



# Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7.00pm  
Richmond Town Hall**

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## **Order of business**

- 1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Land**
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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 Danae Bosler (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- 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)
- Gracie Karabinis (Acting Group Manager – People, Culture and Community)
- Chris Leivers (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

## 4. Confidential business reports

### **Item**

- 4.1 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.2 Contractual matters
- 4.3 Contractual matters

## **Confidential business reports**

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, to allow consideration of:
  - (a) matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person; and
  - (b) contractual matters.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 until Council resolves otherwise.

## **5. Confirmation of minutes**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 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;
- 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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12.1 Notice of Motion No.5 of 2019 - Accessible Tram Stops and Associated Road Infrastructure on Route 96 at Nicholson Village.	16	17	Mike McEvoy - Councillor
12.2 Notice of Motion No. 6 of 2019 - Council Phasing out Use of Gas at Council Venues and Operations	18	19	Mike McEvoy - Councillor

## 13. Urgent business

Nil

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## 11.1 Panther Pavilion and Boat Storage

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### Executive Summary

#### Purpose

To provide further advice to Council following the report presented to Council on 19 March 2019, and to respond to the resolution from this meeting requesting officers to provide further information on:

- (a) what heritage constraints exist to providing a short term storage solution for canoes and kayaks;
- (b) whether the Fairfield Park Master Plan needs to be reviewed in light of its omission of any future plans for canoe and kayaking facilities;
- (c) what short to medium term options are possible to improve storage for canoes and kayaks; and
- (d) what arrangements would be made for canoe and kayak users during any reconstructions of the current facility or a new facility.

#### Key Issues

A report on the Panther Pavilion, Boat Storage and Precinct Planning was presented to Council on 19 March 2019 where it was decided that Council defer consideration of this matter and request officers to provide further information on heritage constraints, Fairfield Park Master Plan, storage options and arrangement options for facility users during any facility reconstruction. (Refer to attachment 1).

The Panther Pavilion, Boat Storage and Precinct Planning report supported an integrated precinct needs analysis, planning and design approach to guide the long term development of the facilities to meet the community, club and council needs.

The condition and viability of the Panther Pavilion and Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion has been rated as the highest priority for City of Yarra in the recent Status of Council owned Sporting Facilities and Pavilion report.

The Panther Pavilion currently stores around 227 boats within it and the Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club (INCC) wish to create a dedicated storage facility to enable the removal of boats from the club house. Council allocated funding in 2018/19 with a view to providing a boat storage facility on the roof top of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion, however this project has not been completed, due to reasons outlined in the previous report to Council on this matter.

Removing the 227 boats in the Panther Pavilion will be an important first step in enabling greater use and functionality of the Panther Pavilion.

Heritage advice has been received that a Planning Permit is required for the removal of the existing structure on the roof of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change room facility.

No planning permit will be required for the construction of a new storage facility in this location provided the facility is valued below \$1M and does not remove trees; the advice provided suggests a simple gable building be architecturally designed to look natural, blend in and be sympathetic to the park environment.

The Fairfield Park Master Plan is largely silent on the Panther Pavilion and Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change rooms and does not provide strategic direction to guide or address the current issues presented for the Panther Pavilion, Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms and the current user needs (Refer attachment 2).

There is an opportunity to revise the Fairfield Park Master Plan, however the addition of a boat storage facility and/or the refurbishment or redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion could occur either without a review of the Master Plan, or whilst this review was undertaken, subject to Council approval.

A number of storage longer term options have been investigated and include:

- (a) Top of Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms;
- (b) Lower level of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms; and
- (c) Lower level of the Panther Pavilion.

The most immediate solution would be to use the top of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms.

Use of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Room Pavilion change rooms and toilets located on the first level could be arranged and suitable for use during any construction periods of the Panther Pavilion.

### **Financial Implications**

The adopted 2018/19 budget includes \$50,000 for the development of a new boat storage facility of which \$45,000 remains.

A boat storage facility on top of Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms has been costed at \$330,000.

