



Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 7.00pm
Richmond Town Hall**

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Order of business

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1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

“Welcome to the City of Yarra.”

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to the Elders past and present.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Anticipated attendees:

Councillors

- Cr Daniel Nguyen (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager – Chief Executive’s Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Chris Leivers (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Margherita Barbante (Acting Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Jane Waldock (Assistant Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

4. Confidential business reports

Nil

5. Confirmation of minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2 October 2018 be confirmed.

6. Petitions and joint letters

7. Public question time

Yarra City Council welcomes questions from members of the community.

Public question time procedure

Ideally, questions should be submitted to Council in writing by midday on the day of the meeting via the form available on our website. Submitting your question in advance helps us to provide a more comprehensive answer. Questions that have been submitted in advance will be answered first.

Public question time is an opportunity to ask questions about issues for which you have not been able to gain a satisfactory response on a matter. As such, public question time is not:

- a time to make statements or engage in debate with Councillors;
- a forum to be used in relation to planning application matters which are required to be submitted and considered as part of the formal planning submission; and
- a forum for initially raising operational matters, which should be directed to the administration in the first instance.

If you wish to raise matters in relation to an item on this meeting agenda, Council will consider submissions on these items in conjunction with and prior to debate on that agenda item.

When you are invited by the meeting chairperson to ask your question, please come forward and take a seat at the microphone and:

- state your name clearly for the record;
- direct your questions to the chairperson;
- ask a maximum of two questions;
- speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- refrain from repeating questions that have been asked previously by yourself or others; and
- remain silent following your question unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment or to clarify any aspects.

8. General business

9. Delegates' reports

10. Questions without notice

11. Council business reports

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The public submission period is an opportunity to provide information to Council, not to ask questions or engage in debate.

Public submissions procedure

When you are invited by the meeting chairperson to make your submission, please come forward and take a seat at the microphone and:

- state your name clearly for the record;
- direct your submission to the chairperson;
- speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- confine your remarks to the matter under consideration;
- refrain from repeating information already provided by previous submitters; and
- remain silent following your submission unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

12. Notices of motion

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13. Urgent business

Nil

11.1 Access & Inclusion Strategy and Active Healthy Ageing Strategy

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present to Council:

- (a) details of the submissions received for the Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018 – 2024 (and 2 year Action Plan) and the Access & Inclusion Strategy 2018 – 2024 Strategy (and 2 year Action Plan) during the public consultation period; and
- (b) seek endorsement of the Active & Healthy Ageing (AHA) and Access & Inclusion (A&I) Strategies and the associated two year Action Plans.

Key Issues

Council is committed to supporting older residents and people with disability to live full and active lives. Older people and people with disability are a significant part of Yarra's diverse population and make an important contribution to our community.

The development of strategies and action plans that respond to the needs of citizens and identify how Council will work with the community is an important demonstration of this commitment.

Preparation of both strategies commenced in January 2018 and focussed on extensive community and internal consultation processes. Integral to the development of the AHA and A&I Strategies and associated Action Plans has been the involvement and leadership of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) and Active Ageing Advisory Group (AAAG).

The draft strategies and action plans were presented to Council in August 2018 where permission was sought to commence a 4 week period of public consultation. This 4 week period has now been completed, and further comments from the DAC and AAAG were sought.

5 public submissions were received during the consultation period, as well as additional feedback from members of the DAC. Where pertinent and appropriate, changes have been incorporated into the action plans. These changes focussed on additional wording and actions to strengthen Council's commitment to improving accessibility to Council facilities, advocating for accessible housing and public transport, and increasing employment opportunities for people with disability.

Once endorsed, implementation of the AHA and A&I Strategies will be pursued through the implementation of the 2 year action plans which allow for prioritising and evaluation on a biannual basis. This format will ensure the actions remain relevant and reflective of the needs of our community.

Financial Implications

The development of the draft strategies and action plans has been undertaken in-house and through existing budget allocations.

The actions identified in the initial Action Plans (2018 – 2020) are funded primarily from within existing resources, reflecting the current budget cycle and the need to clarify future directions under the national aged care reforms. It is proposed to explore funding opportunities external to Council in some instances and propose new initiatives within the 2019 – 2020 budget.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Council adopt the Active Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018 – 2024 and the Access & Inclusion Strategy 2018 – 2024 and their associated 2 year Action Plans.

These documents will provide a strategic and operational framework that ensures ongoing commitment to, and provision of appropriate services for, older people and people with disability in our community.

11.1 Access & Inclusion Strategy and Active Healthy Ageing Strategy

Trim Record Number: D18/147922

Responsible Officer: Director Community Wellbeing

Purpose

1. To present to Council:
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 - (b) seek endorsement of the Active & Healthy Ageing (AHA) and Access & Inclusion (A&I) Strategies and the associated two year Action Plans.

Background

2. Council plays a special role in supporting older residents and people with disability to live full and active lives. Older people and people with disability are a significant part of Yarra's diverse population and make an important contribution to our community.
3. According to the 2016 Census, 24.7% of Yarra's population was aged over 50 years and 11% was aged over 65 years.
4. It is estimated that 14.8% of Yarra residents (almost 14,000 people) have a disability. Of those people, more than 3,000 residents reported needing help with their day-to-day lives.
5. The Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018-2024 (AHA Strategy) and the Access and Inclusion Strategy 2018-2024 (A&I Strategy) will provide direction to Council over the next six years to reduce barriers and increase opportunities for people to participate in the life of their community.
6. The strategies and action plans have been developed within the following context:
 - (a) In 2016, Council signed the Municipal Association of Victoria's "Age-Friendly Victoria Declaration". The declaration commits to better planning for the creation of age-friendly communities and is underpinned by the World Health Organisation's "Global Age-Friendly Cities Guide";
 - (b) Local government plays a key role in supporting people with a disability to be involved in civic life, including decision making processes and finding employment in local government. All Victorian councils are required under the *Victorian Disability Act (2006)* to develop a strategy and action plan for how they will achieve this; and
 - (c) The social reforms of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and My Aged Care (MAC) have a significant impact on the role of local government in supporting people with disability and older residents. In light of the NDIS and MAC reforms, Council is reviewing its role in service delivery, and this may in turn influence the focus Council has on creating an accessible and inclusive Yarra.
7. The reforms will impact on Council's direct involvement in providing services for individual older residents and residents with disability. Council maintains a key role in planning; facilitation; community development and taking direct action relating to improving local infrastructure, and building the capacity of the community.
8. It is accepted that strong social connections and neighbourhood engagement are important to living well, and the draft strategies identify these areas as a priority for Council regardless of any changes to service delivery. The development of the strategies at this time has provided the opportunity for Council to review its role in supporting older residents and people with disability to live well in Yarra, and where and how it invests its resources into the future.

9. The key steps in the development of the strategies included:
 - (a) review of previous strategies (achievements; strengths; outstanding issues);
 - (b) development of Background & Issues Papers;
 - (c) community, client, service provider and internal staff consultations;
 - (d) analysis of consultation outcomes; policy environment review (including alignment to aged and disability care reforms);
 - (e) preparation and endorsement of draft strategies and actions plans; and
 - (f) final public exhibition, consideration of any submissions and adoption by Council.

Active & Healthy Ageing - Age Friendly City approach

10. Under the Local Government Act 2010, Council has an important role in influencing community well-being and facilitating healthy, just and inclusive communities. Council planning, practices, policies and actions have a direct impact on how people live across all ages.
11. Council has a significant investment in supporting older people with a history of involvement with senior citizens centres, neighbourhood houses, community transport, meals, home and community care services, socialisation activities, recreation facility provision and programs, and support for clubs and organisations.
12. In 2016, the Commissioner for Senior Victorians released “Ageing is Everyone’s Business: A report on isolation and loneliness among senior Victorians”. The report examines the causes for loneliness and social isolation amongst older people, and proposes opportunities for tackling the problems with a joined-up approach. The report contends that local government has a “vital role as an enabler” of joined-up local community responses to isolation and loneliness and connecting local needs with local resources such as volunteering, use of venues and coordination support.
13. In 2016, Council signed the Municipal Association of Victoria’s “Age-Friendly Victoria Declaration”. The declaration commits to better planning for the creation of age-friendly communities and is underpinned by the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) “Global Age-Friendly Cities Guide”.
14. An age-friendly community is one that values the contribution of people 50+, and enables citizens to actively participate in all aspects of community life. In particular, an age-friendly city ensures people 50+ are free from age-related barriers that prevent community participation.
15. Age Friendly cities foster opportunities for older people to enjoy social and economic participation, good health, and a sense of belonging and contributing. To achieve this, partnerships between older people and government, community organisations, businesses, services and other agencies are critical in building the fabric of an Age Friendly City.

Access & Inclusion - a Social Model Approach

16. Australia has been a signatory to the United Nations Assembly *Convention on Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006)* since 2008: The UN Convention affirms the right of all people with disability to an adequate standard of living and it guarantees equality, dignity, and liberty, and full and equal access to justice, education, quality healthcare and to participation in public and cultural life.
17. The principles of the UN Convention are reflected in the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006)* which provides a set of rights, freedoms and responsibilities that governments must observe when creating laws, public policy or delivering services.
18. As a public authority, Council is required and is committed to demonstrate that it has properly considered human rights in all its decisions when making laws, developing policy and providing services.

