



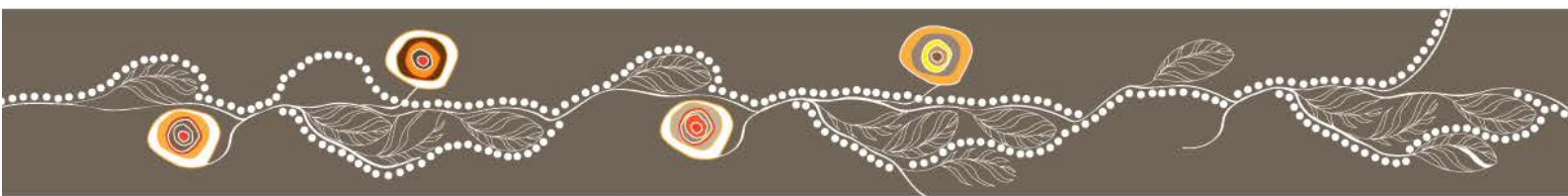
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## AGENDA

Council Meeting to be held  
at Darebin Civic Centre,  
350 High Street Preston  
on Monday, 18 December 2017  
at 6.00 pm.

Public question time will  
commence shortly after 6.00 pm.





# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

Council pays respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.





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# Agenda

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## 1. MEMBERSHIP

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

## 2. APOLOGIES

## 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 4 December 2017 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.



## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Members of the public can lodge questions for Council to answer or make a Comment or Submission prior to a specific item listed on the Agenda of an Ordinary Council meeting.

### **QUESTIONS**

Members of the public can ask up to two (2) questions at an Ordinary Council meeting.

Questions submitted online will be responded to in the first instance. If you are not present at the meeting, the Chairperson will read the question and provide a response. The Chairperson may then take questions from members in the gallery.

Any question not answered at the meeting will be taken on notice and a written response will be provided to the person asking the question.

In accordance with the Darebin Governance Local Law, the Chairperson may disallow a question if it:

- is defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance; or
- deals with a subject matter already answered; or
- is aimed at embarrassing a Councillor or an officer.

If you are unable to submit your question prior to the Ordinary Council meeting, the Chairperson may take questions from the floor.

### **SUBMISSIONS OR COMMENTS**

Members of the public may make a comment or 2 minute submission on a matter listed on the Agenda prior to the item being debated.

A person who is unable to stay at the meeting until the Agenda item is heard, may make their comment or submission during Question Time.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION OR MAKE A COMMENT OR SUBMISSION**

Members of the public who wish to ask a question, or make a comment or submission to an agenda item, at an Ordinary Council meeting are encouraged to do so in one of the following ways:

- (a) online at [darebin.vic.gov.au/questionsandsubmissions](http://darebin.vic.gov.au/questionsandsubmissions) by 3pm on the day of the meeting; or
- (b) by email to [Q&S@darebin.vic.gov.au](mailto:Q&S@darebin.vic.gov.au); by 3pm on the day of the meeting; or
- (c) in person at the Preston Customer Service Centre, 274 Gower Street, Preston; or
- (d) by mail to PO Box 91, Preston 3072; or
- (e) with a Council officer prior to a Council meeting.

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**6. PETITIONS**

**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 8.1 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2017-21

**Author:** Manager Families, Diversity and Community

**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

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#### Report Background

Darebin City Council is required, under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* to submit a four-year Health and Wellbeing Plan to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in December 2017.

The paper provides the goals and objectives of the new 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan. It also provides an overview of the internal and community engagement processes to develop the draft plan and the feedback received during the public exhibition period.

#### Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

#### Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 27 November 2017

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 2 - Opportunities to live well

Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017

#### Summary

Darebin City Council (Council) is required to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan every four years under the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. The Plan must protect public health and prevent disease, illness, injury, disability or premature death; promote conditions in which people can be healthy, and reduce inequalities.

Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017–2021, has been developed with the understanding that health and wellbeing is influenced by the social, economic, cultural, built and natural conditions in which we are born, grow, learn, live, work and age. These are known as social determinants that can either strengthen or weaken our health and wellbeing. This document sets out Council's health priorities for the next four years. It outlines what we will do to help achieve improved health and wellbeing outcomes so that residents can live rewarding, healthy and socially connected lives. An Annual Plan is also developed each financial year to provide specific outcomes for the 12 month period.

This plan is strongly linked to the 2017–2021 Council Plan, Goal 2: "We will improve the wellbeing of people in our community by providing opportunities for them to live their lives well" and Goal 5: "We will lead on equity and recognise our diverse community as our greatest asset for solving future challenges".

The mission for Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan is *healthy, strong and resilient people and connected communities*, and strives for health equity for all. There are four overarching goals to reach this mission:

1. Create equitable, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods.
2. Create lifelong learning, educational and employment opportunities for all Darebin people.
3. Improve the emotional and social wellbeing of all Darebin people.
4. Improve the physical health of all Darebin people.

Council's work towards these goals will be developed, implemented and evaluated with strong engagement, partnerships and collaboration including within Council, with organisational stakeholders and with Darebin citizens and communities. This includes a commitment to health equity and inclusion, applying the Darebin Council's Equity and Inclusion Framework to our work.

### Recommendation

**That** Council:

- (1) Notes the consultation process involved in the development of the Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.
  - (2) Endorses the Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.
  - (3) Notes the Darebin Health and Wellbeing Annual Action Plan 2017/2018.
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### Introduction

Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017–2021 sets out Council's health priorities for the next four years. It outlines what we will do to help achieve improved health and wellbeing outcomes so that residents can live rewarding, healthy and socially connected lives. An Annual Plan is also developed each financial year to provide specific outcomes for the 12 month period.

The key stages undertaken for the development of the Health and Wellbeing Plan include:

- Community engagement and consultation (including public exhibition period).
- Review of local, state and national health data.
- Alignment with state health priorities, frameworks and legislation.
- Development of Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 and annual action plan.

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires Local councils to prepare a municipal public health and wellbeing plan within 12 months of the general election. The Act defines that a municipal public health and wellbeing plan must:

- a. Include an examination of data about health status and health determinants in the municipal district;
- b. Identify goals and strategies based on available evidence for creating a local community in which people can achieve maximum health and wellbeing;

- c. Provide for the involvement of people in the local community in the development, implementation and evaluation of the public health and wellbeing plan;
- d. specify how the Council will work in partnership with the Department and other agencies undertaking public health initiatives, projects and programs to accomplish the goals and strategies identified in the public health and wellbeing plan; and
- e. Be consistent with the Council Plan and the municipal strategic statement.

The 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan includes these elements and fully complies with the Act.

## Issues and Discussion

### Health and wellbeing planning frameworks

Five frameworks have been used to develop our Health and Wellbeing Plan, including:

- Social Determinants of Health
- Environments for Health
- Health Equity
- Place-based approaches
- Health in All Policies.

Integrating these guidance measures together ensures that health equity is strived for, and that the goals of the Health and Wellbeing Plan for the City of Darebin align with those for the current Darebin City Council Plan and Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The social determinants of health are those conditions, relationships and environments in which all of us are born, live, grow, learn, work and age. They represent the day-to-day conditions and opportunities in our lives. They can create and strengthen our health and wellbeing or make us unwell. Addressing social determinants of health is important as many factors contributing to poor health and wellbeing are not directly related to the health sector, with many differences in the health and wellbeing of the community related to economic, social, political, cultural, built and natural factors. This approach addresses the idea that people have different capacities for action depending on their environment as environments differ in the resources they provide for individuals.

By including place-based approaches, Council aims to improve health and wellbeing by addressing issues as they are experienced within geographic spaces, such as neighbourhoods or public places, through collaboration with stakeholders. This allows for the improvement of daily experiences shaped by the locations we reside, work and play in. It increases social networks and community connections to improve child development and family function, and reduces inequity between and within communities. This is a key approach for the Victorian Government, to improve health through the collective work of individuals and organisations, as well as local planning, decision-making and accountability for health. A place-based approach is particularly important for neighbourhoods that experience relatively greater levels of socio-economic disadvantage.

The planning and development of this Health and Wellbeing Plan is strongly linked to key strategic documents, including:

- Council Plan 2017-2021, the Council Plan articulates the vision, mission and goals for the four-year Council term.

- The Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS), which sets the future direction for Council's decision making and land use planning. It provides the strategic justification for the detailed controls contained within the planning scheme.
- Equity and Inclusion Framework and associated Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Audit Tool is a human rights based approach and is designed to provide an equity lens over all Council plans and strategies with a focus on creating a fairer, equitable and inclusive place for residents to live.

### **Key demographic data guiding the plan**

Darebin is home to people of diverse races, ethnicities, faiths and beliefs, abilities, talents and aspirations, sexualities, sex and gender identities, age, occupations, income and lifestyles. This richness of diversity is one of our greatest strengths and assets. The demographic developments and changes detailed below are both strengths and challenges to Darebin's health and wellbeing.

The information and indicators presented throughout the Plan come from the following key sources:

- 2011 and 2016 (where available) Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Darebin profiles from the Census, including changes between the census periods have been prepared by .id and are available on Darebin City Council website.
- VicHealth Indicators Survey 2012 and 2015.
- Victorian Public Health Survey 2011-2012.
- Community Indicators Victoria (CIV): from their own earlier research; and data from various sources including earlier work from Department of Planning and Community Development and Victoria Police.
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- Darebin City Council's own research and findings including, Darebin Leisure Strategy Consultation, Darebin Healthy and Active Ageing Consultation, Darebin Racism Inquiry, Darebin Public Education Inquiry, Darebin City Council Plan consultation.

Some of the data provided below is from 2011 due to the staged release of 2016 Census data. As further data is made available through sources such as the Census and Darebin's Household Survey, data will be updated to reflect our community.

- Darebin has a population of 154,144 people.
- It is projected to increase by another 40,000 people to reach 192,142 residents by at least 2031.
- 51.7% are female.
- 48.3% are male.
- 1110 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders live in Darebin, making up .9% of the total population.
- 36% were born overseas.
- 41% speak a language other English at home.
- 5.1% live with disability.
- 64% of people aged 70+ live with disability.
- Our median weekly household income is \$1,423

- 6.8% of people are homeless.

The Darebin Wellbeing score is 75.6%. This is a subjective measure of an individual's quality of life. It is a measure of deep and enduring sense of satisfaction and includes consideration of standard of living, health, achievements, community connection and safety.

#### Risk factors to health and wellbeing

- 5.8% of households in Darebin reported running out of food and not having enough money to buy more.
- 31.2% of people agreed that "getting drunk every now and then is ok".
- 12.1% are current smokers. The rate is higher in Preston East (30.1%) and Reservoir East (22.4%).
- \$683 in electronic gaming machine losses, per person each year.

#### Education

- 59.1% of people in Darebin completed compulsory education (year 12 or equivalent).
- 9.7% students in Year 9 did not meet or exceed the benchmark of reading.
- 45.6% of people 20-24 years old attend university or other tertiary institution.

#### Healthy eating and active living

- 11.8% of adults consume sugar-sweetened soft drinks daily. The rate is higher in Preston East (19.4%).
- 6.2% of people have sedentary behaviour.

#### Mental health

- 14.4% adolescents experience the highest level of psychological distress.
- 20.4% of adults experienced high and very high levels of psychological distress.
- 33.1% of adolescents reported not having a trusted adult in their life.
- Overall satisfaction in life 7.6 on a scale of 10.

#### Community safety and violence against women

- 31.7 family violence incidents each week.
- Perceptions of safety in the public areas are lower in East Preston and East Reservoir.
- Low gender equality score.

#### Economic and employment characteristics

- 19.4% of households earn less than \$650 per week and 21% earn more than \$2,500 per week.
- Northland Activity Area (32.9%), Oakhill (26.6%) and Reservoir Cheddar Road (23.8%) earn less than \$650 per week.
- 26.5% of people aged 20-24 years access youth allowance.
- 6.3% of people 15 years and above are unemployed.
- 13.7% of renters are in rental stress.
- 5.7% of Darebin mortgage holders are in mortgage stress.

- 85% of sole renters aged 65+ living in rent-related financial stress.

At a municipal level Darebin has become less disadvantaged in the last 10 years. In 2011, Darebin is ranked 39th out of 80 Councils in the level of disadvantage. In 2001 Darebin was ranked 8th and in 2006 Darebin was ranked 24th.

However, if we analyse the Darebin data on a suburb or postcode level it is clear that there are large pockets of disadvantage and a large disparity between our most disadvantaged suburbs. Reservoir ranks 171 in level of disadvantage among the 1,516 suburbs of Victoria, placing it amongst the 12% most disadvantaged suburbs in the State. At a neighbourhood level, the community surrounding the Northland Activity Centre has an index of 803.8 making it the most disadvantaged small area in Darebin and placing it among the most disadvantaged 1% of small areas in Victoria. Further to this, when investigating the SEIFA map even in the suburbs of Northcote and Fairfield that are now ranked in Victoria's most advantaged suburbs there are clear areas of poverty.

### **Community Engagement Process**

The community engagement process for the plan has been shaped using the Equity and Inclusion Policy and Audit Tool to ensure that the health priorities of residents at greatest risk of exclusion are included in the plan. Officers have focused time and resources on finding and developing opportunities to engage with these groups, rather than implementing just a broad brush approach. The data obtained during the community engagement process for the Council Plan relating to health and wellbeing provided a strong base to work from at a broader community level.

More than 200 hundred people and representatives from local agencies have been involved in reflecting and sharing their ideas for strengthening our community health and wellbeing across Darebin.

In the development of this plan, Council engaged with over 200 people, in a range of settings between November 2016 and April 2017. Almost 100 people responded online and over 100 people connected with us in person. Our consultation included:

- Online feedback through Council's Your Say website
- Joint Council Advisory Committee
- Community events including the Darebin Kite and Community Festival
- Council's Immunisation services
- Met with community groups including playgroups, youth programs and seniors groups
- A range Council's Committees, Reference Groups, and Networks
- Consultation with local primary and secondary schools

The following are some of the key, re-occurring themes and priorities which came from the community engagement process:

- Health and wellbeing is not just about physical conditions, it includes social connection, safety and fair and inclusive communities.
- Building relationships and social connections between people that share common life experiences; intergenerational and, intercultural relationships; and relationships in people's.
- Affirming self-respect and mutual respect, and addressing discrimination;



- Mental health promotion for our emotional and social wellbeing – especially young people;
- The impact of the built environment and how it affects people’s health and wellbeing including active transport, creating local place for people of all age can gather, children can enjoy and neighbours can meet locally with clean air, water, streets and reduced pollution.

### Public exhibition period

The public exhibition period was open 30 August 2017 to 27 September 2017 to seek feedback on the draft 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan. Feedback was sought in the following ways:

- Council’s Your Say website;
- Formal submissions; and
- In person, at one of three community sessions in Thornbury, East Preston and Reservoir.

Council received a total of 30 submissions of feedback on the draft Plan. Feedback has been collated and included in the final draft of the 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan.

### Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021

There are four overarching goals in the plan which reflects state, regional and local determinants which impact on our health and wellbeing. These priorities encapsulate some of the overarching determinants of health affecting the lives of Darebin citizens and communities. Each goal is accompanied by more specific objectives and strategies to reach this objective. Similar to the Council Plan, the Health and Wellbeing plan will also include an annual action plan to detail and help achieve these objectives and strategies.

#### **Goal 1: Create equitable, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods**

##### Objectives:

- 1.1 Establish health and wellbeing considerations for the planning and design of Darebin’s built and natural environment
- 1.2 Create and maintain neighbourhoods that support safe and accessible open space

#### **Goal 2: Create lifelong learning, educational and employment opportunities for all Darebin people**

##### Objectives:

- 2.1 To facilitate improved access and opportunities to employment pathways for disadvantaged adults and young people
- 2.2 To facilitate equitable lifelong learning opportunities for disadvantaged adults, young people and children

#### **Goal 3: Improve the emotional and social wellbeing of all Darebin people**

##### Objectives:

- 3.1 To strengthen community connectedness across our neighbourhoods
- 3.2 To promote freedom from discrimination and violence

**Goal 4: Improve the physical health of all Darebin people**Objectives:

- 4.1 Increase access to affordable and healthy food
- 4.2 Increase participation rates in sport and physical activity
- 4.3 Increase awareness of the impact and harm of alcohol and tobacco

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

The Health and Wellbeing Plan has been built on the experiences and learnings from the ongoing work by Darebin Council, partners and communities in addressing health and wellbeing determinants. The complexities of addressing and changing social determinants of health require not only partnerships in the planning and implementation of the Plan, but also, in monitoring and evaluating both the processes and the impacts of our work together.

In Section 9, before presenting objectives and strategies for each of the goals, key Darebin indicators have been presented to provide evidence of the Darebin Context. Most of these indicators come from research from various State government departments and other non-government institutions to help local governments strengthen their planning based on evidence. In some cases, Darebin's own research has provided some local evidence.

The outcomes developed and included according to each objective and strategies are both process and intermediate outcomes. Process outcomes reflect the quality of the strategy implementation. Intermediate outcomes are the changes along the complex path for reaching our objectives.

As part of our monitoring and evaluation, this Plan will include an annual action plan, detailing strategy to include its own actions, specific targets and performance indicators. This will be reported against annually.

**Options for Consideration**

Option 1 – Endorse the 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan and note the associated 2017/18 Annual Action Plan. An endorsement will ensure Council complies with the Victorian *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

Option 2 – Do not endorse the 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan.

**Financial and Resource Implications**

- Council's Health and Wellbeing action plan has an allocated \$30,000 budget for the delivery of initiatives in 2017/18.
- Departments from across Council deliver on a range of actions within existing budget and resources.

**Risk Management**

The Victorian *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* requires Local Councils to prepare municipal public health and wellbeing plan within 12 months of the Council election. Council has been granted an extension by the DHHS until 20 December 2017. Submission to DHHS is required by 20 December 2017 to comply with the Act.

## Policy Implications

### Economic Development

Education is a key determinant of health and is associated with improved life chances, including employment and better earnings; better health and improved life satisfaction; and raised levels of civic and social engagement. Goal 2 in the Health and Wellbeing Plan has a direct focus on economic development with objectives, strategies and actions in regards to employment pathways for disadvantaged adults and young people.

### Environmental Sustainability

Factors in our natural environment such as the provision of open spaces, access to clear air and water and natural vegetation, and protection against climate change are important in maintaining health and wellbeing. Goal 1 in the Health and Wellbeing Plan has a direct focus on environmental sustainability with objectives, strategies and actions in regards to both the built and physical environment.

### Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

The Health and Wellbeing Plan contains a number of strategic directions which are specifically designed to address human rights, equity and inclusion in the Darebin community. The development of this plan (including community consultation and engagement) has been built around the Council's Equity Inclusion Planning and Audit Tool to ensure that the health needs and issues on residents at greatest risk of exclusion are accurately represented in the plan's priorities and actions.

### Other

There are no other factors which impact on this report.

### Future Actions

- Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 submitted to Department of Health and Human Services
- Implementation of the Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021

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- Darebin's neighbourhood resident action groups

### Related Documents

- Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017

### Attachments

- Final 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan (**Appendix A**) [↓](#)
- Darebin Health and Wellbeing Action Plan 2017-2018 (**Appendix B**) [↓](#)

**Disclosure of Interest**

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.



## **2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan**

Healthy, strong and resilient people and connected communities

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## 1. Executive summary

Darebin City Council (Council) is required to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan every four years under the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

The Plan must protect public health and prevent disease, illness, injury, disability or premature death; promote conditions in which people can be healthy, and reduce inequalities.

Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017 – 2021, has been developed with the understanding that health and wellbeing is influenced by the social, economic, cultural, built and natural conditions in which we are born, grow, learn, live, work and age. These are known as social determinants that can either strengthen or weaken our health and wellbeing. This document sets out Council's health priorities for the next four years. It outlines what we will do to help achieve improved health and wellbeing outcomes so that residents can live rewarding, healthy and socially connected lives. An Annual Plan is also developed each financial year to provide specific outcomes for the 12 month period.

This plan is strongly linked to the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan, Goal 2: *"We will improve the wellbeing of people in our community by providing opportunities for them to live their lives well"* and Goal 5: *"We will lead on equity and recognise our diverse community as our greatest asset for solving future challenges"*.

Our mission for Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan is *healthy, strong and resilient people and connected communities*, and strives for health equity for all. There are four overarching goals to reach this mission:

1. **Create equitable, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods**
2. **Create lifelong learning, educational and employment opportunities for all Darebin people**
3. **Improve the emotional and social wellbeing of all Darebin people**
4. **Improve the physical health of all Darebin people**

Our work towards these goals will be developed, implemented and evaluated with strong engagement, partnerships and collaboration including within Council, with organisational stakeholders and with Darebin citizens and communities. This includes a commitment to health equity and inclusion, applying the Darebin Council's Equity and Inclusion Framework to our work.

## 2. Recognising Aboriginal people

An integral part of responding to the entrenched health inequalities experienced by Aboriginal people across Australia is to start by acknowledging Aboriginal people as the first peoples of this country while further recognising the long term effects that colonisation along with a history of poorly implemented policies from past governments has had upon the health and wellbeing of this nation of first Australians.

Aboriginal health issues vary across urban, rural and remote environments, yet overall Aboriginal health standards still remain below acceptable standards experienced by non-Aboriginal Australians. Through this Plan, Darebin City Council (Council) has a commitment to close the health gap between non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal people living in our municipality.

This Health and Wellbeing Plan is aligned with the Aboriginal concept of holistic health and wellbeing and is a valuable platform for nurturing the health and wellbeing of the Darebin Aboriginal community. Council further acknowledges and recognises an essential part of Aboriginal people's health and wellbeing is self-determination and that Aboriginal health in Aboriginal hands is recognises the aspirations of our Aboriginal community to take control of their own health and wellbeing.

Council is privileged to work alongside an extensive network of Aboriginal community controlled organisations across Darebin, including those dedicated to advocacy, social justice, education and youth, as well as health and wellbeing. We acknowledge the remarkable ongoing efforts of these organisations in addressing health inequity with a variety of programs that increase the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

## 3. Our planning model and frameworks for improving health and wellbeing

The planning and development of this Health and Wellbeing Plan is strongly linked to key strategic documents, including:

- Council Plan 2017-2021, the Council Plan articulates the vision, mission and goals for the four-year Council term.
- The Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS), which sets the future direction for Council's decision making and land use planning. It provides the strategic justification for the detailed controls contained within the planning scheme.
- Equity and Inclusion Framework and associated Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Audit Tool is a human rights based approach and is designed to provide an equity lens over all Council plans and strategies with a focus on creating a fairer, equitable and inclusive place for residents to live.

