



Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda

to be held on Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 7.00pm
Fitzroy Town Hall

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- 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence**
- 3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)**
- 4. Confidential business reports**
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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 Amanda Stone (Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr James Searle

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager - CEO's Office)
- Andrew Day (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Chris Leivers (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Jane Waldock (Assistant Director - Planning and Place making)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director - City Works and Assets)
- Joanne Murdoch (Group Manager - Advocacy and Engagement)
- Fred Warner (Group Manager – People, Culture and Community)
- 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 20 December 2016 be confirmed.

6. Petitions and joint letters

7. Public question time

Yarra City Council welcomes questions from members of the community.

Public question time is an opportunity to ask questions, not to make statements or engage in debate.

Questions should not relate to items listed on the agenda. (Council will consider submissions on these items separately.)

Members of the public who wish to participate are to:

- (a) state their name clearly for the record;
- (b) direct their questions to the chairperson;
- (c) ask a maximum of two questions;
- (d) speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- (e) refrain from repeating questions that have been asked previously by themselves or others; and
- (f) remain silent following their question unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

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Public submissions procedure

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

When the chairperson invites verbal submissions from the gallery, members of the public who wish to participate are to:

- (a) state their name clearly for the record;
- (b) direct their submission to the chairperson;
- (c) speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- (d) confine their remarks to the matter under consideration;
- (e) refrain from repeating information already provided by previous submitters; and
- (f) remain silent following their 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 Emma Street, Collingwood Heritage Update

Trim Record Number: D17/6992

Responsible Officer: Senior Coordinator Strategic Planning

Purpose

1. To report back to Council on the suitability of including properties in Emma Street in a Heritage Overlay.

Background

2. In 2015 Context Pty Ltd was engaged to undertake a review of heritage precinct boundaries in Abbotsford and Collingwood, the recommendations of which formed the basis of Amendment C198. The Amendment sought to extend three existing heritage precincts and introduce one new individually significant place.
3. The Amendment was placed on public exhibition between 5 November and 4 December 2015 and received 5 submissions. Council considered the submissions at its meeting on 16 February 2016 and resolved to make some minor changes to the Amendment. It was then considered by a Planning Panel in April 2016, which recommended Amendment C198 be adopted as exhibited, subject to changes which reflected Council's February resolution.
4. At the meeting on 19 July 2016 Council adopted Amendment C198. This included the following resolution:

That Council officers review the consultant recommendations for Emma Street, Collingwood to determine whether the properties are suitable for inclusion in a Heritage Overlay and report back to Council.
5. Officers have reviewed the consultant's expert heritage assessment report, which assessed whether properties should be added to an existing heritage overlay, in this case HO321 Gold Street Precinct. The Emma Street properties were removed at Stage 2 of the assessment process because the:
 - (a) existing buildings within HO321 are from an earlier period than those in Emma Street; and
 - (b) buildings in Emma Street that were potentially 'contributory' to a precinct are visually isolated from the rest of the existing precinct.
6. The consultant's report excluded all the Emma Street properties from the precinct extensions because *half of the east side streetscape comprises Not Contributory buildings and the Contributory houses (Nos 18-26) are visually isolated from the HO 321 Gold Street Precinct.*
7. No buildings in the proposed precinct extensions were assessed as Individually Significant and therefore officers are not recommending any further controls to be sought.
8. The consultant's and officer advice indicates that the many buildings in Emma Street are non-contributory and those that have may be contributory are visually isolated from the Gold Street Precinct. Therefore the properties do not meet the criteria for inclusion in a heritage overlay; that is, there is no strategic evidence to support a planning scheme amendment.

External Consultation

9. Amendment C198 was placed on public exhibition in November 2015.
10. No additional external consultation has been undertaken in preparing this report.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

11. No internal consultation was required.

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications of this report.

Economic Implications

13. There are no economic implications of this report.

Sustainability Implications

14. There are no sustainability implications.

Social Implications

15. There are no social implications of this report.

Human Rights Implications

16. There are no known restrictions or infringements on the substantive rights outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

17. Notification and consultation on Amendment C198 included information of the interpreter service that Council has available.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

18. There are no Council Plan implications of this report.

Legal Implications

19. There are no known legal implications of this report.

Conclusion

20. Officers have reviewed the consultant recommendations for Emma Street, Collingwood and can report that the properties were excluded from the precinct extensions because *half of the east side streetscape comprises Not Contributory buildings and the Contributory houses (Nos 18-26) are visually isolated from the HO 321 Gold Street Precinct*.
21. No buildings in the proposed precinct extensions were assessed as Individually Significant and therefore no further controls are recommended to be sought for the properties.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
- (a) note the report regarding the Council request for a further report regarding Emma Street, Collingwood;
 - (b) note the officer recommendations not to pursue any further heritage amendments based on the information contained in the officer report; and
 - (c) resolve to not pursue any further heritage controls regarding Emma Street, Collingwood.

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Attachments

- 1 Heritage Review of Emma Street Collingwood

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2.2.5 Emma & Blanche streets, Collingwood (Map 3)



West side of Blanche Street, looking north.



Factory on east side of Emma Street, looking south.

Extent of defined area for investigation

5-41 Alexandra Parade, 5-17 & 8-26 Blanche Street, 35 & 10-26 Emma Street, 30 Mater Street



Associated historic themes

2.0 The suburban extension of Melbourne: 2.1 Settlement, land sales and subdivision; 2.2 A street layout emerges; 2.3 The effect of the 1849-50 Melbourne Building Act

3.0 Mansions, Villas and Sustenance Housing: The division between rich and poor: 3.1 A home to call one's own

4.0 Developing local economies: 4.2 Secondary industry

Description

Blanche Street contains a good selection of Victorian houses of fairly high intactness, with a fine Italianate double-fronted timber house at no. 26. They have minimal to zero front and side setbacks, typical of early housing in this area.

The building stock on Emma Street is far more mixed. The east side contains a mix of Victorian and Edwardian houses (plus a more recent terrace).

The west side is dominated by a long Art Deco factory building. Judging by the roofline, it was built in a number of stages, likely including the factory at no. 43 visible on the 1900 MMBW plan (see below). By 1942 it took up the north half of the block, and was occupied by shopfitters Silverwood & Beck. The company was still there into the 1950s, and this is likely when the factory was expanded southward with a saw-tooth section, replacing three houses. Despite its evolution over time, the façade is a coherent whole. Neither the company, nor

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shopfitters in general, are mentioned in the ‘Collingwood Conservation Study’ (1989) or the ‘City of Yarra Thematic History’ (1998).

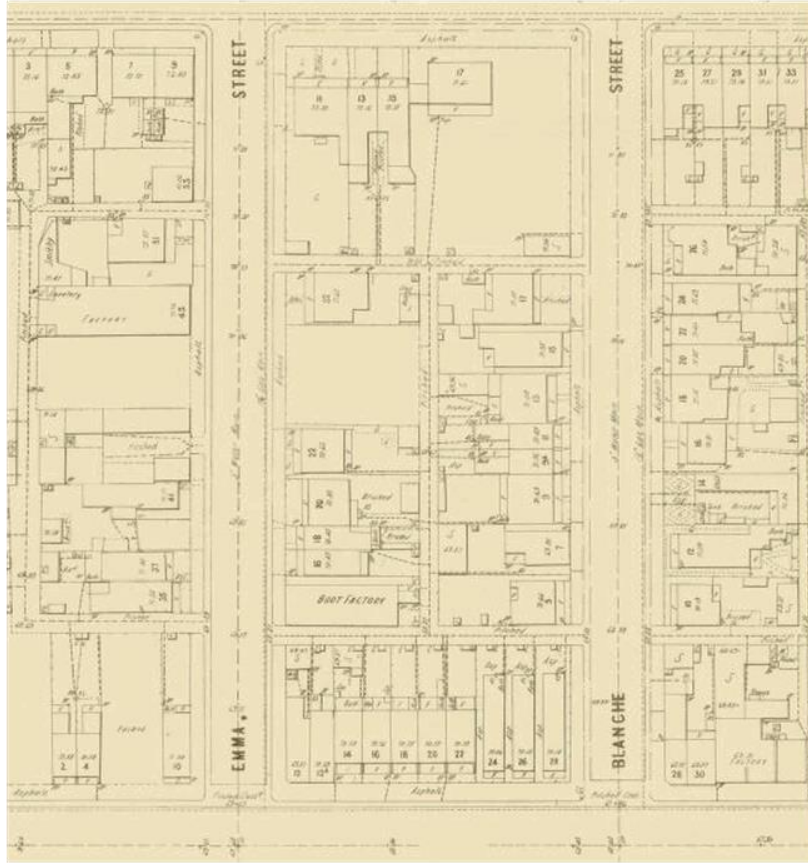


Figure 5. Emma and Blanche streets in 1900 (MMBW Detail Plan No. 1214)

The building at the corner of Blanche and Mater streets is a modern apartment building with a third storey set back. It is largely surrounded by HO321 Gold Street Precinct.

None of the buildings along Alexandra Parade would be Contributory to a precinct – they comprise a vacant lot, a petrol station and a row of public housing flats.

Intactness

The intactness of the houses along Emma and Blanche streets varies from low to high. One of the most altered is 26 Emma Street, which appears to be an early Victorian cottage with a very altered façade. Other houses have alterations to their verandahs or are entirely intact. The level of intactness along Blanche Street is especially high.

In terms of the integrity of the streetscapes, 39% of the properties are Not Contributory – mainly modern versions of terraces. Note that this number would be better if the block-long factory on Emma Street was counted as the eight allotments it occupies (in which case it would be 31% Not Contributory).

Comparison with adjacent precinct

In comparison with the adjacent HO321 Gold Street Precinct, the percentage of streetscapes that are Not Contributory is similar (33% in HO321).

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This precinct is significant for:

- Its good representation of modest substantially intact timber and masonry workers' housing ... dating predominately from the late 19th and early 20th century; and
- For the well-preserved late 19th century and early to mid 20th century industrial and commercial buildings.

The Contributory buildings on Emma and Blanche streets all appear to correspond with the significant themes of HO321 Gold Street Precinct, and are of a similar scale, design quality and intactness.

Recommendation for Stage 2

It is recommended that the following area be assessed in Stage 2 as a potential extension to HO321 Gold Street Precinct: 5-17 & 8-26 Blanche Street, 10-26 & 35 Emma Street, and 30 Mater Street.



The large Not Contributory block of flats at 30 Mater Street has been included in the precinct extension because it would otherwise form an 'island' in the middle of the extended precinct.

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2.2.6 Palmer Street, Collingwood (Map 4)



West side of Palmer Street, looking north.

Factory on east side of Campbell Street, looking south.

Extent of defined area for investigation

127B-133 & 114 Campbell Street, 103-111 & 94-100 Dight Street, 65-81 Palmer Street, 58-94 Perry Street



Associated historic themes

2.0 The suburban extension of Melbourne: 2.1 Settlement, land sales and subdivision; 2.2 A street layout emerges; 2.3 The effect of the 1849-50 Melbourne Building Act

3.0 Mansions, Villas and Sustenance Housing: The division between rich and poor: 3.1 A home to call one's own

4.0 Developing local economies: 4.2 Secondary industry

Description

This is an area that sits between Perry Street at the south and HO324 Johnston Street Precinct to the three other sides.

The section of Perry Street to the west of Campbell Street comprises a mix of Victorian and Edwardian houses, with more recent examples. There is a Victorian terrace at nos. 58-64. A timber Edwardian house at no. 76 is particularly attractive. It also includes individually Significant Victorian cottages at nos. 92-94 (HO130).

The section of Dight Street contains two Victorian houses.

The east side of Palmer Street is in HO324, while the west side contains Victorian and contemporary houses, as well as a small interwar industrial building.

Campbell Street has two interwar factories at its south end, as well as Victorian and Edwardian housing on the west side. The interwar factory at 114 Campbell Street, which occupies nearly the entire east side, is particularly attractive, especially the early section to the north. In the 1920s it served as a cigar and cigarette factory, and by the 1940s it was a boot manufacturer's.

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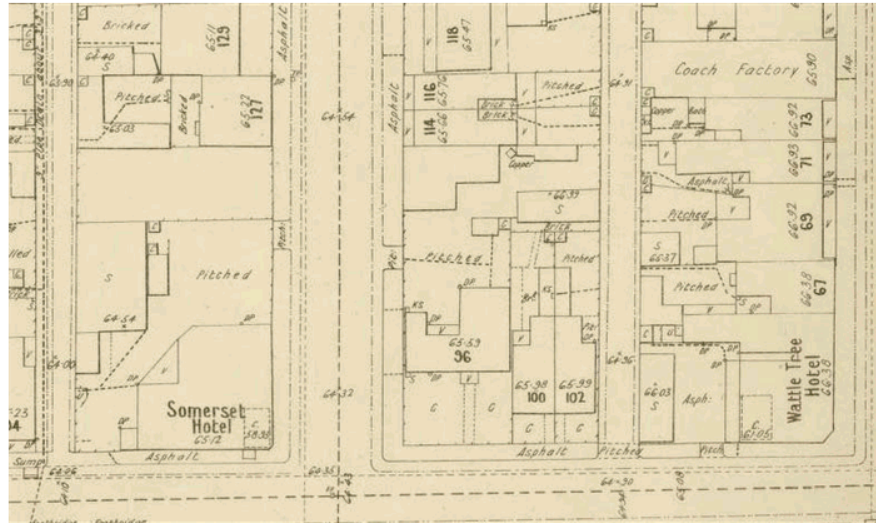


Figure 6. Campbell Street and the west side of Palmer Street, 1899 (MMBW Detail Plan Nos 1197 & 1198). The two hotels shown are no longer there.

Intactness and integrity

The intactness of the houses and factories on Palmer and Campbell streets is quite high. The one exception is 133 Campbell Street, an Edwardian brick house that has been covered in sand (held by a clear polymer). In terms of integrity, 33% of the properties are Not Contributory. As two of the properties are large factories, the area the Not Contributory houses take up is more like 10% in total.

Of the two early buildings on Dight Street, one is very poorly intact (no. 103). 71% of properties are Not Contributory.

Of the eight Victorian and Edwardian buildings on Perry Street (not counting HO130), five have a very low intactness. The integrity of this streetscape is low, with 47% Not Contributory.

Comparison with adjacent precinct

The best part of this area, in terms of quality of the building stock, its intactness and the integrity of streetscapes, is Campbell Street as well as the west side of Palmer Street. It compares well, in terms of integrity, with the surrounding HO324 Johnston Street Precinct (22% Not Contributory buildings).

The west side of Palmer Street is also similar in architectural quality to the east side (in HO324).

The question then is if these two residential-plus-industrial streets accord with the historical themes the Johnston Street Precinct illustrates. The main focus of the precinct is the commercial development along Johnston Street, which is noted for its Victorian and Edwardian commercial buildings. It does, however, take in Harmsworth Street and Bedford Street which are very similar in composition to Palmer and Campbell streets (early housing plus later industrial buildings and a few modern terraces). The inclusion of these side streets, with a different character to Johnston Street, is expressed in the HO324 statement of significance:

Ancillary to the main Johnston Street commercial area were some side streets such as Palmer, Harmsworth and Bedford. These streets contain a mixture of Victorian-era row housing and factories built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, complementing the main shopping strip.

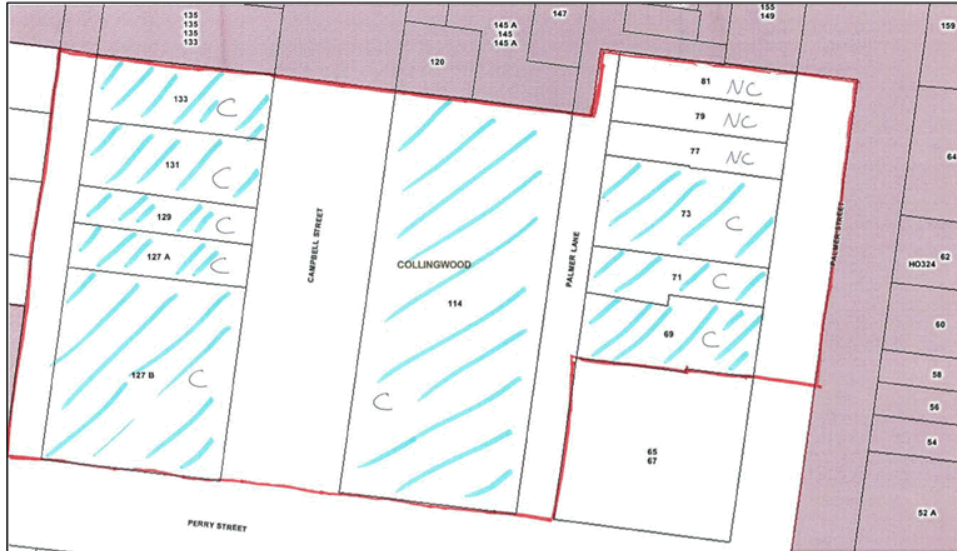
The above statement could also apply to Palmer and Campbell streets.

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Recommendation for Stage 2

It is recommended that the following area be assessed in Stage 2 as a potential extension to HO324 Johnston Street Precinct: 127B-133 & 114 Campbell Street, 69-81 Palmer Street.



The modern flats at the corner of Palmer and Perry streets have been left out of the extent.

2.2.7 Summary of Stage 1 recommendations

Potential precinct extensions

The following areas were recommended for full assessment in Stage 2 as potential extensions to existing HO precincts:

- Extension to HO313 Charles Street Precinct: 227-233 Nicholson Street, 160 Park Street and 50-96 & 57-103 Stafford Street
- Extension to HO321 Gold Street Precinct: 5-17 & 8-26 Blanche Street, 10-26 & 35 Emma Street, and 30 Mater Street
- Extension to HO324 Johnston Street Precinct: 127B-133 & 114 Campbell Street, 69-81 Palmer Street

Individual place of potential heritage significance

The following place was recommended for full assessment in Stage 2 as a place of potential Individual Significance:

- Stables and hitching posts, 2 James Street, Abbotsford

3 STAGE 2

3.1 Methodology

3.1.1 Individual place assessment

The stables at 2 James Street, Abbotsford, and the hitching posts in front of 3 James Street were assessed as follows.

Historic research

The historic research examined a range of primary and secondary sources including historic maps, plans and photographs held by the State Library of Victoria, City of Yarra and the Collingwood Historical Society, Sands & McDougall Directories, Land Victoria title and subdivision records, previous heritage studies including the 1989 'Collingwood Conservation Study' and the 1998 'City of Yarra Heritage Review', on-line databases and newspapers, and typological heritage studies.

The Local History Collection at the Collingwood Library was also checked for pertinent materials.

Comparative analysis

The Heritage Victoria standard brief for Stage 2 heritage studies notes that local significance can include places of significance to a town or locality. For the purposes of this study, the former City of Collingwood municipal area (that part of the City of Yarra to the north of Victoria Street and to the east of Smith Street) has been used as the basis for the comparative analysis. Places already included within the HO were used as 'benchmarks' to provide a basis for comparison. Where sufficient comparative examples did not exist within the former Collingwood municipal area, examples were sought from other parts of the City of Yarra. In the case of the hitching posts, examples were also sought across the State of Victoria.

Fieldwork

The individual place was revisited in Stage 2, following detailed research and assessment to confirm its intactness and inspect comparative examples.

Description

A description was prepared of the stables and hitching posts, based on observations made during the site visits, setting out their form, materials and details as well as alterations observed and their general condition.

Assessment of significance

They were then assessed against the HERCON criteria, as specified in the VPP Practice Note. These findings were then summarised in a statement of significance, in the 'What? How? Why?' format.

Statutory recommendations

An HO boundary comprising the entire title boundaries of 2 James Street plus the road reserve and footpath in front of 3 James Street (the location of the hitching posts) was recommended to encompass both significant elements and express their interconnection.

Having regard to the significance of the place and future management in accordance with the VPP Practice Note, no specific controls in the HO Schedule (e.g., external paint controls, tree controls, prohibited uses) have been recommended. In this case, as the stables are the only building at 2 James Street, outbuilding controls are not considered necessary.

3.1.2 Precinct extensions

Historical research

The historic research examined a range of primary and secondary sources including historic maps and plans held by the State Library of Victoria, City of Yarra and the Collingwood

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Historical Society, Sands & McDougall Directories, Land Victoria title and subdivision records, previous heritage studies including the 1989 'Collingwood Conservation Study' and the 1998 'City of Yarra Heritage Review', and on-line newspapers.

The approximate dates of buildings were determined by cross-referencing historic maps (especially the MMBW plans) with the Sands & McDougall's street directories. When this did not provide a clear answer (particularly for early houses built before the street directories used house numbers), an estimation of the built-date was made by eye.

Comparative analysis

General comparative analysis between the areas proposed as precinct extensions and the adjoining existing precinct was carried out in Stage 1. This concerned: 1) the relative proportions of Contributory to Not Contributory properties in the two areas; 2) the average level of intactness of Contributory properties in the two areas; and 3) a comparison of the place-types found in the proposed extension with the place-types noted in the statement of significance as contributing to the precinct.

A more detailed investigation was made during Stage 2 into what type and date-range of factories were considered Contributory in the existing HO321 Gold Street Precinct and the existing HO324 Johnston Street Precinct, and this was compared with factories in the proposed extensions.

It was found that in HO324 Johnston Street Precinct, intact factories built c1880-1930 are graded Contributory to the precinct, while those dated 1930-40 or later are, as a rule, Not Contributory. On this basis, the c1935-37 Jam Factory at 127B Campbell Street was left out of the precinct extension, while the c1920 Boot Factory at 114 Campbell Street remained in the extension as Contributory.

Similarly, an analysis of factory buildings in HO321 Gold Street Precinct revealed that Contributory and Individually Significant factories date from the 1880s to 1939. All altered interwar factories were graded as Not Contributory, as were all factories of the 1940s and later. For this reason, the former Silverwood & Beck shopfitters factory at 35 Emma Street was removed from the precinct extension, as the first part of this large building dates from 1942, and the rest was constructed in the late 1940s or early 1950s. As a consequence, Emma Street was entirely removed from the precinct extension, as half of the east side streetscape comprises Not Contributory buildings, and the Contributory houses (at Nos. 18-26) are visually isolated from the rest of the HO321 Gold Street Precinct.

As a result of the Stage 2 comparative analysis, the proposed precinct extensions have been delineated in such a way that they fit into the existing definition of the precinct's reasons for significance (in terms of place-types) and period of significance.

Edits to existing precinct citations

The three existing precinct citations have already gone through a series of revisions. They were first prepared as part of the 'Collingwood Conservation Study' (A Ward, 1989 & 1995), then revised after municipal amalgamation in the 'City of Yarra Heritage Review: Heritage Overlay Precincts' (Allom Lovell, 1998). The statements of significance were redrafted in the *What How Why* format in the 'City of Yarra Review of Heritage Overlay Areas' (G Butler, 2007 & 2009). In the 2009 version of the Butler study, the histories and descriptions were abbreviated and incorporated into the statement of significance, making them unwieldy to use.

The 'Amendment C149 Review of Heritage Places & Precincts' (Context Pty Ltd, 2013), recommended 'general edits' of the precinct citations prepared for the 2009 Butler study to improve legibility and expression and ensure consistency with the VPP Practice Note. This approach has been used in recent heritage studies prepared by Context for the City of Yarra, including the 'Heritage Gap Study: Review of 17 Heritage Precincts' (2014) and the 'Heritage Gap Study: Review of Central Richmond' (2014). These edits include:

- Shortening the statement of significance by moving historical background and descriptive information to separate sections within the citation.

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- Replacing the RNE criterion with the relevant HERCON criterion, which are moved from the 'How' section of the statement of significance to be next to the relevant statement under 'Why' so as to clearly demonstrate the link between the criterion and why the place is significant.
- Editing as required to remove information that is out of date.

Additional steps that were undertaken during this review were:

- The historic themes associated with the development and significance of each precinct, drawn from the 'City of Yarra Thematic History' (Allom Lovell, 1998), were added to the precinct citations.
- Using the more extensive precinct histories from the 1998 Allom Lovell study as a starting point. These were updated as required, and any additional historical information found in the statements of significance from the 2007 Butler study was incorporated, to ensure that they are as complete as possible. Historical notes on a few of the places in the precinct extensions were also added to the precinct histories, where appropriate (this new information regarding the extensions is underlined in the citations found in Appendix B).
- Using the more extensive precinct descriptions from the 1998 Allom Lovell study as a starting point. These were updated as required, and mention of places in the precinct extensions was added as appropriate (this new information regarding the extensions is underlined in the citations found in Appendix B).
- In the case of HO324 Johnston Street Precinct, residential and small-scale industrial buildings were mentioned in the 'Why is it Significant?' part of the existing statement of significance, but their typical forms and materials were not mentioned in the 'What is Significant?' section – this was added in the revised statement of significance (the new text shown underlined in the citation found in Appendix B).

Gradings within precinct extensions

Places within a proposed precinct extension that satisfy three criteria were graded as Contributory: 1) they are a place-type recognised in the existing precinct statement of significance as contributing to its significance (e.g., houses, factories); 2) they were built within the eras noted as the period of significance for that precinct; and 3) they are intact enough to be recognised as a given place-type of a given period (e.g., a Victorian house, or an interwar factory).

In one case, a house of only fair intactness, at 233 Nicholson Street, was graded Contributory due to its early built-date (pre-1858).

No buildings in the proposed precinct extensions were graded Individually Significant.

The gradings of properties in the precinct extensions are set out in tables in Appendix D, as well as on the precinct maps at the end of each precinct citation in Appendix B.

Statutory recommendations

Wherever possible, Not Contributory places were excluded from the precinct extensions. However, some Not Contributory places may be included in the HO in precincts where they form part of a streetscape in order to manage future development, particularly when they are surrounded on all sides by Contributory properties.

It is proposed that the precinct extensions have the same specific controls as the adjoining precinct. Of the three, only HO324 Johnston Street Precinct has External Paint Controls – which are proposed to apply to the extension as well.

11.2 Amendment C214 - Doonside Heritage Amendment - Summary of Submissions

Trim Record Number: D16/185300
 Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. This report considers the submissions received on the proposed introduction of the Doonside Heritage Precinct at 77-79 Burnley Street, 81-95 Burnley Street and 1-9 Doonside Street in Richmond (Amendment C214), and to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent planning panel to consider all submissions.

Background

2. On 8 March, 2015, Council resolved to prepare Amendment C214 to the Yarra Planning Scheme to introduce the Doonside Heritage Precinct which would apply to three properties in Richmond, 77-79 Burnley Street, 81-95 Burnley Street (known as Harry the Hirer where there is already an individual heritage overlay on the property) and 1-9 Doonside Street.
3. In 2014 Council proposed a larger Doonside precinct as part of Amendment C173 but an issue with the property certificates issued by DELWP led to a challenge of the amendment at VCAT, which meant that the Doonside precinct could not be included in Amendment C173.
4. Council resolved to pursue a new Doonside precinct by way this Amendment (C214).

Authorisation of the amendment

5. Council received Authorisation (without conditions) from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Amendment C214 in correspondence from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) received on 25 October 2016.

Exhibition of the amendment

6. Notice of the preparation of Amendment C214 was given in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
7. Amendment C214 was exhibited for four weeks, from 17 November 2016 to 19 December 2016. The Notice of Preparation of an Amendment was published in The Age newspaper on 17 November 2016 and also published in The Government Gazette on 17 November 2016.
8. Notice of the amendment was sent to owners and occupiers of the affected properties.
9. The amendment material was on display at the Richmond Town Hall. Information relating to the proposed amendment was available on Council’s website. Information was also available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website.

Submissions received

10. Section 22 of the Planning and Environment Act, 1987 requires Council, as the planning authority to consider all submissions made on or before the date set out in the notice; Council may also consider late submissions.
11. The closing date for submissions was 19 December 2016. No submissions were received by this date. Two late submissions were received on 20 December 2016.

Submissions to be considered	
Seek changes (remove their property)	1 submission
Support	1 submission

12. **Submission 1** is from Planning and Property Partners Pty Ltd on behalf of Salta Properties Pty Ltd, owners of 77-79 Burnley Street and 1-9 Doonside Street, Richmond. The submission objects to the inclusion of the sites in proposed Heritage Overlay HO516 on the following grounds:
- (a) the Subject Sites do not reach a level of heritage significance that warrants the application of proposed Heritage Overlay HO516; and
 - (b) the social and economic impacts of applying proposed Heritage Overlay HO516 outweigh the benefits of proposed Heritage Overlay HO516.

Officer response

13. Council sought independent advice from a heritage consultant that indicated the sites are worthy of heritage protection.
14. The submission also contends that the social and economic impacts of applying the heritage overlay outweigh the benefits. The amendment was submitted to the Minister for Planning seeking authorisation and was accompanied by a report which addressed the social and economic impacts of the amendment. The report states the benefits of heritage are often qualitative and unquantifiable. It outlined the relevant sections of the Yarra Planning Scheme where heritage is identified as one of the key features of Yarra's character and that Council seeks to conserve the heritage fabric of the municipality. The imposition of a heritage overlay does not prevent development from occurring on a site; rather it ensures that the development that does occur is appropriately designed to accommodate the heritage building.
15. If Council were to change the amendment in response to this submission by removing the two properties from the precinct, there would be no need to proceed with the amendment as the third property (81-95 Burnley Street) is already covered by a heritage overlay. Changing the amendment in this way would have the same effect as abandoning the amendment
16. The proposal to exclude the sites on these grounds is not supported. As this matter cannot be resolved the submission should be referred to an independent planning panel for consideration.
17. **Submission 2** is from the National Trust in support of the submission. It states the amendment is consistent with the objectives of planning for Victoria, in particular:
- (a) *to conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value; and*
 - (b) *to facilitate development in accordance with the objectives of the Act.*
18. The National Trust states that the proposed amendment:
- (a) is also consistent with the objectives of the Yarra Planning Scheme, particularly the objective under Clause 21.05-1 *"To protect and enhance Yarra's heritage places"* and
 - (b) the amendment supports the National Trust's vision, *"for the Australian community to understand value and enjoy the built, natural and cultural heritage that creates our national identity"*.

Officer response

19. Support for the amendment is noted.

Referral to a Planning Panel

20. Council received two late submissions for Amendment C214.

Section 22 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 states that:

- 1) *A planning authority must consider all submissions made on or before the date set out in the notice.*
- 2) *The planning authority may consider a late submission and must consider one if the Minister directs.*

21. Council could elect not to consider the submissions, as they were late, and proceed to seek final Ministerial approval of the amendment. It is common practice, however to consider late submissions. If Council elect to seek final Ministerial approval, submitters can ask the Minister for Planning to direct Council to consider their submissions under Section 22(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This section states that Council must consider a submission if the Minister directs.
22. If Council chooses to consider the submissions, Section 23(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 states that after considering a submission which requests a change to the amendment, the planning authority must either
 - (a) *change the amendment in the manner requested; or*
 - (b) *refer the submission to a panel appointed under Part 8; or*
 - (c) *abandon the amendment or part of the amendment.*
23. Submission 1 seeks a change to the amendment - it opposes the inclusion of 2 properties in the proposed Heritage Overlay (HO516). The change is not supported as it would have the same effect as abandoning the amendment.
24. Council resolved to prepare Amendment C214 based on expert heritage advice supporting the inclusion of these properties in the Heritage Overlay. Given Council's resolution, the preferred option is to refer the submission to an independent planning panel for consideration.
25. Section 23(2) of the Act states that a planning authority may refer to the panel submissions which do not require a change to the amendment. The submission from the National Trust does not require a change to the amendment – to the contrary; it supports the amendment. Nevertheless, it provides a counterpoint to the opposing submission and would be useful to the Panel in considering the amendment.

External Consultation

26. The amendment was exhibited in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* – letters sent to all owners and occupiers, a notice in The Age and Government Gazette.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

27. None.

Financial Implications

28. Council will need to meet the statutory costs of the amendment. Council will also need legal and expert heritage representation at the panel hearing. The costs will be met by the Strategic Planning budget.

Economic Implications

29. No implications for the Council.

Sustainability Implications

30. Heritage overlays provide for heritage considerations in planning applications for the precinct.

Social Implications

31. Heritage overlays provide for heritage considerations in planning applications for the precinct.

Human Rights Implications

32. No know human rights implications.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

33. Notification and consultation about the amendment included advice and potential use of the interpreter service used by Council. This was available to help affected parties to understand the proposal and associated processes. The Amendment process also involved steps outlined in the Council engagement strategy to assist CALD communities.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

34. Strategic objective 1 - Celebrating Yarra's uniqueness states that much of the city's identity is defined by its built heritage form. Heritage buildings are not only significant examples of changing architectural styles, but an important record of economic and social change as later factories and warehouses replaced earlier houses.
35. The industrial buildings in the Doonside precinct are an important record of Yarra's industrial past.

Legal Implications

36. The Planning and Environment Act 1987 sets out the manner in which a planning authority (in this case, Council) must process planning scheme amendments and how it must deal with submissions received following exhibition.
37. Council has processed the amendment in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Other Issues

38. None.

Options

39. As both submissions were late, Council (as planning authority) does not have to consider either of them and could seek Ministerial approval of the amendment. However, the submitters could ask the Minister for Planning to direct Council to consider their submissions under Section 22(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
40. As it is common practice to consider late submissions, both submissions should be referred to a panel under Sections 23 (1) and (2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Conclusion

41. Amendment C214 proposes the introduction of a heritage overlay on 77-79 Burnley Street and 1-9 Doonside Street, Richmond. The property at 81-95 Burnley Street already has a heritage overlay on it and the amendment proposes to add this property to a heritage precinct called the Doonside Precinct.
42. The amendment was advertised in the manner prescribed in the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and two late submissions were received – one opposing the amendment and the other in support.
43. Accommodating Submission 1 opposing the amendment would have the effect of abandoning the amendment and given the former Council's resolution in favour of the proposal, the submissions should be referred to a Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the Officer Report regarding exhibition of Amendment C214 relating to the Doonside precinct, North Richmond.
2. That Council resolves, based on the submissions received in respect to the exhibition period of Amendment C214:
 - (a) to consider both submissions to Amendment C214, in accordance with section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report;
 - (b) in accordance with Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, refer the submissions to an independent panel appointed by the Minister for Planning;
 - (c) requests the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider Amendment C214 and all submissions received; and
 - (d) notifies submitters of the Council resolution.

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Attachments

- 1 Proposed amendment C214 to the Yarra Planning Scheme - Objection of the inclusion of the Subject Sites
- 2 Amendment C214 National Trust submission in favour

Attachment 1 - Proposed amendment C214 to the Yarra Planning Scheme - Objection of the inclusion of the Subject Sites



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Dear Amanda,

PROPOSED AMENDMENT C214 TO THE YARRA PLANNING SCHEME

We act on behalf of Salta Properties Pty Ltd, the owner of 77 – 79 Burnley Street and 1 – 9 Doonside Street, Richmond (**“the Subject Sites”**).

The Subject Sites, together with part of the property at 81 – 85 Burnley Street, Richmond, are proposed to be included a new heritage precinct overlay HO516, referred to as the “Doonside Industrial Precinct”.

Our client objects to the inclusion of the Subject Sites in proposed Heritage Overlay HO516 on the following grounds:-

- The Subject Sites do not reach a level of heritage significance that warrants the application of proposed Heritage Overlay HO516; and
- The social and economic impacts of applying proposed Heritage Overlay HO516 outweigh the benefits of proposed Heritage Overlay HO516.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Nick Baker on 8626 9080.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 2 - Amendment C214 National Trust submission in favour

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Re: Yarra Planning Scheme Amendment C214

Dear Sir/Madam,

The National Trust supports the amendment prepared by the Yarra to apply a Heritage Overlay to 77-79 Burnley Street, 81-95 Burnley Street and 1-9 Doonside Street, Richmond, remove the existing Heritage Overlay to 81-95 Burnley Street, Richmond and amend the City of Yarra Review of Heritage Areas 2007, Appendix 8 at Clause 22.02 and Schedule to Clause 81.01.

The National Trust acknowledges that Amendment C214 is consistent with the objectives of planning for Victoria, as identified by the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, in particular:

- *To conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value; and*
- *To facilitate development in accordance with the objectives of the Act.*

The proposed amendment is also consistent with the objectives of the Yarra Planning Scheme, particularly the objective under Clause 21.05-1 "To protect and enhance Yarra's heritage places".

We also recognise that the Amendment supports the National Trust's vision, "for the Australian community to understand, value and enjoy the built, natural and cultural heritage that creates our national identity".

We commend the City of Yarra for the preparation of this amendment, which would ensure that heritage is considered at the planning stage of any future development in this precinct.

In conclusion, The National Trust supports the adoption of the changes proposed in Amendment C214, and if the matter proceeds to a Planning Panel we would intend to make a submission in support of Council's position.

Yours faithfully,

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11.3 Amendment C210 - Special Building Overlay

Trim Record Number: D16/184173

Responsible Officer: Coordinator Strategic Planning

Purpose

1. To consider submissions received on the proposed changes to the Special Building Overlay (SBO) (Amendment C210), and to request that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent planning panel to consider all submissions.

Background

2. In December 2015 Melbourne Water proposed a planning scheme amendment (Amendment C210) to revise the boundaries of the Special Building Overlay (SBO) in the Yarra Planning Scheme. The changes to the SBO are based on updated flood modelling prepared by Melbourne Water.
3. The SBO shows overland flows of water associated with the capacity of the Alexandra Main Drain to accommodate a 1 in 100 year storm event. The existing SBO has been in the planning scheme since 2000 and was introduced by Amendment C3.
4. The SBO triggers the need for a planning permit for buildings and works to ensure that any proposed building works to affected properties consider the potential impact of overland flooding to the property and surrounding area. All applications affected by the SBP are referred to Melbourne Water.
5. The amendment affects approximately 2,600 properties:
 - (a) 1,200 properties are proposed to be **added** to the overlay;
 - (b) 300 properties are proposed to be **removed** from the overlay; and
 - (c) 1,100 properties currently included in the overlay will have the extent of the overlay **changed**.

Authorisation of the amendment

6. On 19 July 2016 Council made the following resolution:
 - (a) *Council seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Amendment C210 to the Yarra Planning Scheme pursuant to section 8A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and in accordance with Attachments 2 to 8 of this report;*
 - (b) *if authorisation is received from the Minister for Planning, that Council exhibit Amendment C210 in accordance with section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and*
 - (c) *Council make interim arrangements which treat those areas which are proposed additions to the Special Building Overlay (SBO) as if they were flood prone, including referral of building or planning permits to Melbourne Water for advice.*
7. Council received Authorisation (without conditions) from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit Amendment C210 in correspondence from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) received on 9 August 2016.

Exhibition of the amendment

8. Amendment C210 was exhibited for five weeks, from 24 October 2016 to 2 December 2016. The Notice of Preparation of an Amendment was published in The Age newspaper on 25 October 2016 and also published in The Government Gazette on 27 October 2016.
9. Notice of the preparation of the amendment was given in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

10. Notice of the amendment was sent to all owners and occupiers of the 2,600 affected properties. Further information was sent to the 1,200 property owners proposed to be added to the overlay to advise them of the interim arrangements.
11. The amendment material was on display at the Richmond and Collingwood Town Halls. Information relating to the proposed amendment was available on Council’s website and an interactive map was prepared to assist residents understand how the amendment would affect their property. Information was also available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website.
12. The amendment material was on display at two sessions held on 8 and 10 November 2016 at the Collingwood Town Hall where people could make an appointment to speak to Council officers and representatives of Melbourne Water.

Submissions received

13. Section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* requires Council, as the *Planning Authority* to consider all submissions made on or before the date set out in the notice, Council may also consider late submissions.
14. In total 12 submissions were received regarding amendment C210, and following a response from Melbourne Water, one of the submissions was later withdrawn. This leaves 11 submissions to be considered. The table below provides a list of the submitter’s positions on the amendment.

Total of 11 submissions to be considered	
Seek changes (remove their property)	6 submissions
Oppose the entire amendment	5 submissions

15. A further petition was tabled at the Council meeting of 20 December 2016. The petition was signed by four residents and raised concerns about the amendment.
16. The key issues raised in submissions are discussed below. A detailed officer response to each submission is provided at Attachment 1, including copies of letters from Melbourne Water responding to each submitter. A full copy of all submissions is provided at Attachment 2.

Key issues raised in submissions

17. The key issues raised in submissions relate to potential impacts on property prices and insurance premiums, Council’s approach to drainage management, street cleaning and street tree planting and Melbourne Water’s methodology for the flood modelling.

Impact on property values and insurance premiums

18. Several submissions raised concerns about the impact of the amendment on property values and insurance premiums. In particular, submitters were concerned individual properties may be devalued and that insurance premiums would increase.

Officer response

19. These matters are not unique to Yarra and have been considered in previous Planning Panels relating to Melbourne Water led changes to the SBO in other municipalities. It has been consistently found that there is no justification for setting aside of any SBO amendment on the basis of requests for compensation, loss of property value, and possible increase in insurance premiums.
20. The City of Port Phillip commissioned Charter Keck Kramer (CKC) to review the effects on property prices of the application of the SBO. CKC examined property prices and found no correlation. The independent Planning Panel supported the amendment and concluded that the SBO is highly unlikely to affect property prices, and that it is appropriate that the condition of the land be recorded and available to interested people.

21. In Yarra, the potential flooding resulting from a 1 in 100 year flood is relatively shallow. In many (but not all) cases the shallow flooding will mean that people's land floods but the building sitting on their land will not be inundated.
22. Melbourne Water has proffered the following argument in previous Panel hearings:

This is not a relevant consideration in the determination of whether a development overlay should apply. Insurance contracts have always imposed an obligation of disclosure on policy holders. The application of an SBO does not cause or change the likelihood of flooding, but recognises the existing condition of land. Insurance companies would continue to calculate their premiums on the basis of what is known, and the properties identified in the overlay would still be subject to flooding in a 1 in 100 year rain event. The Insurance Council of Australia has advised Melbourne Water that most insurance policies that provide coverage for storm damage, include cover for damages resulting from overland flows. However this would need to be confirmed by the household's individual insurer.

23. No evidence has been provided to demonstrate the impact of the amendment on property prices or insurance premiums in Yarra. Precedence suggests that it is highly unlikely to have an impact at all on property prices and the impact on insurance premiums has been consistently dismissed as a relevant issue by previous Planning Panels.
24. No changes to the amendment are proposed. These matters should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for consideration.

Melbourne Water's modelling methodology

25. Four submitters asked MW to have a more detailed look at the SBO boundary on their property. Submitters advised that the building on their land would be unlikely to flood due to their particular circumstances. Others questioned the modelling used by MW.

Officer response

26. In response to submissions to revise the boundary, Melbourne Water sent the request to its engineers for further examination. In one case, the SBO was removed (which led to the withdrawal of the submission) and in other cases the SBO boundary was not altered. MW has written in detail to each submitter and explained the reasons for its decision.
27. MW modelling is state of the art and is based on levels derived from aerial surveys and detailed hydraulic analysis which enables accurate mapping of the flood extent. It uses state of the art technology to determine the SBO. MW is the drainage authority and has asked Council to update its SBO as a result of technological improvements in mapping which have occurred since the SBO was first introduced on 2000.
28. No further changes to the amendment are proposed. This matter should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for further consideration and the provision of advice and recommendations to Council.

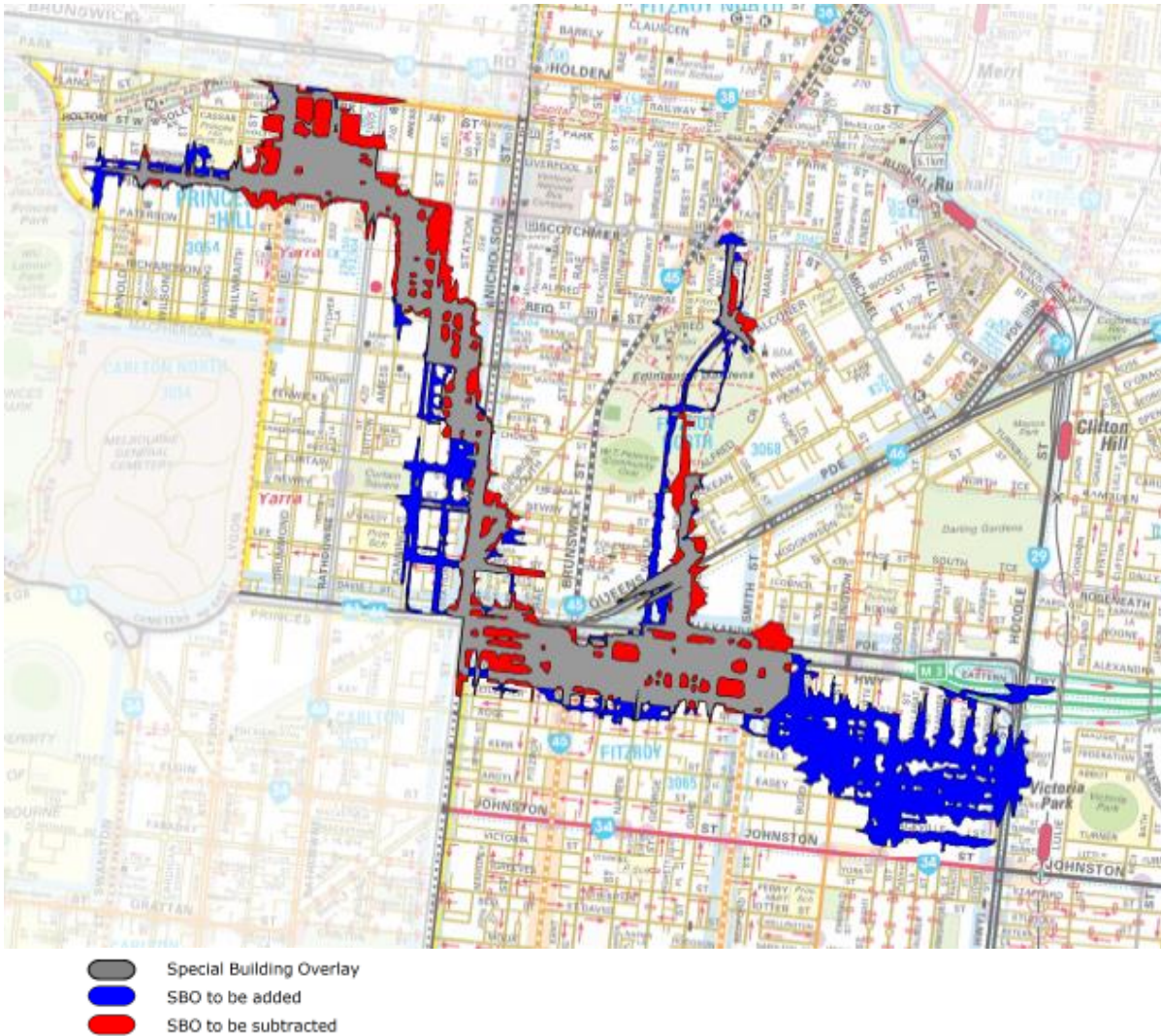
Could mitigation works be undertaken rather than imposing the SBO?

29. Three submitters in Princes Hill (including the petition) propose that instead of imposing the SBO, Council and MW should investigate the cost of mitigation works to be undertaken on publically owned land e.g. lower the level of the median strip in Pigdon Street to retain storm water which would therefore significantly reduce the extent of the flooding on privately owned land. They ask that the amendment be put on hold until this work is completed.

Officer response

30. There is already an SBO in parts of Princes Hill and North Carlton that has been in the planning scheme since 2000. This amendment proposes that the SBO will remain on a most properties (shown in grey on the image below), be removed on some others (shown in red) and added to other properties (shown in blue).
31. The SBO applies in most municipalities across Melbourne and affects hundreds of thousands of properties. It reflects the extent of overland flow in a 1 in 100 year storm and ensures that new buildings must sit 300mm above the flood level.

- 32. The impact of the proposed mitigation works in Princes Hill is unknown and would not be progressed in isolation. A study would need to be prepared to investigate potential remediation works that could be undertaken on a municipal wide basis and identify the benefits of undertaking the works. This would be a very costly and time consuming exercise for Council.
- 33. The cost of doing remediation works would likely fail a cost-benefit analysis. The works would mitigate against a flooding event that may occur once in a century in a municipality where the flooding is relatively shallow. This does not warrant putting the amendment on hold.
- 34. No changes to the amendment are proposed. This matter should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for consideration.



Coordination between amendment, Local Area Traffic Management Plans and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)

- 35. One submission raised concerns that there appeared to be no coordination between this amendment, Local Area Traffic Management Plans and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) in the Princes Hill area and is not reflective of One Yarra.

Officer response

36. Council's drainage system is old and much of it is not designed for a one in five year flood. As a result, Council has developed a well-coordinated and effective approach to drainage that is reflective of One Yarra. There is a comprehensive drainage maintenance programme which is coordinated and implemented by City Works. Requests for drainage repair and upgrade are jointly investigated by City Works and Engineering and Asset Management.
37. Traffic and Special Projects' work in conjunction with City Works, Engineering and Asset Management and Sustainable Transport on a wide range of local area traffic management projects which includes discussions on drainage and maintenance. Council's WSUD policy requires all Council officers responsible for the management of Council assets to investigate opportunities for WSUD in all works. Engineering and Asset Management and Transport and Special Projects considered WSUD for the Garton Street and Pigdon Street local area traffic management works project, however, this was not considered suitable for this project.
38. This amendment reflects the inability of the Alexandra main drain to accommodate overland flows associated with a 1 in 100 year flood. Local Area Traffic Management Plans and Water Sensitive Urban Design help reduce the burden on Council's local drains but they do not change the fact that the Alexandra main drain is at capacity.
39. No changes to the amendment are proposed. This matter should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for information.

Flooding related to inadequate street maintenance and cleaning program

40. Four submitters raised the issue that flooding is mainly due to inadequate maintenance and insufficient cleaning of streets and lanes by Council. They said street sweepers are rarely accompanied by leaf blowers and parked cars mean, street sweepers can't do job properly. They thought that Melbourne City Council does a better job and suggested Council look at its operation.

Officer response

41. Council's street sweeping program is undertaken every four weeks in residential streets, weekly on main roads and every eight weeks in laneways. An additional sweeping program to cater for the autumn leaf fall is also carried out over a sixteen week period in residential streets. Current methodology includes the uses of leaf blowers, in conjunction with the street sweepers, to cater for parked cars and other obstructions in residential streets.
42. Melbourne City Council (MCC) spends \$11 million a year on its street sweeping program which is more than triple what Council spends, although MCC has a larger total municipal area to clean. The MCC residential street sweeping program is undertaken on a weekly cycle, and also has performance based criteria in place that can result in extra sweeping if deemed necessary. If Council were to adopt a similar style contract to MCC it would result in a significantly higher cost to Council.
43. No changes to the amendment are proposed. This matter should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for information.

Inappropriate tree plantings which produce leaf litter

44. One submitter raised the issue of leaf litter which causes the drains to block and makes the flooding worse. He contends that in the past, Melbourne City Council (the previous Council for that area) had chosen inappropriate species for its street trees which create leaf litter.

Officer response

45. It is not Council's position to remove street trees simply because they create leaf litter - they are only removed if the tree is badly damaged or diseased. When considering new street tree planting, a range of factors are considered when deciding on what species to plant. The North Carlton area is covered by a heritage overlay and the trees contribute to the heritage character of the area. In some instances, deciduous trees are more appropriate than evergreens if the tree has the potential to block light to a house.

46. No changes to the amendment are proposed. This matter should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for information.

External Consultation

47. The amendment was exhibited in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* – letters sent to all owners and occupiers, a notice in The Age and Government Gazette.
48. In addition, there were two sessions held at Collingwood Town Hall where people could make an appointment to speak to Council officers and representatives of Melbourne Water. These sessions were well attended, with officers facilitating 33 appointments.
49. Council also prepared an interactive map for its website so people could see how their property was affected by the amendment.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

50. The amendment has been discussed with the Statutory Planning Branch as well as extensive input from Engineering Services in relation to local drainage issues.

Financial Implications

51. There are no significant financial implications for Council. The statutory costs of the amendment are being met by Melbourne Water. Other costs will be met by the Strategic Planning budget.

Economic Implications

52. None

Sustainability Implications

53. Council's Stormwater Management (Water Sensitive Urban Design) Policy at Clause 22.16 of the Planning Scheme plays an important role in ensuring that new development manages its storm water on site and doesn't exacerbate the problem of overland flows in Yarra.

Social Implications

54. None: - Overlays for various subject matters are proper and legitimate provisions.

Human Rights Implications

55. None

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

56. Notification and consultation about the amendment included advice about the use of the interpreter service by residents. This was available to help affected parties to understand the proposal and associated processes. The Amendment process also involved steps outlined in the Council engagement strategy to assist CALD communities.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

57. The amendment is consistent with the Council plan objective 3: *Making Yarra more liveable*.
58. The amendment would ensure that new development is built above the flood level and that it does not impede the overland flow of water. The amendment would ensure that new development is unaffected by the 1 in 100 year storm.

Legal Implications

59. The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* sets out the manner in which a planning authority (in this case, Council) must process planning scheme amendments and how it must deal with submissions received following exhibition.
60. Council has processed the amendment in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Other Issues

61. None

Options

62. Following the consideration of submissions that request a change to the amendment, Council has three options under Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and must either:
 - (a) change the amendment in the manner requested; or
 - (b) refer the submission to a panel appointed under Part 8; or
 - (c) abandon the amendment or part of the amendment.
63. As outlined in this report, some of the changes requested by submitters cannot be accommodated by Melbourne Water and Council. It is recommended that the submissions that cannot be resolved be referred to an independent Planning Panel for consideration.
64. The submissions which do not require a change or relate to planning issues should also be referred to the panel for information.