19. Local government plays a key role in supporting people with a disability to be involved in civic life, including decision making processes and finding employment in local government.
20. A Disability Action Plan is required (*Victorian Disability Act 2006*) to be developed by all Victorian Councils for the purpose of:
 - (a) reducing barriers for persons with disabilities accessing information, goods, services and facilities;
 - (b) reducing barriers to persons with disabilities obtaining or maintaining employment;
 - (c) promoting inclusion and participation in the community; and
 - (d) achieving tangible changes in attitudes and practices that discriminate against persons with disabilities.

External Consultation

21. The development of the strategies and action plans has been informed by the outcomes of an extensive community consultation process. The process and outcomes of the consultation was presented at the Councillor Briefing on 18 June 2018.

Living Well in Yarra Consultation

22. Living Well in Yarra utilised a variety of consultation processes to ensure a broad range of participation. Consultation occurred in a mix of formats and a multitude of locations throughout Yarra. On completion of the consultation stage, the following had been undertaken:
 - (a) 252 individual surveys completed; two public forums; 12 workshops;
 - (b) Seven pop up sessions/on-site visits (distribution of surveys); and
 - (c) Consultation and survey details distributed to over 20 organisations and networks.
23. Members of the Active Ageing Advisory Committee (AAAG) and Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) participated through-out the development process providing advice and attending/participating in various consultations, including providing input and reviewing the draft strategies and action plans.

Active Ageing Advisory Group – Final feedback on draft A & HA Action Plan

24. Members of the AAAG provided written and verbal feedback on the draft Action Plan at its meeting held on 9 August 2018 (AAAG had previously reviewed and endorsed the Strategy). This has resulted in the following additions to the draft Action Plan:
 - (a) change terminology under Action 3.3.1, with removal of term 'frail aged'; and
 - (b) Additional Outcome Measures included under Actions 8.1.1. and 8.1.2. to include reference to webpage links and E-newsletter.

Disability Advisory Committee – Final Feedback on draft A & I Action Plan

25. Members of the DAC provided written and verbal feedback on the draft Action Plan at its meeting held on 14 August 2018 (DAC had previously reviewed and endorsed the Strategy). DAC members also spoke to the draft strategy and action plan at the August Council meeting. Whilst the DAC is very supportive of the A&I Strategy and Action Plan, they have sought additional actions within the following areas:
 - (a) additional actions focussed on supporting and providing employment opportunities within Council;
 - (b) addressing accessibility of housing to ensure all new housing meets the highest standard;
 - (c) improving access to shops and businesses;
 - (d) improving access to public events with temporary /accessible changing places facilities; and
 - (e) addressing access to public transport and parking bays.

26. Some of these issues have been added to the initial 2 year action plan (2018 – 2020). Items that require further research, review and support of other Council departments have been recorded and listed for follow up, and where feasible will become part of the next 2 year action plan (2020 – 2022).

Public Submissions and/or Feedback – Final Feedback on draft A&I Strategy and Action Plan and draft AHA Strategy and Action Plan

27. As resolved at the August Council meeting, the public exhibition period was from 24 August to 21 September 2018. This consultation occurred via:
- (a) Your Say Yarra (website);
 - (b) social media posts (x 2);
 - (c) email and enews notifications to contributors during the original consultation (individuals and groups/organisations);
 - (d) promotion and distribution in key locations throughout the City of Yarra, including Town hall receptions, Libraries, Neighbourhood Houses, and Community Health Centres;
 - (e) electronic documents accessible on website;
 - (f) designated contact officer available for telephone based feedback, including access to interpreting; and
 - (g) further review of the Action plans by AAAG and DAC.
28. A summary of the consultation findings and responses can be found in attachment 3.
29. In total 5 responses/and or submissions were received during the Pubic Exhibition period, with 4 people providing specific comments. The submissions raised the following matters for consideration when finalising the strategies/action plans:
- (a) concern that the built form (Planning) and housing developments can impact significantly on availability of accessible housing;
 - (b) whilst supportive of themes of action plans, one respondent would like to see more specific detail around dedicated parking spaces for people with disability;
 - (c) gap in service is the lack of a heated hydrotherapy pool; and
 - (d) support for the Yarra Companion Animal Project.

Key Consultation Themes

30. Key themes (Freedom; Life Experiences; Independence; and Knowledge) and issues for consideration were identified from the Living Well in Yarra Consultation, together with existing knowledge identified through the Background papers and research.
31. The top six key factors identified through the survey as impacting on the ability to access and be involved in the life of the Yarra community included:
- (a) Physical health;
 - (b) Mobility;
 - (c) Walking paths/footpaths;
 - (d) Public transport (not accessible);
 - (e) Concern for personal safety; and
 - (f) Financial cost/stress.
32. It was also very clear that the majority of participants in the consultation phase placed a high value on Council's Parks and Gardens, Libraries, Leisure Centres, and Social and Community Programs and see these areas as important to living well in Yarra.

Survey of Residents receiving Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) services

33. As part of the review of Council's future directions in the CHSP / My Aged Care service system, a research company was commissioned to undertake a telephone interview with clients of Council's CHSP, with a focus on clients receiving Home Care, Personal Care, Social Support, Individual and Respite Care, to understand their needs and concerns with regard to the national changes to funding and service delivery.
34. The sample consisted all of Council's English speaking clients along with clients speaking the top 5 community languages: Italian, Mandarin, Greek, Vietnamese and Cantonese (who were surveyed in their preferred language). A total of 379 participants (246 English speaking and 133 non-English speaking) completed the survey, giving a very high response rate of 74% overall.
35. Ten (10) key themes and issues for consideration regarding future directions as a result of My Aged Care Reforms were identified.
36. Of the ten key themes and issues for consideration regarding future directions, four aligned to what the community had said through the Living Well in Yarra consultation, and have direct relevance for consideration in the Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy and Access & Inclusion Strategy and associated Action Plans. These four key issues are:
 - (a) Knowledge of Change - A very high proportion of respondents (72%) answered that they 'don't know anything' about the upcoming changes to aged care services and only 5% felt they knew a lot;
 - (b) Access to Information - If they needed to find out more about the coming changes, about half of respondents said they would contact Council (with a quarter specifically naming Council's Aged & Disability Services). Just under 1 in 3 would talk to family or friends, however notably, among non-English speaking respondents it was closer to 2 in 3 (61%);
 - (c) Community Transport - Council providing more community transport options was considered very important to more than 1 in 3 respondents. About a quarter also valued exercise and socialisation programs highly as regular activities provided by Council; and
 - (d) Health Information - sessions were considered the most important from a list of one-off initiatives that Council could provide.

Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018 – 2024 – Attachment 1

37. Based on the public exhibition period and feedback from AAAG only minor wording changes have been incorporated into the draft Action Plan presented in August 2018.
38. The Active & Healthy Ageing 2018-2024 vision is for an Age Friendly Yarra, which is welcoming and inclusive of people of all ages. Encompassing the Age Friendly Cities Framework to ensure our community supports adults 50+ by designing policies, services and structures to ensure the physical and social environments of our City will enable people 50+ to live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved.
39. Key to living well in Yarra is the ability to independently access a variety of programs and support services which allow citizens to connect to other people and experience the health (mental and physical) benefits of socialisation and exercise. Key areas to address identified for inclusion in the Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy were:
 - (a) improve safety and accessibility for people 50+ to increase socialisation/participation in community life;
 - (b) embed Universal Design principles in new developments, increase social housing options and ensure equitable access to shops and amenities;
 - (c) improve people's sense of safety and wellbeing via raising awareness (promotion) and programming;
 - (d) increase safer access and improved mobility through public realm improvement;

- (e) community inclusion opportunities and activities that can be easily accessed and cater for the diverse interests of residents aged 50+;
 - (f) ensure those that are wishing to access services/programs are able to do so (address financial, physical access and health barriers);
 - (g) empower the community through information (accessible formats, web accessibility, and how information is disseminated);
 - (h) reduce social isolation of people 50+ by removing barriers to social inclusion;
 - (i) increase independence and community connection through provision of volunteering opportunities; and
 - (j) provide a variety of accessible channels of communicating information; i.e. apply “older person’s” lens to all Council communication.
40. When analysing the feedback from the community consultation the issues raised by our community reflected the eight domain areas of the WHO Age-Friendly Cities Framework, with four key overarching themes emerging: Freedom, Life Experiences, Knowledge and Independence.
41. As a result, strategic goals included in the Active Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018 – 2024 correlate with the overarching themes identified during the consultation phase, and the eight domains of the WHO Age-Friendly Cities Framework. The eight domains and associated strategic goals will remain constant for the life of the plan and are as follows:
- (a) Outdoor Spaces and buildings: People 50+ live in an environment that includes open spaces, buildings, public toilets, shaded areas and walkways that are safe and easy to navigate;
 - (b) Transport: People 50+ can get out and about, using a range of affordable, accessible and user friendly transport services;
 - (c) Housing: Housing options for people aged 50+ are affordable, secure, accessible and close to transport, shops and community services;
 - (d) Community Support and health services: People 50+ are supported to stay healthy, active and independent through community support and health services, including services responding to elder abuse and fraud;
 - (e) Civic participation and employment: People 50+ participate in employment, training, lifelong learning and volunteering opportunities and are engaged and involved in decision making;
 - (f) Respect and social inclusion: People 50+ from all backgrounds are valued and appreciated, and no one is excluded based on race, geography, culture, language, sexuality, ability or socio economic status;
 - (g) Social participation: People 50+ are supported to be active in their community, doing the things they enjoy; and
 - (h) Communication and knowledge: People 50+ are able to access information they need in a variety of formats to stay informed and connected with their community, families and friends.
42. The Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018-24 sets the future direction for Council in continuing to create an Age Friendly City. The strategy is underpinned by three action plans that each span two years. This allows for some agility in how Council will respond to the key themes in the context of a shifting service delivery environment.
- Access & Inclusion Strategy 2018 – 2024 – Attachment 2
43. Based on the public exhibition period and input from DAC the following changes have been incorporated into the draft Action Plan which was presented in August 2018:

