
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. The committee has a role in monitoring and reporting on the Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011–21.

Committee Members:

- 13 community representatives
- 4 Darebin City Council Officers

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Susan Rennie
- Cr Gaetano Greco
- Cr Susanne Newtown

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Working with officers to assist in preparation for Council submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.
- The Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board have been kept involved in the Age Friendly Darebin Review through a briefing of the draft report and its recommendations with opportunity for questions and clarification.
- The final report and its recommendations will remain an area of interest to AHAAB.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Production of an annual workplan identifying joint priorities for Council and the Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board as aligned with the Terms of Reference.
 - AHAAB briefing and input sought on the Age Friendly Darebin Review activities.
 - AHAAB workshop and input sought for Council submission into the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.
 - Community workshop in partnership with Council on the Ageing designed to raise awareness and build community capacity regarding understanding of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety with involvement of AHAAB members.
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FUTURE PLANS

- Aged care reform and directions
- Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine Policy and its relevance to older people
- Housing

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Terms of Reference
 - Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2011–21
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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 tap into community expertise to help contribute to the achievement of the overarching goals of the Climate Emergency Plan.

Committee Members

- 2 Councillors, plus 1 non-voting Councillor
- 6 community members
- The Council CEO (ex officio)

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Kim Le Cerf (Chair)
- Cr Trent McCarthy
- Cr Susan Rennie (non-voting)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Key strategic priorities and work areas of CED
- As a new advisory committee, there was work to establish how to effectively collaborate, engage and provide input into Darebin Council climate emergency work.
- How CED can support council advocacy
- Many climate emergency activities were new in this period – so were in an establishment or innovation phase

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- The CED Advisory Committee met five times between 1 December 2018 and 31 May 2019
 - There have been regular meetings of Working Groups to scope out projects
 - CED members attended community events, e.g. kite festival, to talk about climate emergency with our community
 - Provided input into Council's waste review and Climate Emergency communications research workshops
 - Initial recommendation provided on CED governance for another year
 - Development of program of project proposals to contribute to 2019-2020 budget development
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- Implementation of the following projects was delivered by council officers:
 - Solar garden feasibility study
 - Micro-grid feasibility study (in partnership with Village Power)
 - Community mobilisation and engagement, including engagement events and development of ambassadors program
 - Advocacy to engage other Councils to adopt a climate emergency resolution
 - Engaging other Councils on the climate emergency response and the development of a resource for other Councils to follow climate emergency approach
 - Webinar linkup of Australian climate emergency councils
 - International link up of climate emergency councils
 - Resource for other councils on effective climate emergency response
 - Film about Darebin's climate emergency response
 - Community climate emergency dinner and resources
 - Attending community events, e.g. kite festival, to talk about climate emergency with our community

FUTURE PLANS

- Completion of all projects for 2018-2019 financial year
- Continued investigation into long-term governance structure of CED
- Ongoing advice and input on Darebin Council's climate emergency response

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
 - Darebin Climate Emergency Plan
 - Climate Emergency Darebin Strategic Plan
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1. DAREBIN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 advice, direction and strategic opportunity and representation on behalf of the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and organisations. DAAC also provides strategic input into Council's projects, initiatives and oversees delivery of the Council Plan Goal 5.3 through the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy.

Committee Members:

- 3 Darebin Councillors
- 6 Aboriginal community members

Councillor Representatives:

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

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

The Committee met for scheduled meetings on 12th of December 2018 and 7th of March 2019, with additional exceptional meetings held to progress planning of the Inclusive event in consultation with Committee members.