The Status of Council owned Sporting Facilities and Pavilions report to Council on 18 Dec 2018 proposed a three year financial plan for investment in council's pavilions. In 2020/21 an allocation of \$300,000 was identified for the Panther Pavilion and Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion concept plan and design.

An amount of \$315,000 (reflecting appropriate indexation) has been included in the draft 2019/20 budget for Council consideration, for this project. This amount includes investigation, needs analysis, site assessments and compliance (structure, heritage, culture and environment) concept plan, preliminary design and full design.

The draft long term Capital Works program nominally reflects funding for construction in subsequent years. Any future allocation will be subject to Council approval as part of budget adoption in the respective year.

Council officers have estimated a redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion, Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion and associated site works at around \$3.5M and have included this for consideration in the long term financial plan in the years 2021/22 and 2022/23. Any future allocation will be subject to confirmation by Council as part of the annual budget process.

A range of options and cost estimates to refurbish the Panther Pavilion only have been estimated as below.

Option A – Refurbishing of existing amenities on the lower floor – estimate \$479,000 (not inclusive of improved access, which would be required and add to the cost and timeframe for the works).

Option B – Fully refurbishment of existing pavilion – estimate \$2,010,000.

Option C – Replacement with a new pavilion in this location – estimate \$2,327,000.

A review of the 2010 Fairfield Park Masterplan would cost \$50,000 (noting this is not strictly necessary in order to proceed with works to these facilities, and does not necessarily prohibit the works commencing even in a review of the Master Plan is deemed appropriate).



## PROPOSAL

1. That Council:
  - (a) authorise Officers to commence planning for the provision of a storage facility on the roof of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion in 2019/20, with the remaining available funding in 2018/19 (\$45,000);
  - (a) refer an amount of \$285,000 to the draft 2019/20 budget to complete the boat storage project in 2019/20;
  - (b) noting the INCC's advice that they support in principle the precinct planning approach, but prefer a more immediate solution, refer an amount of \$200,000 to the draft 2019/20 budget for consideration, to enable the concept and design work to be undertaken on the Panther Pavilion only, to prepare this to be permit and construction ready;
  - (c) consider a further allocation in future years to undertake a precinct planning approach; and
  - (d) establish a Project Reference Group, involving representatives from the INCC and other stakeholders as appropriate, to oversee the planning and implementation of the storage facility, and to inform the concept and design for the redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion.

## 11.1 Panther Pavilion and Boat Storage

Trim Record Number: D19/41929

Responsible Officer: Director City Works and Assets

### Purpose

1. To provide further advice to Council following the report presented to Council on 19 March 2019, and to respond to the resolution from this meeting requesting officers to provide further information on:
  - (a) what heritage constraints exist to providing a short term storage solution for canoes and kayaks;
  - (b) whether the Fairfield Park Master Plan needs to be reviewed in light of its omission of any future plans for canoe and kayaking facilities;
  - (c) what short to medium term options are possible to improve storage for canoes and kayaks; and
  - (d) what arrangements would be made for canoe and kayak users during any reconstructions of the current facility or a new facility.

### Background

2. A report on the Panther Pavilion, Boat Storage and Precinct Planning was presented to Council on 19 March 2019 where it was decided that Council defer consideration of this matter and request officers to provide further information on heritage constraints, Fairfield Park Master Plan, storage options and arrangement options for current facility users during any facility reconstruction. (Refer attachment 1).
3. The Panther Pavilion, Boat Storage and Precinct Planning report supported an integrated precinct needs analysis, planning and design approach to guide the long term development of the facilities to meet the community, club and council needs.
4. The condition and viability of the Panther Pavilion and Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion has been rated as the highest priority for City of Yarra in the recent Status of Council owned Sporting Facilities and Pavilion report.
5. The Panther Pavilion is a two story facility. The lower level includes amenities and is a very small area not the full size of the upper level (ground level) which is 37.9 x 8m = 303m<sup>2</sup> and made up of three distinct rooms storing around 227 boats in two of these areas.
6. The Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion is a two story facility with a roof top viewing platform and rotunda. The lower level is 5.85m x 22m with the first level and the rooftop 8.7 x 22m. The lower level includes boat storage, stair case and storage area and the first level includes change rooms and toilets and public toilets.
7. The second level services Amphitheatre events managed by Council's Arts, Culture and Venues team, and includes public toilets and performance change rooms. Outside of these times it is toilet and change facility for Camberwell Grammar and MLC.
8. The Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club (INCC) wish to create a dedicated storage facility to enable the pavilion to be redeveloped to meet the club and other community needs in the future. The best immediate option for this appears to be the on the roof top of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion.
9. Removing the 227 boats in the Panther Pavilion will be an important first step in addressing the use and functionality of the Panther Pavilion.