- (a) Item 3.2.4 was strengthened and an additional action included (3.2.5) to confirm Council's commitment to supporting the employment and career opportunities of people with disability;
 - (b) Item 1.6 wording was strengthened to confirm Council's commitment to supporting increased accessible housing via the Yarra Planning Scheme and Yarra Housing Strategy;
 - (c) A new action was included (1.2.4) re-affirming Council's commitment to advocating for improvement to accessibility in the public transport realm;
 - (d) Action 1.3.1 action was changed to reflect a DAC motion regarding funding for ongoing implementation of a program to improve accessibility to businesses (post Metro Access); and
 - (e) A new action was included (1.5.6) focussing on a program to improve accessible toilet facilities in Council buildings.
44. The Access & Inclusion Strategy 2018-2024 and Action Plan was developed based on the social model of disability which views disability as a result of the way society is organised, societal attitudes and environmental barriers that may hinder the person with a disability, rather than the medical model which views disability as a "problem" that belongs to the individual.
45. Council's planning, programs and operations will continue to focus on creating an enabling environment for people with disability through the social model.
46. Council recognises that barriers experienced by people with disability arise primarily from societal attitudes, structures and practices that prevent people with disability from experiencing equal status, economic participation and social inclusion.
47. The Access & Inclusion Strategy vision is for 'an inclusive and accessible Yarra that enables people with disability to participate, contribute and be represented in our community as equal citizens'.
48. In creating an enabling environment, the social model recognises that these barriers, constructed by the society in which people with disability live, restrict their capabilities and opportunities by prejudice, discrimination, inaccessible environments and inadequate supports that have potential to be reversed.
49. A whole of community approach is required to empower people with disability to participate and contribute, feel valued, differences are respected, and where the needs of people are met so they can live with dignity.
50. Key areas to address identified for inclusion in the Access & Inclusion Strategy were:
- (a) improve safety and accessibility for people with disability to increase socialisation/participation in community life;
 - (b) embed Universal Design principles in new developments, increase social housing options and ensure equitable access to shops and amenities;
 - (c) improve people's sense of safety and wellbeing via raising awareness (promotion) and programming;
 - (d) increase safer access and improved mobility through public realm improvement;
 - (e) community inclusion opportunities and activities can easily be accessed and cater for the diverse interests of people with disability;
 - (f) strengthen the focus on creating an enabling environment for people with disability and ensure they can access appropriate support services/programs and are able to do so (address financial, physical access and health barriers);
 - (g) empower the community through information (accessible formats, web accessibility, and how information is disseminated);

- (h) reduce social isolation of people with disability by removing barriers to social inclusion; and
 - (i) increase independence and community connection through provision of employment and volunteering opportunities.
51. The feedback from the community consultation have been aligned to the *Victorian Disability Act* (2006) requirements, and with four key overarching themes emerging: Freedom, Life Experiences, Knowledge and Independence.
52. The strategies included in the draft Access & Inclusion Strategy correlate with the overarching themes identified during the consultation phase, and the social model of disability, and these key goals and strategies will remain constant for the life of the plan and are as follows:
- (a) Improve accessibility to infrastructure, facilities and amenities:
 - (i) promote and encourage the application of Universal Design and Universal Access within, and external to Council;
 - (ii) advocate to create an accessible, well-networked public transport system in the City of Yarra;
 - (iii) develop/extend incentive programs to local businesses to maximize their accessibility;
 - (iv) increase safe access and mobility through the public realm;
 - (v) improve accessibility to City of Yarra buildings and facilities, including ensuring adequate amenities are available (accessible toilets, seating etc.);
 - (vi) advocate and work collaboratively to ensure greater provision of accessible and affordable housing; and
 - (vii) create Neighbourhood's that are safe and promote a sense of belonging.
 - (b) Promote and encourage mainstream participation, representation and community leadership:
 - (i) provide and/or support the community to provide a diverse range of accessible community services and arts, cultural, sport and recreational activities and events that are creative and fun for all abilities and ages;
 - (ii) research opportunities and implement initiatives to address financial and transport barriers to access; and
 - (iii) ensure people with disability have the same opportunities as other people to participate in public meetings/consultations and events organised by the City of Yarra.
 - (c) Support employment and career development opportunities:
 - (i) work within Council, and with businesses and community groups to advance the rights of people with a disability to participate equally in the: Workforce, Education and Training, and Volunteering opportunities; and
 - (ii) enhance opportunities for people with disability to obtain and maintain employment with the City of Yarra; and
 - (d) Create welcoming and inclusive practices and culture:
 - (i) ensure information provided by Council is in a format (including pictorial) that will enable people with disability to access as readily as other people are able to access it;
 - (ii) develop and deliver initiatives to achieve positive changes in attitudes and structural discrimination about disability; and
 - (iii) raise community awareness of people living with invisible disabilities.

53. The Access & Inclusion Strategy sets the future direction for Council in creating an inclusive and accessible Yarra. As with the draft Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy, it is underpinned by three Action Plans that each span two years. This allows for some agility in how Council will respond to the key themes in the context of a shifting service delivery environment.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

54. Concurrent with the community engagement and consultation stage Aged & Disability Services staff conducted a thorough consultation and engagement process with all areas of Council from September 2017 to June 2018. Information from the internal consultations assisted in developing the associated action plan aligned to each strategy.

Financial Implications

55. The development of the strategies and action plans has been undertaken in-house and through existing budget allocations.
56. The actions across 2018 – 2020 are funded primarily from within existing resources, reflecting the current budget cycle and the need to clarify future directions under the national reforms. It is proposed to explore funding opportunities external to Council in some instances and propose new initiatives within the 2019 – 2020 budget.
57. Actions requiring a financial commitment in future years (post 2019) will be proposed as part of the new initiatives process for those years.

Economic Implications

58. Making the Yarra community more accessible, inclusive and age-friendly is good economic sense. Good access and age friendly environments benefit everyone – families; young people and visitors. Benefits can include:
- (a) lower public and personal costs related to illness and health care;
 - (b) prevention or delayed onset of many chronic and preventable illnesses;
 - (c) added social and economic ‘value’ to communities when older people and people with disability are better able to contribute to and participate in their communities; and
 - (d) opportunity for Council, businesses and community groups to advance the rights of people with disability to participate equally in life, particularly with regard to employment.

Sustainability Implications

59. Project management will continue to incorporate green procurement policy and procedures as per Council policy. Environmental sustainability will be considered as part of the preparation and implementation of each of the three, two yearly action plans.
60. Many of the actions – improving pedestrian routes and walkability; encouraging use of community transport; providing local places to meet and greet, looking at opportunities for volunteering and advocating for better public transport support a “sustainable” Yarra.

Social Implications

61. Council plays a fundamental role in supporting people with disability and older people to live full and active lives. Both draft strategies focus on creating a more inclusive, accessible and connected community and recognise the strengths, capacity and wisdom of Yarra’s diverse community.

Human Rights Implications

62. The development of the draft strategies and action plans is consistent with the rights enshrined in the *United Nations Convention on the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (2006) and the Victorian Charter for Human Rights and Responsibilities (2006).
63. Both strategies and associated action plans will be available in accessible formats and simplified English.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

64. Communication with CALD communities was addressed as part of the community consultation. Specific focus group sessions were conducted to include the voices of a broad cross section of the community and through Council's Advisory Committees.
65. The survey of residents in receipt of CHSP services ensured participation of all residents from the five main community languages and it was pleasing to see this was achieved with a similar participation rate as with the English speaking cohort (75% participation rate).

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

66. The strategies are consistent with the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan, and align with the following objectives included in the Council Plan:
 - (a) Objective 1: A healthy Yarra- *'Community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do'*;
 - (b) Objective 2: An inclusive Yarra- *'Inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated'*;
 - (c) Objective 6: A connected Yarra; *'Connectivity and travel options are environmentally sustainable, integrated and well-designed'*; and
 - (d) Objective 7: A leading Yarra- *'Transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate'*.
67. The strategies do not pre-determine any decision on Council's on-going role in service provision under the CHSP. The strategies do however provide a framework when considering Council's future role in service provision and where it may invest resources to support people with disability and older people.
68. There are a number of other Council strategies and plans that complement these draft strategies, including:
 - (a) 0 – 25 Plan (Family, Youth and Children's Services);
 - (b) Homelessness Strategy; Multicultural Strategy; and
 - (c) Annual Plan; Yarra Planning Scheme.
69. The two year Action Plans do not cover all issues raised in the consultation, and a number of issues have been referred to other areas in Council where these issues are being considered.