Council has a whole-of-Council investment in health and wellbeing. This is evident in its many strategic documents that aim to address the social determinants of health. The *table 1. Whole-Of-Council investment in Health and Wellbeing*, shows a range strategies, programs and services delivered by Council to create a health Darebin Community.



### Whole-of-Council investment in Health and Wellbeing

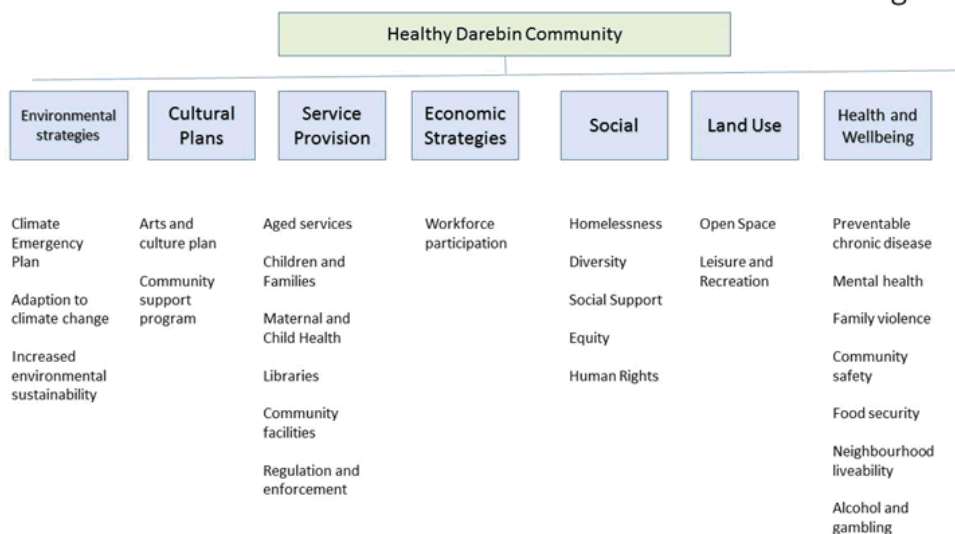


Table 1. Whole-Of-Council investment in health and wellbeing.

*I used to only think of physical wellbeing, but leaving my own country and coming to a country where I don't know anyone, don't understand how things are, I have come to value the importance of emotional wellbeing. I have learnt the importance of emotional and social connections for me and for my family (Community Learning Skills, Reservoir, Female Participant, 14 March 2017)*

Five frameworks have been used to develop our Health and Wellbeing Plan, including:

- Social Determinants of Health
- Environments for Health
- Health Equity
- Place-based approaches
- Health in All Policies.

Integrating these guidance measures together ensures that health equity is strived for, and that the goals of the Health and Wellbeing Plan for the City of Darebin align with those for the current Darebin City Council Plan and Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The social determinants of health are those conditions, relationships and environments in which all of us are born, live, grow, learn, work and age. They represent the day-to-day conditions and opportunities in our lives. They can create and strengthen our health and wellbeing or make us unwell. Addressing social determinants of health is important as many factors contributing to poor health and wellbeing are not directly related to the health sector, with many differences in the health and wellbeing of the community related to economic, social, political, cultural, built and natural factors. This approach addresses the idea that people have different capacities for action depending on their environment as environments differ in the resources they provide for individuals.

By including place-based approaches, Darebin City Council aims to improve health and wellbeing by addressing issues as they are experienced within geographic spaces, such as neighbourhoods or public places, through collaboration with stakeholders. This allows for the improvement of daily experiences shaped by the locations we reside, work and play in. It increases social networks and community connections to improve child development and family function, and reduces inequity between and within communities. This is a key approach for the Victorian Government, to improve health through the collective work of individuals and organisations, as well as local planning, decision-making and accountability for health. A place-based approach is particularly important for neighbourhoods that experience relatively greater levels of socio-economic disadvantage.

The Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence recommendation 94: states that councils “report on the measures they propose to take to reduce family violence and respond to the needs of victims” in preparing municipal public health and wellbeing plans (MPHWPs). The measures referred to may include strategies and/or actions councils propose to take. This new requirement is aimed at increasing the focus on family violence prevention and response at a local level. Council has a long standing commitment to preventing violence against women and is heartened by this requirement.

#### 4. Community engagement and partnerships

##### Community Engagement

Community participation and engagement are essential to health and wellbeing. Darebin’s Community Engagement Framework includes three approaches - consultation, deliberation and collaboration, and all three have been utilised in the development of our Health and Wellbeing Plan.

In the development of this plan, Council engaged with over 200 people, in a range of settings. Almost 100 people responded online and over 100 people connected with us in person. Our consultation included:

- Online feedback through Council’s Your Say website
- Joint Council Advisory Committee
- Community events including the Darebin Kite and Community Festival
- Council’s Immunisation services
- Met with community groups including playgroups, youth programs and seniors groups
- A range Council’s Committees, Reference Groups, and Networks
- Consultation with local primary and secondary schools

##### Key priorities arising from community engagement in the development of this Plan are:

- Health and wellbeing is not just about physical conditions, it includes social connection, safety and fair and inclusive communities
- Building relationships and social connections between people that share common life experiences; intergenerational and, intercultural relationships; and relationships in people’s
- Affirming self-respect and mutual respect, and addressing discrimination;
- Mental health promotion for our emotional and social wellbeing – especially young people;
- The impact of the built environment and how it affects people’s health and wellbeing including active transport, creating local place for people of all age can gather, children can enjoy and neighbours can meet locally with clean air, water, streets and reduced pollution

### Partnerships

Addressing the determinants of health requires strong and supportive collaboration and partnership. Council is one of many local organisations addressing the social determinants of health and recognises that our partners are also working to improve health issues such as smoking cessation, oral health (particularly for the early years) and the sexual and reproductive health of our young people, among other issues. We will work in collaboration with many key organisations and community groups to strengthen the health and wellbeing of Darebin people. Partnership is the basis for enacting, learning, monitoring and ongoing development of Darebin's Health and Wellbeing Plan.

An important role of Darebin's partners is their membership and contribution to the Darebin Health Reference Group. The Reference Group meets every 6 months and provides leadership, expertise and oversees the development, implementation and review of the Health and Wellbeing Plan. The organisational partners in the Reference Group are:

- Department of Health and Human Services
- North East Primary Care Partnership (NEPCP)
- Victorian Aboriginal Health Services
- Women's Health In the North (WHIN)
- Your Community Health
- YMCA

Within these partnerships, Council is a partner to a number of key strategies, including:

- A Strategy for Going South in the North – Sexual and reproductive health strategy for the North, WHIN
- Building A Respectful Community Strategy 2017-2021, WHIN
- Healthy Drinks Campaign and shared indicators, NEPCP

## 5. Monitoring and evaluation

The Health and Wellbeing Plan has been built on the experiences and learnings from the ongoing work by Darebin Council, partners and communities in addressing health and wellbeing determinants. The complexities of addressing and changing social determinants of health require not only partnerships in the planning and implementation of the Plan, but also, in monitoring and evaluating both the processes and the impacts of our work together.

In Section 9, before presenting objectives and strategies for each of the goals, key Darebin indicators have been presented to provide evidence of the Darebin Context. Most of these indicators come from research from various State government departments and other non-government institutions to help local governments strengthen their planning based on evidence. In some cases, Darebin's own research has provided some local evidence.

Most of these indicators have been useful for planning purposes and can be used for monitoring and evaluation purposes – but not in a direct line of cause and effect. Council's efforts through the Plan are only one part in the process of addressing social determinants of health which are affected and being tackled by multiple actions on multiple fronts. Most of the strategies and the processes

towards strengthening Darebin's health and wellbeing are complex, multi-dimensional and non-linear.

The outcomes we have developed and included according to each objective and strategies are both process and intermediate outcomes. Process outcomes reflect the quality of the strategy implementation. Intermediate outcomes are the changes along the complex path for reaching our objectives.

One of the important contributions of this Plan will be to carry out our own research to better understand local health inequities and their impact on the lives of people. We know from our work and Victorian wide research that parts of Darebin experience greater social and economic disadvantages. While Victorian based research has been able to analyse health and wellbeing indicators directly with social and economic disadvantage and social exclusion this has not been directly possible within Darebin.

As part of our monitoring and evaluation, this Plan will include an annual action plan, detailing strategy to include its own actions, specific targets and performance indicators. This will be reported against annually.

## 6. A snapshot of Darebin's Health and Wellbeing

Darebin is home to people of diverse races, ethnicities, faiths and beliefs, abilities, talents and aspirations, sexualities, sex and gender identities, age, occupations, income and lifestyles. This richness of diversity is one of our greatest strengths and assets.

The demographic developments and changes detailed below are both strengths and challenges to Darebin's health and wellbeing. See appendix 1 for more detailed data and references.

### Key data to be presented as infographics:

#### **Key demographic information for Darebin**

- Darebin has a population of 154,144 people
- It is projected to increase by another 40 000 people to reach 192 142 residents by at least 2031
- 51.7% are female
- 48.3% are male
- 1110 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders live in Darebin, making up .9% of the total population.
- 36% were born overseas
- 41% speak a language other English at home
- 5.1% live with disability
- 64% of people aged 70+ live with disability
- Our median weekly household income is \$1,423
- 6.8% of people are homelessness

**Our health and wellbeing**

The Darebin Wellbeing score is 75.6%. This is a subjective measure of an individual's quality of life. It is a measure of deep and enduring sense of satisfaction and includes consideration of standard of living, health, achievements, community connection and safety.

Risk factors to health and wellbeing

- 5.8% of households in Darebin reported running out of food and not having enough money to buy more
- 31.2% of people agreed that "getting drunk every now and then is ok".
- 12.1% are current smokers. The rate is higher in Preston East (30.1%) and Reservoir East (22.4%).
- \$683 in electronic gaming machine losses, per person each year

Education

- 59.1% of people in Darebin completed compulsory education (year 12 or equivalent)
- 9.7% students in Year 9 did not meet or exceed the benchmark of reading
- 45.6% of people 20-24 years old attend university or other tertiary institution

Healthy eating and active living

- 11.8% of adults consume sugar-sweetened soft drinks daily. The rate is higher in Preston East (19.4%).
- 6.2% of people have sedentary behaviour

Mental health

- 14.4% adolescents experience the highest level of psychological distress.
- 20.4% of adults experienced high and very high levels of psychological distress.
- 33.1% of adolescents reported not having a trusted adult in their life.
- Overall satisfaction in life 7.6 on a scale of 10

Community safety and violence against women

- 31.7 family violence incidents each week
- Perceptions of safety in the public areas are lower in East Preston and East Reservoir
- Low gender equality score

Economic and employment characteristics

- 19.4% of households earn less than \$650 per week and 21% earn more than \$2,500 per week.
- Northland Activity Area (32.9%), Oakhill (26.6%) and Reservoir Cheddar Road (23.8%) earn less than \$650 per week.
- 26.5% of people aged 20-24 years access youth allowance
- 6.3% of people 15 years and above are unemployed
- 13.7% of renters are in rental stress
- 5.7% of Darebin mortgage holders are in mortgage stress
- 85% of sole renters aged 65+ living in rent-related financial stress

## 7. Our four goals – indicators, strategies, outcomes and actions

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These goals encapsulate some of the overarching determinants of health affecting the lives of people in Darebin. Each of the goals has objectives and strategies. Through the following objectives Council believes it can contribute meaningfully and strategically to improving health outcomes for Darebin communities.

While the Plan does not address all the determinants influencing the health and wellbeing of Darebin people, many which fall outside Council's role and capacity, this four year Plan will set a strong basis for the ongoing work of Council.

Our objectives will be measured through the life of this Plan and aim to be fulfilled by 2021. This Plan will include an annual action plan, detailing strategies, specific targets and performance indicators. This will be updated annually.

### **Goal 1: Create equitable, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods**

Our health and wellbeing are directly affected by the built and natural environments of the City of Darebin as a whole and in our local neighbourhoods. Equitable, accessible and sustainable city design, land use mix, service provision, infrastructure development and transport underpin healthy neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood safety and security are important determinants of our health and wellbeing. When individuals feel safe within their communities, they are more likely to connect with friends, engage with other community members, and experience greater levels of trust and social connection.

A more collaborative and integrated approach to all our planning is needed in response to our changing demographics in Darebin as well as expanding evidence about the impact of the built environment on people's health and wellbeing necessitates. Guided by the Environments for Health Framework, this goal addresses issues that fall within the requirement of having safe and accessible neighbourhoods and living sustainably. This goal aims to improve the health of people who live, work and play in Darebin through personal, social and environment actions. By Providing places and spaces for people to connect with others, join in a groups and be engaged in community activities, Council can improve the health and wellbeing of people who live, work and plan in Darebin.

#### **Darebin Indicators**

- The rate of homelessness in Darebin is 6.8 has higher than state average at 4.0%
- It is likely that there are 500 people in Darebin who are homeless on any given night.

- 47% of Darebin residents visit green spaces at least once a week compared to the 52.7% Melbourne metro average.
- In 2008, 71.2% of people said that they live in a pleasant environment that is well planned, with nice streets and open spaces. This is significantly lower than the Victorian average which was 81.3%. In the same survey, 89.9% said that Darebin had good facilities and services like shops, childcare, schools, libraries. This is significantly higher than the Victorian average which was 79.3%.
- Darebin has a total of 744 licensed Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs), which is lower than the Melbourne Metro average. Darebin is ranked 19 in Victoria in losses per adult in 2017/18 to EGMs. This figure is \$683 and is higher than the Melbourne Metro average of \$553.

**Transport**

- The percentage of journeys to work by public transport is among the highest in the state. In Darebin 21.4% use public transport, while 55.4% use a private vehicle, compared with Greater Melbourne, 13.8% and 66.1% respectively.
- Between 2006 and 2011, there were significant changes in modes of commuting including increases in travel by train and bicycle and a decrease in travel by car, although in this case with the increase in the numbers of people working this still means an increase in the number of people commuting by private car.
- 24.5% of Darebin females and 16.7% of males experienced transport limitations in 2011.
- 20.4% of Darebin females and 16.8% males used public transport to go to work. Compared to 12.9% and 11% for Metro Melbourne (2006).

**Perceptions of safety**

- Residents of Darebin are increasingly feeling unsafe walking around the community both during the day and at night. Between 2012 and 2015 the percentage of Darebin adults who felt safe walking alone during the day decreased by 4.5% to 91.4%; and during the night decreased by 9.1% to 51.8%. A similar 4.2% decrease to 92.4% during the day and 13.5% decrease during the night was seen in the Melbourne metro area (VicHealth 2015).
- Perceptions of safety were found to be much lower in Reservoir East. Perceptions of those feeling safe walking alone during the day was 88.2% and at 36.5% at night (Reservoir East and Preston East Health and Wellbeing Survey, 2015)
- Darebin undertakes its own community safety perceptions data collection. The most recent perceptions of safety results showed that 97% of respondents felt safe in the public areas of the City of Darebin during the day. More than 72% felt safe at night. One sixth of respondents felt unsafe in the public areas of the City of Darebin at night

Objectives	Strategies	Outcomes by 2021
1.1 Establish health and wellbeing considerations for the planning and design of Darebin’s built and natural environment	Health and wellbeing principles are embedded in all strategic planning and urban design policies	Health and wellbeing considerations are an integral part of all Darebin planning decisions, including universal access, safety and provision of spaces for social
	Investigate restricted land use that has a detrimental impact on health and wellbeing outcomes, including electronic gaming machines, fast food, brothels and liquor outlets	

	Ensure the Victorian Charter for Human Rights is reflected in all of Council’s strategic and social planning	connections  Council’s integrated planning reflects commitments under Child Friendly Cities, Age Friendly Cities, Healthy Cities and welcoming cities
1.2 Create and maintain neighbourhoods that support safe and accessible open space	Advocate for diverse transport options and services in communities with limited public transport infrastructures, especially in the neighbourhoods where there is significant social and economic disadvantage	Increase in perceptions of safety across Darebin, both during the day and at night by 5%
	Strengthen partnerships with schools, neighbourhood houses, community groups and local residents in order to maintain parks and facilities	Increased alternative and sustainable transport choices to services, commercial, educational, services and other activity centres.
	Support and advocate for the delivery of safe open spaces where local people are actively involved in the development processes and which allow people to gather, exercise, relax, play and interact in their local neighbourhood	Improved and increased open space in Darebin

**Goal 2: Create lifelong learning, educational and employment opportunities for all Darebin people**

Education is a key determinant of health and is associated with improved life chances, including employment and better earnings; better health and improved life satisfaction; and raised levels of civic and social engagement.

There is clear evidence about how significant the early years are in our lives for healthy cognitive, emotional, physical and psycho-social development. Early years learning centres, and primary and secondary schools are important settings to support the wellbeing of children, young people and their families. They are where essential early interventions occur across the continuum. These early interventions can include successful and positive transitions; active engagement by families in the learning experience of their children; specialised wellbeing and learning support to children across all ages at risk of disengaging; and whole-of-school approaches to creating a safe, inclusive and discrimination-free environment for all children.

Disengagement from formal education for some children begins very early and is often reinforced along their journey through primary and secondary education. Positive experiences during school years is also a key determinant of whether young people go on to further education and training. Early intervention continues to be important in supporting early school leavers in their successful transition pathways both to employment and further education. Lifelong learning opportunities



continue to have positive employment outcomes as well as important emotional and social wellbeing outcomes throughout all ages, including as they grow older.

**Darebin Indicators**

**Education**

- The percentage of people 19 years old having completed year 12 is among the highest in the state
- 24% of people in the City of Darebin attended an educational institution in 2016.
- Kindergarten participation is lower than the state measure, at 94%
- Rate of students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who did not meet or exceed the benchmarks for literacy is higher than (10.4%) than metro Melbourne (6.2%)
- 59.1% of people in Darebin completed compulsory education (year 12 or equivalent) and is similar to metro Melbourne (59.4%). However, the percentage of people who live in the areas of Reservoir Cheddar (54.7%), Reservoir Oakhill 54.1%), Northland Activity Area (49.6%) and Merriland (44.8%) were lower than Darebin average.
- 9.7% students in Year 9 did not meet or exceed the benchmark of reading comparing with 7.2% in metro Melbourne.

**Employment**

- The size of the City of Darebin's labour force in 2011 was 67,997 persons, of which 22,690 were employed part-time and 39,656 were full time workers. There was a higher proportion of unemployed people in Darebin compared to Greater Melbourne. Overall, 93.8% of the labour force was employed.
- 63,809 people living in the City of Darebin in 2011 were employed, of which 62% worked full-time and 36% part-time.
- Darebin experiences a high unemployment rate, 6.3% comparing with Melbourne Metro average is 5.8%. Reservoir East is among all the highest unemployment at the rate 8.1% followed by Preston and Reservoir West at 6.7%

Objectives	Strategies	Outcomes
2.1 To facilitate improved access and opportunities to employment pathways for disadvantaged adults and young people	Strengthen outreach, relationships and supports to ensure employment pathways are increased in neighbourhoods that experience economic and social disadvantage	Five annual youth employment pathways programs delivered to provide employment opportunities to young people
	Facilitate partnerships with youth organisations and Darebin businesses to provide employment pathways	Increase in number of people, especially women and young people from long-term unemployed families to gain important skills and confidence to work.
	Strengthen, collaborate and advocate with Darebin's partners in their ongoing effort to provide accessible adult education and employment skills	Two annual initiatives for coaching/mentoring and training opportunities for long-term unemployed

		people especially, women and young people
2.2 To facilitate equitable lifelong learning opportunities for disadvantaged adults, young people and children	Develop lifelong learning opportunities in partnership with local residents in priority communities which experience poorer health outcomes	Three whole-of- Council partnerships developed with secondary schools annually which include programs in reponse to key health and wellbeing priorities for young people  Two initiatives annually to increase learning opportunities and health literacy in East Preston and East Reservoir
	Support and advocated for ongoing improvements to the experiences of children and their families who experience educational disadvantage in their transition from early years services to primary schools to secondary schools	
	Support young people who are disengaged from education and training to make enduring connection with their schools, have appropriate learning opportunities, and wellbeing as part of early intervention	

**Goal 3: Improve the emotional and social wellbeing of all Darebin people**

In addressing emotional wellbeing, Council aims to promote freedom from discrimination, violence and building stronger social connections and participation within our community. Emotional wellbeing refers to our psychological strengths, our feelings of confidence, self-esteem, and control over the decisions in our lives, and our feelings of being valued and recognised for who we are.

Emotional isolation, or loneliness, is ranked as high as smoking as a risk factor for mortality. Whether loneliness is understood as an interior, subjective experience or as a failure of social networks, it has direct consequences on our physical health. A partial list of the physical diseases linked with loneliness includes Alzheimer’s, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

Social wellbeing refers to our positive, reciprocating and respectful relationships with others both at personal and social levels, and includes our relationships with families, friends, peers, and our broader social networks in our local neighbourhoods, schools, work, or online. It also refers to access to and involvement in groups, organisations, services and programs - whether promoted by government, civil society or privately where we can be supported and have meaningful participation and contributions. As one example, the relationship between volunteering and health is well-established, in which volunteering can alleviate depression, increase satisfaction with life, lower the frequency of hospitalisation and boost a person’s capacity to cope with illness.

Violence against women has significant consequences on the health and wellbeing of women and children, with severe and persistent effects on physical and mental health and enormous costs in terms of premature death and disability. All forms of violence against women potentially reinforce a range of other known determinants of overall health problems. These include poor physical and mental health, gender inequity, social isolation, and economic disadvantage.

Discrimination has direct and indirect negative consequences on the health and wellbeing of people and communities. The evidence points to the strong link between depression and discrimination for

those who experience discrimination and also includes direct physical health consequences, such as heart disease, weight problems and diabetes.

**Darebin indicators**

**Community participation and connection**

- 73.1% of Darebin residents said that people are willing to help each other and 60.5% said Darebin was a close-knit neighbourhood. A significantly smaller proportion of residents agreed that people in their neighbourhood can be trusted (67.2%), compared to the Melbourne Metro average of 71% who agreed (VicHealth 2012 and 2015)
- The volunteer rate is lower in Darebin (22.6) than metro Melbourne (31.6) (VicHealth 2012)
- The percentages of people who are members of a sports group and who attended a community event are among the lowest in the state. For example, adults who participated in citizen engagement activities rate is lower than (42.6%) than Metro Melbourne (48.7%) (VicHealth 2012)

**Violence against women**

- On average, 31.7 incidents of family violence were reported to police every week in 2015-16. The total number of incidents reported was 1,646. This is a rate of 1071.9 per 100,000 population, compared to 1285.2 per 100,000 for Victoria. Of these incidents, 70% of victimised women are aged between 15 and 44 years (Victorian Crime Statistics Agency, 2016).
- Darebin has a lower gender equality score (29) than Victorian average (35.7) (2015 VicHealth Indicator Survey).