Heritage constraints

10. A planning permit will be required for the demolition of the existing steel structure that currently sits a top of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change rooms Pavilion and another small shed nearby also servicing INCC.
11. Details of the proposed boat storage building is not required with the application for demolition.
12. Council's Planning Department has advised that communications needs to be arranged and available at the time of advertising so that answers can be provided promptly when the public questions what will be put in place post demolition.
13. Despite the site being located in Heritage Overlay HO 147, a planning permit will not be required for the construction of a storage facility on top of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion if the works are less than \$1M, are being undertaken by Council and does not involved the removal of any trees. This is in accordance with the exemption under clause 62.02-1 in all planning schemes across the state.
14. Heritage advice suggests a simple gable, weatherboard-structure (or equivalent non-flammable material) building be architecturally designed to look natural, blend in and be sympathetic to the park environment.
15. Estimated duration of planning process including advertising is 3-6 months. This is a conservative estimate and the process could be completed in a shorter timeframe.

Fairfield Park Master Plan

16. The Fairfield Park Master Plan was completed in 2009/2010 and adopted by Council in 2010.
17. The Master Plan does not provide strong direction on the precinct that houses the Panther Pavilion, Amphitheatre or surrounding facilities, however it did indicate an intended use for the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change rooms, suggesting, 'Upgrade top level of concrete storage/change room building to provide new picnic and BBQ facilities, shelter and lookout' (Refer attachment 2).
18. Given the limited direction of the Master Plan on the Panther Pavilion and Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change rooms, the Fairfield Park Master Plan could be revised to integrate future plans for canoe and kayaking facilities. This would ensure that proposed upgrades are appropriate and fitting for this park and broader issues such as access can be addressed holistically. Such a review would be led by Councils Open Space design unit and is anticipated to take approximately 5 months and cost around \$50,000.
19. Officers' advice is that, Council could, on balance, decide to proceed with a project to construct a boat storage facility on the roof of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change rooms, irrespective of the proposed use outlined in the Fairfield Park Master Plan.
20. Officers similarly believe that concept and design work for the refurbishment or redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion could be undertaken (based on this being within the existing building footprint) without the need to review the Fairfield Park Master Plan.
21. Officers believe there could be value in reviewing and updating the Fairfield Park Master Plan, in order to inform a precinct-based approach for these facilities, but that waiting for this to be completed prior to the provision of boat storage, and prior to the design and refurbishment or redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion, is not necessary.

Storage options

22. A number of storage options have been investigated:
  - (a) Top of Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms;
  - (b) Lower level of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms;
  - (c) Lower level of the Panther Pavilion; and

(d) New site closer to the river.

23. A storage facility purpose built on top of Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Room Pavilion is a storage solution that is feasible, costed and can be delivered in the short term, subject to Council support and appropriate budget allocation. Whilst this approach won't remove all boats from the Panther Pavilion, it will address a major part of the issue. The project is costed at \$330,000 and can provide space for up to 186 boats stored six high with no workshop area or 162 boats with a workshop area. This option is supported by INCC.
24. Enlargement of the lower level of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Room Pavilion may be possible but would require more planning and costing to establish its feasibility. There are currently two rooms divided by a stair case (store 1 - 5.85m x 5.875m and store 2 – 5.85m x13.875m) and the facility is currently not deep enough to efficiently store the boats with most ranging between 5.3-6.5m with some much larger.
25. The lower level of the Panther Pavilion is only a portion of the size of the upper level with toilets, showers and an internal stair case. It is unknown at this stage if this could be enlarged to cater for boat storage.
26. A new site closer to the river and just in front of the existing facilities was previously investigated by INCC. Whilst it is unknown if this is a feasible option, the road access requirements would be extensive.