Key issues for this period:

- Provision of ongoing advice supporting the implementation of the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy
 - Aboriginal Treaty and Constitutional reform. Regular updates and discussion with DAAC around what Treaty may mean for Council and the Darebin Aboriginal community.
 - Updating the Darebin Statement of Commitment
 - Advising on Traditional Owner Woi-wurrung names for Council rooms and development of Aboriginal protocols
 - Rewording Acknowledgment To Country in Woi-wurrung language
 - Providing feedback into the ICAN Mural development
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- The Council Statement of Commitment was endorsed by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung, DAAC and Council in May 2019.
- The committee contributed to discussions on Aboriginal Treaty and Constitutional reform with support for local community conversations held at Watsonia Library and Preston Library in partnership with Darebin Council, Banyule Council, Reconciliation Victoria and 3KND.
- Provided advice and input into program design of the Inclusive Event including participation on selection panel for Event Producer and establishment of Inclusive Event Working group established with representation.
- Representation of DACC members on the Welcoming Cities Reference Group
- The Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan was endorsed by DAAC in March 2019
- Provision of advice on Room Renaming and organisational Cultural Protocols.
- Representation of DACC members on the Darebin Community Awards judging panel.

FUTURE PLANS

- Training in Woi-wurrung language names for Council rooms and Acknowledgement to Country for all DAAC members.
- Ongoing development of the Inclusive event scheduled for September 2019
- Continued input of committee members into Welcoming Cities reference group and Darebin Community Awards selection committee.
- Continue to monitor and guide the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2017-27 and the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2017-21

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
 - Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Action Plan 2017-21
 - Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy 2017-21
 - Council's Aboriginal Statement of Commitment 2019
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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 comprises 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.
- Up to five Council Staff; Manager Creative Culture, Coordinator Arts Precincts, Coordinator Art and Collections, Coordinator Festivals and Events
- Two Councillors; Chair and Deputy Chair.

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Newton
- Cr. Lawrence

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

Matters considered at the 19 February meeting included:

- Festivals in Darebin consultation
 - Arts Strategy Review included Think Tank in November 2018, notes have been compiled based on all input across 2018.
 - Progress report on the Venues Review and associated Council resolution on the 3rd September 2018 concerning the transition of the Darebin Arts Centre and Northcote Town Hall into dedicated art centres and creative hubs.
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- Call and Response Public Artwork located in High Street, Westgarth is being assessed in terms of environmental impact and to the flora and fauna. The assessment was initiated following a public petition tabled at Council in 2018.
 - Progress update on a proposed Creative Strategy to be planned as part of the Reservoir Elevated Rail project which is underway.
 - May meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Arts Ambassador engagement and participation in various Council produced arts events, performances, festivals and exhibitions.
- Future of Festivals proposed new model was given in principle support at Council Meeting in October 2018 and a community engagement process was undertaken in early 2019. Consultation Plan rolled out 28 February – 30 June 2019.
- Informing the development of the renewed public art policy which was adopted by Council in March 2019.
- Informing the development of the Northland Urban Renewal Creative Strategy.
- Darebin Arts Centre renovations complete – Open Day convened 5 May

FUTURE PLANS

- Ongoing engagement and participation in local arts events, performances, festivals and exhibitions.
- Art Strategy updated with renewed priorities
- Ongoing advocacy in alignment with the Arts Strategy and Creative Industries and Cultural Infrastructure Framework 2018.
- Ongoing advice on the Future of Festivals Framework.
- Ongoing advice on the transition plan to reinvigorate Darebin's Arts Precincts, namely Darebin Arts Centre, Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre and Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre.
- Future networking with the Bundoora Homestead Board of Management and more broadly with the sector and Councillors.
- Refresh of the membership of the Darebin Arts Ambassadors in 2019.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Darebin Arts Ambassador Terms of Reference (2016)

1. DAREBIN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Coordinator Transport Strategy

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and 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:

- 9 general community members, including one local police officer and a representative of the Darebin Bicycle User Group. (note that two members have resigned this year).
- Two councillors (one is proxy)
- While not members, two council officers typically attend to support this committee (Sustainable Transport Officer; Coordinator Transport Strategy)

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Steph Amir
- Cr Susanne Newton (Proxy)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

The Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee held meetings in April and June 2019.

