager Operations & Capital

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)
- Emergency Management Planning Officer (Shared roll with MCC & DCC)

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
- BOC

Councillor Representative:

Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- 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 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- Co-ordination and attendance across Darebin in the relief and recovery of various storm events.
- Share Resource for Moreland & Darebin Council's appointed and working on updating sub plans & MEM Plan
- 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*".
- Completing the actions from the Audit by MEMP committee

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 – to revote on risk assessment hazards by MEMPC.
- 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
- Provide refresher training to MEMPC members in AIMS
- Undertaking & participating in at least 2 exercises.

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 Futures

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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/General Managers (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 Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- 1 x Department Health and Human Services (Housing)
- 1 x Program Manager

Councillor Representative:

- Mayor/Cr. Kim Le Cerf
 - Cr. Amir
 - Cr. Messina
 - Cr. Williams
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PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

Matters considered at the 16 November 2017 Steering Committee meeting included:

- Community engagement approach: Officers to recommend an approach to Council that re-engages the wider community with the project at a more regular basis, including innovative engagement efforts to set the vision, broader parameters and the formation of a community representative group.
- Report the findings of the engagement efforts back to Council.
- TW Blake Community Concept Plan: Re-engage with the community to test the concept of becoming a multi-use space. Prepare a plan that outlines the community engagement when preparing more detailed plans for components.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2017 to 31 May 2018

- An Engagement Plan was adopted by Council on the 19 March 2018. It outlines the general engagement activities as a road map up until mid-2019, explaining purpose and level of engagement activities per engagement phase.
- Wider community engagement activities as part of Phase 1 were undertaken between April and June 2018. Efforts included dropping 8,000 postcards within 800m of the precinct, 2,500 letters to businesses and landowners, a designated project website and online survey, ongoing and targeted social media efforts, translations of letters into 9 languages, 6 pop-up sessions at different locations and an ideas hack with community members.
- The findings and recommendations will be presented to Council on the 13 August 2018.

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 planning to occur around mid-August 2018. The next report with recommendations from the Committee will go to Darebin Council in either December 2018 or beginning 2019.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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

AUTHOR: Economic Development Coordinator

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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)
- One resident
- Two Council officers

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Lina Messina and
- Cr Julie Williams

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for December 2017 to May 2018

Issues for Preston Central include:

- Parking availability and restrictions.
- Safety of business owners and shoppers.
- A need to enhance the diversity of retail offerings.
- Increased number of vacant shops in High Street.
- Need to improve presentation standards of the shopping strip and need for beautification.
- Engaging more local business owners as Committee members

Key Activities / Outcomes for December 2017 to May 2018

- Rebranded Preston Central and developed a new website.
 - Commenced Social Media for Preston Central (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).
 - Commenced a visual merchandising program to improve façade and presentation.
 - Delivered Christmas decorations, partnered in the #darebinxmas digital campaign and created an activation for families.
 - Sponsored and participated in the Darebin Connect event.
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- Held Lunar New Year celebrations and delivered 35 store blessing of shops within Preston Central.
 - Commencement of the People of Preston (PoP) which focuses on telling real stories of traders, residents and visitors in Preston.
 - The development and finalisation of a Business Plan.

FUTURE PLANS

- Develop and deliver a marketing plan for 2018/19
- Promote the benefits of Preston Central in the lead up to a Special Rate renewal.
- Review Terms of Reference and governance of the Special Rate Levy.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Preston Business Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 7 June 2017.
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