**Mental wellbeing**

- The latest (2015) Darebin Wellbeing score is 75.6%, 0.5% lower than 2012. This is a subjective measure of an individual’s quality of life. It is measure of deep and enduring sense of satisfaction and includes consideration of standard of living, health, achievements, community connection and safety.
- 22% of Darebin adolescents where not satisfied with their quality of life
- 16.4% of adolescents in Darebin feel like they don’t have someone to turn to for advice when they need it, compared to 13.9% of Victorian adolescents.
- A high percentage of Darebin adolescents live with an eating disorder 14.4% compared to the Metro average of 5.4%.

Objectives	Strategies	Outcomes by 2021
3.1 To strengthen community connectedness across our neighbourhoods	Provide community connections through the arts, physical activity, early years, schools, neighbourhood community activities, events, information and communication technology, and volunteering	Increasing inclusive attitudes and respect for people of all age groups and cultures.  Baseline data / benchmark for youth resilience
	Maintain Council’s roles in effectively supporting the work of agencies and organisations serving high needs residents	Improved mental health

	Collaborate with community agencies and schools on effective campaigns to promote the mental health and wellbeing of young people	and self esteem for Darebin’s young people
3.2 To promote freedom from discrimination and violence	Work in collaboration with identified local communities and settings who experience social and economic disadvantage	At least 2 new place-based community initiatives implemented annually that promote
	Work in partnership with key stakeholders, agencies and community to address and respond to family violence and to prevent violence against women	Interculturalism and address racism.
	Provide place-based community development in neighbourhoods that experience social and economic disadvantage in ways that respond to exclusion and discrimination, for priority populations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal people</li> <li>• asylum seekers</li> <li>• newly-arriving women</li> <li>• Muslim women</li> <li>• LGBTIQ people</li> </ul>	East Reservoir Neighbours for Change and East Preston Community Action Group advocate for local priorities and actions.  One new community-based preventing violence against women initiative implemented annually  Ongoing measures in annual community surveys about people’s awareness regarding health and wellbeing consequences of discrimination

#### Goal 4: Improve the physical health of all Darebin people

The initiatives under this goal will help to reduce burden of chronic disease by identifying and addressing some of the key risk factors which lead to physical illnesses and public health emergencies.

Physical health addresses the requirements to achieve improved physical health and wellbeing outcomes including protecting and avoiding risk behaviours, promoting active lifestyles, and increasing access to affordable and healthy food and health services for people at all stages of life. Access to resources to aid in avoiding risk behaviours, maintaining an active lifestyle, as well as health literacy, and knowledge and understanding of the relationship between risk behaviours, diet and physical wellbeing reinforce the holistic approach to maintain good health.

Access to affordable food is integral to experiencing positive health and wellbeing outcomes. At the most basic level, food is a necessity and a human right. Due to health inequalities some groups are at greatest risk of food insecurity.

#### Darebin indicators

##### Access to affordable and healthy food

- 5.8% of households in Darebin reported running out of food and not having enough money to buy more, with this occurring from once every month to once a year
- 9.6% of Darebin residents reported worrying about running out of food without having money to buy more at least once in the past 12 months (Darebin City Council 2015a).
- 7.8% of households in East Preston reported running out of food and not having enough money to buy more once or twice a month (Darebin City Council 2015a)
- 11.5% of households in East Reservoir reported that they had accessed food vouchers
- In Darebin Groups at greater risk of food insecurity include, low income households including sole person, sole parent (of which 82.4% are women), and student households, people with low proficiency in English, particularly newly arrived migrants and refugees, people from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background, households in the Northern suburbs of Darebin, frail older adults or people with a mental illness or disability who require support for meals, people in housing stress or homeless (Department of Health and Human Services 2013), women experiencing or at risk of experiencing family violence (Darebin City Council, 2016).
- 12.8% of Darebin residents eat take-away meals/snacks at least three times a week than the metro Melbourne average (11.2%) (VicHealth 2015)
- Australian adults are recommended to consume two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables each day for good nutrition. In Darebin, 49.6% of residents don't meet their requirements for fruit, meeting 1.6 serves and 92.8% don't meet their requirements for vegetables with the average consumption being just 2.2 serves a day (VicHealth 2015)
- Darebin residents have higher rates of daily soft-drink consumption (11.8%) compared to the metro Melbourne average of 10.3% (VicHealth 2015)

##### Active living and participation

- In Darebin adults spent average 5 hours and 7 minutes sitting on a usual day compare with average Victoria sitting 4 hours 29 minutes.
- Adults in Darebin have high rate of inactive behaviour than state average. High rate of both male (56.8%) and female (60.7%) in Darebin who do not meet physical activity guideline compare with state average 52.0% for men and 56.1% for women.

- Compared to all Victorians, a similar proportion of Darebin residents engaged in no physical activity during the week (18.8%, Victoria = 18.9%). A similar proportion of Darebin residents engaged in physical activity four or more days per week compared with the Victorian estimate (40.1%, Victoria 41.3%). The three most popular non-organised physical activities in Darebin were walking (53.3%), cycling (19.8%), and jogging or running (14.5%).
- Darebin’s Household survey (2014) found that 81.1% of respondents engaged in physical exercise at least once or twice a week, with more than half of the respondents engaging in physical activity at least three times a week.

**Alcohol and Tobacco**

- 37.1 of adults are at risk of alcohol related injury, drinking more than four standard drinks on any day
- 12.1% of Darebin residents over 18 years are current smokers and is par with Metro average of 12.4%. This is a significant decrease from 2012, where Darebin had a significantly higher proportion of current smokers than the Victorian average, with 21.9 % compared to the State estimate which was 15.7%
- 14.2 % of Darebin young people between the ages of 15 – 17 had smoked in the past 30 days according to the 2012 Adolescent Profile from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The Victorian average was 12.9%.
- 66.5% of Darebin support smoking ban in outside dining area

Objectives	Strategies	Outcomes by 2021
4.1 Increase access to affordable and healthy food	Provide ongoing advocacy to all tiers of government to increase emergency relief and material aid across Darebin	15% increase in the number of businesses and community food enterprises donating surplus food
	Support and promote initiatives that contribute to access to affordable food and healthy eating	Council to support two organisations / services each year to develop and adopt food and nutrition guidelines
	Work with local partners to promote healthy eating and oral health across the life stages with Maternal and Child Health, Early Years, schools and the Healthy Ageing Program	Healthy Drinks Campaign shared indicators data collected annually
4.2 Increase participation rates in sport and physical activity	Reduce barriers to participation in priority populations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly arrived communities</li> <li>• Older adults</li> <li>• Aboriginal community</li> <li>• People living with a disability</li> <li>• Women and girls</li> <li>• LGBTIQ people</li> <li>• NDIS clients</li> </ul>	20% increase in Council supported sport or physical activity initiatives  15% increase in female membership in organised sport  30% of organised sport participants are women or

	Partner with key stakeholders, agencies and networks to promote opportunities for increased physical activities	girls
	Continue to invest in improving infrastructure that will increase participation in sport and physical activity	facility audits are undertaken to analyse and make recommendations on improvements that will increase participation of priority groups
		Increase participation year on year to Council supported leisure facilities
4.3 Reduce the impact and harm of alcohol and tobacco	In partnership with community organisations, support and promote initiatives that contribute to increased awareness of alcohol	Decrease the Darebin smoking rate to 10% (currently 12.1%)
	In partnership with community organisations, support and promote initiatives that contribute to increased awareness of tobacco	Health literacy resources developed with community organisations
	Investigate smoke free zones within the municipality	

## 8. Appendices

### Appendix 1: Darebin's Health and Wellbeing – data and indicators

The information and indicators presented throughout the Plan come from the following key sources:

- 2011 and 2016 (where available) Census of Population and Housing conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Darebin profiles from the Census, including changes between the census periods have been prepared by .id and are available on Darebin City Council website
- VicHealth Indicators Survey 2012 and 2015
- Victorian Public Health Survey 2011- 2012
- Community Indicators Victoria (CIV): from their own earlier research; and data from various sources including earlier work from Department of Planning and Community Development and Victoria Police
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Darebin City Council's own research and findings including, Darebin Leisure Strategy Consultation, Darebin Healthy and Active Ageing Consultation, Darebin Racism Inquiry, Darebin Public Education Inquiry, Darebin City Council Plan consultation

Some of the data provided below is from 2011 due to the staged release of 2016 Census data. As further data is made available through sources such as the Census and Darebin's Household Survey, our data will be updated to reflect our community.

#### **Culturally and linguistically diverse**

- 48,842 people living in the City of Darebin were born overseas and 25% arrived in Australia within the last 5 years as immigrants and as refugees.
- 26% of people are born in non-English speaking countries and have come to Australia from over 140 countries.
- 56% of the population speak a language other than English at home. These are a total of 138 languages.
- Darebin has a larger percentage of people speaking each of the following languages at home – Italian, Greek, and Arabic, compared to Greater Melbourne. However, the largest changes in the spoken languages of the population between 2011 and 2016 included decreases in the numbers of people who spoke Italian and Greek and almost corresponding increases in people who spoke Mandarin.
- 7.8 % of the population, more than 10,000 are 'not proficient in English' and experience language barriers. This is higher than the Great Melbourne average which was 5.6%.
- The most significant changes in the proficiency in English of the population between 2011 and 2016 was in the significant increases in those who speak only English (56.3%).
- The majority of people born in a non-English speaking country live in the north of the municipality in Reservoir, Kingsbury and Bundoora areas.

#### **People with disabilities and carers**

- More than 25,000 residents or 21 per cent of the population have a disability of some kind, including physical, psychological, intellectual and or learning disabilities. Of all the people living with a disability, 29% have a profound or severe degree of restriction, 49% are estimated to



require assistance with accommodation and support, and 32 % are estimated to require assistance with transport.

- 8,774 people or 6.0% of the population in the City of Darebin in 2016, reported needing help in their day-to-day lives due to disability. Overall, 6.0% of the population reported needing assistance with core activities, compared with 4.9% for Greater Melbourne.
- There are more than 13,600 carers who provide unpaid assistance to a person with disability, long term illness or old age. This is an increase of more than 1226 people between 2011 and 2016.

#### **Our households**

- In 2016 there were 58,417 households living in Darebin
- In 2016, almost 27% of households were couples with children. This is lower than the greater Melbourne percentage which is 34%. 22% (12, 124) were couples without children.
- Almost 10% were single parent families with children.
- 26.5% (over 14,000 households) were people living on their own. This is significantly higher than the greater Melbourne average which is 22.3%
- The most significant household changes between 2006 and 2011 were increases in couples with children (+1,112), couples without children (+1,036 ), group household (+568) and lone person (+389).
- For couples with children, almost two-thirds, 8688 couples had young children under 15 of age, whereas for 5355 single parent households, almost two-thirds had children older than 15 years
- Of couples without children, close to a half were young couples.
- 631 couples reported living in a same-sex relationship, 415 in a lesbian relationship and 216 in a gay relationship, although it is clear that there is underreporting of same-sex relationships.
- Of people living on their own, they were more or less equally distributed between young, middle aged and older people.
- The total number of households in City of Darebin increased by 4,209 between 2011 and 2016.

#### **Our homes**

- Overall, 28.7% of the population owned their dwelling; 26.0% were purchasing, and 36.3% were renting, compared with 29.0%, 34.3% and 28.8% respectively for Greater Melbourne.
- In 2011 31.8% of people fully own their homes; almost 27% had a mortgage and are 33.9% are renting. We have higher percentages of people renting privately ( 28.6% compared to 23.1%) ) and living in social housing ( 4.7% compared to 2.9%) than greater Melbourne.
- In 2016, 13.7% of Darebin renters are in rental stress, paying more than 30% of their household income in rent. 5.7% of Darebin mortgage holders are in mortgage stress, paying more than 30% of their income in mortgage repayments.

#### **Our socio-economic status as individuals and as communities**

- Our median weekly household income for Darebin has increased to \$ \$1,423 (in 2011 this was \$1178).
- 13.9% of households earn less than \$650 per week.
- Analysis of household income levels in the City of Darebin in 2016 compared to Greater Melbourne shows that there was a smaller proportion of high income households (those earning \$2,500 per week or more) and a higher proportion of low income households (those earning less than \$650 per week). Overall, 21.1% of the households earned a high income and 19.3% were low income households, compared with 22.9% and 16.7% respectively for Greater Melbourne.

- In 2016, 13.7% of Darebin renters are in rental stress, paying more than 30% of their household income in rent. 5.7% of Darebin mortgage holders are in mortgage stress, paying more than 30% of their income in mortgage repayments.
- While Darebin as whole is becoming less disadvantaged, at a suburb and neighbourhood level there is still significant disadvantage. Reservoir is among the 12% of most disadvantaged suburbs in Victoria, while Preston is among the 23% of most disadvantaged and Thornbury among the 48%. Even in Northcote which is ranked amongst 31% of least disadvantaged suburbs across Victoria, it is important to note specific areas within the suburb which experience higher rates of disadvantage
- A symptom of "financial stress" is the inability to raise a moderate sum of money to deal with an emergency of the kind created by the need to pay an unexpected bill. In 2008 in Darebin 80.2% of people could raise \$2000 in two days in an emergency. This is significantly lower than the Victorian average which was 85.6%

#### **Our health and wellbeing**

- The Darebin Wellbeing score is 75.6%, 0.5% lower than 2012. This is a subjective measure of an individual's quality of life. It is measure of deep and enduring sense of satisfaction and includes consideration of standard of living, health, achievements, community connection and safety. This decrease is consistent with the Melbourne metro average which also saw a decrease of 0.5% from 77.5% in 2012.
- Self-reported health is a good predictor of ill-health and other significant health behaviours. In Darebin 20.8% of people self-rated their health as fair or poor. This is higher and worse than the Victorian average of 15.9%. In 2010 this Darebin indicator from the same survey was 21.2%.
- In 2010 Darebin males reporting fair or poor health status was 27.1%. This is significantly higher than the Victorian average of 19.2%. Also in 2010 Darebin females reporting fair or poor health status was 17.1%. This is consistent with the Victorian



## 2017-2021 Health and Wellbeing Plan

### Annual Action Plan 2017/18

<b>Goal 1: Create equitable, healthy and sustainable neighbourhoods</b>				
<b>Objective 1.1 Establish health and wellbeing considerations for the planning and design of Darebin's built and natural environment</b>				
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Department</b>	<b>Output / Outcomes</b>	<b>Resources required</b>
Health and wellbeing principles are embedded in all strategic planning and urban design policies	Advocate changes to the Healthy Neighbourhoods State and Local Planning Policy Framework to achieve healthy city outcomes	Strategic Planning and Public Place	Increase in perceptions of safety in public areas by 5% (both during the day and at night)	Within existing resources
	Incorporate Australian Design Guidelines into relevant Master Plans underpinning the upgrade of existing buildings; development of new buildings and the introduction of changes to the natural environment.	Strategic Planning	Increased physical access in the built and natural environment for residents and visitors to Darebin.	Within existing resources
Investigate restricted land use that has a detrimental impact on health and wellbeing outcomes of residents, including gaming machines, fast food, brothels and liquor outlets	Investigate options to address land use that has a negative impact on health and wellbeing	Strategic Planning	Report includes list of recommendations and examples of best practice	Within existing resources
	Provide community wellbeing and social impact assessments on all liquor outlets and electronic gaming machine applications in neighbourhoods of significant economic and social disadvantage	Community Wellbeing Equity and Diversity	Liquor and EGM objections lodged	Within existing resources
Ensure the Victorian Charter for Human Rights is reflected in all of Council's strategic and social planning	Review and update Council's Equity and Inclusion Framework to strengthen Human Rights provisions and obligations	Equity and Diversity	All departments in Council are aware of the Equity and Inclusion Framework and identified attribute groups	Within existing resources

			across life stages in order to effectively address social exclusion, reduce inequality and discrimination and promote greater participation in community life.	
	Review Council's Equity, Inclusion and Wellbeing Audit Tool and apply as part of organisational integrated planning	Equity and Diversity Community Wellbeing	Council's integrated planning reflects commitments under Child Friendly Cities, Age Friendly Cities, Healthy Cities, welcoming cities and Victorian Charter for Human Rights and Responsibilities	Within existing resources
<b>Objective 1.2 Create and maintain neighbourhoods that support safe and accessible open space</b>				
Advocate for diverse transport options and services in communities with limited public transport infrastructures, especially in the neighbourhoods where there is significant social and economic disadvantage	Advocate to State Government for a high level of service for public transport to be provided across all of Darebin.	Transport	Partner with Metropolitan Transport Forum to advocate for improvements to bus services across Darebin and throughout the Metro area	Within existing resources
	Deliver the Walk to School Month program across Darebin	Transport Darebin Schools	Up to 20 schools participate each year Maintain the participation rate of students walking to school as part of Walk to School Month at above 25% for each school	Within existing resources
	Deliver the Ride2Work Day program across Darebin with workplaces	Transport Darebin businesses	20 business / workplaces participate each year	Within existing resources
Strengthen partnerships with schools, neighbourhood centres, community groups and local residents in order to maintain parks and facilities	Facilitate and encourage community participating in environmental literacy in maintenance of parks and playground and public infrastructures at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woolhouse Reserve – Croxton Special School</li> <li>Former Ruthven Primary School Reserve (Master Plan)</li> </ul>	Public Places	Local communities and neighbourhoods participate in activities	Within existing resources

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bundoora Park</li> <li>Darebin Parklands</li> </ul>			
Support and advocate for the delivery of safe open spaces where local people are actively involved in the development processes and which allow people to gather, exercise, relax, play and interact in their local neighbourhood	Establish the Darebin Nature Trust	Public Places	Change of open space and local biodiversity is measured as a baseline	Within existing resources
	Undertake research to consider Darebin to be accredited as World Health Organisation Safe Community	Community Wellbeing	Literature review is completed	Within existing resources

<b>Goal 2: Create lifelong learning, educational and employment opportunities for all Darebin people</b>				
<b>Objective 2.1 To facilitate improved access and opportunities to employment pathways for disadvantaged adults and young people</b>				
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Department and Partner</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Resources require</b>
Strengthen outreach, relationships and supports to ensure employment pathways are increased in neighbourhoods that experience economic and social disadvantage	Implement and monitor the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy	People and Development	Develop and implement a mentoring program for ATSI employees with increased employment opportunities for local ATSI community	Within existing resources
	Develop and promote a local social enterprise directory whose work is supporting high needs community groups to Darebin business	Economic Development Neighbourhood Houses	Social enterprise Online directory developed with local businesses	Within existing resources
Facilitate partnerships with youth organisations and Darebin businesses to provide employment pathways	Review relevant recruitment policies at Council such as the Reasonable Adjustment Policy to ensure they support current and future employees with a disability.	People and Development	Improved employment outcomes for Darebin residents with a disability. Increased number of students with a disability are offered placements through local businesses including Council.	Within existing resources

	Partner with Northland Shopping Centre through their Employment Week and Youth Jobs	Youth Services Northland Shopping Centre	Employment week and Youth Jobs is delivered in partnership, with 4 new businesses participating	Within existing resources
	Deliver a youth employment and participation dividend, whereby all contracted business to include 10% of all council related work either be provided to or assist in the development of employability skills and or training to young people aged between 15-25	Procurement and Contracts, Youth Services	Support young people between the ages of 15-25 to gain employment through the development of employability skills and or relevant training	Within existing resources
Strengthen, collaborate and advocate with Darebin's partners in their ongoing effort to provide accessible adult education and employment skills	Support and promote Neighbourhood Houses lifelong learning opportunities across Darebin	Community Wellbeing Darebin Neighbourhood House Network	Neighbourhood Houses information is available at Darebin Centres, facilities and services.	Within existing resources
	Work in partnership with local community education providers to provide learning programs at the East Preston Community Centre to improve community participation and social inclusion	Community Wellbeing PRACE	Information of the programs is available Minimum one program is evaluated to measure impact and outcome	Within existing resources
<b>Objective 2.2 To facilitate equitable lifelong learning opportunities for disadvantaged adults, young people and children</b>				
Develop lifelong learning opportunities in partnership with local residents in priority communities which experience poorer health outcomes	At least two Council initiatives that address local wellbeing priorities and carried out in ways that build on local skills and reinforce local strengths and decision-making	Community Wellbeing	Documentation of topics/initiatives and feedbacks of the projects.	Within existing resources
	Review and enhance Darebin Libraries health and wellbeing collections and expand promotion to ensure availability and awareness of relevant resources for the community	Community Experience and Learning	Increase awareness and use of health and wellbeing resources that educate and inform the community	Within existing resources
Support and advocated for ongoing improvements to the experiences of children and their families who experience educational disadvantage in their transition from early years	Develop whole-of- Council partnerships with at least three secondary schools annually which include programs in response to key health and wellbeing priorities for young people	Community Wellbeing Darebin Schools, Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network (INLLEN)	Number of schools, programs in each school and feedbacks	With existing resources (for example Community Development Grants program)

services to primary schools to secondary schools	Strengthen partnership and development at least two initiatives annually with schools and other education service providers	Community Wellbeing	Documentation of topics and feedbacks of the projects.	Within existing resources
Support young people who are disengaged from education and training to make enduring connection with their schools, have appropriate learning opportunities, and wellbeing as part of early intervention	Establish an annual youth training calendar and Evaluate impact and outcomes of the training programs	Youth Services	Online calendar is available At least 10% of the activities that are listed are evaluated.	Within existing resources

### Goal 3: Improve the emotional and social wellbeing of all Darebin people

#### Objective 3.1 To strengthen community connectedness across our neighbourhoods

Strategy	Action	Lead Department and Partner	Output	Resources require
Provide community connections through the arts, physical activity, early years, schools, neighbourhood community activities, events, information and communication technology, and volunteering	Review the Darebin Community Support Program criteria to include and strengthen health and wellbeing outcomes	Community Wellbeing	Sets of recommendations to improve accountability and streamline Councils provision of community grant.	Within existing budget and resources
	Continue to promote and facilitate ongoing whole-of schools programmes in building children and young people's resiliency capacities, including trauma-informed, positive education models such as the Berry Street Education Model	Community Wellbeing Community	Three schools annually adopting Berry Street Education Model	Within existing resources
Maintain Council's roles in effectively supporting the work of agencies and organisations serving high needs residents	Undertaking mapping of Council work in Closing the Gap Project – focusing on improving wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Equity and Diversity  Closing the Gap	Report includes detail of Council's works in relation to Closing the Gap.	Within existing resources