Arrangement options for current facility users during any facility reconstruction

27. Use of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Room Pavilion change rooms and toilets located on the first level could be arranged and suitable for use during any construction periods within the Panther Pavilion. There are two change rooms with toilets and showers and one external public and accessible toilets. The amenities are currently used by Camberwell Grammar and MLC and supports events hosted at the amphitheatre (30-40 during the summer season). Schools mainly use the facilities in the afternoons and Saturday mornings during school terms and INCC in the mornings, evenings and weekends. These facilities are currently underutilised and in superior condition to those within the Panther Pavilion.
28. These potential arrangements have been discussed with the club and whilst not ideal for a long period, are deemed to be acceptable for a time limited period, and in view of the dearth of other options.

**External Consultation**

29. Discussions have taken place with the INCC, who broadly support the Officer recommendation outlined in this report.
30. A recent discussion with Parks Victoria (the land manager of most of the land along the Yarra River) confirmed that there are no immediately identifiable alternative areas suitable for the development of paddle sport infrastructure along the Yarra River within the City of Yarra.

**Internal Consultation (One Yarra)**

31. Internal consultation has taken place with the Building and Asset Management, Open Space design and Planning teams on all aspects of this report.

**Financial Implications**

32. The adopted 2018/19 budget includes \$50,000 for the development of a new canoe storage facility of which \$45,000 remains.
33. A canoe storage facility has been costed at \$330,000.
34. The Status of Council owned sporting facilities and pavilions report to Council on 18 Dec 2018 proposed a three year financial plan for investment in council's pavilions. In 2020/21 an allocation of \$300,000 was identified for the Panther Pavilion and Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion concept plan and design.

35. An amount of \$315,000 (reflecting appropriate indexation) has been included in the draft 2019/20 budget for Council consideration, for this project. This amount was proposed to undertake investigation, needs analysis, site assessments and compliance (structure, heritage, culture and environment) concept plan, preliminary design and full design.
36. The draft long term Capital Works Program nominally reflects funding for construction in subsequent years. Any future allocation will be subject to Council approval as part of budget adoption in the respective year.
37. Council officers have estimated a redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion, Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion and associated site works at around \$3.5M and have included this for consideration in the long term financial plan in the years 2021/22 and 2022/23. These allocations are subject to confirmation by Council as part of the annual budget process.
38. Officers believe there may be some opportunity to attract external funding for a redevelopment or refurbishment of these facilities, given their nature, significance and potential.
39. A range of options and cost estimates to refurbish the Panther Pavilion only, have been estimated as below:
  - (a) Option A – Refurbishing of existing amenities on the lower floor – estimate \$479,000 (not inclusive of improved access, which would be required and add to the cost and timeframe for the works);
  - (b) Option B – Fully refurbishment of existing pavilion – estimate \$2,010,000; and
  - (c) Option C – Replacement with a new pavilion in this location – estimate \$2,327,000.
40. A review of the 2010 Fairfield Park Masterplan would cost \$50,000 (noting this is not strictly necessary in order to proceed with works to these facilities, and does not necessarily prohibit the works commencing even if a review of the Master Plan is deemed appropriate).

### **Economic Implications**

41. Clubs contribute significantly to the economy of communities. The INCC is the largest canoe club in the State and contributes through an annual turnover of \$75,000, the abundance of volunteer hours and the extensive program of activities and events that service the 300 members and broader community.
42. Investment in planning and construction will have a positive economic impact through permanent and temporary job generation, purchasing of goods and services and the increase in the capacity of the club to service more members and activities.

### **Sustainability Implications**

43. The principles of Environmental Sustainable Design will be embedded in the design element of this project including the conservation of the river, riverbanks and surrounding areas.