Conclusion

65. Amendment C210 to the Yarra Planning Scheme proposes changes to the Special Building Overlay based on updated flood modelling prepared by Melbourne Water. The amendment adds 1,200 properties to the overlay, removes 300 properties from the overlay and revises the boundary on 1,100 properties already subject to the overlay.
66. The amendment was exhibited in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Eleven written submissions were received and a petition tabled at Council on 20 December 2016. The key issues raised in submissions relate to potential impacts on property prices and insurance premiums, Council's approach to drainage management, street cleaning and street tree planting and Melbourne Water's methodology for the flood modelling.
67. Several submissions requested changes to the amendment which could not be supported or resolved by Melbourne Water and Council. It is recommended that in accordance with Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the submissions which cannot be resolved along with other submissions, be referred to an independent Planning Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council notes:
 - (a) the Officer report regarding exhibition of Amendment C210 relating to changes to the Special Building Overlay in the Yarra Planning Scheme; and
 - (b) the submissions received in respect to the exhibition period of Amendment C210.
2. That Council resolves to:
 - (a) consider all submissions to Amendment C210, in accordance with section 22 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* as detailed in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 to this report;
 - (b) in accordance with Section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, refer any submissions received that cannot be resolved, along with all other submissions received, to an independent panel appointed by the Minister for Planning;
 - (c) request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider Amendment C210 and all submissions received; and
 - (d) advise submitters of the Council resolution.

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Attachments

- 1 Amendment C210 Appendix 1 to Council report of 7 Feb 2017

Attachment 1 - Amendment C210 Appendix 1 to Council report of 7 Feb 2017

Amendment C210

Appendix 1 – summary of submissions and response made

Submission No.	Issues	Response	Refer to Panel
<p>1. Fitzroy North</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property devalued • Increased insurance • Transferring cost of inadequate drains to property owners • Model makes many assumptions • Council should seek ok from all owners to provide details so a group submission can be prepared 	<p>These matters are not unique to Yarra and have been considered in previous Planning Panels relating to Melbourne Water led changes to the SBO in other municipalities. It has been consistently found that there is no justification for setting aside of any SBO amendment on the basis of requests for compensation, loss of property value, and possible increase in insurance premiums.</p> <p>The Planning Panel in relation to Amendment C18 to the Stonnington Planning Scheme concluded that:</p> <p><i>Panels have consistently found that there is no justification for setting aside of any SBO amendment on the basis of requests for compensation, loss of property value, and possible increase in insurance premiums.</i></p> <p>The Planning Panel in relation to Amendment C50 reported that <i>Stonnington Council commissioned Charter Keck Kramer (CKC) to review the effects on property prices of the application of the S80. CKC examined property prices in the City of Port Phillip and found no correlation. The Panel was not provided with any contrary evidence and concludes that the SBO .. is highly unlikely to affect property prices, and that it is appropriate that the condition of the land be recorded and available to interested people.</i></p> <p>In terms of transferring cost of inadequate drains to property owner - Alexandra main drain has lack of capacity, so too do Council drains which were built over a century ago. Drains have always been undersized since they were built and could never have coped with a 1 in 100 year flood. Rather than reconstruct the drains, Melbourne Water (MW) and Council work with what we have – good maintenance, regular cleaning, capital works programme to upgrade areas that need upgrading and ensure that new development deals with its stormwater onsite so as not to burden a system which is already beyond capacity.</p> <p>MW modelling is state of the art and makes reasonable assumptions. If a property owner has concerns, MW refers the concern to its engineers who review the site and the model assumptions.</p>	<p>Issues not all directly related to SBO amendment but can be considered by a Panel</p>

Attachment 1 - Amendment C210 Appendix 1 to Council report of 7 Feb 2017

Submission No.	Issues	Response	Refer to Panel
		It's not the role of Council to seek permission of property owners to allow notification by a third party about the possibility of group submission. It would be a breach of the Privacy Act and an inappropriate use of Council resources.	
2. Fitzroy North	Existing building on site is elevated such that the building wouldn't flood. Requests that the property be removed from the SBO.	MW has referred this matter to its engineers for a detailed review. MW advises that it will not remove property from SBO because while it may be difficult for water to enter the property from the west, the levels in the southeast corner at show that water could enter the property from the south.	yes
Withdrawn Fitzroy North	Questions about survey work undertaken. House is elevated above the flood level. What, if any, freeboard has been allowed for? Model doesn't take account of footpath boundary conditions.	Following response from Melbourne Water, submission withdrawn.	No
3. Princes Hill Made individual submission but also part of petition tabled at Council on 20 Dec 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW and YCC fail to demonstrate due diligence re works that would increase the capacity of existing infrastructure. • No work undertaken to investigate cost of potential mitigation works e.g. lower Pigdon St median strip by 10cm so floods don't encroach onto private land. • Shallow flood levels are estimates and lack of certainty doesn't warrant imposition of SBO on private property. • Break amendment into parts so there is prospect of works that can be undertaken at an affordable cost. 	<p>MW spends \$116m annually on improved drainage across Melbourne. Can't remove flood risk entirely. The most practical solution is to manage new development (ensuring it sits above the flood level).</p> <p>In most catchments works to avoid 1 in 100 year flood would cost more than the value of the properties it would protect. Cost of mitigation is unsustainable.</p> <p>MW has reviewed the flood levels on this property and while they are shallow, they are of sufficient depth to warrant the imposition of the overlay.</p> <p>The amendment affects the SBO as a whole and should not be broken into parts. Mitigation works are unaffordable and will not be undertaken over and above Council and MW maintenance and upgrades.</p>	Yes
4. Carlton North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding mainly due to inadequate maintenance and insufficient cleaning of streets and lanes by Council. Street sweepers rarely accompanied by leaf blowers and parked cars mean street sweepers can't do job properly. • Inappropriate tree plantings which produce leaf litter. • Should not apply SBO to land which has limited potential to retain water – 	<p>Annual pit and pipe maintenance program ensures drains are well maintained.</p> <p>Street sweeping done four weekly in residential streets, weekly on main roads and laneways every 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>Leaf litter is not the only consideration in street tree plantings – heritage and not blocking light to dwellings are some of the other matters considered.</p> <p>The SBO is reflection of where overland flows occur.</p>	Issues not directly related to SBO amendment but can be considered by a Panel

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Submission No.	Issues	Response	Refer to Panel
	<p>land which is fully built on or paved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage Asset Mgt Plan should be a course of action, not just a plan. • Melb CC does better job. Look at its operation. 	<p>The purpose of Drainage Asset Mgt Plan is to ensure that present and future service requirements are met while managing drainage assets in the most cost effective and efficient manner. The Drainage Asset Management Plan will not alter Melbourne Water's flood modelling.</p> <p>MCC street sweeper contract is not based on cleaning cycles like Yarra's rather it is performance based with bonuses paid if performance exceeded. MCC spends \$11m annually on street sweeping which is roughly triple what Yarra spends.</p>	
5. Collingwood	<p>Only aprox 5% of submitters land is covered by SBO. Has significant implications for insurance and property value. Could there be a more accurate analysis of topography that accounts for height of footpath and slope of road.</p>	<p>MW has reviewed the SBO on this property and will not be amending the overlay.</p> <p>Refer to response to Submission 1 for commentary on insurance and property value.</p>	yes
6. Collingwood	<p>Only a small proportion of the land is covered by the SBO yet it has significant implications for insurance, property values and future planning approvals. Very small changes in modelled topography could result in a different outcome. Request a site visit by MW.</p>	<p>MW has reviewed the SBO on this property and will not be amending the overlay.</p> <p>Refer to response to Submission 1 for commentary on insurance and property value.</p>	yes
7. Fitzroy North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Govt and Council should play a role in mitigating flood damage to properties through storm water storage. Look at Council land e.g. Edinburgh Gardens and median strip on Alexandra Pde. • Problems in Napier St due to poor drainage in Edinburgh Gardens, run off from tennis courts, new bike paths in Edinburgh Gardens, speed humps, leaf litter which blocks drains. • Need to do some work to improve drains. 	<p>Council's Water Sensitive Urban design policy in the planning scheme requires that all new development manages its storm water on site.</p> <p>200,000L tank installed beneath Edinburgh Gardens to manage storm water and for tree watering.</p> <p>Leaf litter is not the only consideration in street tree plantings – heritage and not blocking light to dwellings are some of the other matters considered.</p> <p>Annual pit and pipe maintenance program ensures drains are well maintained.</p>	Issues not directly related to SBO amendment but can be considered by a Panel
8. Collingwood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In area bounded by Hotham, Charlotte, Mater and Wellington Streets, only one drain which is 	<p>Only one call out received re flooding from this area. The area will be monitored during rainfall events and any long term drainage issues assessed for possible</p>	Yes

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	<p>sometimes blocked by leaf litter and the like.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That area has flooded numerous times but other areas do not. • Flooding not a 1 in 100 year event; occurs every 2-3 years and is confined to the block. • Need urgent storm water remediation. 	<p>future inclusion in future drainage capital works programs.</p>	
<p>9. Princes Hill Made individual submission but also part of petition tabled at Council on 20 Dec 2016</p>	<p>Requests survey of the area. House higher at front door than house opposite. Would require 400mm deep water to reach verandah by which time water would be flowing away.</p>	<p>MW has conducted a survey at this location. It established the flood extent should be larger than the exhibited extent but the purpose of the overlay is to provide an overview of locations throughout Yarra that are affected by the 1 in 100 year flood. As a result, MW will not be changing the exhibited flood shape.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>10. Fitzroy</p>	<p>Amendment too broad and smacks of laziness, additional bureaucracy and revenue for MW and Council. Should be assessed on a property by property basis. House is elevated and has never been flooded.</p>	<p>Properties currently covered by SBO. Amendment proposes to reduce area covered. MW mapping regarded as industry best practice and considers levels at each property. Purpose of overlay is to identify areas subject to overland flow and ensure that new development will not be impacted by the flood. Just because a property has never been flooded doesn't mean it will not be flooded in the future.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>11. Fitzroy</p>	<p>Adjoining properties in Fergie St are built at same height yet map shows one affected by flooding and the other not. The laneway to the north is 180mm lower than the properties. In a flood there may be ponding in front yard but not to the extent shown on map. Requests survey to confirm heights and amend map accordingly. Concerned about insurance premiums and property value.</p>	<p>MW has asked owner for plans confirming the houses are built at the same height.</p> <p>Upon receipt of information, MW will review SBO.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Princes Hill No individual submission but included in petition tabled at Council meeting on 20 Dec 2016</p>	<p>Flooding is shallow and mostly confined to public land.</p> <p>No modelling undertaken to determine cost of undertaking works to contain flooding only to public land. E.g. wide, grassed median strip in Pigdon Street could be remodelled to retain storm water.</p>	<p>There is already an SBO in parts of Princes Hill and North Carlton that has been in the planning scheme since 2000. This amendment proposes that the SBO will remain on a most properties, be removed on some and added to other properties.</p> <p>The SBO applies in most municipalities across Melbourne and affects hundreds of thousands of properties. It reflects the</p>	<p>Yes for context but not as a submission.</p>

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Submission No.	Issues	Response	Refer to Panel
	<p>No coordination between this amendment, Local Area Traffic Mgt Plans and Water Sensitive Urban Design not reflective of One Yarra.</p> <p>Request Councillors be briefed on costs of such works and put amendment on hold until this occurs.</p>	<p>extent of overland flow in a 1 in 100 year storm and ensures that new buildings must sit 300mm above the flood level.</p> <p>The impact of the proposed mitigation works in Princes Hill is unknown and would not be progressed in isolation. A study would need to be prepared to investigate potential remediation works that could be undertaken on a municipal wide basis and identify the benefits of undertaking the works. This would be a very costly and time consuming exercise for Council.</p> <p>The cost of doing remediation works would likely fail a cost-benefit analysis. The works would mitigate against a flooding event that may occur once in a century in a municipality where the flooding is relatively shallow. This does not warrant putting the amendment on hold.</p> <p>No changes to the amendment are proposed. This matter should be referred to an independent Planning Panel for consideration.</p>	

11.4 2018 General Revaluation - Notice of Intention to cause a Return

Trim Record Number: D17/2510
 Responsible Officer: Chief Financial Officer

Purpose

1. For Council to formally resolve to cause a General Valuation (Revaluation) of all properties within the Municipal District of Yarra City Council, as required by the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

Background

2. Section 11 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* states:

11. General Valuation to be made every two years

For the purposes of the Local Government Act 1989

A Valuation Authority must—

- (a) *cause a general valuation of rateable land within the relevant Municipal District to be made as at 1 January in every even calendar year; and*
- (b) *before 30 April that year, cause a general valuation made in accordance with paragraph (a)—*
 - (i) *to be returned to it;*

3. Section 13H of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* states:

13H. General Valuation to be made every two years

For the purposes of the Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012

A Valuation Authority must—

- (a) *Cause a general valuation of non-rateable leviable land to be made as at 1 January in every even calendar year; and*
- (b) *Before 30 April that year, cause a general valuation made in accordance with paragraph (a)—*
 - (i) *to be returned to it;*

4. General Valuations (Revaluations) are undertaken every 2 years, the process being essential to ensure that movements in property values are recognised and that future rate changes are distributed as equitably as possible.

5. The General Valuation (Revaluation) must be completed and returned to Council no later than 30 April 2018. The effective date of the valuation is 1 January 2018.

6. Section 6 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* states:

6. Participation in General Valuations made by a Valuation Authority

- (1) *A Valuation Authority proposing to make a general valuation must give not less than one month's notice of the decision to cause the valuation to be made to—*
 - (a) *every other rating authority interested in the valuation of land in the relevant municipal district; and*
 - (b) *in the case of a Council general valuation or a collection agency general valuation, the Valuer-General.*

7. Section 6 requires Council to give notice of its resolution to the Valuer-General and other rating authorities interested in the valuation.

Proposal

8. It is proposed that a General Valuation (Revaluation) be made of all properties in the Municipal district of Yarra City Council on order for Council to fulfil its obligations under the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.
9. Further that pursuant to Section 6 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, Council serves the necessary notice on the following Authorities:
 - (a) Valuer-General Victoria;
 - (b) Melbourne City Council;
 - (c) Moreland City Council;
 - (d) Darebin City Council;
 - (e) Banyule City Council;
 - (f) Boroondara City Council;
 - (g) Stonnington City Council;
 - (h) State Revenue Office;
 - (i) City West Water; and
 - (j) Yarra Valley Water.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

10. Nil

Financial Implications

11. Nil

Economic Implications

12. The 2018 General Valuation (Revaluation) will be used to calculate rates for 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 rating years.

Sustainability Implications

13. Nil

Social Implications

14. Nil

Human Rights Implications

15. Nil

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

16. Nil

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

17. Nil

Legal Implications

18. Council has a statutory obligation to return valuations.

Other Issues

19. Work on the 2018 General Valuation (Revaluation) will commence immediately after Council adopts this resolution.

Options

20. Nil

Conclusion

21. Nil

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:

- (a) Council resolves to cause a General Valuation (Revaluation) to be made of all properties within the Municipal District of the Yarra City Council and that the general valuation is to be returned no later than 30 April, 2018;
- (b) the General Valuation (Revaluation) be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*; and
- (c) notice of the resolution is given to the Valuer-General and every other rating authority interested in the General Valuation (Revaluation) as required by Section 6 of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.5 Amendment to Live Music Grant Program Guidelines

Trim Record Number: D16/173278

Responsible Officer: Director Community Wellbeing

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement to amend the guidelines for the Live Music Venues Grants and to change the grant program name to Room to Create Responsive Grant Program.

Background

2. The Live Music Venues Grants were launched in 2014 as a Council response to issues related to noise and patron behaviour complaints experienced by live music venues. Yarra was the first to introduce such a scheme, similar schemes are now offered by the City of Sydney and the Victorian Government.
3. The Live Music Venues Grants guidelines were approved by Council in 2014; the total pool of funding has remained at \$25,000 over the last three years.
4. The table below shows the amount granted through the scheme against the total costs of the projects funded. This shows the capacity of the program to leverage other investments.

Year	Total Granted	Total Project Costs	Leverage
2014/15	\$20,570	\$92,070	446%
2015/16	\$25,453	\$48,960	192%
2016/17	\$10,000	\$65,450	655% (to date)

5. The program, though modest in the total funding pool available for the nature of the works, has been well received by venues in Yarra. Venues have used these grants for a range of goods and services, including: sound engineers reports, acoustic treatments and purchase of materials.
6. This initiative, along with other Council services, has actively demonstrated Yarra to be a supporter of live music, by helping venues to be proactive in the way they managed some of the challenges that come with increased living density and, some would argue, gentrification.
7. These challenges faced by live music venues are similar to those experienced by many within Yarra's arts and culture sector. This sector is a vital part of Yarra's economic and cultural vibrancy.
8. Council's Room to Create Program was established specifically to develop an overarching approach to supporting the creative sector; to identify ways in which Yarra could assist artists, creatives and community organisations to continue to be located in Yarra.
9. The Room to Create Charitable Fund, a charitable fund account of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, was launched in 2014 and aims to provide funding opportunities to eligible organisations within Yarra. The Fund has supported one grant round in 2015/16, and is restricted to organisations which hold the charitable status and tax deductible recipient status.
10. The Room to Create Program now includes:
 - (a) subsidised lease arrangements on Council buildings (e.g. Dancehouse and Visionary Images);
 - (b) funding initiatives:
 - (i) Room to Create Charitable Fund;
 - (ii) Live Music Venues Grants;
 - (c) advice referral, and advocacy; and

- (d) demonstration projects, such as the Leaps and Bounds Festival.
11. This report seeks Council's endorsement to change the Live Music Venues Grants to a Room to Create Responsive Grant program, to expand the scope of what the grants can be used for, and to increase the pool of potential grant recipients.
 12. Since the first Live Music Venues Grants were offered, further support has now been established by Creative Victoria (the state government body dedicated to championing, growing and supporting Victoria's creative industries).
 13. The Good Music Neighbours Grant program offers venues up to \$25,000 each in matched funding to manage noise within their venues. Yarra venues have been recipients of funding through this program in 2016.
 14. The next round of this program will be in May/June 2017 and the presence of this funding stream alleviates the pressure on the Live Music Venues Grant program.
 15. This enables Council to consider broadening our approach so that the Yarra Grants program can be open to all creative organisations and businesses, including live music venues.
 16. The new grant guidelines for the Room to Create Responsive Grant Program will enable live music venues and a broad range of creative spaces in Yarra to apply. The proposed new guidelines are attached.

External Consultation

17. The Yarra Arts Advisory Committee (YAARTS) were consulted in broadening the scope of the grant. The panel discussed the idea of opening the grant to support a wider range of creative spaces and venues within Yarra. The panel supported the proposed change and to work towards implementation.
18. If this proposal is endorsed by Council, assessment of the Grants will involve members of the YAARTS and Room to Create Panel as well as other industry professionals (specifically from the live music sector).

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

19. The Community Grants team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

Financial Implications

20. There are no financial implications to this report; the funding pool would remain the same, at \$25,000.

Economic Implications

21. The grant money will be accessible to a wider range of arts organisations and spaces allowing a broader range of art forms and creatives to benefit from this support. This assists organisations to stay in Yarra, keeping them connected to their local community and contributing to Yarra's reputation as a creative and vibrant arts destination.
22. The creative sector contributes significantly to Yarra's tourism and local economy. The creative sector represents 11% of total employment and 21% of all businesses in the City.
23. The creative sector has been identified as an important, emerging industry which is associated with innovation and facilitating economic growth. Analysis of Yarra's creative sector completed in 2013 revealed that the creative sector employed 7,186 workers and 2,280 businesses. The largest sub-sectors were:
 - (a) Architecture, Design, Visual Arts; 726 businesses and 2,173 workers;
 - (b) Software and Interactive Content; 638 businesses and 2,084 workers; and
 - (c) Advertising and Marketing; 187 businesses and 1,172 workers.
24. A 2013 KMPG report into the Economic Impact of the Victorian Arts and Cultural Sector suggests the arts and culture sector contributes to \$11.4 billion of annual Victoria Gross State Product and around 110,000 Victorian full-time equivalent jobs in 2010-11 terms.

Sustainability Implications

25. No sustainability implications.

Social Implications

26. Arts and cultural activity has many social implications; it contributes to personal development, community development, social connectivity, tourism and health and wellbeing.
27. This particular funding program is geared towards supporting the general creative sector and also about offers solutions to manage conflict between competing uses leading to noise and amenity related complaints.
28. The positive social impact of arts and culture is well documented; these are an important part of the character and indeed, the liveability within Yarra.
29. The arts and cultural activities continue to be fundamental to human existence and provide ways in which we can navigate differences and build tolerant, resilient and happy communities.

Human Rights Implications

30. The right to participate in the cultural life of the community, to enjoy the arts and to share in scientific advancement and its benefits has been formally recognised as a Universal Human Right since 1948.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

31. There are no specific implications for communications with CALD communities.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

32. The Arts and Cultural Strategy 2016-2020 recognises the contributions creative spaces and live music venues make to the creative culture and identity of Yarra. Extending the scope of the grant program will open up the opportunity to a broader range of artistic disciplines.
33. This proposal is consistent with Council Plan 2013-17 Strategic Objective 1: Celebrating Yarra's uniqueness recognises the value of the creative sector's contribution to Strategic Cultural identity, Creative Places and Yarra's Local Economy. Broadening the opportunity of support for the creative sector will continue to contribute to this strategic objective.
34. The proposed change to the guidelines will further support Council Plan 2013-17 Priority 2: Yarra is a Creative City of Artists with the objective being to support artists working across all art forms and at all stages of their careers.
35. This proposal also supports Council Plan 2013-17 Priority 4: Yarra is Many Things to Many People. Foster and promote the distinctive strengths of Yarra's creative community to build capacity of the sector and to capitalise on opportunities such as tourism will be further supported by the extension of eligibility for this grant.

Legal Implications

36. No legal implications.

Other Issues

37. There are no other issues.

Options

38. **Option 1:** To endorse the amendment of the Live Music Venues Grants guidelines, extending the eligibility criteria of the program, opening it up to a broader range of creative spaces in Yarra. The title of the grants program will change to Room to Create Responsive Grant Program to reflect its broader scope.
39. **Option 2:** To leave the Live Music Venues Grants program as it is for 2016/2017 financial year, instituting the amendment of the guidelines and title of the program in the new 2017/2018 financial year.
40. **Option 3:** To leave the Live Music Venues Grants program in its current form focussing on only live music venues.

41. Officers recommend Option 1, to expand access to the grants program as the best way to promote and support arts and culture within Yarra and to meet community needs.

Conclusion

42. The Live Music Venues Grants has been a successful program and there is a demonstrated need for this support. The recently introduced Creative Victoria Good Music Neighbours Grant recognises this need and offers an additional and more substantial funding opportunity to the same sector. Broadening the scope of the grant to the Room to Create Responsive Grant Program guidelines will still allow live music venues to apply but will also open the opportunity to other creative spaces who have limited direct support for this infrastructure related area of operation.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorse the amendment of the Live Music Venues Grants guidelines, extending the eligibility criteria of the program, opening it up to a wider range of creative spaces in Yarra (as per Attachment 1); and
 - (b) Council endorse a change to the title of the grants program to 'Room to Create Responsive Grant Program' to reflect its broader scope.

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Attachments

- 1 Grant Guidelines: Room to Create Responsive Grant Program

Attachment 1 - Grant Guidelines: Room to Create Responsive Grant Program

Grant Guidelines: Room to Create Responsive Grant Program City of Yarra

BACKGROUND

Yarra is often referred to as Australia's "engine room" for the arts because of the artists, creative people and the nimble arts organisations that operate here. It is the place where up and coming artists will have their first gig and put on their first exhibition; in warehouses and repurposed buildings creative hubs flourish and works are made. We are home to over 50 live music venues, more than 60 galleries and artist run spaces, and numerous creative hubs and studios.

The Room to Create Responsive Grant Program is a Council initiative that is intended to help creative spaces and live music venues to continue to operate in Yarra. The Program is designed to be quick response and leverage investment by the applicant.

The Program pool is \$25,000 per annum and funding is capped at \$2,000 for a standalone grant or at \$5,000 for a matching grant – when the applicant is able to make a matching contribution towards the project.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the funds, the organisation or business entity must manage and/or occupy a creative space (e.g. gallery, performance venue, artist studio, live music venue) that is located in the City of Yarra.

If the application relates to a live music venue, the applicant must agree to adopt the Best Practice Guidelines for Live Music Venues developed by the Live Music Roundtable with the Victorian Government. Download the guidelines here:

<http://www.musicvictoria.com.au/reports/best-practice-guidelines>

If applying as an individual, it must be possible to demonstrate that the space is a dedicated creative space that contributes to the creative footprint of Yarra, as outlined above or that the individual is a business entity that occupies or manages a creative space.

The funds may be used for goods and/or services that will assist the creative space to stay in Yarra.

The funds can be used for:

- infrastructure works such as fit out of studio or building spaces
- acoustic treatment related works, such as installing insulation, air locks, sound absorbing materials, gap seals etc.
- acoustic consultant fees and measuring devices/equipment
- building surveyors fees related to assessment of an existing building
- town planning consultants to obtain advice relevant to maintaining a creative space in Yarra, including advocacy where a nearby development is proposed

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- other materials and/or services that may assist with the venue's management of noise and patron behaviour related complaints.

The funds cannot be used:

- to pay for works that have already been done
- towards a studio space in a private dwelling/home
- for expenses that are clearly related to the daily operations of the business including rent
- for works that would be the responsibility of the property owner if the space/building is leased.

TIMELINES

Applications are open all year round until the funding pool is exhausted. Applicants will be notified of the outcome within two weeks.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be made online through Council's website.
<https://cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Arts and Culture on 9205 5038 or 9205 5212

11.6 Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 Initiation Report

Executive Summary

Purpose

Provide an overview of the process, objectives, assessment procedures and the budget for the Community Partnership Grants 2017/21.

Key Issues

The Community Partnership Grants program is a four year funded program. The purpose of the Community Partnership Grants is to support community organisations through strategic partnerships to develop a positive approach to the resolution of social issues, focussing on substantial projects that address the strategic priorities of Council.

Financial Implications

The total budget for all projects recommended for funding in the first year (2017/18) of the next Community Partnership Grants round is \$442,945. This is a 1.5% (\$6,546) increase on the 2016/17 budget to partially accommodate for increased expenses. It is intended that \$442,945 is available for the Community Partnership Grants with a 1.5% increase in each year of the program, subject to budget approval.

PROPOSAL

That Council endorse the:

- (a) Community Partnership Grants Program Logic as outlined in Attachment One;
- (b) recommended 12 groups be invited to re-apply to the next round of Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 as outlined in Attachment Two;
- (c) Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 Guidelines as outlined in Attachment Four; and
- (d) allocation of \$442,945 in 2017/18 to the Community Partnerships Grants 2017/21 pending 2017/18 budget approval.

11.6 Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 Initiation Report

Trim Record Number: D17/3975

Responsible Officer: Group Manager - People, Culture and Community

Purpose

1. The purpose of the report is to:
 - (a) provide an overview of the process, objectives and assessment procedures for the Community Partnership Grants 2017/21;
 - (b) outline the budget for the Community Partnership Grants 2017/21; and
 - (c) provide an overview of the review of the existing Community Partnership Grant recipients in preparation for the new grant round.

Background

2. The purpose of the Community Partnership Grants (CPG) is to support community organisations through strategic partnerships to develop a positive approach to the resolution of social issues, focussing on substantial projects that address the strategic priorities of Council.
3. Over four years from 2012-16, the CPG program has delivered more than \$2.5 million in grant funding to 19 community organisations for 23 projects benefiting Yarra’s community.
4. The Community Partnership Grants support community engagement activities which utilise contributions from both Council and community organisations. The impact of these activities is to strengthen partnerships and relationships and provide support and resources to the community. Ultimately, the impact of this program is to develop an empowered and self-determining community, providing a positive approach to the resolution of social issues while fostering vibrant and diverse cultural activities through Yarra.
5. The CPG is a targeted and non-contested grants program, whereby Council determines (based on set criteria) who to invite to the program. The CPG provides funding for a four year period and runs on a financial year basis. The recurrent nature of these partnership projects provides greater security for the community organisation, and maintains a high level of accountability and transparency of funding for Council.
6. In October 2011, Council endorsed 14 projects under the CPG. In addition, a further eight events under the Arts and Culture stream of the CPG program were funded for one year, while Council developed a competitive funding program for triennial Arts and Culture funding. This led to the creation of the Creative Yarra grant program and Celebrate Yarra grant program.
7. There are currently 12 CPG recipients:

Organisation	Program
Cohealth	Aboriginal Engagement Program
Cohealth	Billabong Coordinator
Cohealth	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program
Cohealth	Yarra Drug and Health Forum
Collingwood Children’s Farm	Young Farmer's Program
Collingwood Toy Library	Collingwood Toy Library, Community through Play 2012 -15
Fitzroy Legal Service	Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday
Launch Housing	Indigenous Recreation Program
MAYSAR /Whitelion	MAYSAR Culture, Training & Engagement Program

Princes Hill Community Centre	Community Involvement through Music, Art, Seniors Games Group, Sewing/craft, Sustainability talks, and History groups
Richmond Toy Library	Richmond Toy Library — Removing the Lid of the Toybox
Save the Children	Fitzroy Toy Library

8. It is recommended that each of these grant recipients be invited to apply for the 2017/21 CPG Program.
9. On 3 December 2014 Council approved the extension of the existing CPG round for one year, to enable a review of the CPG Program. This review was conducted by GrantsPro, and concluded in November 2015. The review recommended that Council continue to support the CPG as a targeted, non-contested program and included recommendations to improve the program. The GrantsPro review, including recommendations, was endorsed by Council on 5 April 2016, who also endorsed a second year extension of the existing grant round (until June 2017) in order to implement review recommendations and conduct a review of the existing grant recipients.

External Consultation

10. The 12 active CPG recipients were directly consulted and included in the review, meeting with members of the Grants team to discuss their existing grant and their plans going forward.
11. In the review each project/program was assessed against the criteria developed within the program logic (**Attachment One**). Each grant recipient was scored on a number of questions relating to the impact, community engagement and outcomes of the project.
12. The review also recorded if the funded program or project:
 - (a) achieved their stated aims;
 - (b) how they related to Strategic Objectives from the Council Plan 2013-2017;
 - (c) historic engagement with the Yarra Grants Program;
 - (d) accountability with regards to funding;
 - (e) contribution of resources; and
 - (f) data provided (including leveraged funds).
13. A summary of the review findings are included in **Attachment Two – Review (Summary) of CPG Program Recipients, 2012-2015 (extended to 2017)**. The review includes a brief evaluation of the funded program or project by the Council Contact and their recommendation going forward.
14. The review also included an analysis of the leveraged potential of Council funds used in the CPG program, this being the dollar value of the programs funded through the CPG program compared to how much Council spent. Overall, this came to \$1:\$1.31, or \$1.31 for every Council dollar spent. However it was also found that all organisations consistently underreported the full program value, such as the contribution of volunteer time. Comments relating to this can be found in **Attachment Three – CPG Recipients leveraged funding ratios with comments**. If these had been included, the ration would be up to three times higher for some programs.
15. Clarification has also been provided on how a program exits or enters the CPG program. If programs do not meet the review assessment criteria they will not be recommended for further funding. This review would occur in the fourth year of the CPG program. As for new programs that could be considered for the CPG program the following will need to be met:
 - (a) proven uniqueness;
 - (b) a history of partnering with Council through the Community Grants program;
 - (c) need to be assessed against the Community Partnerships Program Logic; and

- (d) funding would need to be sought through the budget process unless an existing program in the CPG program was exited.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

16. Each Community Partnership Grant is assigned a Council Contact, this being a council officer in the relevant area to the funded project or program. All Council Contacts were consulted as part of the review process, in particular, Family Services, Social Policy and Research and Community Partnerships.

Process

17. The Guidelines for CPG 2017/21 are provided as **Attachment Four**.
 18. The following table shows the proposed time-frame for CPG 2017/21:

Grant round opens	9am Monday 27 February 2017
Applications Close	11:59pm Monday, 3 April, 2017
Assessment of CPG applications	April 2017
Grants Recommendation report to Council	6 June, 2017
Announcement of grant outcomes	7 June, 2017
Funding agreements to be returned by successful applicants	June 2017
Grants paid by Electronic Funds Transfer	From July 2017
Projects Commence	1 July 2017

Financial Implications

19. The total budget for all projects recommended for funding in the first year (2017/18) of the next CPG round is \$442,945. This is a 1.5% (\$6,546) increase on the 2016/17 budget to partially accommodate increased expenses. It is intended that \$442,945 is available for the CPG with a 1.5% increase in each year of the four year program, subject to budget approval.

Economic Implications

20. All of the recommended programs contain a component in the budget for wages, providing employment in the local not for profit sector, serving the needs of the Yarra community.
 21. Each program has individual economic implications. Programs work directly with participants to develop skills and circumstances that will increase their employability. Projects also have long term harm minimisation outcomes that provide better outcomes for local businesses.
 22. The funded programs and projects also utilise goods and services from local businesses, contributing to the local economy.

Sustainability Implications

23. Direct environmental sustainability implications for this program are minimal. The Collingwood Children’s Farm project engages young people with farm activities, and the Toy Library projects encourage the sharing of resources. The projects also provide engagement with marginalised groups who are hard to reach regarding sustainability.

Social Implications

24. The CPG ensure a wide range of positive social implications across the community. The recommended projects that target children and young people are expected to have lifelong beneficial implications. A number of the recommended projects directly engage with local Aboriginal groups and these projects greatly benefit from multiyear funding which allows them to build trust, overtime, with the community.

Human Rights Implications

25. The CPG are in alignment with the *Victorian Charter of Human rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and actively supports people to participate in, and contribute to, their community. The human rights listed in the Charter are grouped into the themes of freedom, respect, equality, and dignity; these are all themes that are encapsulated by the CPG program.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

26. There are no implications about communications with CALD communities.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

27. The CPG Program assists in the delivery of Council’s Strategic Objectives, as stated in the Council Plan, through community led organisations and programs. They foster strong partnerships between Council and the community.
28. Two of the five Strategic Objectives outlined in the Council Plan relate to the CPG program as follows:
- (a) Strategic Objective 1: Celebrating Yarra’s uniqueness:
 - 1.2 Recognise the value of Yarra’s Aboriginal cultural heritage.
 - 1.3 Foster and promote Yarra’s arts, culture, history, diversity and vitality.
 - 1.5 Engage and strengthen connections with diverse groups in our community.
 - 1.8 Strengthen relationships with key community partners such as Australian Catholic University, St Vincent’s Hospital, Epworth Hospital and others.
 - (b) Strategic Objective 2: supporting Yarra’s community:
 - 2.2 Continue to create a resident-friendly city that reduces isolation, improves access to the built environment and builds social connections.
 - 2.4 Encourage greater social cohesion and participation through volunteer initiatives and community development activities.
29. The following table shows how all of the recommended CPG recipients align to at least four of the six objectives:

Project Title	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.4
Richmond Toy Library — Removing the lid of the toybox	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yarra Drug and Health Forum	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Young Farmer's Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community Involvement through Music, Art, Seniors Games Group, Sewing/craft, Sustainability talks, and History groups	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aboriginal Engagement Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Billabong Coordinator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fitzroy Toy Library	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MAYSAR Culture, Training & Engagement Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collingwood Toy Library, Community through Play 2012 - 2015	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indigenous Recreation Program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Legal Implications

30. The grants program enables Council to achieve some of the basic tenants of the Local Government Act 1989:
- (a) Section 3C - to promote the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal district;
 - (b) Section 3D - fostering community cohesion and encouraging active participation in civic life; and
 - (c) Section 3E - planning for and providing services and facilities for the local community.
31. Council has not sought legal advice in relation to the grants program.

Other Issues

32. There are no other issues

Options

33. There are no other options.

Conclusion

34. As recommended in the GrantsPro review, a Program Logic for the CPG program has been developed to outline the purpose, resources, activities, outputs and outcomes of the program. Utilising this program logic the Community Grants Team has reviewed the objectives and criteria of the CPG and reviewed all existing partnership grants. Based on this review, 12 groups are recommended to apply for the next round of CPG 2017/21.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse the:
- (a) Community Partnership Grants Program Logic as outlined in Attachment One;
 - (b) The following 12 recommended programs be invited to re-apply to the next round of Community Partnership Grants 2017/21:
 - (i) Cohealth - Aboriginal Engagement Program;
 - (ii) Cohealth - Billabong Coordinator;
 - (iii) Cohealth - Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program;
 - (iv) Cohealth - Yarra Drug and Health Forum;
 - (v) Collingwood Children's Farm - Young Farmer's Program;
 - (vi) Collingwood Toy Library - Collingwood Toy Library, Community through Play 2012 -15;
 - (vii) Fitzroy Legal Service - Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday;
 - (viii) Launch Housing - Indigenous Recreation Program;
 - (ix) MAYSAR /Whitelion - MAYSAR Culture, Training & Engagement Program;
 - (x) Princes Hill Community Centre - Community Involvement through Music, Art, Seniors Games Group, Sewing/craft, Sustainability talks, and History groups;
 - (xi) Richmond Toy Library Richmond Toy Library - Removing the Lid of the Toybox; and
 - (xii) Save the Children - Fitzroy Toy Library; and
 - (c) Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 Guidelines as outlined in Attachment Four; and
 - (d) allocation of \$442,945 in 2017/18 to the Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 pending 2017/18 budget approval.

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Attachments

- 1 Community Partnership Grants Program Logic
- 2 Review (Summary) of Community Partnership Grants Program Recipients, 2012-2015 (extended to 2017)
- 3 Community Partnership Grants 2012 – 2015 (extended to 2017) Leveraged Funds with Comments
- 4 Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 Guidelines

Attachment 1 - Community Partnership Grants Program Logic

Community Partnership Grants Program Logic

Community Partnership Grants Program Statement of Intent: The purpose of the Community Partnership Grants program is to support Council in achieving the Strategic Objectives of the Council Plan, to support community organisations through strategic partnerships, to develop a positive approach to the resolution of social issues, and to maintain a high level of accountability and transparency for Council with regards to funding. The four-year Community Partnership Grants support community engagement activities which utilise both Council contributions and community organisation contributions. These activities will yield data such as leveraged funding, client participation, additional services providers, strategic information, as well as providing exposure for Council. The impact of these activities for Council is expected to establish and strengthen partnerships and relationships, provide support and resources to the community, contribute to Council's strategic objectives and gather valuable information about emerging and long term issues. It is also expected to provide sector development within the community, strengthening community organisations and the community as a whole, and developing an increasingly agile and responsive community. Ultimately, the impact of this program would be to develop an empowered and self-determining community, providing a positive approach to the resolution of social issues while fostering vibrant and diverse cultural activities through Yarra. It will also improve the organisational resilience and capacity of both Council and community organisations, providing a high level of accountability and transparency with regards to funding and the ability to identify and respond effectively to emerging and long term issues.

<p>Purpose</p> <p><i>The purpose of this program is to</i></p>	<p>Resources</p> <p><i>In order to accomplish our set of activities we will need the following</i></p>	<p>Activities</p> <p><i>In order to address our problem or asset we will conduct the following activities</i></p>	<p>Outputs</p> <p><i>We expect that once completed or underway these activities will produce the following evidence of delivery</i></p>	<p>Short & Medium Term Outcomes</p> <p><i>We expect that if completed or ongoing these activities will produce the following changes in 1-3 then 4-6 years</i></p>	<p>Long Term Outcomes (Impact)</p> <p><i>We expect that if completed these activities will lead to the following changes in 7-10 years</i></p>
<p>Support Council in achieving the Strategic Objectives of the Council Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Council Plan 2013-17 Strategic Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.2: Recognise the value of Yarra's Aboriginal cultural heritage 1.3 Foster and promote Yarra's arts, culture, history, diversity and vitality 1.5 Engage and strengthen connections with diverse groups in our community 1.8 Strengthen relationships with key community partners 2.2 Continue to create a resident-friendly city that reduces isolation, ... and builds social connections 2.4 Encourage greater social cohesion <p>Support community organisations through strategic partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide secure operational or project based funding to not-for-profit community groups that have a history of engagement with the Yarra Grants programs Support medium scale, longer term projects that deliver beneficial social outcomes - especially when the projects are only viable with Council support <p>Develop a positive approach to the resolution of social issues</p> <p>Maintain a high level of accountability and transparency for Council with regards to funding</p>	<p>Council contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding – Council budget allocation Council Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants Team – administration and grants expertise Staff members across Council as Council Contacts – subject matter experts <p>Community organisation contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds Staff and Volunteers Organisational resources Expertise Links to broader networks 	<p>Council activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of the 4 Year Community Partnership Grants Program <p>Community engagement activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the formation and strengthening of the Yarra community Act as centres for community activities and engagement (with the exception of Neighbourhood Houses) Provision of specialized services for justice, youth, CALD, Indigenous and disadvantaged or isolated community sectors Community advocacy Forums/Networks Community education and support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraged funding Client participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance numbers Membership numbers Number of times service is accessed Additional services provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training programs offered Workshops held Programs run Strategic/targeted data collected Exposure for Council through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles Newsletters Exhibitions 	<p>Direct outcomes for Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of valuable information about emerging and long term issues, current information from the community and local stories of resilience and community building Establishment and strengthening of partnerships with key community organisations Achievement of Strategic Objectives Increased ability to build and maintain relationships through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative relationships between community sectors, service providers and other organisations A sense of shared goals and cooperation between Council and Community Additional innovation and investment Connection to culture Provision of support and resources for and to the community A safer environment <p>Direct outcomes for community organisations and the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening of community organisations and the community as a whole. Increasingly agile, responsive community with the capacity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify its own needs Develop solutions Improve organisational resilience and capacity Create positive change in people's lives and behaviours Link isolated or potentially isolated residents back into the community 	<p>Direct impact for Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved organisational resilience and capacity Positive approach to the resolution of social issues Fostering of vibrant and diverse cultural activities through Yarra Further acknowledgment of the value of Yarra's Aboriginal cultural heritage High level of accountability and transparency for Council with regards to funding Stronger relationships with Yarra's community organisations and residents Ability to identify emerging and long term issues and ability to respond effectively <p>Direct impact for Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowered and self-determining community Improved organisational resilience and capacity Disadvantage redressed through more pathways to education, employment and community connections Increased harmony (Indigenous) Collaborative relationships between community sectors, service providers and other organisations

Attachment 2 - Review (Summary) of Community Partnership Grants Program Recipients, 2012-2015 (extended to 2017)

Review (Summary) of Community Partnership Grants Program Recipients, 2012-2015 (extended to 2017)

As part of the review process, each grant recipient was scored on a number of questions relating to the direct impact, community engagement, short and medium term outcomes, and the impact/long term outcomes of the funded program or project. A full list of the scored questions is available on page 9. The review also recorded if the funded program or project:

- achieved their stated aims;
- if and how they related to Strategic Objectives from the Council Plan 2013-2017;
- history of engagement with the Yarra Grants Program;
- accountability with regards to funding;
- contribution of resources; and
- data provided (including leveraged funds).

The review also included a brief evaluation of the funded program or project by the Council Contact, and their recommendation going forward, and a perspective from the organisation contact, drawn from the meeting held between organisation contacts and members of the Yarra Grants team.

The summary information below includes the success ranking, as determined by the Council staff based on the review; a percentage score, taken from the scored responses (excluding any questions where the question was not applicable); a recommendation from Council staff with regards to continued funding, and overall comments on the review.

Grants recipients are listed in alphabetical order, these being:

Cohealth

<i>Aboriginal Engagement Program</i>	2
<i>Billabong Coordinator</i>	2
<i>Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program</i>	3
<i>Yarra Drug and Health Forum</i>	3

Collingwood Children's Farm

<i>Young Farmer's Program</i>	4
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Collingwood Toy Library

<i>Collingwood Toy Library, Community through Play 2012 - 2015</i>	4
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Fitzroy Legal Service

<i>Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday</i>	5
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Launch Housing

<i>Indigenous Recreation Program</i>	5
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Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport & Recreation Co-op (MAYSAR), auspiced by Whitelion

<i>MAYSAR Culture, Training & Engagement Program</i>	6
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Princes Hill Community Centre

<i>Community Involvement through Music, Art, Seniors Games Group, Sewing/craft, Sustainability talks, and History groups (MASSSH)</i>	7
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Richmond Toy Library

<i>Richmond Toy Library — Removing the lid of the toybox</i>	8
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Save the Children

<i>Fitzroy Toy Library</i>	7
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Organisation/Auspice		Cohealth							
Project Title		Aboriginal Engagement Program							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		The Aboriginal Engagement Program aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra. This is a highly marginalised sector of the local community who face significant disadvantage and have a complex range of health and welfare issues. This will be achieved employing an Aboriginal Engagement Worker whose role will include working with the community members and other key stakeholders to identify the needs of ATSI people. The worker will link ATSI people into relevant health, welfare and recreational services.							
Funded 2012/13	\$36,000	Funded 2013/14	\$37,080	Funded 2014/15	\$38,192	Funded 2015/16	\$38,192	Funded 2016/17	\$38,192
Project Success Ranking		Exceptional: exceeded expectations for most objectives				Percentage score		93	
Overall comments		Cohealth's Aboriginal Engagement Program offers an effective life-changing range of services to both the permanent and transient ATSI communities in Yarra. The services provided have had an exceptional, direct impact on the wellbeing and quality of life for the participants in the program and has made considerable contribution to the feeling of safety, harmony and connectedness with the broader Yarra community.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

Organisation/Auspice		Cohealth							
Project Title		Billabong Coordinator							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		The Billabong BBQ is a multi-agency, multidisciplinary outreach program which targets marginalised Aboriginal people in Yarra. It consists of a weekly nutritious meal in a park where the participants congregate, in conjunction with a range of services. The provision of health and welfare services (health, housing, legal, welfare etc) at point of contact is underpinned by a commitment to the social determinants of health and to culturally safe practice, thereby ensuring a holistic and responsive approach to the promotion of well-being. A range of cultural activities and events also occur. The Billabong Coordinator ensures the smooth running of this Program.							
Funded 2012/13	\$45,018	Funded 2013/14	\$47,605	Funded 2014/15	\$50,344	Funded 2015/16	\$50,344	Funded 2016/17	\$50,344
Project Success Ranking		Exceptional: exceeded expectations for most objectives				Percentage score		98	
Overall comments		The Billabong BBQ is an exemplary program that helps address the complex needs of the Yarra ATSI community in a very positive way. This in turn fosters respectful and positive engagement with Council itself and the broader Yarra community.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

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Organisation/Auspice		Cohealth							
Project Title		Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		The Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program has been funded by the CoY since 2011 to co-convene the Yarra Settlement Forum (YSF) with CoY Multicultural Affairs Community Planners to: strengthen agency partnerships across Yarra; increase the capacity of the sector to provide responsive services to refugees and asylum seekers; and engage in advocacy work and community education activities to expand community understanding of refugee and asylum seeker communities and experiences.							
Funded 2012/13	\$20,000	Funded 2013/14	\$21,000	Funded 2014/15	\$22,000	Funded 2015/16	\$22,000	Funded 2016/17	\$22,000
Project Success Ranking		Exceptional: exceeded expectations for most objectives				Percentage score		92	
Overall comments		The Yarra Settlement Forum is an extremely functional network and exemplifies the benefits that such a program can have in terms of building the capacity and effectiveness of service providers in any given sector.							
Recommendation		Recommend funding in new CPG round with conditions or extra support							

Organisation/Auspice		Cohealth							
Project Title		Yarra Drug and Health Forum							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		<p>The Yarra Drug & Health Forum (YDHF) is a local network of people committed to identifying and responding to the health and social needs of the community in Yarra with a focus on addressing the harms associated with drug and alcohol use. YDHF was established in 1996 by representatives from a range of community based agencies, traders and residents of the City of Yarra following a public meeting. Since that time the Forum and the City of Yarra have been mutually supportive in order to address community needs and issues related to drug and alcohol use within the city. The Forum plays an active role in community development and advocacy around drug issues.</p> <p>YDHF aims to provide a conduit for community action, driven at the local level and formalised at the policy level. The forum engages the community through a number of formal and informal processes seeking the views of those most affected by drugs and alcohol in the community.</p>							
Funded 2012/13	\$21,836	Funded 2013/14	\$22,490	Funded 2014/15	\$23,144	Funded 2015/16	\$23,144	Funded 2016/17	\$23,144
Project Success Ranking		Good: met most objectives				Percentage score		82	
Overall comments		The Yarra Drug and Health Forum is an important network within Yarra, providing and disseminating valuable information regarding issues surrounding drug and alcohol use, something that has been recognised by government, local organisations and community groups. They have a strong and positive partnership with Council that is facilitated by this grant program.							
Recommendation		Yes, strongly recommended							

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Organisation/Auspice		Collingwood Children's Farm							
Project Title		Young Farmer's Program							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		The Young Farmers Program (8 - 16yrs) operates on weekends and is run outdoors. Management of the participants is shared by experienced Farm workers. Participants gain work experience in land care, general farm chores, tending animals, gardening and team work. Small teams of vertical age groups work with the farmers, allowing all participants to develop work skills and habits to assist with the building of confidence. Initially the program sees new participants teamed with more experienced Young Farmers as they are introduced to activities across the Farm.							
Funded 2012/13	\$61,000	Funded 2013/14	\$62,830	Funded 2014/15	\$64,720	Funded 2015/16	\$64,720	Funded 2016/17	\$64,720
Project Success Ranking		Excellent: exceeded expectations for several objectives				Percentage score		79	
Overall comments		This program provides important opportunities for Yarra families to engage with one of Yarra's most iconic organisations, fostering community connectedness and family, environmental and community ideals. It is recommended that this grant remain in the family and early years Council Contact portfolio, but that an officer from Youth and Middle Years is brought into consultations with the applicant to improve Council relationship with this organisation and make more of the opportunity to refer young people to the program.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

Organisation/Auspice		Collingwood Toy Library							
Project Title		Collingwood Toy Library, Community through Play 2012 - 2015							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		Collingwood Toy Library currently serves approximately 300 families across Yarra. We are keen to increase our reach to all areas of the municipality, with particular focus on improving our access to and membership within vulnerable families in Yarra. We realise that we have much to learn with regard to developing successful relationships with vulnerable families and wish to extend our resources both in terms of toy library stock and coordinator availability to forge these connections.							
Funded 2012/13	\$7,500	Funded 2013/14	\$10,000	Funded 2014/15	\$12,500	Funded 2015/16	\$12,500	Funded 2016/17	\$12,500
Project Success Ranking		Good: met most objectives				Percentage score		72	
Overall comments		As a provider of an important universal service, it is recommended that Council continue to fund the Collingwood Toy Library. Council would like to encourage conversations between Yarra's three toy libraries and hope through this means, to continue to help families from disadvantaged backgrounds to access the services.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

Attachment 2 - Review (Summary) of Community Partnership Grants Program Recipients, 2012-2015 (extended to 2017)

Organisation/Auspice		Fitzroy Legal Service							
Project Title		Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		<p>Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday 6.30 – 9 pm utilises significant pro bono support from the legal sector (community members, students & practitioners) to make the law and legal support accessible to people who live work or study in the CoY.</p> <p>The night service is the first port of call for many community members in accessing legal help, and provides services to address problems such as fines, housing, family violence, neighbourhood disputes, discrimination, powers of attorney, debts, consumer complaints/ disputes, co-tenancy disputes.</p>							
Funded 2012/13	\$52,513	Funded 2013/14	\$54,088	Funded 2014/15	\$55,711	Funded 2015/16	\$65,711	Funded 2016/17	\$65,711
Project Success Ranking		Exceptional: exceeded expectations for most objectives				Percentage score		94	
Overall comments		The Fitzroy Legal Service's Night Service Program provides a high quality supportive service to people in highly vulnerable situations. In addition to improving social harmony in Yarra through dispute resolution and rehabilitation, the Fitzroy Legal Service's Night Service helps protect the rights of Yarra residents in a unique, effective and highly responsive way.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

Organisation/Auspice		Launch Housing (Formerly HomeGround Services)							
Project Title		Indigenous Recreation Program							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		<p>The Indigenous Recreation Program provides opportunities for indigenous men and women in the City of Yarra to participate in culturally appropriate and gender specific recreation activities that assists with their community engagement and wellbeing. The program provides a safe and trusting environment for participants who have faced alienation and rejection throughout their lives and allows them to experience positive interactions both individually and in groups.</p>							
Funded 2012/13	\$49,324	Funded 2013/14	\$50,517	Funded 2014/15	\$51,743	Funded 2015/16	\$51,743	Funded 2016/17	\$51,743
Project Success Ranking		Exceptional: exceeded expectations for most objectives				Percentage score		96	
Overall comments		The establishment of trust is a major issue and is complicated by the impact of mental illness, acquired brain injury, drug use and abuse and gambling. The Launch Housing Indigenous Recreation Program delivers exceptional quality support to this community on their own terms and in their own environment at their gathering places. The program provides opportunities to engage in positive, healthy activities that is an integral part of the strategy to help address the needs and challenges faced by the ATSI community in Yarra.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

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Organisation/Auspice		Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport & Recreation Co-op (MAYSAR), auspiced by Whitelion							
Project Title		MAYSAR Culture, Training & Engagement Program							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		MAYSAR is an Aboriginal led/managed co-operative that has a long history of working to promote self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The MAYSAR Culture, Training and Engagement Program provides a number of activities such as community lunches, swimming programs, soccer programs, boxing programs, outreach programs, women's programs and youth leadership programs and camps. MAYSAR has formal partnerships with a number of peak Aboriginal organisations, including arts and health organisations and works collaboratively with them in providing the above programs for the Aboriginal community.							
Funded 2012/13	\$50,000	Funded 2013/14	\$51,500	Funded 2014/15	\$53,045	Funded 2015/16	\$53,045	Funded 2016/17	\$53,045
Project Success Ranking		Excellent: exceeded expectations for several objectives				Percentage score		94	
Overall comments		The work undertaken during the course of this grant exemplifies the key objectives of the Community Partnerships Grant program and demonstrates the importance that these partnerships with Council play when key organisations like MAYSAR encounter difficult, challenging periods. In this case Council was able to help facilitate the preservation of a key Aboriginal run organisation during a crisis period with the result that it has re-emerged stronger, more supported and resilient and offering even better outcomes for the community it serves, whilst not shying away from the difficult question of how to best use its asset on Gertrude Street.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

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Organisation/Auspice		Princes Hill Community Centre							
Project Title		Community Involvement through Music, Art, Seniors Games Group, Sewing/craft, Sustainability talks, and History groups							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		<p>We aim to continue and develop further the four existing programs from the previous funding period- ie. sustainability talks, our sewing group, the Games Group for Seniors, and the collaborative local history group; and maintain and promote our existing programs.</p> <p>We also aim to plan an art exhibition for local artists and participants in our art and drawing sessions.</p> <p>We also aim to offer local artists opportunities to deliver short-term, one-off programs, as opportunities arise.</p> <p>We also aim to produce a community music postcard, to promote our own music programs and those of other local and community groups.</p> <p>We are also keen to investigate the possibility of using the studio at the Centre as a venue for amateur and local musicians to perform.</p>							
Funded 2012/13	\$30,000	Funded 2013/14	\$30,000	Funded 2014/15	\$30,000	Funded 2015/16	\$30,000	Funded 2016/17	\$30,000
Project Success Ranking		Excellent: exceeded expectations for several objectives				Percentage score		78	
Overall comments		The Princes Hill Community Centre is doing solid work providing a flexible and responsive range of programs to people in the area. They have been committed to improving their relationships with a variety of key organisations in the area over the course of this grant and would benefit from additional support expanding their relationships from other service providers to community organisations and groups.							
Recommendation		Recommend funding in new CPG round with conditions or extra support							

Organisation/Auspice		Save the Children							
Project Title		Fitzroy Toy Library							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		<p>The following activities operate under the Fitzroy Toy Library program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fitzroy Toy Library Borrowing - lending out high quality educational toys to 0-6 years old. 2. Art Play - weekly art and craft play activities focussed on children's interests. 3. Story Play - monthly story time sessions, focusing on bilingual books and art and craft. 4. Outreach – a “mobile toy library” on a bike with trailer visiting isolated families in the community. 5. School Holiday Program - weekly and diverse play activities during school holidays. 6. Fitzroy Learning Network - volunteer work experience program for newly arrived migrants/refugees from NESB. 							
Funded 2012/13	\$7,500	Funded 2013/14	\$10,000	Funded 2014/15	\$12,500	Funded 2015/16	\$12,500	Funded 2016/17	\$12,500
Project Success Ranking		Excellent: exceeded expectations for several objectives				Percentage score		81	
Overall comments		The Fitzroy Toy Library is recommended for continued funding and commended for their successes. Their work to move back into the space of a universal service, while maintaining specialist services is acknowledged and appreciated. Council Officers would like to encourage the Fitzroy Toy Library to continue developing their program evaluation and encourage them to share their learnings with the other toy libraries in Yarra.							
Recommendation		Strongly recommend funding in new CPG round							

Attachment 2 - Review (Summary) of Community Partnership Grants Program Recipients, 2012-2015 (extended to 2017)

Organisation/Auspice		Richmond Toy Library							
Project Title		Richmond Toy Library — Removing the lid of the toybox							
Brief Project Description (From 2012/15 application)		<p>The Richmond Toy Library (RTL) loans toys to families through three opening sessions per week for 45 weeks of the year. RTL operates in the waiting area of the South Richmond Maternal and Child Health Centre (below the Richmond Library). Families pay a membership fee and are required to volunteer at two opening sessions per year. Our current membership does not reflect the diverse Richmond demographic, with particularly low membership from families on a low income or from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds.</p> <p>Philosophically our aim is to strengthen community bonds through a shared purpose: child rearing. Part of this is enabling interaction between parents and children through play. We would also like to see ourselves as a social hub where mums and carers can meet (though for reasons of space we are unable to fully realise this 'meet and play space' idea). We are aware that access to our facility is not equal to all mums/carers and children in Richmond. We are not necessarily looking to increase our membership numbers (and therefore our revenue) but we would like to work more closely with Family and Children's Services (F&CS) to extend our offering into the community. For this reason we are seeking extra funding to enable greater access to our service by those families who currently find this difficult.</p> <p>Over the next 3 years RTL would like to increase access to our service by families who are on a low income and / or from a CALD backgrounds. We hope to do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consulting with community groups and F&CS to determine barriers to access - targeting promotion of RTL to people on a low income and from CALD backgrounds - providing additional toy library sessions targeted at people on a low income and from CALD backgrounds, either from our premises or from within other community spaces through some form of an outreach programme. 							
Funded 2012/13	\$7,500	Funded 2013/14	\$10,000	Funded 2014/15	\$12,500	Funded 2015/16	\$12,500	Funded 2016/17	\$12,500
Project Success Ranking		Good: met most objectives				Percentage score		67	
Overall comments		As a provider of an important universal service, it is recommended that Council continue to fund the Richmond Toy Library. Council would like to encourage conversations between Yarra's three toy libraries and hope through this means, to continue to help families from disadvantaged backgrounds to access the services.							
Recommendation		Recommend funding in new CPG round with conditions or extra support							

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Scored questions included in the Community Partnership Grants review:

Direct impact:

- What was the strength of the direct impact of this program for participants?
- What was the strength of the direct impact of this program for the family and friends of participants?
- What was the strength of the direct impact of this program for the close neighbours of participants?
- What was the strength of the direct impact of this program for the broader community?