Legal Implications

70. There are no legal implications for consideration at this point.

Other Issues

71. Nil

Options

72. The option proposed is for Council to endorse the strategies and action plans as presented.

Conclusion

73. The community consultation sought input on what constitutes "Living Well in Yarra" and to obtain feedback from residents on issues of importance. Combined with knowledge from past strategies, identification of emerging issues and input from Council's Disability Advisory Committee and the Active Ageing Advisory Committee, the strategies set key directions for the next six years.
74. The framework for the Active & Healthy Ageing Strategy reflects:
 - (a) the eight domains of the WHO Age-Friendly cities framework, encompassing Outdoor Spaces and Buildings; Transport; Housing; Community Support and Health Services; Civic Participation and Employment; Respect and social inclusion; Social Participation and Communication and Knowledge;

- (b) Council’s commitment, through signing the Municipal Association of Victoria’s “Age-Friendly Victoria Declaration”, to planning for the creation of age-friendly communities; and
 - (c) the overarching themes identified locally, being Freedom; Life Experiences, Knowledge and Independence.
75. The framework for the Access & Inclusion Strategy reflects the:
- (a) Principles of the UN Convention reflected in the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006)* which provides a set of rights, freedoms and responsibilities that governments must observe when creating laws, public policy or delivering services;
 - (b) *Victorian Disability Act 2006*, requiring Council’s to:
 - (i) reduce barriers to accessing information, goods, services and facilities;
 - (ii) reduce barriers to obtaining or maintaining employment;
 - (iii) promote inclusion and participation in the community; and
 - (iv) achieve tangible changes in attitudes and practices that discriminate against persons with disabilities; and
 - (c) Overarching themes identified locally, being Freedom; Life Experiences, Knowledge and Independence.
76. The Action Plans identify key commitments from a whole of organisation perspective to address the issues identified through the planning process. The Action Plans cover an initial two year period. This period aligns with Branch and annual budget planning processes and allows for some agility in how Council will respond to the key themes in the context of a shifting service delivery environment.
77. The responsibility for implementing actions will sit with relevant Council Branches, and this will support age-friendly, inclusive and accessible principles to be further embedded across Council. The plans will be monitored through Council’s Advisory Committees, and with an annual evaluation conducted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
- (a) notes the additional feedback received from the community during the further consultation period;
 - (b) adopts the Active Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018 – 2024 and the initial 2 year Action Plan; and
 - (c) adopts the Access & Inclusion Strategy 2018-2024 and the initial 2 year Action Plan.

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Attachments

- 1⇒ Access Inclusion Strategy 2018 2024 and Action Plan 2018 - 2024 Final
- 2⇒ Active & Healthy Ageing in Yarra Strategy 2018 – 2024 Final
- 3⇒ Final Submissions - Draft Access & Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan 2018

11.2 Heritage Permit Amendment - Former Commonwealth Note and Stamp Printing Building - 115 and 115B Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Executive Summary

Purpose

Council received correspondence from Heritage Victoria on 11 September 2018, advising that pursuant to Section 105(4)(b) of the *Heritage Act 2017*, a request had been made by the Australian Catholic University to amend the heritage permit issued to the former Commonwealth Note and Stamp Printing Department building (VHR H2372) (known as the Mary Glowrey building) being permit P27809.

Key Issues

This report provides Council with information regarding the proposed amendment and makes recommendations for a response to Heritage Victoria.

It is important to note that the *Heritage Act 2017* while requiring the executive Director, Heritage Victoria to notify Council (the Responsible Authority) of receipt of a planning amendment, *there is not requirement in the Act to consider any response to the notification when determining the proposed permit amendment.*

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this heritage referral response.

PROPOSAL

Proposed amendment to Heritage Victoria Permit P27809.

11.2 Heritage Permit Amendment - Former Commonwealth Note and Stamp Printing Building - 115 and 115B Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Trim Record Number: D18/173754

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. Council received correspondence from Heritage Victoria on 11 September 2018, advising that pursuant to Section 105(4)(b) of the *Heritage Act 2017*, a request had been made by the Australian Catholic University to amend the heritage permit issued to the former Commonwealth Note and Stamp Printing Department building (VHR H2372) (known as the Mary Glowrey building) being permit P27809.
2. This report provides Council with information regarding the proposed amendment and makes recommendations for a response to Heritage Victoria.
3. It is important to note that the *Heritage Act 2017* while requiring the executive Director, Heritage Victoria to notify Council (the Responsible Authority) of receipt of a planning amendment, there is not requirement in the Act to consider any response to the notification when determining the proposed permit amendment.

Background

4. Councillors were notified of the amendment request by email on 18 September 2018. Outlined within the email was a detailed summary of the amendment request and an officer recommendation.
5. Due to tight timeframes comments were sought by 12:00noon on Thursday 20 September. No comments were received.
6. Officers emailed Heritage Victoria on Friday 21 September and followed up with a letter dated 24 September 2018 offering no objection to the proposed amendments.
7. Councillors subsequently requested on 5 October 2018 that the matter be presented to Council for further consideration.

The Site

8. Development Plan Overlay – Schedule 2 (**DPO**) covers the sections of land known as 115 Victoria Parade (Mary Glowrey Building), 28 Young Street (car park) and 20 – 26 Brunswick Street (Cathedral Hall and adjacent buildings).



Figure 1: Aerial photo with DPO area overlaid.

9. For the purpose of this report, the subject site is defined as the Victoria Parade site only being the Mary Glowrey Building.
10. The Victoria Parade site is an island site bound by Victoria Parade to the south, Napier Street to the east, Little Victoria Street to the North and Young Street to the west.
11. The site is occupied by a complex of three buildings forming an 'L' shaped structure with the remainder of the site generally occupied by an at grade car park. The entire site is included on the State Register of Heritage Victoria (VHR H2372).
12. The building occupying the site was formerly the Commonwealth Note and Stamp printing building and is now known as the Mary Glowrey Building.



13. The existing building presents as a 6 storey form to both Victoria Parade and Young Street with a lower 4 - 5 storey section (depending on the slope of the land) presenting to both Napier Street and Little Victoria Street.

14. The existing three buildings are all connected with a visible glazed structure connecting the Young and Little Victoria Street buildings with an additional 2 – 3 storey glazed addition to Victoria Parade frontage which marks the entry to the site.
15. The remainder of the site is currently vacant with preliminary works of the site having commenced.
16. To Napier Street, the site's direct interface is with the open corner to Victoria Parade and the lower 4 -5 storey built form of the Mary Glowrey Building.
17. Victoria Parade is a wide boulevard and a declared Main Road. Victoria Parade runs in an east-west direction with multiple traffic lanes, dedicated bus lanes and a central tree lined median accommodating tram lines. Intermittent parallel parking is provided on both sides of the Street.
18. Victoria Parade is one of the borders of the Municipality with the City of Yarra managing the north side and the City of Melbourne the south side.
19. Napier Street is a reasonably wide tree lined street with an alternating arrangement of angled and parallel parking on either side of the street. The street also operates as an important bike thoroughfare with clear markings on the road pavement; close to the Victoria Parade intersection is a Melbourne Bike share station. Currently there is no access to the ACU car park from Napier Street.

The Proposal

20. The amendment application proposes the following changes:
 - (a) To change the timing of submitting documents to enable early works to occur on site prior to the discharge of conditions:
 - (i) 2.2 – tender ready drawings;
 - (ii) 2.3 – external materials and finishes schedule;
 - (iii) 2.4 – connections between existing building and development;
 - (iv) 2.5 – details of new glass canopy;
 - (v) 2.6 – details of internal glazed sliding doors;
 - (vi) 2.7 – details of fire rated infill;
 - (vii) 3.2 – costed conservation schedule;
 - (viii) 3.4 – revised landscape plan and;
 - (ix) 3.5 – signage details
 - (b) Amend condition 3.2 which requires:

'A costed Conservation Schedule, and associated drawings, detailing external conservation and repair works to the heritage building prepared by the approved heritage consultant. The schedule must include details of required repair and painting of all external render, reinstatement of external facades (including original windows) where the existing canopy, entry ramp and curtain walls are to be removed and reinstatement of all missing original windows on the east, south and west facades. The reinstatement works must be based on physical, documentary and photographic evidence of the original windows on the east, south and west facades.'

To reduce the extent of window replacement to the areas marked in blue:



AGREED OPTION

Key Victoria St Frontage & Napier St Return

21. It is understood that these areas were selected in consultation with officers at Heritage Victoria.
22. A copy of the full amendment application is included at Attachment 1.

Planning Provisions

23. The subject site is contained within the Commercial 1 Zone and is also affected by the Heritage Overlay 334 (South Fitzroy Precinct) and included on the State register, Design and Development Overlay, Schedule 2 (Main Roads and Boulevards), Development Plan Overlay Schedule 2, (Australian Catholic University Development Plan) and the Environmental Audit Overlay.

Commercial 1 Zone

24. A planning permit is required pursuant to Clause 34.01-4 to construct a building or carry out works.

Heritage Overlay

25. As the site is included on the State Register, a planning permit is not triggered. Heritage Victoria is the decision maker pursuant to clause 43.01-2 (Heritage) of the Yarra Planning Scheme.
26. The Municipal Strategic Statement and Local Planning Policies contained at clauses 21.05-1 and 22.02 provide guidance on the development of Heritage places.

Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 2

27. Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 2 – Main Roads and Boulevards also applies to the site; pursuant to clause 43.02-2 a permit is required to construct a building or construct and carry out works.