	Lead the application process for Darebin to apply for the Vichealth Bright Futures funding for young people 2017-2018	Youth Services	Funding application submit	Within existing resources
Collaborate with community agencies and schools on effective campaigns to promote the mental health and wellbeing of young people	Establish a co-located model at the Darebin Youth Access Hub that includes partners that provide mental health services	Youth Services YSAS, NEAMI, Headspace	Improvement in referral options and improve information relay.  Number of young people participation in Youth citizen Jury and the projects	Within existing resources
	Utilise existing campaigns (e.g. RUOK day and Mental Health Week) to support schools and community organisations raise the awareness regarding mental health supports for youth	Youth Services YSAS, NEAMI, Headspace	New connection between Darebin Youth Services	Within existing resources
	Utilises Darebin School and out of school care network in promoting mental health activities	Community Wellbeing Department of Health and Human Services	Numbers of initiatives/activities and feedback	Within existing resources
	Undertake a youth resilience survey in Darebin	Youth Services Resilience Youth, INLLEN	Survey is implemented and baseline data collected	\$10k allocated in 2017/18
<b>Objective 3.2 To promote freedom from discrimination and violence</b>				
Work in collaboration with identified local communities and settings who experience social and economic disadvantage,	Investigate the needs of social needs of residents in East Reservoir and East Preston and deliver initiatives to effectively address the service gaps using a place based approach.	Community Wellbeing	Documentation of topics/initiatives and feedbacks of the projects.	Within existing resources
	Explore further youth outreach requirements within these communities and establish a regular schedule.	Youth Services	Report and recommendations	Within existing resources
	Pilot a Global Sisters School program to support women to become financially independent, as part of the women's leadership commitment	Economic Development Community Wellbeing	20 Darebin women are supported to participate in the global sisters business school	Within existing resources



		Global sisters	program	
Work in partnership with key stakeholders, agencies and community to address and respond to family violence and to prevent violence against women	Implement Council's Creating Gender Equity in the Early Years tools and resources with three early years sites	Children and Community Development  Community Wellbeing  Women's Health In the North, Your Community Health	Piloted at three sites across Darebin	Within existing resources
	Work in partnership with key stakeholders, agencies and community to implement aspects of the regional preventing violence against women action plan, <i>Building a Respectful Community</i>	Community Wellbeing  Women's Health In the North, Your Community Health	One community based preventing violence against women initiative implemented annually	Within existing resources
	Develop partnerships with local community agencies with a view to exploring the development of an Elder Abuse Prevention Network in Darebin	Aged and Disability  Senior's Rights Victoria	Initiate 3 partnership meetings to explore the relevance and need for an Elder Abuse Network in Darebin	Within existing resources
Provide place-based community development in neighbourhoods that experience social and economic disadvantage in ways that respond to exclusion and discrimination, for priority populations	Use existing partnerships to promote food social enterprises for refugees and asylum seekers	Equity and Diversity  Neighbourhood Houses, Darebin Information Volunteer Referral Service (DIVRS)	Two supported food social enterprise established	Within existing resources
	Identify and deliver two youth events in specific neighbourhoods that engage young people who experience exclusion	Youth Services  Neighbourhood Houses	Documentation of events and feedback.	Within existing resources
	Pilot infant and child-centred community development in East Reservoir, in collaboration with East Reservoir Neighbours for Change local early years' service providers, local schools, other relevant local organisations and local families	Community Wellbeing  East Reservoir Neighbours for Change, Schools	Documenting topics/initiatives and feedback of the project	Within existing resources

<b>Goal 4: Improve the physical of all Darebin people</b>				
<b>Objective 4.1 Increase access to affordable and healthy food</b>				
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Department and Partner</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Resources require</b>
Provide ongoing advocacy to all tiers of government to increase emergency relief and material aid across Darebin	Issues affecting food security are raised through regional advocacy discussions and/or conferences	Community Wellbeing	At least one presentation is delivered	Within existing resources
	Develop food initiatives in East Preston and East Reservoir, to increase emergency relief available	Community Wellbeing DIVRS	Two new food initiatives implemented in East Preston and East Reservoir	Within existing resources
Support and promote initiatives that contribute to health eating and access to affordable food	Work in partnership with North East Primary Care Partnership members to establish consistent messaging and shared indicators for the <i>Healthy Drinks Campaign</i>	Community Wellbeing Your Community Health and NEPCP	North East Primary Care Partnership Health Drinks Campaign Alliance is signed by authorised officer.	Within existing resources
	Pilot a <i>Drink Water</i> campaign at Northland Shopping Centre	Community Wellbeing Northland Shopping Centre	Businesses participate in the campaign	Within existing resources
	Provide grants to emergency relief organisations during the end of year / Christmas period to ensure community have access to low and no cost meals	Community Wellbeing Darebin Emergency Relief Network	Grants are provided to emergency relief providers to ensure community have access to meals over the holiday period	Within existing resources
	Develop and implement a nutritious food policy for all youth services events and programs	Youth Services Community Wellbeing Schools	Policy is completed and implement	Within existing resources
Work with local partners to promote healthy eating and oral health across the life stages with Maternal and Child Health, Early Years, Middle Years, Schools and the Healthy Ageing Program	Support Schools and Early Years Centres to promote the Health Achievement Program to support healthy food choices	Community Wellbeing Youth Services	Information session conducted and list of participations who will be willingly to be following up for impact and outcomes evaluation number of school	Within existing resources

	Work in partnership with Your Community health, to ensure healthy eating messages are embedded into oral health promotion activities	Community Wellbeing Your Community Health	Oral health events/activities held	Within existing resources
<b>Objective 4.2 Increase participation rates in sport and physical activity</b>				
Reduce barriers to participation in priority populations	Delivery of 10 improved crossings for pedestrians and bike riders across Darebin	Transport	10 crossings improved	Within existing resources
	Delivery of a streets for people corridor that prioritises safety and amenity for walking and riding.	Transport	1 streets for people corridor created  Increase of 12% in number of people riding on route	Within existing resources
	Increase participation by girls and young women in public space through skate and BMX partnerships	Youth Services	Girls and women participating in the program and feedback from both male and female participants towards the program.	Within existing resources
Working in partnership with key stakeholders, agencies and networks, promote opportunities for increased physical activities	Partner with Council run leisure centres and YMCA to increase physical activities for people with mental health, refugees, asylum seekers and Aboriginal men.	Equity and Diversity  YMCA, Victorian Aboriginal Health Services (VAHS)	Number of people participate, feedbacks and # of people continue in the program after the end of the program	Within existing resources
	Review Council's Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy	Leisure Services	Revised Fees and Charges Policy is adopted by June 2018	Within existing Leisure Services budget
Continue to invest in improving infrastructure that will increase participation in sport and physical activity	Undertake facility audits in order to increase access for the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women and girls</li> <li>• Children</li> <li>• CALD community</li> <li>• People living with a disability</li> <li>• LGBTIQ people</li> </ul>	Leisure Services	Facility audits are undertaken to analyse and make recommendations on improvements that will reduce barriers and increase participation of priority groups	Within existing Leisure Services budget
<b>Objective 4.3 Increase awareness of the impact and harm of alcohol and tobacco</b>				

In partnership with community organisations, support and promote initiatives that contribute to increased awareness of alcohol	Ensure the delivery of consistent messaging related to alcohol literacy with partner organisations	Community wellbeing	Feedbacks and stories from partner organisations	Within existing staff, resources and budget
	Support and promote programs and initiatives among sport clubs (for example Good Sport Program) to increase awareness of physical and social harms of alcohol	Community Wellbeing	Number of sport clubs participate in the campaign and feedbacks	Within existing staff, resources and budget
In partnership with community organisations, support and promote initiatives that contribute to increased awareness of tobacco	Ensure the delivery of consistent messaging related to tobacco literacy with partner organisations	Community wellbeing  VAHS and Your Community Health	Feedbacks and stories from partner organisations	Within existing staff, resources and budget
	Investigate smoke free zones within the municipality	Health Protection, Community Wellbeing	Community consultation is completed	Within existing staff, resources and budget
	Implement Deadly Dan resource in Darebin High Schools, in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal health Service (VAHS) and Your Community Health	Community wellbeing  VAHS and Your Community Health	2 High schools implemented	Within existing staff, resources and budget

**8.2 PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE EDWIN STREET AT STATION STREET FAIRFIELD****Author:** Transport Engineer**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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**Report Background**

Edwin Street is an unmade road, which provides an informal east-west link in a local residential precinct of Fairfield between Station Street, Gillies Street and Rathmines Street. It is in a poor condition with no footpath but has a painted area on the south side designated for pedestrians.

Residents of Edwin Street raised concerns about the poor condition of the street and the level of through-traffic using this route entering from Station Street. Following consultation with the residents, Edwin Street was temporarily closed at Station Street in October 2014 to reduce the volume of traffic using the road.

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the existing road closure of Edwin Street at Station Street, and to seek approval from Council to commence the statutory process of consultation with the intention to make the closure permanent, as required by the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Previous Council Resolution**

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Previous Briefing(s)**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Sustainable and resilient Neighbourhoods

Darebin's Transport Strategy

**Summary**

Edwin Street is an unmade road that varies in width up to 6 metres wide and runs west-east between Rathmines Street, Gillies Street and Station Street in Fairfield, and it had provided an informal east-west connection within the residential area. The surrounding road network includes Gillies, Rathmines, Separation, and Christmas Streets with Station Street at the eastern end, which is a secondary arterial road under the management of VicRoads and is also a preferred north-south traffic route as defined in the VicRoads SmartRoads network.

From 2011, residents of Edwin Street have raised concerns about the poor condition of the road and the amount of through-traffic using this route entering from Station Street. The intersection of Station Street and Edwin Street was observed to be a safety risk due to the high volumes of traffic and high vehicle speeds on Station Street.

Following a positive response to a survey of resident opinions in July 2014 and VicRoads approval, the temporary road closure in Edwin Street at Station Street was installed in October 2014.

Following the closure, Council received minimal complaints regarding the closure. A survey was undertaken in November 2017 to determine the level of satisfaction with the closure. A favourable response was received.

This report recommends that Council supports the undertaking of the statutory consultation process on making the Edwin Street road closure permanent.

If supported, the next steps include publishing a notice in the Newspapers and sending a letter to the owners and occupiers with details of the proposal as required under 207A and Clause 9 of Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. A further report will be prepared for Council on the outcome of the statutory consultation process.

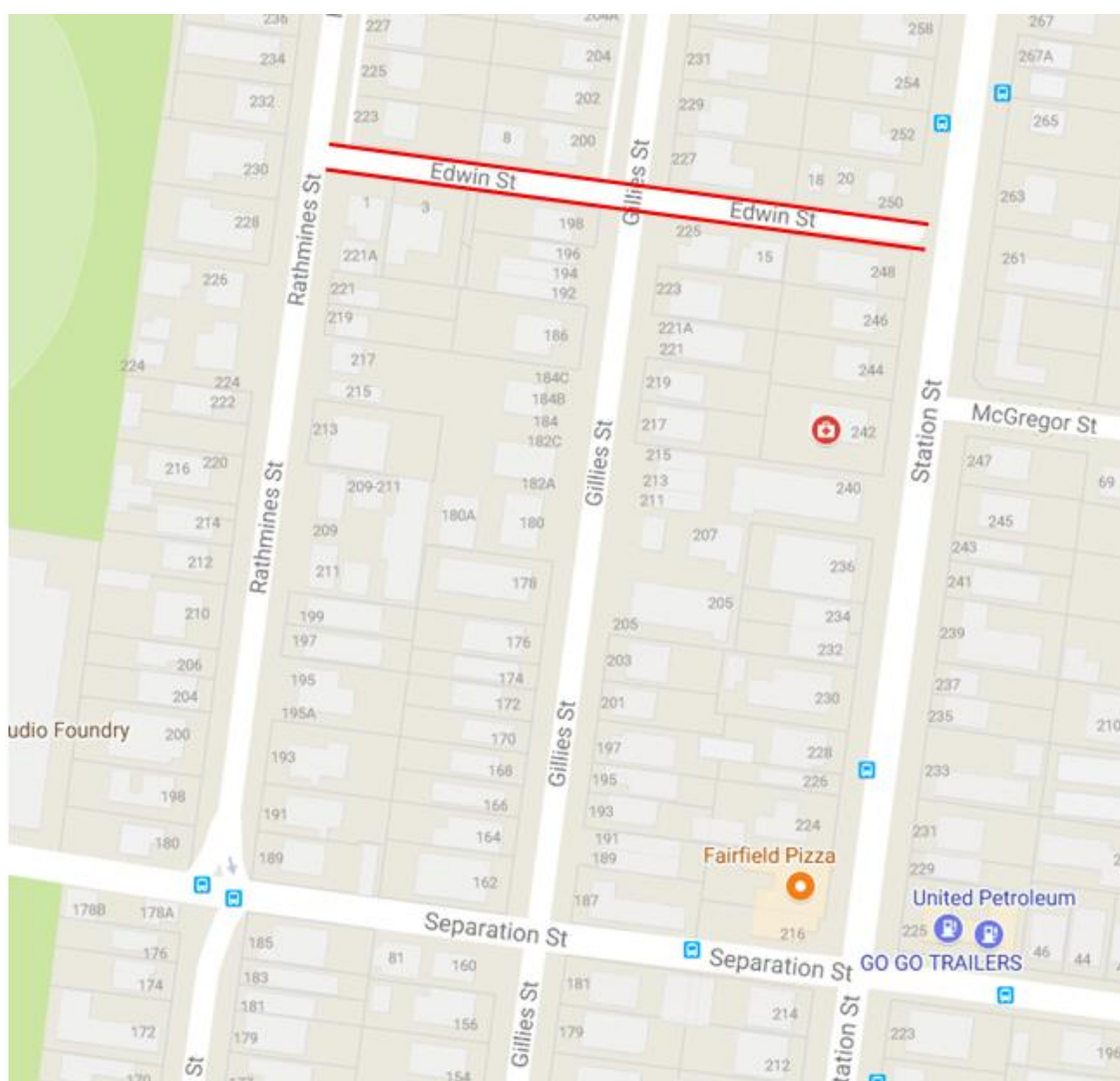


Figure 1: Edwin Street and the surrounding road network in Fairfield

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to give public notice of its intention to permanently close the Edwin Street and Station Street intersection under 207A and Clause 9 of Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
  - (2) Notes in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a Special Meeting of the Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee will be scheduled to hear any submitters who wish to be heard in support of their written submissions.
  - (3) Notes a further report will be presented to Council on the outcome of the statutory consultation process.
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**Introduction**

Edwin Street was temporarily closed at Station Street in October 2014, by removing through traffic from Edwin Street, retaining resident access, and minimising impact on the surrounding road network. It was anticipated that restricting turns into and out of Edwin Street would also improve safety for pedestrians.



Figure 2: Existing road closure at the eastern end in Edwin Street at Station Street

Before the closure in Edwin Street at Station Street, in May 2014, Council undertook numerous traffic surveys to understand the implications of making any changes.

These allowed Council to identify the traffic characteristics in Edwin Street and the surrounding network. Edwin Street between Station Street and Rathmines Street carried an average of 162 vehicles daily, 68 eastbound and 93 westbound of which approximately 70% was through-traffic (i.e. traffic that wasn't destined or leaving Edwin Street).

Recent traffic data collected has indicated that the surrounding streets have experienced only minor changes to traffic volumes and are all operating in line with what would be anticipated for a local street.

A survey of residents and owners was undertaken in November 2017 regarding the proposal of continuing Edwin Street closure at Station Street. The response rate from the residents of the street was very good (71%) and there was a clear majority (90%) of the residents' support for permanently close the intersection. Residents mentioned in their responses that the existing road closure of Edwin Street did not impact negatively and increased safety for the residents in the area, and that this temporary road closure should be permanent.

### **Issues and Discussion**

Under section 207A and clause 9 of Schedule 11 to the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council has power to block or restrict the passage or access of vehicles on a road by placing any permanent barrier or obstruction on the road. The placing of a permanent obstruction on a road is subject to public comment (section 223) under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

A resident survey was conducted in the past to obtain views on the proposed road closure. The result of the survey was a clear majority for a full road closure at the Edwin Street/Station Street intersection to discourage external vehicles accessing through Edwin Street. It was stated that Council would begin the process to permanently close this road if this road closure would be found to be a success.

The temporary road closure at the eastern end of Edwin Street at Station Street was reviewed. Council undertook another survey in November 2017 regarding the proposal of continuing Edwin Street closure at Station Street. The surveys were sent to both the property owners and occupiers of Edwin Street. The response rate was very good (71%) and there was a clear majority (90%) of the residents' support for continuing the intersection closed.

Recent traffic counts shows that the impact of this road closure was minimal on the surrounding network.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The cost of public notices can be undertaken using existing budgets.

### **Risk Management**

None

### **Policy Implications**

### **Economic Development**

There are no factors in this report which impact upon economic development.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

There are no factors in this report which impact upon environmental sustainability.



**Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion**

There are no factors in this report which impact on human rights, equity and inclusion.

**Other**

There are no other factors which impact on this report.

**Future Actions**

- Council resolve to give public notice of its intention to permanently close the Edwin Street and Station Street intersection under 207A and Clause 9 of Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- Council consider any written submissions received in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee hear any submitters who wish to be heard in support of their written submissions.
- A further report be prepared for Council on the outcome of the statutory consultation.

**Consultation and Advocacy**

- Transport Management
- Asset Management
- Members of the community in the adjacent area
- Victoria Police
- VicRoads
- Emergency Services

**Related Documents**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

**Disclosure of Interest**

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.



**8.3 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE REAR 30-36 JESSIE STREET AND 25-29 GREEN STREET, NORTHCOTE****Author:** Property Manager**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

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**Report Background**

This report provides Council with information relating to the outcome of preliminary investigations into the proposed discontinuance and sale of the right-of-way/road at the rear 30 to 36 Jessie Street and 25 to 29 Green Street, Northcote, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A (Road)**.

**Previous Council Resolution**

- This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Previous Briefing(s)**

- 27 November 2017

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

- Goal 6 - A well governed Council

**Summary**

This report provides the history and background relating to the 1.22m wide right-of-way/road at the rear 30 to 36 Jessie Street and 25 to 29 Green Street, Northcote, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A (Road)**, as well as the outcome of the preliminary investigations into its proposed discontinuance.

In 2016, Council received an enquiry from an adjoining property owner requesting the discontinuance and sale of the Road. Initial investigations identified that the Road, which is contained within Certificate of Title Volume 2125 Folio 995, is not constructed or used for access and appears to have been enclosed within the property boundary of 30, 32, 34 and 36 Jessie Street for many years. Whilst the Road is not listed on Council's Register of Public Roads, it remains a 'road' on title.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* ("the Act") to discontinue the road at the rear of 30 to 36 Jessie Street and 25 to 29 Green Street, Northcote shown hatched on **Appendix A**.
  - (2) Gives public notice under sections 207A and 82A (2)(a) and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and such notice state that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell the land from the road to the adjoining property owners by private treaty and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners.
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## Introduction

In 2014, Council received an enquiry from an adjoining owner requesting the discontinuance and sale of the right-of-way shown hatched on the plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** (Road).

Investigations have identified that the Road is not constructed or used for access, is enclosed within the property boundary of 30, 32, 34 and 36 Jessie Street and appears to have been occupied for many years. The Road is not listed on Council's Register of Public Roads, though it remains a 'road' on title.

Once initial investigations confirmed the feasibility of the proposed discontinuance, Macquarie Lawyers were commissioned to undertake further consultation with a view to Council commencing the statutory procedures to facilitate the possible discontinuance and sale of the 1.22m wide section of Road.

## Issues and Discussion

### Consultation with owners / purchase price / land allocation

All of the occupying property owners in Jessie Street, external service authorities as well as internal Council departments have been consulted regarding the proposal and no objections have been received. Due to the narrow width of the Road, it was not considered practicable to divide the Road, thus the (non-occupying) adjoining property owners on Green Street were not approached in the first instance.

The dimensions and proposed allocation/division of the land from the Road are shown in the Title Plan provided in **Appendix C**. The owners of 34 and 36 Jessie Street have confirmed their interest in acquiring the land shown as Lot 1 and Lot 2 in the Title Plan provided in **Appendix C** at current market value as well as meeting all of the reasonable costs associated with Council discontinuing the Road.

The statutory process will provide all adjoining property owners including, those not in occupation, with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

### Service Authorities / Council Departments

Internal departments and external service authorities were consulted regarding the proposal and no objections were received. Both Council's engineering department and Yarra Valley Water have advised that there are no assets located in the Road and there would be no requirement for any easements to be saved or created over the land from the Road, if discontinued.

## Implementation

The statutory procedures require Council to give public notice of its intention to discontinue and sell the Road and invite submissions from affected parties. All abutting property owners would be advised of the proposal in writing and informed of their right to make a submission. Submitters may request to be heard by Council prior to a decision being made to proceed or otherwise with the proposal. Following which, a report would be presented to Council for a decision whether to discontinue the Road, part of the Road or not to discontinue the Road.

## Options for Consideration

### Option 1 – Abandon the Proposal or Do Nothing

Council could resolve to abandon the proposal, take no action or may make no resolution on the matter. This option would mean that the Road would continue to vest in Council and the status quo would remain with 30 to 36 Jessie Street continuing to occupy the Road.

Council may be perceived as knowingly encouraging and enabling property owners to continue to occupy other roads or rights-of-way within Darebin to the detriment of the community (whether financially or as a benefiting right). Additionally, Council may lose future rights to the Road if adjoining property owners are able to accrue possessory rights.

Council may, at some time in the future, resolve to commence the discontinuance process.

### Option 2 – Commence the Statutory Procedures (Recommended)

Council could resolve to commence statutory procedures to potentially discontinue the Road. This would extend the consultation to the wider community and enable all affected property owners a formal opportunity to make a submission. This option would assist Council in obtaining further insight into the overall consensus of surrounding property owners and the community in relation to the Road. It would also enable Council to make an informed assessment on the future of the Road, to potentially open part or all of the Road, discontinue part or all of the Road and sell the land from the Road (if discontinued) to the adjoining property owners and/or take title to any land not sold.