Community Engagement:

- Do the funded activities provide community engagement activities that contribute to the formation and strengthening of the Yarra community?
- Do the funded activities provide community engagement activities that act as centres for community activities and engagement?
- Do the funded activities provide community engagement activities that Provide specialized services for justice, youth, CALD, Indigenous and disadvantaged or isolated community sectors?
- Do the funded activities provide community engagement activities that involve Community Advocacy?
- Do the funded activities provide community engagement activities that involve Forums or Networks?
- Do the funded activities provide community engagement activities that provide community education and support?

Short and Medium Term Outcomes:

- As a result of the funded activities, has Council been provided with valuable information about emerging and long term issues, current information from the community and local stories of resilience and community building?
- As a result of the funded activities, has Council been able to establish and strengthen partnerships with key community organisations?
- As a result of the funded activities, has Council been able to achieve strategic objectives?
- As a result of the funded activities, has there been a strengthening of community organisations and the community as a whole?

Impact – Long Term Outcomes:

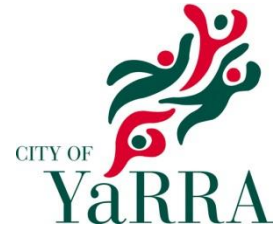
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will contribute to the improved organisational resilience and capacity for Council?
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will contribute to Council having a positive approach to the resolution of social issues?
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will contribute to Council fostering of vibrant and diverse cultural activities through Yarra?
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will contribute to Council further acknowledging the value of Yarra's Aboriginal cultural heritage?
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will provide a high level of accountability and transparency for Council with regards to funding?
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will contribute to Council developing stronger relationships with Yarra's community organisations and residents?
- From the work done so far, how likely is it that the funded project/organisation will contribute to Council's ability to identify emerging and long term issues and ability to respond effectively?
- From the work done so far, will the funded project/organisation contribute to an empowered and self-determining community?
- From the work done so far, will the funded project/organisation develop improved organisational resilience and capacity?
- From the work done so far, will the funded project/organisation contribute to disadvantage being redressed through more pathways to education, employment and community connections?
- From the work done so far, will the funded project/organisation contribute to increased harmony with the Indigenous community?
- From the work done so far, will the funded project/organisation contribute to the development of collaborative relationships between community sectors, service providers and other organisations?

Attachment 3 - Community Partnership Grants 2012 – 2015 (extended to 2017) Leveraged Funds with Comments
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Organisation	Program/Project	Ratio - Council dollar: program cost	Comments
Cohealth	Aboriginal Engagement Program	1:0.9	The annual reports provided have grossly under reported the value of this program. This Yarra Grant enabled Cohealth to secure and extra \$15,000 per annum from the State Government to increase the Aboriginal Engagement Worker's hours. They also secure additional grant funding and in-kind contributions for the events that are associated with this funding. The Aboriginal Engagement Worker is also an integral part of a referral/connection process and works closely with Cohealth's two Aboriginal Chronic Health Nurses.
Cohealth	Billabong Coordinator	1:1	This figure grossly underestimates the value of this program. The Yarra funding only covers half of the coordination fees and food required by the program, suggesting the real value of the program is at least double the amount of the Yarra Grant. However, the true value is even higher with 20 different partners contributing staff and services to the BBQ each week, Cohealth providing 6 additional staff each week and additional funds being sourced to cover the additional events such as the Christmas and Film events, and topical information sessions covering a variety of topics.
Cohealth	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Program	1:1	The reported figures, which only account for the staff wages that the grant contributes to, grossly under-represent the value of this program and the leveraged funds. The in-kind hours contributed through the working groups, the additional funds and grants received to run the events are inestimable at this time.
Cohealth	Yarra Drug and Health Forum	1:3.6	The YDHF has facilitated the establishment of several other projects and working groups, through grants and in-kind contributions, that have been undertaken by other organisations. The in-kind staff time of people involved in the committees and working groups and the additional research grants, such as those undertaken by the Burnet Institute, are not reflected in this figure.
Collingwood Children's Farm	Young Farmer's Program	1:1.6	These figures do not include the volunteer hours that the participants or their parents contribute to various additional events, or those contribute through the other program that benefits from this grant, the Riding for the Disabled Program. In total, the Collingwood Children's Farm reported nearly 10,200 volunteer hours in the last financial year alone. This represents both a considerable community engagement with the organisation and considerable additional value for the programs they run.
Collingwood Toy Library	Collingwood Toy Library, Community through Play 2012 - 2015	1:3.7	The organisation is also supported by the Collingwood Football Club. The CFC provide rent a room to the library at a heavily discounted rate and this in-kind donation is not reflected in the above figure. The in-kind contribution of volunteers is also not reflected. On average the co-ordinator has 4 volunteers per opening session which equates to approximately 2668 hours per annum with an equivalent value of \$66,700 per annum. The CTL receives occasional grant contributions from the Bendigo Bank. The CTL also often receive donations of toys. While only a small proportion of these are of a quality suitable to be added to the toy library's collection, the remainder are passed on to other community organisations in Yarra. These donations have not yet been reported on or had a monetary value added to them.
Fitzroy Legal Service	Access to Justice Volunteer Program; Free	1:1.3	This figure does not reflect the massive contributions of the 200+ volunteer lawyers or the paralegal and secretarial support staff that all contribute their time and expertise for no fee. Normal calculations based on the standard volunteer rate would still grossly under-represent the true value of this program and as

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	Night Legal Advice Service-Monday to Friday		no indication of the volunteer hours has been provided, an estimated calculation has not been undertaken.
Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services	Share Care Mirror Families	1:1	This figure does not include the value of the high number of volunteer hours included in the program which, based on the early reports, is likely to well exceed 2000 hours per year. The external training undertaken by volunteer mentors at their own expense adds further value to the program as does the reduction in the use of more intensive support programs.
Launch Housing	Indigenous Recreation Program	1:1	The financial reports provided only account for the wages and administration that the Yarra funds contribute to. Therefore they grossly underestimate the value of the program which, as previously indicated, leverages a high-level of in-kind support from a number of partners and additional grant funding.
Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport & Recreation Co-op (MAYSAR), auspiced by Whitelion	MAYSAR Culture, Training & Engagement Program	1:1.2	The figures do not reflect the considerable in-kind contributions of the large number of partner organisations and volunteers that assist with these programs. The organisation has also only reported against the funding received by the City of Yarra and these figures do not reflect the additional funding received from the Federal Government. At interview, the representatives estimated the contributions from these sources would be in the region of an additional \$260,000.
Princes Hill Community Centre	Community Involvement through Music, Art, Seniors Games Group, Sewing/craft, Sustainability talks, and History groups (MASSSH)	1:1	Annual reports indicate a high level of volunteer support for the PHCC. However, the reports do not indicate how much time the volunteers contribute to the Yarra funded programs directly. Nevertheless, the in-kind contributions of the organisation and its volunteers add significantly to the value of these programs. The organisation is also subsidised by a large portion of the rent for the spaces they manage on behalf of the Princes Hill High School. In return for managing bookings for these spaces, the PHCC retains a large portion of the rental fees. These in turn, cover most of the operational costs of the organisation and thus also support the running of the CPG funded programs.
Richmond Toy Library	Richmond Toy Library — Removing the lid of the toybox	1:2.4	This cash figure is under reported as the organisation has not included in-kind volunteer hours in their report. Membership requires 2 volunteer shifts, representing at least 700 volunteer hours with a value of \$17,500 per annum. Taking this into consideration, the total leverage value would be \$94,483. This program is therefore returning more than three times the value of Council's investment.
Save the Children	Fitzroy Toy Library	1:1	The statements of expenditure provided in the annual financial reports show that the monies from the Yarra Grant cover the staff cost for the FTL and a small amount of administrative supplies. These reports do not reflect the in-kind support that the program receives from Save the Children, the deficit coverage that Save the Children has supplied in two of the four years reported, the database design which enables the toy library to operate as a mobile unit or the purchase and maintenance costs for the toys and the vehicle. As a result the true value of this program has been greatly under-reported.

Attachment 4 - Community Partnership Grants 2017/21 Guidelines**Introduction – Why does Council provide these grants?**

The Community Grants Program is one of the major ways in which Council supports the strategies presented in the Council Plan. The Council Plan provides guidance on how Council will respond to the opportunities and challenges the municipality faces. The Council Plan can be found at: www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Council-Plan

The purpose of the Community Partnership Grants (CPG) program is to support Council in achieving the Strategic Objectives of the Council Plan, to support community organisations through strategic partnerships, to develop a positive approach to the resolution of social issues, and to maintain a high level of accountability and transparency for Council with regards to funding.

The four-year Community Partnership Grants support community engagement activities which utilise both Council contributions and community organisation contributions. These activities will yield data such as leveraged funding, client participation, additional services providers, strategic information, as well as providing exposure for Council.

The impact of these activities for Council is expected to establish and strengthen partnerships and relationships, provide support and resources to the community, contribute to Council's strategic objectives and gather valuable information about emerging and long term issues. It is also expected to provide sector development within the community, strengthening community organisations and the community as a whole, and developing an increasingly agile and responsive community.

Ultimately, the impact of this program would be to develop an empowered and self-determining community, providing a positive approach to the resolution of social issues while fostering vibrant and diverse cultural activities through Yarra. It will also improve the organisational resilience and capacity of both Council and community organisations, providing a high level of accountability and transparency with regards to funding and the ability to identify and respond effectively to emerging and long term issues.

The CPG Program runs on a financial year basis. The next round begins on July 1 2017, and will run for four years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21). Funding for each financial year is subject to Council's budget approval.

CPG are for projects that are based on an invaluable, unique and enduring partnership between Council and community organisations. Funding is provided either as operational funding, or for specific programs. This program acknowledges the recurrent nature of a number of partnership projects and provides greater security for the community organisation, and maintains a high level of accountability and transparency of funding for Council. As a result of this the CPG is a targeted and non-contested grants program, whereby Council determines (based on set criteria) who to invite to the program.

To be invited to apply for a CPG each group had to demonstrate:

- The organisation has strong systems and processes
- There is still a need for the project
- The organisation works in partnership / collaboratively
- The project aligns with Council's current priorities
- The project aligns with the sector's direction
- The organisation is the best, or only provider, of the service
- The project plan and budget for the next four years appears realistic.

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Inclusion in the current CPG round does not guarantee inclusion in any future rounds.

Key dates for Community Partnership Grants 2017-2021

Grant round opens	9am Monday 27 February 2017
Applications Close	11:59pm on Monday, 3 April, 2017
Announcement of grant outcomes	7 June, 2017
Funding agreements to be returned by successful applicants	June 2017
Grants paid by Electronic Funds Transfer	From July 2017
Projects Commence	1 July 2017

Application Process

Applicants are required to submit their application and any supporting documentation using the SmartyGrants online form. The link to the form will be emailed to applicants when it becomes available on 22 February, 2017. Applicants will need to use the specific link emailed, as the form will not be available through the City Of Yarra SmartyGrants page. However, once an application has been started, applicants will still be able to access their form in progress and after it has been submitted from their SmartyGrants account, accessible at cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au.

Assessment Criteria

All applications will be assessed on their ability to meet the following criteria:

- capacity of the applicant to deliver on project outcomes;
- clearly defined project aims;
- clearly defined project plan;
- clearly defined measures of success;
- alignment with Council plans;
- evidence of community need;
- expected community benefit;
- community participation and consultation where appropriate; and
- a complete and realistic budget.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for Community Partnership Grants must meet the following eligibility requirements. Please note that ineligible applications will not be assessed.

Eligible Applicants

Community Partnership Grants Applicants must be:

- Invited to apply for the Community Partnership Grant round;
- not-for-profit, incorporated organisations/community groups and have an active ABN **or** meet one of the following specific exceptions:
 - unincorporated not-for-profit community groups can have their application auspiced by an eligible incorporated organisation or Neighbourhood House;
- Applicants must have acquitted previous Council grants and have no outstanding debts to Yarra City Council;
- Adequate public liability insurance, working with children checks, WorkCover and superannuation coverage are required to be held by all funding recipients;
- All required supporting material to be submitted when applying.

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Eligible Projects

- Applicants must be locally based and/or applying for a program, service or activity that is of benefit to the Yarra community;
- Programs must have a public outcome in the City of Yarra;
- Programs must take place throughout 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021.

Projects that are not eligible

- A program that is considered the responsibility of State or Federal Government;
 - e.g. Core school curriculum activities;
- Activities that take place outside the City of Yarra (including touring costs), unless part of an ongoing project with a proven and direct benefit to the Yarra community;
- Building, capital works or facility maintenance works, unless exempted above;
- Ongoing staff salaries or administration costs not specific to the project;
- The purchase of equipment only. Equipment may be purchased as part of a broader project;
- Activities that are sponsored by gambling businesses or take place at inappropriate venues;
- Projects with the singular purpose of promoting religion or that may be perceived as for the purpose of proselytizing;
- Individual training, study or academic research in Australia or overseas;
- Applications that are solely for attending forums, workshops and conferences;
- Competitions (other than one-off sporting events);
- Prize-events, award exhibitions or exclusively fundraising events;
- Applications to fund projects retrospectively;
- Neighbourhood Houses are funded through Council's Neighbourhood House Funding Program therefore are not eligible to apply directly for support, however they are able to apply as an auspice for another community group

Organisations that are not incorporated

An organisation that is not incorporated must have their application 'auspiced' by an incorporated organisation. An auspice organisation is an incorporated organisation that applies for a grant on behalf of a group that is not incorporated.

Applications can now be submitted directly by groups being auspiced. Be advised that you will still need to provide information from the auspice organisation including: their contact details, ABN, and Financial Report. All paperwork and funds will be signed by and distributed to the auspice organisation.

The auspice organisation is accepting responsibility for the application. If the application is successful, the auspice organisation will be required to enter into the Funding Agreement with Council and grant money will be paid directly to the auspice organisation.

Auspice organisations may charge a grants administration fee to perform this role, acknowledging their contribution and responsibility. This fee is to be negotiated by the two parties. This grants administration fee needs to be listed in the submitted project budget. Auspice organisations are also asked to list their in-kind support provided to the organisation in the project budget.

It is recommended that an Auspice Agreement be entered into between the Auspice Organisation and the Auspice Organisation. Issues to be considered in an Auspice Agreement can be found at www.pilch.org.au/auspicing.

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Goods and Services Tax (GST)

GST will apply to your grant if your organisation is registered for GST with the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these cases Council will add 10% to the grant for the GST. Where a grant applicant is not registered for GST, tax does not apply to the grant. Grants are considered taxable income by the ATO. For further information visit www.ato.gov.au

Collaborative Approaches

Council encourages all applicants to consider collaborating on projects that work towards a common goal or support a common target group. We encourage groups to work together, learn from each other's experience and avoid unnecessary duplication.

Accessibility

All applicants are encouraged to consider how their organisation and project will be accessible and inclusive of people with a disability. For ideas on how to make your program, project, or event more flexible please see the accessibility guide on the Annual Grants website at: www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/Community-Planning/Community-grants/annual-grants-2016. For more information contact Nadia Mattiazzo, Metro Access Officer on 9205 5414.

Environmental Impact

All applicants are encouraged to incorporate activities that improve the sustainable outcomes of their projects. For more information contact Sally MacAdams, Local Sustainability Facilitator, on 9205 5769.

How to Apply

It is a requirement that you contact the Community Grants Team to discuss your project before you commence working on your application. The Grants Team will then be able to refer you on to the Council Contact assigned to your grant application. The Grants Team can be reached on 9205 5170.

Only applicants invited by Council are eligible to apply. Applicants are required to submit their application and supporting documentation using the SmartyGrants online form. The link to access this form will be emailed to all invited applicants. We will be using the most recently supplied contact information. If you believe this needs to be updated to a different contact person, please contact us as soon as possible.

Prepare a Grant Application

When preparing your grant application, please consider the following important components:

- Begin your application as early as possible. It is highly recommended to submit your application before the due date. The grant round closes strictly at 11:59pm on Monday, 3 April, 2017, and we are unable to accept late applications for any reason.
- Ensure that you have a clear idea about what it is that you want to do and how you are planning on doing it.
- Ensure that you state in your project description what the actual project is. Describe the event/activity/program, so that it is clear what you want to do, and why you want to do it.
- Be as precise as possible. The assessors are aware that your project may still be in the planning stage, and that definite plans are not always possible until funding is secured. However, you can still clearly state what your intentions are and, if needed, adjust the project plan through a Project Variation if your grant is successful.
- If your project involves partnering with another organisation, it is useful to show some evidence of that partnership, such as a letter of support.

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Prepare a Program Budget

Applicants will be required to provide a program budget for year one of the grant. When preparing a budget for your program please consider the following important components:

- It is important that all costs are realistic and justified for the proposed program;
- Staff costs and equipment must be part of an overall budget to help demonstrate the capacity to achieve the outcomes for the project;
- Due to the limited funding, successful applicants may not be granted the full amount they request. A smaller amount may be recommended if the project is still viable. Therefore it is important to ensure that your budget is as detailed as possible so that Council can be clear on which items they are supporting;
- If you have applied for other funding for your project, please note this in your budget and mark whether the funding is confirmed or unconfirmed.

Attachments and Support Material

All organisations must upload a copy of the organisation's most recent Annual Report, including their annual financial statement to their Community Partnership Grant application. For most organisations, this will be the 2015/16 Report. If your application is being auspiced, we only require a financial statement from the auspicing organization.

Applicants must also attach a copy of their Certificate of Current Public Liability Insurance.

Please scan and submit these and all other support materials with your online application.

Acquittal

To be eligible for a Grant, organisations must have acquitted all completed grants from Yarra City Council. Links to the appropriate acquittal forms are listed under each application in SmartyGrants. Please login to: cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au and follow the links to the specific grant.

Please keep receipts for expenditure items over \$200 to upload into your online acquittal.

Changing or Ending a Community Partnership Grant

The CPG begins on July 1 2017, and runs for four years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21). Funding for each financial year is subject to Council's budget approval. Programs must take place throughout 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2021.

Council understands that circumstances can change across the four year period, and that changes may need to be made in this time. If a grant recipient need to make significant changes to a CPG, they will need to complete a Project Variation Form through SmartyGrants. They will need to request for this form to be added. It is strongly recommended that they also discuss any proposed changes with the relevant Council Contact.

If a grant recipient has a significant change in circumstances and are no longer able to proceed with the CPG at all, it is possible to end the CPG as per the Funding Agreement that will be signed. This will require the grant recipient to submit notification in writing of their intention to end the CPG. Any spent funds will need to be acquitted, and unspent funds will be required to be returned.

If the conditions of the Funding Agreement (signed by both parties) are not being met, or if the grant recipient needs to vary the project to the extent that it no longer aligns with the Council objectives or the grant criteria, Council can suspend or terminate a CPG, and request the return of unspent funds.

The process for suspending and terminating a grant will be included in the Funding Agreement dispute resolution process.

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Inclusion in the current CPG round does not guarantee inclusion in any future rounds.

Submitting Your Application

11:59pm on Monday, 3 April, 2017
No late applications will be accepted
You will be notified of the outcome on 7 June, 2017

Applicants are required to submit their applications and supporting documentation using the online form. Typed, emailed, faxed or hard copy applications will not be accepted.

Please note that applications are not submitted online until you hit the **submit** button. After submitting your application you will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application – it will have a PDF copy of your application attached for your records. This will be sent to the email address you used to register. *If you do not receive this email your application has not been submitted.* City of Yarra staff cannot view applications that have not been submitted.

You can return to **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** at any time to view your application, but once it is submitted it cannot be changed.

11.7 Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-18 Second Year Report

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a report on the second year actions of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018, along with a review of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group's first year of operating, and seek endorsement for the third year action plan.

Key Issues

Council endorsed the Yarra City Council Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 in February 2015, after its development throughout 2014 via extensive community consultations.

This report outlines the progress on the implementation of the actions from Year Two, as well as proposed actions for Year Three of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018, taking place in 2017.

Lastly, a review of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group has resulted in recommendations to continue its support and hold meetings during business hours.

Financial Implications

All actions for Year Three are being resourced through the existing budget, and have been chosen according to what is achievable with that budget.

PROPOSAL

That Council: notes the progress report detailing the second year implementation of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018; endorses the recommendations put forward for the YMAG; and endorses the actions proposed for the third year of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018, taking place in 2017.

11.7 Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-18 Second Year Report

Trim Record Number: D17/2691

Responsible Officer: Community Partnerships Unit Manager

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - (a) provide Council with a report on the second year actions of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018;
 - (b) provide Council with a review of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group's first year of operation; and
 - (c) seek endorsement for the third year action plan of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018.

Background

2. Council endorsed the Yarra City Council Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 (MPP) in February 2015, after its development throughout 2014 via extensive community consultations.
3. The MPP contains Priority Areas, Strategies and Actions which were developed for 2015.
4. The Priority Areas include: Relationships, Access and Inclusion, Opportunities, and Anti-Racism.
5. The Priority Areas were expanded to eight broad Strategies, which were further expanded into an Action Plan for its first year of implementation (2015). An Action Plan is developed each year in order to remain responsive and agile to emerging issues. Information is collected throughout implementation of the current Action Plan, including consulting with stakeholders from the Yarra Settlement Forum, the YMAG, and Council staff. This information is fed into the development of the next year's Action Plan, ensuring any new initiatives are aligned with the Priority Areas and Strategies which underpin the Plan and remain true to the original consultation undertaken in the development of the current Partnerships Plan.
6. Actions for Year Two (2016) were developed at the end of the first year of implementation based on the principles above.
7. This report outlines the progress on the implementation of the second year action plan in **Attachment One**.
8. Some highlights of the second year actions include:
 - (a) the establishment and successful operation of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG);
 - (b) a review of the YMAG's first year of operation was also conducted, resulting in recommendations to continue supporting the YMAG, to hold meetings more frequently, and to hold meetings during business hours (see **Attachment Two**);
 - (c) collaboration with Advocacy and Engagement to develop the Council information pack in multiple languages for community, and the desktop guide to using language services for staff;
 - (d) Council won the 2016 Local Government Awards in the Victoria's Multicultural Awards for Excellence for our "all of council" approach to accessible communications and engagement;
 - (e) successful community events held to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week and Refugee Week;

- (f) cultural intelligence training provided to library and access staff, along with Say No to Racism bystander training offered to all staff and to Yarra's Youth Ambassadors;
 - (g) workshops delivered on effective advocacy for asylum seekers via the Yarra Settlement Forum (YSF);
 - (h) further development of the induction program for staff on cultural diversity and inclusion at Yarra;
 - (i) emergence of a new anti-vilification project being undertaken with YSF partners, involving the development of a resource for residents, and training of community members. It is envisaged this project will span throughout 2017; and
 - (j) the YMAG's inclusion in the Council Plan consultations with Yarra Advisory Groups – the first time there has been formal multicultural representation at this level.
9. This report also outlines the proposed actions for the third year of the MPP (**Attachment Three**). These actions have been developed from ongoing commitments from Year One and the Priority Areas and Strategies of the Plan. The third year actions remain consistent to the original consultation to develop the MPP and are within the context of ongoing engagement and consultation.

External Consultation

10. The Yarra Settlement Forum is a network of service providers working with migrants and refugees, which meets monthly and is supported by Council. Ongoing discussions with the network have provided an understanding of the emerging issues in the community and effective ways Council can respond. This understanding provided a sound basis for the formation of Year Three Actions.
11. The formation of the YMAG has been useful in providing a ready source for consultation with community. Ongoing relationship building provides a more effective way of hearing about the issues that are important to community, rather than one-off consultations. Having a membership which is open and diverse also ensures a diversity of voices is heard.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

12. The role of Community Planner is one which requires partnership building across the organisation. This aspect ensures ongoing informal discussions with staff which provides information on issues occurring in the community, along with Council initiatives targeting these issues. This ensures duplication of services is avoided when developing Actions.
13. The formation of the Accessible Communications and Engagement working group has been a useful way of connecting staff across Council working in diverse areas (including Advocacy and Engagement, Access, Arts and Culture, Family and Children, Disability, and Community Partnerships), to explore the area of communicating with diverse communities.
14. The YMAG meetings have also included staff from across the organisation providing updates on services and programs. This has led to partnerships developing spontaneously between YMAG and other areas of Council (e.g. providing MyGov information sessions at libraries for culturally, religiously and linguistically diverse communities), providing opportunities for relationship building, and opportunities for working together.

Financial Implications

15. All actions for Year Three are being resourced through the existing budget of \$31,500 and have been formulated according to what is achievable with that budget.

Economic Implications

16. Council recognises that multiculturalism boosts Yarra's economic advantage by providing the municipality with a competitive edge through a diverse, innovative, highly skilled and internationally connected workforce. Strategies in the Plan which focus on opportunities, capacity building and employment diversity all contribute to positive economic contributions for Yarra, both in the municipality and within Council. For example, programs which help to develop leadership and organisational skills have led to culturally, linguistically and diverse residents finding employment or starting businesses. Sisterworks is a social enterprise with a shop front in Yarra which helps build the capacity of women from migrant and refugee backgrounds, to sell the craft items they make and much more.

Sustainability Implications

17. An engaged and informed multicultural community that participates in sustainability projects such as community education and awareness, community gardens and urban agriculture, (e.g. Community garden at Collingwood Housing Estate developed in conjunction with Urban Agriculture staff at Council) delivers positive sustainability outcomes for the municipality. Opportunities for linking in staff from Sustainability and Urban Agriculture with multicultural communities will be increased via the continuation of the YMAG.

Social Implications

18. The MPP plays a key role in the development of the multicultural community through: building relationships; developing skills; increasing awareness; and resilience within the community.
19. The MPP has been designed to continue to build on the work undertaken in strengthening partnerships and service delivery to Yarra's multicultural residents, groups, organisations and ethno-specific agencies.
20. The principles behind the Plan are directed to social inclusion by respecting diversity and promoting access and inclusion.

Human Rights Implications

21. The MPP is driven by a human rights perspective and sits within a context of policies and legislation protecting human rights.
22. The MPP is aligned with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, and other pieces of international, national and state human rights legislation, declarations and conventions. The MPP derives from (and affirms) a human rights framework.
23. The Charter protects important rights endemic to multiculturalism. In particular, freedom from discrimination, freedom of expression, the right to participate in public life and freedom of religion and cultural rights. It provides protection to people who may be marginalised or disadvantaged because of their cultural, religious or language background, and assists with these groups' sense of belonging. The MPP is a practical way of actively promoting and protecting people's human rights.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

24. The whole process of developing the MPP has maintained as a central tenet, communicating with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, and more importantly, the most efficient and accessible ways of doing so. It is vital to tailor communication methods to the diversity of language and information needs in the community. Therefore, interpreters and translation services were used widely throughout any interaction with CALD communities, e.g. interpreters at YMAG meetings, written translated surveys, etc.
25. Effective cross cultural communication and use of language services is important, however, the focus in this Plan on nurturing ongoing relationships with communities is a far more effective tool when communicating, than use of language services in sporadic consultations.

26. The implementation of several actions in Year One of the Plan in 2015 centred on accessible communications for diverse groups, including the development of the Accessible Communications Framework, formation of a working group across Council focusing on Accessible Communications, and development of the Language Policy and Guidelines. Throughout Year Two (2016), further work in these areas has consolidated the importance of accessible communications, and ensures ongoing communicating with CALD communities is a priority for Council into the future.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

27. The MPP relates to all five Strategic Objectives in the current Council Plan 2013-17: Celebrating Yarra's uniqueness; Supporting Yarra's community; Making Yarra more liveable; Ensuring a sustainable Yarra; and Leading Local Government. The four priority areas of the Plan (Relationships, Access and Inclusion, Opportunities and Anti-Racism) all contribute to the Objectives of the Council Plan.
28. The actions for Year Three ensure that these objectives continue to be addressed.
29. The YMAG has actively participated in consultations for the development of the new Council Plan, ensuring a culturally diverse voice has been included.

Legal Implications

30. There are a number of international, national and state pieces of legislation that underpin Yarra's Multicultural Partnerships Plan. These include:
- (a) Commonwealth policy context:
 - (i) *Australian Human Rights Commission Act 1986*;
 - (ii) *The Racial Discrimination Act 1975*; and
 - (iii) The People of Australia statement by Australian Multicultural Advisory Council; and
 - (b) State Policy context:
 - (i) *Equal Opportunity Act 1995*;
 - (ii) *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001*;
 - (iii) *Multicultural Victoria Act 2004*;
 - (iv) *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*; and
 - (v) *Local Government Act 1989*.
31. The context of these pieces of legislation ensures Council has a legal responsibility to protect the rights of individuals, which is reflected in Council's Multicultural and many other Policies.

Other Issues

32. Actions proposed for Year Three of the MPP align with previous years', and build on these themes, responding to emerging issues.
33. The development of the YMAG was a direct action from the Plan, and it has proven to be highly valued by attendees. It has achieved its goals of creating opportunities for relationship building and increasing communication between Council and multicultural communities. A review of the YMAG after its first year of operating was another required action which was completed at the end of 2016. The review of the YMAG confirms the value of continuing to support the YMAG to meet, but recommends holding the meetings during business hours rather than evenings, in order to keep costs down and maintain accessibility.
34. The YMAG review also recommends holding meetings bimonthly instead of quarterly, as this was a frequent request from members.
35. The Terms of Reference were endorsed at Council in February 2015, and will need to be reviewed in partnership with YMAG members at the first meeting of the year, to ensure their inclusion in the planning of the YMAG (see **Attachment Four**).

Options

36. There are no other options regarding the proposed Actions - Year Three.
37. Other options for the YMAG include holding the meetings in the evenings, thereby increasing the costs.

Conclusion

38. Yarra's Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 was endorsed in February 2015, after its development throughout 2014 via extensive community consultations. The Plan is a key commitment which reminds Council of its responsibilities to multicultural communities in Yarra.
39. This report provides a progress report on the second year's actions as well as proposed actions for Year Three in 2017, and recommendations for the continuation of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group.
40. The achievements of 2016 highlight the Plan's relevance to the community it serves and proves that policies can result in actions benefitting communities.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the progress report detailing the second year implementation of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018;
 - (b) endorses the actions proposed for the third year of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018, taking place in 2017; and
 - (c) notes the review of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group;
 - (d) endorses the following recommendations from the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group review:
 - (i) Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group meetings to be held bimonthly instead of quarterly;
 - (ii) Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group meetings to be held during the day (business hours) rather than in the evenings in order to keep costs down and ensure Council staff and other service providers are able to attend meetings;
 - (iii) continue the current structure of the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (open invitation to participants, Councillor as Chair);
 - (iv) continue to expand attendance to include younger members and diverse cultural backgrounds; and
 - (v) review Terms of Reference with Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group members at the February meeting 2017.

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Attachments

- 1 Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-18 Second Year Implementation Report
- 2 Review of Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group 2016
- 3 Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-18 Third Year Action Plan
- 4 Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group Terms of Reference

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Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018

PROGRESS REPORT - Year Two Actions – 2016

Priority Area 1 - Relationships

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
1.1 Create opportunities for people from multicultural backgrounds to make connections and share traditions, encouraging a stronger sense of belonging to the broader Yarra community.	1.1.1 Create and cultivate opportunities for cultural exchange between community groups, providing opportunities for sharing of traditions and cultural practices.	<p>Yarra’s community grants program referred to: -community groups -service providers</p> <p>Connect groups with each other as well as local community organisations and Neighbourhood Houses, to pool resources and interact during special events.</p> <p>Connect CALD groups and individuals with Council departments, to link in to initiatives and projects, enhancing relationship and capacity building.</p>	<p>Information regularly distributed to networks, groups and agencies, including organising speakers at network meetings.</p> <p>Visits to community groups conducted regularly to provide information on Council resources and programs.</p>
	1.1.2 Enhance Yarra's Welcome Pack to include information for culturally and linguistically diverse residents.	Include information re language services at Council in Welcome Pack.	<p>Review of Welcome Pack showed the pack is not distributed to all residents of Yarra (does not include renters or public housing tenants). Focus shifted to collaboration with Advocacy and Engagement team on the CALD Info pack on Yarra Services, which was completed and distributed to CALD groups and at Council receptions and libraries.</p> <p>Have also provided information with language services to Access Yarra for the Welcome Pack, to ensure inclusion across all groups.</p>

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
	1.1.3 Explore ways of creating opportunities for intergenerational activities that include people from CALD backgrounds.	Connect representatives from multicultural communities with representatives from the Active Ageing Advisory Group, and with Youth Ambassador representatives to attend the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group during 2016.	Invitations extended to Active Aging and Youth Ambassador groups to attend the YMAG meetings. Regular promotion of YMAG to these groups made. Youth Ambassadors engaged in Say No to Racism bystander training.
	1.1.4 Explore and support programs to combat isolation, so that vulnerable, isolated residents are supported to access services and activities that meet their needs.	Connect with local agencies via the Yarra Settlement Forum and individual meetings, to explore ways of engaging with socially isolated residents. Explore existing programs currently being offered at Council and promote to community and stakeholders. Explore potential for new initiatives and partnerships	Liaison visits made to local services, invitation to Yarra Settlement Forum, speakers presenting at YSF on topics of family violence, economic disadvantage and services for communities from refugee backgrounds. New connections examples: Diaspora Action Australia, The Vic Refugee Health Network, Polio Services at St Vincents, and Turning Point.
1.2 Provide opportunities for Council to build strong relationships with multicultural groups, and enable these groups to contribute to Council processes as active informed citizens who are involved in the life of their communities.	1.2.1 Establish the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG).	Hold quarterly meetings of the YMAG in 2016, inviting Council staff to attend as well as to provide information on services and forge relationships.	A total of five meetings were held with the YMAG. Meetings were held during business hours as well as after hours to ensure access to other groups unable to attend in the evenings (eg. Young mothers). YMAG meetings proved successful with a range of diverse groups being represented at each meeting and stronger relationships being forged between Council and community members. See the YMAG review for more information. The YMAG was also represented in consultation for Council Plan with all Council Advisory Groups.
	1.2.2 Establish and	Maintain and update internal database of multicultural	The CALD group directory has been

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
	strengthen links with ethno-specific organisations, multicultural groups and leaders in Yarra.	groups and services, adding new entries and maintaining contact with established contacts.	maintained in Trim and updated. This directory is shared with other Council staff upon request and is a useful tool for accessing CALD communities.
	1.2.3 Facilitate networking and collaboration between groups, service providers and Council.	<p>Hold monthly Yarra Settlement Forum meetings from February to November, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -holding a minimum of 2 special forums focussing on an emerging issue, and -a planning and review session in November. <p>Assist the Yarra Interfaith Network to hold monthly meetings from February to December, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -holding special presentations on topics of community interest and open to the public, and -the Annual General Meeting in November. <p>Visit the Neighbourhood House Network meeting a minimum of three times per year to strengthen relationships and share information.</p>	<p>YSF meetings held monthly, administrative duties attended to, invitations sent to new contacts and services.</p> <p>Special forums held on Advocacy research for Asylum Seekers and two workshops on application of new advocacy learnings were held with stakeholders. The newly established network on ESL providers for Asylum Seekers in Yarra and inner metropolitan Melbourne has continued throughout this year, and has collaborated on advocacy initiatives together.</p> <p>The Yarra Interfaith Network has continued to meet, and have made several tours to places of worship, and increased membership to include Muslims for Progressive Values, who in turn have conducted Q&A sessions in Yarra libraries, in an effort to dispel myths and create understanding towards Muslims.</p> <p>YSF promoted to Neighbourhood Houses at Network meetings.</p>
	1.2.4 Explore ways to	Meet with Australian Catholic University to explore ways	Due to budget changes and restrictions

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
	build relationships with Universities and International Students.	of connecting with the international student body, and organise an event or interaction with students.	throughout 2016, an event with International Students was not viable, however relationships have been established with ACU representatives for possible work in the future.

Priority Area 2– Access and Inclusion

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
2.1 Provide information and services that are accessible to multicultural communities and are appropriate to their cultural needs and language requirements.	2.1.1 Promote Council frameworks and guidelines to provide an integrated and inclusive approach to communications, as well as practical tools for Council officers to use.	<p>Promote Language Services Policy and Guidelines, to Council staff via visits to teams, via the intranet and in newsletters.</p> <p>Provide instruction and training on use of best practice approaches to language services.</p> <p>Participate in cross-organisational working group on accessible communications that draws together the expertise of a broad range of Council staff and provides practical support to Council when communicating with the public.</p>	<p>Development of a desktop Guide to using Language Services with the Advocacy and Engagement team, providing step by step instructions on how to book and use interpreters and translations.</p> <p>The Desktop Guide has been distributed to many teams and advertised via internal newsletters and emails.</p> <p>Cultural Intelligence training provided to Library and Access teams at Council in May 2016.</p> <p>Accessible Communications and Engagement (ACE) working group recommenced upon Communications officer's return from secondment, and participation has continued. Information from YMAG meetings represented at ACE.</p>
	2.1.2 Develop Council information in key community languages.	<p>Work with Communications to develop Council information in multiple community languages.</p> <p>Improve website information for CALD communities, by liaising with Communications on website review.</p>	<p>Collaboration with Advocacy and Engagement on the CALD guide to Council Services. This project is a pack of cards each on a separate Council service covering vital information. Packs have been translated to 9 languages according to ABS data on languages most spoken in Yarra, as well as a simple English version</p>

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
			<p>for languages not covered. Distribution has been via worker relationships with groups, the Yarra Settlement Forum, Access Yarra, Libraries, and the YMAG. A record is being maintained to monitor languages most requested.</p> <p>Participation and advice provided on website review undertaken by Communications and Information Services. Website content has been developed for the new website, both for internal and external users.</p>
	2.1.3 Facilitate cultural awareness training for council staff.	Provide advice and resources to Council’s People and Culture, and contribute to Corporate Training Calendar on topics related to cultural awareness training.	Provided opportunities for Cultural Intelligence training to targeted teams in May (Access and Libraries).
2.2 Support programs and services that target groups from multicultural backgrounds at risk of further disadvantage (e.g. asylum seekers, women, people with disabilities, international students, GLBTI).	2.2.1 Work in collaboration with local stakeholders to identify and potentially respond to emerging issues in communities at risk of further disadvantage (e.g. asylum seekers, women, people with disabilities, international students, GLBTI).	<p>Organise a minimum of 2 workshops for service providers, based on identification of emerging issues for multicultural groups at risk of further disadvantage.</p> <p>Collaborate with Council’s Community Grants team to identify potential areas for funding in CALD communities, assist with assessments of grant applications, and link services/CALD groups to Grants Program.</p>	<p>Two workshops (August and October) on effective advocating for Asylum Seekers was conducted via the YSF network and extended to services beyond the YSF including whole of Council.</p> <p>Provided assistance with assessment of Annual grants, Small Projects Grants, as well as Investing in Communities grants</p> <p>Information on Yarra grants is promoted periodically with existing contacts, and new contacts.</p>

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Priority Area 3 – Opportunities

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
<p>3.1 Support and strengthen the capacity of Yarra communities to become independent, resilient, engaged and informed.</p>	<p>3.1.1 Link community groups and individuals to Council’s Community Grants and other programs.</p>	<p>Inform and update new and established community groups about Council’s Community Grants Program.</p> <p>Provide information about opportunities for training in applying for grants and issues related to group governance, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community groups -service providers -YMAG <p>Provide opportunities for members of the YMAG to build capacity, learn skills and participate in Council initiatives.</p>	<p>Promotion of Grants program and governance training is ongoing at networks via attendance of meetings (YSF, YMAG, Neighbourhood Houses) as well as via email, requesting workers to share information with new and established groups. Visits to CALD community leaders and new CALD groups is another opportunity to inform of the Grants program.</p>
<p>3.2 Build an inclusive workforce at Yarra Council by increasing cultural, linguistic and religious diversity.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Assist in developing an inclusive and welcoming workplace at Yarra.</p>	<p>Review induction content and contribute to the diversity module of the training (both in terms of colleagues and the community).</p> <p>Provide advice and advocate for reflection spaces to be included in Town Halls.</p>	<p>Participated in six Induction training sessions for new staff, providing information on diversity and inclusion.</p> <p>Participated in discussions with staff (People and Culture) regarding reflection spaces at Town Halls.</p>

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Priority Area 4 – Anti-racism

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
4.1 Support opportunities which promote intercultural relations, combat racism, celebrate diversity and acknowledge the multicultural heritage of Yarra.	4.1.1 Organise events in the community to highlight the richness of the cultural heritage of Yarra and promote intercultural relations.	Organise event (March) to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week/Harmony Day for community members, which also highlights the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG). Organise event to celebrate Refugee Week (June) for community members.	Cultural Diversity Week event held 24 March 2016 at Richmond Town Hall. Numbers of participants grew so much from previous years (250) the event will need to be moved to Collingwood Town Hall next year to accommodate the increased numbers. Refugee Week event held 23 June 2016 at Richmond Town Hall, 100 participants. The event involved a panel discussion with Julian Burnside and other notable refugee advocates, along with performers and food.
	4.1.2 Build relationships within the Yarra community to foster anti-racism messages.	Develop and strengthen relationships by meeting a minimum of 4 times per year with: -Victoria Police representatives in Yarra, -Neighbourhood Houses, -community organisations, and promote anti-racism campaigns and messages.	Links made with Vic Police representatives in Yarra, (including regional Multicultural Liaison officers), Neighbourhood Houses, and other community agencies with regular meetings being held to discuss emerging issues. Discussions held with various members of the YSF has resulted in the formation of a new project to combat racial and religious vilification in Yarra. The project will involve the development of a resource for residents providing a strong message on what is unacceptable behaviour, and what to do if experiencing vilification. It will also include the training of community leaders to distribute the information. The project will be ongoing throughout 2017.
	4.1.3 Highlight and support programs	Support and promote programs and initiatives combating racism funded through Yarra’s Community Grants	Promotion of programs to networks and community organisations funded through

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	PROGRESS
	combating racism in the community.	Program. Share information with: -relevant Council units, -community groups -service providers Link in with other governmental Anti-racism initiatives.	Grants program which raise awareness and promote tolerance. Continued relationship with VEOHRC, meeting regularly.
	4.1.4 Provide training for Council staff around human rights and equal opportunity issues.	Organise a minimum of one training opportunity to Council staff to empower them in their understanding of racial vilification and strategies when confronted with racist behaviour.	Say No to racism training provided to Yarra staff conducted (April), as well as an abridged version provided to Yarra's Youth Ambassadors to assist on a project they were undertaking (May).
4.2 Provide leadership at Council level by taking a stand against racist behaviour.	4.2.1 Provide advice on Council policies and procedures to promote a 'zero tolerance' stance on racist behaviour.	Provide advice on Council documents where requested.	Opportunities did not arise for this specific issue, however advice was provided to Council staff on use of language services, connecting with CALD groups, etc.
	4.2.2 Promote campaign 'Racism. It stops with me' to community and Council staff.	Ensure Council's support of this campaign is promoted through many channels such as forums, conferences, online and in signs in town hall reception areas. Ensure campaign is also promoted in key community languages.	Campaign promoted on website and on email banner, including distributing merchandise at events.

Attachment 2 - Review of Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group 2016

Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG) Review 2016

Purpose:

To review the YMAG in its first year of operating, and to make recommendations for 2017.

Background:

The YMAG was established in 2016 as a direct result of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan Action Plan, which included investigating an appropriate model for an advisory group in Yarra to represent multicultural communities.

The YMAG met five times during 2016 and was open to all community members interested in participating. Membership was not exclusive and instead was open and fluid, in order to be as inclusive as possible, and to have greater and more diverse reach.

YMAG Aims

- To provide a structure for on-going communication and consultation between multicultural communities and Yarra City Council across a broad range of issues impacting on those communities.
- To provide feedback on the implementation of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018
- To provide feedback and advice to Council on its policies, plans and services that impact multicultural communities
- To consider and provide advice on key Government initiatives, programs and reviews
- To advocate on behalf of multicultural communities
- To share information and resources between community groups and their representatives
- To assist Council to promote the benefits of cultural diversity within the Yarra municipality and beyond
- To provide advice to Council with its communication, engagement and consultation with multicultural communities

YMAG Activities and Meetings 2016

The times the YMAG met varied from daytime and evening sessions to provide an opportunity to members with diverse needs to attend (eg. mothers of young children had expressed a preference for daytime meetings).

Topics covered at meetings include:

-consultations for various Council Draft Strategies and Plans (eg. Traffic Management, Arts and Culture, Gambling Policy, Safe Travel Strategy)

-Council updates on budget planning, news, Council elections, library news and communications issues.

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-Presentations from external service providers and stakeholders (Tax Office, Centrelink, Census, Fitzroy Legal Service, Cohealth, Fitzroy Gasworks Project, Multicultural Arts Project).

The YMAG members were also involved in a broader consultation in December with other Yarra Council Advisory Committees providing advice for the new Council Plan. This is significant as it is the first time multicultural community members have been involved in a formal Council consultation interacting with other Advisory Committee members.

Methodology:

Discussions were held during meetings on the aims and scope of the YMAG , as well as suggestions for future meetings. A survey was sent out to members (paper-based and translated as well as an online survey), asking questions about the effectiveness of the YMAG.

Anecdotal analysis of participants' language and cultural backgrounds is also included.

Survey Results

A total of 15 responses were collected (12 on paper and three online).

Overall, respondents were almost equally split between preferring meeting during the day (8) compared to the evening (7), all respondents found the meetings useful, and there was a mix of respondents preferring to be contacted by letter or email.

The items respondents found most useful about the meetings included:

- presentations from Council staff and other organisations
- the opportunity to provide suggestions and advice to Council about improving living in Yarra
- networking
- information from other organisations
- linking with other multicultural groups

Suggestions and topics to improve future meetings:

- presentation from the Victorian Multicultural Commission
- social inclusion activities
- sharing cultural traditions
- demographic changes to Yarra
- community safety issues
- holding meetings more frequently

In summary, there were no major changes to the terms of reference suggested, or to the structure or aims of the YMAG.

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Demographics

While participants were not required to provide demographic information on country of birth and language spoken when attending meetings, a scan of the attendance records (and interpreters booked) has shown there was representation from the following communities: Chinese, Iranian, Serbian, Greek, Yugoslav (self-described), Vietnamese, Syrian, Eritrean, Italian, Latin American, as well as Australian born.

There was a lack of representation from younger participants, (18-25) which should be a focus for inclusion in the coming year.

Issues and Considerations

Costs

Meetings held during business hours tend to be more cost effective, as interpreter costs are nil (Council is subsidised for interpreter costs during business hours if using TIS). As an example, one particular meeting held in the evening accrued a cost of \$900 for interpreter fees.

It also means that Council staff are not paid overtime or accruing Time in Lieu, as they would be in the case of meetings held after hours.

Worker access

An issue that arose throughout the course of the year is that meetings held during business hours led to more Council staff from other departments attending and presenting, rather than relying on the officer to relay the information at the evening sessions. Council staff are reluctant to attend meetings after hours, leading to a lack of direct interaction between community members and staff across various areas of Council.

Further to the point regarding worker access, meetings held during business hours allowed for staff from outside organisations to present in person about their services and programs, allowing for the opportunity to form links with community members directly. Again, meetings held after hours limit this from occurring.

Participants fed back the value they found in hearing about other services and having the direct access to the staff.

Participant access

According to survey responses, participants indicated an (almost) even split of preferring daytime to evening meetings, largely dependent on availability. It became apparent throughout the course of the year that particular groups were more likely represented at various times depending on age group, employment etc.

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Recommendations

Based on the information collected throughout the year and with the surveys, these are the following recommendations:

- YMAG meetings to be held bimonthly instead of quarterly.
- YMAG meetings to be held during the day (business hours) rather than in the evenings in order to keep costs down and ensure Council staff and other service providers are able to attend meetings.
- Continue the current structure of the YMAG (open invitation to participants, Councillor as Chair).
- Continue to expand attendance to include younger members and diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Review Terms of reference with YMAG members at the February meeting.