Environmental Audit Overlay

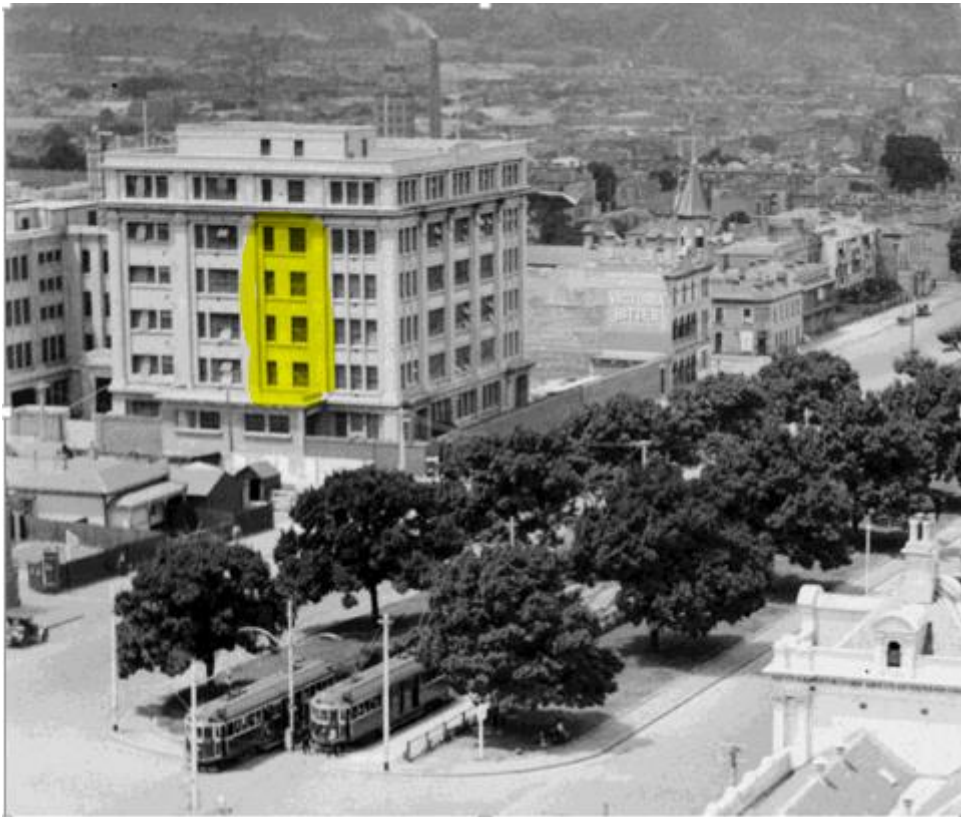
28. As the proposal does not include a sensitive use, this overlay is not triggered.

Development Plan Overlay

29. Development Plan Overlay - Schedule 2 Australian Catholic University Development Plan, applies to the site and is a site specific control which '*provides criteria for any future use and development*' of the site.

Assessment

30. The amendment seeks two changes, the first being timing for the submission of documents. It is considered that this is a reasonable request as it does not alter the requirement to submit information, it simply modifies the timeframe for when these documents are required to be submitted.
31. The more substantial change requested is the change to condition 3.2 and the proposed reduction in scope for window replacement.
32. The image below shows an example of where original windows are missing, the images shows a view along Victoria Parade which shows the west (Young Street) and south (Victoria Parade) elevation of the building. The second bank of window shows a pair of windows on each floor (shown in yellow).



33. The image below shows this second bank of windows deleted (See areas shown in yellow).



34. While it is acknowledged that ideally there is benefit to replacing all windows, the reduced scope of works replaces all windows to Victoria Parade and its returns which form the primary view line to the building.
35. The proposed restoration works through the removal of the glass canopy and other restoration works required by the permit will ensure that the existing building retains its prominence and heritage significance.
36. It is important to note, that throughout the heritage process, Council has been advised by Trethowan Architecture, Interiors, Heritage, and while their comment has not been sought, the replacement of all windows to the Mary Glowrey Building was never raised as an issue that required rectification, and never formed a requirement sought by Council.
37. It is considered that the reduced scope of works is acceptable and Council should offer no objection to the application.

External Consultation

38. None required.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

39. Not applicable.

Financial Implications

40. Not applicable.

Economic Implications

41. Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications

42. Not applicable.

Social Implications

43. Not applicable.

Human Rights Implications

44. Not applicable.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

45. Not applicable.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

46. Note applicable.

Legal Implications

47. Note applicable.

Conclusion

48. It is considered that the proposed amendments sought are acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer's report in relation to the Heritage Victoria referral regarding the site at 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy; and
 - (b) authorise officers to write to Heritage Victoria advising of no objection to the proposed amendment.

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Attachments

- 1⇒ Letter from DELWP
- 2⇒ Amendment Form
- 3⇒ Letter from Urbis
- 4⇒ Window Replacement - Elevations

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11.3 Richmond High School and options for the management of Gleadell Street

Trim Record Number: D18/164664

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to address the matters identified by Council at its meeting of 24 April 2018.
2. This report examines short and medium term traffic management actions for Gleadell Street on the basis of the impact on the accessibility of users of Gleadell Street including emergency vehicle access to sporting facilities and the impacts on the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Background

3. On 24 April 2018 Council considered a report dealing with a number of matters to do with the New Richmond High School and travel to the School.
4. In response Council resolved the following:

That Council:

- (a) *notes the updated report regarding various matters in relation to the new Richmond High School;*
- (b) *notes the petitions presented to Council and the officer's response in this report;*
- (c) *acknowledges the importance of supporting safe, active transport to the many and varied activities in the Gleadell St Precinct, particularly for children, and the need to do this in the short term;*
- (d) *notes the response from the Victorian School Building Authority and the part contribution to the construction of a raised pedestrian crossing in Gleadell Street; and expresses its disappointment at the lack of cooperation by VSBA to ensuring safe travel for school students around the school;*
- (e) *notes the other mitigation works in Gleadell, Highett and Griffiths Streets identified by officers as necessary to manage the additional pedestrian, cycling and vehicle traffic that will be generated by the school once at full capacity and the opportunity to create a pedestrian and cycling prioritised precinct improving safety or all users;*
- (f) *notes that the Highett LAPM 15 precinct and the delivery of infrastructure associated with this LAPM process is expected to be delivered in the short term (i.e. over the next 3-5years);*
- (g) *authorises officers to continue to engage with the Victorian School Building Authority and the Principal of the Richmond High School to improve the safety of students, residents and visitors using the precinct;*
- (h) *requests officers apply for and explore other avenues for State Government funding to allow the Highett LAPM to be brought forward;*
- (i) *receives a further report in 2018 which includes:*
 - a. *data on the intensity of use of Gleadell St by pedestrians and cyclists (including but not limited to users of Richmond Union Bowling Club, Richmond High School, Richmond Multicultural Children's Centre, Citizens Park, Jack Dyer Pavilion, Lynall Hall Community School, Richmond Recreation Centre, Leo Berry Gym, Bridge Church & 345*

Bridge Road) and projections on future use with the expansion of Richmond High School; and

- b. analysis and estimated costs for actions Council could take in the short to medium term to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in the Gleadell St precinct.

Intensity of use

5. Estimated daily pedestrian numbers calculated from observations in 2018 provide the following:
 - (a) 372 pedestrians cross in vicinity of Richmond Recreation Centre, Richmond High School and Citizen Park southeast entrance;
 - (b) 432 pedestrians walk on the west side of Gleadell Street; and
 - (c) 660 pedestrians walk on the east side of Gleadell Street.
6. An estimated 200 cyclists per day use Gleadell Street.
7. Weekday traffic surveys taken at the midblock of Gleadell Street in July 2016 indicate:
 - (a) 140 vehicles in the AM peak hour;
 - (b) 148 vehicles in the PM peak hour;
 - (c) 1,696 vehicles per day; and
 - (d) 85th percentile speed of 32.6 km/h.
8. It is important to note that:
 - (a) the daily pedestrian and cyclist numbers above are based on a single daily manual traffic count. Further detailed investigation and surveys are required to obtain accurate data; and
 - (b) up-to-date traffic volumes and speeds are not available for Gleadell Street. Surveys will be undertaken following the construction of the raised pedestrian crossing and the raised threshold treatment at the intersection of Bridge Road and Gleadell Street (part of the VicRoads Bridge Road Pedestrian Improvement Project).

Uses accessing Gleadell Street

9. Richmond Union Bowling Club currently has 100 full (bowling) members and 700 Social members. It has capacity of 150 to 300 visitors at a time. Typically 100 people attend competition days. The Club is looking to expand its numbers to 152 full members and 1,000 social members. Staff numbers vary depending on the activities of the day.
10. Richmond High School has 75 students and 7 staff and is currently operating out of the Gleadell St (sports) campus. In 2019 the main teaching campus in Griffiths Street will open and staff and students will relocate to that campus. The current year 7s will move to year 8 and a new intake of year 7s will occur in 2019. That process will continue until the school reaches its capacity of 650 students in 2022. The Gleadell Street campus has crossover access to enable emergency vehicles to access the netball courts at the rear of the school.
11. The sports campus of the Richmond High School has an indoor netball/basketball court and three outdoor netball/basketball courts. The indoor court is currently used as class rooms which will continue until 2019. The school is currently in discussions with Richmond Netball about the use of the courts. But no agreement has been reached. Initially the courts inclusion as part of the school was intended as a replacement for the then expected loss of the Ryan's Reserve netball courts. However with the retention and refurbishment of Ryan's Reserve, Richmond Netball no longer has strong interest in the school courts. It is likely that once the indoor court becomes available, sometime in 2019, that there would demand for use of the facility. The outdoor courts could also be viewed as a complement or replacement to the Lynall Hall courts which are used for evening mixed competitions.