Benefits of commencing the statutory procedures depend on Council's decision on the future of the Road, and the ongoing protection of a public asset, the asset being open to the public and used for its prescribed purpose, and potential revenue from the sale of part or all of the land from the Road.

## Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource implications as a result of commencing the statutory procedures as contained in this report.

Costs associated with undertaking the statutory process would be recoverable from the purchasers should Council decide in future to discontinue the Road and sell the land. Should Council decide not to proceed with either the discontinuance or the sale, then the costs associated with conducting the statutory process would be funded from existing allocations.

Council's City Valuer has placed a value of the land at \$1,100 per square metre (including GST). For the land area of 34m<sup>2</sup>, the approximate value of the income to Council would be \$37,400 (including GST).

## Risk Management

Risks associated with each option are covered under the analysis of each option.

## Policy Implications

### Economic Development

Risks associated with each option are covered under the analysis of each option.

**Environmental Sustainability**

There are no factors in this report which impact upon environmental sustainability.

**Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion**

There are no factors in this report which impact on human rights, equity and inclusion.

**Other**

This report has been prepared having regard to Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy.

**Future Actions**

Arrange for the statutory procedures for the discontinuance and sale of the section of Road to be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Consultation and Advocacy**

- Council departments
- Macquarie Local Government Lawyers
- Owners of adjoining properties located at 30-36 Jessie Street, Northcote
- Statutory Authorities

**Related Documents**

- *Local Government Act 1989*
- *Road Management Act 2004*
- Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy, Darebin City Council, 2015

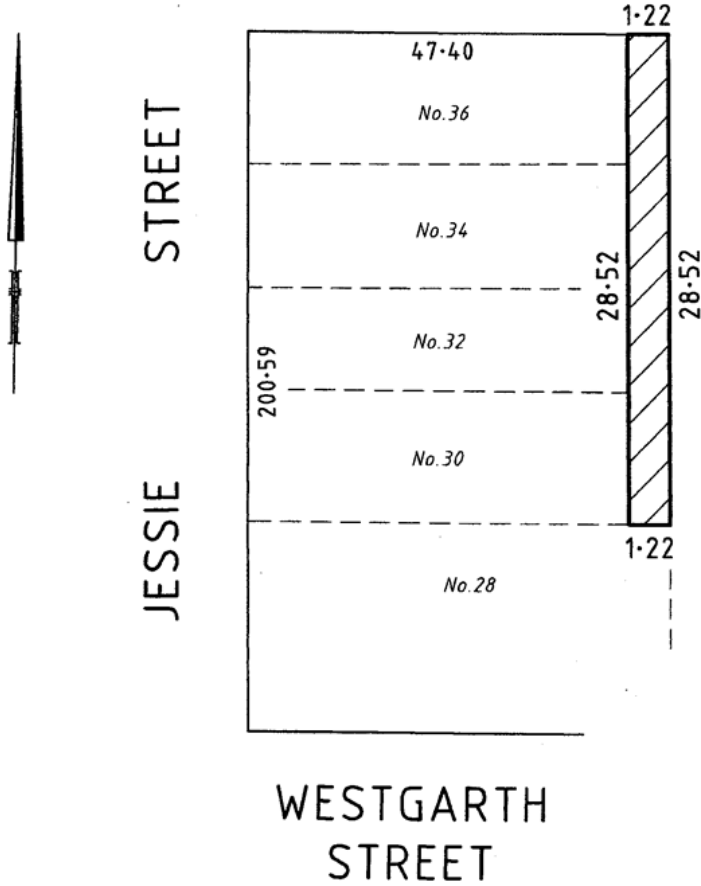
**Attachments**

- Site Plan (**Appendix A**) [↓](#)
- Aerial View (**Appendix B**) [↓](#)
- Title Plan (**Appendix C**) [↓](#)

**Disclosure of Interest**

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.











## 8.4 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF ROADS ADJOINING 800 PLENTY ROAD, RESERVOIR

**Author:** Property Officer

**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

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### Report Background

This report provides Council with information regarding the outcome of statutory procedures relating to the proposed discontinuance and sale of part of the right-of-way adjoining 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir, as shown in the Site Plan in **Appendix A** and hatched in the Statutory Plan **Appendix B** (Road), and recommends that the Road be deregistered from the Register of Public Roads, discontinued and sold as it is no longer required for public purposes.

### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 16 October 2017 Council resolved:

*"That Council:*

- (1) *Commences the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to discontinue the road adjoining 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir shown coloured on **Appendix A**.*
- (2) *Gives public notice under sections 207A and 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance and intention to sell in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and such notice state that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell by private treaty the land from the discontinued Roads to the adjoining property owner at 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir, Aldi Foods Pty Ltd, for \$1.8 million and to transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner."*

### Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - A well governed Council

### Summary

This report provides the history and background relating to the right-of-way adjoining 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir (Road), shown coloured on the Site Plan presented at **Appendix A**, as well as the outcome of the statutory procedures into its proposed discontinuance.

Aldi Foods Pty Ltd (Aldi) has been in discussions with Council since 2011 regarding the status and potential discontinuance of roads contained within the title to 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir. Aldi has recently entered into a contract of sale with Japara Health Care Ltd (Japara) for the land at 800 Plenty Road and have approached Council to commence a discontinuance of the roads. Aldi has agreed to purchase the roads from Council for \$1.8 million, should the roads be discontinued.

The Roads are constructed but are not currently used for access as they have been fenced off to prevent vandalism and rubbish dumping within 800 Plenty Road. The Roads are listed on Council's Register of Public Roads and would need to be removed from the register prior to discontinuance.

This report recommends that Council commence the discontinuance process, including public notification and, if necessary, hearing of submissions into the proposal.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the roads adjoining 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir, shown on **Appendix A** and hatched on **Appendix B** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Has formed the opinion that, in accordance with section 17(4) of the *Road Management Act 2004*, the portion of public road, shown in **Appendix A** and hatched in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer reasonably required for general public use as the portion of road:
  - a) is no longer required for access to properties at 800 Plenty Road;
  - b) is no longer required for through traffic movements originating from retail premises at 830 Plenty Road;and that the portion of road shown in **Appendix A** and hatched in **Appendix B** be removed from Council's Register of Public Roads;
- (2) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (3) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (4) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to Aldi Foods Pty Ltd for the sum of \$1.8 million and, the owners of the adjoining property, in accordance with Council policy and signed 'in principle agreement' and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner;
- (5) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water or VicRoads in the road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes, under the control of that Authority in or near the road;
- (6) Signs and seals all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties; and
- (7) Delegates power to the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council.

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## Introduction

In 2011, Council received an enquiry from Aldi Foods Pty Ltd (Aldi), the owner of 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir, requesting that Council undertake action to remove the road status of roads contained within LP 54324 (Roads), the title to which is held by Aldi. The Roads are shown coloured on the Site plan in **Appendix A** and hatched on the Statutory Plan in **Appendix B** and Aerial Photograph in **Appendix C**.

The Roads, listed on Council's Register of Public Roads, are constructed but are not currently used by the public.

The Roads once serviced a group of shops and provided through traffic access from Summerhill shopping centre to the southbound slip-lane between Plenty Road and Albert Street. The roads are currently fenced off from public thoroughfare due to vandalism of the vacant buildings and dumping of rubbish that was occurring in this area.

Investigations confirmed the feasibility of the proposed discontinuance as the land is not considered required for access and is not required for drainage.

## Issues and Discussion

### Statutory Consultation Procedures

Other than the owners of 800 Plenty Road (Aldi), there were no other adjoining owners to be directly consulted during the consultation process.

Public notice of the proposed Road discontinuance and sale was given in the Preston Leader and Northcote Leader newspapers on 31 October and 1 November 2017, respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website.

The public notice period ended on 28 November 2017. No submissions were received from members of the public.

Council's engineers and Yarra Valley Water were contacted regarding the proposal. Whilst neither had any objections to the proposed discontinuance, both advised that they possessed assets beneath the land.

In the case of Yarra Valley Water there are some potentially redundant water supply pipes which serviced the former buildings on the site (refer to **Appendix D**). Aldi have advised that they will be working with Yarra Valley Water to remove these assets. Until such time as advice is received from Yarra Valley Water that an easement will not be required, it is considered prudent to include reference to Yarra Valley Water's rights over portions of the land.

Similarly, Council's Engineering unit has identified that there is a drainage pipe belonging to VicRoads that crosses the western portion of the site (refer to **Appendix E**). Aldi may contact VicRoads about the re-aligning this drain, however, like the situation with the Yarra Valley Water assets, it is considered prudent to include reference to VicRoads' rights over portions of the road. There is also a small Council drain running from the carpark to the laneway at the south of the site. As this drain would become surplus upon discontinuance of the road, it is proposed to be decommissioned and would not require an easement to be saved over the land.

### Deregistration of the Public Road Status

As these roads, shown hatched in **Appendix B** are included in the listing in Council's Register of Public Roads, they would need to be deregistered by Council prior to finalising discontinuance of its status as a road. A Public Road under the *Road Management Act 2004* is a different status to that of a 'road' under the *Local Government Act 1989* and a different process needs to be undertaken to deregister a public road.

As noted in the previous section, the consultation undertaken as part of the statutory process for the proposed discontinuance had not elicited any responses from the general public with regard to the proposed removal of the 'road' status of the land via the Local Government Act.

The *Road Management Act* does not require a separate or specific consultation process be undertaken, only that a decision be made if the road is no longer reasonably required for public use.

The collection of roads within 800 Plenty Road are not currently used for access as they have been fenced off to prevent vandalism and rubbish dumping and has generally not been openly trafficable by the general public. Moreover, the need for a public thoroughfare in this area has been significantly reduced since the closure of the supermarket and allied retail activities at the Summerhill Shopping Centre. Movement of vehicles in the local area would not be affected by deregistration of this road from the Register of Public Roads.

### **Land Allocation**

The dimensions and proposed allocation/division of the land from the Roads are shown in the Statutory Plan in **Appendix D** and Aerial Photograph in **Appendix C**.

The owners of 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir have confirmed their interest in acquiring the land shown hatched in **Appendix B** at current market value as well as meeting their share of all of the reasonable costs associated with Council discontinuing the Road.

### **Options for Consideration**

#### **Option 1 – Abandon the Proposal or Do Nothing**

Council could resolve to abandon the proposal, take no action or may make no resolution on the matter. This option would mean that the Road would continue to vest in Council and the status quo would remain.

Council may, at some time in the future, resolve to recommence the discontinuance process.

#### **Option 2 – Discontinue and sell the Road (Recommended)**

Council could proceed with the discontinuance and sale of the land from the Road in accordance with the signed 'in principle' purchase agreement. This would be consistent with the statutory procedures which have been completed with no submissions having been received.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

There are no financial or resource implications as a result of finalising the statutory procedures as contained in this report.

Costs associated with undertaking the statutory process would be recoverable from the purchaser should Council decide in future to discontinue the road and sell the land. Should Council decide not to proceed with either the discontinuance or the sale, then the costs associated with conducting the statutory process would be funded from existing allocations.

The value of the land has been determined by an independent valuer appointed by the President of the Australian Property Institute under an agreement between Council and Aldi, who issued joint instructions for the valuation. Whilst Aldi is currently the titled owner of the roads, upon discontinuance the roads would vest with Council. The valuation took into account the principle of 'sharing the uplift in value' in the Aldi owned land following discontinuance of the road and the consolidation of all parcels of land into a single lot.

Should Council decide not to proceed with either the discontinuance or the sale, then the costs associated with conducting the process would be funded from existing budget allocations.

### **Risk Management**

Risks associated with each option are covered under the analysis of each option.

### **Policy Implications**

#### **Economic Development**

There are no factors in this report which impact upon economic development.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

There are no factors in this report which factor on environmental sustainability.

#### **Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion**

There are no adjoining owners to be consulted regarding the proposal, other than the owners of 800 Plenty Road – Aldi Foods Pty Ltd.

The statutory procedures have extended this to the whole community by giving public notice of the proposal and providing the opportunity to anyone to make a formal submission to Council regarding the proposal.

#### **Other**

This report has been prepared having regard to Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy.

#### **Future Actions**

- Arrange for a notice to be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- Arrange for the land to be sold and transferred to the owners of the adjoining property by private treaty in accordance with Council policy.
- Arrange for any land not sold to be transferred into Council's ownership (if required).

#### **Consultation and Advocacy**

- Council departments
- Darebin community
- Maddocks Lawyers
- Owners and occupiers of the adjoining properties
- Statutory authorities

#### **Related Documents**

- *Local Government Act 1989*
- *Road Management Act 2004*
- Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy, Darebin City Council, 2015
- Council Minutes – 17 July 2017

**Attachments**

- Site Plan (**Appendix A**) [↓](#)
- Statutory Plan (**Appendix B**) [↓](#)
- Aerial View (**Appendix C**) [↓](#)
- Engineering Plan (**Appendix D**) [↓](#)
- Drainage Assets Plan (**Appendix E**) [↓](#)

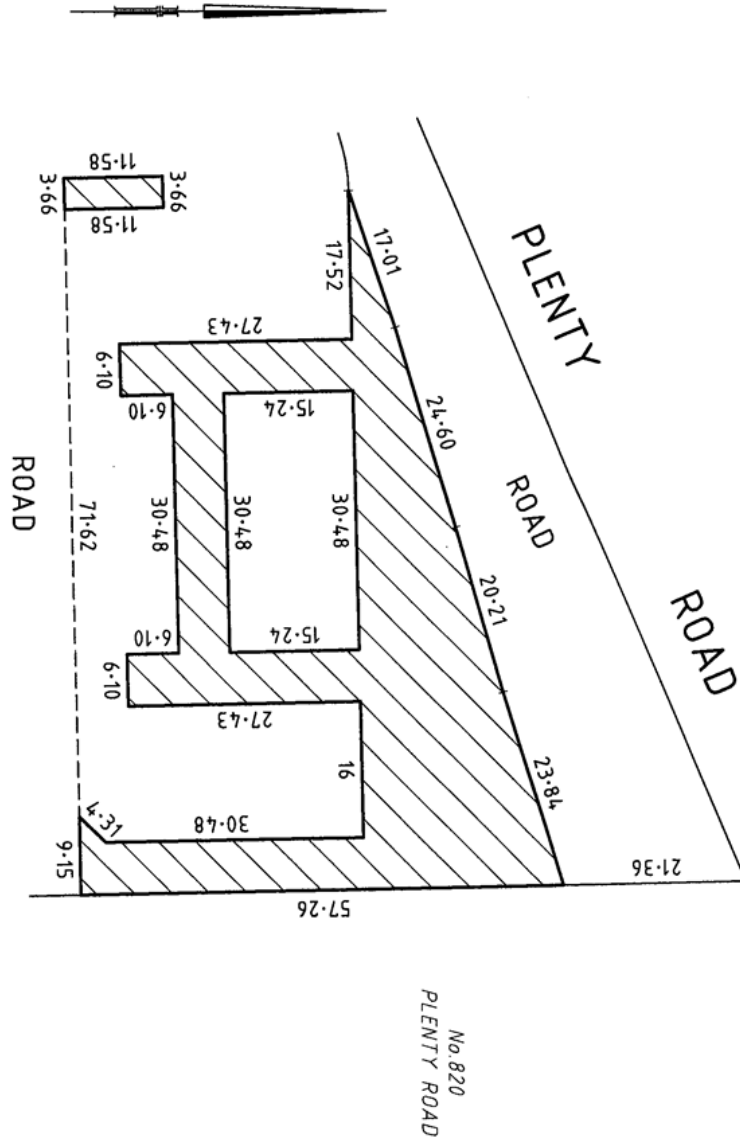
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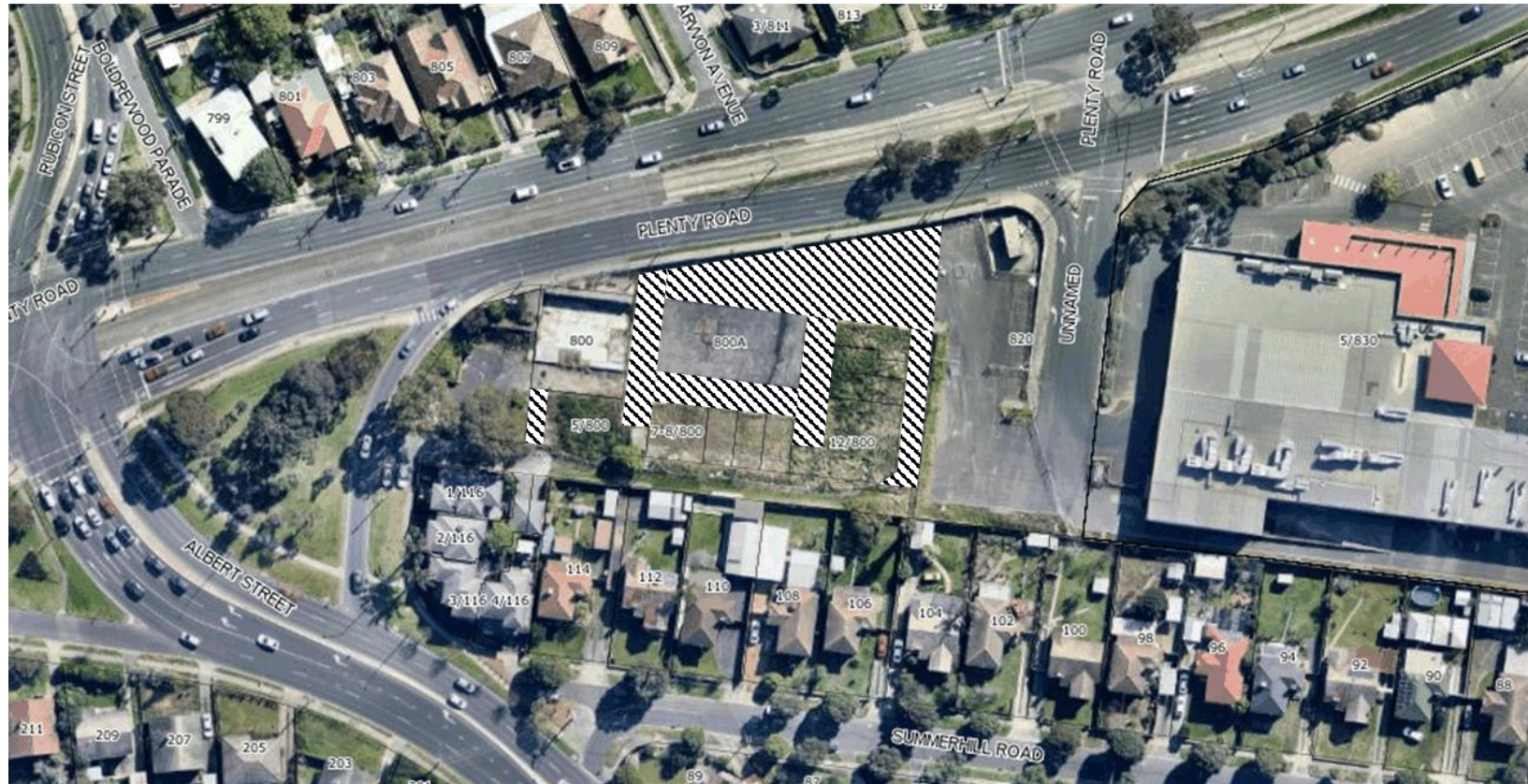






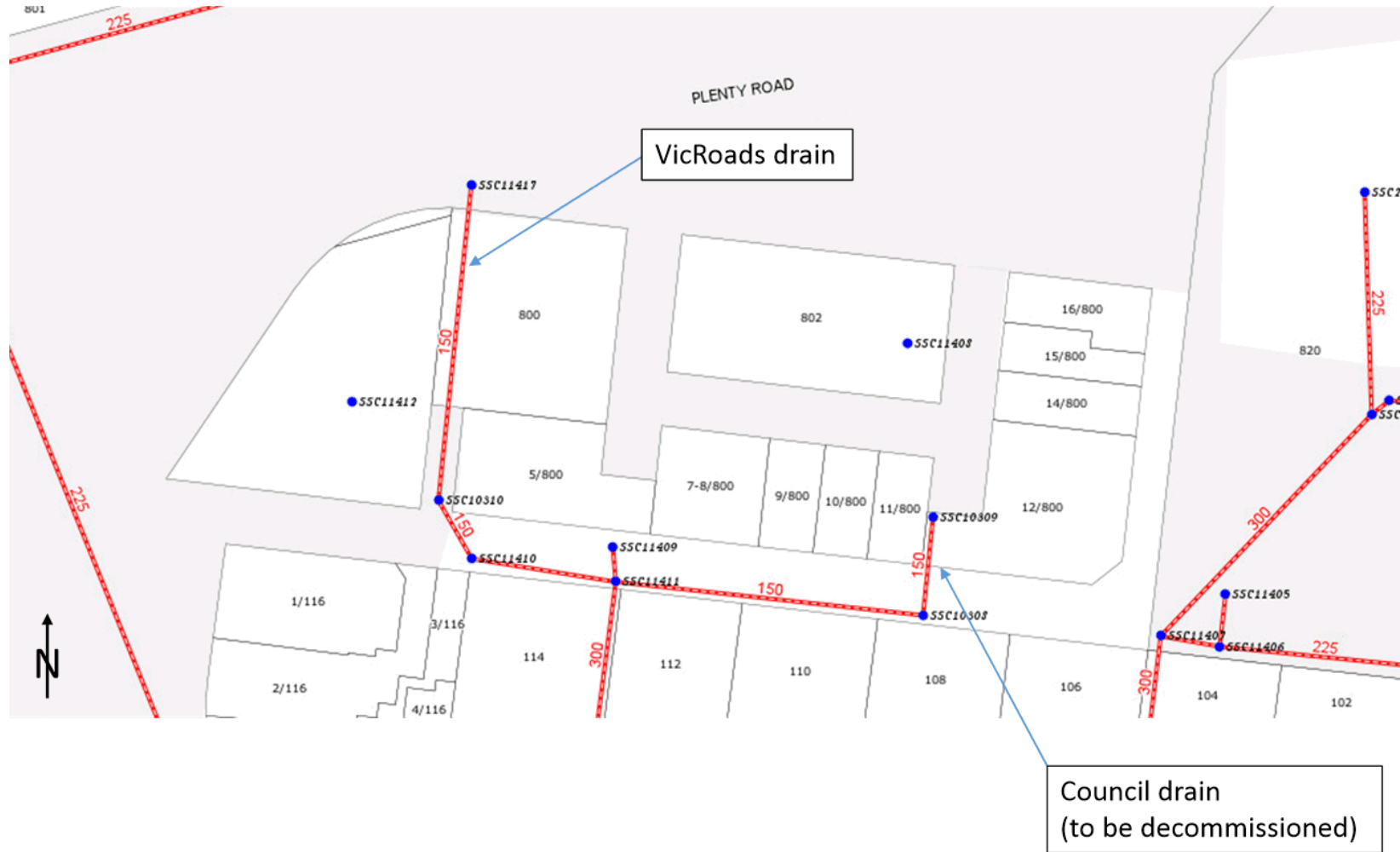
## 100 Plenty Road – Aerial Photograph

Roads that would be part of the discontinuance are hatched in black & white





### Drainage Assets in the vicinity of 800 Plenty Road, Reservoir





## 8.5 FAIRFIELD VILLAGE BUILT FORM GUIDELINES AND HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

**Author:** Principal Strategic Planner

**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services

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### Report Background

In 2016, the City Design and Strategic Planning Unit received funding to undertake research, analysis and community engagement to review and update existing Design Guidelines, with a view to developing enforceable built form planning controls for Fairfield Village Activity Centre. An independent heritage assessment of sites in the Centre was also funded.