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Year Three Actions – 2017

Priority Area 1 - Relationships

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.1 Create opportunities for people from multicultural backgrounds to make connections and share traditions, encouraging a stronger sense of belonging to the broader Yarra community.	1.1.1 Create and cultivate opportunities for cultural exchange between community groups, providing opportunities for sharing of traditions and cultural practices.	Yarra’s community grants program referred to: -community groups -service providers Connect groups with each other as well as local community organisations and Neighbourhood Houses, to pool resources and interact during special events. Connect CALD groups and individuals with Council departments, to link in to initiatives and projects, enhancing relationship and capacity building.	Community Partnerships Neighbourhood Houses Whole of Council	Ongoing
	1.1.2 Explore and support programs to combat isolation, so that vulnerable, isolated residents are supported to access services and activities that meet their needs.	Connect with local agencies via the Yarra Settlement Forum and individual meetings, to explore ways of engaging with socially isolated residents. Explore existing programs currently being offered at Council and promote to community and stakeholders. Explore potential for new initiatives and partnerships.	Community Partnerships Yarra Settlement Forum Yarra Leisure Services, Libraries	Ongoing
1.2 Provide opportunities for Council to build strong relationships with multicultural groups, and enable these groups to contribute to Council	1.2.1 Continue to facilitate the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG).	Hold quarterly meetings of the YMAG in 2016, inviting Council staff to attend as well so as to provide information on services and forge relationships.	Community Partnerships Whole of Council YMAG	Ongoing

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
processes as active informed citizens who are involved in the life of their communities.				
	1.2.2 Establish and strengthen links with ethno-specific organisations, multicultural groups and leaders in Yarra.	Maintain and update internal database of multicultural groups and services, adding new entries and maintaining contact with established contacts.	Community Partnerships	Ongoing
	1.2.3 Facilitate networking and collaboration between groups, service providers and Council.	<p>Hold monthly Yarra Settlement Forum meetings from February to November, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -holding a minimum of 2 special forums focussing on an emerging issue, and -a planning and review session in November. <p>Assist the Yarra Interfaith Network to hold monthly meetings from February to December, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -holding special presentations on topics of community interest and open to the public, and -the Annual General Meeting in November. <p>Visit the Neighbourhood House Network meeting a minimum of three times per year to strengthen relationships and share information.</p>	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>Yarra Settlement Forum</p> <p>Yarra Interfaith Network</p> <p>Neighbourhood House Network</p>	Ongoing
	1.2.4 Develop the “Stand Together” project in collaboration with service providers and community members.	Involve community members in the anti-vilification project “Stand Together” which will assist in the building of relationships and provide opportunities for community members to be involved in the implementation of this project.	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>YSF</p>	Jan-Dec 2017

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Priority Area 2– Access and Inclusion

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
2.1 Provide information and services that are accessible to multicultural communities and are appropriate to their cultural needs and language requirements.	2.1.1 Promote Council frameworks and guidelines to provide an integrated and inclusive approach to communications, as well as practical tools for Council officers to use.	<p>Promote Language Services Policy and Guidelines, to Council staff via visits to teams, via the intranet and in newsletters.</p> <p>Provide instruction and training on use of best practice approaches to language services.</p> <p>Participate in cross-organisational working group on accessible communications (ACE) that draws together the expertise of a broad range of Council staff and provides practical support to Council when communicating with the public.</p>	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>Advocacy and Engagement</p> <p>Whole of Council</p>	Ongoing
	2.1.2 Develop Council information in key community languages.	<p>Continue working with Communications to develop Council information in multiple community languages.</p> <p>Continue involvement in dissemination of Council Information Packs in multiple languages, providing advice on which languages to re-print.</p> <p>Improve website information for CALD communities, by liaising with Communications on website review.</p>	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>Advocacy and Engagement</p> <p>Community Groups</p>	Ongoing
	2.1.3 Facilitate cultural awareness training for council staff.	<p>Provide advice and resources to Council’s People and Culture, and contribute to Corporate Training Calendar on topics related to cultural awareness training.</p>	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>People and Culture</p>	Ongoing
2.2 Support programs and services that target groups from multicultural backgrounds at risk of	2.2.1 Work in collaboration with local stakeholders to identify and potentially respond	<p>Organise a minimum of 2 workshops for service providers, based on identification of emerging issues for multicultural groups at risk of further disadvantage.</p>	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>External</p>	Ongoing

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
further disadvantage (e.g. asylum seekers, women, people with disabilities, international students, GLBTI).	to emerging issues in communities at risk of further disadvantage (e.g. asylum seekers, women, people with disabilities, international students, GLBTI).	<p>Collaborate with Council’s Community Grants team to identify potential areas for funding in CALD communities, assist with assessments of grant applications, and link services/CALD groups to Grants Program.</p> <p>Work on anti-vilification project “Stand Together”, which focuses on development of a resource for Yarra residents on what racial and religious vilification is and how to report it, along with training of community leaders to disseminate the resource.</p> <p>Continue to work with Libraries to organise community information sessions aimed at CALD communities which provide capacity building opportunities, eg. computer skills, use of MyGov etc.</p>	<p>stakeholders</p> <p>Yarra Settlement Forum</p> <p>Community Grants</p> <p>Community Groups</p> <p>Libraries</p>	

Priority Area 3 – Opportunities

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
3.1 Support and strengthen the capacity of Yarra communities to become independent, resilient, engaged and informed.	3.1.1 Link community groups and individuals to Council’s Community Grants and other programs.	<p>Inform and update new and established community groups about Council’s Community Grants Program.</p> <p>Provide information about opportunities for training in applying for grants and issues related to group governance, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Community groups -service providers -YMAG <p>Provide opportunities for members of the YMAG to build capacity, learn skills and participate in Council initiatives.</p>	<p>Community Partnerships</p> <p>Community Grants</p> <p>YMAG</p>	Ongoing
3.2 Build an inclusive	3.2.1 Assist in	Review induction content and contribute to the cultural	Community	Ongoing

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
workforce at Yarra Council by increasing cultural, linguistic and religious diversity.	developing an inclusive and welcoming workplace at Yarra.	diversity module of the training. Deliver content at each induction training session (6 per year). Provide advice and advocate for conditions at Council which promote inclusion eg. reflection spaces.	Partnerships People and Culture Whole of Council	

Priority Area 4 – Anti-racism

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
4.1 Support opportunities which promote intercultural relations, combat racism, celebrate diversity and acknowledge the multicultural heritage of Yarra.	4.1.1 Organise events in the community to highlight the richness of the cultural heritage of Yarra and promote intercultural relations.	Organise event (March) to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week/Harmony Day for community members, which also highlights the Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG).	Community Partnerships	March 2017
		Organise event to celebrate Refugee Week (June) for community members.	Yarra Settlement Forum	June 2017
		Promote and organise Taste of Harmony initiative at Council which celebrates staff cultural diversity.	Whole of Council	March 2017
	4.1.2 Build relationships within the Yarra community to foster anti-racism messages.	Develop and strengthen relationships by meeting a minimum of 4 times per year with: -Victoria Police representatives in Yarra, -Neighbourhood Houses, -community organisations, and promote anti-racism campaigns and messages.	Community Partnerships Victoria Police Neighbourhood Houses Community Organisations	Ongoing
	4.1.3 Highlight and support programs	Develop and promote the “Stand Together” project within Council and externally with other service providers	Community Partnerships	Ongoing

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OBJECTIVE	STRATEGY	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
	combating racism in the community.	and networks. Support and promote programs and initiatives combating racism funded through Yarra's Community Grants Program. Share information with: -relevant Council units, -community groups -service providers Link in with other governmental Anti-racism initiatives.	Community Organisations Yarra Settlement Forum	
4.2 Provide leadership at Council level by taking a stand against racist behaviour.	4.2.1 Provide advice on Council policies and procedures to promote a 'zero tolerance' stance on racist behaviour.	Provide advice on Council documents and policies where requested.	Community Partnerships Whole of council	Ongoing
	4.2.2 Promote campaign 'Racism. It stops with me' to community and Council staff.	Ensure Council's support of this campaign is promoted through many channels such as forums, conferences, online and in signs in town hall reception areas. Ensure campaign is also promoted in key community languages.	Community Partnerships Advocacy and Engagement	Ongoing

Attachment 4 - Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group

Yarra City Council – Multicultural Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

Name: Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group (YMAG)

Key Objective: To provide a structure for on-going communication and consultation between multicultural communities and Yarra City Council across a broad range of issues impacting on those communities.

1 Additional Objectives:

- 1.1 Provide feedback on the implementation of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018
- 1.2 Provide feedback and advice to Council on its policies, plans and services that impact multicultural communities
- 1.3 Consider and provide advice on key Government initiatives, programs and reviews
- 1.4 Advocate on behalf of multicultural communities
- 1.5 Share information and resources between community groups and their representatives
- 1.6 Assist Council to promote the benefits of cultural diversity within the Yarra municipality and beyond
- 1.7 Provide advice to Council with its communication, engagement and consultation with multicultural communities

2 Membership:

- 2.1 The YMAG will be open to the multicultural community and will invite representation from:
 - Any member of the Culturally Religiously and Linguistically Diverse (CRLD) community who lives in Yarra;
 - Council officers;
 - Residents;
 - Community Organisations, Agencies and Service providers who have a focus on provision of services to multicultural communities in Yarra;
 - Community Groups in Yarra.
- 2.2 All YMAG attendees are voluntary
- 2.3 Council will aim to encourage participation of community members reflecting the diversity of the Yarra community including ethnicity, age, gender and different geographical areas across Yarra.

3 Advisory Group Meetings and Structure:

- 3.1 The YMAG will meet quarterly
- 3.2 The structure will remain informal retaining the role of Chair as the only formal role
- 3.3 The YMAG may establish sub-groups or task groups as required
- 3.4 Interpreters will be provided by Council for members upon request

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4 Chair:

- 4.1 Chairing the YMAG is the responsibility of a City of Yarra Councillor
- 4.2 The Chair / Councillor will act as the link between Council and the YMAC
- 4.3 The Chair / Councillor will table issues and concerns to Council on behalf of the YMAG

5 Executive Support:

- 5.1 A member from Council's Community Partnership branch will provide executive support to YMAG.

6 Accountability and Extent of Authority:

- 6.1 Accountability and reporting to Council will occur through:
 - 6.1.1 The Community Partnerships Branch Manager;
 - 6.1.2 Presentation at Councillor Briefings;
 - 6.1.3 Council meeting delegates reports.
- 6.2 YMAG has an advisory function to Council and does not hold any authority to make decisions or commitments on behalf on Council.

7 Public Statements

- 7.1 The YMAG cannot make public statements on behalf of Council as an independent group.

8 Monitoring and reporting:

- 8.1 The notes from YMAG meetings will be provided in Plain English and translated upon request
- 8.2 The notes from meetings will be circulated via email or mail.

9 Evaluation and Review:

9.1 After each Meeting:

- 9.1.1 The list of attendees will be recorded and reviewed against the list of invitees. This information will be used to target attendees for the next forum, in an attempt to include communities not represented.
- 9.1.2 Informal verbal feedback will be gathered from attendees, regarding the content of the meeting and ideas for future forums.

9.2 Annual review

- 9.2.1 The annual review will include an analysis of attendees, including their cultural and linguistic backgrounds; topics covered throughout the year; and significant events or undertakings.
- 9.2.2 A review discussion of the YMAG will be carried out to identify successes, challenges and areas of improvement for the YMAG, along with general planning for the coming year.
- 9.2.3 The YMAG Terms of Reference will be reviewed and evaluated on an annual basis or as required for any significant changes.

11.8 Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2nd year report

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a report on the second year actions of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 and seek Council's endorsement for the third year action plan.

Key Issues

There have been many highlights and some challenges during the implementation of the second year action Plan. Highlights include engagement with vulnerable Aboriginal community members through the Stolen Generations Marker community consultation, Smith Street Working Group and Billabong BBQ program, winning a 2016 Local Government HART Award (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) for 'Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teachers Resource', the growing public profile of Smith Street Dreaming Festival 2016 – now in its fourth year, and 'BlakWiz' events (internal and external) held as part of National Reconciliation Week.

The renewal and revitalisation of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group has seen improved cultural awareness across the organisation and improved co-ordination of Council's engagement with the local Aboriginal community.

Challenges in implementation of the Plan have included finding an appropriate partner organisation for the next stage of development of 'Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teachers Resource', maintaining Stolen Generations Marker project timelines when members of the project Steering Group are sometimes unable to attend meetings due to work and family commitments or health issues, and meeting Aboriginal employment targets through *Murrup Ballerrt (Walk Strong)* – Council's employment partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Financial Implications

The financial implications in implementing the Aboriginal Partnership Plan are minimal, with all actions completed within existing budgets.

PROPOSAL

That Council notes the second year report on the implementation of the actions contained within year two of the Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2015-2018 and endorses the third year action plan of the Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2015-2018.

11.8 Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2nd Year Report

Trim Record Number: D16/181644

Responsible Officer: Aboriginal History Fitzroy Project Officer

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a report on the second year actions of the Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2015-2018 and seek Council's endorsement for the Aboriginal Partnership Plan 205-2018 third year action plan.

Background

2. Council endorsed the second year action plan of the Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2015 -2018 (Plan) in February 2016. The development of this Plan reflects the significant growth across the organisation in the awareness and enthusiasm of Council staff. Staff are involved in direct actions that will have positive outcomes in the local Aboriginal community; this is now a whole of organisational approach, guided by Council's Aboriginal Advisory Group and driven by Council's internal Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group. The development and strength of this third year action Plan draws on previous learning's, past experiences and the continued positive engagement with local Aboriginal community members, along with strong relationships with Aboriginal and mainstream service providers to capture their aspirations.
3. The Plan has a strong focus on key partnerships including the Traditional Owners – the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Cultural Heritage Council Inc., Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport & Recreation (MAYSAR), Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), State and Federal Government Departments, and Statutory Bodies, Victoria Police, the community who refer to themselves as Parkies, service providers (both Aboriginal and mainstream), community groups, the Aboriginal community members, Yarra's Aboriginal Support Network (YASN), and Yarra's Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG).
4. In order to deliver on Council's commitment as outlined in Yarra's Aboriginal Recognition Statement 2015, the plan includes five key priority areas.
 - (a) Community connection;
 - (b) Culture;
 - (c) Employment;
 - (d) Events; and
 - (e) Advocacy & Responsiveness.
5. Highlights from the second year implementation of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 include:
 - (a) the initiation and development of the Stolen Generations Marker project (creative outdoor work and landscaped garden). This is Council's most ambitious project undertaken with the Aboriginal community to date. It is a highly sensitive project which relies on years of relationship building and trust. The project is overseen by the Stolen Generations Marker Steering Group which reports back to the Aboriginal Advisory Group. It involves strong cross-organisational collaboration between Community Partnerships, Arts and Cultural Services and Communications branches;
 - (b) completion of the 'Treaty' mural by Aboriginal artist Brent Watkins and Brody X at Yarra Community Youth Centre, launched at the 2016 Napier Street Block Party;
 - (c) online publication of 'Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teachers' Resource', which was promoted through the Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals Network, written up as a feature article in MAV's CIVIC magazine (issue 12 – Autumn 2016) and won a 2016 Local Government HART (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) Award;

- (d) BlakWiz events held as part of National Reconciliation Week 2016, attracting over 100 staff members (including Executive members) to the internal 'cultural awareness' event, and over 80 (including Mayor and Councillors) at the external event at Fitzroy Reading Room;
 - (e) Smith Street Dreaming Festival 2016, which was guided by the Smith Street Working Group, involved an all Aboriginal line-up of performers and attracted 700-1000 people over the course of the day;
 - (f) renewed organisational enthusiasm and commitment for working with the Aboriginal community through the revitalisation of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (executive sponsor: Director of People, Culture and Community);
 - (g) Aged & Disability Services successfully lobbying of the State Government through *Balit* Narrum Northern Division Aboriginal Disability Network for two positions (originally none were planned) to help facilitate the Aboriginal community's transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme;
 - (h) increased social media engagement with Council's 'Celebrating Aboriginal Culture in Gertrude Street' Facebook page, with one post about the Stolen Generations Marker Expression of Interest process receiving a record 163 shares and reaching an audience of over 14,000 Facebook users;
 - (i) launch of Yarra's Arts and Cultural Strategy 2016-2020 at Richmond Town Hall, featuring an exhibition of new Aboriginal works and a performance by Coloured Stone's Bunna Lawrie;
 - (j) contributed to Yarra City Council winning a Keep Victoria Beautiful Award 2016 (Sustainable City of the Year Award) by leading judges on a cultural heritage tour of Aboriginal Fitzroy;
 - (k) North Fitzroy Community Hub named *Bargoonga Nganjin*, a Woiwurrung (Wurundjeri) language word meaning Gather Everyone; and
 - (l) part-time employment of Aboriginal producer, Jason Tamiru, in the Arts and Cultural team, to assist in the delivery of high profile events and partnerships.
6. Challenges in implementation of the Plan have included finding an appropriate partner organisation for the next stage of development of 'Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teachers Resource', maintaining Stolen Generations Marker project timelines when members of the project Steering Group are sometimes unable to attend meetings due to work and family commitments or health issues, and meeting Aboriginal employment targets through *Murrup Ballerrt* (Walk Strong) – Council's employment partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

7. The report on the implementation of the second year actions is provided as **Attachment One**.

External Consultation

8. The Plan was developed through extensive consultation with the Aboriginal community of Yarra and ongoing engagement continues with the following groups. Traditional Owners – the Wurundjeri, the Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG), the wider Aboriginal community of Yarra, Elders, Parkies, and community members, Aboriginal and mainstream service providers and their representatives, Melbourne Aboriginal Youth, Sport and Recreation (MAYSAR), Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL), Charcoal Lane, the Neighbourhood Justice Centre (NJC), Launch Housing, Co-Health, North Richmond Community Health (NRCH), Government Departments and Statutory Bodies which included representatives from the Department of Justice (DoJ), Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Aboriginal Victoria (AV), Victorian Police, Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Environment Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO), Fitzroy Legal Service, AFL SportsReady, St Vincent's Hospital, Whitelion, Office of housing (OoH), Brotherhood of

St Laurance (BSL), Indigenous Workstar, 3KND Radio, Aboriginal Community Elders Service (ACES), Talking on Tuesdays Reconciliation Group, Cooke St Kinder and the Parkies Women's group.

9. Various methods of community consultation were used to gather the required information to develop the Plan and are continually used throughout implementation of the Plan. A number of group consultations occurred with key stakeholders such as the Wurundjeri Elders, regular yarning sessions with the Parkies at Billabong BBQ, ACES Elders, Cooke St Kinder, the Talking on Tuesdays group, YASN, and the AAG reference group. The community was also given an online survey to complete. The Atherton gardens community BBQ's were also a great way to consult the Aboriginal community on a one-on-one basis. Members of Yarra staff and the AAG reference group spent half a day at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service interviewing Aboriginal community members. Also an information stand at the Black Harmony Day was staffed by Council officers who encouraged and engaged the community members to complete the consultation survey.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

10. In the original development of the Plan internal consultation were conducted at each of the Yarra Town Halls, with members of the following branches of Council represented: Age & Disability, Arts & Culture, Venues & Events, Economic Development, Environmental Management, Family, Youth and Children's Services, Open Spaces and Recreation, Strategic Planning, Urban Design, Yarra Leisure, Yarra Libraries, Local Laws, Sustainability & Strategic Transport, and the Depot.
11. The ongoing engagement and consultation across council continues throughout the implementation of the Plan and is driven by the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group which meets monthly to review the progress of actions in the Plan. This group has always taken a whole of council approach and its success is evident in the breadth and depth of commitment across council to the Plan.

Financial Implications

12. The Financial implications in implementing the Plan are minimal, with all actions completed within the existing budget of \$29,070. This funding includes the ongoing commitments, such as holding events to promote the important Aboriginal calendar days and convening vital community networks throughout the year, as well as paying for one off projects, like the web development for the online publication of Connecting with Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teachers' Resource. There are also actions in the Plan that are primarily funded by other branches from across Council; for example Arts & Cultural Services contributed funding towards the BlakWiz event and has primary responsibility for delivery of Smith Street Dreaming Festival.

Economic Implications

13. Council understands and recognises the barriers and disadvantages facing Aboriginal community members seeking economic equality. Council also recognises the advantages in providing opportunities for self-determination for Aboriginal people. This Plan not only provides Aboriginal community members with opportunities to build capacity and access gainful employment. It also provides opportunities for self-determination, social interaction and community engagement, which ultimately provides opportunities for community engagement, better lifestyle and economic outcomes for local Aboriginal people.
14. The development of an Aboriginal procurement strategy, as an action within the Plan and the continued encouragement from Council to local businesses to employ Aboriginal people can only improve the economic outcomes for the local Aboriginal community.

Sustainability Implications

15. Aboriginal people have managed their traditional lands and waterways using traditional practices for many thousands of years. Sustainability was crucial to the survival of Aboriginal people and their culture. This Plan contributes to the preservation of Aboriginal people and culture, and protects culturally significant sites of importance to the Wurundjeri community.

Social Implications

16. This Plan is a framework for action, with its primary strength being partnerships. These partnerships have been nurtured and built over a number of years and strengthen the local Aboriginal community's participation as active members of the Yarra's community. The local Aboriginal community has direct involvement in Council's Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG), Yarra Aboriginal Support Network (YASN), the Stolen Generations Marker Steering Group, Smith Street Dreaming Working Group, and the Billabong BBQ. These are all opportunities for the local Aboriginal community to have their aspirations heard and be involved in the planning of projects, events and policies. This provides social harmony, inclusion and self-determination.
17. The Plan also maintains Yarra's rich Aboriginal history and culture through internally and externally promoting and educating Yarra staff and the wider Yarra community on this rich culture and history that lays within the municipality. The Plan promotes Council's acknowledgment and recognition of the Wurundjeri community as the Traditional Owners of Yarra and promotes Council's stance on self-determination as best practice within the Aboriginal community.

Human Rights Implications

18. The Plan provides a strategic document to ensure Council meets its commitments and responsibilities in the *Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006* in the area of Aboriginal affairs by stating its commitment to respecting and promoting the rights of Aboriginal people.
19. One of the founding principles of the Charter is: Human rights have a special importance for Aboriginal people of Victoria, as descendants of Australia's first people with diverse social, cultural, and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters.
20. One of the substantive rights listed in the Charter under cultural rights and must not be denied the right, with other members of their community to:
 - (a) enjoy their identity and culture;
 - (b) maintain and use their language;
 - (c) maintain their kinship ties; and
 - (d) maintain their distinctive spiritual, material, and economic relationship with the land and water and other resources with which they have a connection under traditional lore's and customs.
21. These rights are respected and promoted throughout the Plan and underpin the way Council engages with the Wurundjeri Council and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

22. A welcome booklet acknowledging the Wurundjeri community as the Traditional Owners of Yarra has been translated into nine different languages to raise awareness of the Wurundjeri people, and their rich history and culture. This is distributed at Yarra citizenship ceremonies and promoted to the wider Yarra community.
23. Through the Stolen Generations Marker project, an opportunity has presented itself to engage the Atherton Gardens residents from diverse cultural backgrounds into this process.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

24. The Council Plan 2013-2017 gives direction to the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan through the following strategic direction.
25. Celebrating Yarra's uniqueness:
 - (a) protecting Heritage, and the Yarra river corridor;
 - (b) foster and promote Yarra's arts, culture, history, diversity, and vitality;
 - (c) recognise the value of Yarra's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage;

- (d) engage and strengthen connection with diverse groups in our community;
- (e) represent the community's views and needs through strategic advocacy to State & Federal Governments, as well as local services & organisations; and
- (f) advocacy for increased social and affordable housing in Yarra.

26. Supporting Yarra's Community:

- (a) champion the rights to civic and community participation for resident experiencing social disadvantage;
- (b) support Yarra's disadvantage into employment through direct recruitment, procurement or development of social enterprises;
- (c) deliver Council services that meet the communities priorities and needs;
- (d) continue to support a resident friendly city that reduces isolation, improves access to build environments, and builds social connection;
- (e) support Yarra's disadvantaged community into employment through direct recruitment, social procurement, or development of social enterprises; and
- (f) ensure Council strategies, and plans address community aspirations and needs and work to deliver outcomes in a highly integrated manner.

27. The Municipal Health Plan 2013-2017 has set four key priorities to drive the improved health of the local Yarra community. One of these priorities focuses on the health of Indigenous community; through all four priorities have relevance. The priority areas interact with each other, and acknowledge that disadvantage increase poor health. The four health priorities are:

- (a) health promoting environments;
- (b) community safety;
- (c) reducing the harm of alcohol, tobacco ,and other drugs; and
- (d) closing the gap on Indigenous health.

28. The Aboriginal Partnerships Plan also has strong links to other policies across Council such as the Arts & Culture Strategy 2016-2020, Multicultural Partnership Plan 2015-2018, Access and Inclusion Plan 2014-2017, Positive Ageing Strategy 2014-2017, and Yarra's Heritage Strategy 2015-2018.

Legal Implications

29. Some of the legislation related to this area of Council's works include;

- (a) *Local Government Act 1989 (Vic)*;
- (b) *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*;
- (c) *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and 2016 amendment (Vic)*;
- (d) *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*; and
- (e) United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 2007.

Other Issues

- 30. The AAG will continue to oversee the development and implementation of the Plan, with Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group tracking the monthly progress of all actions. All new actions are cognisant of priorities identified in community consultation.
- 31. In developing the third year action plan, council has continued to listen to the aspirations and needs of the local Aboriginal community. The third year action plan includes 40 actions, comprised of new and ongoing actions (see **Attachment Two**).

Options

- 32. No options required.

Conclusion

33. The Aboriginal Partnership Plan 2015-2018 continues to provide positive outcomes in the local Aboriginal community, each year Council builds on the previous plan, encouraging more staff to become involved and aware. The Plan highlights and reflects the value of a coordinated, collaborative and organisational approach.
34. There have been many highlights and some challenges during the implementation of the second year action Plan. Highlights include engagement with vulnerable Aboriginal community members through the Stolen Generations Marker community consultation, Smith Street Working Group and Billabong BBQ program, winning a 2016 Local Government HART Award (Helping Achieve Reconciliation Together) for 'Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teachers Resource', the growing public profile of Smith Street Dreaming Festival 2016 – now in its fourth year, and 'BlakWiz' events (internal and external) held as part of National Reconciliation Week.
35. The renewal and revitalisation of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group has seen improved cultural awareness across the organisation and improved co-ordination of Council's engagement with the local Aboriginal community.
36. The Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 is Council's unmistakable commitment to the Aboriginal community and provides it with an amazing vehicle to achieve great outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the second year report on the implementation of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018; and
 - (b) endorses the third year action plan for the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018.

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Attachments

- 1 Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 Second Year Implementation Report
- 2 Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 Year Three Action Plan

Attachment 1 - Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 Second Year Implementation Report

2016 Year 2 Annual Report **ABORIGINAL PARTNERSHIPS PLAN 2015-2018**

Priorities: COMMUNITY CONNECTION and EVENTS				
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target	Progress Comments
<p>1. Set up a group to discuss the creation of a Stolen Generations marker within the City of Yarra.</p> <p><i>It is important that Yarra Council and the wider municipality acknowledges and recognises the pain and suffering that past federal policies inflicted on Aboriginal people.</i></p>	Aboriginal Partnerships Officer	December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite relevant stakeholders to join this group. • Hold at least 4 meetings or dedicated discussions throughout the year. • Assess scope, cost and location of project and, if viable, find project manager to oversee. • Aboriginal Partnerships Officer to attend at least 75% of meetings or find a replacement to attend. 	<p>A Stolen Generations project steering group consisting of Aboriginal community members, representatives from Stolen Generations organisations Connecting Home and Link-up, along with a number of Council officers from different branches across Council have been set up to oversee the Stolen Generations Marker project. The group is meeting regularly. Terms of reference have been developed and adopted by the group.</p> <p>External consultant has been engaged to facilitate community consultation sessions and develop a brief.</p> <p>The community consultation process was conducted in a number of ways. A community survey was developed. The Wurundjeri committee of Elders was briefed on the project. The Wurundjeri community was sent the survey to complete.</p> <p>The Wurundjeri Council were the first to donate \$2,500, this was brokered by the Aboriginal Partnerships Officer.</p> <p>The Aboriginal community far & wide was sent the survey to complete.</p> <p>Two Aboriginal consultation sessions were held at the FTH.</p> <p>Connecting Home clients were consulted.</p> <p>Yarra staff attended the VAHS branch meeting on September the 15th to brief the VAHS staff on the project and complete survey.</p> <p>Artist EOI developed and sent out.</p> <p>10 artists submitted an EOI & art concepts, 5 were commissioned to develop their concepts</p>

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				and present them to Yarra arts assessment panel. Initial discussions have occurred with staff from DHHS & Council officers to discuss the possibility of Atherton Gardens as a site for this project. These discussions have now been elevated to senior bureaucrats and relevant State Minister to secure this site. An internal funding bid for the 2017/18 budget has been submitted and awaiting on the outcome of the budget process. This process has been managed by the Public Arts Officer. Arts & Culture have commenced a fundraising campaign.
<p>2. Support the delivery of Smith Street Dreaming – an annual festival showcasing Aboriginal music and celebrating the community of people who live, work and visit Smith Street.</p> <p><i>This event has a broad reach and provides an opportunity for local community members and others from further afield to appreciate and experience of Aboriginal culture. The event is predicated on the involvement and recognition of the whole community of Smith Street towards better relationships throughout the year.</i></p>	<p>Arts and Culture Revenue Services Officer</p> <p>Externally led: Charcoal Lane and the Smith Street Working Group</p> <hr/> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>Event takes place in July 2016</p> <p>Event is developed from August 2015 until delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund raise towards the delivery of Smith Street Dreaming 2016. • Support Charcoal Lane to fund raise for and deliver Smith Street Dreaming. • Provide infrastructure support, funding support and producing support to the project. • Partner with Charcoal Lane and members of the local community to deliver the Dreaming including engagement across the community and promotions. • Create an opportunity for Yarra staff to work or volunteer on an event showcasing Aboriginal culture. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Smith St working group meetings. • At least 20 officer hour/year committed to. • Attend at least 75 % of the meetings for the year. • Broker the relationship between 	<p>Smith St working group meeting on a monthly basis, a number of Council staff attend these meetings.</p> <p>Funds raised to hold 2016 festival, Council committed 15k.</p> <p>Smith St Dreaming 2016 was a great success with around 700 - 1000 people attending the event during the afternoon.</p> <p>Council depot provided infrastructure support on day of event, along with production support from Arts & Culture.</p> <p>A number of staff on Council’s Reconciliation Action Plan group volunteered on the day.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer brokered relationship between Charcoal Lane and NJC.</p> <p>The process for the 2017 Smith St Dreaming Festival has begun with the working group meeting for initial discussions.</p>

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			Yarra Council and Charcoal lane.	
<p>3. Incorporate recognition of the Traditional Owners into all new signage in Yarra’s parks, reserves and waterways, and – where possible – include historical details that promote Aboriginal peoples, histories and /or cultures.</p> <p><i>The signage, signifiers and stories ascribed to our waterways and parks reinforce the cultural identities of those places.</i></p>	<p>Capital works Project Officer</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the phrase ‘Wominjeka: Welcome to Wurundjeri Country’ or similar on all new signs in Yarra’s parks, reserves and waterways. • Investigate the possibility of naming a reserve after a significant Aboriginal persons or persons, subject to Council’s naming protocols. • Promote Aboriginal peoples, histories or cultures on at least 3 signs installed in 2016. 	<p>Discussions have started with Open space.</p> <p>Advocating for all new signage to parks, reserves, and water ways to incorporate acknowledgment of Wurundjeri people.</p> <p>A conversation was had with the Wurundjeri CEO regarding signage at Dights Falls. Wurundjeri community needs input into this project.</p> <p>North Fitzroy community hub has been named in the language of the Wurundjeri, along with the internal rooms being named by the Wurundjeri Council.</p>
<p>4. Celebrate National Reconciliation Week</p>	<p>Arts and Culture Development Officer</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Communications – Advocacy, Engagement and Media team and Digital and Brand team</p>	Event planning and promotion ready by April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to at least 4 National Reconciliation Week events that City of Yarra will hold including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A historical walking tour of Gertrude Street. ○ Koorie Stories and Songs public event at Fitzroy Library. ○ All staff are invited to and encouraged to participate in at least one event during National Reconciliation Week. ○ Provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees 	<p>Working group established from the RAP group to work on the BlakWiz events.</p> <p>This group has been meeting on regular basis.</p> <p>Yarra City Arts developed a promotion page.</p> <p>BlakWiz events were held internally and externally. About 100 Yarra staff attended a lunch time session of BlakWiz, which was a great success.</p> <p>An external event was held in the reading room at the FTH, with about 80-100 community members attending this very successful event.</p> <p>The Aboriginal Partnerships officer has facilitated</p>

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	Special Projects Officer Ewing Trust Officer, Yarra Libraries		<p>and other employees to build relationships with the local community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan amongst staff, including promotion of relevant resources and community events. 	<p>a number of the Gertrude St Aboriginal history walks for Council's RAP group and St Vincent's Hospital staff.</p> <p>Invite to BlakWiz was sent to all Yarra staff.</p> <p>Council's Reconciliation Action Plan is promoted across Council to all staff.</p> <p>Aboriginal community events also promoted to staff & community.</p> <p>This event has been included in the 2017 action plan.</p>	
5. Provide Council officer support to Aboriginal community programs funded through Council's Community Partnerships Grant Program.	Senior Co-ordinator of Community Planning and Partnerships Aboriginal Partnerships Officer Special Projects Officer	Report back in late December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of at least 150 officer hours/year to the following 4 programs currently funded through Council's Community Partnerships Grant Program. This support may include general assistance, promoting, linking-in, brokering relationships, advocating for, and helping to navigate Council systems and processes. Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation Incorporated (MAYSAR) <p><i>MAYSAR was initially established in the late 1970s as a positive space to combat rising drug and alcohol problems in Fitzroy. It is the last remaining Aboriginal controlled organisation in historically significant Gertrude Street.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Therapeutic Recreation Program 	<p>The Billabong BBQ is attended by the Aboriginal Partnerships officer weekly. Support provided to Billabong coordinator, Aboriginal engagement officer, promoting the program, linking community members into the relevant services.</p> <p>Advocating to DHHS for the Aboriginal community around homelessness.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer was to attend community meeting between Aboriginal community members and the DHHS at the Fitzroy Town Hall in late September to advocate for the Aboriginal community, (Bendigo Street). This meeting was cancelled by DHHS 45 minutes before it was due to start.</p> <p>Billabong NAIDOC and Billabong Christmas events attended by Yarra staff. Support provided to both events by attending and helping out with any actions that needed attending too. These events funded through Council's community grants process.</p> <p>Parkies memorial day was held on</p>	

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		<p><i>The Recreation Program helps the Parkies community stay healthy, active and positive.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billabong BBQ Co-ordinator <p><i>Established in 1999, Billabong BBQ provides a vital and culturally appropriate space for Parkies to have a nutritious meal and link in with services.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Engagement Program <p><i>This program was established to work towards improving the participation, health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in Yarra.</i></p> <p>Note: current funding through the Community Partnerships.</p>	<p>November 15th, Aboriginal Partnerships officer provided support to this event.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer advocated to DHHS for a small native plant to be planted on memorial day to acknowledge fallen Parkies.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer has started to raise funds for Christmas hampers for regular community members who attend the Billabong BBQ.</p> <p>The Billabong BBQ Christmas party was a great success.</p> <p>During the year we had a number of services like the optician and podiatrist attend the BBQ.</p> <p>Foodshare at Billabong program was a great success.</p> <p>MAYSAR still in the process of stabilising the organisation. Community lunches have started up again. Support given when required.</p> <p>Recreation program has seen activities like Billabong Cup, golf, trips to movies, fishing, and Parkies women's group.</p> <p>The good number of the men in the Parkies</p>

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				group attended the men’s camp in November.
<p>6. Continue to facilitate the ongoing meetings of Yarra Aboriginal Support Network (YASN) to support services, agencies and organisations working with the Parkies and vulnerable Aboriginal community in Yarra.</p> <p><i>Established in 2004, YASN serves an invaluable role as an information-sharing and service co-ordination network that supports the wellbeing of Parkies and other vulnerable Aboriginal people in Yarra.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One officer responsible for organising group meetings (minutes, agendas, catering, room bookings etc.). • At least 10 meetings to be held per year. • At least 2 Council officers to regularly attend the meetings – a contribution of at least 72 officer hours per year. • At least eight different services, agencies and/or organisations to regularly the meetings. • Advocate to various tiers of government on behalf to disadvantaged/vulnerable Aboriginal people, but only when there is consent to do so from this community. 	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer convenes monthly YASN meetings. Responsible for yearly schedule of invitations, minutes and agendas, room booking, catering, and minute taker. YASN also attended by other Yarra staff members.</p> <p>Building YASN membership with a number of new organisations joining YASN.</p> <p>Advocating to DHHS on Homelessness, Aboriginal Partnerships Officer advocated for representatives from Magpies Nest to brief YASN members on project and homelessness in Yarra.</p> <p>YASN interest in the issue at North Richmond helped to start up the conversation of the Victoria Street Working Group.</p>
<p>7. Convene Council’s Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG) as the Aboriginal community’s official voice to Council and the reference group for the ongoing development of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015–2018.</p> <p><i>For many years after settlement, many Aboriginal leaders fought hard to have a voice in government policy and decision making processes. The Aboriginal Advisory</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>February, April, June, August, October 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Council officer dedicated to organising the group (minutes, agendas, catering, room bookings etc.) • At least 5 meetings to be held per year. • At least 2 Council officers to regularly attend the meetings – a contribution of at least 30 officer hours per year. • At least 1 elected Councillor to regularly attend and co-chair meetings. 	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer convenes bi-monthly AAG meetings. Responsible for invitations, minutes and agendas, room booking, catering, and minute taker. Meeting invitations, minutes and agendas sent to Councillor support unit.</p> <p>A number of other Yarra staff attend AAG meetings.</p> <p>AAG advocated with letter of support to the MAV</p>

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<p><i>Group, which includes an elected Councillor co-chair, is a hard-won opportunity for Aboriginal people to influence local government policy and decision making.</i></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to emerging issues in the community. 	to continue the funding of Lydia Thorpe's position of Aboriginal Employment Project Advisor at the MAV.
<p>8. Continue to ensure that Aboriginal children, young people and families have access to culturally appropriate and safe services and programs that acknowledge and meet their health and wellbeing needs, challenges and aspirations.</p> <p><i>The values of this action are integral to other Council policies including the draft Yarra Early Years Plan 2014–2017, Yarra Middle Years Strategy 2014–2017 and Yarra Youth Policy 2013–2016. Each of these provide an outline of the holistic systems of services and programs across the continuum from prevention, early intervention through to more specialist and crisis support for children, young people and families who live, work and visit Yarra. These strategies are aligned with the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2014–2017.</i></p>	<p>Manager of Family & Children's Services</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measurable participation of at least 50 Aboriginal children, young people and/or families accessing culturally appropriate and safe services and programs. 	<p>Yarra Youth Services continues to provide free, recreational and skill development programs after school and during school holidays, which can be accessed by all young people in the City Of Yarra. Aboriginal numbers small.</p> <p>Programs take place throughout the municipality to ensure they can be accessed by all. Youth Services also provides an individual support service which can be accessed by young people needing advice, assistance of any kind, counselling and/or referral to other more appropriate services. Also provided a learn to drive program (L2P), and a worker who specifically focuses on pathways for disengaged youth in education, employment and housing.</p> <p>Aboriginal artist engaged to complete mural at Youth services, Aboriginal Partnerships Officer provide guidance mentoring to young Aboriginal artist. Mural completed in December 2016, this has had a positive affect with more Aboriginal youth engaging Youth services.</p>
<p>9. Provide officer support to local grass roots groups, programs and events.</p> <p><i>Aboriginal community grass roots programs, groups and events offer unparalleled support for vulnerable</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Arts and Cultural Development Officer</p>	<p>Report back in December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the following 3 local grass roots groups, programs and events in 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smith Street Working group The Launch women's group, 	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer attending monthly meeting of the Smith St working group, helping to bring together the key stakeholders. Working with Arts & Culture to lock in the events programming director.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer provides cultural</p>

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<i>groups in Yarra, often running on shoestring budgets. Officer support can broker introductions, partnerships and financial support opportunities.</i>	Special Projects Officer		and; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billabong BBQ special events such as the Billabong Cup, NAIDOC in the Park, Christmas in the Park and the Parkies and Aboriginal Memorial Day. 	support & advice to Launch Housing when required for women’s group. Aboriginal Partnerships officer attends and provides support to the Billabong BBQ special events such as Billabong cup, NAIDOC in the park, and Billabong Christmas, and Memorial day. Yarra community grants support a number of these projects.	
10. RAP Working Group to continue to actively monitor RAP development, including implementation of actions and tracking progress.	Special Projects Officer	Meetings scheduled monthly from February to December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to a minimum of 11 RAP working group meetings in 2016 to track the implementation of the RAP. • If necessary, renew the RAP membership and Terms of Reference. 	RAP group meeting monthly to progress second year actions in APP & RAP and track progress of these actions. RAP group members attended the Gertrude St Aboriginal history walk facilitated by Aboriginal Partnerships officer. November 2016 saw the RAP group membership updated with some members leaving and new members joining the RAP group. All RAP group members have committed to actions in the 2017 Aboriginal Partnership Plan. More work has been actively done across Council to increase the RAP membership and broaden the membership across Council.	

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Priority: CULTURE				
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target	Progress comments
<p>11. Work with a respected Aboriginal artist to run Aboriginal art workshops with young people and paint an Aboriginal 'street art' mural.</p> <p><i>This will help young people understand and respect Aboriginal culture, by learning about their art and the meaning behind it. By creating something so visible, young people will have a sense of ownership over the space, and a sense of connection with the community.</i></p>	<p>Team Leader Youth Services – Programs and Engagement, and Youth Arts Development Officer.</p> <p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Open Spaces</p>	<p>Aiming between May – July 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with a respected Aboriginal artist. Confirm site for Aboriginal street art mural (preferably around the Gertrude Street precinct). Have up to 6 workshops dedicated to Aboriginal art and culture prior to painting of mural. Have at least 10 young people (potentially students from Collingwood College) participating in the program. 	<p>An EOI has gone out to engage an Aboriginal artist to complete a street mural at Charcoal Lane, an opportunity to engage young people from Charcoal lane.</p>
<p>12. Yarra's Aboriginal Partnerships Officer to give talks, walking tours and advice to the organisation and the broader municipality.</p> <p><i>It is important to promote and educate people on the rich Aboriginal history & culture within Yarra and beyond. It will help people to better understand Aboriginal people, and the generational effects caused by the colonisation of Melbourne.</i></p>	<p>The Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver at least 4 schools or pre-school sessions to local schools in Yarra. Deliver at least 2 tours of the Fitzroy Aboriginal history tour to groups from Yarra. Deliver at least 1 community group talk within Yarra. Contribute to the development of at least 1 community group RAP in Yarra. Give at least 1 talk on the Aboriginal history of Yarra to staff at Council depot Toolbox meetings. Provide strategic advice towards the development of at least 4 Council projects with Aboriginal content or 	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer delivered two sessions of Wurundjeri & Aboriginal history to Yarra primary schools.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer provided advice & support to Cooke St Child Care Centre for Sorry Day event, NAIDOC event as well as attending the event.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer facilitated the Gertrude St Aboriginal History walk to Council's RAP group members, and St Vincent's hospital staff, and staff from local Yarra organisation called Thick.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer facilitated tour at Digits Fall for Asylum Seekers group.</p>

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			concerns.	Provided cultural advice & support on these projects, BlakWiz event, Stolen Generations project, Smith St Dreaming event & working group, and Billabong BBQ.
<p>13. Promote Yarra’s existing cultural awareness materials within the organisation and to the broader community, tourists, schools, the service sector and other interested groups.</p> <p><i>Promoting Aboriginal history and cultures to the non-Aboriginal community is vital in creating a more supportive, understanding and empowered community. It helps to fight racism and, from the Aboriginal community's point of view, strengthens pride, identity and connectedness.</i></p>	<p>Communications – Advocacy, Engagement and Media team and Digital and Brand team</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>Report back in December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The communications and community partnerships teams to promote the following material through Yarra’s public website, social media channels, special events and Council’s internal communications to reach the following targets in 2016: At least 1000 Fitzroy Aboriginal Heritage Walking Trail Map (2009) distributed. At least 100 copies of the Wurundjeri History of Yarra print publication (2013) distributed. At least 20,000 hits to the Aboriginal History of Yarra website and mobile web-app. See: www.aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com (2012 – ongoing) At least 800 likes (or followers) on the Celebrating Aboriginal Culture in Gertrude Street Facebook page (2012 – ongoing) At least one internal and one external promotion of The Wurundjeri Protocols (2011) At least 15 copies of Snapshots of Aboriginal Fitzroy print publication (2002) 	<p>This action is ongoing and Council’s existing cultural awareness material is promoted internally and externally at every opportunity.</p> <p>The Aboriginal teacher’s resource, Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra was promoted through a number of principals’ networks and Victorian of State Secondary schools principals networks.</p> <p>A two page feature article on the Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra teachers resource was presented in CIVIC magazine issue 12, Autumn issue 2016</p> <p>Aboriginal history maps continue to be promoted across Yarra and beyond.</p> <p>The Wurundjeri history of Yarra publication has been distributed at schools in Yarra and beyond.</p> <p>The Aboriginal history of Yarra website has receive on average 2000 organic searches a month and 3000 people have participated actively taking the online walking tour on a tablet or mobile device.</p> <p>The Celebrating Aboriginal Culture in Gertrude St Facebook page continues to grow and has received over 950 likes.</p>
	Revenue Services	December		

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	Officer	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise and display an Acknowledgment of Country plaque in the Revenue Services office. Ensure Aboriginal concerns are represented in the development of relevant policies. Investigate Aboriginal employment or traineeship opportunities within the Revenue Services team. 	<p>The Wurundjeri protocols are promoted internally during the diversity training at induction of staff and externally to partner organisations.</p> <p>Snap Shots of Fitzroy is promoted externally, limited copies left.</p> <p>The investigation of a traineeship in Revenue Services sits with HR and needs to be revisited</p> <p>All relevant Aboriginal policies are developed in consultation with Aboriginal community.</p> <p>Need to start the conversation with Revenue Services regarding an acknowledgment plaque.</p>	
<p>14. Acknowledge the Wurundjeri by reading the 'Acknowledgment of Country' statement at the beginning of Yarra Council meetings, citizenship ceremonies, Mayoral and civic receptions, openings of major events, official openings of Council buildings, and official events where the Mayor is present.</p> <p><i>Colonisation impacted heavily on the Wurundjeri causing loss of life, loss of culture and disconnection from country. Until the Mabo decision in 1992, Australia was legally regarded as Terra Nullius (land belonging to no one). Acknowledgment of Country is a small but important statement that reminds the wider community of a fact that was denied for many</i></p>	Communications Coordinator – Digital and Brand	Report back in December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Acknowledgment is read at the beginning of Yarra Council meetings, citizenship ceremonies, Mayoral and civic receptions, openings of major events, official openings of Council buildings, and official events where the Mayor is present. <p>Standard Acknowledgment of Country:</p> <p>"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 Elders past and present."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange Wurundjeri Elders to give a Welcome to Country address at significant community events. Promote Council's publication: 'The 	<p>This is an ongoing action that is occurring at all Yarra Council meetings, Citizenship ceremonies, and Mayoral & Civic receptions, all internal & external events.</p> <p>Wurundjeri Elders engaged to perform Welcome to Country at significant events.</p> <p>Wurundjeri protocols promoted internally &</p>	

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years.			Wurundjeri Protocol: a guide to working with your local Aboriginal community' to give Council staff and community members contextual and practical information for engaging Wurundjeri Elders to perform Welcome to Country ceremonies.	externally to help Yarra staff & external groups with engaging Wurundjeri Council.
<p>15. Basic cultural awareness training for all new staff, senior management team staff and newly elected Councillors.</p> <p><i>It is vital that staff and elected Councillors have a sound understanding of local Aboriginal community peoples, histories, cultures and traditions. Cultural awareness amongst Council staff and Councillors is vital to the success of Council's work with the local Aboriginal community and to making the organisation a culturally safe for prospective Aboriginal employees.</i></p>	<p>Organisational Development Coordinator</p> <p>Councillors Office</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 3 months of commencing work, all new Yarra City Council employees complete 'Welcome to Yarra New Starter Induction' online module, which includes an Aboriginal history component. • At least 150 employees will attend the Induction Workshop, which incorporates an Aboriginal cultural awareness element as part of the Diversity Panel Discussion. • At least 100 leaders to take part in a one-off Diversity Panel Discussion at a 'Senior Management Team +' Meeting. • Review induction policy for newly elected Councillors to ensure it includes cultural awareness training and at least one meeting with Traditional Owners. 	<p>The online module "Welcome to Yarra" is accessed by all new staff, and this has an Aboriginal component.</p> <p>Diversity training has commenced with a number of sessions already delivered to Yarra staff. Diversity training content being reviewed and streamlined.</p> <p>The one off Diversity Panel Discussion for senior management has been set to occur in the next financial year.</p> <p>Discussion has occurred regarding newly elected Mayor & Councillors. Wurundjeri Elder to conduct a ceremony for all who are newly elected.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer to set up a meet & greet for Wurundjeri Elders & newly elected Councillors.</p>

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<p>16. Celebrate NAIDOC Week</p> <p><i>NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal histories, cultures and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Aboriginal Australians make to our country and our society.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Plan Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p> <hr/> <p>Revenue Services Officer</p>	<p>July 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees to engage with their culture and community through NAIDOC Week events. • Support staff to participate in events in the local community. • Promote Council affiliated NAIDOC week events (and other events happening in the local area) to the broader community. • Contact the Victorian NAIDOC Week Committee to discuss mutually-beneficial opportunities. • Hold at least 1 internal NAIDOC week event and promote to all staff. 	<p>Planning for support of existing NAIDOC events.</p> <p>NAIDOC in the Park, attended by Yarra staff, and promoted & support supplied by Yarra staff on the day of event.</p> <p>NAIDOC at the Collingwood Children's Farm, attended by Yarra Mayor & staff, and promoted to Yarra staff and the Aboriginal & wider community.</p> <p>All of Government NAIDOC event at the Fitzroy Town Hall attended by Mayor & Yarra staff. Support given with booking of FTH for this event.</p> <p>Yarra staff attended & promoted the Wurundjeri's NAIDOC quiz at the Fitzroy Bowl's Club.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer attended the NAIDOC march.</p>
<p>17. Support local schools to teach Aboriginal history and cultures.</p> <p><i>A teacher's resource will broaden the website's reach to local primary and high schools. It is important to continue to update the site and ensure it remains user-friendly and easy to navigate.</i></p>	<p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>Report back in December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to build relationships with the Wurundjeri, local teachers and schools. • Seek feedback on version one of the local Aboriginal history teachers' resource. • Update and publish this resource on the Aboriginal History of Yarra website and mobile web-app and promote to local schools. • Encourage the participation of schools and early learning services in 'Narragunnawali: Reconciliation in Schools and Early Learning'. • Promote Reconciliation Australia's Share Our Pride online tool. 	<p>Draft of the Connecting with Aboriginal history of Yarra Aboriginal teacher's resource completed, launched, and promoted to schools in Yarra and beyond. It was promoted to a number of local principals' networks, the Victorian Association of State Secondary principal's network.</p> <p>Wurundjeri Council consulted and involved in the development of this resource.</p> <p>Feedback was sourced from a number of local school teachers & principals.</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer completed two Aboriginal history sessions at Yarra primary schools.</p> <p>Promoted the Narragunnawali & Share our Pride site to early child care centres in Yarra, Cooke St</p>

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				Kinder, Yarra primary schools. There is a need to form a relationship with other child care centres & schools in Yarra.
18. Strengthen the existing Aboriginal book, DVD and music CD collections at Yarra Libraries, particularly at the Fitzroy Library Branch. <i>Yarra Libraries is committed to providing resources to the community on all aspects of Aboriginal culture, performing arts, history and current issues.</i>	Team Leader Community Programs - Fitzroy Library	November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of Yarra Libraries Aboriginal book, DVD and music CD collections at Yarra Libraries, particularly at the Fitzroy Library Branch. 	This action is always ongoing with Yarra Library staff always on the lookout for new & relevant Aboriginal material.
Priority: Advocacy and Responsiveness				
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target	Progress comments
19. Increase the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees within our organisation. <i>Employing a person with strong community connection is vital to the success of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan.</i> <i>Gentrification and rising property prices are pushing the Aboriginal community further away from Melbourne's inner city areas. Increasing Aboriginal employment</i>	Senior Coordinator Community Partnerships Aboriginal Partnerships Officer	December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure ongoing employment of an Aboriginal worker as the Aboriginal Partnerships Officer. Provide professional development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in identified roles including: encouragement to attend and speak at least 5 conferences / yarning circles per year, encouragement to have input into the development of at least 2 other organisations' RAPs per year, ongoing systems training and ongoing intensive officer support. 	The continuation of the Aboriginal Partnerships officer's position. Employment of Aboriginal person in the Arts & Culture branch for two days a week for nine months Meet with staff from the City of Melbourne, and provided support for their Aboriginal affairs team. Support given to a number of organisations developing RAP's, RMIT, Banyule Council.