The key issues and challenges discussed in these meetings were:

- Interaction of parking and bike facilities, and need to engage the community about this more
 - The need for open space near where people live
 - That Council is delivering a long list of good bike projects, and could promote this better
 - Northern Pipe Trail northern section input to issues and options
 - Tyler Street contraflow route evaluation
 - Desire to have input into plans and information on new projects so can provide feedback
 - Value of having bike riders sharing experiences together and with Council
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

Members provided feedback and suggestions on a range of council work and projects relating to the following:

- Infrastructure projects across the municipality:
 - Northern Pipe Trail Masterplan
 - Streets for People (Bicycle Friendly Roads)
 - Darebin Creek way finding
 - Bundoora Park shared path
 - Merri Creek/Capital City Trail wayfinding
 - Bike Parking review

- 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.
 - Darebin Loves Bikes
 - Community Kite Festival (DBAC volunteers attended to help out)

- Strategies and Council consultations:
 - Annual Budget
 - Grants Review
 - Draft Parking Strategy consultation
 - Draft Open Space Strategy consultation

FUTURE PLANS

A review of Community Advisory Committees will be undertaken in 2019 as part of the review and development of Council's Community Engagement Strategy. It is proposed that the appointment terms of the current members be extended to December 2019, to allow for consideration of the recommendations arising from the review.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
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1. COMMUNITY AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: Manager Creative Culture and Events

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

In August 2017 as part of a Council resolution it was agreed that it was time to refresh and renew the current 26 January Awards and in collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to introduce new categories within the Awards that recognise and celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work, study or volunteer in Darebin.

The Darebin Community Awards recognise the achievement of our community members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Darebin community, and the Awards serve to recognise our citizens. There are now five award categories.

Over seventy nominations were received over the five categories.

Committee Members

Membership of Darebin Community Awards Committee is made up of:

- Councillor representative(s) Mayor to chair the Committee
- Two members of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- A Representative of the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council
- Four Community Representatives
- One Council officer, and others as required
- Apart from Councillor(s) and officers, the committee's membership should not exceed twelve.
- The Committee will seek to build and reflect diversity within membership and be inclusive in practice.

Councillor Representative:

- Cr Susan Rennie

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

Two new categories for 2019 have been introduced that will ensure all residents are reflected and represented in the Darebin Community Awards, there are now seven categories in the Darebin Community Awards:

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- As the previous known Sustainability Awards, are now discontinued (previously completed in the Environment and Sustainable Transport Team) it was a natural transition that the Darebin Community Awards would introduce another category in this field.

(As there would be no other mechanism to honour work in the sustainability field that is currently being completed. The inclusion and benefits of introducing an environmental category in the Darebin Community awards program, demonstrates that environmental sustainability is important to council and still allows us to recognise good work and achievements in a sustainably place, it also ensures that the statue is elevated and including other mainstream awards)

The new award is to be called **Sustainability Award** and could be awarded to an individual, educational group or community group - new category

- We also are also including a category for the long term work and achievement award over a lifetime and dedication that recognise contributions over the whole of a career, rather than or in addition to a single contribution. The award to be called **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and would be awarded to an individual - new category

FUTURE PLANS

- Council staff will coordinate the presentation and planning of the awards in conjunction with the Committee for 2019.
- Darebin Community Awards presentation evening for recipients of the Darebin Community Awards will be at an event held on Friday 23 of August, 2019.
- Introduction of two new categories in the awards for 2019 that is representative of sustainability practices "Sustainability Award " and recognising contributions over the whole of a career, **Lifetime Achievement Award**, and would be awarded to an individual.
- 1 May 2019 Darebin Community Award nominations are opened and advertised.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Community Awards 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:

2019 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Darebin Disability Advisory Committee (DDAC). The Committee provides advice to Council on issues relating to access and inclusion for people with disabilities and carers living, working, studying or visiting Darebin.

The purpose of DDAC is to promote and advocate for, improved access and equity within Council and the wider community, irrespective of age, type of disability, gender, culture or linguistic background.

The Committee also monitors the implementation of Council's Access and Inclusion Plan.