### Previous Council Resolution

Strategic basis for this work was endorsed by Council at its meeting on held on 18 April 2016 where Council resolved (Minute 184) that "Council endorse the Fairfield Village Action Plan, November 2015 and indicative options for implementation".

### Previous Briefing(s)

Council has received communications and briefings over the course of the development of these documents and associated consultation, including three briefings on the 18 April, 28 of August and the 27 September, 2017.

### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 3 – A liveable city

### Summary

The City Design and Strategic Planning Unit has prepared updated Built Form Guidelines ('the Guidelines' – refer **Appendix A**) to manage emerging higher density development within the Fairfield Village neighbourhood activity centre.

At present there are no local controls on such developments in Fairfield Village. The Guidelines will provide clear and up to date direction on expectations for development in Fairfield Village to manage change in the Centre in a positive way. It is intended that the Guidelines will be formally implemented as statutory development controls in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

An independent Heritage Assessment (refer **Appendix B**) was also commissioned for the precinct. This has led to specific requirements in the Guidelines and identified locations for heritage protection.

Fairfield Village is highly valued for its distinct 'local village feel' which comes from its accessibility, strong local business presence, the low-scale character of its traditional buildings, and its open space areas, especially around the railway station reserve, and also provides a strong sense of community for local residents.

The Guidelines and proposed heritage controls aim to ensure future development in Fairfield Village occurs at a scale, form and quality which respects the physical elements of this character, and is appropriate for a neighbourhood activity centre.

The process to develop the Guidelines and Heritage Assessment has involved detailed background research and analysis, together with a substantive engagement program with land owners, business operators and the broader Fairfield community to ensure that key local issues and community expectations around development are addressed.

Engagement with the Fairfield community included initial surveys and workshops in October-November 2016 to understand the key local issues and expectations around development, and most recently in September-October 2017, the public exhibition of Draft Guidelines and Heritage documents for community feedback (refer to **Appendix C**). A representative Community Reference Group has also worked closely with Council officers over the course of the project.

The Guidelines and Heritage Assessment documents have been finalised with regard to community feedback, and are now presented for Council adoption. The documents have broad community support, and provide a sound policy basis for translation into formal built form and heritage planning scheme controls for Fairfield Village.

A planning scheme amendment process to introduce these controls into the Darebin Planning Scheme is anticipated to commence in early 2018.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council adopt the Fairfield Village Built Form Guidelines 2017 and the Fairfield Village Heritage Assessment 2017

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## Introduction

The Fairfield Village neighbourhood activity centre has become an attractive location for higher density development and it is anticipated that interest in redevelopment of commercial land in the Centre will increase. At present there are no enforceable built form controls, including height limits, in the Centre. There is concern about the impact of more intensive development on the Centre's valued traditional character and amenity.

Clear policy directions are required to ensure sensitive and appropriate redevelopment of sites which does not undermine the valued village scale and character of the Centre. Formal statutory development controls are required to reliably manage anticipated development pressure.

Guidelines for development were produced for Fairfield Village in 2008, however they were never formally incorporated into the Darebin Planning Scheme and therefore can only be given limited statutory weight in decision making. In addition, there have been changes in the area and in state and local planning policies.

The City Design and Strategic Planning Unit has now prepared updated Built Form Guidelines ('the Guidelines' – refer **Appendix A**) which respond to current directions and issues, promote best practice outcomes and provide an up-to-date basis for planning scheme controls.

Informing the Guidelines is an independent heritage assessment of sites in the Centre, carried out on Council's behalf by Heritage Intelligence (refer **Appendix B**). This work has identified a historically significant precinct and a further individual site for heritage protection. Specific requirements for redevelopment of heritage places have been incorporated into the draft Guidelines.

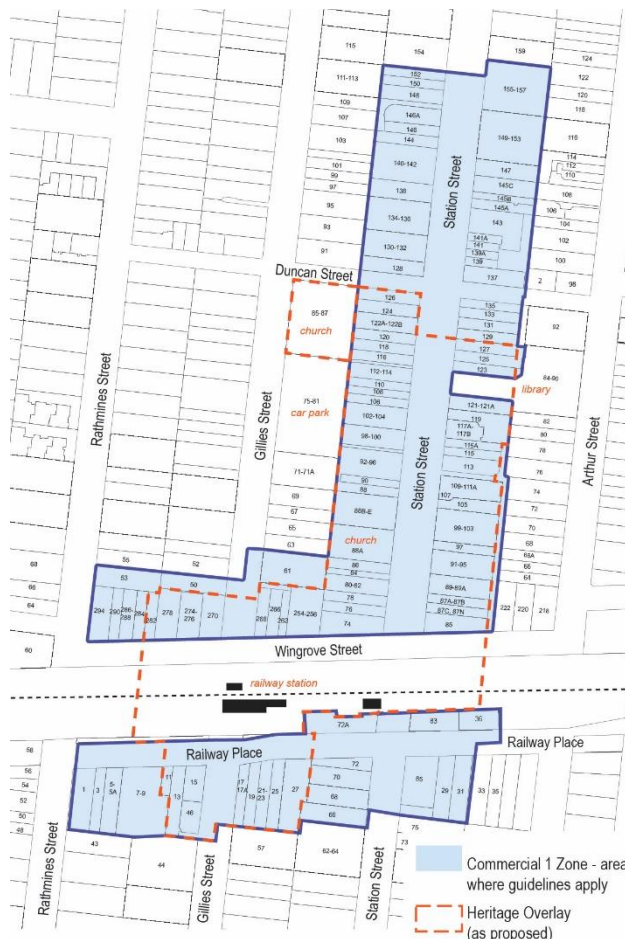


It is intended that the Guidelines and Heritage Assessment, once finalised, will be formally adopted by Council as policy. The policy documents may then be translated into statutory controls in the Darebin Planning Scheme. Such controls will provide a clear set of requirements to be used in the assessment of planning permit applications.

**Issues and Discussion**

**What area is affected?**

Figure 1 below shows the area affected by the Guidelines and proposed heritage protections.



**Figure 1 Fairfield Village Guidelines and Heritage Area**

The Guidelines apply to private land within the existing Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z), although protection of adjoining residential zoned land has been considered as part of the requirements for built form.

Council owned land such as the Fairfield Library and the Gillies Street car park sites are excluded.

The Heritage Assessment was similarly focussed on the commercial area, but also includes the railway station and surrounding reserve land owned by the State Government, and St Andrews Church in Gillies Street.

**What the Guidelines and heritage protections seek to achieve**

While broader planning policy encourages higher density development in activity centres, the traditional scale and presentation of buildings in Fairfield Village is highly valued and integral to the ‘village’ atmosphere of the Centre. Many buildings in the Centre have historical value.

The Guidelines aim to ensure adequate balance between the history and character of Fairfield Village is maintained in a way that allows for new developments to be introduced respectfully and allow for growth.

This includes maintaining the character and heritage value of Fairfield Village where possible, while allowing the activity area and immediate surrounds to develop and change over time.

#### What the Guidelines Cover

The Guidelines cover key issues identified by Council in consultation with the community, and set objectives and specific performance standards for new development as follows:

- *Building height:* a maximum 4 storey height across the Centre, with a 5th storey allowance for sites exceeding 1000sqm, subject to conditions on the design of the building to minimise the visual impact of the additional height.
- *Valued facades:* retention of historically-significant and other valued traditional shop fronts, supported by proposed heritage controls.
- *Street wall and setbacks:* maximum street wall heights of two to three storeys, with requirements for upper storeys to be set well back from the street. This ensures buildings maintain a modest, human scale at the street. Exact requirements vary depending on whether a site is identified for heritage controls or not.
- *Side and Rear Setbacks:* clear setback requirements to protect the amenity of adjoining residential zoned properties, while maintaining good internal amenity in the development.
- *Street facade form and detailing:* requirements for new facades to incorporate architectural proportions and detailing that integrate with the traditional streetscape and provide a good pedestrian experience.
- *Materials and finishes:* new buildings should utilise sympathetic materials that complement the distinct character of the Centre, and provide finishes which are high quality and durable.
- *Landscaping:* integrate greenery into new developments to enhance amenity, soften the visual impact of taller buildings and reduce the urban heat island effect. This is the first time Council has specified landscaping for development in a commercial zone, and reflects community expectations for more sustainable development.
- *Car parking and vehicular access:* vehicle access and parking arrangements are to be well designed, in balance with the need for active frontages and pedestrian amenity, and appropriate for site conditions.

Refer to document at **Appendix A** for full details.

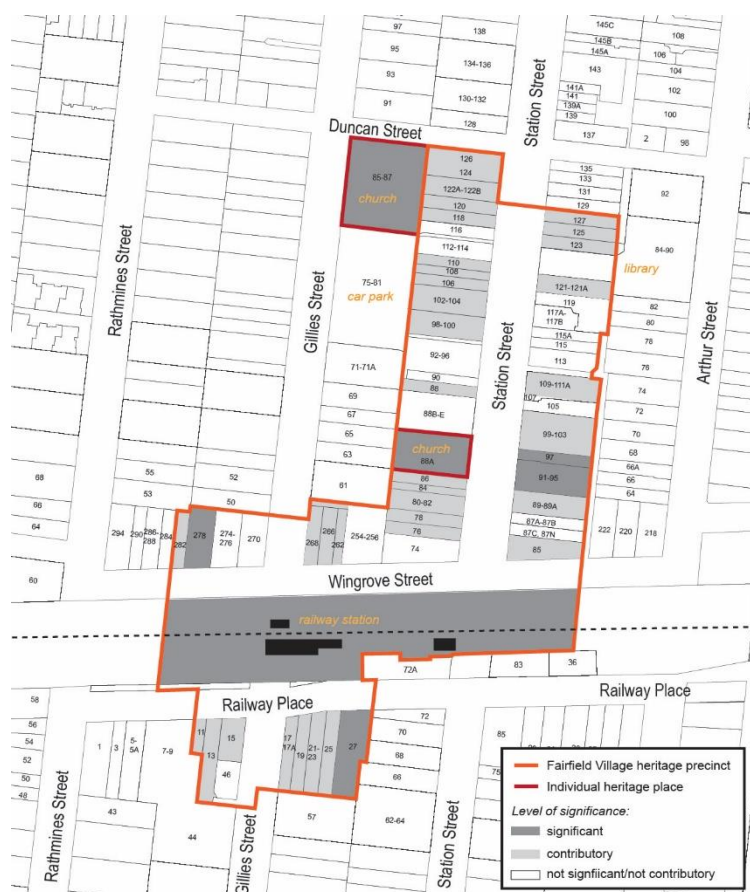
The Guidelines do not include requirements (State or Local) that are already in the Darebin Planning Scheme, or which are outside the control of local authorities. This includes general ESD requirements already covered by Council's local policy and standards for apartment design, flood management, accessibility and car parking that are set by the State Government.

The Guidelines have been tested with Council's Statutory Planning Unit to ensure that the requirements are clear, robust and effective for decision makers.

Areas proposed for Heritage Protection

The independent heritage assessment was carried out on Council’s behalf by Heritage Intelligence consultants. The study was undertaken in two stages. Stage one involved preliminary historical research and field surveys, and identification of historic places, with benchmarking against the City of Darebin Thematic Environmental History (Context, 2008). Stage two involved detailed research, assessment and documentation of heritage places.

The assessment has identified a historically significant precinct and a further individual site for heritage protection, as shown in Figure 2 below.



- *Fairfield Village Heritage Precinct* - captures 90 places, of which 60 are considered to have heritage value. The heritage precinct includes Fairfield Railway Station and the surrounding reserve. The assessment found the relationship between the railway station and surrounding buildings was an essential part of Fairfield Village’s valued character and feel. Places within the precinct have been graded ‘significant’, ‘contributory’ or ‘not significant/not contributory’.
- *Individual site at 85-87 Gillies Street (St Andrews Church)* – this site has been identified as having significant historical value and recommended for individual heritage protection.

The assessment recommends that sites within the Heritage Precinct and at 85-87 Gillies Street are included in the Darebin Planning Scheme Heritage Overlay.

Other proposed modifications to existing Heritage Overlay provisions in the Centre include:

- The individual overlay that currently applies to c.1885 St Paul’s Anglican Church (HO190) at 88A Station Street be retained, with the addition of interior controls.

- The individual overlay that applies to the railway station buildings and signal box (HO106) should be integrated into the proposed new precinct. The historic railway buildings and associated infrastructure, including the historic palm trees, will be protected best as part of the proposed heritage precinct. This is because they are interwoven with the historic and aesthetic development of the precinct.

The heritage assessment has given consideration to redevelopment of sites, recognising that development can occur respectfully. Key recommendations have been translated into specific requirements for sympathetic development of heritage places and incorporated into the Built Form Guidelines where applicable. Policy guidance has also been provided on how changes should be managed in the railway station and reserve area, including how heritage objectives can be accommodated in the design of a future level crossing removal project. (Note: Transport for Victoria advises there is no such project proposed at this time.)

In addition, a range of exemptions to planning permit requirements has been developed to ensure land owners and business operators are not unduly burdened by planning requirements for minor alterations. This includes a specific set of exemptions for the railway station and reserve area to allow for maintenance and necessary infrastructure to support the efficient operation of public transport services.

Refer to documents at **Appendix B** for full details.

### **How Community Consultation Shaped the Documents**

The process to develop the Guidelines and Heritage Assessment has included a substantive engagement program with the Fairfield community to ensure that key local issues and community expectations around development are addressed.

Preparation of the Guidelines and Heritage Assessment has been informed by key engagement activities as follows:

- 'Our Fairfield Village: Starting the Conversation', October – November 2016  
Early engagement (done in collaboration with other Council units starting streetscape masterplan and transport improvement projects in the Centre at the same time) provided a basis for the preparation of the Built Form Guidelines, by both inviting the community to tell Council their priorities for Fairfield Village and confirming the validity of previous community feedback from 2008-9. Gaining a clear understanding of the key local issues and expectations around development in the Centre informed and confirmed the themes and key concepts of the Built Form Guidelines, and provided a useful reference point for the heritage work.
- Fairfield Village Community Reference Group, January 2017 – October 2017  
A Community Reference Group (CRG) was formed in January 2017 to enable representative members of the community to work closely with Council officers on projects in Fairfield Village. The CRG has met on four occasions to date and has provided valuable input as the Built Form Guidelines and heritage assessments have been developed from background research stage, to draft concepts, and most recently, full draft documentation.
- Draft Documents on Public Exhibition and Feedback, September – October 2017  
Draft Built Form Guidelines and the Heritage Assessment were publically exhibited from 4 September – 6 October 2017. This was accompanied by an engagement program to raise awareness and provide opportunity for land owners, business operators and the broad Fairfield community to consider the proposals and give feedback.

Full details of the engagement activities are documented in the Community Engagement Key Findings Report at **Appendix C**.

Activities to promote and raise awareness included addressed letters delivered to around 3,500 land owners and occupiers in the precinct, correspondence to a range of government and community stakeholder groups, and promotion in local newspapers and online, with features on Council websites and social media channels. Scheduled drop-in information sessions in Fairfield Village were held on 13 and 18 September. All information was accessible via the Our Fairfield Village website at [yoursaydarebin.com.au](http://yoursaydarebin.com.au) and in hard copy at Fairfield Library and Council offices.

The community were invited to provide feedback on the proposals using an online questionnaire, direct email or in person at the drop-in sessions.

### **Results of Community Feedback**

All feedback from the consultation has been reviewed and considered, with key findings documented in the Community Engagement Key Findings Report, attached at **Appendix C**. The report compiles feedback received across all channels (survey, individual written submissions and drop in sessions) and provides responses, including details of agreed changes to finalise the documents. The Key Findings Report has been publically circulated so the community can know how their input was considered and used.

Overall, community response to the proposals has been broadly positive, with a significantly higher proportion of positive feedback versus negative. It should be noted that the Community Reference Group have expressed strong support for the proposals.

A small cohort of residents remain fundamentally opposed to any change in Fairfield Village. However, the engagement process has provided genuine opportunity for these residents to discuss their concerns with officers, and most have expressed acknowledgement that Council needs to impose controls to manage development pressure in Fairfield. Similarly, critics of recent controversial development approvals have acknowledged the new policies are 'better late than never' and are positive for the longer term future of the Centre.

### Response to the draft Built Form Guidelines

Height was the most controversial element in the Guidelines that generated a variety of views. There is nervousness in the community around the risk of larger buildings ruining the Centre's traditional character and 'village feel' as well as impacts on amenity such as overshadowing.

The 4-5 storey scale put forward for Fairfield Village is relatively modest compared to heights allowed in other locations in Darebin and it would be difficult to justify any lower heights particularly with precedent for 4 or more storeys already in the precinct.

However, the community is right to have legitimate concerns about the impacts of height. Officers will therefore endeavour to pursue mandatory maximum height limits in the drafting of planning controls for overall building heights and street wall heights. The case for mandatory height controls is strongest in the heritage precinct, but consideration will be given to wider application as appropriate.

Aside from height, other elements of the Guidelines attracted very high levels of support in the community feedback. There was particular interest in:

- Approach to design details, and materials and finishes: there was strong sentiment for development blending in with the traditional streetscape, with modern interpretation of historic features and materials, taking care to avoid overly modern buildings or too many individualistic 'statement' buildings.

- Landscaping: this was enthusiastically welcomed on the proviso that the landscaping needs to be properly designed and maintained, as is specified in the Guidelines. Council has an in-house referral process for landscaping to evaluate proposals, and conditions can be added to planning permits enforcing maintenance and upkeep.

Many respondents provided useful suggestions for refinements to the Guidelines to ensure accuracy, fairness and clarity of interpretation. This has proven invaluable for officers to refine the Guidelines to ensure they are fair, practical and will deliver intended outcomes.

All changes made to the draft exhibited documents are outlined in the Key Findings Report, with a consolidated summary of all changes listed at Section 5 of the report.

### Response to Heritage Proposals

Support for the proposed heritage controls in the community is very high.

The recent draft document exhibition and feedback process enabled early resolution of key heritage matters as follows:

- The owners of 5-5A Railway Place objected to the individual heritage significance finding for their property and provided evidence about alterations that have been made to the building which read as original. Council's heritage consultant agreed that the alterations undermine the case for individual heritage significance and it was agreed to not pursue heritage controls for this site. The heritage assessment has been updated to reflect the additional information and revised finding.
- Transport for Victoria (TFV) lodged a submission regarding the railway station and surrounding reserve in the proposed heritage precinct, and requested changes to allow for further planning permit exemptions for maintenance and upkeep of the railway structures and buildings, as well as consideration of potential impacts of a future level crossing removal project on the heritage precinct.

Council officers and the heritage consultant have worked with Transport for Victoria to develop refinements to the documents to provide a considered range of permit exemptions, and policy statements to provide guidance to any future level crossing removal design and ensure the intent of the heritage overlay is appropriately addressed. These changes have been agreed with Transport for Victoria have been included in final documentation.

All changes to the Heritage Assessment report and associated documents are outlined in the Key Findings Report, with a consolidated summary of all changes listed at Section 5 of the report.

### 'Out of scope' feedback

The community submitted many comments and ideas that extend beyond the technical scope of this project, particularly around on-street car parking, streetscape and open space. These comments are still able to be accommodated through the concurrent Streetscape Masterplan and Transport improvement projects being undertaken in Fairfield Village by other business units.

### **Options for Consideration**

The recent consultation on the Built Form Guidelines and heritage recommendations has confirmed broad community support, with issues able to be resolved and relatively few refinements required to the documents to finalise them.

Council now has the option to adopt the documents so they become formal policy that can be readily translated into statutory controls to be inserted in the Darebin Planning Scheme via a future planning scheme amendment process. Such controls will provide a clear set of requirements to be used in the assessment of planning permit applications.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

The adoption of the Built Form Guidelines and Heritage Assessment documents will provide clear benefits for preparation and assessment of future planning applications.

It will enable the preparation of a planning scheme amendment to introduce design and heritage overlay controls for Fairfield Village into the Darebin Planning Scheme. This will provide certainty to residents and developers and reduce lengthy timeframes in referring matters to the Tribunal. This will have a positive impact on the resource and administrative cost of the responsible authority. Funding is available to undertake a planning scheme amendment process within this financial year.

### **Risk Management**

If the Built Form Guidelines and Heritage Assessment documents are not adopted they will hold no consideration in future planning permit applications. This will create uncertainty around development in Fairfield Village and increased costs of referring matters to the Tribunal.

### **Policy Implications**

#### **Economic Development**

Establishing new housing and commercial opportunities in Fairfield Village can help strengthen the economic viability of the Centre. This is particularly critical for the next 5 years, where the impacts of competition from the new neighbourhood centre being constructed at the nearby Alphington Paper Mill site will be most acute.

The Built Form Guidelines and heritage protections will ensure that change is managed in a positive way and does not come at the expense of the character and 'village' atmosphere of the centre for which it is distinguished and loved.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

The Built Form Guidelines will help facilitate new housing in an activity centre location with walkable access to wide range of facilities and sustainable transport options. The Guidelines encourage the construction of environmentally sustainable buildings, including the adaptable reuse of existing heritage buildings, and are consistent with existing Council policies and strategies for Environmentally Sustainable Development.

#### **Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion**

There are no factors in this report which impact on human rights, equity and inclusion.

#### **Other**

There are no other factors which impact on this report.