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<p><i>at Yarra is one way of strengthening Yarra's workforce and ensuring ongoing community connection to Yarra.</i></p>	<p>Engagement and Inclusion Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence implementation of Council's 'Murrup Ballert' Aboriginal training and employment program in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence, with a target of employing 4 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by the end of 2016. Ensure all advertised vacant positions at Council include Council's Inclusion and Diversity Statement: <p><i>"Yarra City Council is an equal opportunity employer. We draw pride and strength from our diversity. We support flexible and accessible working arrangements and we are an inclusive employer."</i></p> 	<p>Murrup Ballert program has stalled on progress and sits with People & Culture, who need to make this action happen.</p> <p>The Inclusion & Diversity statement is included with all advertised vacant positions at Council.</p>
	<p>Coordinator Service Contracts</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Plan Officer</p>	<p>December 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage Aboriginal employment in Council depot operations through the Autumn Leaves Program (up to 2 Aboriginal people employed 38 hours/week for 16 weeks in autumn, depending on workers available through partnership with Brotherhood of St Laurence). To support this program and future employment of Aboriginal people, run at least 1 Aboriginal cultural awareness session for depot staff through the 'Tool Box' meetings. 	<p>Needs discussions to start. Trouble engaging Aboriginal people in this program. Next year there needs more lead up time to make it happen</p> <p>Sessions held at Collingwood Depot were well attended by depot staff.</p>
<p>20. Continue membership of the <i>Balit Narrum</i> Group (Northern Aboriginal Disability Network) to support advocacy for the needs of Aboriginal residents through</p>	<p>Co-ordinator Services & Planning – Aged and Disability Services</p>	<p>Report back in December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 72 officer hours/year dedicated to consolidating partnerships with Aboriginal agencies and collaborative planning for forums 	<p>Council's Coordinator, Services and Planning and MetroAccess officer have been regularly attending both <i>Balit Narrum</i> Network meetings and Working Group meetings. The Coordinator was also a member of the working group to</p>

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<p>Aboriginal-managed initiatives.</p> <p><i>The incidence of disability is more than twice that of non-Aboriginal people and culturally responsive measures are needed within the roll-out of the NDIS in the North East Metropolitan Area to ensure that adequate resources are available to the Aboriginal community.</i></p>			<p>on Aboriginal disability issues in Yarra.</p>	<p>develop NDIS Aboriginal-dedicated positions by seeking funding, writing position descriptions, and recruiting an NDIS Community Readiness Officer.</p> <p>Re Yarra hosting a Yarning Circle community forum - this has not happened as the priority for 2016 was for several, northern region community forums on the NDIS to be held at the Aborigines Advancement League with representatives from the NDIA, DHHS and NDSV. It is planned that the newly- appointed NDIS Aboriginal Community Readiness Officer will collaborate with Aboriginal agencies and Council to plan the next Yarra Yarning Circle in 2017.</p> <p>The consolidation of collaborative partnerships is evidenced in Council joining with Balit Narrum to advocate for an adequate number of Aboriginal-designated officers and/or resources to enhance Aboriginal community readiness and sector readiness. This advocacy is ongoing.</p>
<p>21. Continue to offer Yarra Leisure community memberships to members of the Parkies community and other disadvantaged members of the Aboriginal community.</p> <p><i>By offering Yarra Leisure community memberships to disadvantaged Aboriginal community members, Yarra hopes to reduce some of the barriers to greater participation and health within this community.</i></p>	<p>Community Development Officer (Yarra Leisure Services)</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 25 Yarra Leisure community memberships continue to be offered to disadvantaged/vulnerable members of the local Aboriginal community. 	<p>This action is occurring with Parkies accessing memberships.</p>

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<p>22. Seek opportunities to run Aboriginal history walking tours of Gertrude Street and surrounds.</p> <p><i>A business or social enterprise running regular walking tours will provide culturally appropriate employment for Aboriginal storytellers with a familial connection to Fitzroy or a passion for local history. Council's consultative work has repeatedly told us that there is real community interest and demand for cultural experiences of this kind.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p> <p>Arts & Cultural Development Officer</p>	<p>May 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Aboriginal organisations establishing walking tours in Gertrude Street and surrounds. Council to provide promotion through existing channels and support materials in kind, e.g. Wurundjeri History of Yarra publications, Aboriginal History of Yarra Walking maps. 	<p>RAP group attended Gertrude St Aboriginal History walk.</p> <p>St Vincent Hospital staff attended a Gertrude St walking tour.</p> <p>Staff from local Yarra organisation Thick attended the Gertrude St Aboriginal history walk.</p> <p>The Wurundjeri History publication & the Aboriginal History of Yarra Walking maps continue to be promoted through Council's existing channels.</p>
<p>23. Enhance procurement opportunities for people from an Aboriginal background.</p>	<p>Procurement Coordinator</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter discussions with the Greater City of Shepparton to identify strategies for enhancing procurement opportunities for businesses owner and operated by people from an Aboriginal background. 	<p>This action has been rolled over to happen in the 2017 action plan</p> <p>An opportunity has presented itself; Yarra Council provides bottled water to the Yarra community during the warmer summer months of the year. This presents the opportunity to buy Yaru Water from an Indigenous company, which is being looked into by procurement.</p>
<p>24. Broker business or learning development opportunities for Aboriginal people or businesses.</p>	<p>Economic Development Coordinator</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to broker at least 4 relationships with external agencies to facilitate business/learning development opportunities for Aboriginal people or businesses. 	<p>TBA</p>
<p>25. Advocate for representation of Aboriginal concerns in public space projects that interface with important Aboriginal sites.</p>	<p>Urban Design</p>	<p>Report back in December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote increased dialogue with the Wurundjeri on public space projects that interface with important Aboriginal sites (e.g. along the Yarra River Corridor). Advocate for inclusion of Aboriginal art in Gertrude St /Brunswick St tram 	<p>Group formed to discuss "Stolen Generations" marker within Yarra. The Elders of the Wurundjeri Council have been briefed and support this project.</p> <p>A possible opportunity for Acknowledgment of Wurundjeri Ancestor Billibellary at Dights Falls.</p>

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			stop/streetscape upgrades.	<p>Content has been developed. Discussions have occurred with Open Space and the Wurundjeri Council. Waiting on the Wurundjeri Council to engage with the project.</p> <p>Discussions have occurred between Community Programs and Haley McNichols from Urban Design regarding the possibility of incorporating some sort of Aboriginal interpretation at the corner of Gertrude and Brunswick St Tram stop. Hayley has started a conversation with Public Transport Victoria. This could be part of the Stolen Generations project if Atherton Gardens is the chosen site.</p>
<p>26. Include a list of community groups with heritage briefs for studies and assessments. Encourage consultants to draw on community expertise when undertaking research.</p> <p><i>This is of importance when conducting any historic research that consultants are aware of, and able to contact, community groups for inclusion in work where community knowledge may be useful in further defining work, addressing issues in the initial stages of a project.</i></p>	<p>Strategic Planning</p> <p>Community Partnerships</p>	<p>December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include at least 2 Aboriginal groups interested in participating in future heritage studies. • Have an initial consultation with Aboriginal groups to outline current heritage strategy and plans. 	<p>This action did not occur as unfortunately other projects had to be given priority.</p>
<p>27. Increase awareness of important Aboriginal community matters by promoting significant dates on the Aboriginal community calendar and promoting Aboriginal community events in Yarra.</p>	<p>Communications – Advocacy, Engagement and Media team and Digital and Brand team</p> <p>Special Projects</p>	<p>Promote events that take place throughout 2016, especially mid-year, when</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an Aboriginal Cultural Events Calendar for 2016, including dates/events of significance to the Aboriginal community, to assist officers plan support and promote these events (for internal use only). • Design a brand mark for Council's 	<p>An Aboriginal cultural events calendar was not produced.</p> <p>A design brand has been picked for the Stolen Generations Marker project, this will also be</p>

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	Officer	Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week take place	<p>'Aboriginal Cultural Events Program', to be used when promoting any community events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote at least 10 important Aboriginal community calendar dates and local community events through Council's website, social media channels and publications. Review and update the Aboriginal Community section of Council's website to ensure information is current and all relevant resources are available. 	<p>used for the Aboriginal cultural events calendar when produced 2017.</p> <p>Promotion of Aboriginal community events occurs through Council's Aboriginal Facebook page, Council website, and existing Council publications.</p> <p>Special projects officer is working on the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander content of Council's new website</p>	
Tracking progress and reporting					
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target		
28. Ensure accountability for persons responsible for completion of Aboriginal Partnerships Plan actions.	Aboriginal Partnerships Officer	April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish Yarra's Aboriginal Partnerships Plan in Council's 'Interplan' system. 	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships officer prepares bi-monthly report on all APP actions for AAG. Monthly RAP group meeting are a chance for RAP group members to report on the progress of actions which they are responsible for.</p> <p>Initial discussions occurred around establishing the Aboriginal Partnership Plan into Interplan.</p>	
29. Report on the year 2 action plan and write the year 3 action plan.	Aboriginal Partnerships Officer Special Projects Officer	Feb 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present report to Council on the successes and challenges of the year 2 action plan and present year 3 action plan to Council for adoption. 	<p>Report on year two actions completed.</p> <p>Year three action plan draft completed and ready to be adopted.</p>	

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Priorities: COMMUNITY CONNECTION and EVENTS			
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target
<p>1. Commission an Aboriginal artist to produce a Stolen Generation’s marker for the City of Yarra.</p> <p>Assist the selected artist with all aspects of the project.</p> <p><i>Through the introduction of Federal Government policies aimed at assimilating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into mainstream society, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were wrongly removed from their family, community and culture, thus creating the Stolen Generations. This project will acknowledge the pain and suffering this caused, offer a place to reflect and heal and educate wider Australia on this tragic part of Australia’s history.</i></p>	<p>Public Arts Officer Aboriginal Partnerships Officer Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>January – February 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an opportunity for a Victorian Aboriginal artist to work on significant and permanent public artworks. • Build a Marker to pay tribute to the strength and struggles of the Stolen Generations and their families. • Convene Monthly steering group meetings and continue to work closely with the local community and other stakeholders. • Secure a site for the Marker. Raise funds for the project. • Oversee the creation of a landscaped garden with Indigenous plants around the marker. • Enable an outcome of high artistic merit that fosters community ownership.
<p>2. Present a Reconciliation Comedy Gala fundraiser event at the Malthouse (produced and directed by Jason Tamiru).</p> <p><i>This event will promote and raise funds towards the creation of the Stolen Generations Marker within the City of Yarra.</i></p>	<p>Arts Development Officer</p>	<p>26 January 2017 2.30pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise funds for the Stolen Generations Marker and its launch. • Raise awareness about the Stolen Generations and the project. • Provide a space for entertainers to offer support and Reconciliation. • Partner with another major arts organisation (Malthouse). • Provide a fresh performance alternative on 26th January. • Bring a diverse group of people together to honour the Stolen Generations.

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<p>3. Officially launch the Stolen Generations Marker.</p> <p><i>This will provide the local Aboriginal community, the wider Yarra community and Yarra Council an opportunity to celebrate the achievement of creating a piece of public art that acknowledges the Stolen Generation's and their families.</i></p>	<p>Arts Development Officer</p>	<p>October- November 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce an event to launch the Stolen Generations Marker. • Provide all of the community with an opportunity to come together to celebrate this new artwork. • Meet steering group and community expectations. • Raise awareness about the Stolen Generations. • Acknowledge the work and contributions of the artist, project partners, steering group, community, and any financial and in-kind support. • Celebrate Yarra's rich Aboriginal history and its current community connection, • Promote Aboriginal histories and cultures.
<p>4. Produce and deliver a site specific mural by a Victorian Aboriginal artist, on the exterior wall of the Charcoal Lane building on Gertrude St, Fitzroy. The mural will reflect the history and significance of this building and its surrounds for the Aboriginal community.</p> <p><i>To provide an employment opportunity for a Victorian Aboriginal artist to produce a mural that captures the significant Aboriginal history of this iconic Gertrude St building.</i></p>	<p>Public Arts Officer</p>	<p>June 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a landmark at this site that acknowledges the important Aboriginal history of this area and building. • Add another point of reference to the Aboriginal history walking tour map. • Create an opportunity for a Victorian Aboriginal artist. • Counter graffiti at this site. • Work in partnership with Charcoal Lane and the Department of Justice and Regulation Graffiti Prevention. • Promote Aboriginal histories and cultures. • Create an opportunity for the artist to engage with young Aboriginal trainees at Charcoal Lane.
<p>5. Support the delivery of Smith Street Dreaming – an annual festival showcasing Aboriginal music and celebrating the community of people who live, work and visit Smith Street.</p> <p><i>This event has a broad reach and provides an opportunity for local community members and others from further afield to appreciate and experience Aboriginal peoples and cultures. The event is predicated on the involvement and recognition of the whole community of Smith Street towards better relationships throughout the year.</i></p>	<p>Arts and Culture team</p> <p>Externally led:</p> <p>Charcoal Lane and the Smith Street Working Group</p> <hr/> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>Event takes place in July 2017</p> <p>Event is developed from August 2016 until delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund raise towards the delivery of Smith Street Dreaming 2017 • Support Charcoal Lane to fund raise for and deliver Smith Street Dreaming • Provide infrastructure support, funding support and producing support to the project • Partner with Charcoal Lane and members of the local community to deliver Smith St Dreaming including engagement across the community and promotions. • Create an opportunity for Yarra staff to work or volunteer on an event showcasing Aboriginal culture <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Smith St working group meetings. • At least 20 officer hour/year committed to. • Attend at least 75 % of the meetings for the year. • Broker the relationship between Yarra Council and

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			Charcoal lane
<p>6. Incorporate recognition of the Traditional Owners into all new signage in Yarra’s parks, reserves and waterways, and – where possible – include historical details that promote Aboriginal peoples, histories and /or cultures.</p> <p><i>The signage, signifiers and stories ascribed to our waterways and parks reinforce the cultural identities of those places.</i></p>	<p>Capital Works Project Officer</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the phrase ‘Wominjeka: Welcome to Wurundjeri Country’ or similar on all new signs in Yarra’s parks, reserves and waterways. • Investigate the possibility of naming a reserve after a significant Aboriginal person or persons, subject to Council’s naming protocols. • Promote Aboriginal peoples, histories or cultures on at least 3 signs installed in 2017. • Identify opportunities to integrate Aboriginal stories into park signage for example Dights Falls, parks in Fitzroy & Collingwood. • Identify opportunities to locate Aboriginal specific signage into Council’s Open Spaces network for example at locations along the Yarra River & Merri Creek. • Create and install signs with content created by local Aboriginal stakeholders groups, especially the Wurundjeri Council.
<p>7. Celebrate National Reconciliation Week and deliver an internal event for Yarra staff.</p> <p><i>This introduces Yarra staff into Aboriginal history and culture, and promotes cultural awareness across the organisation.</i></p>	<p>Arts and Culture Development Officer</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Communications – Advocacy, Engagement and Media team and Digital and Brand team</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p> <p>Ewing Trust Officer, Yarra Libraries</p>	Event planning and promotion ready by April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 -100 staff members participate in BlakWiz event. • BlakWiz is developed on the format that was piloted in 2016. • BlakWiz is a fun way to provide real information about Aboriginal history, culture, art & community. • Members of the RAP group will be asked to form a team and invite staff. • Efforts will be made to encourage people from different departments and from across the organisations.

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<p>8. Provide Council officer support to Aboriginal community programs funded through Council's Community Partnerships Grant Program.</p> <p><i>This will provide assistance and support to a number of Aboriginal programs, funded through Councils community grant process.</i></p>	<p>Community Partnerships Unit Manager</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support of at least 150 officer hours/year to the following 4 programs currently funded through Council's Community Partnerships Grant Program. This support may include general assistance, promoting, linking-in, brokering relationships, advocating for, and helping to navigate Council systems and processes. • Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation Incorporated (MAYSAR) <p><i>MAYSAR was initially established in the late 1970s as a positive space to combat rising drug and alcohol problems in Fitzroy. It is the last remaining Aboriginal controlled organisation in historically significant Gertrude Street.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Therapeutic Recreation Program <p><i>The Recreation Program helps the Parkies community stay healthy, active and positive.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billabong BBQ Co-ordinator <p><i>Established in 1999, Billabong BBQ provides a vital and culturally appropriate space for Parkies to have a nutritious meal and link in with services.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Engagement Program <p><i>This program was established to work towards improving the participation, health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in Yarra.</i></p> <p>Note: current funding through the Community Partnerships. Ongoing funding (July 2015 – June 2018) is dependent upon successful outcomes of the Community Partnerships Grants process.</p>
<p>9. Continue to facilitate the ongoing meetings of Yarra Aboriginal Support Network (YASN) to support services, agencies and organisations working with the Parkies and vulnerable Aboriginal community in Yarra.</p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One officer responsible for organising group meetings (minutes, agendas, catering, room bookings etc.) • At least 10 meetings to be held per year. • At least 2 Council officers to regularly attend the

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<p><i>Established in 2004, YASN serves an invaluable role as an information-sharing and service co-ordination network that supports the wellbeing of Parkies and other vulnerable Aboriginal people in Yarra.</i></p>			<p>meetings – a contribution of at least 72 officer hours per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least eight different services, agencies and/or organisations to regularly the meetings. • Advocate to various tiers of government on behalf to disadvantaged/vulnerable Aboriginal people, but only when there is consent to do so from this community.
<p>10. Convene Council’s Aboriginal Advisory Group (AAG) as the Aboriginal community’s official voice to Council and the reference group for the ongoing implementation of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015–2018.</p> <p><i>For many years after settlement, many Aboriginal leaders fought hard to have a voice in government policy and decision making processes. The Aboriginal Advisory Group, which includes an elected Councillor co-chair, is a hard-won opportunity for Aboriginal people to influence local government policy and decision making.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>February, April, June, August, October 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Council officer dedicated to organising the group (minutes, agendas, catering, room bookings etc) • At least 5 meetings to be held per year. • At least 2 Council officers to regularly attend the meetings – a contribution of at least 30 officer hours per year. • At least 1 elected Councillor to regularly attend and co-chair meetings. • Respond to emerging issues in the community.
<p>11. Continue to ensure that Aboriginal children, young people and families have access to culturally appropriate and safe services and programs that acknowledge and meet their health and wellbeing needs, challenges and aspirations.</p> <p><i>The values of this action are integral to other Council policies including the draft Yarra Early Years Plan 2014–2017, Yarra Middle Years Strategy 2014–2017 and Yarra Youth Policy 2013–2016. Each of these provide an outline of the holistic systems of services and programs across the continuum from prevention, early intervention through to more specialist and crisis support for children, young people and families who live, work and visit Yarra. These strategies are aligned with the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2014–2017.</i></p>	<p>Manager of Family & Children’s Services</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable participation of at least 50 Aboriginal children, young people and/or families accessing culturally appropriate and safe services and programs.

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<p>12. Provide officer support to local grass roots groups, programs and events.</p> <p><i>Aboriginal community grass roots programs, groups and events offer unparalleled support for vulnerable groups in Yarra, often running on shoestring budgets. Officer support can broker introductions, partnerships and financial support opportunities.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Arts and Cultural Development Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the following 3 local grass roots groups, programs and events in 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smith Street Working group , • The Launch women’s group, and; • Billabong BBQ special events such as the Billabong Cup, NAIDOC in the Park, Christmas in the Park and the Parkies and Aboriginal Memorial Day.
<p>13. RAP Working Group to continue to actively monitor RAP development, including implementation of actions and tracking progress.</p> <p><i>To ensure Yarra Council is committed to achieving the aspirations of the local Aboriginal community through implementing and tracking the progress of each action in the RAP document.</i></p>	<p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>Meetings scheduled monthly from February to December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to a minimum of 11 RAP working group meetings in 2017 to track the implementation of the RAP. • If necessary, renew the RAP membership and Terms of Reference.

<p>Priority: CULTURE</p>			
<p>Action</p>	<p>Responsibility</p>	<p>Timeline</p>	<p>Target</p>
<p>14. Work with a respected Aboriginal artist to run Aboriginal art workshops with young people and paint an Aboriginal ‘street art’ mural.</p> <p><i>This will help young people understand and respect Aboriginal culture, by learning about their art and the meaning behind it. By creating something so visible, young people will have a sense of ownership over the space, and a sense of connection with the community.</i></p>	<p>Team Leader Youth Services – Programs and Engagement, and Youth Arts Development Officer.</p> <p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>Open Spaces</p>	<p>May – July 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with a respected Aboriginal artist • Confirm site for Aboriginal street art mural (preferably around the Gertrude St precinct) • Have up to 6 workshops dedicated to Aboriginal art and culture prior to painting of mural • Have at least 10 young people (potentially students from Collingwood College) participating in the program

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<p>15. Yarra’s Aboriginal Partnerships Officer to give talks, walking tours and advice to the organisation and the broader municipality.</p> <p><i>It is important to promote and educate people on the rich Aboriginal history and culture within Yarra and beyond. It will help people to better understand Aboriginal people, and the generational effects caused by the colonisation of Melbourne.</i></p>	<p>The Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver at least 4 schools or pre-school sessions to local schools in Yarra. • Deliver at least 2 tours of the Fitzroy Aboriginal history tour to groups from Yarra. • Deliver at least 1 community group talk within Yarra. • Contribute to the development of at least 1 community group RAP in Yarra. • Give at least 1 talk on the Aboriginal history of Yarra to staff at Council depot Toolbox meetings. • Provide strategic advice towards the development of at least 4 Council projects with Aboriginal content or concerns.
<p>16. Promote Yarra’s existing cultural awareness materials within the organisation and to the broader community, tourists, schools, the service sector and other interested groups.</p> <p><i>Promoting Aboriginal history and cultures to the non-Aboriginal community is vital in creating a more supportive, understanding and empowered community. It helps to fight racism and, from the Aboriginal community’s point of view, strengthens pride, identity and connectedness.</i></p>	<p>Communications – Advocacy, Engagement and Media team and Digital and Brand team</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communications and community partnerships teams to promote the following material through Yarra’s public website, social media channels, special events and Council’s internal communications to reach the following targets in 2017: • At least 1000 Fitzroy Aboriginal Heritage Walking Trail Map (2009) distributed. • At least 100 copies of the Wurundjeri History of Yarra print publication (2013) distributed. • At least 20,000 hits to the Aboriginal History of Yarra website and mobile web-app. See: www.aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com (2012 – ongoing) • At least 1000 likes (or followers) on the Celebrating Aboriginal Culture in Gertrude Street Facebook page (2012 – ongoing) • At least one internal and one external promotion of The Wurundjeri Protocols (2011) • At least 15 copies of Snapshots of Aboriginal Fitzroy print publication (2002)

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<p>17. Acknowledge the Wurundjeri by reading the 'Acknowledgment of Country' statement at the beginning of Yarra Council meetings, citizenship ceremonies, Mayoral and civic receptions, openings of major events, official openings of Council buildings, and official events where the Mayor is present.</p> <p><i>Colonisation impacted heavily on the Wurundjeri causing loss of life, loss of culture and disconnection from country. Until the Mabo decision in 1992, Australia was legally regarded as Terra Nullius (land belonging to no one). Acknowledgment of Country is a small but important statement that reminds the wider community of a fact that was denied for many years.</i></p>	<p>Communications Coordinator – Digital and Brand</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Acknowledgment is read at the beginning of Yarra Council meetings, citizenship ceremonies, Mayoral and civic receptions, openings of major events, official openings of Council buildings, and official events where the Mayor is present. <p>Standard Acknowledgment of Country:</p> <p>“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 Elders past and present.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange Wurundjeri Elders to give a Welcome to Country address at significant community events. Promote Council’s publication: ‘The Wurundjeri Protocol: a guide to working with your local Aboriginal community’ to give Council staff and community members contextual and practical information for engaging Wurundjeri Elders to perform Welcome to Country ceremonies.
<p>18. Basic cultural awareness training for all new staff, and newly elected Councillors.</p> <p><i>It is vital that staff and elected Councillors have a sound understanding of local Aboriginal community peoples, histories, cultures and traditions. Cultural awareness amongst Council staff and Councillors is vital to the success of Council’s work with the local Aboriginal community and to making the organisation a culturally safe for prospective Aboriginal employees.</i></p>	<p>Organisational Development Coordinator</p> <p>Councillors Office</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 3 months of commencing work, all new Yarra City Council employees complete ‘Welcome to Yarra New Starter Induction’ online module, which includes an Aboriginal history component. At least 150 employees will attend the Induction Workshop, which incorporates an Aboriginal cultural awareness element as part of the Diversity Panel Discussion. At least 100 leaders to take part in a one-off Diversity Panel Discussion at a ‘Senior Management Team +’ Meeting. Review induction policy for newly elected Councillors to ensure it includes cultural awareness training, and at least one meeting with Traditional owners.

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<p>19. Celebrate NAIDOC Week.</p> <p><i>NAIDOC week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal histories, cultures and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Aboriginal Australians make to our country and our society.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Plan Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>July 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees to engage with their culture and community through NAIDOC Week events. • Support all staff to participate in events in the local community. • Promote Council affiliated NAIDOC week events (and other events happening in the local area) to the broader community. • Contact the Victorian NAIDOC Week Committee to discuss mutually-beneficial opportunities.
<p>20. Support local schools to teach Aboriginal history and cultures.</p> <p><i>A teacher's resource will broaden the website's reach to local primary and high schools. It is important to continue to update the site and ensure it remains user-friendly and easy to navigate.</i></p>	<p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to build relationships with the Wurundjeri, local teachers and schools. • Seek feedback on version one of the local Aboriginal history teachers' resource. Update and publish this resource on the Aboriginal History of Yarra website and mobile web-app and promote to local schools.
<p>21. Strengthen the existing Aboriginal book, DVD and music CD collections at Yarra Libraries, particularly at the Fitzroy Library Branch.</p> <p><i>Yarra Libraries is committed to providing resources to the community on all aspects of Aboriginal culture, performing arts, history and current issues.</i></p>	<p>Team Leader Community Programs - Fitzroy Library</p>	<p>November 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Yarra Libraries Aboriginal book, DVD and music CD collections at Yarra Libraries, particularly at the Fitzroy Library Branch.
<p>22. Purchase and display Aboriginal Languages of Victoria Map at all of our branches from Victorian Aboriginal Corporations of Languages (VCAL).</p> <p><i>To promote and educate the wider Yarra community on the different defined boundaries of the many Aboriginal tribes across Australia.</i></p>	<p>Yarra Libraries</p>	<p>March 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact VACL to purchase. • Assess cost, raise PO. • Laminate and display in prominent area across five library branches.

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<p>23. In association with Aboriginal Housing Victoria, Yarra libraries support the 1 Million Stars to end Violence Project. Two staff will receive training and bring the program to Yarra libraries to help make 1 million stars by July 2017. By working closely with Aboriginal Housing Victoria and supporting this initiative. Yarra Libraries will strengthen relationships and show commitment to working together. This will provide a foundation to build relationships further shared programs and ideas.</p> <p><i>Family violence is a huge issue within the wider community and as an Aboriginal person you're twice as likely to be effected by family violence.</i></p>	<p>Community Programs Officer Community Programs Librarian Aboriginal Housing Victoria.</p>	<p>July 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and connect with Aboriginal Housing Victoria. • Consult with Colin Hunter. • Participate in training to be delivered with Aboriginal Housing Victoria. • Conduct star making session with library staff and across a variety of programs. • Display stars in the libraries leading up to July. • Promote the collaboration with Aboriginal Housing Victoria. • Coordinate the collection and delivery of completed stars with Aboriginal Housing Victoria.
<p>24. As part of the opening Bargoonga Nganjin, the new North Fitzroy Hub, Yarra Libraries will show a strong commitment to the Wurundjeri people by incorporating key events celebrating our first peoples. This includes a Storytime delivered in Woiwurrung Language, Welcome to Country Ceremony and cultural performance in conjunction with the Wurundjeri Council.</p> <p><i>To acknowledge and pay respects to the Wurundjeri community as the Traditional custodians of Yarra.</i></p>	<p>Communications & Engagement Officer Children's & Youth Librarian</p>	<p>May 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult Colin Hunter. • Contact Wurundjeri Council to assess opportunities and cost. • Organise events to be delivered as part of the opening of Bargoonga Njanin.
<p>25. National Simultaneous Storytime happens May 27th 2017 and is an opportunity for all libraries to share the same story at the same time. In 2017, Yarra Libraries will deliver the story in Woiwurrung language and share the story with Alice Springs Library via Skype. This will provide a celebration of language revival and promote the importance of language to identify of Aboriginal people. May 27th marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week with the theme for 2017 being Language Matters.</p>	<p>Children's & Youth Librarian Aboriginal Partnership Plan Officer</p>	<p>May 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Wurundjeri council to connect with Mandy Nicolson regarding translating the chosen story book for 2017 and delivering the Storytime in Woiwurrung language at Yarra libraries. • Coordinate event location, technology needs for skype delivery, marketing and promotion of event. • Conduct National Simultaneous Storytime in Woiwurrung language at Bargoonga Nganjin. • Skype with Alice Springs library and record event.

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<p><i>There is a huge push across the country to revive and preserve the different Aboriginal languages that have been lost due to the past Federal Government policies that prohibited the speaking of native languages.</i></p>			
<p>26. Indigenous Literacy Day 2017. For Indigenous Literacy Day Yarra Libraries will donate proceeds from a book sale to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Additionally, Yarra Libraries will celebrate the oldest tradition of storytelling around the campfire with Wurundjeri Elders. This will be held at Edinburgh Gardens or Atherton Gardens.</p> <p><i>Indigenous literacy is another big issue in the Aboriginal community, and the City of Yarra is committed to improving literacy within the local Aboriginal community.</i></p>	<p>Children’s & Youth Librarian Community Programs Officer Community Programs Librarian Aboriginal Partnership Plan Officer</p>	<p>September 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with Colin Hunter in organising the storytelling around the campfire event. • Coordinate books for sale. • Register book sale with Indigenous Literacy Foundation. • Schedule book sale proceeds to occur close to Indigenous Literacy Day. • Deposit book sale proceeds into the account provided by Indigenous Literacy Foundation.
<p>27. Review new guidelines for Council’s regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Land Management agreements (ACHLMA’s) and explore opportunities for actions in Yarra relating to these guidelines.</p> <p><i>To ensure these new changes to Aboriginal cultural heritage are adhered too.</i></p>	<p>Community Partnerships Unit Manager Sustainability Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review guidelines and provide briefing on opportunities to Group Manager People, Culture and Community by May 2017. • Undertake initial internal stakeholder consultation regarding identified opportunities if relevant by August 2017. • Undertake initial external stakeholder consultation regarding identified opportunities if relevant by December 2017.

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Focus area: EMPLOYMENT, ADVOCACY & RESPONSIVENESS				
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target	
<p>28. Increase the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees within our organisation.</p> <p><i>Recruitment and retention of Aboriginal employees within Yarra Council and other Local Governments needs to improve to meet targets that have been set.</i></p> <p>Partner with the Brotherhood of St Laurence to employ Aboriginal worker in entry level role in Council.</p> <p><i>Employing a person with strong community connection is vital to the success of the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan.</i></p> <p><i>Gentrification and rising property prices are pushing the Aboriginal community further away from Melbourne's inner city areas. Increasing Aboriginal employment at Yarra is one way of strengthening Yarra's workforce and ensuring</i></p>	<p>Community Partnerships Unit Manager</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure ongoing employment of an Aboriginal worker as the Aboriginal Partnerships Officer. • Provide professional development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff in identified roles including: encouragement to attend and speak at least 5 conferences / yarning circles per year, encouragement to have input into the development of at least 2 other organisations' RAPs per year, ongoing systems training and ongoing intensive officer support. 	
	<p>Engagement and Inclusion Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence implementation of Council's 'Murrup Ballert' Aboriginal training and employment program in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence, with a target of employing 1 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander by the end of 2017. • Work with the Human Resources coordinator to identify appropriate roles as they arise • Liaise with executive & relevant line managers to attach roles to the program. • Aim for minimum of one staff members employed by the program. • Ensure all advertised vacant positions at Council include Council's Inclusion and Diversity Statement: <p><i>"Yarra City Council is an equal opportunity employer. We draw pride and strength from our diversity. We support flexible and accessible working arrangements and we are an inclusive employer."</i></p>
	<p>Coordinator Service Contracts</p> <p>Aboriginal Partnerships Plan Officer</p>	<p>December 2017</p>		

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<p><i>repeatedly told us that there is real community interest and demand for cultural experiences of this kind.</i></p>	<p>Arts & Cultural Development Officer</p>		
<p>32. Look at ways of stimulating and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entrepreneurship, business development by providing them more opportunities to participate in the economy, with a view to introducing an Aboriginal Procurement Strategy at Yarra.</p> <p><i>To promote and support equality for Aboriginal businesses to participate in the economy.</i></p>	<p>Procurement Coordinator</p>	<p>June 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite relevant stakeholder to participate. • Hold at least 4 meetings or dedicated discussions throughout the year. • Establish or update Indigenous Business database for Yarra Council departments to use. Where appropriate liaise with other businesses to obtain these lists. • Review current Yarra City Council Procurement Strategy and submit and implement an Aboriginal Procurement Strategy for the 2017/18 financial year.
<p>33. Encourage businesses to employ Aboriginal people, through inviting representatives from an Aboriginal service to the Brainfood for business networking event.</p> <p>Identify opportunities to promote the Aboriginal History walk through the wide distribution of the IMAP cultural guide.</p> <p><i>Aboriginal employment opportunities need to improve and this provides an opportunity to Close the Gap.</i></p> <p><i>To promote and provide an insight into the rich Aboriginal history of Yarra to the wider community.</i></p>	<p>Economic Development Coordinator</p> <p>Project Officer Business Liaison</p> <p>Economic Development Officer- Communications and Marketing</p>	<p>March 2017 and October 2017</p> <p>February-November 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim to broker at least 4 relationships with external agencies to facilitate business/learning development opportunities for Aboriginal people or businesses. • At least 1 representative from an Aboriginal service provider attends a key business networking meeting. • An Aboriginal service provider is given an opportunity to provide a one minute pitch to over 100 businesses at the networking meeting. • Wide distribution of IMAP cultural guide. • The Aboriginal history walk is promoted in at least two additional marketing channels. • Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square, the arts and cultural attractions and experiences listed within the Cultural Guide, libraries across the inner Melbourne region, the arts Centre, the NGV Gallery, the Melbourne Convention Centre and at selected accommodation providers.
<p>34. Undertake a review of the self-guided Aboriginal History walk to identify opportunities for upgrade/ enhancement.</p>	<p>Economic Development Coordinator</p>	<p>February- December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors, local residents, tourists and historians.

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<p>Step include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage digital consultant to access and develop recommendations for updating and improving the Aboriginal history walking page of the website by June 2017. Develop and compile new content by August 2017. Engage web developer to implement improvements, ensuring that the model can be reskinned for a variety of walking tours by December 2017. The Aboriginal history walk is promoted in at least two additional marketing channels that is identified through the review of the online self-guided Aboriginal history walk. <p><i>To enhance this experience of the participants.</i></p>	<p>Senior Project Officer- Retail, Tourism, Marketing</p> <p>Special Project Officer</p> <p>In consultation with</p> <p>Economic Development Officer- Communications and marketing</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>August 2017</p> <p>December 2017</p>	
<p>35. Advocate for representation of Aboriginal concerns in public space projects that interface with important Aboriginal sites.</p> <p><i>To ensure Aboriginal people's concerns are heard and considered in projects that interface with important Aboriginal sites.</i></p>	<p>Urban Designer</p>	<p>December 2016-2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote increased dialogue with the Wurundjeri Council on public space projects that interface with important Aboriginal sites (e.g. along the Yarra river corridor). Advocate for the inclusion of Aboriginal art in Gertrude St Brunswick St tram stop/streetscape upgrades. Develop concepts design for the public realm leading up to the Stolen Generations Marker site (for example at the Brunswick/Gertrude St intersection near Atherton Gardens, and at King William St (corner Brunswick St) which leads to Condell Reserve. Developed concept designs for the tram stops along Brunswick St which includes Aboriginal art.
<p>36. Develop best practice checklist for culturally competent housing support.</p> <p><i>As an Aboriginal person you are four times more likely to be homeless than a non-Aboriginal</i></p>	<p>Policy Advisor, Housing & Homelessness</p>	<p>December 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite relevant parties/stakeholders to workshop a draft checklist for feedback. Consult with local organisations support Aboriginal people around housing and other stakeholders on the draft. Consult YASN on the draft.

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<p><i>person.</i></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote checklist through Yarra Housing 7 Homelessness Network and other relevant organisations.
<p>37. Increase awareness of important Aboriginal community matters by promoting significant dates on the Aboriginal community calendar and promoting Aboriginal community events in Yarra.</p> <p><i>To raise awareness and the profile of the many significant dates and events on the Aboriginal calendar.</i></p>	<p>Communications – Advocacy, Engagement Advisor</p> <p>Media and Digital and Brand Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>	<p>Promote events that take place throughout 2017, especially mid-year, when Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week take place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a Aboriginal Cultural Events Calendar for 2017, including dates/events of significance to the Aboriginal community, to assist officers plan support and promote these events (for internal use only) Design a brand mark for Council’s ‘Aboriginal Cultural Events Program’, to be used when promoting any community events Promote at least 10 important Aboriginal community calendar dates and local community events through Council’s website, social media channels and publications. Review and update the Aboriginal Community section of Council’s website to ensure information is current and all relevant resources are available.
<p>38. Investigate Aboriginal community views around how Australia Day is marked by Council.</p> <p><i>There’s a growing awareness in the broader community of a need for our national day to be more inclusive.</i></p>	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships Officer</p> <p>Special Projects Officer</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through existing networks, gather and document Aboriginal community views on how Council marks Australia Day. Report back to the Aboriginal Advisory Group.

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Tracking progress and reporting			
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Target
39. Ensure accountability for persons responsible for completion of Aboriginal Partnerships Plan actions. <i>This will ensure positive outcomes in the local Aboriginal community.</i>	Special Projects Officer	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish Yarra’s Aboriginal Partnerships Plan in Council’s ‘Interplan’ system.
40. Report on the year 3 action plan and write the year 4 action plan. <i>To ensure Council’s commitments to the local Aboriginal community in the third year action plan are met and that the aspirations of the local Aboriginal community are met in the fourth year action plan.</i>	Aboriginal Partnerships Officer Special Projects Officer	Feb 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present report to Council on the successes and challenges of the year 2 action plan and present year 3 action plan to Council for adoption.

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11.9 Councillor Attendance at ALGA 2017 Biennial National Conference

Trim Record Number: D17/6315

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Purpose

1. To approve the attendance by Councillor/s at the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA), Biennial National Conference to be held from 11 - 13 April 2017 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston Tasmania.

Background

2. The theme for the 2017 Conference is: What does balance mean to you? Diversity? Measuring your daily life? Balancing community needs? An opportunity to network, make new contacts, learn and share experiences with Women in Local Government from across the country.
3. Council has generally been represented at both the Biennial Conference and the State Conference by one or two Councillors, in order to present the Council's motions and also meet other Women Councillors from around the nation/state and learn of issues being addressed by local governments and how they are being tackled.
4. Council's Expense Entitlement Policy provides:
 - (a) "Councillors' attendance at interstate and overseas conferences and Council's payment of airfares is subject to the approval of the Council;" and
 - (b) "Subject to the availability of funds, Council shall pay for the cost of registration fees, accommodation and travelling expenses, meals and other incidental expenses associated with authorised attendance at conferences and seminars."

External Consultation

5. Not relevant to this report.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

6. Not applicable.

Financial Implications

7. The costs per person, associated with attendance at the Assembly are estimated as follows:
 - (a) \$ 750.00 for conference registration;
 - (b) \$ 270.00 for accommodation;
 - (c) \$ 439.00 for economy airfares; and
 - (d) other costs including meals, taxis and incidentals.
8. Provision is made in the Council budget for Councillors to attend approved conferences and assemblies.

Economic Implications

9. There are no economic implications.

Sustainability Implications

10. There are no sustainability implications.

Social Implications

11. Not applicable to this report.

Human Rights Implications

12. There are no Human Rights implications associated with this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

- 13. There are no communications with CALD communities implications associated with this report.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

- 14. The attendance at peak body conferences enables discussion with Councillors across the nation to compare issues, processes, services standards which assist Council in formulating its own plans, strategies and work procedures.

Legal Implications

- 15. There are no legal issues concerned with attendance by Councillors at the Biennial National Conference, save that details of interstate travel (dates, attendees and costs) must be recorded in the interstate travel register, in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulations 2015, in respect of the Biennial National Conference.

Other Issues

- 16. The Biennial National Conference does coincide with the ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 11 April 2017 so a leave of absence for the Councillor attending will be required.

Options

- 17. None applicable.

Conclusion

- 18. That Council authorise the attendance of Councillor Coleman at the ALGWA Biennial National Conference on 11 – 13 April 2017 and grant a leave of absence for the Council Meeting on 11 April 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That Council pursuant to Council's Expense Entitlement Policy, approve attendance by Councillor/s Misha Coleman andat the ALGWA Biennial National Conference on 11 - 13 April 2017 and grant a leave of absence for the Council Meeting on 11 April 2017.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.10 Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and Support

Trim Record Number: D16/177869

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

Note regarding Conflict of Interest

The consideration of a matter where there is a reasonable likelihood that a Councillor will receive a direct benefit or loss that can be measured in financial terms if the matter is decided in a particular way would ordinarily present a conflict of interest for a Councillor. That said, section 76C(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 specifically provides:

(1) *A Councillor is taken to not have a conflict of interest for the purposes of this Division if the matter only relates to—*

(c) *a decision in relation to the payment of allowances to the Mayor or Councillors under section 74 or 74C(2);*

On this basis, Councillors are not required to declare a conflict of interest arising from a decision in relation to the setting of allowances to the Mayor or Councillors.

Purpose

- To determine the Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the 2016-2020 Council term.

Background

- Section 74(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) requires that “*a Council must review and determine the level of the Councillor allowance and the Mayoral allowance within the period of 6 months after a general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later*”. On this basis, Council must make a determination in relation to allowances on or before 30 June 2017.
- While Council has the discretion to set allowances for the Mayor and Councillors, it must make a determination within a range established by the Governor in Council under the provisions set out in section 74B of the Act, increased from time to time by the Minister for Local Government under the provisions of section 73B of the Act.
- At the time of writing this report, the most recent Order in Council was dated 3 July 2012 and established Yarra City Council as a ‘Category 2’ Council for the purposes of annual allowance ranges and limits. The Order in Council also determined that a percentage amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee (currently 9.5%) be added to the allowances paid. The most recent adjustment factor was published in the Victoria Government Gazette on 24 November 2016, and was effective from 1 December 2016. The cumulative effect of these gazettal’s means that the permissible ranges for Mayoral and Councillor Allowances for Yarra City Councillors are:

	Base allowance	Superannuation equivalent	Total
Lowest permissible Mayoral allowance	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Highest permissible Mayoral Allowance	\$ 76,521.00	\$ 7,269.50	\$ 83,790.50
Lowest permissible Councillor allowance	\$ 10,284.00	\$ 976.98	\$ 11,260.98
Highest permissible Councillor allowance	\$ 24,730.00	\$ 2,349.35	\$ 27,079.35

- At the Council Meeting on 9 November 2016, Council considered a report into the setting of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and resolved to declare its intent to set Mayoral and Councillor Allowances at the maximum permissible level and to commence the statutory public exhibition process.

6. Specifically, Council resolved:

(1) *That Council:*

- (a) *give public notice of its intent to retain the current setting of the Mayoral allowance and Councillor allowance at the top of the permissible range, plus an additional amount equivalent to the Superannuation Guarantee Levy (currently being a Mayoral Allowance of \$81,747.23 and a Councillor Allowance of \$26,419.07 per annum);*
- (b) *hear and consider any submissions received at the next Council Meeting scheduled at least 28 days after the public notice of such proposal; and*
- (c) *note the provisions of the Councillor Support and Reimbursement of Expenses Policy and the quarterly public expense reporting will continue to operate until the next scheduled review in December 2017.*

7. It is noted that while this resolution (and the subsequent Public Notice) contained specific amounts for each of the allowances, this was provided as an indication only, as Council was cognisant of the likelihood that the Minister for Local Government would apply an annual increment to the allowances during the statutory process. This proved to be the case, with the Minister determining that a 2.5% increase would apply to allowances, effective 1 December 2016.

8. The effect of the resolution to retain the current setting of allowances “*at the top of the permissible range*” means that Council is free to establish allowances at dollar amounts higher than what was advertised.

External Consultation

- 9. Section 74(4) of the Act provides that any person has a right to make a submission in relation to the setting of Mayoral and Council Allowances, in accordance with provisions set out in section 223 of the Act.
- 10. Following Council’s resolution on 9 November 2016, Public Notice of Council’s intent regarding Mayoral and Councillor Allowances was published in *The Weekly Review Melbourne Times* on 23 November 2016. A period of 30 days (in excess of the legislative requirement for 28 days) was provided for response.
- 11. At the closure of submissions, no submissions regarding the proposal were received. As a result, Council is not required to convene a hearing of submissions and is now in a position make a final determination.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

- 12. Discussions were held with Council’s Finance Department in the development of this report in relation to the frequency and manner in which Mayoral and Councillor Allowances are paid.

Financial Implications

- 13. The establishment of the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances in accordance with Council’s declared intention is consistent with the adopted budget allocation for allowances and has been factored into the development of Council’s Long Term Financial Plan.

Economic Implications

- 14. There were no economic implications identified in the development of this report.

Sustainability Implications

- 15. There were no sustainability implications identified in the development of this report.

Social Implications

- 16. There were no social implications identified in the development of this report.

Human Rights Implications

- 17. There were no human rights implications identified in the development of this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

18. There were no targeted measures taken in relation to engaging with CALD communities during the public exhibition of Council's intention regarding Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

19. The City of Yarra Council Plan 2013-2017 includes the Strategic objective of "Leading Local Government". The setting of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances at a level that is more reflective of the significant time commitment required by elected Councillors assists in lowering the one of the barriers to attracting high quality candidates at successive Council elections.

Legal Implications

20. The completion of this review will satisfy Council's obligations under section 74(1) of the Act to undertake a review of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances by 30 June 2017. If Council fails to make a decision on this matter, the process will need to be re-commenced in order to comply with Council's legal obligations.

Other Issues

21. There were no further issues identified in the development of this report.

Options

22. The recommendation of this report is for Council to maintain the status quo, and leave Mayoral and Councillor Allowances at their current setting at the top of the permissible range. It would be open to Council to determine a lower level within the permissible range for Mayoral and/or Councillor Allowances.
23. If Council were to determine to set a lower level of allowance, further public exhibition would not be required, on the basis that there would be no material disadvantage to the public at large from this departure from Council's previously advertised intention.

Conclusion

24. This report concludes that Council should proceed with its previously resolved intention to set Mayoral and Councillor Allowances at the top of the permissible range.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council retain the current setting of the Mayoral allowance and Councillor allowance at the top of the permissible range, plus an additional amount equivalent to the Superannuation Guarantee Levy (currently being a Mayoral Allowance of \$83,790.50 and a Councillor Allowance of \$27,079.35 per annum).

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.11 Update of the Delegations of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) Implementation Committee

Trim Record Number: D17/2717

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

Purpose

1. To recommend that Council approve the Instrument of Delegation from the Council to the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee ("IMAP") in accordance with Section 86 (6) of the Local Government Act and to reaffirm the exemption of a member of the IMAP special committee who is not a Councillor from being required to submit a Primary Return or an Ordinary Return.

Background

Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee

2. The Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee is a unique partnership between the Cities of Melbourne, Stonnington, Yarra, Port Phillip and the Maribyrnong City Council with five Special Committees meeting as one, identically constituted under section 86 of the Local Government Act and bound by identical Instruments of Delegation and Terms of Reference; and with formal Memorandums of Understanding in place for procurement protocols and joint intellectual property matters. Its primary function is to oversee the implementation of regional strategies and actions through cross Council teams and associated partners.
3. The Inner Melbourne Action Plan 2016-2026 contains 5 goals and 27 Strategies. Approved in June 2016, this plan replaces the first Inner Melbourne Action Plan adopted in 2006. IMAP is now in the 11th year of its implementation program.

Instrument of Delegation

4. Section 86(3) of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") provides that a Council may, by Instrument of Delegation, delegate any of its functions, duties or powers under this or any Act to a special committee.
5. Section 86(6) of the Act requires Council to review any delegations to a special committee in force under this section within the period of 12 months after a general election.
6. The Council adopted the IMAP Implementation Committee Delegations and Terms of Reference on 25 June 2013 following the last council elections. The timing allowed for inclusion across all the IMAP Councils of a new members clause and confirmation of the Maribyrnong City Council as a full member of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan partnership.
7. A membership amendment to the delegations was also approved by Yarra City Council on 4 August 2015 as a result of the City of Melbourne, in June 2015, formally resolving to change their membership of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee to include the Director City Operations, as a result of organisational changes.
8. The proposed Delegation (attached to this report as **Attachment 1**) is based on a document originally prepared by Council solicitors, updated to reflect the adoption of the new plan in 2016, and which is common to IMAP's other member councils. The attached Delegation and Terms of Reference are consistent with the documents approved in previous years, with the following updates included:
 - (a) the Inner Melbourne Action Plan 2016-2026, which was approved by all the IMAP partner councils by June 2016 (including Yarra City Council on 28 June 2016), is the plan to be implemented by the IMAP Implementation Committee through these delegations, and its reference in the attached instrument replaces the previous reference to the 2006 plan;

- (b) the City of Melbourne has recently determined to change their membership to include the Director City Strategy and Place instead of the Director of City Operations;
- (c) the Maribyrnong City Council advised the IMAP Implementation Committee at their meeting on 9 December 2016 that they wish to include the Deputy Mayor for all meetings occurring prior to 1 November 2017 (with the membership to then revert to the Mayor unless the Maribyrnong City Council resolves otherwise); and
- (d) the Metropolitan Planning Authority name change to the Victorian Planning Authority is reflected in the changes proposed.

Primary and Ordinary Returns

- 9. Section 81(2A) of the Act states that “A Council may exempt a member of a special committee who is not a Councillor from being required to submit a primary return or an ordinary return.”
- 10. As all committee members are either Councillors or Senior Officers of their respective municipalities, they are all currently required to Submit Primary and Ordinary Returns which are available for inspection by any person an application to the Chief Executive Officer. Requiring these members to submit duplicate returns to each of the member Councils would be unnecessarily onerous and would not serve to increase transparency.
- 11. Although the returns required of Councillors and Senior Officers across the sector are identical, because a return to a specific Council only includes property ownership details in that specific municipality and its adjoining municipality, not all areas covered by IMAP are necessarily included. For example, a Councillor from Yarra is not required to declare a property owned in the Cities of Maribyrnong or Stonnington.
- 12. To address this anomaly, all IMAP members are asked to submit a voluntary disclosure to their Council, listing property interests in any of the IMAP municipalities not already included in their Primary and Ordinary Return. This requirement has been newly implemented.
- 13. Notwithstanding this anomaly, IMAP members have always been required to make a declaration of any conflict of interests that exist, regardless of whether the circumstances leading to the conflict are required to be declared on Primary and Ordinary Returns.

External Consultation

- 14. This report has been prepared based on advice provided by the IMAP Executive Officer, a position which is funded by IMAP member Councils and facilitated by Stonnington City Council.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

- 15. There has been no internal consultation in the preparation of this report.

Financial Implications

- 16. The funding for operation of the IMAP Committee in the 2016/17 financial year and proposed for the 2017/18 financial year will be met by the five member Councils as outlined in the attached Terms of Reference document.

Economic Implications

- 17. There are no economic implications arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications

- 18. There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

Social Implications

- 19. There are no social implications arising from this report.

Human Rights Implications

- 20. There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

21. There are no implications arising from this report requiring community consultation.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

22. The Yarra 2013-17 Council Plan contains a Strategic Objective of Leading *Local Government*. Among the focus areas forming part of that Strategic Objective is a commitment to “*enhance internal systems and processes, and their integration, to improve community service delivery and governance support*”.
23. The proposed change is designed to ensure the ongoing legal status of IMAP, and is consistent with this Strategic Objective.

Legal Implications

24. The Instrument of Delegation is structured in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Other Issues

25. There are no further issues arising from this report.

Options

26. A failure to update the current instrument of delegation to IMAP could leave open to a legal questions as to whether the Committee is validly constituted under the Local Government Act 1989.

Conclusion

27. That Council reaffirm the delegations of the IMAP Special Committee and adopt the Instrument of Delegation and Terms of Reference documents as attached.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
- (a) revokes the current Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee authorised by a resolution of Council on 4 August 2015 effective immediately following the passing of this resolution by Council;
 - (b) reaffirms the establishment of a Special Committee called the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee, pursuant to section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989;
 - (c) by Instrument of Delegation pursuant to section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989, delegates to the Special Committee, the powers, duties and functions relevant to the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee governance arrangements in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation in **Attachment 1**;
 - (d) authorises the Instrument of Delegation to be signed and sealed; and
 - (i) to come into force immediately once the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument; and
 - (ii) to remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
 - (e) adopts the Terms of Reference for the Special Committee as detailed in **Attachment 2**;
 - (f) appoints as voting members of the Special Committee the persons from time to time holding the positions of:
 - (i) Deputy Mayor, Maribyrnong City Council for all meetings occurring prior to 1 November 2017 (with the membership to then revert to the Mayor unless the Maribyrnong City Council resolves otherwise);
 - (ii) Chairman of the City of Melbourne Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee;

- (iii) Mayor, City of Port Phillip;
 - (iv) Mayor, City of Stonnington;
 - (v) Mayor, City of Yarra;
 - (vi) Chief Executive Officer, Maribyrnong City Council;
 - (vii) Director City Strategy and Place, City of Melbourne;
 - (viii) Chief Executive Officer, City of Port Phillip;
 - (ix) Chief Executive Officer, City of Stonnington; and
 - (x) Chief Executive Officer, City of Yarra.
2. That Council reaffirms the appointment of the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committees of the:
- (a) Maribyrnong City Council;
 - (b) City of Melbourne;
 - (c) Port Phillip City Council; and
 - (d) Stonnington City Council.
3. That pursuant to section 81(2A) and (2B) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council:
- (a) resolves to exempt the non-Yarra City Council members of Council's Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee from being required to submit a Primary or an Ordinary Return; and
 - (b) notes that all members of Council's Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee will be asked by their respective Councils to voluntarily disclose any property interests in the IMAP municipalities that are not required to be disclosed on their Primary or Ordinary Returns.