Committee Members

- 5 x community members
- 3 x carers
- 2 x service providers (Melbourne Polytech and Encompass House)

Councillor Representative:

- Cr. Julie Williams and Cr. Susanne Newton

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- DDAC have raised the issue of parking for committee members attending the meeting (held 11am – 1pm on a Monday). The Access and Inclusion Team are trailing a process of reserving parking spaces for committee members on meeting days.
- Darebin City Council is currently undertaking a review of Council community advisory structures (Council Plan 2017–21: Goal 5.2). Recruitment to the committee will not be undertaken until the review is complete.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Reviewed the Darebin Disability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
 - Reviewed meetings and actions from 2018 and planned priorities for 2019
 - Provided advice regarding the Development of the new Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan
 - Provided feedback on the Draft Parking Strategy
 - Informed the focus of the International Day People with Disability and Human Rights Day event
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- Provided feedback regarding the Committee for Melbourne “Street Ability” project to make Preston Central Autism friendly
 - Reviewed plans and designs and provided access advice to the Level Crossing Removal Authority
 - Received an update from the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Local Area Coordinator, and discussed issues with the NDIS
 - Provided feedback and advice regarding the Darebin Disability Heritage Project idea
 - Ongoing discussions and advocacy in relation to accessible housing
 - Provided guidance regarding the Access and Inclusion team community engagement plan

FUTURE PLANS

Priority topics for 2019:

- Affordable housing
- Accessible housing
- Level crossing removal
- Access to premises standards
- Emergency egress
- Intellectual disability
- Employment
- Mental health
- Redevelopment of the Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
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1. DAREBIN DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Manager City Safety and Compliance

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group (DDAMRG) was formed approximately five 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.

Committee Members:

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

- City of Darebin
- Maneki Neko Cat Rescue
- Getting 2 Zero
- Forever Friends Animal Rescue
- RSPCA

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr Julie Williams
- Cr. Kim Le Cerf

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

Advising on:

- Developing proactive measures to best manage the domestic animal population
 - Developing low cost desexing programs similar to neighbouring Councils targeting hot spot locations and socially disadvantaged community members
 - Developing secondary desexing program in conjunction with the RSPCA and local vets
 - How best to return lost pets to owners prior to entering the Shelter
 - Ongoing focus on responsible pet ownership
 - Identifying best practise for the management of neonatal kittens
 - Identifying improvements in statistical reporting
 - Ongoing discussion and consultation on a proposed Cat curfew
 - Increasing ownership, registration and identification of pets
 - Changes to the Domestic Animal Regulations 2018 increasing controls on Pet Shops and Foster Care networks
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Advice was provided on options to increase pet registrations.
- The committee's major 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.
- Exploration of reasons for euthanasia and whether euthanasia can be further reduced without compromising animal welfare or biodiversity. Options and discussions covered:
 - How RSPCA euthanasia and FIV policies are applied and basis of assessments by vets.
 - Increase participation of Rescue Groups and Foster Care networks working with the RSPCA
 - Changes to neonatal kitten process that diverts healthy kittens to specialist care needed for very young kittens
 - Suggestion to explore trap, neuter and return pilot program run by the Australian research council.
- Updates and guidance was provided on a number of the key actions in the Domestic Animal Management Plan.
- Feedback was provided by the Committee on improvements to the current statistical reporting
- Advice was provided on draft animal management information booklet and brochures.

FUTURE PLANS

Providing advice in relation to:

- Promotion and education of responsible pet ownership with a particular emphasis on cat ownership
- Promotion of animal adoption and fostering initiatives
- Building relationships with Department of Health and Human Services targeting residents to participate in desexing events
- Mandatory desexing of cats
- Dangerous dog and restricted breed draft policy/procedures
- Cat curfew/consultation
- Mobile desexing and Epping Animal Welfare Facility desexing events for 2019
- Alternative events to replace the Pet Expo
- Implementation of changes to Domestic Animal Regulations 2018

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Domestic Animal Management Terms of Reference
 - Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021
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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, with the overarching aim of promoting quality and equitable education for all children, with a focus on children and schools where there is significant educational disadvantage.