### Future Actions

- Once adopted, the documents will be published on Council's website and available for use by statutory planners, developers and the community.
- Officers will commence translation of the documents into formal planning scheme controls and commence a process for preparing a planning scheme amendment in early 2018.
- As part of the future planning scheme amendment process, a further exhibition period will allow the community to make further submissions.

### Consultation and Advocacy

#### External

Refer to discussion on community engagement in this report and Appendix C for details of the comprehensive program of consultation and advocacy associated with this project.

#### Internal

- Director City Futures and Assets
- Executive Manager City Plan and Transformation
- Manager City Design and Strategic Planning
- Manager Planning and Building
- Manager Transport and Public Places
- Manager Strategic Asset Management
- Coordinator Business Development
- Coordinator Public Places
- Municipal Building Surveyor
- Environmentally Sustainable Developments Officer
- Drainage Engineer Major Projects and Infrastructure

### Related Documents

- Council Minutes - 18 April 2016

### Attachments

Due to the volume of pages the Appendices to this report have not been included in the printed version of this agenda. The Appendices are available on Council's Website or may be obtained upon request. Copies will also be made available for viewing at the Council Meeting.

- Fairfield Village Built Form Guidelines (**Appendix A**)
- Fairfield Village Heritage Assessment Report (**Appendix B**) [⇨](#)
- Community Engagement Key Findings Report (**Appendix C**) [⇨](#)

### Disclosure of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.



**8.6 SPRINGTHORPE RESIDENTIAL PARKING POLICY****Author:** Team Leader Transport Engineering**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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**Report Background**

This report and associated parking policy seeks to address ongoing on-street parking challenges experienced by the Springthorpe Community which result from living adjacent to a major University Campus (Latrobe University). The report responds directly to the 3 October 2016 Council resolution seeking the development of a car parking policy for the Springthorpe Estate.

**Previous Council Resolution**

At its meeting held on 3 October 2016, Council resolved:

*'That Council develop a Springthorpe Estate Parking Policy in line with the future actions described in this report'*

**Previous Briefing(s)**

- Councillor Briefing – 12 September 2016
- Councillor Briefing – 27 November 2017

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 2 - Opportunities to live well

There are no currently endorsed strategies that this report relates to.

**Summary**

Areas of Springthorpe Estate are experiencing high levels of parking pressure associated with being located adjacent to a major University Campus (Latrobe University). The high parking pressure in the estate from external sources and the lack of an adequate policy to manage parking effectively has resulted in a decline in resident amenity.

In response to these continued parking challenges the community requested that Council develop a Springthorpe Parking Policy which Council resolved to do in October 2016.

In line with the methodology outlined in the 3 October 2016 Council report, Council officers have worked with the Springthorpe community to fully understand and provide a holistic solution to the parking challenges via a tailored Residential Parking Policy and parking restrictions that meet the community needs.

The proposed Policy and parking management includes:

- Commitment to undertake a review after a 12 month trial period
- Combination of 2P and 3P time restrictions across the majority of the estate
- Combination of parking restrictions operating Monday – Friday, 24 hours per day and Monday – Friday from 9am-5pm

- Making three permits available to each residential property with the first being free for the trial period.

Two community meetings were held and a survey was circulated to the community to understand the level of support of the features within a proposed Policy. Survey responses confirmed the majority of respondents supported the creation of a new policy and introduction of parking restrictions.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Springthorpe Residential Parking Policy as a 12 month trial.
  - (2) Endorses officers to take the necessary steps to install area based parking control signs to support the operation of the trial Policy.
  - (1) Endorses the amount of \$32,700 in the 2017/2018 budget, which is the required enforcement and administration resources, as outlined under the Financial and Resource Implications heading, to ensure the effectiveness of the policy and associated restrictions.
  - (2) Officers commit to undertaking a review of the effectiveness of the Policy and parking restrictions with a further report to be provided back to Council within 12 months of implementation, with recommendations of changes, if any.
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## **Introduction**

In response to continued parking challenges faced by residents in the Springthorpe Estate, Macleod a series of community consultation meetings and surveys have been undertaken to fully understand and provide a holistic solution to parking across the Estate. This has culminated in the development of a tailored Residential Parking Policy and associated parking restrictions that are supported by the majority of the respondents.

## **Issues and Discussion**

### **Issues**

The Springthorpe Estate is directly adjacent to the Latrobe University Campus. Historically, the Estate has not needed parking restrictions as demands for on-street parking were relatively low. However as Latrobe University has grown, the cost of parking on-campus being increased, local 'Glider' bus services offered and student accommodation facilities constructed, the parking demands across the Estate have steadily increased. The existing Council Parking Policy would restrict access to parking permits to one or none for the dwellings across the Estate and under these restrictions, there has been a reluctance to introduce parking restrictions to address the influx of external parking. A specific policy that addressed the local needs of the community was called for.

### **Consultation**

Council has worked with the Springthorpe community to fully understand and provide a holistic solution of a tailored Residential Parking Policy and appropriate parking solutions that meets their needs.

There was a high level of interest and engagement shown by the community which included:

- Attendance by nearly 200 people across two community meetings
- Approximately 350 survey responses (29% response rate) to the draft policy

### **Key Features of the Policy**

As a result of the feedback received through the consultation process, the proposed policy will include:

- A review period after 12 months to determine the effectiveness of the policy and parking restrictions;
- Access to three on-street parking permits for each dwelling. The first permit will be free and the subsequent permits at a cost of \$60 each for the 12 month trial period;
- A commitment to undertake enforcement to ensure the restrictions are adhered to;
- Creation of a mix of parking restrictions across the Estate that reflects the feedback from each individual street (refer parking control map enclosed).

### **Support for the Policy**

To ensure that support for the policy existed, Council undertook a survey of the entire Springthorpe Estate and immediately surrounding properties with over 1,000 surveys sent out. Feedback received through this survey included:

- 62% (approximately two in every three) responses received supported introducing a policy.
- There was a desire to have a variety of parking restrictions across the Estate rather than blanket restrictions.
- There was a strong desire to have access to more than two parking permits.
- There was support for having the first permit free for the first year to enable the Estate to trial a permit parking system without the upfront cost.
- There was a request to review the policy and restrictions with a view of making changes if it isn't working.
- There was a view that the parking restrictions and policy will be of no use without enforcement.

### **Options for Consideration**

There are three options that could be considered in relation to the ongoing concerns of the Springthorpe residents.

#### **Option 1 – Do Nothing (not recommended)**

The first option is to do nothing. However, due to the nature of the issues that are being experienced, this will most likely continue to inhibit the liveability of the estate by the residents.

With this option it is expected that parking would be addressed through the incremental introduction of parking restrictions at the request of residents. This approach would likely continue to shift the problem from street to street and not deal with the concerns in a holistic fashion. The existing parking policy would also restrict access to parking permits for a number of residents.

Option 2 – Implement a Policy in line with the existing Darebin Policy

This option would enable all properties to access parking permits but would not offer an initial free permit to residents and would limit the number of permits available to residents to 1 given all properties have access to off-street parking. Through the consultation process, it was clear that this option will not provide enough flexibility for existing residents.

Option 3 – Adopt proposed Springthorpe Parking Policy (Recommended)

The third option is to implement the Policy and parking restrictions described in this report in line with the outcomes of the community consultation process.

**Financial and Resource Implications**

The implementation of the proposed Policy and area based parking restrictions may result in the following expenses to be incurred:

- Purchase of permit materials, postage and expense of resource to issue the initial free permit - \$9800. The issuing of a second or third permit is expected to be cost neutral to Council.
- Additional traffic enforcement resource to ensure the restrictions are effective - \$11,700. It is expected that a reduced level of ongoing enforcement could be catered for within existing budgets.
- Installation of regulatory parking restrictions across the estate will cost in the order of \$11,200.

**Risk Management**

- Displaced Parking – As parking controls are installed, people who need to park either find an alternate location to leave their vehicle or choose a different mode of transport. For those that choose to find an alternative place to park their vehicle, this may result in parking pressure beyond the limits of the proposed controls in the Springthorpe Estate and may also increase parking pressure in the residential area to the west of Plenty Road. To mitigate the risk we will continue to work with residents and monitor the parking conditions within the surrounding streets, adjusting parking controls as necessary.

**Policy Implications****Economic Development**

There are no Economic Development impacts related to this report.

**Environmental Sustainability**

There are no Environmental Sustainability impacts related to this report.

**Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion**

There are no Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion impacts related to this report.

**Other**

There are no other impacts related to this report.

### Future Actions

- If the Policy is endorsed by Council, a letter advising of Council's determination on the proposed Policy will be sent to the consultation mailing list for this project.
- A plan and work order will be prepared for Council's Operations Centre to install the area based parking control signs. Installation of signs is expected to occur mid to late January.
- Enforcement will be undertaken to ensure compliance with the parking restrictions.
- The Springthorpe community will be engaged in relation to how the area based parking controls and Springthorpe Residential Parking Policy has worked. A survey and community meeting will be undertaken to identify the level of support for continuing the trial and making the Policy and parking controls permanent.
- Feedback from the survey will be incorporated into a report for consideration by Council with recommendations in regard to the Policy and parking controls.

### Consultation and Advocacy

- Community meeting held December 2016
- Draft policy circulated to residents 14 June 2017
- Community meeting held 28 June 2017 to discuss draft policy
- Survey circulated to residents in October 2017 to confirm support for each element of the draft policy
- Manager Health & Compliance
- Team Leader Business & Performance
- Team Leader Traffic Enforcement
- Springthorpe Owners Corporation
- Springthorpe Residents
- Latrobe University
- Student Accommodation Representative

### Related Documents

- Council Minutes - 3 October 2016

### Attachments

- Springthorpe Area Based Parking Controls and Eligibility Map (**Appendix A**) [↓](#)
- Proposed Springthorpe Residential Parking Permit Conditions (**Appendix B**) [↓](#)

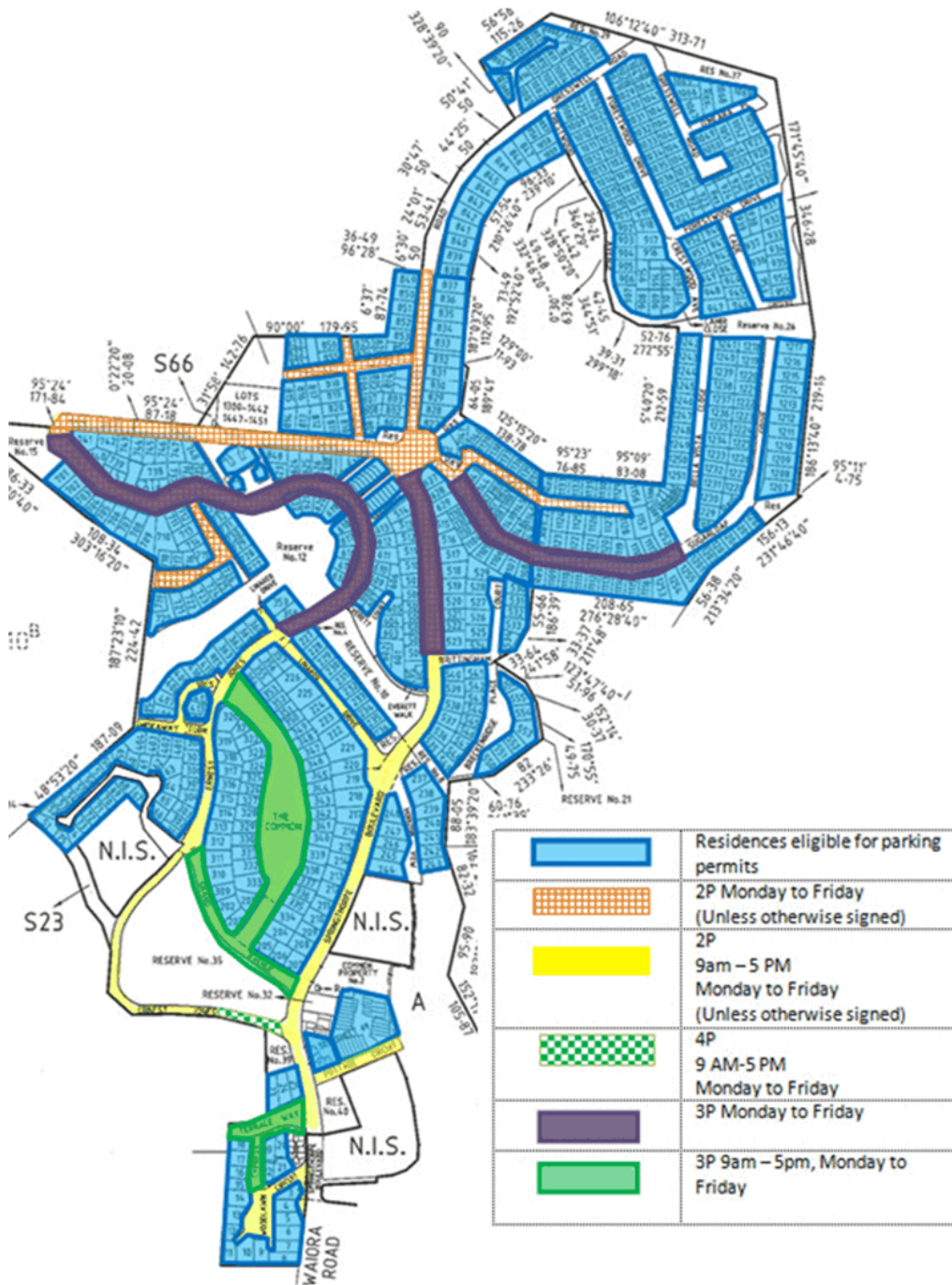
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Springthorpe Estate Parking Policy 2017

Appendix A - Springthorpe Residential Parking Policy  
Area Based Parking Controls and Eligibility Map



# Springthorpe Residential Parking Permits Policy

## Conditions of issue and general information

August 2017 - Proposed



### CONDITIONS OF ISSUE

The Springthorpe Residential Parking Permit Scheme applies to the areas illustrated in **Appendix A**.

- Application forms and inquiries concerning the Springthorpe Residential Parking Permit Scheme may be made by:
  - Visiting Council's internet site at [www.darebin.vic.gov.au](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au)
  - Visiting one of Council's Customer Service Offices
  - By telephone on 8470 8888
- Every permit must be applied for annually on the prescribed application form or renewal notice obtained from the City of Darebin and accompanied by the appropriate proof of residency (if applicable) and the prescribed fees.
- Permits will expire 12 months from the start of the trial. Permits will cease to be valid and of any force or effect in the event of change of ownership of the vehicle for which it is issued, or change of residence by the person(s) in whose name(s) it is issued.
- It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure the renewal of their permit. Parking Infringements issued to vehicles displaying an expired permit may not be considered for withdrawal.
- Permits will be fixed or transferable.
- **Fixed permits** are in the form of a registration label for permanent use by residents and **MUST** be affixed on the left hand side of the vehicle windscreen and clearly visible.
- **Transferable permits** are for use by residents and their visitors and can be easily transferred between vehicles.
- Vehicle permits **must** be firmly affixed to the left hand side of the front windscreen at the bottom in such a manner as to be clearly visible from outside of the vehicle. Any vehicle not displaying a current valid permit in this manner, even though the permit may be otherwise in the vehicle will be deemed **not** to be parked in accordance with the regulations and accordingly may be liable to a parking infringement.

### TEMPORARY PERMITS

Temporary permits are available at a cost. Each temporary permit is valid for a four week period. The number of permits issued at any one time is limited to a maximum of three.

### NUMBER OF PERMITS

Each residence that is contained in the areas shown in **Appendix A** is eligible for a maximum of **3 permits**.

### COST OF PERMITS

Council charges annual fees for Residential Parking Permits as per the schedule of fees.

Fees are reviewed annually as part of Council's budgeting process.

### Pension discounts

The following concession card holders are entitled to receive a **50% discount** on fees for parking permits.

- Pensioner Concession Card,
- Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Gold Card,
- Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Gold Card specifying War Widow,
- Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Gold Card specifying TPI
- Department of Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Cards

Temporary or Lost/Stolen permits are **NOT** eligible for pension discount.



## Springthorpe Residential Parking Permits

### Conditions of issue and general information (cont.)



#### CONDITIONS OF ISSUE CONTINUED

- Lost vehicle permits must be reported as soon as possible. A Statutory Declaration is required for Lost or Stolen permits and a replacement cost per permit applies. The lost permit will be cancelled and made invalid.
- Permits are not valid for persons attending entertainment or sporting events near your home.
- The issue of a permit does not guarantee the availability of a parking space to the holder(s).
- The use of parking spaces in parking areas, to which parking permits apply, may be suspended by members of the Victorian Police or by authorised Council Officers.
- The granting of a permit does not allow contravention of the Road Safety (Traffic) Regulations 1999.
- Council reserves the right to cancel, modify or remove the scheme at any time.
- No refunds of payments for permits will be made.
- The first permit applied for by each residency will be issued at no cost and will be valid only for the 12-month trial period. Subsequent permits will be issued at the standard cost for Second Permits across the municipality, as specified in the Cost of Permits section of the Darebin Residential Parking Permit Brochure.
- The permit allows parking without time limits (in locations where parking is permitted) in front of a residential property only, within the specified area.

**NO EXCEPTIONS will be made to any Permit holders who park in Commercial, Industrial or Mixed-Use Areas.**

- Commercial business operators, Boats, Caravans, Trailers and Heavy or Long Vehicles (Trucks, Buses, etc) or unregistered vehicles, are not eligible for Residential Parking Permits.
- Permits must not be transferred, sold to another person or duplicated. If permits are used in contravention to the conditions of issue or fraudulently the City of Darebin may withdraw one or all permits issued and parking infringement notices may be incurred.
- A resident of any property rated as commercial only which is also claimed to be the primary place of residence of the applicant must be prepared to undergo an inspection of the property (if required) by an authorised council officer before the application can be approved.
- The applicant should ensure the transferable parking permits are used by legitimate visitors only. e.g. by a friend, relative or other visitors of the resident. Transferable Permits are not to be used by a person when not visiting the resident.





**8.7 SOLAR SAVER FUNDING****Author:** Chief Financial Officer**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services

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**Report Background**

This report is in response to the resolution of Council on 18 September 2017 on the Solar Saver Program 2017 – 2019.

**Previous Council Resolution**

At its meeting held on 18 September 2017, Council resolved:

***That:***

- (1) Council offers low income households (pensioners, social housing, and Centrelink benefit recipients) participation in the Solar Saver program with no interest charged as part of the special charge scheme.*
- (2) Council offers the Solar Saver program to all other Darebin residential properties with interest to be charged on their remaining outstanding balance at the same rate of interest as Council's borrowings used to fund the Solar Saver program as part of the special charge scheme.*
- (3) Council awards the Solar Saver 2017-2019 contract to The Enviro Shop Pty Ltd trading as EnviroGroup for the installation of 2kW to 10kW systems based on MAV tender SP0607-2017 between September 2017 and 30 June 2019 to a maximum value of \$9,790,000 (GST inclusive). The contract is to be delivered in two parts – with first round installation from 1 July to 31 December 2018 and the second round installation 1 January to 30 June 2019, subject to satisfactory performance of key contract conditions.*
- (4) Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contracts on behalf of Darebin City Council.*
- (5) Council receives a further report on the inclusion of non-residential properties in the Solar Saver program following a separate tender process.*
- (6) Council authorises negotiations with The Enviro Shop Pty Ltd to provide bulk buy options for residents and Darebin staff for direct purchase of solar systems.*
- (7) The report remain confidential and the Council resolution and Appendix C be made public.*
- (8) Council notes that the Solar Saver funding allocation is due to be considered as part of the 2018/2019 budget development and adoption process and requests a report to come to the ordinary Council meeting on 16 October 2017 to consider the source of those funds.*

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 27 November 2017

## Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - A sustainable city

Climate Emergency Plan 2017-2022

### Summary

Through the Council Plan and Climate Emergency Plan Council have committed to doubling solar power from approximately 18,000 kilowatts (kW) to 36,000 kW through an expanded Solar Saver program. To achieve this it is proposed that the program be expanded to include all residents, and small businesses, schools and organisations.

This is an ambitious commitment that will require participation from the community across the municipality if the target in the Council Plan and Climate Emergency Plan is to be achieved.

It is proposed that no interest is charged as part of the special charge scheme to maximise the number of participants and that the next stage of the Solar Saver program is funded from Council's existing cash reserves.

The priority for installation for this stage of the Solar Saver program will be given to households that fulfil low income requirements (pensioners, social housing, and Centrelink benefit recipients) that have completed household agreements and then all other households prioritised based on the date that the completed household agreement was received.

As this program is more ambitious than previous programs, marketing support is being sourced from professionals to improve take up and better define the value of the program to households.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses that for the next stage of the Solar Saver program:
    - a) That no interest is charged as part of the ten year special charge scheme to maximise the number of participants; and
    - b) That program is funded from Council's existing cash reserves.
  - (2) Notes that for the next stage of the Solar Saver program that the priority for installation will be given to households that fulfil low income requirements (pensioners, social housing, and Centrelink benefit recipients) that have completed household agreements and then all other households will be prioritised based on the date that the completed household agreement was received.
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### Introduction

In the Council Plan 2017-2021 and the recently adopted Climate Emergency Plan, Council committed to working with the community to expand the amount of solar PV in Darebin from 18,000 kW to 36,000 kW.

To achieve this, Council is proposing an allocation of \$10 million in the 2018/19 budget for a third round of the Solar Saver program and a further allocation of \$10 million in the 2020/21 budget.

Just under 500 low income householders have participated in the Solar Saver program to date. It is estimated that over 2,000 participants could benefit from the third round of the Solar Saver program to be run from 2017 to 2019.

The solar system costs including installation will be reimbursed by the ratepayer beneficiaries through special charge schemes administered by Council.

It is planned that participant recruitment and the preparation of the special charge scheme will be undertaken during the 2017/18 financial year, with the purchase and installation of the solar systems scheduled for the 2018/19 financial year. Council presently has 500 households who have registered an interest in the Solar Saver or bulk buy program over the past year, although from past experience over 50% of these are unlikely to proceed.

With the feed in tariff increasing to 11.3 cents/kWh from 1 July 2017 for all systems under 100 kW in Victoria, typical savings for a 2kW residential system would be in the order of \$150-\$180 per year above the special charge scheme repayments for the first ten years after installation. It is anticipated that the increased financial benefits should substantially improve interest in program participation.

### **Issues and Discussion**

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) provides Council with the power to raise funds from property owners who receive special benefit from new or improved infrastructure works and services through a special charge. Council may declare a special charge for the purposes of defraying any expenses related to providing the works or services including interest incurred where the interest is based on estimated actual interest costs.