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Attachments

- 1 IMAP Instrument of Delegation - February 2017
- 2 IMAP Terms of Reference - December 2016

Attachment 1 - IMAP Instrument of Delegation - February 2017



Instrument of Delegation

INNER MELBOURNE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Pursuant to section 86(3) of the Local Government Act 1989 ("Act"), Yarra City Council ("Council") delegates to the special committee established by resolution of Council and known as the "Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee" ("the Committee"), the powers, duties and functions set out in the accompanying Schedule and Terms of Reference (dated 12 December 2016 and its subsequent reviews), and declares that:

1. this Instrument of Delegation is authorised by a resolution of Council passed on 7 February 2017;
2. this delegation:
 - 2.1. comes into force on 7 February 2017;
 - 2.2. remains in force until Council resolves to vary or revoke it; and
 - 2.3. is to be exercised in accordance with the guidelines or policies which Council from time to time adopts; and
3. the Committee is not authorised by this Instrument to:
 - 3.1. enter into any contracts, or incur expenditure, for an amount which exceeds the approved budget; and
 - 3.2. exercise the powers which, by force of section 86 of the Act, cannot be delegated, as follows:
 - 3.2.1. this power of delegation;
 - 3.2.2. to declare a rate or charge;
 - 3.2.3. to borrow money;
 - 3.2.4. to enter into contracts for an amount exceeding an amount previously determined by the Council;
 - 3.2.5. to incur any expenditure exceeding an amount previously determined by the Council; and
 - 3.2.6. any prescribed power.

The **COMMON SEAL** of the **YARRA CITY COUNCIL** was affixed hereto)
in the presence of :)

Mayor
Cr Amanda STONE

Chief Executive Officer
Vijaya VAIDYANATH

Date 7 February 2017

Attachment 1 - IMAP Instrument of Delegation - February 2017

SCHEDULE

INNER MELBOURNE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Powers and functions

The powers, duties and functions directly relating or ancillary to the following primary responsibilities:

1. develop and prioritise a rolling Three Year Implementation Program of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) 2016-2026 actions, to be updated and approved annually;
2. oversee implementation of the IMAP in accordance with the agreed Three Year Implementation Program;
3. make recommendations to the Council and other IMAP member Councils on budget allocations (refer Terms of Reference) to effect the implementation of IMAP actions;
4. progress individual initiatives in accordance with the annualised Three Year Implementation Program;
5. review and recommend adjustments to the Three Year Implementation Program as required;
6. monitor and report annually to IMAP member Councils on the progress of the implementation of IMAP actions; and
7. perform all other functions that are set out in the Terms of Reference (attached) that are not otherwise listed above.

Exceptions, conditions and limitations

The Committee is not authorised by this Instrument to:

- enter into any contracts, or incur expenditure, for an amount which exceeds the approved budget; or
- exercise the powers which, by force of section 86 of the Act, cannot be delegated.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

INNER MELBOURNE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

12 December 2016

Preamble

The Cities of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Yarra and Maribyrnong have each set up identically constituted section 86 special committees, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, to provide a coordinated decision-making process to facilitate the implementation of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan 2016-2026 (IMAP), as adopted by member Councils in June 2016.

The name of each of the section 86 special committees will be “Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee” (described jointly as “the Committee”).

Any of the member Councils may terminate its section 86 special committee at any time. Where no more than one member Council terminates its committee, it is the intention that the Committee will continue to operate, subject to modification of this Terms of Reference to reflect the altered membership structure.

This delegation builds on earlier delegations to the IMAP Implementation Committee to facilitate the implementation of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan 2006.

Purpose

Generally, the purpose of the Committee will be to oversee the implementation of regionally based strategies identified in the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) 2016-2026, as adopted by member Councils in June 2016.

Objectives

The IMAP project scope is to provide for the development of regional actions to deliver agreed regional outcomes. The broad outcome is to ensure the continued development and liveability of the inner region of Melbourne into the future.

The IMAP project is distinctive in bringing together key government stakeholders to develop and deliver regionally based actions.

The Committee will provide:

- regional decision-making necessary to implement agreed IMAP strategies and actions, which is binding on the member Councils; and
- impetus for the coordination and commitment of all partner organisations.

Role and Functions

The Committee will, with respect to:

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Programming

- develop and approve a rolling Three Year Implementation Program to implement the actions “agreed” to in the IMAP and its subsequent reviews. This Program is to be updated and approved annually by the Committee;
- approve individual “Project Briefs” developed to progress specific IMAP actions in accordance with the Implementation Program;
- monitor the progress of individual IMAP actions; and
- establish the IMAP Leadership Forums (Executive Forum and the Annual Forum) to provide strategic input to the identification of regional priorities and development of the annualised Three Year Implementation Program.

Budgeting

- from such monies as are allocated in each member Council’s budget, determine the amount that member Councils will contribute annually for the cost of coordination and administration;
- be authorised to seek on behalf of the member Councils external funding for IMAP actions; and
- make recommendations to the member Councils of budget allocations required to effect the implementation of specific IMAP strategies and actions, to enable consideration in each Council’s annual budgeting process. Each member Council’s budget is expected to reflect necessary resources to deliver on commitments agreed in the Plan. The budget of each member Council would be specific to meeting the IMAP actions relevant to that respective municipality. The recommended budget allocation is to be based on the perceived benefits and/or capacity of each member Council.

Procedures Protocol

- develop a protocol to be adopted by the Committee to provide the basis for the working relationships between the member Councils in respect to matters within the Committee’s Terms of Reference (including the role, relationships and operational processes of the Leadership Forums and the IMAP Executive Officer) and for the resolution of any issues that arise between member Councils in respect to IMAP.
- provide advice, from time to time, to the member Councils on the governance arrangements of the Committee.

New Members

Neighbouring Councils can be admitted as full members of the IMAP Implementation Committee upon the recommendation of the IMAP Implementation Committee and following approval by resolution of all partner Councils, on the following basis:

- That the new member Council establishes a special committee named the “Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee” under section 86 of the Local Government Act which mirrors the “constitution” of the existing member Councils as set out in the IMAP Delegations and Terms of Reference
- That the new member Council agrees to adopt the provisions of the existing Inner Melbourne Action Plan and any future reviews
- That the new member Council agrees to provide annual funding through their budget process on the same basis as the other IMAP Councils

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- That, where possible, new member Councils commence their membership at the start of a financial year with approved funding in place
- That, unless resolved otherwise by the 4 original member Councils, the new member Council is entitled to the benefit of all actions and projects already completed or undertaken by IMAP **except for** the intellectual property in the IMAP Visitor Map and including any revenue and/or sale proceeds derived from the Map.

Structure

Each IMAP member Council's special committee is constituted in accordance with section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989 and its decision-making powers are subject to an Instrument of Delegation of the relevant IMAP member Council.

The Committee will consist of 10 voting members, being:

- one councillor and the Chief Executive Officer (or specified executive Director) from each of the following municipalities:
 - City of Yarra;
 - City of Melbourne;
 - City of Port Phillip;
 - City of Stonnington, and
 - City of Maribyrnong

A quorum for the Committee will be six, which is a majority of the persons appointed to the Committee.

Decision-making will be by a show of hands. For a motion to be successful it must be carried with the support of the members from at least four of the Councils listed above, excepting that the annual approval of the rolling Three Year Implementation Program must be carried unanimously.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be appointed from the councillor members of the Committee on a rotational basis for each meeting.

The Committee will set meeting dates and shall meet at least quarterly or at such other intervals as agreed by the Committee.

Two representatives from each of the following associate partners:

- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP); and
- Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR)

One representative from each of the following associate partners:

- Victorian Planning Authority
- VicRoads

will be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee. Associate partner representatives will not be members of the Committee or entitled to vote, but can participate in any discussion. The associate partners may change from time to time.

Reporting

The business of the Committee shall be recorded in proper minutes that shall be distributed to member Councils and included in the Register available for public inspection.

The Committee shall provide an annual report to the member Councils.

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Administration

An IMAP Executive Officer will be appointed to provide administrative support to the Committee.

The IMAP Executive Officer will undertake a Co-ordination/Project Management role to:

- ensure the timely and coordinated delivery of the overall annual IMAP program; and
- provide the day to day oversight of the IMAP program and specific actions.

The Executive Officer will provide to the Committee:

- quarterly briefings at meetings; and
- six monthly progress reports.

Leadership Forums

The Committee will establish two Leadership Forums:

1. an Executive Forum; and
2. an Elected Representatives Forum of Councillors from the member Councils [Annual Forum].

The forums will meet as required, with the role of the Forums being to:

- determine and drive strategic regional priorities;
- provide advice to the Committee on annual priorities and the review of the Three Year Implementation Program;
- facilitate liaison, partnerships and co-ordination with the State Government and its Agencies, including identifying project synergies and opportunities arising from State or Local Government programs; and
- receive progress reports and an annual report from the Committee on the implementation program.

Forum meetings will be recorded by minutes for formal tabling and consideration by the Committee.

Project Task Groups

The Committee is able to establish Project Task Groups to undertake individual project actions.

The Project Task Groups would be formulated to deliver individual IMAP actions in response to the annual work program. The composition and funding of the Groups would be needs based.

The budget for specific project actions (including external funding where obtained) could be centralised in one partner Council's budget (i.e. the 'project lead' Council) or, alternatively, each partner Council could make project payments as required. The method of budget administration will be determined on an individual project needs basis.

Day to day co-ordination and integration of the Project Task Groups would be managed by the IMAP Executive Officer.

Individual 'Project Briefs' would need to be approved by the Committee.

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Membership

The Inner Melbourne Action Plan Implementation Committee will comprise the following members:

- **City of Melbourne:**
 - Chair, Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee; and
 - Director City Strategy and Place.
- **City of Port Phillip:**
 - Mayor; and
 - Chief Executive Officer.
- **City of Stonnington:**
 - Mayor; and
 - Chief Executive Officer.
- **City of Yarra:**
 - Mayor; and
 - Chief Executive Officer.
- **City of Maribyrnong:**
 - Deputy Mayor for all meetings occurring prior to 1 November 2017 (with the membership to then revert to the Mayor unless the Maribyrnong City Council resolves otherwise); and
 - Chief Executive Officer.

11.12 Appointment of Authorised Officers - Planning and Environment Act 1987

Trim Record Number: D17/2440

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

Purpose

1. To provide for the formal appointment of Council Officers as Authorised Officers pursuant to Section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Background

2. In order to undertake the duties of office, the below named staff member should be appointed as an Authorised Officer pursuant to the above referred legislation.

Consultation

3. Not applicable.

Financial Implications

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from the appointment of an authorised officer.

Economic Implications

5. This report has no economic implications.

Sustainability Implications

6. This report has no sustainability implications.

Social Implications

7. This report has no direct social implications.

Human Rights Implications

8. This report has no Human Rights implications.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

9. Not applicable.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

10. This report is an example of this Council's positive action, in demonstrating its commitment to its legislative obligations.

Legal Implications

11. Appointment of Authorised Officers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* requires a formal resolution of Council. Where such authorisation is proposed to be granted, provision is also made to allow the respective officer to also initiate proceedings on behalf of Council (as provided in Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*).

Other Issues

12. Not applicable.

Options

13. Not applicable.

Conclusion

14. That Council formally appoint Alan Harrison as an authorised officer pursuant to Section 147 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation document will be signed accordingly by the Chief Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) formally appoints Alan Harrison as an Authorised Officer pursuant to Section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Section 232 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and
 - (b) directs that the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation be signed accordingly by the Chief Executive Officer.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.13 Queens Parade MFB Guidelines

Trim Record Number: D17/8306

Responsible Officer: Manager City Strategy

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to report back on the merits and justification for an amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme to incorporate the MFB Fire Safety Guidelines.

Background

2. At a meeting in October 2015 Council resolved to:
 - (b) *request officers to report back to the first meeting in February 2017 on the merits and strategic justification for an amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme to incorporate the MFB Fire Safety Guidelines; and*
 - (c) *officers seek the support of Melbourne City Council, Whitehorse, Moreland and Banyule Council and any other local government known to have considered the issue of the MFB Fire Safety Guidelines in their planning processes.*

Purpose of the MFB Guidelines

3. There are 46 MFB Fire Safety Guidelines, 45 of which relate to building (the Building Code of Australia (BCA)) or other non-planning matters, such as decommissioning a site.
4. The relevant planning MFB Fire Safety Guideline is *GL 27: Planning Guidelines for Emergency Vehicle Access and Minimum Water Supplies within the Metropolitan Fire District*. GL 27 was prepared by MFB in 2004 and reviewed by MFB in 2014.
5. GL 27 was first prepared by the MFB after it decided not to be a referral authority under clause 66 of the Planning Scheme. The Guidelines are not incorporated into planning schemes rather requirements rely upon the broader planning policy requirements set out in the Victoria Planning Provisions (VPP) and the building approval process under the BCA.
6. The purpose of GL 27 is to identify the minimum access requirements for emergency vehicles for new roads, road network upgrades as well as property developments that incorporate streets and common access ways.
7. GL 27 relates to new roads within subdivisions and sets out preferred widths and road design. It has a preferred carriageway width for new road of 3.5m (if there is no on street parking) and recommends that any new road less than 3.5m should be a secondary access to the property. In the event that sole access to a property be provided along a road way less than 3.5m, *'the length of the laneway should not be any greater than 70m to the allotment centroid with a fire hydrant provided within 20m of the start of the narrow road'*.

Planning Scheme provisions

8. Various sections of the Planning Scheme provide policy directions relating to site access. State Policy Clause 15.01-2 includes a safety strategy:

New development should create urban environments that enhance personal safety and property security and where people feel safe to live, work and move in at any time.
9. Road design requirements are set out in the State Planning Policy Clause 56.06-7 of the Yarra Planning Scheme. This clause relates to residential subdivision and includes Standard C20 which requires: *where the widths of access lanes, access places, and access streets do not comply with the requirements, the requirements of the relevant fire authority and roads authority must be met.*
10. In addition Clause 56.09-3 sets out provisions pertaining to street fire hydrants. This clause again relates to residential subdivisions.

11. The Local Policy Clause 15.01-2 development Abutting laneways includes a policy that:

The laneway meet emergency services access requirements.

Other Council Practices

12. Consultation with officers of the City of Whitehorse, Moreland, Port Phillip and Banyule indicated that:
- (a) they have not considered including a specific reference to GL 27 into their Planning Schemes;
 - (b) as the guideline relates to new roads it was considered less applicable in the inner city context; and
 - (c) as GL 27 relates to new roads Council statutory planning officers would assess subdivision applications against the requirements of 56.06 (Access and Mobility Management) of the VPPs.
13. The City of Moreland includes reference to the GL 27 in their Right of Way Strategy 2011-2021. This Strategy is not a planning document.
14. Banyule City Council refers to the Emergency Management Act 1986 as a reference document in their Rights of Way Council Policy. This Policy does not reference the MFB Guidelines nor is it within the Banyule Planning Scheme.
15. The consultation with these Councils indicates that the MFB guidelines are not part of their planning schemes either as an *Incorporated Document* or a *Reference Document*. Where they are referenced it is in Council policies (such as a rights of way policy) that are not part of a planning scheme and have no or very limited weight in decision making.

Statutory Planning Considerations

16. In as much as there is broad planning policy direction the detailed assessment and requirements for the building design, access and provision of fire services occurs through the building permit application and assessment process carried out by a building surveyor.
17. A building surveyor will make a determination of the relevant requirements based on the classification of the building as per the BCA (Volume One).
18. It is the building surveyor's responsibility to determine the classification of the building as part of the building permit application assessment. Part of the building surveyor's assessment may include a MFB referral depending on the classification of the building.
19. If the building permit application does not comply with the *Deemed-to-Satisfy* requirements of the BCA, specifically for fire safety matters (Regulation 309), a report and consent application will be required to be obtained from the Chief Officer of the MFB.
20. Two recent VCAT decisions have considered the application of emergency services guidelines in their assessment and determined that not meeting the preferred parameters of another authority does not provide a reliable reason to refuse an application. It is important to note that the above State and Local policies were in the Yarra Planning Scheme when the following VCAT determination was made.
21. In VCAT Ciullo vs Yarra CC, 2 June 2016, (P2219/2015) Development of 1 dwelling to rear of 304-308 Queens Parade; Dalia Cook (VCAT Member), the Tribunal concluded:

Access by emergency services

23. While I appreciate the concern of objectors to ensure that there is safe access to the site by emergency services vehicles such as the fire brigade, with respect, I regard these concerns as overstated and unproven in the planning process.

24. *I also note that there are more direct processes by which this issue can be considered. In any event, **even if I was to seek to apply the guidelines** referred to by objectors (which sit outside the planning scheme and are administered by a specialist authority); **there is a process by which consent could be given by the relevant authority even if the preferred parameters were not met.***
25. *In these circumstances, I do not regard this allegation as a reliable reason to refuse to grant a planning process in the absence of a clear indication from the relevant authorities that the site is not accessible to fire fighting apparatus, especially when the site is within an existing urban area, is accessed via a 3 metre bluestone surfaced laneway, is proximate to nearby formed roads and does not exhibit any greater than average susceptibility.*

22. In VCAT PS Corporation (Aust) Pty Ltd. v Moonee Valley CC, 21 October 2016 (P716/2016), Development of 2 Dwellings at the rear of 11 Milton Street, Ascot Vale, Jane Tait (VCAT Member) relied on the consideration made in the above VCAT case: Ciullo vs Yarra CC and determined that matters such as waste collection, emergency vehicle access, and mail collection can be adequately addressed by alternative measures or by permit condition.
23. In Officer's opinion, in the context of the above, there is no merit in seeking an amendment to include GL 27 into the Yarra Planning Scheme as road widths and construction are considered in clause 56.06 of the Yarra Planning Scheme.

External Consultation

24. Discussions occurred with officers of the City of Whitehorse, Port Phillip, Moreland and Banyule and the MFB.
25. MFB Buildings and Inspection Compliance section confirmed that the Guidelines relate to new roads and subdivisions.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

26. There has been internal consultation with relevant departments within Council on the content and structure of the proposed planning control.

Financial Implications

27. There are no financial implications.

Economic Implications

28. There are no known economic implications from this report.

Sustainability Implications

29. There are no known sustainability implications from this report.

Social Implications

30. There are no known social implications from this report.

Human Rights Implications

31. There are no known human rights implications from this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

32. N/A

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

33. There are no known implications from this report.

Legal Implications

34. There are no known legal implications from this report.

Other Issues

35. There are no other issues.

Options

36. There are two options for Council:
- (a) pursue discussions with other Council's seeking support for reference being made to GL27 in Planning Schemes; or
 - (b) not pursue the matter, acknowledging that the road widths and fire hydrant requirements are already in clause 56.06 of the Yarra Planning Scheme.

Conclusion

37. There are 46 MFB Fire Safety Guidelines, 45 of which relate to building (the BCA) or site management issues.
38. GL 27 sets out the minimum preferred access requirements for emergency vehicles for new roads, road network upgrades as well as property developments that incorporate streets and common access ways.
39. GL 27 is not part of the nominated Councils' planning schemes and is only referred to in Council policies; that is, it has no statutory force through their planning schemes.
40. Planning Schemes provide broad policy directions that are considered with planning applications, however in practice the detailed requirements for emergency services are considered and assessed through the building permit application process under the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.
41. The adequacy of emergency service access therefore is being appropriately considered under the BCA requirements, and where necessary, applications are referred to the MFB (as the relevant authority) for its consent.
42. The recent VCAT decisions support the current practices and the extent to which planning needs to consider the guidelines.
43. There is no merit in seeking an amendment to include specific reference to the MFB Fire Safety Guidelines into the Yarra Planning Scheme as existing policies provide sufficient guidance for determining planning applications and having regard to the accepted practice for considering the detailed building requirements (including access) through the building permit application process.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note this report which considers whether there is a basis for an amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme to incorporate the MFB Fire Safety Guidelines;
 - (b) note that there are 46 Metropolitan Fire Brigade Fire Safety Guidelines, 45 of which relate to building or other non-planning matters;
 - (c) note that consultation has occurred with the Cities of Whitehorse, Moreland, Banyule and Port Phillip and Metropolitan Fire Brigade;
 - (d) note the current accepted practices that emergency services access requirements under the Building Control Act is considered through the building permit application process; and
 - (e) in the context of the above, resolve not to seek an amendment to include Guideline 27 *GL 27: Planning Guidelines for Emergency Vehicle Access and Minimum Water Supplies within the Metropolitan Fire District* into the Yarra Planning Scheme.

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Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

11.14 Amendment C229 - Queens Parade Interim Planning Controls

Trim Record Number: D17/7912

Responsible Officer: Manager City Strategy



Purpose

1. This report is for Council to consider a draft Design and Development Overlay (DDO) for a precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North and to consider requesting the Minister for Planning to introduce the DDO as an interim Planning Scheme provision until a permanent DDO for Queens Parade has been prepared and approved through the normal planning scheme amendment process.

Background

2. Council, at a Council Meeting on 22 November 2016, resolved to authorise officers to undertake a three stage urban design and heritage assessment of Queens Parade with a view to preparing new planning provisions to guide the future development of the area (see Attachment 1).
3. Stage 1 and Stage 2 was to urgently pursue an urban design and heritage analysis of the Queens Parade precinct with a view of seeking a Design and Development Overlay in the Yarra Planning Scheme for the precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North.
4. Stage 3 was to have other key areas of the Queens Parade precinct as outlined and expressed in Figure 1 of the report (reproduced below) assessed with the view to these areas of the Queens Parade corridor also being included in a Design and Development Overlay in the Yarra Planning Scheme.
5. The resolution sought the outcome of the Stage 1 and 2 analysis to be reported to Council early in 2017 with a subsequent report to Council on Stage 3 prepared as soon as possible after that.
6. This report presents the analysis for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 work and includes a draft DDO for the precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North (see Figure 1 below). The Stage 3 work is underway but is not anticipated to be complete until March/April 2017.



-  Study area - Stage 1
-  Possible DDO areas - Stages 2 and 3

-  Commercial 1 Zone
-  Commercial 2 Zone
-  Mixed Use Zone
-  General Residential Zone
-  Neighbourhood Residential Zone
-  Public Use Zone
-  Public Park and Recreation Zone
-  Road Zone

Figure 1 – Stages of Urban Design and Heritage Analysis

External Consultation

7. No external consultation has been undertaken in the preparation of this report or the draft Design and Development Overlay (DDO) for the subject precinct in stage 2.
8. In the future, if the DDO for the stage 2 precinct and the other areas of Queens Parade is advanced to a full planning scheme amendment then it would be exhibited in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 if authorisation is received from the Minister for Planning.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

9. Both the strategic and statutory planning branches have been involved in the preparation of this report and the draft DDO for Council consideration.

Financial Implications

10. There are no financial implications other than officer time.
11. If a permanent DDO is prepared and advanced through the normal amendment process, the cost of the processing is estimated at \$95,000. There is no specific existing budget allocation for this.

Economic Implications

12. There are no economic implications of seeking approval of the DDO as interim planning controls. Interim planning controls are a legitimate provision in the planning scheme where justified.

Sustainability Implications

13. There are no sustainability implications of seeking approval of the DDO as interim planning controls.

Social Implications

14. There are no social implications of seeking approval of the DDO as interim planning controls.

Human Rights Implications

15. There are no known human rights implications of seeking approval of the DDO as interim planning controls.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

16. Any future exhibition of a planning scheme amendment would involve consultation in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act and also Council's consultation policies.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

17. The DDO supports the following strategy in the Council Plan:
 - (a) *Manage change in Yarra's built form and activity centres through community engagement, land use planning and appropriate structure planning processes.*

Legal Implications

18. The approach outlined in this report is in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Discussion

Urban Design and Heritage Analysis

19. The analysis undertaken as part of Stage 1 and Stage 2 comprised urban design and heritage analysis. This work is included in Attachment 2-3.
20. The analysis identified that the changing land use, heritage qualities and streetscape character along Queens Parade results in a varied experience and streetscape character.
21. This variation presents differing opportunities for change from low and moderate change in the highly intact heritage streetscape areas, to high and significant change on the larger strategic redevelopment sites. The variation also necessitates different built form guidance to ensure that future development appropriately respects and responds to the respective context along the street.
22. The analysis identifies five precincts along Queens Parade and outlines the existing qualities and the preferred future character for each to guide and inform future development. A plan of the 5 precincts is shown below.

Precinct 1: Brunswick Street Precinct
23. The analysis identifies that this precinct predominantly comprises fine grain, low rise (1-2 storey) heritage dwellings along Brunswick Street and Queens Parade. These buildings are part of a highly intact heritage streetscape with a notable and individually significant heritage building demarcating the important corner of Brunswick Street and Queens Parade. The

analysis recommends minimal change in this area with development confined to modest alterations and extensions behind the main heritage form.

- 24. Whilst this area is zoned Mixed Use Zone, the analysis has identified that the heritage qualities of this predominantly residential area may be better suited to another residential zone. This will be investigated further in the future.

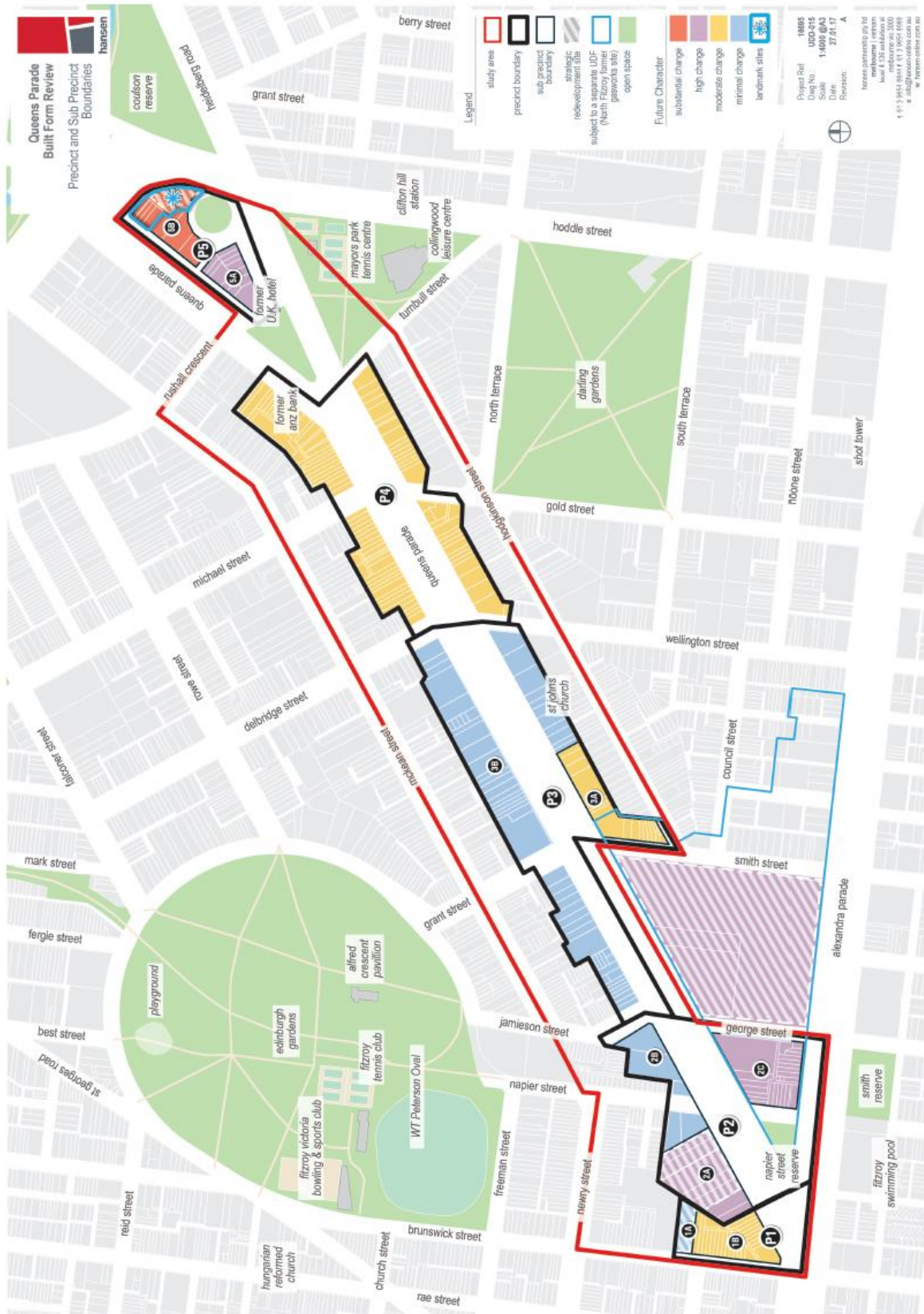


Figure 2 – Precincts Identified in Urban Design and Heritage Analysis

25. A preferred typology of low rise infill development with a maximum height of 9 metres is recommended in this precinct for development fronting Brunswick Street and 12 metres for a site located in the rear laneway.

Precinct 2: Queens Parade Boulevard Precinct

26. This precinct includes the strategic redevelopment site at 26-56 Queens Parade and the adjoining properties to the north east, some of which have been recently developed for contemporary townhouse and apartments of 3 to 5 storeys. These forms of medium density housing have generally acknowledged the established street wall character by adopting a 3 storey street wall with clearly distinguishable upper levels.
27. The analysis recognises that whilst the precinct is characterised by relatively large sites, they are surrounded by fine grain, low scale heritage forms and streetscapes including a number of sensitive residential rear and side interfaces.
28. The boulevard quality of this part of Queens Parade and the existing art deco façade of 26 Queens Parade are recommended to be protected and maintained as the dominant features in the views and reading of the Queens Parade streetscape.
29. A moderate to high level of change is recommended with development that provides an appropriate transition in scale of new development to adjoining dwellings and heritage streetscapes and the prominence of the boulevard planting on Queens Parade. The profile of redevelopment is recommended to complement Yarra's acknowledged heritage skyline and be sensitive to views from Newry Street and the Edinburgh Gardens.
30. A preferred typology of mid rise infill development with a maximum height of 31m (10 storeys) on the strategic redevelopment site is recommended in this precinct.

Precinct 3: St Johns Precinct

31. This precinct is primarily dominated by the St John's Baptist Church and Primary School complex with the St John's Baptist Church spire identified as a key visual landmark. The other existing built form is a mix of Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco, warehouse and commercial forms with some contemporary medium density dwellings.
32. Built form is generally 3 storeys and generally setback from Queens Parade within a garden setting. Exceptions include a number of notable heritage forms including the St John's Baptist Church (and its spire).
33. The varied pattern of subdivision to either side of Queens Parade as it rises to St John's Baptist Church is anticipated to retain a consistent heritage character, with a discrete opportunity for moderate consolidated change at the Smith Street junction. Redevelopment of this commercial precinct would be shaped by its relationship to the adjoining Former Gasworks Site and an effective transition to south and east residential land, while retaining the primacy of the St John's Church landmark.
34. Minimal change is recommended in this precinct on the residential and institutional sites with moderate change in the commercial areas on the south side.
35. A preferred typology of mid rise infill development with a maximum height of 16 metres (5 storeys) is recommended for the commercially zoned part of this precinct. The residential areas within the precinct would be guided by the existing built form controls of the relevant General Residential Zone and Neighbourhood Residential Zone.

Precinct 4: Activity Centre Precinct

36. This precinct comprises a consistent fine grain streetscape of Victorian and Edwardian shopfronts of 1-3 storeys comprising a significant number of individually significant and contributory heritage buildings, including notable heritage corner buildings. The former ANZ Bank (370 Queens Parade) represents a prominent heritage form in the streetscape, framing the change in Queens Parade alignment and terminating view line along Turnbull Street.
37. The heritage streetscape is largely intact with minimal recent alterations. The wide expanse of the streetscape and low scale heritage form of Queens Parade is highly noticeable at this point in the absence of double avenue planting.

38. Moderate change is recommended in this precinct with the diverse arrangement of heritage buildings retained as the predominant feature. Potential is identified for recessive and sympathetic upper level development that acknowledges the importance and significance of the heritage streetscape and form, particularly significant heritage corner buildings, and appropriately transitions to the abutting residential dwellings.
39. A preferred typology of low rise development with a maximum height of 12m is recommended in this precinct.

Precinct 5: North Eastern Precinct

40. This precinct is essentially an “island” block surrounded by three major roads (Queens Parade, Hoddle Street and Heidelberg Road), and set behind layers of service roads. The analysis identifies that whilst currently a mix of low scale showroom and commercial buildings, recent development approvals (not yet constructed) demonstrate the capacity to accommodate more intense development.
41. The art deco buildings define the heritage character and qualities of this precinct with the individually significant Former United Kingdom Hotel (currently McDonalds) identified as an important landmark that demarcate the junction of Queens Parade and Heidelberg Road.
42. High to substantial change is recommended in this precinct – the highest level of change recommended along Queens Parade. Commensurate with its subdivision grain future development is recommended to transition down in height from the Hoddle Street end to the south west with specific regard for individually significant heritage buildings.
43. A preferred typology of mid rise infill development midrise infill with a maximum building height of 30 metres (10 storeys) is recommended south of Dummett Crescent and high rise infill with a maximum building height of 42 metres (14 storeys) is recommended north of Dummett Crescent.

Design Guidance for Precinct 1 and 2

44. In accordance with the staged scope of the project, the analysis includes specific design objectives and requirements for new development in Precinct 1 and Precinct 2, particularly on the strategic redevelopment site at 26-56 Queens Parade.
45. Some sites were identified to have recently developed or be highly unlikely to be developed and are therefore included as separate sub precincts (Precinct 1A and 2B) with no specific design guidance. It is not proposed to include these areas in the Design and Development Overlay for this reason.
46. Precinct 1B includes the contributory and individually significant heritage buildings along Brunswick Street and Queens Parade within Precinct 1.
47. The analysis for properties fronting Brunswick Street and Queens Parade in this precinct recommends:
 - (a) the mandatory retention of the existing heritage frontage height with infill development adjoining the individually corner building to adopt a façade height that is no higher than the parapet of that building;
 - (b) a mandatory upper level development minimum setback of 8 metres from the heritage frontage;
 - (c) a mandatory maximum height of 9 metres (3 storeys); and
 - (d) the rear setbacks comply with ResCode.
48. For the infill development site located in the rear laneway behind Brunswick Street, a mandatory 12 metre (4 storey) building height is recommended.
49. These recommendations are provided to assist in ensuring that development achieves the following built form objectives:
 - (a) encourage low rise additions behind the front sections of the terraced houses of Brunswick Street and Queens Parade that respects the prevailing streetscape character and subdivision grain;

- (b) retain and conserve the heritage values of this low scale Victorian residential area including the front sections of the terraced houses, street setbacks and subdivision pattern;
 - (c) retain the visual prominence of the individually significant corner building that forms the southern gateway to Queens Parade and to Fitzroy North more broadly;
 - (d) facilitate the appropriate low rise infill of the site located to the rear of residential properties fronting Brunswick Street;
 - (e) ensure future vehicle access and services are provided off a rear laneway, where possible; and
 - (f) ensure upper level elevations that are exposed to the public domain are high quality, visually recessive and do not diminish the appreciation of the heritage building.
50. For Precinct 2A that includes the strategic redevelopment site at 26-56 Queens Parade, the analysis recommends:
- (a) the mandatory retention of the existing heritage frontage height of the individually significant heritage building;
 - (b) a mandatory upper level development minimum setback of 8 metres from the heritage frontage up to 25 metres (8 storeys) and a minimum setback of 11 metres above 25 metres (8 storeys);
 - (c) a mandatory maximum façade height of 9 metres for development on the balance of the site with the façade height of any development immediately adjoining the individually significant building not exceeding the height of the parapet of that building;
 - (d) a mandatory upper level development minimum setback of 5 metres above the façade for development on the balance of the site to 25 metres (8 storeys) and a minimum setback of 8 metres above 25 metres (8 storeys);
 - (e) a mandatory maximum height of 31 metres (10 storeys); and
 - (f) various mandatory setback controls from the side and rear of the site to manage the visual and amenity impacts on the surrounding residential neighbourhoods.
51. These recommendations are provided to assist in ensuring that development achieves the following built form objectives:
- (a) To ensure the redevelopment of the land accommodating the former 'K.G. Luke Pty Ltd Electro Plate Manufacturers' factory contributes positively to the urban character of Fitzroy North;
 - (b) To retain, enhance and incorporate the existing heritage facade into the redevelopment of the site and to create a consistent parapet height along the streetscape.;
 - (c) To ensure new development does not diminish, or detract from the heritage values of the boulevard streetscape, the heritage street wall and the heritage trees along Queens Parade;
 - (d) To moderate the prominence of development above the street wall with respect to mid and long range panoramic and streetscape views and the Yarra skyline from the Edinburgh Gardens (HO213) and Newry Street (HO327- Fitzroy North Precinct);
 - (e) To ensure heritage buildings retain their three-dimensional form as viewed from the public realm to avoid 'facadism';
 - (f) To ensure an appropriate transition in building scale across the site having regard to the existing and preferred built form to the east, north and west;
 - (g) To recognise the low scale, fine grain format of existing surrounding development;
 - (h) To avoid repetitive stepped form at upper levels of development;
 - (i) To ensure development appropriately considers the amenity impacts on neighbouring development and achieves a high standard of internal amenity within the development;

- (j) To encourage the development above the street wall to be designed as a series of separate development parts with building separation to enable views to the sky; and
- (k) To ensure adequate solar access is provided to the Queens Parade Boulevard and the adjoining Napier Street Reserve.

52. Similar detailed guidance will be provided for the remaining precincts as part of the Stage 3 project works. Stage 3 work is currently underway and is anticipated to be complete and reported to Council in April/May 2017.

Draft Design and Development Overlay

53. The advice contained within the built form and heritage analysis has been incorporated into a draft Design and Development Overlay (DDO) for Precincts 1b and 2a as shown in Figure 3.

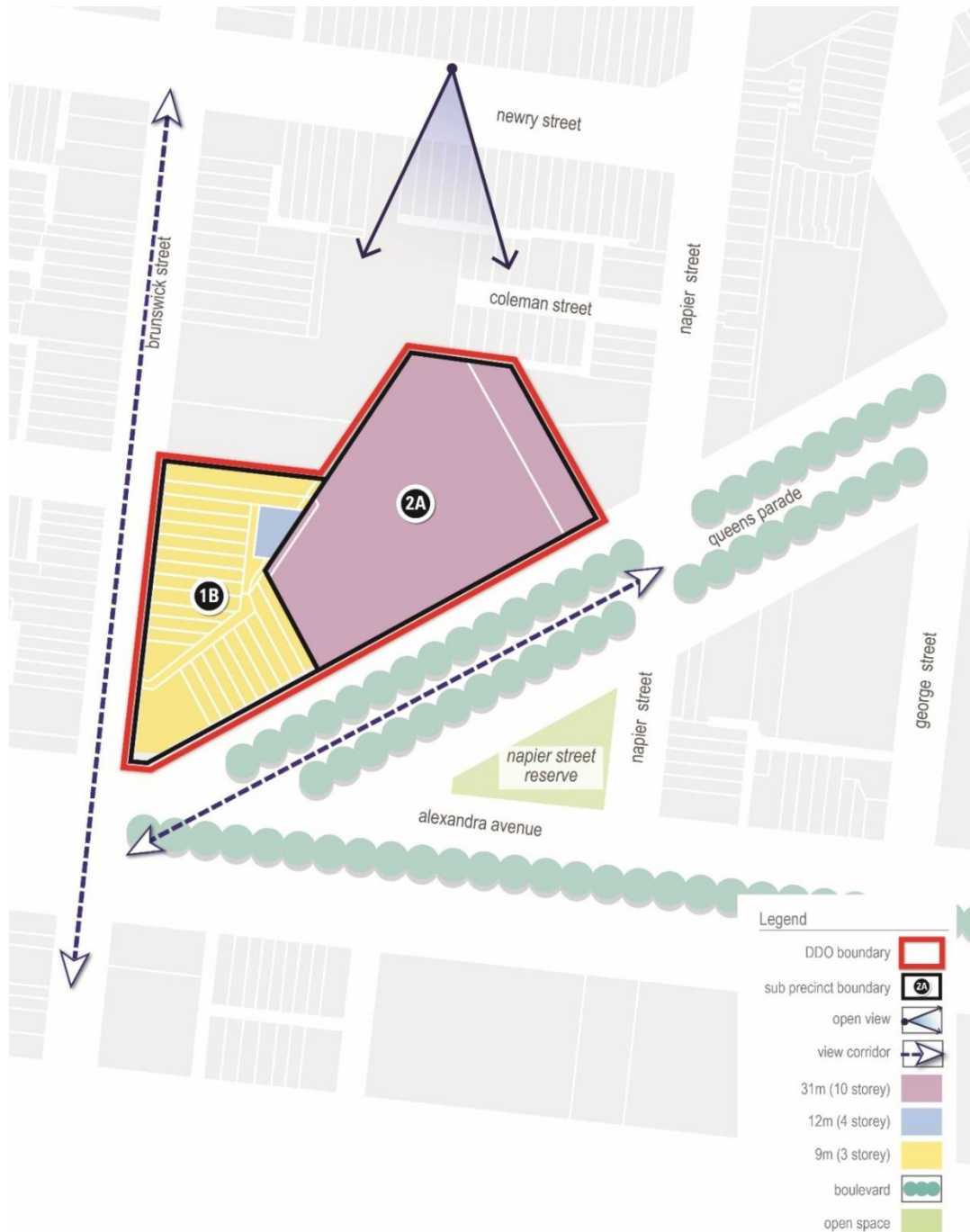


Figure 3 – DDO Area

54. The draft DDO includes preferred future character statements and built form objectives for the two precincts that future development should deliver. It includes mandatory and discretionary requirements that permit applications for buildings and work must be in accordance with (mandatory) and should be in accordance with (discretionary). Built form outcomes are also provided. These will apply to planning permits for new development that triggers a building and works approval in the DDO area.
55. Importantly, the DDO requires that future permit applications address all these components. Therefore, whilst the mandatory and discretionary requirements establish a building envelope, future permit applications must appropriately consider and respond to all the elements in the DDO when designing buildings.
56. A copy of the draft DDO is included in Attachment 4.

Options

57. The Stage 1 and Stage 2 work has provided a sound level of design guidance for Queens Parade, particularly for the precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North. When the Stage 3 work is completed a permanent DDO for the whole of Queens Parade can be prepared.
58. The current VCAT hearing date for the permit at 26-56 Queens Parade is 7th April 2017. Proceeding with an urgent request to the Minister for Planning for interim controls for the immediate precinct of the site at 26-56 Queens Parade under a Ministerial amendment using Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* would be the most expedient way to provide greater design direction for the site. No other option is considered to be available to Council to achieve this.
59. Proceeding with a full planning scheme amendment to introduce permanent controls into the Yarra Planning Scheme for the whole of Queens Parade when Stage 3 work is complete is the most appropriate way to progress the future planning for the whole of Queens Parade.

Conclusion

60. Following the resolution of Council at the Council meeting on 22 November 2016, officers have urgently pursued an urban design and heritage analysis of the Queens Parade precinct and prepared a draft Design and Development Overlay (DDO) for the precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North.
61. This work forms Stage 1 and 2 of a three stage process for analysing and preparing the required design direction and guidance for Queens Parade. Stage 3 work is currently underway and is expected to be complete in March/April 2017.
62. To introduce the draft DDO into the Yarra Planning Scheme, the preferred approach is to urgently request to the Minister for Planning for interim controls under a Ministerial Amendment using Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
63. Following completion of the Stage 3 work, a full Planning Scheme Amendment should then be pursued to introduce a permanent DDO for these precincts and the balance of Queens Parade.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the completion of the urban design and heritage analysis for the precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, North Fitzroy (Stage 1 and Stage 2);
 - (b) receive a further report following the completion of the urban design and heritage analysis for the other parts of Queens Parade (Stage 3); and
 - (c) request that the Minister for Planning urgently introduce an interim Design and Development Overlay by way of a Ministerial Amendment under Section 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to provide the required design guidance in the Yarra Planning Scheme for precinct at the western end of Queens Parade, including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade while a full Planning Scheme Amendment to introduce a permanent DDO for the same precinct and other parts of Queens Parade is advanced through the normal amendment process following completion of the Stage 3 work.

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11.8 26 – 56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North (PLN16/0434) – late report

Trim Record Number: D16/162570

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the planning application for 26-56 Queens Parade, Nth Fitzroy is scheduled for a VCAT hearing for 7 days commencing on 3 April, 2017;
 - (b) note the report from officers in response to the matters raised in the Council resolution dated 14 November, 2016 regarding process aspects of the current appeal and also the possible strategic planning work for a possible Design and Development Overlay for Queens Parade, Fitzroy North;
 - (c) authorise officers to commission Option 1, a senior specialist lawyer and expert witnesses as required (including urban design) to defend the Council position in preparation for the appeal hearing commencing 3 April, 2017;
 - (d) consider and resolve whether or not to direct officers to pursue a design analysis of the Queens Parade precinct with a view of seeking a Design and Development Overlay in the Yarra Planning Scheme for the immediate precinct of the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North, including that site, and other relevant sites as outlined in the diagram as shown in Figure 1 as Stage 2;

and in this regard, should it seek the design analysis work to proceed:

 - (i) that it authorises officers to commission external consultants to achieve that analysis (Stage 1 and 2) and for officers to report back to Council in February, 2017 with a draft Design and Development Overlay for the immediate precinct around including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North, as a means of managing the planning and urban design treatments of the Queens Road corridor Stage 2 area, and
 - (ii) authorises officers to have the broader areas of the Queens Parade precinct (as outlined and expressed in Figure 1) also assessed with the view to a Design and Development Overlay for the other key area of the Queens Parade corridor as a Stage 3 project.

Public Submissions*The following people addressed Council on the matter:**Mr Chris Goodman;**Mr Greg Spark;**Ms Jenny Port;**Mr Mark Naughton and Mr Tim Gurner;**Mr William Robb;**Mr Glen McCallum;**Mr Simon Evans; and**Ms Stephanie Quinn.*

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the current planning application for 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North is scheduled for a VCAT hearing for 7 days commencing on 3 April, 2017;
 - (b) note the extensive community concerns regarding this current planning application in the Queens Parade corridor as expressed in recent community meetings;
 - (c) note the report on this Council Agenda from officers in response to the matters raised in the Council resolution dated 14 November, 2016 regarding process aspects of the current appeal and also the possible strategic planning work for a possible Design and Development Overlay for Queens Parade, Fitzroy North;
 - (d) authorise officers to commission appropriate representation at the VCAT hearing and expert witnesses as required (including urban design) to defend the Council position in preparation for the appeal hearing commencing 3 April, 2017;
 - (e) note the prior strategic work undertaken for the former gasometer site at 433 Smith Street (being the 2009 adopted urban design framework for that site) and the current processes by the State Government regarding a possible redevelopment of that site; and
 - (f) note the relationship of 25-56 Queens Parade to the former gasometer site, the importance of the urban context within this Queens Parade precinct, and the integration of planning for both sides of the Queens Parade boulevard regarding urban built form, urban amenity, neighbourhood character, heritage character, and place making.

2. That Council in this regard:
 - (a) authorise officers to urgently pursue a built form and urban design analysis of the Queens Parade precinct with a view of seeking a Design and Development Overlay in the Yarra Planning Scheme for the immediate precinct of the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North, including that site, and other relevant sites, as outlined in the diagram as shown in Figure 1 of the officer report, as Stage 2;
 - (i) authorise officers to urgently commission external consultants to achieve that analysis (Stage 1 and 2) and for officers to then report back to Council by at least the first meeting in February, 2017 with a draft Design and Development Overlay for the immediate precinct around and including the site at 26-56 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North, as a means of managing the planning and urban design treatments of the Queens Road corridor (the Stage 2 area as shown in Figure 1); and
 - (ii) authorise officers to have the broader areas of the Queens Parade precinct (as outlined and expressed in Figure 1 of the report) also assessed with the view to a Design and Development Overlay for the other key area of the Queens Parade corridor as a subsequent Stage 3 project with a further report to Council as soon as possible.