### **Social Implications**

44. Community sport organisations can greatly impact the community in which they are embedded. Clubs can produce positive social benefits and increase social capital by bringing communities together, provide opportunities for physical activity and promote health and wellness in our communities.
45. The activities of the INCC are particularly attractive to girls and females and promote female participation and inclusion. The proposal to support the Guides to access this facility would further this objective.

### **Human Rights Implications**

46. There are no human rights implications as a result of this report

### **Communications with CALD Communities Implications**

47. There are no obvious implications for the CALD community as a result of this report.

## **Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications**

48. Investing in community sport contributes to the delivery of Council strategies as outlined below.

### Council Plan 2017-2021:

- (a) Strategy 1.2 – Promote a community that is inclusive, resilient, connected and enjoys strong mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- (b) Strategy 1.6 – Promote a gender equitable, safe and respectful community.
- (c) Strategy 1.8 – Provide opportunities for people to be involved in and connect with their community.
- (d) Strategy 2.1 – Build resilience by providing opportunities and places for people to meet, be involved in and connect with their community.
- (e) Strategy 2.5 – Support community initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion.

### Access and Inclusion Strategy 2018-2024:

- (f) Strategy 1.5 – Improve accessibility to City of Yarra buildings and facilities, including ensuring adequate amenities are available.
- (g) Strategy 2.1 – Provide and/or support the community to provide a diverse range of accessible community services and arts, cultural, sport and recreational activities that are creative and fun for all abilities and ages.

### Gender Equity Strategy 2016-2021:

- (h) Action Plan 12 – Gender issues are considered in all policy, planning and service delivery.

## **Legal Implications**

49. There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

## **Other Issues**

50. No other issues have been canvassed in this report.

## **Options**

51. Based on the investigations undertaken to date a number of options can be considered:

- (a) Boat storage only - \$330,000;
- (b) Boat storage and Panther Pavilion full design - \$330,000 + \$200,000 = \$530,000;
- (c) Boat storage and full precinct planning (inclusive of full design of both pavilions, access, etc.) - \$330,000 + \$315,000 = \$645,000; and
- (d) Precinct planning only = \$315,000.

*All of the above options could include a review of the Fairfield Park Master Plan which would add \$50,000 to the total.*

## **Conclusion**

52. It is not possible to achieve the intended outcomes of relocating most of the 227 boats from the Panther Pavilion to a new storage facility with the current remaining allocation in the 2018/19 budget of \$45,000.
53. The INCC have been working with City of Yarra for many years attempting to find a storage solution and achieve an improved pavilion for members and the broader community to enjoy. This has not progressed in a timely manner and the issues have now become more urgent. Their preference is to continue with the boat storage on the roof top of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion and have Council support them to attract external funding for the upgrade of the Panther Pavilion.

54. Investing in an integrated precinct concept plan and design for the site will maximise the outcomes for the current and existing users and the amenity of the overall precinct.
55. Staging the needs analysis/planning/design and construction works could maximise the Councils and clubs opportunities to seek external investment in this regional facility.
56. On the basis of the above, Officers present the recommendation below for Council's consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) authorise Officers to commence planning for the provision of a storage facility on the roof of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion in 2019/20, with the remaining available funding in 2018/19 (\$45,000);
  - (b) refer an amount of \$285,000 to the draft 2019/20 budget to complete the boat storage project in 2019/20;
  - (c) noting the INCC's advice that they support in principle the precinct planning approach, but prefer a more immediate solution, refer an amount of \$200,000 to the draft 2019/20 budget for consideration, to enable the concept and design work to be undertaken on the Panther Pavilion only, to prepare this to be permit and construction ready;
  - (d) consider a further allocation in future years to undertake a precinct planning approach; and
  - (e) establish a Project Reference Group, involving representatives from the INCC and other stakeholders as appropriate, to oversee the planning and implementation of the storage facility, and to inform the concept and design for the redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion.