Committee Members:

- Department of Education and Training (DET) – 3 representatives
- Darebin Schools – 15 representatives
- Inner Local Learning and Education Network (INLLEN) – 1 representative
- Darebin City Council – 4 representatives

Councillor Representatives:

- Councillor Susan Rennie – Mayor
- Councillor Lina Messina

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

The committee met in March and May 2019. Key issues for this period included:

- Ongoing 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 Aboriginal history and culture with a focus on primary schools.
 - Primary to secondary transition, a key challenge across Darebin schools especially for students who experience educational disadvantage and their families.
 - Strengthening relationships and communication between diverse areas and programs of Council as they impact on schools, including advocating for an equity lens in Council wide support for schools.
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Two productive meetings with discussion and action on key matters of concern to schools and Council including:
 - Two of Darebin's newest schools, including one that supports young people with complex social experiences.
 - Professional development by Koorie Education Support Officers regarding culturally safe teaching.
 - Feedback about the Draft Parking Strategy
 - Professional development with Traditional Owner elder in four Darebin schools.
 - Promoting solidarity with Muslim students after Christchurch violence.
- Completion by four schools of the whole-of-school, trauma-informed Berry Street Education Model and commencement of three new schools in the model, including two public and one Catholic school.
- Preparation of the second Darebin Schools' Yarning Conference. Voice.Treaty.Truth.
- A successful primary to secondary school forum '*Transition – Preparing for Secondary School – A journey together*'.

FUTURE PLANS

- Strengthening work experience opportunities for Year 10 students across Darebin Council, in particular students who experience educational disadvantage.
- Promote learnings of evaluation of Berry Street Education Model by University of Melbourne across schools and education partners.
- Deliver second Darebin Schools' Yarning Conference for year 5 students and follow-up actions by schools from student ideas for showing respect to Aboriginal history and culture.
- Continue to strengthen support for children's learning and well-being in middle years in particular as part of transition primary to secondary school 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., and Darebin Spiritual Healing Trail.
- Continue to strengthen relationships between schools and diverse parts of Council, including through the Darebin Education Committee and review of *Essentials for Darebin Schools – A quick guide to Darebin Council*.

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:

Usually the group includes 12 community members, but currently includes 11.

Councillor Representatives:

- Councillors Trent McCarthy and Lina Messina

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

The biggest challenge is redefining the ongoing purpose/niche of the group in relation to the other environmentally focused groups Council now has (for example, Climate Emergency Darebin, Darebin Nature Trust, as well as the Darebin Bicycle Users Group).

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

The committee provided feedback on a range of issues including:

- Climate emergency communications and engagement research – an introduction to key research findings and outcomes
 - Streets for People – an introduction to this project about transforming our local street network into more people friendly spaces
 - Waste strategy review
 - Climate emergency community leader's dinner and what's next for climate emergency mobilisation
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FUTURE PLANS

A review of Community Advisory Committees is currently being undertaken. The current members and terms of reference have been extended for one year to December 2019, to allow for consideration of the recommendations arising from the review.

Also the number of meetings planned for 2019 is four to better align with needs.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Environmental Reference Group Terms of Reference.

1. DAREBIN INTERFAITH COUNCIL

AUTHOR: Interfaith Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Interfaith Council (DIFC) seeks to promote activities that foster social cohesion through interfaith dialogue and collaboration relevant to faith communities within the municipality of Darebin.

During the period from December 2018 to May 2019, DIFC met on:

- Thursday 7th February
- The meeting scheduled for Thursday 8th May was postponed.

Committee Members:

The DIFC Committee is made up of 12 representatives from various local faith organisations who represent the religious diversity of Darebin.