12. Richmond Multicultural Children's Centre has capacity for 30 places and no plans for further expansion. There are 10 staff. There are five ¼P parking spaces at the front of the Centre. Drop off and pick up occurs between 7:00am to 9:00 am and 4:30pm to 6:00 pm.
13. Citizens Park and Jack Dyer Pavilion provides for the following:
 - (a) Richmond Junior Football Club:
 - (i) 15 junior boys teams;
 - (ii) 8 junior girls teams;
 - (iii) 476 participants;
 - (iv) 150 Auskick;
 - (v) 631 members; and
 - (vi) Anticipated 2 additional teams in 2019;
 - (b) Richmond Union Cricket Club:
 - (i) 11 junior boys teams;
 - (ii) 2 junior girls teams
 - (iii) 5 senior men's teams;
 - (iv) 1 veterans team;
 - (v) 245 participants;
 - (vi) 80 Milo In2Cricket;
 - (vii) 325 members;
 - (viii) Little change anticipated;
 - (c) Richmond Harriers:
 - (i) 60 members;
 - (ii) No change expected; and
 - (d) Commercial fitness operations:
 - (i) Potential for 12 permits each with a maximum 15 participants; and
 - (ii) No use of Jack Dyer Pavilion;
 - (e) Richmond Boxing Club:
 - (i) 2 sessions per week (20 persons maximum) – Summer;
 - (ii) 1 session per week (20 persons maximum) – Winter; and
 - (iii) No use of Jack Dyer Pavilion;
 - (f) St John's Ambulance:
 - (i) use Jack Dyer Pavilion; and
 - (ii) 5 - 10 people.
14. Lynall Hall has capacity for up to 100 students and 30 staff. There is no growth planned for beyond that capacity. The school has a crossover access to Gleadell Street from the staff car park.

15. The two netball courts are owned by Lynall Hall but managed by the Richmond Recreation Centre (RRC) in the Melbourne Netball competition. Games are played from 6:40 pm to 10:00 pm on Tuesdays to Thursday and 3:40 pm to 7:00 pm on Sundays. Seven players per team plus a substitute comes to 16 players and two umpires per court, a total of 36 players and officials over five games per evening and six games on Sundays. At game crossovers, when teams are playing and others are waiting to play, there would be around 68 players and officials. In total, 180 players plus spectators on weeknights and 216 plus spectators on Sundays are involved in senior mixed netball.
16. Richmond Recreation Centre (RRC) has 1,500 members and 450,000 visits per year or an average of 1,240 per day. User surveys indicate that 47% of users drive to the RRC. Using these figures 580 of the daily visits are by car and 660 visits are by walking or cycling. The RRC also has an entrance from Griffiths Street. So not all visits are via Gleadell Street.
17. A number of schools conduct their school swimming programs at RRC. Terms 1 and 4 form the core of the program. However some schools run the program throughout the year. During the peak period in November and December busses deliver children to the centre over the entire school week during school hours. Outside of this peak, busses deliver children three days per week. Given changes to the primary school curriculum to be introduced in 2019, which are intended to deliver basic swimming competence, it is likely that the school swimming program will grow over the coming years.
18. Leo Berry Gym is a community based organisation that does not have memberships. Members of the community are welcome to attend and use the facilities. The busiest times tend to be the group training sessions in the morning and evening which can accommodate between 10 and 20 people.
19. The Alinta gas facility is a small area north of the multi deck car park. The northern boundary of the facility is the entrance to the Berry Gym. The facility is a combination of pipes and valves and it has a vehicle crossover to Gleadell Street.
20. The Bridge Church runs services at 9:00am and 11:00 am on Sundays. It also runs classes during the day as well as in the evening. The building contains the Church's administrative offices which has between 20 and 30 staff. The building also includes a small café and an auditorium with a capacity in excess of 1,000. The Church's services and other events are held in this auditorium and attendances can vary from 200 to 1,000. The church also owns the multi-level car park that accesses Gleadell Street. The southern section of this car park is leased to council for fleet vehicle parking during the business hours and has 45 car spaces. Out of business hours and on weekends it is used by the Church. The northern section of the car park had capacity for 10 car spaces.
21. Plush Furniture occupies 31 Gleadell Street (corner of Bridge Road) at the ground floor, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) on level 1 and the City of Yarra on levels 1 and 2. The RFDS has a capacity for approximately 50 people. The City of Yarra offices has a total capacity of 120 people with a further 24 hot desks. The basement provides car and bicycle parking for the RFDS and Council fleet and capacity for approximately 53 bicycles.
22. The Gleadell Street Market operates on Saturday mornings. Gleadell Street is closed from midnight on the Friday until around 2:00 pm on the Saturday. The market stall holders rely on a relatively flat and unobstructed road surface to set up their stalls. The market attracts around 5,000 people during its operation.
23. VicRoads is undertaking intersection treatments along Bridge Road. These treatments involve construction of kerb outstands and raised pavement at the side road intersections, where these do not already exist. New kerb outstands will be constructed at Bridge Road/Gleadell Street. This work is expected to commence in 2019.
24. In consultation with Council VicRoads has widened the town hall tram stops by shifting the pedestrian barriers outwards. This is a temporary measure to improve the safety of tram users, particularly the Richmond High School students until a permanent DDA compliant stop can be funded and developed.

25. A raised pedestrian crossing has recently been constructed across Gleadell Street in front of the Richmond High School. This crossing has been partly funded by the Victorian School Building Authority. The crossing also narrows Gleadell Street at this location and increases the adjacent pedestrian space.
26. The crossing provides a desirable place for pedestrians to cross the street and the raised and narrowed pavement reduces vehicle speeds. Raised pavements at intersections have a similar impact.
27. The Highett Street and Bridge Road entrances to Gleadell Street have extended kerbs which narrow the entrances to the street.

Options to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety

28. The following section discusses a number of options that could be considered by Council to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists using Gleadell Street.
29. Changes in access to Gleadell Street will require consultation with the stakeholders (users) of Gleadell Street before Council can consider a report to make the changes. The more substantial the changes the more complex and time consuming the consultation required. Any consultation will require resources to undertake and manage the consultative process.
30. Depending on the nature of the changes contemplated, the consultative process could take between six and 12 months.

Traffic management measures

31. Traffic management measures could be implemented to improve the safety and amenity of all road users. These could include the following:
 - (a) Midblock pedestrian crossing and road narrowing;
 - (b) Highett Street and Bridge Road intersections narrowing and raised pavement.
 - (c) Pavement treatments such as:
 - (i) Line marking for bike lanes and parking; and
 - (ii) Pavement marking (such as used in Stewart Street).
32. Potential additional safety measures include raising the pavement at both entrances. VicRoads is in the process of altering the intersections along Bridge Road to extend the kerbs and raise the pavement. This project includes the Gleadell Street intersection.
33. The process for raising the pavement at the intersection of Gleadell and Highett Streets would typically require investigation of pedestrian access, all traffic modes using the street, drainage and underground services. A detailed design would be required to ensure all road users can be safely accommodated. Stakeholders immediately affected would need to be consulted.
34. The cost for raising the pavement at the intersections of Gleadell and Highett Streets is estimated at approximately \$150,000.
35. Line marking treatments, such as parking and bike lane marking, separate road uses to particular modes and visually narrow the road space. Linemarking can also be a cue for drivers to slow down.
36. Pavement marking involves painting the road surface. It can be undertaken in conjunction with other traffic control measures. The purpose is to reduce vehicle speeds and change the traditional thinking of road use as being primarily for vehicles.
37. Stewart Street, Richmond adjacent to the Richmond Station has been treated in this manner (see photograph below).



38. The process for installing pavement treatments is dependent on the agreement from stakeholders on the feasibility, design and maintenance of the treatment.
39. The cost for installing pavement treatments is approximately \$200,000 with ongoing cleaning costs \$10,000 per annum and repainting every 2-3 years. Due to the operation of the Gleadell Street Markets, ongoing cleaning costs may also need to be increased.
40. Another alternative could be to convert Gleadell Street to a shared zone with a 20kph speed limit. A shared zone is a road where pedestrians, bike riders and vehicles all share the roadway. They are used in urban areas where it is common for pedestrians to walk on the roadway due a lack of adequate footpaths and/or high numbers of pedestrians. A shared zone regulates pedestrians to use the roadway as the primary path. Gleadell Street is not suited to conversion to a shared zone at this time as footpaths and crossing points are provided throughout. Therefore it would be unlikely that VicRoads (the approving road authority) would support the introduction of shared zone signs alone.
41. A substantial redesign of the street would be needed to alter the appearance of the street to become a shared zone. This is typically done by raising the road level to match the height of the footpath and constructing treatments, such as landscaping to reduce sight lines. Parking should also be discouraged from shared zones to reduce conflict between road users. A full road reconstruction would likely be required to make the street consistent with the guidelines.
42. The process for setting up a shared zone is lengthy and costly. Stakeholder consultation is required and approval must also be given by VicRoads and emergency services.
43. The cost for creating a shared zone for a section of road as long as Gleadell Street, starts from approximately \$5,000,000.
44. A simpler option could involve signage, line marking and either the removal of car parking or replacement of the 90 degree parking with parallel parking. The cost for this approach would be in the order of \$50,000.
45. However, because the shared zone would not be compliant with the guidelines it does expose Council to a higher level of risk if someone is injured whilst using the street.