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## **Attachments**

- 1 ➡ Panther Pavilion Boat Storage and Precinct Planning Report to Council 19 March 2019
- 2 ➡ Fairfield Park Masterplan 2010

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**12.1 Notice of Motion No.5 of 2019 - Accessible Tram Stops and Associated Road Infrastructure on Route 96 at Nicholson Village.**

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Trim Record Number: D19/51066

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

I, Councillor Mike McEvoy, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 2 April 2019:

*"That Council:*

- (a) affirms its strong support for the installation of DDA-compliant accessible transport tram stops;*
- (b) notes its long history of advocacy for the route 96 upgrade project, including its leadership in a campaign for accessible tram stops through Friends of Route 96 launched jointly in 2006 by Yarra, Melbourne, Moreland and Port Phillip Councils;*
- (c) notes the previous consultation and in-principle support provided by Council for stop design may need review, given the passage of time;*
- (d) resolves as a matter of urgency, to receive a public report (as soon as practicable) on the PTV / VicRoads proposal for Stops 20, 21 and 22 (Route 96) and therefore seek to obtain and where possible, make public the traffic modelling from VicRoads / PTV of traffic flows for:*
  - (i) easy access tram stops" through the Nicholson Village Activity Centre, against what is being proposed;*
  - (ii) a continuous single traffic lane as against the proposed two lanes of traffic merging into one lane, at the tram stop locations; and*
  - (iii) the implications of lowering the speed limit to 40kph, as operates in other City of Yarra activity centres; and*
- (e) requests that officers write to PTV and VicRoads signalling Council's interest in reviewing the design of accessible tram stops in Nicholson Village, informed by the above traffic flow information and to integrate with the principle of facilitating access to and viability of the Nicholson Village activity centre."*

**Background**

1. PTV ~~are~~ is in the process of consulting stakeholders regarding the next section of Nicholson Street / Tram Route 96 with a view to providing accessible tram stops.
2. This is the last section of work to be upgraded on Route 96 to make the route entirely accessible and DDA compliant end-to-end. It is therefore important that the project proceeds as soon as possible.
3. Residents and traders have raised a number of concerns concerning the design and placement of stops in Nicholson Village.
4. In the last Council term, Council gave in-principle approval for the designs, but given the passage of time and with new residents, businesses and new Councillors, Council may choose to ~~review its~~ update that decision, taking new factors into account.
5. Stops 20, 21 & 22 have been designed as centre-island stops, retaining 2 lanes of traffic, necessitating the removal of mature trees and parking. By comparison, easy access stops would enable a reduction to one lane of traffic, activation of the footpath through the activity centre, and possible retention of street trees.
6. In the broader context:



- (a) where other accessible stops are being rolled out by PTV/VicRoads within MCC boundaries, it is noted that concerns have arisen related to the lack of priority and consideration of other road users, as distinct from motor vehicle users, and the engagement processes which the State Government agencies, PTV and VicRoads, have used, with respect to these matters;
- (b) the initial PTV / VicRoads consultations re upgrades to universally accessible stops took place 4-5 years ago and much has changed in that time e.g. new businesses, residents and Councillors;
- (c) in the 2017 process for consulting on the Nicholson Street / Tram Route 96, within Moreland, and the roll out of accessible stops, the provision for suitable pedestrian and bike linkages for east / west users on Nicholson Street (*Moreland City*) proposals were generally well considered. However, there were few, if any, improvements for bike users travelling north / south on this road (e.g. no bike lanes were proposed, when Nicholson Street had been identified on Travel smart maps for Yarra as a bike route; and
- (d) it is understood Nicholson Village traders have put to PTV / VicRoads that the works not to be implemented until the quiet trading period in January 2020 so as minimise adverse impacts on trading activity and offer time for further input on an accessible tram stop design which better supports the Nicholson Village activity centre amenity and viability. Representations have also been made to reduce traffic speed through the activity centre from 60 km/h to 40 km/h.