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Gaetano Greco (Chair)
- Cr. Lina Messina (Proxy)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Over this period, DIFC were involved in the promotion of interfaith events encouraging dialogue and understanding in response to threats to social cohesion arising from violent extremism, including attacks on mosques in Christchurch and churches in Sri Lanka.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- World Interfaith Harmony Week “Peace Poles” event (7 February) conducted with discussion on the theme: “What does interfaith harmony mean to me?” with guests from the Whittlesea Interfaith Council.
 - DIFC participated in and contributed to planning for Ramadan, Iftar, Eid El Fitr activities.
 - Two DIFC delegates participated in the Climate Emergency Ambassadors program.
 - The Committee continued to provide strategic advice and discussion of current and emerging community issues/trends impacting locally.
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FUTURE PLANS

- Support for forthcoming Refugee Week (16-22 June) activities.
- Participation the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony (8 July).
- Annual Interfaith Tour of iconic places of worship within Darebin planned for August or September.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Interfaith Council Terms of Reference (Obj. Ref: A4818219)
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1. DAREBIN LIFELONG LEARNING STRATEGY REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Senior Coordinator Darebin Libraries

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group was established in June 2017 to provide advice, feedback, support and guidance to Council on the development of the Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy.

Committee Members:

- 15 community members
- 2 Darebin City Council Officers for support

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Steph Amir
- Cr. Julie Williams

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- The Reference Group did not meet during this period.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- A future meeting is planned to consider the draft Lifelong Learning Strategy

FUTURE PLANS

- Discussions with relevant Council Officers to identify and agree a way forward.
- Reference Group meeting to discuss Council's proposed approach.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group Terms of Reference
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1. DAREBIN NATURE TRUST

AUTHOR: Planning Landscape Architect

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Darebin Nature Trust was established by Council as an innovative initiative to see a group of Darebin community members, who are experts in the field of environmental preservation, conservation and management, advise Council on biodiversity enhancements and open space management.

Committee Members:

Council resolved on 12 June 2018 the appointment of the Interim committee members for an initial period of 12 months and this committee was effectively extended in November 2018 for 12 months. Priorities of the interim committee include to provide input to the updated Open Space Strategy and determine the most effective long-term Trust model (including resourcing, targets, representation and membership terms).

Committee Members:

- 9 x Community Members / Specialists in Biodiversity, Conservation, Ecology

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Trent McCarthy (Chairperson, Rucker Ward)
- Cr. Amir (Cazaly Ward)
- Cr. Newton (Latrobe Ward)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- The committee have reviewed various options for possible long term governance models and has formed a high level view. The next step is that officers will draft a report to council and confirm feedback from DNT members before finalising a report to Council in late 2019.
 - This review of governance has taken longer than expected and research undertaken as part of economics planning for the Open Space Strategy found that these funds cannot be used by a Trust in the manner outlined in the current committee's Terms of Reference (and initial Expression of Interest).
 - The open space strategy was in development when DNT was established, which meant that advice on biodiversity needed to be considered at stage in strategy development when aspects like format were already established. Ideally DNT feedback would have been incorporated at an earlier stage.
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Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Monthly meetings to provide information from experts and about current council operations to support the committee to provide advice on long term governance and on how council might strengthen biodiversity in its strategic framework as well as its operations and projects. Topics have included:
 - Dr Brian Coffey (on governance proposal) in May,
 - Jennifer Loulie (draft Ruthven master plan) in June and
 - David Smith (Tree management operations)
 - Luke Sandham (bushland operations) in July.
 - SGS consultants (Open Space Strategy – planning role and function)
- Committee members reviewed and provided feedback on and advice about *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy* at several stages during its development to strengthen strategic focus on biodiversity and related open space management.
- Advice was provided as part of development of the budget and a submission developed by community members for FY19/20. Council decided to fund this in part including a new Biodiversity Officer position and a pilot project for biodiversity enhancements.
- The committee have reviewed various options for possible long term governance models and has formed a high level view. DNT community members have suggested changes to the Terms of Reference on this and other matters. The next step is that officers will draft a report to council and confirm feedback from DNT members before finalising a report to Council in late 2019.