3. That Council further:
 - (a) in this regard, in the interests of balancing new development with integrated planning and the need for protection of valued heritage and amenity in this precinct, resolves to request the Minister for Planning to apply immediate interim mandatory height controls to the Mixed Use Zones in this Queens Parade precinct through a Design and Development Overlay (DDO) specifying a mandatory maximum height of 6 storey and development having specific regard to:
 - (i) the heritage, urban character and amenity of Queens Parade;

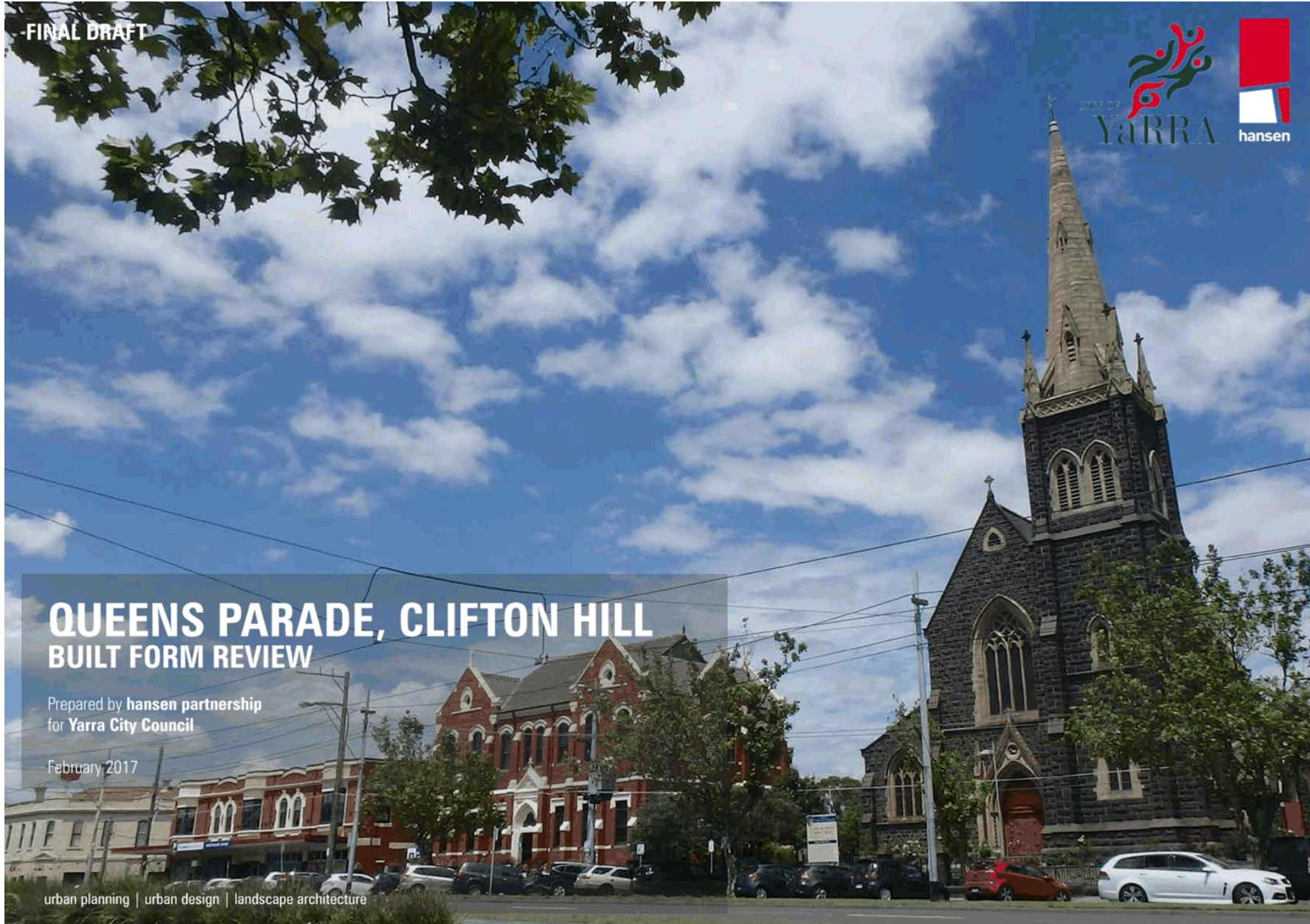
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- (ii) MFB access; and
- (iii) the scale of development in laneways; and
- (b) seek this measure by the Minister for Planning as an interim planning scheme control pending completion of the strategic planning work for the Queens Parade precinct; and
- (c) note that the Mayor has written to the Minister for Planning on 21 November, 2016 seeking a deputation (including community group representatives) to hold dialogue with the Minister regarding planning provisions for the City of Yarra with a view to seeking interim planning controls whilst strategic work is undertaken in the city for the Commercial 1 and Mixed Use Zones in the city, including the Queens Parade issue; and
- (d) note, developers are requested to host a community forum on alternative plans, in response to the significant concerns to the current plans, reflected in the 480 objections received by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachment 2 - Queens Parade Built Form Review - February 2017 - part 1



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1.0 Introduction

The following report sets out a clear urban design vision and built form proposition for the Queens Parade corridor, between Hoddle Street and Alexandra Parade in the City of Yarra, as a basis for proposed development controls to be applied across the precinct. It documents the analysis and methodology that has influenced the suite of proposed built form recommendations and their underpinning justification. Importantly, the findings of this built form review have been founded on contextual understandings of the corridor - as one mode of multiple spatial and character parts. The structure of this Built Form Review and its subsequent Recommendation is summarised below:

1	Introduction
2	Contextual Analysis
	Policy Framework
	Heritage
	Landscape & Streetscape
	Subdivision Pattern
	Building Heights & Development Trajectory
	Road Network
3	Built Form Character Areas
	Existing Characters
	Key Directions
4	Precinct Guidelines

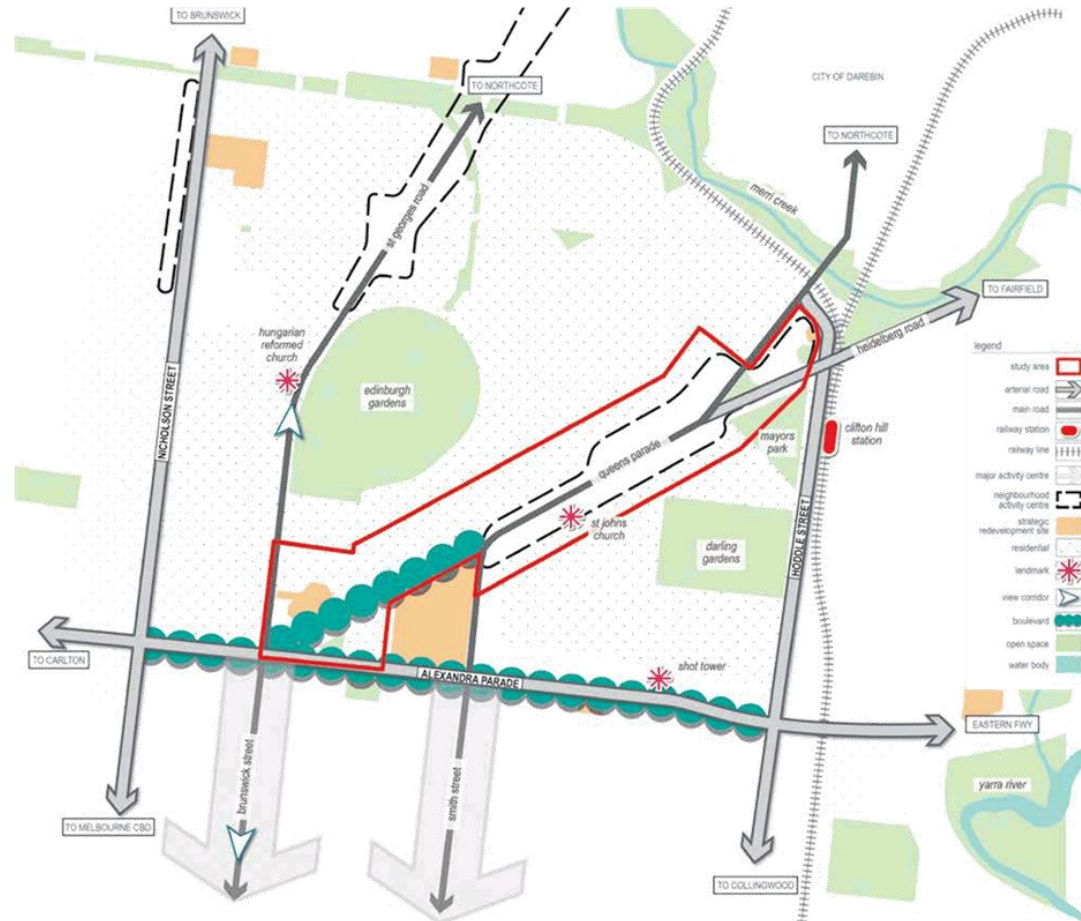


Figure 1: Strategic Context

The Study Area

- The Study Area for the Queens Parade Built Form Review (QPBR) encompasses urban blocks bound by Brunswick Street to the west, McKean Street to the north, Rushall Crescent and Hoddle Street to the east and Hodgkinson Street and Alexandra Parade to the south.
- The Municipal Strategic Statement and Local Planning Policies provide targeted policy direction with regard to future land use and expected growth within the Municipality. The Clifton Hill, Queens Parade Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC) occupies the eastern portion of the study area. Whilst the Local Planning Policies include high level built form strategies that seek to support Yarra's identity as a low-rise urban form with pockets of higher development (Clause 21.05-2), there are no specific height or setback controls that apply to the NAC or the broader study area.
- The study area sits within the context of residentially zoned land (NRZ1, GRZ1 to GRZ4) to the north and south. Queens Parade, within the Planning Context is considered a 'main road' and 'boulevard' that is strategically important in the locality. Alexandra Parade, partially located within the Study Area, is also a major arterial road that connects Melbourne's eastern suburbs to Fitzroy and Collingwood to the south and Clifton Hill to the north.
- Notably, the study area includes the Commercial zoned land (C1Z), forming the western and eastern parts of the North Fitzroy Gasworks Precinct, excluding the central urban block which is currently affected by Public Use Zone (PUZ1, PUZ6). A Council adopted Urban Development Framework (UDF, 2008) will continue to influence future activities for this Strategic Development Site including the pattern of streets, public spaces and building heights.
- The eastern portion of Queens Parade is designated as a Neighbourhood Activity Centre in the Yarra Planning Scheme (Clause 21.08-Neighbourhoods) and is a traditional strip streetscape with land within C1Z and MUZ. It is referred to as the Clifton Hill, Queens Parade NAC throughout this report.
- The study area is also affected by multiple Heritage Overlays that include buildings of both contributory and individual significance, along with the protection of the Queens Parade avenue trees. Along its south western boundary (on properties adjoining Alexandra Parade), the study area is partially affected by Schedule 2 to the Design and Development Overlay which requires consideration of proposed development along boulevards, however this is not applied to Queens Parade.
- Three sites within the study area are identified as Strategic Redevelopment Sites within the Yarra Planning Scheme (Clause 21.05), where higher development may be accommodated. Whilst some of these sites are influenced by existing Heritage Overlays and varied zoning (MUZ and PUZ1, PUZ6), future development greater than 5-6 storeys on Strategic Redevelopment Sites are guided by their ability to achieve specific benefits such as:
 - Significant upper level setbacks,
 - Architectural design excellence,
 - Best practice environmental sustainability objectives in design and construction,
 - High quality restoration and adaptive re-use of heritage buildings,
 - Positive contribution to the enhancement of the public domain, and
 - Provision of affordable housing.
- Whilst existing residential land is included within the Study Area, the Built Form Review seeks to focus on the non-residential land and make clear and unambiguous recommendations on how future development may be accommodated to support strategically justified and sympathetic outcome that represents the important municipal and local values of this part of Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy in Yarra.

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Policy Framework

The following is a review of the relevant State and Local Planning Policies that influence the existing and future built form outcomes within the Study Area.

SPPF

- The State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) sets the planning and strategic context and metropolitan scale. It provides the basis for a network of Activity Centres (Clause 11.01-1) and the need to undertake appropriate Activity Centre planning (Clause 11.01-2).
- The SPPF also outlines a range of applicable policies relating to built form and heritage. Clause 15 seeks to ensure new development respond appropriately in terms of built form, landscape values and cultural context and that significant places are protected. It emphasises that good urban design should contribute positively to the local sense of place and urban character, reflects the identity and aspirations of the community, enhance the liveability and amenity of the public realm, and minimise the impact on neighbouring properties. Specific sub-clauses address Urban Design (Clause 15.01-1), Urban Design Principles (Clause 15.01-2), Cultural Identity and Neighbourhood Character (Clause 15.01-5) and Heritage Conservation (Clause 15.03-1).
- The SPPF sets out a policy framework for Housing at Clause 16 to ensure the sustainable supply of housing in readily serviceable locations within walking distance to activity centres, public transport and open space. Clause 16 seeks to locate new housing in or close to activity centres and employment corridors and at other Strategic Redevelopment Sites that offer good access to services and transport (Clause 16.01-2 – Location of residential housing), and to provide for a range of housing types to meet increasingly diverse needs (Clause 16.01-4 – Housing diversity).

LPPF

- The Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) sets the sets the planning and strategic context and municipal level and provides vision and specific policy guidance specific to the context of the City of Yarra. Clause 21.04 Activity Centres designates 5 Major Activity Centres, but as this does not include Queens Parade, by default it is designated as Neighbourhood Activity Centre.
- Clause 21.05 Built Form of the LPPF addresses matters relating to Heritage and Urban Design. Clause 21.05-1 Heritage establishing a strong policy position to acknowledge, protect and enhance heritage places within the City of Yarra. Relevant strategies includes:
 - Conserve, protect and enhance identified sites and areas of heritage significance including pre-settlement ecological heritage (Strategy 14.1).
 - Support the restoration of heritage places (Strategy 14.2).
 - Protect the heritage skyline of heritage precincts (Strategy 14.3).
 - Protect the significant landscape and heritage within streets, parks, gardens, waterways or other open spaces (Strategy 14.5).
 - Protect buildings, streetscapes and precincts of heritage significance from the visual intrusion of built form both within places and from adjoining areas (Strategy 14.6).
- Clause 21.05-2 Urban Design recognises the valued low-rise urban form of the City of Yarra and that the existing urban form is punctuated by taller buildings located near activity centres as well as landmark buildings, with objectives to reinforce the existing urban framework and to retain Yarra's identity as a low-rise urban form with pockets of higher development. Relevant strategies include:
 - Maintain and strengthen the preferred character of each Built Form Character Type within Yarra (Strategy 16.2).
 - Ensure that development outside activity centres and not on Strategic Redevelopment Sites reflects the prevailing low-rise urban form (Strategy 17.1).
 - Development on Strategic Redevelopment Sites or within activity centres should generally be no more than 5-6 storeys unless it can be demonstrated that the proposal can achieve specific benefits such as: significant upper level setbacks; Architectural design excellence; best practice environmental sustainability objectives in design and construction; high quality restoration and adaptive re-use of heritage buildings; positive contribution to the enhancement of the public domain; and provision of affordable housing (Strategy 17.2) .
- Further specifically relevant objectives and strategies of Clause 21.05-2 Urban Design include:
 - To retain, enhance and extend Yarra's fine grain street pattern (Objective 18).
 - Encourage the re-establishment of streets and laneways through new development sites where such links were part of the historic street pattern, except where this will cause detrimental traffic impacts (Strategy 18.1).
 - To create an inner city environment with landscaped beauty (Objective 19).
 - Require well resolved landscape plans for all new development. (Strategy 19.1).
 - Encourage opportunities for planting suitable trees and landscape areas in new development (Strategy 19.2).
 - Encourage the retention of mature vegetation (Strategy 19.3).
 - Protect mature and healthy flora species where they have heritage value or are a valued part of the character of an area (Strategy 19.4).
 - To ensure that new development contributes positively to Yarra's urban fabric (Objective 20).
 - Ensure development is designed having particular regard to its urban context and specifically designed following a thorough analysis of the site, the neighbouring properties and its environs (Strategy 20.1).
 - Require development of Strategic Redevelopment Sites to take into account the opportunities for development on adjoining land (Strategy 20.2).
 - Reflect the fine grain of the subdivision pattern in building design where this is part of the original character of the area (Strategy 20.3).
 - To enhance the built form character of Yarra's activity centres (Objective 21).
 - Require development within Yarra's activity centres to respect and not dominate existing built form (Strategy 21.1).
 - Require new development within an activity centre to consider the context of the whole centre recognising that activity centres may consist of sub-precincts, each of which may have a different land use and built form character (Strategy 21.2).
 - Support new development that contributes to the consolidation and viability of existing activity centres (Strategy 21.3).
- Clause 21.08-4 Clifton Hill Clause 21.08-4 identifies the eastern extent of the study area subject area being within the Clifton Hill Queens Parade Neighbourhood Activity Centre, which is characterised as a mixed use centre focused on convenience retailing. Relevant aspects of Clause 21.08-4 seeks to support development that maintains and strengthens the preferred character of the relevant Built Form Character type; and maintain the visual prominence of the Spire of St Johns and the Shot Tower.

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- Clause 21.08-8 North Fitzroy identifies part of the study area as the Queens Parade Neighbourhood Activity Centre, in addition to identifying the site at 26-56 Queens Parade as a Strategic Redevelopment Site. This seeks to encourage its redevelopment in a way that contributes positively to the urban fabric and public domain of Yarra, and (where subject to the Heritage Overlay), protect the heritage values of the site.
- With reference to the substantial extent of heritage buildings (both individually listed and precinct based), Clause 22.02 - Development Guidelines for Sites Subject to the Heritage Overlay, provides guidance for the protection and enhancement of heritage places in the City of Yarra.
- The LPPF contains further relevant Local Planning Policies relating to: landmarks and tall structures (Clause 22.03), interfaces between commercial, industrial and residential activities (Clause 22.05), development abutting laneways (Clause 22.07), built form and design for new development not affected by the Heritage Overlay (Clause 22.10) which includes design objectives to address urban form, character, setbacks and building height.

This section should be read in conjunction with Appendix A: Relevant Planning Framework.

The following documents are also referred to and form part of the relevant Policy Context:

- Activity Centre Design Guidelines
- Urban Design Charter
- City of Yarra Urban Design Strategy (June 2011)
- Planning Practice Note 60: Height and Setback Controls for Activity Centre (June 2015)

By way of providing an overarching summary of the most significant critical elements of the relevant policy context, the following are raised:

- The Queens Parade study area is comprehensively covered by heritage overlays which will be a key influence over its future character and opportunities for development within the area.
- The Queens Parade Activity Centre is specifically covered by a heritage precinct overlay that recognises its heritage significance as a 19th century strip shopping centre. Policy provides further guidance on the heritage outcomes expected through new development.
- Strategies support enhancing the built form character of activity centres, to respect and not dominate existing built form and consider the context of the whole centre
- Policy seeks to protect the view lines to St John's Church spire.
- The ANZ bank building and the UK Hotel are individually significant heritage buildings and important local landmarks within the centre. There are a range of other sites within the centre and along Queens Parade that are individually significant.
- HO 93 provides protection of the Queens Parade street trees.
- Development outside of strategic development sites and activity centres should reflect the prevailing low-rise urban form.
- Two strategic sites are nominated within the study area in the Municipal Strategic Statement, 26 Queens Parade and 501-513 Hoddle Street (Dummett Crescent).
- The Dummett Crescent area has been accepted as a location for 'taller buildings' under local policy and as a strategic redevelopment site and through recent planning permit approvals.
- Development within activity centres and on strategic redevelopment sites should generally be no more than 5-6 storeys unless it can demonstrate specified benefits detailed in the local policy.
- Queens Parade Activity Centre is considered a Neighbourhood Activity Centre and development expectations are lower.
- The area surrounding and parts of the study area are low scale heritage residential areas with more limited capacity for change due to their residential zoning, property ownership and existing use .

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Figure 3: Existing Zoning Map

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Heritage Attributes

Heritage Overlays

There are a number of existing Heritage Overlays that cover most part of the Study Area (refer to Figure 4 and Figure 5), including the following:

- Queens Parade Precinct, including the St John's complex (H0330)
- Fitzroy North Precinct (H0327),
- Clifton Hill Western Precinct (H0317),
- Queens Parade Street Trees (H093),
- Former ANZ Bank, 370 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (H0221),
- Former United Kingdom Hotel, 199 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (H092),
- Baptist Church and Hall, 100 Hodgkinson Street, Clifton Hill (H0317), and
- Haselmere, 96 McKean Street, North Fitzroy (H0216).

Landmarks & Tall Structures

The City of Yarra places great importance on its designated landmarks and tall structures. The MSS, (reinforced by Local Policies of Clauses 21.05 and 22.13) seek to retain the prominence of its landmarks and key visual links.

In the context of the study area, the following landmarks and tall structures are identified:

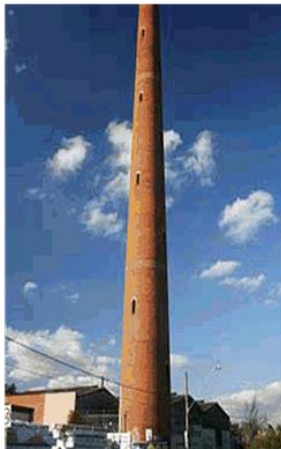
- St John's Church spire,
- Alexandra Parade Shot Tower,
- Hungarian Reformed Church spire, and
- St Patricks Cathedral (City of Melbourne).

The following local landmarks are also identified within the study area:

- Former ANZ Bank, 370 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (H0221),
- Former United Kingdom Hotel, 199 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (H092), and
- St John's complex (part of H0330).



Local Landmark: ANZ Bank (H0221)



Municipal Landmark: Shot Tower(H085)



Municipal & Local Landmark: St John's Baptist Church Complex & Spire (part of H0330)



Local Landmark: Former United Kingdom Hotel

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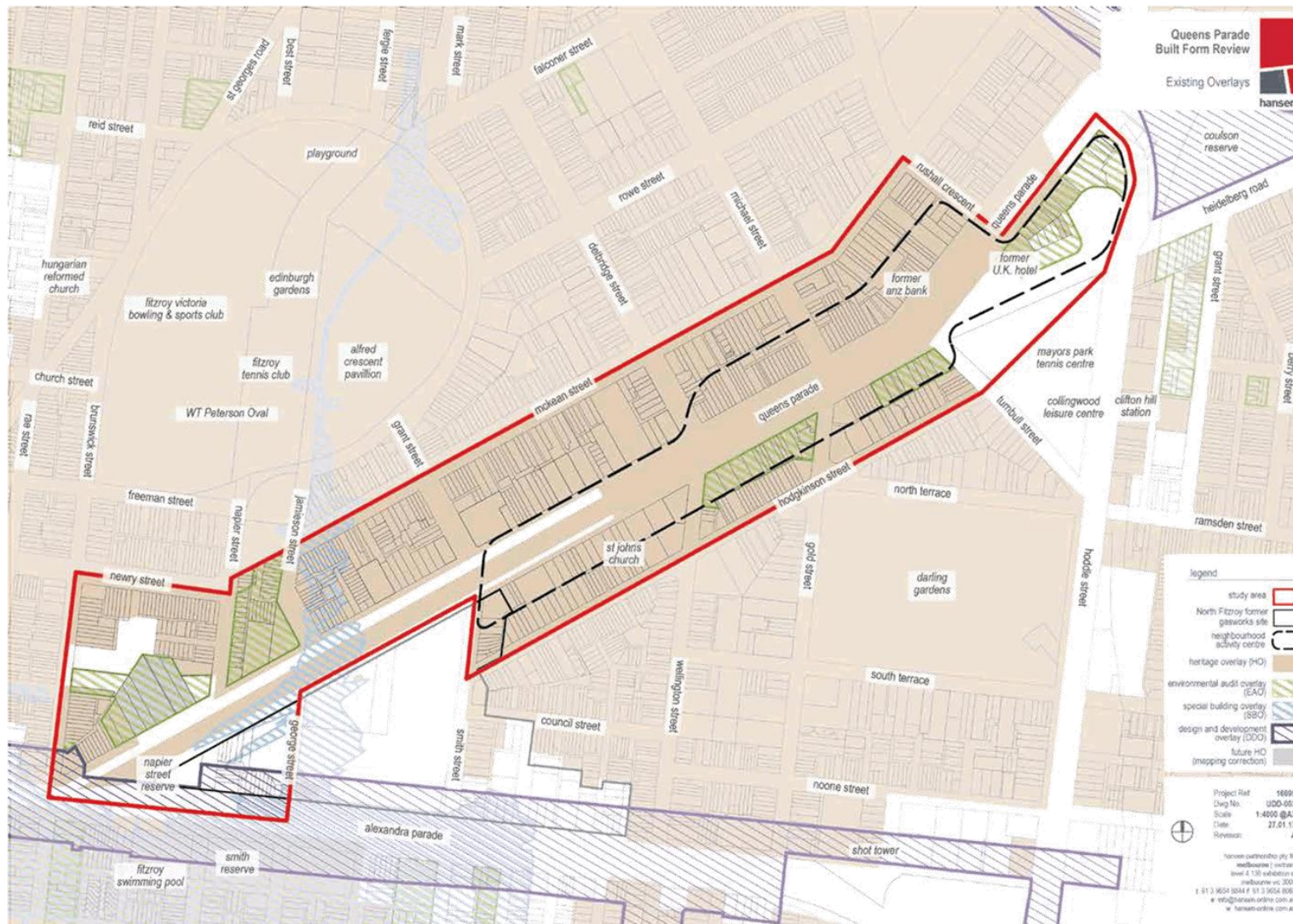


Figure 4: Existing Overlays Map

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Statement of Heritage Significance

Queens Parade Precinct (H0330)

H0330 covers the main commercial strip of Queens Parade and includes contributory, non-contributory and individual significant buildings. The statement of significance identifies the following features as significant to the precinct:

- As one of Melbourne's early surveyed boulevards (1853) and one of the few associated with the prominent surveyor Robert Hoddle, enhanced by mature street trees (elms) and extensive beautification in the inter-war period in the form of plane trees and rockeries;
- For the contribution of the old government surveyed town of Northcote (part), as a valuable historical depiction of Melbourne's early relationship to then nearby country districts, with early extant buildings such as the Terminus Hotel at the Merri Creek bridge (in use since 1854), substantial 1860s row houses and other indications of residential development prior to the government suburban subdivisions and their development in the 1880s Boom era;
- For the late 19th and early 20th century shops, hotels, banks, and public buildings, often with intact street verandahs, lining both sides of a wide boulevard that provides for exceptional vistas to fine commercial rows, and demonstrates the major role of Queens Parade as a commercial, banking, accommodation and public transport nucleus for the district;
- As a good representation of building styles from the mid-19th century to the late 1930s, enhanced by prominent landmarks such as the former banks, St. John's Catholic Church complex, and the United Kingdom Hotel, the latter two being primary foci in the precinct;
- For the remarkable collection of original street verandahs particularly on the north side of the street;
- For the picturesque shop-row skyline, visible from across Queens Parade, with its gabled or hipped roof forms and many original chimneys; and
- For fine groups of early 20th century villas, set in gardens, in the residential areas to the west and north-east ends of Queens Parade.

North Fitzroy Precinct (H0327)

H0327 covers the northern section of the study area. The statement of significance outlines the following:

- For the clear indication of important early land development phases in the suburb as follows:
 - East-west, relatively long and narrow streets originating from private subdivision of the 1839 agricultural allotments that originally fronted Merri Creek;
 - The evident effect of the 19th century Boom era when aggressive subdivision coincided with provision of public transport, creating dense late-Victorian development near the Nicholson St cable tram terminus;
 - The more generous post-1906 subdivisions (suited the construction of detached timber villas) representing changed values in land prices, and the relatively new suburban ideal of affordable house and garden lifestyle;
 - The slow transformation into a completed residential suburb by WW2, with the last few vacant sites accommodating inter-war dwellings, some developed with medium-density housing, duplexes and flats.
- For the consistent and intact streetscapes of late Victorian terrace and row housing in the south-west corner of the area, and Italianate style and Edwardian timber villas, interspersed occasionally with inter-war houses, in the balance of the area;
- For the visual consistency and good period expression of streets in the north and east parts of the area, consistently one-storey, timber construction, decorative detail, and detached siting with consistent garden setbacks;
- For the interwar medium density development pockets, including those contained within Pilkington St and parts of Barkly St, King and Miller Streets, significant for its intactness, form and high quality design.
- For the shopping strip streetscape of St Georges Rd, significant for its landmark Victorian-era buildings, plus intact early 20th century and interwar buildings in both Classical Revival and Moderne styles; and
- For important landscape and vistas, including the view of Merri Creek Bridge framed by palms and mature elms in the Merri Primary School reserve, and mature street plantings of plane trees.

Clifton Hill Western Precinct (H0317)

The southern section of the study area is protected by H0317. The statement of significance outlines the following:

- As an expression, in the history of its creation as part of Collingwood East, of the aspirations of tradesmen of the Collingwood Slope for improved urban development and the provision of public facilities;
- For the role of local politicians and business figures in social, physical and industrial improvement and home ownership in the area;
- As the focus of community sentiment and resident protest from its initial development in the 1860s, from the actions of the Victorian-era Vigilance Committee to the preservation movements of the 20th Century, specifically the House of the Gentle Bunyip conservation campaign;
- For the distinctive street and allotment layout created under Government surveyor, Clement Hodgkinson (43), and the liberal allowance for garden squares and reserves for a market, public baths, a school, a recreation reserve and five churches, contrasting with private surveys in the City of Yarra;
- For Hoddle's provision of boulevards (Hoddle Street and Queen's Parade) skilfully merged with wide streets on a north-south grid, with unusual five way intersections and triangular public spaces at each end of Queen's Parade;
- For the unique series of vistas from the crest of the hill at the end of Hoddle street that includes views of significant landmarks like the shot tower, spires of St. Johns and the former Wesleyan Church, Town Hall towers at Collingwood and Fitzroy, the Exhibition Buildings, and long vistas to the Kew hill and Studley Park, plus those to and from the Darling Gardens;
- For the area's fine representation of Victorian-era life, as expressed by the street and public reserves, along with the dominantly Victorian-era building stock including churches, a State school, factories, early houses, a large number of late Victorian terrace houses, attached and free standing, and key house designs such as 12 North Terrace.
- For its focus on a representative and intact example of a residential garden square (Darling Gardens) based on British and European precedents, with associated significant trees;
- For the mature, largely exotic trees, including those planted by George David Langridge, MLA and former Mayor, bluestone kerbs, gutters, drains, channelling, and laneways from the area's major period of development;
- For the strong industrial theme, seen in the south of the area with several 19th Century industrial buildings including former boot factories, and a carriage factory, that links the area with the City's other creek and riverside industrial localities such as Clifton Hill East, Abbotsford and Collingwood;
- For well preserved Edwardian housing estates and individual houses as complements to the dominant Victorian-era residences; and
- For good examples of the Californian Bungalow style and other well preserved interwar houses.

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Figure 5: Heritage Precinct Overlays Map

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Heritage Attributes

Heritage Grading

Figure 6 shows heritage grading associated with existing lots which are affected by Heritage Overlay. These gradings are categorised into:

Individually Significant

- Most individually significant buildings are clustered at and around the junction of Queens Parade and Delbridge Street/ Wellington Street.
- Most individually significant buildings occupy corner sites, or are visually exposed from multiple vantage points.
- Most individually significant buildings are located at the eastern end of the Queens Parade.

Contributory

- Most buildings along Queens Parade are categorised as having contributory heritage value.
- They are often infill in nature, or parts of a collection of buildings.

Non-Contributory

- Most non-contributory buildings are concentrated within the south-western portion of the study area, characterised by heavy modification through recent redevelopment.
- These sites have the capacity for future infill development.

Built Form Implication

Heritage gradings of specific sites or precincts will have implications for future proposed built form. Critical observations are:

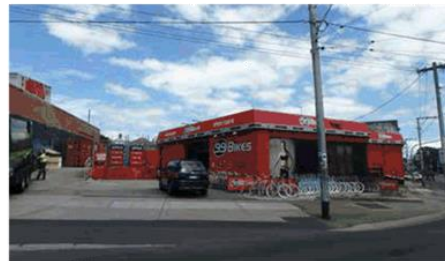
- Heritage significance may restrict or influence future development outcomes both on heritage listed sites and adjacent land.
- Intact heritage street walls and facades are the predominant feature of the Neighbourhood Activity Centre.
- The intersections of Queens Parade and local streets (east of Grant and Smith Streets) are framed by individually significant heritage forms.
- Landmarks and tall structures within both the immediate and wider context influence the experience of Queens Parade. The protection of important view lines must be taken into consideration.
- The importance of views to the St Johns Church Tower and its complex remain critical as an appreciation of an evolving Neighbourhood Activity Centre.



Examples of individually significant, corner heritage buildings



Examples of contributory heritage buildings



Examples of non-contributory/non-heritage buildings



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Figure 6: Heritage Grading Map

Contextual Analysis Landscape & Streetscape

Terrain and Slope

- The experience of Queens Parade is significantly influenced by topography and the notable 'hill' located east of Delbridge and Wellington Streets, as well as the escarpment to the Merri Creek Reserve to the north-east.
- To the west and south, slope is less pronounced with the south side of Alexandra Parade in a relatively flat profile.
- The 'Delbridge Hill' offers views to the west and south, particularly along Queens Parade and north-south aligned streets.
- The topography of the precinct is critical to an understanding of Yarra's important skyline, comprising designated landmarks, traditional roofscape, notable open spaces and boulevards and a broad panorama to Central Melbourne's skyline.

Key Open Spaces

- A number of key open spaces are identified within and around the Study Area and the protection of these key open spaces is critical in shaping future urban form, including:
 - Edinburgh Gardens (H0213),
 - Darling Gardens (H0213),
 - Mayors Park,
 - Raines Reserve,
 - Napier Street Reserve (west of Napier Street), and
 - Smith Reserve (associated with the Fitzroy Swimming Pool).
- Existing canopy vegetation within the streetscapes and central median also offer high amenity and contribute substantially to the landscape character of Clifton Hill and its surrounds. As a significant streetscape feature such boulevard trees should be acknowledged and protected. These include:
 - Queens Parade Street Trees (between Brunswick Street and Delbridge Street – H093).
 - Central median of Alexandra Parade (between Brunswick Street and Hoddle Street).

Statement of Significance

Edinburgh Gardens- H0213

- *Edinburgh Gardens is locally significant as a major recreational facility within the Fitzroy area. The site is intrinsically linked to a number of local sporting groups and the Fitzroy community generally. It contains elements that illustrate the early use of the site, particularly the railway, and contributes significantly to the heritage character and general amenity of the local neighbourhood, particularly as a setting for adjacent significant housing which culminates in a landscape of notable grandeur within the City of Yarra. The site is also significant for the notable numbers of mature trees, one of which is recorded by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).*

Queens Parade Street Trees (central median of Queens Parade, between Brunswick Street and Grant Street) – H093

- *The double avenue of trees on Queens Parade is locally significant as an extensive and intact avenue planting in the City of Yarra. The trees provide a significant contribution to the heritage character of the precinct, and to the amenity of the local neighbourhood generally.*

Darling Gardens – H0213

- *Darling Gardens are locally significant as an early and important recreational facility within the Collingwood and Clifton Hill area. The site has strong associations with the local community, at various times the home to sporting groups and the focus of community activities. The site effectively illustrates its ongoing development since the 1860s, and contains two trees recorded on the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Significant Tree Register.*



Exposed and open view



View corridor



View to landmark forms

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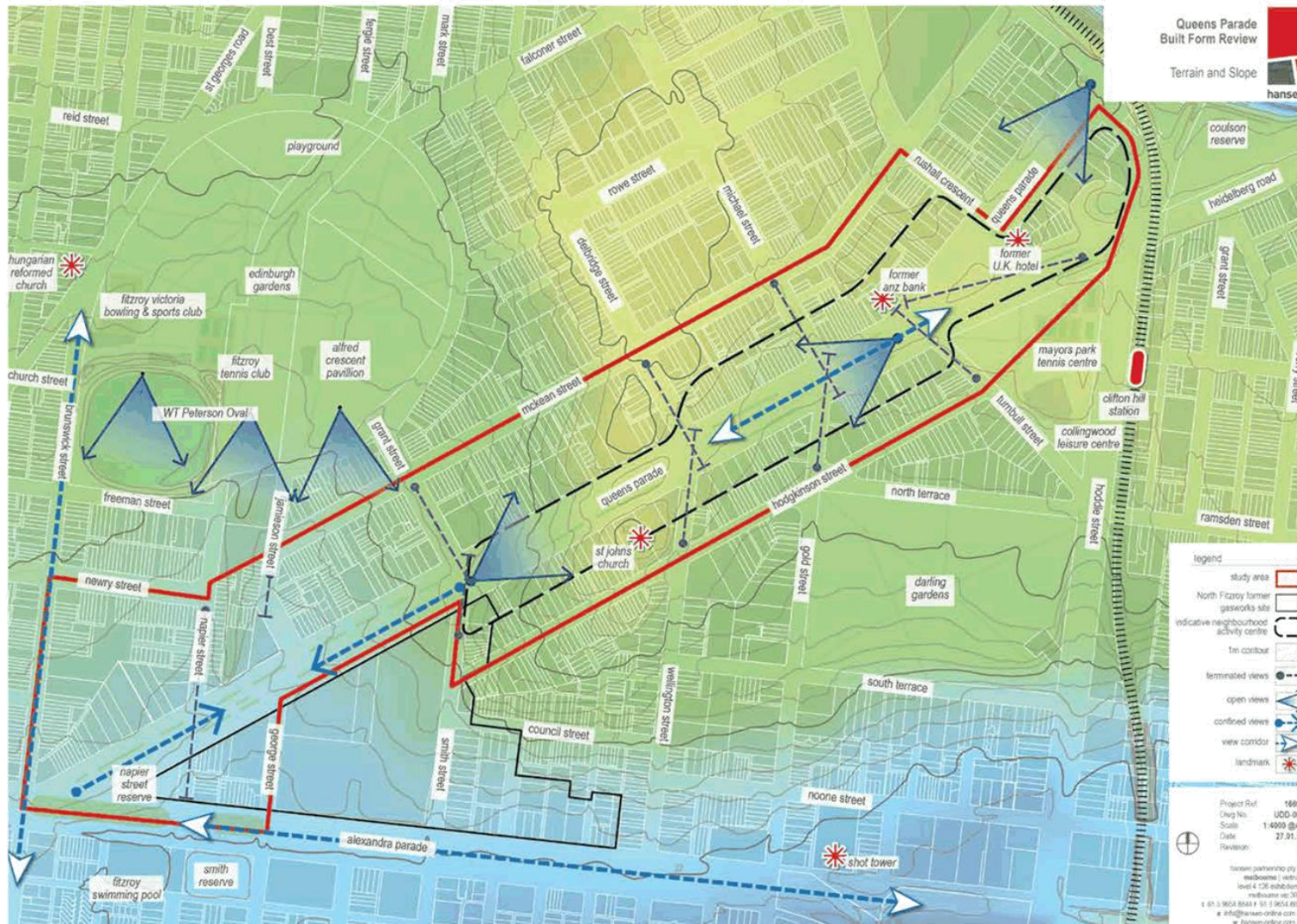


Figure 7: Terrain and slope

Contextual Analysis Landscape & Streetscape

Streetscape Experience

- Queens Parade (west of Grant and Smith Streets) is characterised by the double avenue street trees including the heritage listed Dutch Elms, framing views along Queens Parade between Brunswick Street and Smith Street.
- The full width of Queens Parade (60m) and views to the St John's Baptist Church spire can be appreciated west of Grant and Smith Streets, where street trees are mainly accommodated within wide street verges on both sides.
- Views of the St John's Baptist Church spire and the Alexandra Parade Shot Tower are also available from the 'Deldridge Hill', at the junction of Delbridge and McKean Streets to the north.
- The shift in subdivision pattern and urban block arrangement from south to north means that view lines along local streets often terminate at notable corner forms.
- Consistent traditional street walls of predominantly 1-2 storeys define the street edges of Queens Parade in the Neighbourhood Activity Centre, between Delbridge and Turnbull Streets.
- At its north-eastern end, the Study Area is highly visible from multiple vantage points, including Hoddle Street and from the Heidelberg Road overpass.
- Residential streets that frame the Study Area boundary are typically characterised by low scale (1-2) heritage forms with consistent front gardens.
- At a macro scale level, long range views of the CBD skyline are available from a series of important locations within the Edinburgh Gardens.
- Whilst views to a number of municipal landmarks and tall structures can be appreciated from within the Study Area, the subdivision pattern and urban block arrangement tend to emphasize the prominence of locally significant heritage corner buildings, including:
 - Former ANZ Bank, 370 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (HO221)
 - Former United Kingdom Hotel, 199 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill (HO92)
 - St John's Baptist Church complex (part of HO330)

Built Form Implication

Critical observations and built form implications include:

- Respect the landform and urban structure by retaining the primacy of key landmark forms (St John's Baptist spire and the Alexandra Parade Shot Tower).
- The coexistence of designated landmarks, heritage forms that project into the skyline and the silhouette of traditional commercial and residential neighbourhoods in North Fitzroy and Clifton Hill are important character elements.
- The visual dominance of the street trees is important to maintain a 'boulevard' effect and a unifying character to the south-west despite the varied building stock.
- Framed views to key landmarks that are visually exposed should be managed carefully. It is worth noting that these view lines are not always experienced from the centre of the street, but rather more often in a dynamic mode from footpaths to the traditional streetscape.
- The oblique views along Queens Parade (within the NAC) should continue to be defined by heritage street walls.
- Protect and preserve the intact heritage residential streetscapes along Nevry and McKean Streets, including careful management of urban form within the Queens Parade corridor to the south.
- Retain the open profile of attractive, long range views to the Central City in particular from the Edinburgh Gardens - south.
- Avoid overshadowing of key open spaces and the central median of key streets to ensure their long term viability and their image and amenity for existing and future residents.



Napier Street Reserve, Fitzroy North



Edinburgh Gardens, North Fitzroy



Alexandra Parade central median

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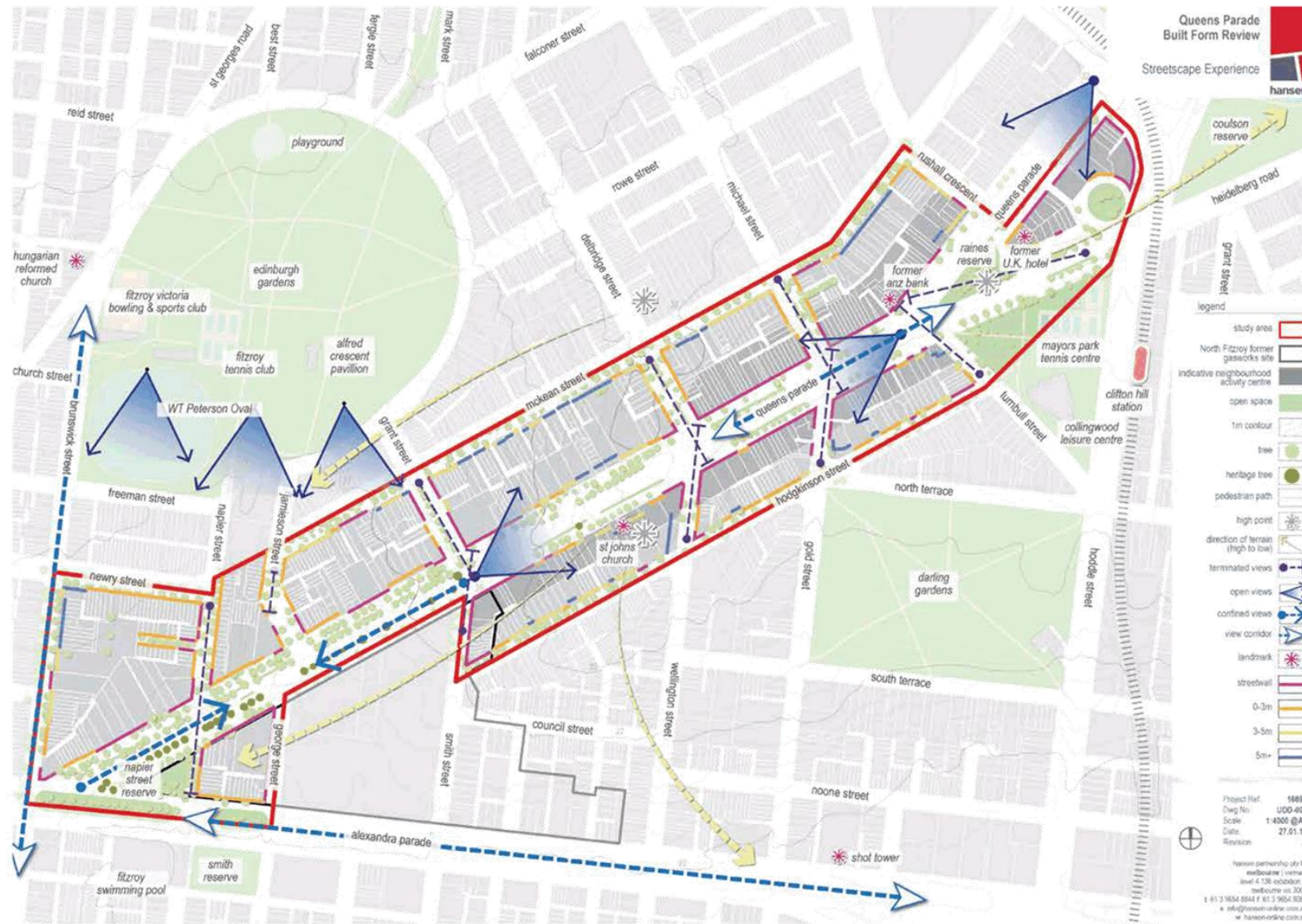


Figure 8: Streetscape Experience Map

Contextual Analysis

Subdivision Pattern

The Study Area comprises varied allotment sizes which results in development of diverse building types and land uses. The subdivision pattern is based on a historical grid configuration, orientated on a diagonal alignment in the 'wedge' between Queens Parade and Brunswick Street. The grid shifts to the south of Queens Parade to a more conventional east-west alignment.

Typical Lot Sizes

- Lots have generally been classified into sizes as shown on the plan (refer to Figure 9) and described below:
- Small: less than 300sqm;
- Medium: 300 - 600sqm;
- Large: 600 – 1,200sqm; and
- Extra Large: greater than 1,200sqm.

Typical Frontage Widths

- Frontage widths have generally been classified into sizes as shown on the plan (refer to Figure 10) and described below:
- Small: less than 10m;
- Medium: 10-20m; and
- Large: greater than 20m.

The NAC

- Within the NAC (east of Delbridge and Wellington Streets), the subdivision pattern typically has a long northwest – southwest grid pattern, perpendicular to Queens Parade.
- Between Delbridge Street and Rushall Crescent, allotments are primarily of small and medium size (between 0 – 600sqm), associated with traditional shop fronts and occasional attached residential terraces.
- Corner allotments are typically medium or large (up to 1,200sqm) and typically accommodate retail forms as well as former and current civic/institutional buildings.
- To the north of Dummett Crescent, between Queens Parade and Heidelberg Road, allotments are generally large (600-1,200sqm), with primary frontage to the main road and additional access from rear/ side laneways. Lot widths are large (greater than 20m) with an occasional width greater than its lot depth.
- South of Dummett Crescent, allotments are generally small to large (0 to 1,200sqm) with frontage widths ranging between 10 to 20m. Lot depths are generally shallow (less than 30m) with a single street access off Queens Parade service road and Dummett Crescent.

Between Brunswick Street and Smith/ Grant Streets

- Along Brunswick Street, the subdivision pattern typically has a long east-west orientation with parallel laneway access. Allotments are typically small (less than 300sqm) except for two extra-large sites identified in this Review as the 'Aquila Development' (496-500 Brunswick Street) and the 'Office of Housing' site (502 Brunswick Street).
- Properties fronting Queens Parade can be categorised as fine grained small to medium sized residential lots (0- 600sqm), or large and extra-large allotments associated with recent medium density residential development, or industrial remnant sites including the North Fitzroy Gasworks Precinct which anchor the south-western portion of the Study Area.

Residential Edges

- Along Newry, McKean and Hodgkinson Streets, residential allotments are generally small to medium in size (below 600sqm) with occasional parallel laneway access from the rear. Lots consolidation and subdivision are generally limited to residential lots between Napier and Delbridge Streets.
- Residential lots fronting local side streets are typically orientated east-west, often with additional rear laneway access. Allotments are typically small (less than 300sqm) with mid-block properties relying on a laneway as their primary access.

Strategic Sites

The City of Yarra Planning Scheme identifies the following sites as Strategic Redevelopment Sites within the study area:

- 496- 500 Brunswick Street;
- 26 Queens Parade; and
- 501-513 Hoddle Street.

Built Form Implication

Critical observations and built form implications include:

- Large lots are often more able to accommodate changing built form as the off-site impacts can be minimised and managed. These lots are generally clustered around the north eastern and south western ends of the Study Area.
- Fine grain subdivision pattern within the NAC is representative of the special character that defines the Clifton Hill heritage commercial node and must be protected and enhanced.
- Limited allotment, or street frontage widths, particularly along Queens Parade in absence of additional laneway access may limit development potential for some sites. Maximising ground level activation and ground level presentation to establish an inviting and high amenity urban environment while retaining most of the heritage fabric is a key influence in shaping the future urban form along Queens Parade.
- To date, there is less intensification within finer grain allotments in contrast to the coarser grained areas.

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Figure 9: Lot Sizes Map

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Figure 10: Frontage Widths Map

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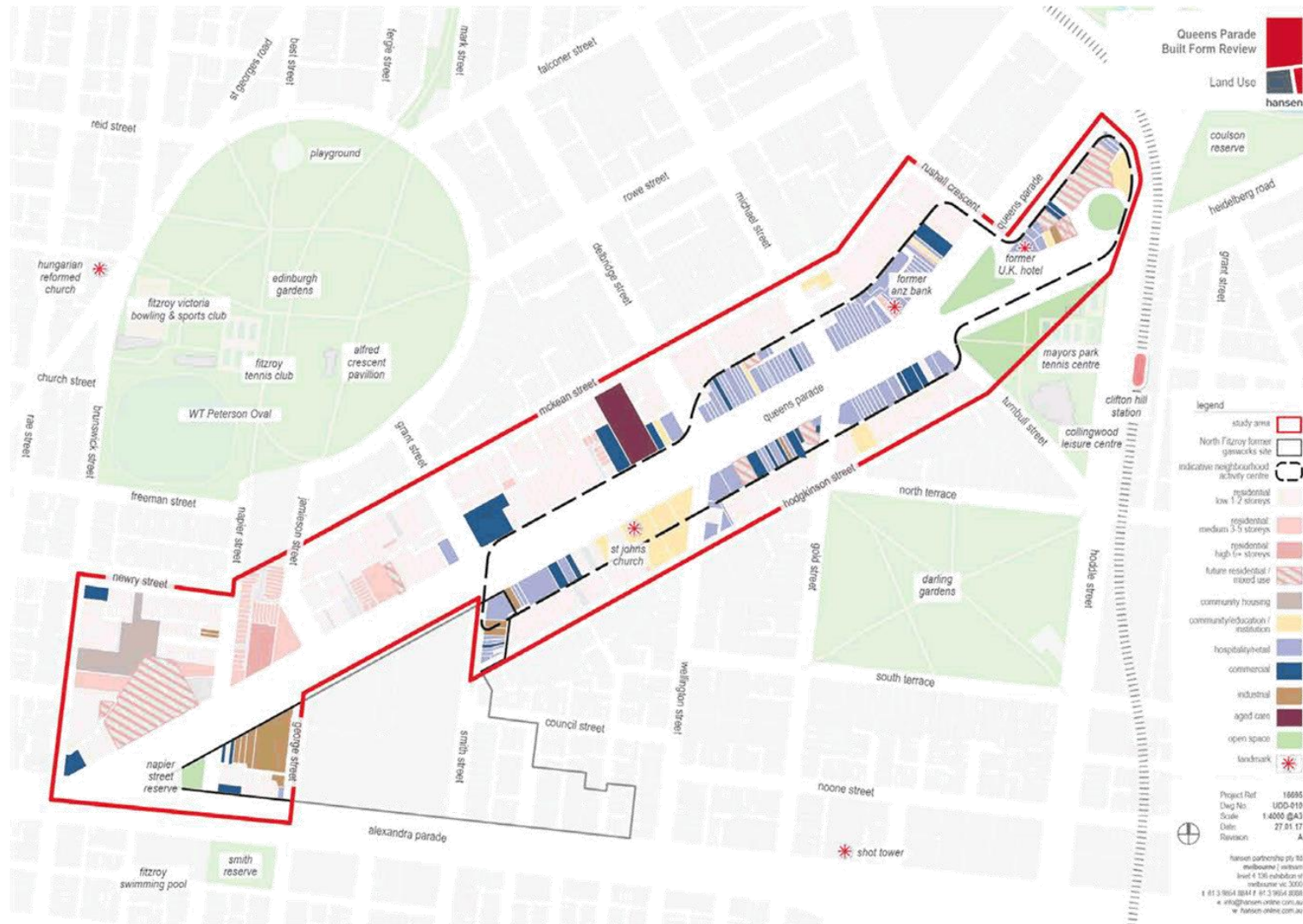


Figure 11: Land Use Map

Contextual Analysis

Building Heights & Recent Development Trajectory

- The Study Area is generally characterised by low rise traditional built form of 1-2 storeys with taller form located on larger corner sites. The St John's Baptist Church spire represents the tallest element (at 44.5m) along the Queens Parade spine.
- The Queens Parade frontages are generally 1-2 storey Victorian, Edwardian and later 20th century buildings. Typically, 19th century buildings are defined by parapet heights of 8-11m, usually the equivalent of 3 contemporary storeys.
- The north-eastern end of Queens Parade has a greater concentration of early to mid-20th century single and double storey buildings, including the Former U.K. Hotel (199 Queens Parade) and Clifton Motors Building (205-211 Queens Parade), both notable Art Deco buildings.
- Existing contemporary forms comprise medium density residential buildings in the form of attached townhouses and apartment (3- 6 storey), and are primarily clustered around Napier, Jamieson and Grant Streets).
- The broader area includes an eclectic mix of late 19th century through to mid-20th century residential, commercial and civic forms with some recent medium density residential infill. Pronounced skyline elements represented by public housing high rise (20 storeys) further south east, Collingwood silo structures and developments (including the Porsche Sign Silos, Islington Silos and Northumberland Street silos). These latter industrial complexes range between 9-11 storeys in height and (by virtue of their proportion) have a strong sense of verticality set against their low rise context.
- There has been increasing pressure for new development within the Study Area. Recently planning applications for development along Queens Parade are for towards taller and more intense building forms. Planning permits have been issued for buildings of up to 10 storeys (VCAT approval) with an application for 16- 17 storeys (under assessment) in locations where there is an absence of existing heritage sensitivity and noting large allotment size and width.
- Recent infill developments are primarily clustered at the south western portion of Queens Parade and around the north eastern urban block (north of Dummett Crescent).
- To date, there are few permit applications for fine grained allotments within the NAC, possibly due to small and narrow allotments, access constraints in absence of continuous rear laneways and concentration of heritage buildings. Furthermore, there are no development applications currently for residential allotments fronting McKean, Newry and Hodgkinson Streets.
- Corner forms along Queens Parade are particularly important and rarely afforded greater opportunity due to heritage constraints and their important profile in the streetscape. Given the diagonal alignment of Queens Parade and perpendicular angled junctions with adjoining streets, corner sites should continue to perform a role of infill element in the broader streetscape.

Built Form Implication

- Development interest around Dummett Crescent and Hoddle Street has the capacity for greater change given limited heritage sensitivity and a location at the north-eastern entry to the municipality. This is realised in recent ambitious tower applications above 10 storeys.
- Future redevelopment of fine grained heritage shopfronts with upper level residential or office additions may be feasible, if rear laneway access is available for vehicular access.
- Recent built form of a mid-rise infill typology (up to 6 storeys) around the south-western part of Queens Parade has the capacity to take advantage of notable community assets.
- Larger developments are typically proposed on larger allotments with wider frontages; they are unconstrained by existing heritage overlays as seen in the north-eastern precinct, and are in response to their main road frontages.
- More mid-rise infill (up to 6 storeys) have been approved and constructed at the south-western portion of Queens Parade, and retain the prominence of its boulevard character and heritage avenue.
- The St John's Baptist Church complex and spire continue to dominate the streetscape and built form element, without any proposed development potentially 'crowding in' or diluting its visual prominence.



249-261 Queens Parade
17 storeys (planning assessment)



247 Queens Parade
11 storeys (approved-VCAT)



241 Queens Parade
10 storeys (approved-VCAT)



Rear 26-52 Queens Parade
4 storeys (planning assessment)



58 Queens Parade
5-6 storeys (constructed)



26-56 Queens Parade
3-16 storeys (planning assessment)

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Figure 12: Building Heights & Development Trajectory Map

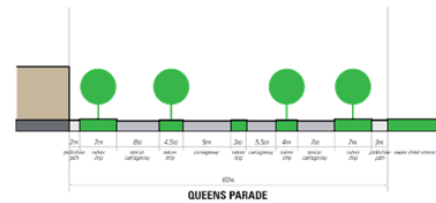
Contextual Analysis Road Network & Circulations

The movement and connectivity network within the Study Area is dominated by the urban grid network of Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy. The Study Area itself is well- defined by main arterial roads including the Queens Parade spine, as well as Hoddle Street and Heidelberg Road (east), Brunswick Street (west) and Alexandra Parade (south).