Changes to the car parking arrangements

46. The west side of Gleadell Street has 90 degree parking and the east side parallel parking.
47. Generally cars parked on the west side reverse out onto the street which can be into the path of cyclists, other cars or pedestrians. Drivers' vision is obscured when reversing, making it more hazardous for all road users.
48. This option would involve removing the 90 degree parking on the west side and replacing it with parallel parking. There are approximately 92 car spaces on the west side of Gleadell Street. Converting these spaces to parallel would reduce the number to around 31 car spaces.
49. This option could also enable a bike lane on the west side of Gleadell Street. Currently a bike lane is only marked on the east side of the Street. A bike lane on the west side could be line marked as on the east side of Gleadell Street.
50. The additional bike lane and substantial reduction in vehicles reversing out on to the road would improve the safety of pedestrians, and cyclists in particular.
51. However it would result in a 50% reduction in car parking in Gleadell Street which may have an impact on the patronage of the RRC and the RUBC and other stakeholders. The reduction/removal of car parking in Gleadell Street may have an impact on the patronage of the RRC and the RUBC and other stakeholders, and may also redistribute parking to nearby streets with an impact on local residents.
52. The process for changing to parallel parking requires thorough consultation with all stakeholders.
53. The cost for changing to parallel parking is approximately \$15,000.

Closure

54. The most effective method to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety would be to remove cars from Gleadell Street by closing it to vehicular traffic. The intersection of Gleadell St and Bridge Road is already a partial closure because it is left in and left out only.
55. A full closure of Gleadell Street would involve closing Gleadell Street between Highett Street and Bridge Road and the challenge to achieving this is the number of vehicle access points that currently exist and the requirement for vehicle access by a number of the users.
56. The uses that currently have access to the street are:
 - (a) The Gleadell Street Market stall holders and maintenance crew need vehicle access to setup, run and dismantle the market so any closure would need to be able to provide temporary access for the Market;
 - (b) Lynall Hall has vehicle access to the staff car park;
 - (c) RRC needs vehicle access for deliveries, waste removal, emergency response, as well as school bus parking;
 - (d) Alinta has vehicle access to the gas facility;
 - (e) The Bridge Church and Council fleet have access to the Bridge Church car park;
 - (f) The RFDS and Council fleet have access to the car park at 31 Gleadell Street;
 - (g) The RUBC has access to its carpark;
 - (h) The Post Office has access to the mail pick up point; and
 - (i) Richmond High School requires emergency vehicle access to the netball courts.
57. Full closure would also remove around 118 kerbside car spaces which may impact on the following users:
 - (a) Richmond Multicultural Children's Centre;
 - (b) Richmond Union Bowling Club;

- (c) Richmond Leisure Centre;
 - (d) Netball Courts;
 - (e) Leo Berry Gym;
 - (f) City of Yarra visitors; and
 - (g) Bridge Road businesses.
58. Emergency vehicle access would need to be clearly defined.
59. Alternative waste collection would need to be arranged for all properties.
60. The process for a closure of the street is extremely difficult and requires lengthy and formal processes under the Local Government Act. Consultation with the wider community is required. Approval must also be given by VicRoads and emergency services. The consultative process would take at least 12 months to complete.
61. The capital cost of a full closure starts at approximately \$20,000 for bollards alone. This cost would increase with the introduction of more place making measures.
62. An alternative option would be to close Gleadell Street midblock. This would prevent through traffic but would not exclude vehicles from the street. An adequate turnaround area would need to be provided for larger vehicles that service the street. A midblock closure would result in the loss of 5-10 car spaces.
63. Similar to a full closure, the process for a midblock closure of the street is extremely difficult and requires lengthy and formal processes under the Local Government Act. Consultation with the wider community is required. Approval must also be given by VicRoads and emergency services.
64. The capital cost of a midblock closure starts at approximately \$100,000 to provide for turnaround areas and bollards.
65. A further alternative is to close Gleadell Street during certain times of the day. This temporary closure occurs with the Gleadell Street market where the street is closed from midnight on the Friday to around 2:00 pm on the following Saturday. One option would be to close the street during the morning and evening peaks. However this would need to be balanced against the access requirements of other users, such as the child care centre. In addition in 2019 the Griffith Street campus will become the main arrival and departure point for Richmond High School.
66. The process for a temporary closure of the street requires thorough consultation with all stakeholders as discussed above.
67. The capital cost of a temporary closure is approximately \$2,000 for NO ENTRY signs or similar. However, signs alone is generally ineffective with a high incidence of non-compliance by motorists.
68. It is likely that any closure of Gleadell Street will disadvantage some of the current users of the street that require access for deliveries, waste collection and all abilities access.

One way traffic

69. This option would look at making Gleadell Street one way, either north bound or southbound. Typically it would be made with changes to the parking arrangements to encourage motorists to travel in the same direction. The change to traffic flow may or may not be undertaken in conjunction with another street, such as Griffiths Street where both are one-way but in opposite directions.
70. One-way traffic may slightly improve cyclist and to a lesser extent pedestrian safety by removing a point of conflict when exiting angle parking spaces.

71. It would be expected that cyclists would be exempt from the one way traffic treatment. This may create an additional risk to cyclists from motorists and pedestrians who may not expect their presence in both directions of travel. Additional pavement or line marking may be required to raise awareness of cyclists travelling in both directions.
72. In the absence of other measures, one way traffic may encourage higher vehicle speeds.
73. The process for implementing one-way traffic on the street requires thorough consultation with all stakeholders and the wider community.
74. The capital cost for implementing one-way traffic starts at approximately \$100,000. This would involve linemarking, kerb extensions and signage as a minimum infrastructure cost.

External Consultation

75. Officers have been continuing to meet with the Victorian School Building Authority, the school principal and VicRoads. A number of the activities that access Gleadell Street have been considered in providing the information for this report.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

76. Internal consultation has involved the Executive Team and some Managers at this stage. Further consultation will be required with other departments if any of these options are developed further.

Financial Implications

77. Senior officers have been continuing to advocate that the financial responsibility for these works rests with the Victorian School Building Authority; however, minimal funding has been forthcoming from the VSBA. The pedestrian crossing of Gleadell Street has been largely funded by Council with a contribution from the VSBA. VicRoads is funding the Gleadell Street and Bridge Road intersection treatment. Any further works will need to be funded by Council.

Economic Implications

78. The permanent loss of on-street parking may have an adverse impact on the operations of the Recreation Centre, the Bridge Road/Church Street shops and eating establishments during the day and in the evenings.

Sustainability Implications

79. Officers will support the school to develop a sustainable transport education program.

Social Implications

80. Richmond High School provides additional co-educational facilities in Richmond and out of school hour's access to facilities that can be used by the community. Officers are in the process of developing a Joint Use Agreement with the school which should be finalised once the academic campus opens in 2019.

Human Rights Implications

81. The safety of school children is a very important community consideration.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

82. There is no communication with CALD communities required for this update report. However stakeholder engagement will require communication with CALD communities.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

83. The Richmond Town Hall Precinct Urban Design Framework was adopted by Council in 2007.

Legal Implications

84. There are no legal implications for Council associated with this update report.

Other Issues

85. Shared facilities between Richmond High School and the Council is a matter for further discussion. The principal has indicated he wants to provide community access to the school facilities once the academic precinct is complete.

Conclusion

86. As outlined in the report, the raised pavement pedestrian crossing has been constructed in Gleadell Street, VicRoads is undertaking intersection improvements along Bridge Road, including the Gleadell Street intersection and Richmond High School will move into the Griffiths Street campus in 2019. These three things will have a significant impact on vehicle, pedestrian and cycling movement in Gleadell Street.
87. Officers can anticipate what impacts are likely, however a more prudent approach is to allow sufficient time for user behaviour to adjust to these changes and then review the conditions.
88. This report has provided a number of options for further treatments, but given that the school is only operating at 15% capacity and these recent changes to Gleadell Street, it is considered that further usage data should be collected once movement patterns between the two new school campuses has been well established. This data will assist in reducing the number of options to consider in consultation with the community and other stakeholders in due course.
89. The options explored in this report are matters that can be input into the upcoming LAPM 15 as part of a holistic view on the precinct.
90. On this basis the most prudent course of action is to assess the impact of these current changes and report back to Council in 12 months to evaluate these works and assess the need for any further treatments.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the updated report regarding various options to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in Gleadell Street;
 - (b) notes the completion of the raised pedestrian crossing in Gleadell Street and the part funding from the Victorian School Building Authority and the intersection works to be undertaken by VicRoads;
 - (c) notes that the Richmond High School will commence operating from the Griffiths Street campus in 2019;
 - (d) notes that the Highett LAPM 15 precinct and the delivery of infrastructure associated with this LAPM process is expected to be delivered in the short term (i.e. over the next 3-5 years); and
 - (e) receives a further report in late 2019 which assesses the impact of the opening of the Richmond High School academic building on Griffiths Street, the pedestrian crossing and the Gleadell Street and Bridge Road intersection treatment and recommends any further changes.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.4 Annual Report of the Yarra City Council 2016/17

Trim Record Number: D18/168090

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

Purpose

1. To formally receive Yarra City Council's 2017/18 Annual Report, provided here as **Attachment 1**.

Background

2. Council's Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* ('the Regulations').
3. At its Ordinary Meeting of Tuesday 4 September 2018 Council adopted 'in principle' the following components of the Annual Report 2017/18:
 - (a) 2017/18 Annual Financial Statements;
 - (b) 2017/18 Performance Statement; and
 - (c) 2017/18 Governance and Management Checklist.
4. These documents were formally lodged with the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.
5. A text version of the Annual Report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government prior to the deadline of 30 September 2018.
6. A professionally designed version is currently in production. It is anticipated that this will be published online and in hard copy form by the end of November.