FUTURE PLANS

- Continue to provide advice to Council to improve the provision and protection of open spaces and enhance local biodiversity including seeking feedback on:
 - Budget development for future years
 - Open space and park master planning – biodiversity outcomes and priorities
 - Parks management – options for improving biodiversity through management
 - Priorities for enhancing biodiversity – where is it most important for council to focus its effort?
 - Prioritise for community programs – what, where, who is it most important to focus
 - Other strategies and operations as needed
- Long term governance and terms of reference –confirm feedback ahead of council decision Terms of Reference

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Terms of Reference
 - Council Meeting Minutes – 12 June 2018
 - Special Council Meeting Minutes – 3 December 2018
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1. **SEXUALITY, SEX AND GENDER DIVERSITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

AUTHOR: Diversity Policy Officer

REVIEWED BY: General Manager Community

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

This Committee provides Council with expert advice on the needs, issues and aspirations of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse, and intersex (LGBTI) people and communities (and their families) connected to the City of Darebin.

Committee Members:

- Ten community members
- Max. two representatives from LGBTIQ organisations connected to Darebin

Councillor Representatives:

- Cr. Newton (Chair) and Cr. Amir (Proxy)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Contribution to planning of Council's involvement at Midsumma Festival 2019 with a focus on Carnival and Pride March and International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) 2019.
- Early consideration of the impacts of Council decisions on LGBTIQ people & communities through Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Planning & Audit Tool (EIWPAT) was presented to SSGDAC members, who acknowledged its potential for and recommended consistent and strengthened uptake across Council to ensure LGBTIQ-inclusivity.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Support to, and participation in, Council's involvement at Midsumma Festival 2019 with a focus on Carnival and Pride March as opportunities for visibility and community engagement.
 - Acknowledgement and thanks for members finishing their terms, in recognition of their time, expertise and commitment.
 - Support to, and participation in, Council's recognition of International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) 2019.
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- Strategic discussion, advice and input into new Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action work plan and key actions for 19/20.
 - Strategic advice and discussion of current and emerging community issues/trends impacting locally, including:
 - Homelessness risk (particularly among young people) and housing affordability / social housing
 - Safety in the public realm
 - Health & wellbeing – especially mental health
 - Accessible, safe and inclusive bathroom/restroom facilities (notably for trans and gender diverse people)
 - Supporting refugees & asylum seekers who are LGBTIQ
 - Employment of TGD people
 - Participation of 2 SSGDAC delegates to Climate Emergency Ambassadors program

FUTURE PLANS

- Support to implementation of Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity work plan and key actions for 2019/20.
- Continued monitoring, advice and drive for action on current and emerging trends.
- Provision of strategic advice on best ways to engage meaningfully with LGBTIQ+ residents and organisations in Darebin.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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

AUTHOR: Acting 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 programs.
- 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 Representatives:

- Cr. Lina Messina
- Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor)

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

The committee met once in February 2019. Key issues for this period include:

- Immediate findings of the Gender Equality Map were discussed (prior to XYX Lab analysis of the data). The Committee previously supported the implementation of the Map, which aims to gather stories and experiences of gender equality or inequality across the municipality
- Common themes around women's perceptions of safety and experiences of harassment in the public realm was highlighted by the Gender Equality Map.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- During this period six committee members resigned and an expression of interest process for recruitment of the new committee was completed. Four existing committee members will be continuing their term; eight new members were appointed to the committee.
 - Darebin's celebration of International Women's Day was attended by committee members and promoted amongst their networks.
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- Committee members discussed the opportunity for Council's to implement learnings from the Gender Equality Map. Possible actions arising from the findings were grouped into three themes: a project, safety upgrade and advocacy.

FUTURE PLANS

- Induction of the new committee members.
- Focus on three key themes: Women in business / economic development, Women in sport, Women in Creative Culture
- Assist Council in implementing data / findings from the Gender Equality Map project.
- Assist Council to undertake gendered community safety audits with relevant public realm and community safety initiatives.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
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1. EDUARDES LAKE PARK REFERENCE GROUP

AUTHOR: Coordinator City Design

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy

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 City Design and Urban Designer/Project Manager).