## RECOMMENDATION

### 1. That Council:

- (a) affirms its strong support for the installation of DDA-compliant accessible transport tram stops;
- (b) notes its long history of advocacy for the route 96 upgrade project, including its leadership in a campaign for accessible tram stops through Friends of Route 96 launched jointly in 2006 by Yarra, Melbourne, Moreland and Port Phillip Councils;
- (c) notes the previous consultation and in-principle support provided by Council for stop design may need review, given the passage of time;
- (d) resolves as a matter of urgency, to receive a public report (*as soon as practicable*) on the PTV / VicRoads proposal for Stops 20, 21 and 22 (Route 96) and therefore seek to obtain and where possible, make public the traffic modelling from VicRoads / PTV of traffic flows for:
  - (i) easy access tram stops” through the Nicholson Village Activity Centre, against what is being proposed;
  - (ii) a continuous single traffic lane as against the proposed two lanes of traffic merging into one lane, at the tram stop locations; and
  - (iii) the implications of lowering the speed limit to 40kph, as operates in other City of Yarra activity centres; and
- (e) requests that officers write to PTV and VicRoads signalling Council's interest in reviewing the design of accessible tram stops in Nicholson Village, informed by the above traffic flow information and to integrate with the principle of facilitating access to and viability of the Nicholson Village activity centre.

## Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

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**12.2 Notice of Motion No. 6 of 2019 - Council Phasing out Use of Gas at Council Venues and Operations**

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Trim Record Number: D19/51167

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

I, Councillor Mike McEvoy, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 2 April 2019:

*"That Council:*

*(a) notes:*

- (i) its commitment to achieve carbon neutrality in its own operations as soon as possible; and*
- (ii) its recent commitment to support the community to achieve zero net emissions as quickly as possible through the development of a Climate Emergency Plan, with the draft of this plan due in August 2019; and*

*(b) recognises that a significant proportion of its operational emissions come from the use of gas, and that much of this relates to our sports and leisure centres;*

*(c) requests Officers to report on a program to enable the phase out of the use of gas in Council venues and operations, and;*

*(d) directs officers to:*

- (i) outline a plan for all Council operations and venues to be gas-free by a specified date between 2024 and 2029;*
- (ii) incorporate this plan into the Long Term Financial Plan and Council's Carbon Neutral Action Plan; and*
- (iii) outline relevant actions in the Climate Emergency Plan to encourage the Yarra community to 'get off gas'."*

**Background**

1. Yarra Council is committed to achieve carbon neutrality in its own operations as soon as possible. We have declared a Climate Emergency and committed to urgent action, including through the development of a Climate Emergency Plan for the municipality due in August 2019. Since January 2019 all of Council's buildings and street lights are powered by 100% renewable electricity. But many of Council's facilities still rely on gas, including leisure centres where gas heating is used for our swimming pools.
2. In the context of climate emergency, burning gas is no longer acceptable. In the UK, a report by the Committee on Climate Change advised the Government that from 2025 at the latest, no new homes should be connected to the gas grid (The Guardian, 21 February 2019). In Australia, there is a growing call from the community for Councils to show leadership to help move our communities off gas, including from Climate Emergency Declaration and Mobilisation in Action (CEDAMIA).
3. Council Officers at Yarra are already turning their mind to this piece of work. It is important that Council lead by example with a plan to rapidly reduce its own use of gas while engaging developers, State and Federal Governments and our local community in the campaign to get off gas.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes:
    - (i) its commitment to achieve carbon neutrality in its own operations as soon as possible; and
    - (ii) it's recent commitment to support the community to achieve zero net emissions as quickly as possible through the development of a Climate Emergency Plan, with the draft of this plan due in August 2019; and
  - (b) recognises that a significant proportion of its operational emissions come from the use of gas, and that much of this relates to our sports and leisure centres;
  - (c) requests Officers to report on a program to enable the phase out of the use of gas in Council venues and operations, and;
  - (d) directs officers to:
    - (i) outline a plan for all Council operations and venues to be gas-free by a specified date between 2024 and 2029;
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    - (iii) outline relevant actions in the Climate Emergency Plan to encourage the Yarra community to 'get off gas'.

## **Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.