Consultation

7. In accordance with the Act, Council has provided 14 days' public notice of its intention to consider the Annual Report at this meeting. Public notices appeared in *The Age* and Council's website on Monday 1 October 2018, and the document has been available for inspection at the Richmond Town Hall since that date.

Publication

8. The final printed version will be made available at Council's customer service centres and libraries.
9. A translations panel will be included in the document for residents from Yarra's CALD communities.
10. Large print versions of the report can be made available on request.
11. Copies will be sent to all local members of parliament and the office of the Victorian Local Government Minister.
12. The availability of the Annual Report will be promoted via our print and online communications channels.

Financial Implications

13. Preparation and publication of the Annual Report will be funded within existing resources.

Economic Implications

14. NA.

Sustainability Implications

15. As in previous years, the designed version of the Annual Report will be printed on recycled paper.

Social Implications

16. Not applicable.

Human Rights Implications

17. Not applicable.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

18. The Annual Report details Council's progress towards the achievement of the Strategic Objectives outlined in its previous Council Plan (2017–21).

Legal Implications

19. Pursuant to the Act and Regulations, Council must prepare an Annual Report, submit it to the Minister for Local Government within three months of the end of the financial year, and receive the Annual Report at a Meeting of Council within one month of submission to the Minister. These requirements have been met.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) receive the Annual Report of the Yarra City Council 2017/18, provided here as Attachment 1; and
 - (b) note the lodgement of the audited 2017/18 Performance Statement and Governance and Management checklist data contained in the Annual Report with the Department of Environment Land, Water and Planning in accordance with the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework requirements.

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Attachments

- 1  Annual Report 2017-18

12.1 Notice of Motion No. 14 of 2018 - Climate Emergency Conference

Trim Record Number: D18/175574

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

I, Councillor Amanda Stone, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 16 October 2018:

“That Council:

(a) in noting the Delegates Report outlined below, also note:

- (i) the considerable work done to date by Yarra City Council, in conjunction with the Yarra Energy Foundation, to reduce corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions, and to prepare the municipality for a warmer climate and its consequences; and*
- (ii) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment Report released last week, and its recommendations that we take immediate and significant action to limit global warming to 1.5 degree;*

(b) write to the federal Minister for the Environment, Melissa Price MP:

- (i) highlighting the inadequacy of Australia’s targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions which have seen consistent annual increases since 2013 with an all-time high in March this year;*
- (ii) communicating the responsibility of all levels of government to act in the best interests of their communities now and into the future to provide a liveable climate;*
- (iii) outlining the consequences for all people including Australian citizens, if global average temperatures rise above 1.5 degrees; and*
- (iv) urging her to acknowledge the advice in the IPCC 6th Assessment Report and to commit the national government to urgent action to ensure that global temperatures do not rise above 1.5 degrees.”*

Background

I attended the referenced Climate Emergency Conference on 11 and 12 September, 2018.

In late 2016, Darebin Council declared a Climate Emergency and invited other Councils to do the same. In February 2017, Yarra Council also resolved that Council:

- (a) recognises that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including by local councils;
- (b) recognises that the technology, expertise and capacity exists for humans to mitigate and adapt to this global challenge, but that collaboration and action is essential; and
- (c) renew our commitment to collaborate with other Councils and Governing bodies through forums such as NAGA in order to take collective action to reduce the carbon emissions of our municipalities.

Collaboration will be a key to how local communities respond to the challenges which a changing climate produces. Darebin Council commenced that collaboration recently with a **Climate Emergency Conference** which was attended by representatives from Councils across Victoria as well as community organisations and action groups.

The premise of the conference was that the “critical decade” during which significant action needed to be taken, in order to minimise the worst impacts of climate change, is coming to an end. It’s clear that current targets, commitments and actions are insufficient to ameliorate the worst impacts and that the window of opportunity for dramatic cuts to emissions and commencing a “draw down” of carbon already in the atmosphere, is closing.

The conference program attracted respected and credentialed speakers in the field of climate science:- David Spratt, Phillip Sutton, Paul Gilding, as well as local community activists and representatives from professions with an interest in the impacts of climate change – a paediatrician, psychologist, a religious leader and a farmer, amongst others.

The conference provided the facts about the current state of greenhouse gas emissions globally, and the action being taken (or not), specifically in Australia and the lack of time left to act.

The use of “emergency” language was deliberate in an attempt to shift the paradigm and encourage action.

The need to not only completely remove fossil fuel from the economy within 10 years, but also to remove greenhouse gases already in the atmosphere was described as urgent, probably very expensive but necessary and not impossible.

Mobilisation, such as in time of war or global financial crisis, was a common analogy across all speakers.

Also common was the agreement that “where to start” has historically fallen to local governments and grassroots actions, as both state and federal governments have consistently failed to act in the face of the overwhelming scientific evidence of the need to do so. This is likely to continue to be the case.

The role of local governments needs to also be to prepare and support the community when necessary widespread action does need to occur and as the impacts of climate change are experienced further.

Other councils, both in Australia and in other countries, are also adopting the “climate emergency” approach and developing detailed strategies for mitigation, including strategies for drawing down carbon, and adaptation plans for their communities.

Yarra’ Community Greenhouse Action Plan will complement and enhance the work already done locally in Yarra. However national leadership is still needed for the wider scale programmes such as support from the renewable energy sector, transition plans away from the coal industry, practical support for the wide-scale uptake of renewable energy and transition to sustainable transport mode, and a carbon trading scheme among many others.

Yarra, like all councils, needs to scale up its direct action and support for the community to do likewise, as well as collaborate with other councils. However there is also a need to increase advocacy to the federal government where much of the responsibility for the wide scale action, and its financing, lies if we are to avoid exceeding 1.5 degrees global temperature increase and the devastating consequences that will have, especially on the poor and most disadvantaged.

Within weeks of this conference, two significant reports were released:

- (a) The Department of Environment’s quarterly **Update of Australia’s National Greenhouse Gas Inventory** which revealed a continuation of the trend of upward annual emissions since 2013; and

- (b) *The IPCC 6th Assessment Report, “Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty”*, which demonstrated that Human-induced warming reached approximately 1°C above pre-industrial levels in 2017, increasing at 0.2°C per decade. (Summary attached)

The report concluded that:

- (a) Warming greater than the global average has already been experienced in many regions and seasons, with average warming over land higher than over the ocean
- (b) Past emissions alone are unlikely to raise global-mean temperature to 1.5°C above preindustrial levels but past emissions do commit to other changes, such as further sea level rise
- (c) This report assessed projected impacts at a global average warming of 1.5°C and higher levels of warming and these will have enormous impacts on life on earth
- (d) Ethical considerations, and the principle of equity in particular, are central to the report, recognising that many of the impacts of warming up to and beyond 1.5°C, and some potential impacts of mitigation actions required to limit warming to 1.5°C, **fall disproportionately on the poor and vulnerable**
- (e) The report acknowledged that despite multiple forms of knowledge, including scientific evidence, narrative scenarios and prospective pathways, inform the understanding of 1.5°C, there is no single answer to the question of whether it is feasible to limit warming to 1.5°C and adapt to the consequences

The report recommended immediate and dramatic action to limit temperature rises to below 1.5 degrees. Emissions have to decline about 45 per cent by 2030 and they have to reach zero by 2050. Current trends will see an increase of 3-4 degrees by the end of this century.

This report corroborated the key themes of the Climate Emergency Conference with no time to delay.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) in noting the Delegates Report outlined below, also note:
 - (i) the considerable work done to date by Yarra City Council, in conjunction with the Yarra Energy Foundation, to reduce corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions, and to prepare the municipality for a warmer climate and its consequences; and
 - (ii) the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment Report released last week, and its recommendations that we take immediate and significant action to limit global warming to 1.5 degree;
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 - (iii) outlining the consequences for all people including Australian citizens, if global average temperatures rise above 1.5 degrees; and
 - (iv) urging her to acknowledge the advice in the IPCC 6th Assessment Report and to commit the national government to urgent action to ensure that global temperatures do not rise above 1.5 degrees.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

12.2 Notice of Motion No. 15 of 2018 - Property 150-152 Hoddle Street Collingwood

Trim Record Number: D18/176097

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

I, Councillor Daniel Nguyen, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 16 October 2018:

“That in the matter of the “Soldiers and Sailors” Building at 150 - 152 Hoddle Street, Collingwood (also known as the Soldiers Memorial Hall - RSL), Council:

- (a) note multiple representations made by members of the Tramways and East Melbourne RSL;*
- (b) note Council’s now adopted Property Strategy and the associated Property Assessment Framework, which is to formally guide the process of reviewing all properties, over a period; and*
- (c) request officers to bring forward a report outlining the recent history of this site, and the options and statutory processes required to be undertaken for returning the building at 150-152 Hoddle Street Collingwood for use as an RSL.”*

RECOMMENDATION

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 - (c) request officers to bring forward a report outlining the recent history of this site, and the options and statutory processes required to be undertaken for returning the building at 150-152 Hoddle Street Collingwood for use as an RSL.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.