The initial tranches of the Solar Saver program have been targeted to low income households and the special charge schemes for the installation of the solar systems have not included any interest component. It is proposed that this practice continues for the current program of Solar Saver.

In early discussions with Council on the delivery of the current program of Solar Saver for the installation of solar systems to properties that were not low income households, consideration was given to:

- (1) including the interest expense in calculating the total cost of the special charge scheme; or
- (2) applying an interest charge on the instalments of the special charge.

The Special Rates and Charges Ministerial Guideline September 2004 and the Act indicate that if Council was to include interest in the calculation of total cost or charge interest on instalments for the special charge scheme for the installation of solar systems to properties that were not low income households, it would be required to borrow funds for the amount paid for those installations to be able to demonstrate it would incur actual interest costs.

If Council was to apply an interest charge on the special charge, then the Act details that reasonable interest costs must not exceed the estimated borrowing costs of Council in respect of the performance of the function or the exercise of the power in respect of which the special charge is to be levied by more than 1%.

### Prioritisation of low income households

As per Council's 18 September resolution, the contract for residential homes is to be delivered in two parts. Subject to satisfactory performance of key contract conditions, the first round installation will take place between 1 July and 31 December 2018 and the second round installation will take place between 1 January and 30 June 2019.

It is anticipated that up to 1,000 homes (depending on system sizes) will be delivered in the first round. If the first round is oversubscribed, priority for installation will be given to households that fulfil low income requirements (pensioners, social housing, and Centrelink benefit recipients) that have completed household agreements and then all other households prioritised based on the date that the completed household agreement was received.

For the second round the same prioritisation will apply.

#### Marketing of Solar Saver

As this program is more ambitious than previous programs, marketing support is being sourced from professionals to improve take up and better define the value of the program to households.

For pensioners and low income homes we will also use the same channels as previous rounds including:

- Direct mail to pensioners;
- Contact and attendance at senior citizen and other relevant groups (including cold communities);
- Forums;
- Advertising in council publications, newsletters and local papers; and
- Using former solar savers as champions and case studies.

#### **Options for Consideration**

##### Options for charging interest

No interest component is included for the special charge scheme for any participants of the current Solar Saver program to ensure maximum take up of the program across the municipality. This is the recommended option.

- (1) No interest component for low income households and interest is included in the total cost of the scheme calculation for all other installation of solar systems to properties that were not low income households. This option is not recommended as it will require Council to borrow, would penalise those participants who made early payments and could potentially restrict the participation in this Solar Saver program.
- (2) No interest component for low income households and interest is applied to the instalments of the special charge for all other installation of solar systems to properties that were not low income households. This option is not recommended as it will require Council to borrow, is difficult to administer, and could potentially restrict the participation in this Solar Saver program.

##### Options for funding of the Solar Saver program

Options on the assumption that the full \$10,000,000 was spent on this Solar Saver program and all participants repaid the special charge on a quarterly basis:

- (1) Fund the current Solar Saver program from Council's existing cash reserves. The cost of this option would be the opportunity cost of interest foregone on the amount required to fund the program. The interest foregone would be in the order of \$1.45 million. This is the recommended option.
- (2) Fund the current Solar Saver program from Council's existing cash reserves for low income households and from borrowings for all other properties that are not low income households.

The cost of this option would be:

Opportunity cost of interest foregone on the amount required to fund the 500 hundred low income households - \$2 million	\$0.29 million
Variable interest on borrowings for all other installation of solar systems to properties that were not low income households of \$8 million	\$1.72 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.01 million</b>

This option is not recommended as it is inconsistent with the recommended option for charging interest, is inconsistent with the principles in Council’s borrowing strategy, and is of a greater cost to Council than option (1).

- (3) Fund the current Solar Saver program from borrowings. The cost of this option would be the variable interest on the borrowings over ten years. The interest cost of this option would be in the order of \$2.19 million. This option is not recommended as it is inconsistent with the recommended option for charging interest, is inconsistent with the principles in Council’s borrowing strategy, and is of a greater cost to Council than option (1).

**Financial and Resource Implications**

Below is a costing matrix showing the impacts of options for charging interest and options for funding as discussed above.

<b>Interest option</b>	<b>Funding option</b>	<b>Funding cost \$ millions</b>	<b>Interest recovered \$ millions</b>	<b>Net cost \$ millions</b>
No interest charged	Cash reserves	\$1.45	\$0	\$1.45
	Cash reserves for low income household and borrowings for other	\$2.01	\$0	\$2.01
	Borrowings	\$2.19	\$0	\$2.19
No interest charged for low income households and interest charged on others	Cash reserves	\$1.45	N/A	\$1.45
	Cash reserves for low income household and borrowings for other	\$2.01	\$1.72	\$0.29
	Borrowings	\$2.19	\$1.72	\$0.47

**Risk Management**

Council is working with EnviroGroup as the current sole provider of Solar Saver for Council to manage identified risk issues and the contract has specific performance requirements including:

- Customer Service – demonstrated customer service systems and staffing levels

- Installation capacity – demonstrated number of staff or sub-contractors to install number of systems in time frame
- Installation quality – pre installation training of all contractors and post installation audits
- Installation supplies – suppliers to confirm supply lead times for component systems, warehousing capacity and stock levels.

## **Policy Implications**

### **Economic Development**

The Solar Saver program has the potential to offset high and rising energy costs for all participants. For instance, it is estimated that based on a conservative average of 30% electricity use on-site (with the remaining energy exported back into the grid) and a small interest charge, most households will save \$140 per year for 2kW, \$270 per year for 3kW, \$420 per year for 4kW, \$570 per year for 5kW and \$2,500 per year for 10 kW above annual repayments.

In addition, a low income household (no interest) installing a 3kW system, with a 50% on-site usage would save around \$490 per year above annual repayments. It is anticipated this is a very attractive offer to households.

It is estimated that the combined savings to the local economy for the project will be significant. This represents a substantial benefit to local households and small businesses' financial bottom line.

The investment in renewable energy is also a significant employment generator. Based on Clean Energy Council calculations on solar PV industry employment, the installation of 9,000 kW of roof top solar would employ 66 people in the industry.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

Installing solar PV panel installations has tangible environmental benefits. If 9,000 kW of solar PV was to be installed by 30 June 2019, based on an estimated Victorian electricity greenhouse intensity of 1.09 t/MWh, this would be equivalent to saving 12,930 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year.

### **Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion**

The August 2017 report by VCOSS 'Power struggles – everyday battles to stay connected'<sup>1</sup> highlights the damaging personal costs of low income households struggling with high energy prices.

The research by Climate Works and Alternative Technology Associate shows that solar panels are one of the best household investments from both a financial and environmental viewpoint. With 12,000 low income households who own their own home, Darebin is in an excellent position to continue to help support those residents who are most vulnerable to rising utility costs. Typically the up-front cost of solar is the major barrier for low-income households and landlords with rental properties. Solar Saver removes that barrier.

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<sup>1</sup> Power Struggles – Everyday battles to stay connected, VCOSS, August 2017, [www.vcooss.org.au](http://www.vcooss.org.au)

Post evaluation of the previous Solar Saver program showed that on average participants had reduced their electricity bill by 35% by installing solar. The survey also indicates that there was a 55% increase in households being more comfortable in using their air-conditioning systems during hot periods, thereby reducing health risks during heatwaves. This is significant given that 25% of the study participants responded that they or a member of their household had previously suffered from heat stress and/or a heat related illness.

Solar Saver provides great health and financial relief benefits for those who are most vulnerable in our community.

As with previous programs recruitment will include communications and engagement targeted to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. There has been good take up of previous offers by these communities.

### **Other**

There are no other factors which impact on this report.

### **Future Actions**

- Finalise contract – December 2017
- Finalise marketing – February 2018
- Recruit following contract finalisation

### **Consultation and Advocacy**

- Director Operations *and* Environment
- Manager Environment *and* Community Outcomes
- Energy *and* Adaption Coordinator
- Climate Action Officer
- Director Corporate Services
- Coordinator Revenue Services
- Chief Financial Officer

### **Related Documents**

- Council Minutes – 18 September 2017
- Council Minutes – 5 June 2017
- Local Government Act 1989
- Council Plan 2017 -2021
- Climate Emergency Plan 2017

### **Attachments**

Nil

### **Disclosure of Interest**

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil



## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 10.1 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PLAN AND ACTION PLAN

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 342

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 December 2017, it is my intention to move:

*That Council amends the Council Plan to reflect the following changes:*

(1) *'Our big actions' section to also include following three points:*

- a) *Dramatically increase participation of diverse population groups, in our services, facilities and programs (Goal 5.1)*
- b) *Upgrade the intercultural competency of our workforce and upgrade our recruitment practises to actively recruit for diversity to ensure our workforce reflects our community. (Goal 5.1)*
- c) *Structure services and programs to prioritise low income earners and the vulnerable (Goal 5.1)*

(2) **Goal 2** (Re: 3<sup>rd</sup> para in preamble)

*We make our opportunities accessible to all, including **with priority** given to **people on low income and** our most vulnerable **members of the community**.*

*(Re: 2.1: "Over this plan we will:" - para 7)*

***Dramatically** increase participation for girls, women, **CALD, refugees, asylum seekers** and low income residents by reviewing the "inclusivity" of facilities and programs and reducing barriers such as fees or perception of safety*

*(Re: "Over this plan we will:" - para 13)*

*Continue to support and invest in community based organisations, activities and programs that promote participation and social connection, **particularly for low income residents and marginalised groups**.*

(3) **Goal 4** (Re: 4.1 'Over this plan we will' – para 1)

***Support and** increase local business of all kinds, including the **including CALD business owners**, micro businesses, freelancers, social enterprises and Non-Government Organisations that are emerging in our increasingly service based economy.*

(4) **Goal 5**

***5.1** We will ensure our services, facilities and programs benefit all, **including with priority given to low income earners and** our most vulnerable **members of the community**.*

*Re: 'Over this plan we will':*

(dash point 1)

- **increase** ~~Foster~~ participation of ~~by~~ diverse population groups in our services, facilities and programs

(dash point 3)

- combat discrimination, racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia **with a series of targeted projects and programs**

(new dash point 4)

- **structure services and programs to prioritise low income earners and the vulnerable**

(last dash point)

- **increase the intercultural competency of our workforce and upgrade our recruitment practises to actively recruit for diversity to ensure our workforce reflects our community** ~~Eliminate barriers to bring a diverse workforce, such as language and the reach of our advertising, and increase intercultural competency of our workforce~~

And amend the Council Action Plan as follows:

- (5) **Goal 2** (Re: section 2.2 2017/18 actions working towards targets – changes to para 7)

Review our sport and leisure work with an “inclusive” focus and develop a plan to reduce barriers and **dramatically** increase participation **outcome** by girls, women, **CALD, refugees, asylum seekers** and low income residents.

- (6) **Goal 5** (Re: section 2017/18 actions working towards targets – changes as follows)

**Conduct a diversity profile of our workforce.**

Advocate to the Federal government to provide greater support for **newly arrived migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.**

**Apply co-design principles and approaches** to implement actions to improve our communication with our multicultural community in response to the 2016 Census and research we undertook in 2016/17 to understand community preferences.

**Review service fees and discounts for healthcare card holders and low income earners.**

**Develop and conduct a diversity audit program of council services, facilities and programs.**

Notice Received:	5 December 2017
Notice Given to Councillors	11 December 2017
Date of Meeting:	18 December 2017

**10.2 COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAMME****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 343**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 December 2017, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

*Notes:*

- (1) The Commonwealth Department of Health's homecare reforms currently being rolled out by the Federal government with the support of the opposition which are aimed at privatising aged care services under a new market based Commonwealth Home Support Programme.*
- (2) That the proposed Federal government's rules of "competitive neutrality" under the new age care reforms will prohibit Council from independently making democratic decisions to use ratepayer funds to subsidise the future delivery of aged care services to our ageing community.*
- (3) That Darebin Council will stop receiving government funding to provide aged care services to its residents as the end of funding stability for Victorian Commonwealth Home Support Programme service providers ends in July 2020.*
- (4) That community members have not been adequately informed about the impact of the changes by the federal government and that Council will be dramatically disadvantaged in continuing to maintain its role as a long time and trusted provider of aged care services.*

*And:*

- (5) Writes to the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, relevant minister and cross bench parliamentarians calling for a moratorium to stop the further implementation of the Aged Care reforms as they effect local government.*
  - (6) Writes to the Mayors, Councillors and CEO's of Banyule, Hume, Moreland, Nillumbik, Yarra and Whittlesea Councils requesting that they also write to the federal government and parliamentarians as per point 5 above.*
  - (7) Writes to the Member for Batman, Hon David Feeney MP, requesting an urgent meeting with Councillors to discuss and advocate for a moratorium to stop the future implementation of a privatised market based aged care system that will prohibit Council from independently making democratic decisions to use ratepayer funds to subsidise the future delivery of aged care services to our ageing community.*
  - (8) Receives an urgent report in February 2018 on options for Council to continue to maintain its role as a long term trusted service provider of age care services into the future and recommendations on what further advocacy activities can promote to retain aged care services.*
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**Notice Received: 5 December 2017**  
**Notice Given to Councillors 11 December 2017**  
**Date of Meeting: 18 December 2017**

## **11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board – 2 November 2017
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 21 November 2017
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group – 22 November 2017
- Councillor Briefing Session – 27 November 2017
- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee – 27 November 2017
- Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board – 29 November 2017
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 4 December 2017
- Planning Briefing – 4 December 2017

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 2, 21, 22, 27 and 29 November 2017 and 4 December 2017 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

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#### Related Documents

- *Local Government Act 1989*

#### Attachments

- Assembly of Councillors - 18 December 2017 (**Appendix A**) [↓](#)



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board
	<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 2 November 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, 350 High Street, Preston
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor), Cr. Gaetano Greco (arrived 6:40pm), Cr. Susan Rennie (arrived 6:50pm)
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Allan Cochrane, Libby Hynes, Sally MacAdams, Gavin Mountjoy
	<b>Other:</b>	Advisory board community members, facilitator Helen Jennings
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Lina Messina

The Assembly commenced at 6:35 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Welcome, intros and acknowledgements; expected outcomes for this meeting	No disclosures were made.
2	Assembly of Councillors	No disclosures were made.
3	Recap and clarifications	No disclosures were made.
4	Clarifying the purpose of the Foundation (the what)	No disclosures were made.
5	Foundation Model (the how)	No disclosures were made.
6	Wrap up and next steps	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 8.35 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Libby Hynes
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Manager Environment and Community Outcomes



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee
	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 21 November 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, Darebin Council Offices
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Susan Rennie
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Che Sutherland, Angela Andrews
	<b>Other:</b>	Representatives of the Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee.
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		

The Assembly commenced at approximately 6.30 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Rollover of DBAC members to 2018	No disclosures were made.
2	Cycling Strategy	No disclosures were made.
3	St George's Rd works - update	No disclosures were made.
4	Bike Shimmy Route evaluation - highlights	No disclosures were made.
5	oBikes - update	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 8.30 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Che Sutherland
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Team Leader Transport Strategy





## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Environmental Reference Group
	<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 22 November 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Rooftop Room, Northcote Town Hall, High St Northcote
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor)
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Libby Hynes, Sam Green, Gavin Mountjoy
	<b>Other:</b>	Darebin Environmental Reference Group members
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Trent McCarthy (proxy)

The Assembly commenced at 7.05pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	DERG membership renewal	No disclosures were made
2	Climate Emergency Plan Update	No disclosures were made
3	Darebin Says No to Single-Use Plastics Update	No disclosures were made
4	State government waste consultation on plastic bag ban, E waste landfill ban and Waste to Energy	No disclosures were made
5	General issues	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 9.00pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Libby Hynes
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Manager Environment and Community Outcomes



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Councillors Briefing Session
	<b>Date:</b>	Monday 27 November 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor), Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor: 5.10pm-5.44pm), Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Susan Rennie, Cr. Steph Amir, Cr. Susanne Newton (from 5.13pm), Cr. Trent McCarthy (from 5.18pm), Cr. Julie Williams (from 5.24pm).
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Sue Wilkinson, Oliver Vido, Katrina Knox, Andrew McLeod, Jacinta Stevens. Vicky Guglielmo (5.10pm-5.44pm), Shadi Hanna, Robyn Mitchell (5.45pm-7.02pm), Teneille Summers (7.32pm-8.18pm), Libby Hynes, Gavin Mountjoy, Allan Cochrane (8.00pm-8.40pm).
	<b>Other:</b>	Jeanette Pope (5.45pm-7.02pm)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Tim Laurence (Approved Leave of Absence),

The Assembly commenced at 5.10pm was suspended at 7.02pm and recommenced at 7.32pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Open Air Cinema Events In Darebin	No disclosures were made.
2	Aged Care Reforms	No disclosures were made. Cr. Messina disclosed a direct conflict due to employment in the Aged Care industry and was absent from 5.45pm to 7.02pm. Cr. Amir and Cr. Newton absent from 6.25pm-6.29pm.
3	Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-201	No disclosures were made. Cr. Newton absent from 8.13pm-8.15pm.
4	Solar Saver Update	No disclosures were made.
5	Proposed Road Discontinuance Rear 30-36 Jessie Street and 25-29 Green Street, Northcote	No disclosures were made.

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
6	Outcomes of Exhibition: Draft Fairfield Build Form Guidelines and Heritage Recommendations	No disclosures were made.
7	Springthorpe Residential Parking Policy	No disclosures were made.
8	Edwardes Lake Water Quality	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 8.40pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Katrina Knox
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Director Community Development



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee
	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 28 November 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, 350 High Street Preston
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Susanne Newton (Co-Chair).
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Mandy Bathgate (Coordinator, Equity and Diversity), Nyunkia Tauss (Diversity Policy Officer – executive support)
	<b>Other:</b>	Kevin Azo, Rebecca Bauer, Barbary Clarke, Sonya Goldenberg, Liz Landray, Felicity Marlowe, Clinton Nain, Shae Nechwatal.
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Steph Amir (Co-Chair)

The Assembly commenced at 6.15 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Marriage equality debrief and discussion of first 100 days after bill is enacted	No disclosures were made
2	Trans swim sessions Reservoir Leisure Centre	No disclosures were made
3	Draft SSGD Action Plan	No disclosures were made
4	Midsumma 2018: update and planning	No disclosures were made
5	Review of Advisory Committee structure	No disclosures were made
6	Other business	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 8.15 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Nyunkia Tauss
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Diversity Policy Officer



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board
	<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 29 November 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, 350 High Street, Preston
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor), Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Lina Messina and Cr. Susan Rennie
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Allan Cochrane, Libby Hynes, Gavin Mountjoy
	<b>Other:</b>	Advisory board community members, Guest speaker: Bryony Edwards
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Gaetano Greco

The Assembly commenced at 6:35 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Welcome, intros and acknowledgements; expected outcomes for this meeting	No disclosures were made
2	Assembly of Councillors	No disclosures were made
3	Climate Emergency background	No disclosures were made
4	Minutes from last meeting	No disclosures were made
5	Foundation Model	No disclosures were made
6	Foundation Name	No disclosures were made
7	Wrap up and next steps	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 8.45 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Libby Hynes
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Manager Environment and Community Outcomes



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
	<b>Date:</b>	Monday 4 December 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Function Room, Darebin Civic Centre
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Julie Williams and Cr. Susanne Newton
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Gillian Damonze, Katherine Kiley, Shadi Hanna, Melanie McCarten, Luisa Salvo and Kevin Hall
	<b>Other:</b>	Representative of Encompass House, representative of Melbourne Polytechnic and community representatives.
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		community representatives

The Assembly commenced at 11.10am

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Present and apologies	No disclosures were made.
2	Matters arising from previous minutes / drop off zone	No disclosures were made.
3	Round table check in	No disclosures were made.
4	Life-long Learning Strategy	No disclosures were made.
5	DDAC Year Review and Plan	No disclosures were made. Cr. Newton left the room at 12.08pm and re-entered the room at 12.11pm Cr. Newton left the room at 12.22pm and re-entered the room at 12.23pm
6	General Business	No disclosures were made
7	Meeting feedback	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 1.05pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Katherine Kiley
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Senior Team Leader Access and Inclusion



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

### PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Planning Briefing
	<b>Date:</b>	4 December 2017
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, High St Preston, Administration Building
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	4.20pm Cr. Kim LeCerf, Cr. Susan Rennie, Cr. Susan Newton 4.25pm Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Steph Amir 4.45pm Cr. Julie Williams
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Sue Wilkinson, Andrew McLeod, Daren Rudd, John Limbach
	<b>Other:</b>	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Tim Lawrence, Cr. Lina Messina

The Assembly commenced at 4.20 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Arthurton Row Development Plan Amendment 4, 8, 9-13, 16-18 Arthurton Road and 17 Elm Street, Northcote Vic 3070	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matter</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
2	Application For Planning Permit D/347/2017 26-28 Pearl Street, Northcote Childcare Centre - Pearl St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
3	Application For Planning Permit D/251/2017 152 Smith St, Thornbury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
4	Application For Planning Permit D/210/2017 54 Elliot St, Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
5	Application For Planning Permit D/712/2017 4318 Plenty Rd, Preston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
6	Application For Planning Permit D/438/2017 321 Spring St, Reservoir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
7	Application For Planning Permit D/88/2017 271-271 St Georges Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
8	Application For Planning Permit D/1015/2016 Grandview Hotel, 429 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>
9	City of Yarra development objection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Discussion on Planning matters</li> <li>◦ No disclosures</li> </ul>

The Assembly concluded at 5.35 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Andrew McLeod
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Director, Corporate Services



### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

**Recommendation**

**That** Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

## 14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

The Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 77(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), has designated the following items to be confidential:

### 14.1 Construction of Sports Field Lighting at Bundoora and Pitcher Parks - Contract Award

This item is designated confidential because it is a contractual matter pursuant to section 89(2)(d) of the Act.

### 14.2 Statutory Planning Consultancy Services CT2017157

This item is designated confidential because it is a contractual matter pursuant to section 89(2)(d) of the Act.

### 14.3 Darebin International Sports Centre - Installation Of Safety Barrier Contract Award

This item is designated confidential because it is a contractual matter pursuant to section 89(2)(d) of the Act.

### 14.4 Purchase Of Surplus Victorian Government Land - 421 High Street, Preston

This item is designated confidential because it is a contractual matter pursuant to section 89(2)(d) of the Act.

## CLOSE OF MEETING

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** in accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the items designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer.

## RE-OPENING OF MEETING

<b>Recommendation</b>
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That the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