Councillor Representative:

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

PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 June 2018 to 30 November 2018

- No meetings of the reference group were held during this period.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 June 2018 to 30 November 2018

- No meetings of the reference group were held during this period.
 - 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

- Draft master plan to be reviewed in line with 12-month water quality monitoring evaluation report.
- The next meeting of the group will be held when the master plan draft is complete.
- 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 2019.
- Feedback will be sought on how to best engage the community in regard 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 (Municipal Emergency Resource Officer)

REVIEWED BY: General Manager, Operations & Capital (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 Operations & Capital)
- Emergency Management Planning Officer (Shared roll with MCC & DCC)

Agency Representation:

- Vic Police
- 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 Representatives:

- Cr Susan Rennie (Mayor)
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PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Reviewing and updating 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.
- Reviewing and rewriting a number of sub-plans including:
 - Pandemic Influenza
 - Extreme Heat
 - Fire Management
 - Relief and Recovery
 - Hostile Act
 - Thornbury and Northcote Local Flood Guide
 - Flood and Storm

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- Co-ordination and attendance across Darebin in the relief and recovery of a number of house fires (non-major emergencies)
 - Emergency Management Planning Officer (shared resource for Moreland and Darebin Council's) provided a gap analysis of sub-plans to MEMPC and has facilitated the review/development of these and facilitated working groups of the MEMPC
 - Developed and undertook Exercise Zeus (Flood and Storm desktop exercise) with MEMPC on 17 December 2018
 - Developed Draft Pandemic Sub-plan
 - The Relief and Recovery Working Group met a number of times and finalised the non-major emergency protocol & working on the major emergency protocol
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 - Undertook Emergency Management Training for Managers (12 December 2018).
 - Emergency Management – staff recruitment held on 22 February 2019- approx. 30 new staff recruited and begun training
 - Meeting held on 25 February 2019 with CFA to undertake the VFRR-B review
 - Coordination of local recovery for the incident at Bundoora with members of MEMPC and other local stakeholders.
 - Debrief meeting held regarding Bundoora Incident with internal staff – 8 March 2019
 - Emergency Management staff recruitment drop in sessions – held in March 2019
 - Developed and undertook a Relief & Recovery Desktop exercise utilising the new protocol with the MEMPC – 12 April 2019
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FUTURE PLANS

- Maintain the MEMP to ensure currency.
- Continue ongoing meetings with all emergency authorities and agencies.
- Update CERA as required in preparation for next audit – to revote on risk assessment hazards by MEMPC as required.
- Update of the Municipal Fire Management Plan to ensure it is current for next audit.
- Review of the Municipal Emergency Recovery Plan is in progress.
- Update the Technical Resources Sub Plan
- Finalise the new :
 - Relief sub-plan
 - Extreme heat sub-plan
 - Pandemic sub-pan

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: Senior Strategic Planner (NURP Project Manager)

REVIEWED BY: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

COMMITTEE SUMMARY:

The Northland Urban Renewal Precinct (NURP) Steering Committee works collectively to provide a clear direction for delivery of the precinct's 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 Project Manager (PM)

Councillor Representatives:

- Mayor/Cr. Susan Rennie
 - Cr. Amir
 - Cr. Messina
 - Cr. Williams
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PROGRESS REPORT

Key Issues and Challenges for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- The project has been in a research and community consultation period during this time.
- The Steering Committee has not met in the period 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019.
- There has been staff change in this time and the project manager who provides secretariat support for this group has changed.

Key Activities / Outcomes for 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019

- A new NURP Project Manager has been appointed, commencing in April, and a review of supporting strategies and studies has been undertaken.
- The Steering Committee has not met in the period 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019.

FUTURE PLANS

- A date has not been set for the next Steering Committee meeting. The next meeting is expected to occur in the second half of 2019 and is expected to cover:
 - Findings from community engagement so far
 - Technical and project research update
 - Next steps

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Updated Terms of Reference (June 2016)
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