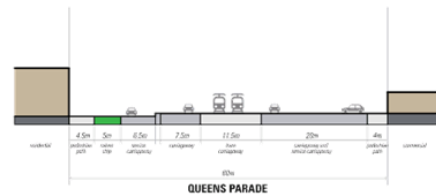
Queens Parade

- Queens Parade is a 60m category 1 roadway that runs diagonally between Brunswick Street to the west and Hoddle Street to the east.
- The 60m road reserve of Queens parade between Brunswick and Smith Streets accommodates 4 traffic lanes and parallel service road and associated car parking separated by landscaping within central median.
- The Tram Route 86 runs along Smith Street and Queens Parade east, connecting the Activity Centre to Melbourne CBD to the south and Northcote to the north.
- There is a limited north – south movement across Queens Parade between Smith Street and Wellington Street due to change in levels between the main carriageway (including tram tracks) and the service lane.
- East of Gold Street and Michael Street, Queens Parade intersects with Heidelberg Road flyover, connecting the Study Area to Hoddle Street to the east.

Queens Parade- Typical Sections



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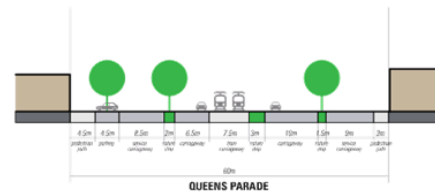
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Local Streets

- Local streets are secondary north- south and east – west access roads within the Study Area.
- Within North Fitzroy (north of Queens Parade), local streets have a consistent width of 30m (except for Napier Street), comprising one traffic lane in each direction, dedicated bike lane, on street car park, central median and nature strip and pedestrian footpath on both sides. Examples of local streets within North Fitzroy includes Jamieson Street, Grant Street, Dalbridge Street, Michael Street, Rushall Crescent and Newry and McKean Streets.
- The Collingwood urban grid and street network is extended further north beyond Alexandra Parade and within Clifton Hill (south of Queens Parade), local streets are generally more narrow with consistent width of 20m. Examples of local streets within Clifton Hill includes Smith Street, Wellington Street, Gold Street and Hodgkinson Street.
- Brunswick and Smith Streets accommodate public transport facilities including tram routes 112 and 86.

Laneways

- Some allotments within the Study Area have access to rear or side laneways.
- These laneways are varied in widths (3-4m) and have to date provided secondary egress points to facilitate car park access, or primary access for mid block lots.
- It is noted that urban block north of Queens Parade generally has better access to laneways, predominantly from local streets.



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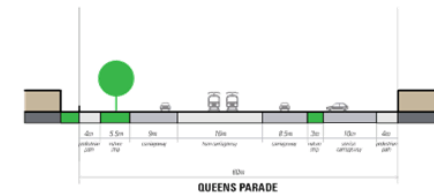
Pedestrian Links

- The Clifton Hill railway station is located on the eastern side of Hoddle Street and pedestrian connections are available from Turnbull Street, or the pedestrian underpass across Heidelberg Road.
- Signalised pedestrian crossings are available at regular intervals east of Queens Parade between Smith Street and Rushall Crescent to facilitate pedestrian connection to existing median tram stops.
- Due to level changes and width of Queens Parade, there is limited north – south pedestrian movement.

Built Form Implication

Critical observations and built form implications include:

- Streets within the Study Area could generally be categorised into 3 characters:
 - Main road character: typified by Alexandra Parade, Hoddle Street, Heidelberg Road, Brunswick Street, Smith Street and the eastern part of Queens Parade.
 - Boulevard character: typified by the western part of Queens Parade.
 - Residential character: typified by other local streets with wide verges and nature strips.
- A well proportioned street wall to street width ratio could assist in establishing a consistent sense of enclosure, or encourage a sense of open streetscape to foster a more urban, high quality pedestrian amenity and legible public spaces where appropriate.
- Redevelopment potential can be enhanced with the provision of rear access via laneways. This is difficult to realise within the core of the NAC.



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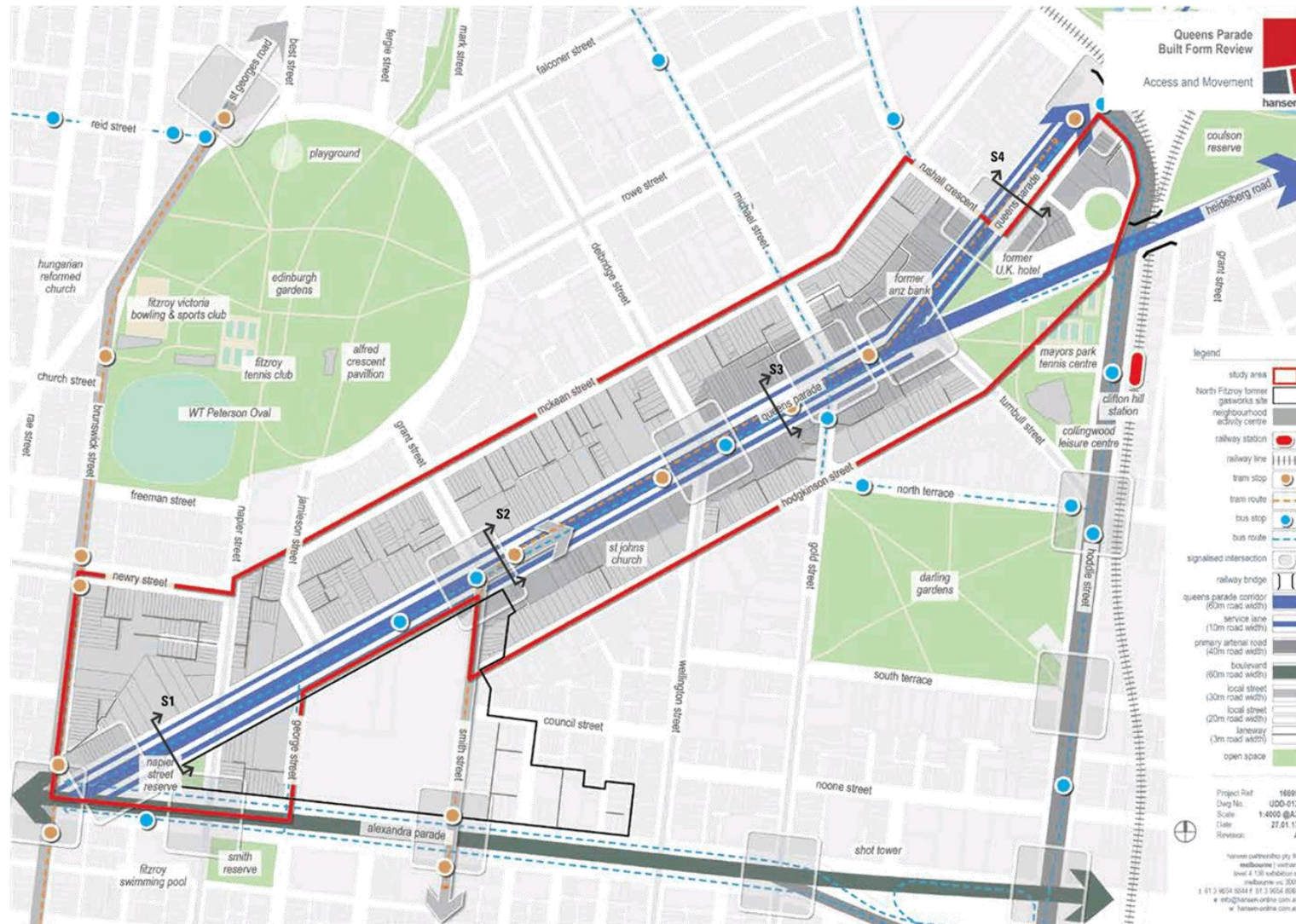


Figure 13: Access and Movement Map

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3.0 Built Form Character Areas

Existing Character Areas

Based on the preceding contextual analysis and the subsequent built form implications, the following precincts within the Study Area have been identified based on distinctive built form characteristics. Figure 14 identifies the extent of each of the precincts, and potential constraints and opportunities:

Precinct 1: Brunswick Street Precinct

Precinct 1 defines the south western corner of Queens Parade, anchored by the high quality heritage corner building which demarcates the entrance to Queens Parade and North Fitzroy more broadly. It currently comprises fine grain, low rise (1-2 storey) attached heritage fronting Brunswick Street and Queens Parade. Some buildings are setback from the streets to accommodate small front gardens or terraces, with primary open space and some car parking are accommodated within the rear backyards, abutting rear laneway.

Recent development at 496-500 Brunswick Street (a Strategic Redevelopment Site known as 'Aquila'), is up to 6 storeys in scale. It is a contemporary mixed use form with a 2 storey street wall and recessive upper levels behind, with car parking contained within the basement level.

Constraints

- Limited growth potential on fine grain sites given heritage value and narrow frontage widths.
- Heritage significance will strongly influence (and may restrict) future development outcome both on heritage listed sites and adjacent land.
- Notable heritage building demarcating the important corner sites should retain primacy at junctions.
- Impact on long range views to designated landmarks (ie, The Hungarian Church) and the broader low rise Yarra townscape.

Opportunities

- Strengthen and retain the traditional facade height and setbacks.
- Modest change accommodated on small allotments behind heritage form.
- Refurbishment and protection of heritage buildings, including frontages.
- Given the heritage values, subdivision grain and intactness of the precinct, further review of the land use and zone regime applied for this land.
- Shape development form so that it does not substantially intervene into key viewlines from local streets and the Edinburgh Gardens.

Precinct 2: Boulevard Precinct

Precinct 2 primarily comprises domestic and remnant industrial/ warehouse allotments. A number of contemporary townhouse and apartments of 3- 5 storeys contribute to a new 'renewal' character on the north side of Queens Parade, while responding to prevailing low rise residential surrounds (within Heritage Overlay). The existing Art Deco facade associated with the former K.G. Luke Pty Ltd. Electro plate manufacturers factory (part) at 26 Queens Parade defines the character of this precinct. Precinct 2 is hemmed in by low scale heritage forms to the north and west, which sits within the Fitzroy North heritage precinct (H0327).

Properties fronting Queens Parade are generally low to mid-rise, supporting the boulevard image of the corridor and associated established avenue planting. Avenue trees and the adjacent service road along Queens Parade create a strong streetscape character that is different to the more open and exposed Alexandra Parade condition.

Constraints

- Limited or no future opportunity on existing medium density development sites.
- Ensure a compatible scale transition to adjacent fine grained residential areas.
- Ensure the intensity and image of the Heritage Overlay intact heritage residential streetscape characters along Newry and McKean Streets.
- Limit the profile of new development in the skyline and retain attractive long range views to the CBD to the south.
- Shape development form so that it does not substantially intervene into key viewlines from local streets and the Edinburgh Gardens.
- Ensure new development does not overwhelm, or diminish the civic quality of Queens Parade boulevard.
- Recognise the absence of rear laneways to facilitate vehicular access away from Queens Parade.

Opportunities

- Continue the contemporary built form character established by recent 5-6 storey infill that is respectful of its heritage context.
- Strengthen the street wall height datum established by existing heritage street walls.
- Opportunity for taller development shaped so as to limit the extent of overshadowing of the Queens Parade avenue and other local open space including the Napier Street reserve.
- Ensure visual dominance of the street trees in Queens Parade to maintain a 'boulevard' effect and a unifying character along its southern extent despite the widely varied existing building stock.
- Realise improved activation to Queens Parade south and define a 'continuous' address and uniform 'infill' format to the north side of the streetscape.



Precinct 1B: Brunswick Street Precinct, Queens Parade



Precinct 2A: Boulevard Precinct, Queens Parade

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Existing Character Areas

Precinct 3: St John's Precinct

Precinct 3 is primarily dominated by residential use fronting Queens Parade and the St John's Baptist Church complex but also includes a defined commercial cluster of the terminus of Smith Street. The prominence of the St John's Baptist Church spire is a key visual landmark within this precinct given its position on high ground (around Delbridge and Wellington Streets).

Existing built form is generally low-rise (up to 3 storeys) and varied in both typology and architectural era including Victorian, Edwardian, Art Deco, large format commercial forms and some recent contemporary medium density residential construction (primarily at the north western section of Precinct 3).

The streetscape presentation of this part of Queens Parade is 'open' given an absence of the double avenue plantings. However, the provision of central median tram track limits north - south movement and reinforces a sense of separation between the north and south sides of the street.

Constraints

- Inconsistent street wall facade due to varied setbacks.
- Limited future change on residential zoned land (acknowledged by Neighbourhood Residential Zone).
- Protection of unobstructed key view lines to St John's Baptist Church spire.
- Low scale, domestic attached and detached heritage buildings define character of this part of the corridor.

Opportunities

- Relate to and retain existing heritage buildings.
- Provide scale transition between potential future development at the North Fitzroy Gaswork Site (south) and the St John's Baptist Church complex.



Precinct 4: Activity Centre Precinct, Queens Parade

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Precinct 4 comprises a more consistent fine grain streetscape of Victorian and Edwardian shopfronts of 1-3 storey scale and bookended by notable heritage corner forms. The heritage streetscape is relatively intact, with limited recent alterations.

The former ANZ Bank (370 Queens Parade) represents a prominent heritage form in the streetscape, framing the change in Queens Parade alignment and terminating view line along Turnbull Street.

Rear laneways and mid block allotments exist behind some of the heritage forms to the north and south, providing vehicular access to private car parking and garages to commercial and residential lots.

The streetscape experience along this part of Queens Parade is generally open given the absence of the double avenue plantings and low scale heritage forms. The role, however, of the tram line continues to separate the north and south side of the corridor.

Constraints

- Limited change of fine grain sites given heritage values and narrow frontage widths, with only occasional laneway access.
- Heritage significance will strongly influence (and may restrict) future development both on heritage listed sites and adjacent land.
- Potential loss of fine grain subdivision grain through lot consolidation.
- The exposure and visibility of future additions behind/ above traditional street walls given the width of Queens Parade.
- The need to ensure a sympathetic scale transition to adjacent fine grained residential areas behind.

Opportunities

- Compliment and connect the street wall height datum established by existing heritage street walls.
- A modest degree of change could be accommodated on small allotments, but to be subservient to main heritage facade.
- Realise partial activation of the rear laneway and back of house areas.
- Restore and repair traditional street walls and other features of heritage buildings.
- Highlight viewlines to corner heritage buildings.

Precinct 5: North Eastern Precinct

Precinct 5 is recognised as a partial 'island' precinct given its location surrounded by three major roads (Queens Parade, Hoddle Street and Heidelberg Road) and set behind layers of service roads.

The existing fabric of low scale showrooms and commercial buildings fronting Queens Parade, Hoddle Street and Dummett Crescent (service road) has the capacity to change given its zone and locational attributes. There is a consistent street wall presentation along Queens Parade but a more ad-hoc presentation along Dummett Crescent, which currently perceived as the 'back of house' to the urban block.

Art Deco buildings define the heritage character of this precinct, in particular to the west with the Former United Kingdom Hotel (currently McDonald's) demarcating the important junction between Queens Parade and Heidelberg Road.

Recent development approvals (unconstructed) demonstrate the precinct's capacity to accommodate change, befitting of its strategic location proximity to public transport hub (Clifton Hill Station), recreational facilities (Mayors Park) and an absence of immediate sensitive residential abutments.

Constraints

- The vast openness of the junction limits the capacity to demarcate the gateway.
- The potential impact on the amenity of key open spaces.
- Poor activation and address at ground level fronting both Queens Parade, Heidelberg Road and Hoddle Street.
- Unusual subdivision pattern and lot shapes and sizes.
- The abuttal to major road and bridge infrastructure.
- Maintaining the presence of notable corner heritage building demarcating the important corner site.
- Ensuring an acceptable transition to existing heritage forms.

Opportunities

- Refine a visual and contemporary height datum to the junction and transition down to the existing heritage street wall.
- Exposure to Hoddle Street (and ramps), Heidelberg Road and further north beyond the creek corridor.
- Opportunity for future growth to the north part of the precinct, with limited impact.
- Establish a built edge to Hoddle Street that serves as a landmark feature into the City of Yarra at the Municipal boundary.
- Restore heritage facades and establish infill that can activate an isolated parcel.

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Figure 14: Built Form Character Areas Map

3.0 Built Form Character Areas

Built Form Framework Concept

Key Elements Influencing the Future Built Form Character

The following preferred future character statements set out the urban form ambitions for each of the defined built form precincts as identified, influenced by localised existing and emerging contextual parameters, including:

- Strategic context,
- Heritage significance,
- Key view lines,
- Streetscape characters, and
- Amenity impacts.

Statement of Intent

Queens Parade is a key diagonal boulevard in Yarra's north east which defines a critical undulating passage through Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy on approach to Yarra's traditional main road grid (comprising Alexandra Parade, Smith Street, Brunswick Street).

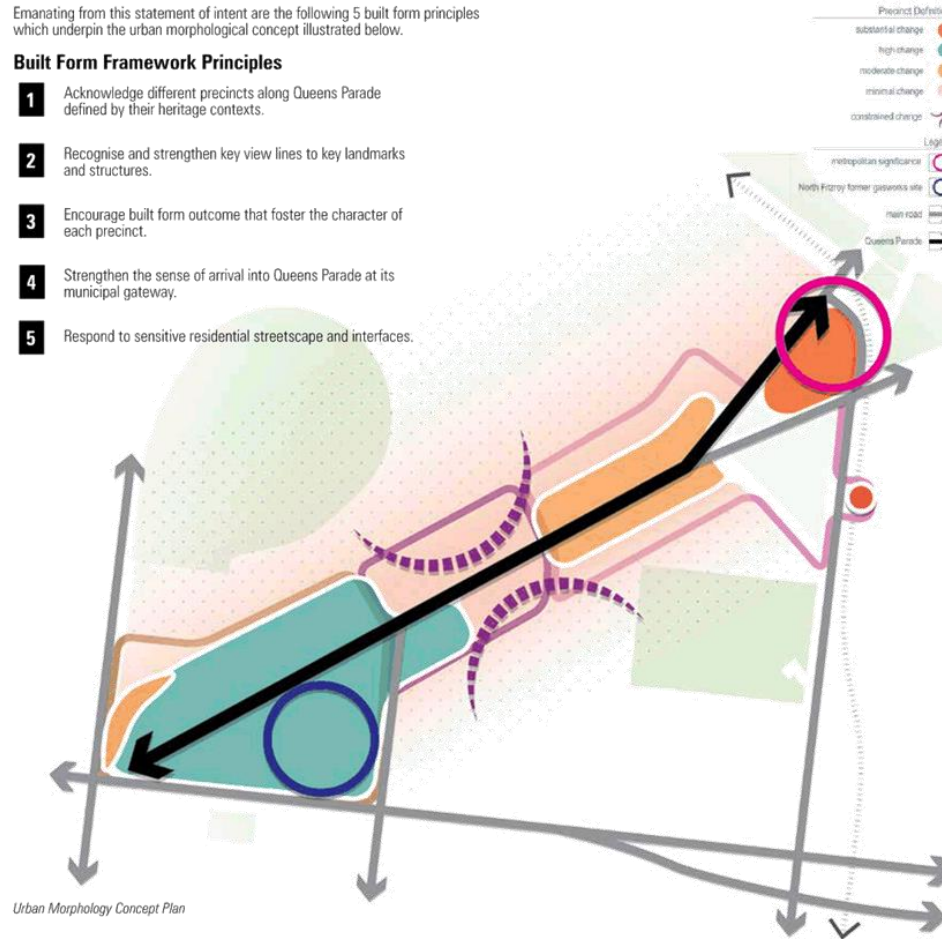
In response to typically varied fabric of the corridor (comprising Neighbourhood Activity Centre, Strategic Redevelopment Sites and established heritage residential neighbourhoods) **the future profile of the Parade will build on its very diversity.** This includes:

- Notable high density development in a concentrated cluster to the north east at the major metropolitan junction with Hoddle Street.
- Moderate evolution of the Clifton Hill NAC commercial precinct that supports protection of its valued heritage frontage.
- Strengthening of the Parade's boulevard qualities at the south western precincts, reinforced by mid rise development that respects the skyline profile of Yarra's heritage context.
- Reinforcing the integrity of traditional (heritage) residential subdivision and building stock typically on rising land around St John's Baptist Church in the 'neck' of the corridor.

Emanating from this statement of intent are the following 5 built form principles which underpin the urban morphological concept illustrated below.

Built Form Framework Principles

- 1** Acknowledge different precincts along Queens Parade defined by their heritage contexts.
- 2** Recognise and strengthen key view lines to key landmarks and structures.
- 3** Encourage built form outcome that foster the character of each precinct.
- 4** Strengthen the sense of arrival into Queens Parade at its municipal gateway.
- 5** Respond to sensitive residential streetscape and interfaces.



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Preferred Future Character

The simple proposition put in this Built Form Review is to strengthen the very diversity of the Queens Parade corridor and recognise the starkly different spatial qualities and characteristics found in the defined 5 precincts. The findings of this Review suggests that such a response can support very considerable opportunities for consolidation in different built form models, namely as taller, high rise form at the northern metropolitan junction, as discrete infill above shops within the traditional NAC, in very limited formats within heritage residential areas and the St John's threshold, and as more robust mid rise form derived from its former industrial fabric around the Boulevard to the south. In this 'vision context', the following 5 preferred character statements are proposed (refer to Figure 15).

Precinct 1: Brunswick Street Precinct

Moderate infill setback behind fine grained heritage frontages.

Properties fronting Brunswick Street and turning the corner to Queens Parade will continue to be defined by fine grained low scaled heritage buildings with the opportunity for moderate future infill behind the main heritage frontage, supported by rear lane access. The heritage building on the corner of Brunswick Street and Queens Parade should retain primacy.

Summary of preferred outcome

- Anticipated change: moderate
- Preferred typology: low rise infill (maximum building height: 3 storey, or 9m) on properties fronting Brunswick Street and Queens Parade (typical).

Precinct 2: Boulevard Precinct

Consolidated midrise infill addressing the boulevard and its sensitive heritage context.

The designated strategic redevelopment site and other large (former industrial and warehouse) parcels fronting either side of Queens Parade will realise consolidated infill that reinforces the strong heritage and boulevard character of the streetscape with a transition down to the established surrounding heritage neighbourhood. The profile of redevelopment will complement Yarra's acknowledged heritage skyline and be sensitive to views from Newry Street and the Edinburgh Gardens.

Summary of preferred outcome

- Anticipated change: high and minimal (on developed sites)
- Preferred typology: midrise infill (maximum building height: 10 storeys, or 31m) on strategic redevelopment site.

Precinct 3: St John's Precinct

Mixed residential heritage fabric with renewal and infill potential at the Smith Street junction.

The varied pattern of subdivision to either side of Queens Parade as it rises to St John's Baptist Church will retain a consistent heritage character, with a discrete opportunity for moderate consolidated change at the Smith Street junction. Redevelopment of this commercial precinct will be shaped by its relationship to the adjoining Former Gasworks Site and an effective transition to south and east residential land, while retaining the primacy of the St John's Church landmark.

Summary of preferred outcome

- Anticipated change: moderate and minimal (in heritage residential areas)
- Preferred typology: midrise infill (maximum building height: 5 storeys, or 16m) on Commercial zoned land.

Precinct 4: Activity Centre Precinct

Recessive upper level redevelopment behind a diverse heritage commercial streetscape.

The diverse arrangement of heritage buildings (varied eras, scale, subdivision grain and profile) in the Queens Parade, Clifton Hill NAC will be retained as the predominant feature, with the potential for recessive upper level redevelopment. Sympathetic upper level infill will reinforce the subdivision grain of the streetscape and transition down to residential abutments to the rear. The profile of upper level redevelopment should acknowledge the importance of significant heritage corner forms.

Summary of preferred outcome

- Anticipated change: moderate
- Preferred typology: mid rise infill (maximum building height: 4 storey, or 13m).

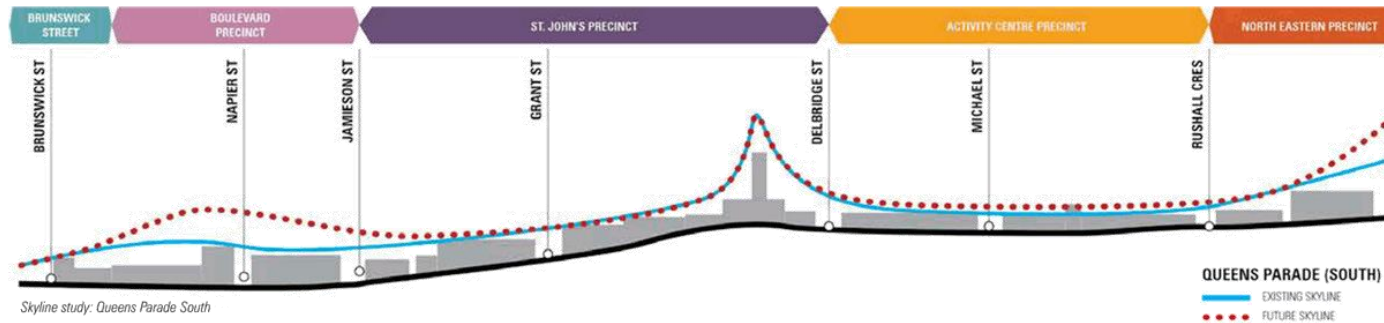
Precinct 5: North Eastern Precinct

Concentrated high and mid-rise form on an island precinct defining the Municipal threshold.

The discrete pocket of mixed use land bound by Queens Parade, Heidelberg Road and Hoddle Street serves as a junction of Metropolitan presence and will accommodate taller, contemporary form on larger unencumbered sites (heritage and residential abuttal). Commensurate with its subdivision grain, development opportunity and form will transition down to the south west with regard for individually significant heritage buildings. Land to the north east of Dummett Crescent will define a new urban character of taller forms contributing to the Yarra skyline.

Summary of preferred outcome

- Anticipated change: high and substantial (at Hoddle Street junction)
- Preferred typology: midrise infill (maximum building height: 10 storeys, or 31m) south of Dummett Crescent and high rise infill (maximum building height: 14 storey, or 43m) north of Dummett Crescent.



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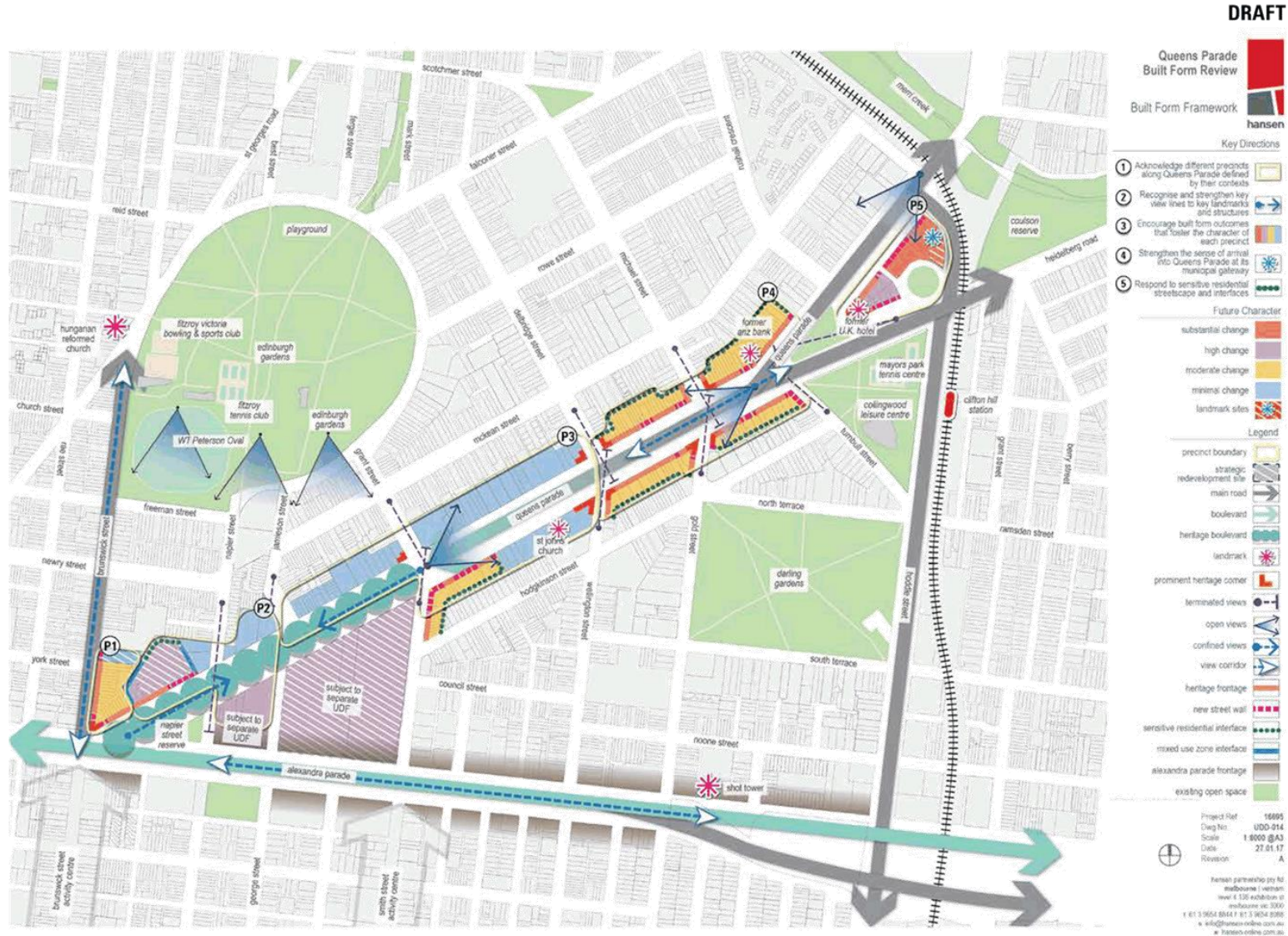
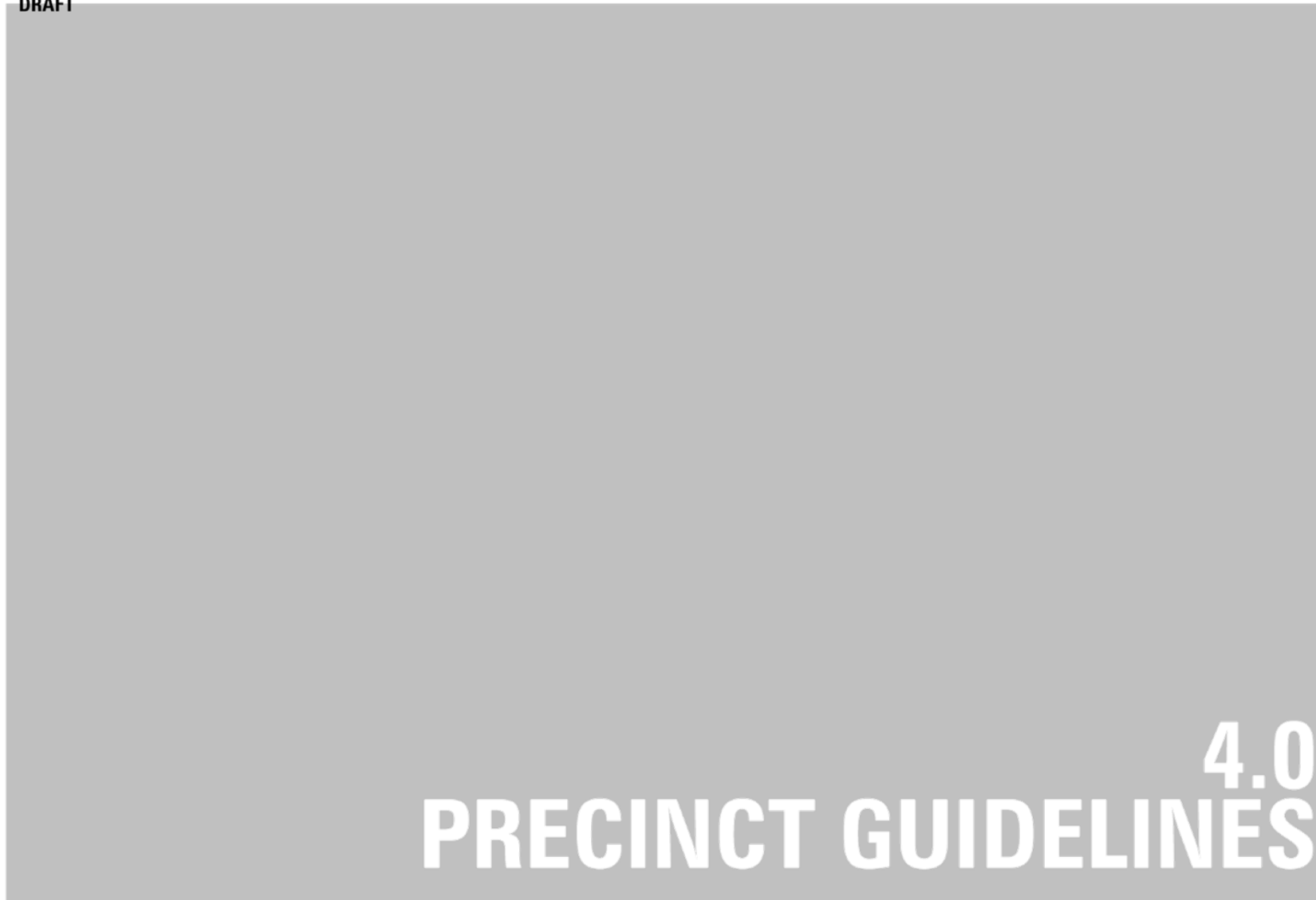


Figure 15: Built Form Framework Map

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4.0 Precinct Guidelines

- A range of specific built form recommendations and design guidelines have been developed for specific precincts.
- It should be noted that a number of precincts contained recently constructed development therefore future design guidance and recommendations are limited.
- Furthermore, sites such as the North Fitzroy Former Gasworks Site future built form guidelines are contained within the existing adopted Urban Design Frameworks (2008).
- Residential areas predominantly within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone are covered by Heritage Overlay controls, noting the combination of this zone and overlay dictates limited change and low scaled complementary development. Therefore specific design guidance and directions are not required.
- Based on the above assumptions, built form guidelines and recommendations will focus on the following 5 precincts, where future development change is anticipated and requires specific consideration and design guidance:
 - Precinct 1B;
 - Precinct 2A;
 - Precinct 3A;
 - Precinct 4; and
 - Precinct 5 (including 5A and 5B)

Refer to Precinct and Sub-Precinct Boundaries Map (Figure 16)

Summary of Built Form Guidelines				
Precincts	Sub-Precincts	Anticipated Change	Preferred Typology	Maximum Building Heights
Precinct 1: Brunswick Street Precinct <i>Moderate infill setback behind fine grained heritage frontages.</i>	1A	minimal	retain existing	retain existing
	1B	moderate	low rise infill	3 storeys, or 9m and 4 storeys, or 12m
Precinct 2: Boulevard Precinct <i>Consolidated midrise infill addressing the boulevard and its sensitive heritage context.</i>	2A	high	mid rise infill	10 storeys, or 31m
	2B	minimal	retain existing	retain existing
	2C	high	mid rise infill	20m- 30m (refer to adopted UDF)
Precinct 3: St John's Precinct <i>Mixed residential heritage fabric with renewal and infill potential at the Smith Street junction.</i>	3A	moderate	mid rise infill	5 storeys, or 16m
	3B	minimal	retain existing	retain existing
Precinct 4: Activity Centre Precinct <i>Recessive upper level redevelopment behind a diverse heritage commercial streetscape.</i>	4	moderate	mid rise infill	4 storeys, or 13m
Precinct 5: North Eastern Precinct <i>Concentrated high and mid-rise form on an island precinct defining the Municipal threshold.</i>	5A	high	mid rise infill	10 storeys, or 31m
	5B	substantial	high rise	14 storeys, or 43m

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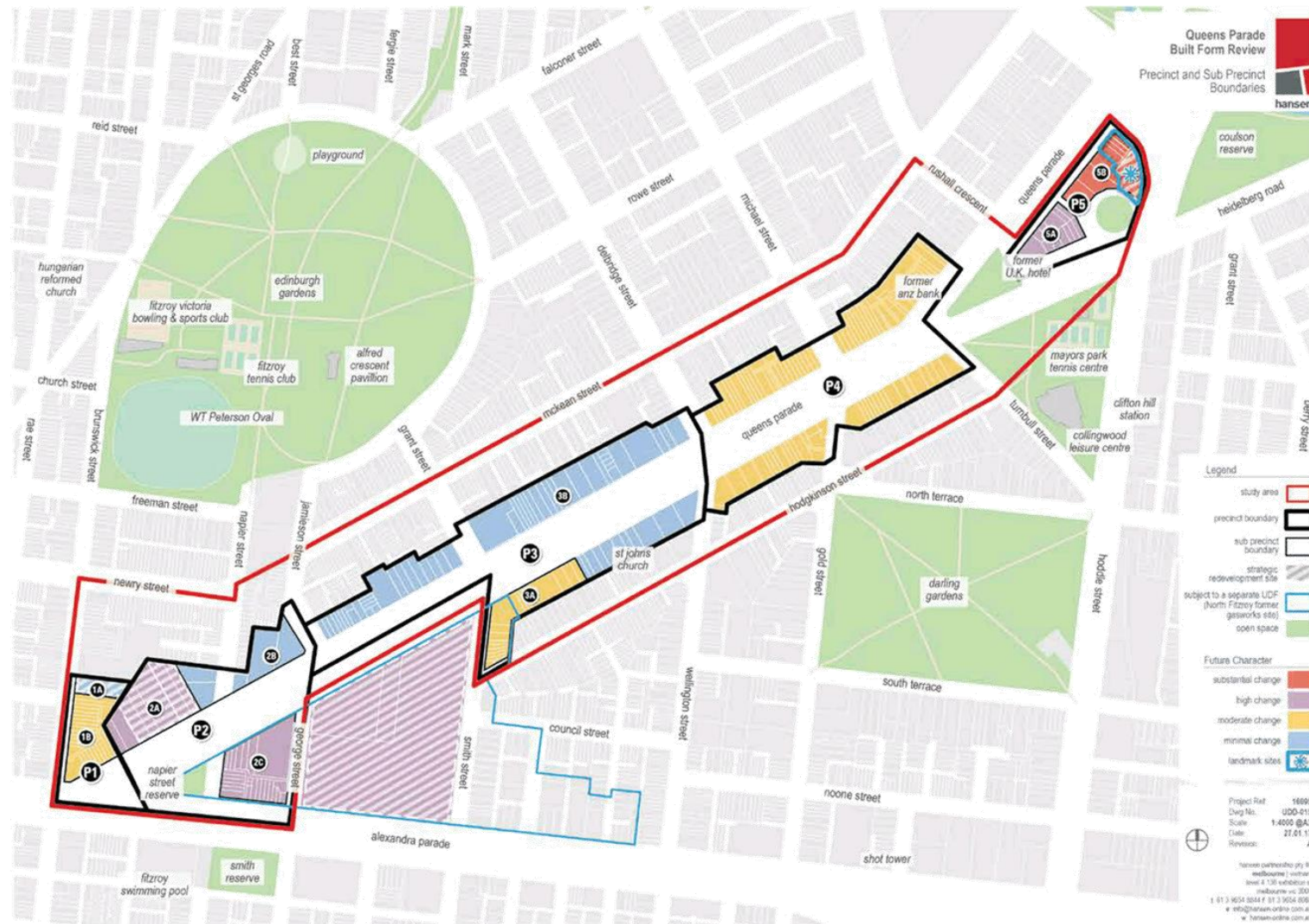


Figure 16: Precinct And Sub-Precinct Boundaries Map

4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 1: Brunswick Street

Moderate infill setback behind fine grained heritage frontages.

Preferred Character Statement for Precinct 1

Properties fronting Brunswick Street and turning the corner to Queens Parade will continue to be defined by fine grained low scaled heritage buildings with the opportunity for moderate future infill behind the main heritage frontage, supported by rear lane access. The heritage building on the corner of Brunswick Street and Queens Parade should retain primacy.

Anticipated change: moderate

Preferred typology: low rise infill

Maximum building height: 3 storeys, or 9m on properties fronting Brunswick Street and Queens Parade. 4 storeys, or 12m on infill site with primary frontage onto existing laneway.

Precinct 1B

Built Form Objectives

- To encourage moderate infill development that is setback behind the traditional street frontage of Brunswick Street and Queens Parade that respects the prevailing streetscape character and subdivision grain (Clause 21.05).
- To reinforce the heritage value of the precinct and support the retention of the traditional street frontages, including street setbacks, facades and subdivision pattern (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.10).
- To retain the primacy of the significant heritage form on the Brunswick Street and Queens Parade corner (Clause 22.02).
- To encourage future vehicle access and services be provided off rear laneway (Clause 22.07).
- To ensure visually recessive, high quality and sympathetic upper level elevations that are exposed to the public domain (Clause 22.10).

(Refer to Figure 17: Precincts 1 & 2 Framework Plan)

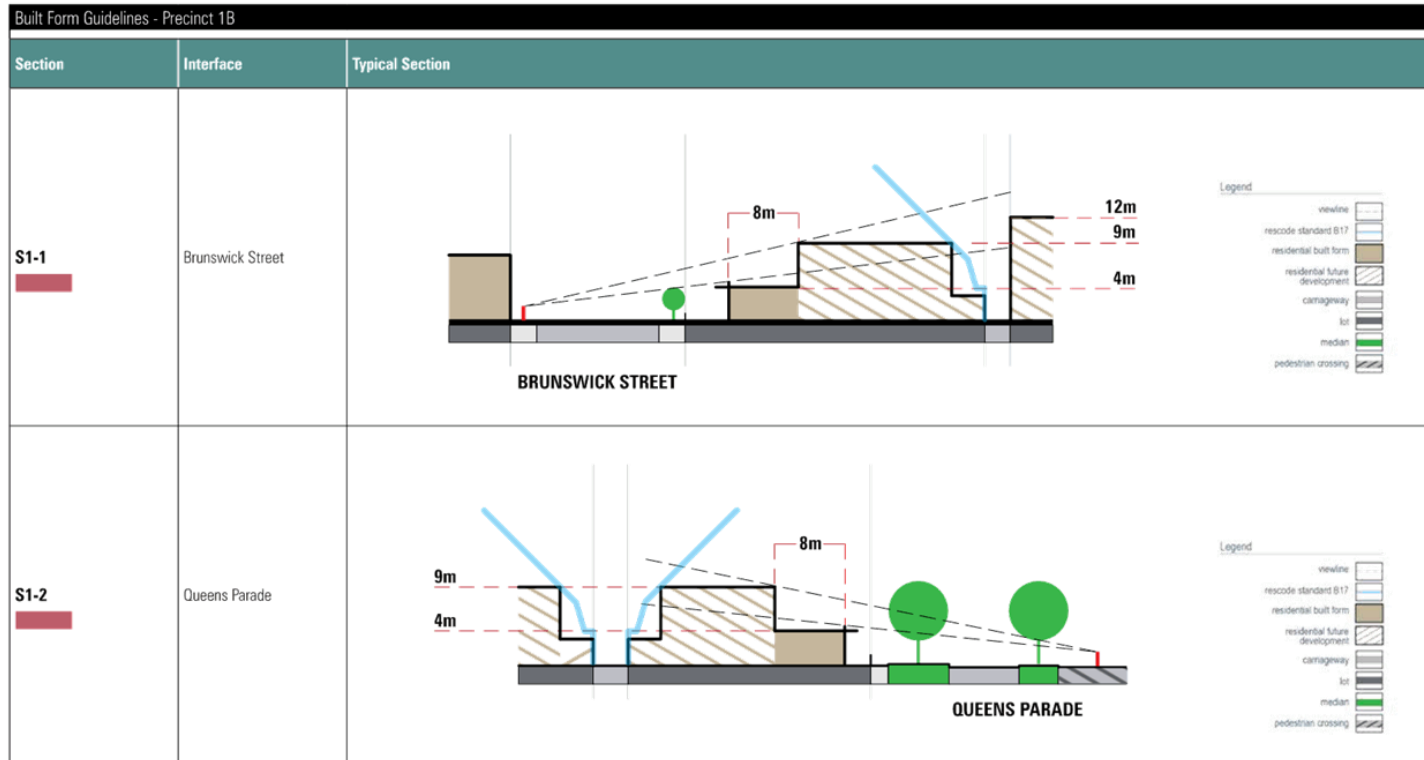
Built Form Guidelines- Precinct 1B		
Built Form Elements	Requirements	Objectives
Building height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 storeys/ 9m (mandatory maximum) for properties fronting Brunswick Street and Queens Parade. • 4 storeys/ 12m (mandatory maximum) for infill site with primary frontage onto existing laneway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise a moderate mixed use redevelopment that respects the heritage and streetscape value of the precinct.
Facade height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing (mandatory). • Development adjoining the individually significant corner building should match the parapet height of that building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reinforce the heritage values of the precinct. • To support the realisation of amenable mixed use redevelopment behind the traditional frontage.
Front setback <i>Refer to Sections 1-1 and 1-2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing (mandatory). • Development adjoining the individually significant corner building should match the setback of that building. 	
Upper level front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8m behind the heritage façade/ street wall (mandatory minimum). 	
Setback(s) from side boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResCode Standard B17. 	
Setback(s) from rear boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResCode Standard B17. 	

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4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precincts 1B: Typical Interface



4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 2: Boulevard Precinct

Consolidated midrise infill addressing the boulevard and its sensitive heritage context.

Preferred Character Statement for Precinct 2

The designated strategic redevelopment site and other large (former industrial and warehouse) parcels fronting either side of Queens Parade will realise consolidated infill that reinforces the strong heritage and boulevard character of the streetscape with a transition down to the established surrounding heritage neighbourhood. The profile of redevelopment will complement Yarra's acknowledged heritage skyline and be sensitive to views from Newry Street and the Edinburgh Gardens.

Anticipated change: high

Preferred typology: midrise infill

Maximum building height: 10 storeys, or 31m

Precinct 2A

Built Form Objectives

- To encourage redevelopment of the land and adaptive reuse of the former 'K.G. Luke Pty Ltd. Electro plate manufacturers factory (part)' in any redevelopment of the site (Clause 21.04, 21.05, 21.08, 22.02, 22.10).
- To support greater development intensity (high change) that contributes positively to the urban character of Fitzroy North (Clause 21.04, 21.05, 21.08).
- To retain, enhance and incorporate the existing heritage street wall into redevelopment of the site to realise a consistent parapet effect along the streetscape (Clause 22.02)
- To ensure that new development does not diminish, or detract from the heritage values of the boulevard streetscape, the heritage street wall and the heritage trees along Queens Parade (Clause 22.02, 22.10).
- To moderate the prominence of development above the street wall with respect to long range panoramic and streetscape views and the Yarra skyline from the Edinburgh Gardens (H0213) and Newry Street (H0327-Fitzroy North Precinct) (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.10).
- To ensure appropriate transition in building scale across the site having regard to existing and preferred future format of land to the north and west (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.08).
- To recognise the discrete size and format of local development in the makeup of redevelopment as a series of parts, separated by links and/or connection through the site (Clause 22.10).
- To establish new 'urban grain' to Queens Parade which reflects surrounding streetscape patterns, including a series of separate development parts (Clause 21.04, 21.05, 21.08, 22.10).
- To ensure adequate solar access is provided to the Queens Parade boulevard and the adjoining Napier Street Reserve (Clause 22.10).

(Refer to Figure 17: Precincts 1 & 2 Framework Plan)


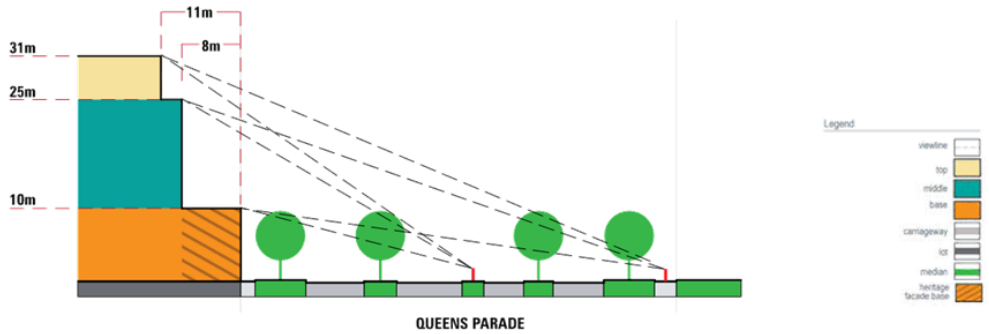

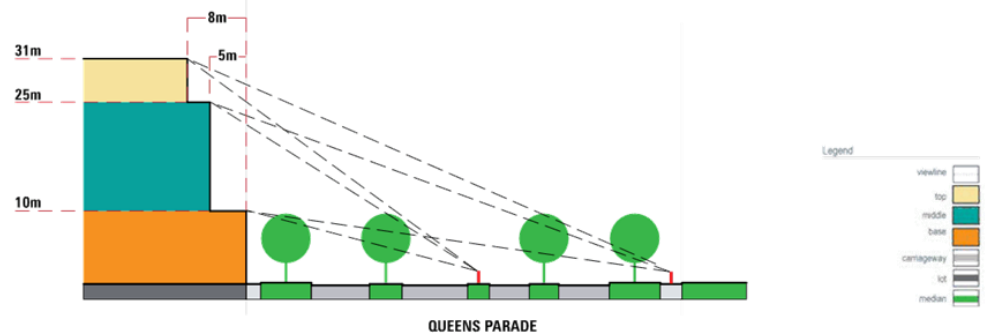
Built Form Guidelines - Precinct 2A		
Built Form Elements	Requirements	Objectives
Building height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 storeys/ 31m (mandatory maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise consolidated infill that reinforces the strong heritage and boulevard character of the streetscape. • To ensure that projections above the street wall are not dominant in the skyline when viewed from Newry Street and the Edinburgh Gardens. • To ensure adequate solar access to the Queens Parade boulevard and the adjoining Napier Street Reserve at the equinox (09.00-15.00). • To ensure a gradual transition in development scale to the north and west.
Facade height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing heritage facade (mandatory) • Where there is no existing heritage facade: 3 storey/10m (mandatory maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To incorporate the existing heritage street wall into redevelopment of the site and establish a consistent parapet along the streetscape. • To ensure the primacy of the landscape boulevard within the Queens Parade viewshed.
Front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing heritage facade (mandatory) • Where there is no existing heritage facade: 0m up to 3 storeys/ 10m (mandatory). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure new development does not detract from the heritage values of the boulevard streetscape, the heritage street wall and the heritage trees along Queens Parade.
Upper level front setback <i>Refer to Section 2-1</i>	<p>Above existing heritage facade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8m above 3 storeys (mandatory minimum); and • 11m above 8 storeys (discretionary) <p>Above new street wall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5m above 3 storey to 8 storey (mandatory minimum) • 8 metres above 8 storeys (discretionary) 	
Setback(s) from side/rear boundaries – North and North West (NRZ and GRZ) <i>Refer to Section 2-4</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResCode Standard B17 measured from rear boundary of adjoining properties (mandatory minimum); • 45° angle above 3 storeys up to 8 storeys (mandatory minimum); and • 30m from the boundary above 8 storeys (mandatory minimum). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise an appropriate interface arrangement and minimise visual bulk and mass when viewed from neighbouring properties. • To avoid repetitive stepped form within the 45° profile. • To ensure the heritage and streetscape character of Newry Street is not compromised.
Setback(s) from side/rear boundaries – East (NRZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0m to match party wall of existing adjoining development up to 3 storeys/ 10 metres • 45° angle above 3 storeys up to 8 storeys; and • 30m from the boundary above 8 storeys. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise an appropriate interface arrangement and minimise visual bulk and mass when viewed from neighbouring properties. • To avoid repetitive stepped form within the 45° profile. • To ensure adequate amenity to existing apartments located to the east.
Setback(s) from side boundary – East (MUZ) <i>Refer to Section 2-3</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0m to match party wall of existing adjoining development. • 9m from the windows/ balconies of adjoining apartments up to 5 storeys (mandatory minimum). • 15m above 5 storeys (mandatory minimum). 	
Setback(s) from side/rear boundaries – West and North (MUZ) <i>Refer to Section 2-5</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0m to match party wall of existing adjoining development to the west, or 3 storeys/ 10m where there is no party wall; • 45° angle above 3 storeys up to 8 storeys (mandatory minimum); and • 45° angle above 8 storeys (preferred minimum). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise an appropriate interface arrangement and minimise visual bulk and mass when viewed from neighbouring properties. • To avoid repetitive stepped form within the 45° profile. • To ensure adequate amenity to existing apartments located to the north west. • To ensure a gradual transition in development scale to the north and west.

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4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 2A: Typical Interfaces

Built Form Guidelines - Precinct 2A		
Section	Interface	Typical Section
<p>S2-1</p> 	<p>Queens Parade (With Heritage Facade)</p>	 <p>Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> viewline top middle base carriageway lot median heritage facade base
<p>S2-2</p> 	<p>Queens Parade (New Street Wall)</p>	 <p>Legend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> viewline top middle base carriageway lot median

4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 2A: Typical Interfaces

Built Form Guidelines - Precinct 2A		
Section	Interface	Typical Section
S2-3	Mixed Use Zone Interface (East)	<p>31m 15m 16m 58-72 Queens Parade (Precinct 2B)</p> <p>Legend: viewline top middle base residential built form</p>
S2-4	Residential Zone Interface (North)	<p>To avoid repetitive stepped form within the 45° profile</p> <p>30m 31m 25m 10m</p> <p>NEWRY STREET COLEMAN STREET</p> <p>Legend: viewline rescode standard B17 residential built form residential future development top middle base carriageway sid median</p>
S2-5	Mixed Use Zone Interface (West)	<p>To avoid repetitive stepped form within the 45° profile</p> <p>21m 15m 31m 25m 10m 45° (Precinct 1B)</p> <p>Legend: viewline rescode standard B17 residential built form top middle base</p>

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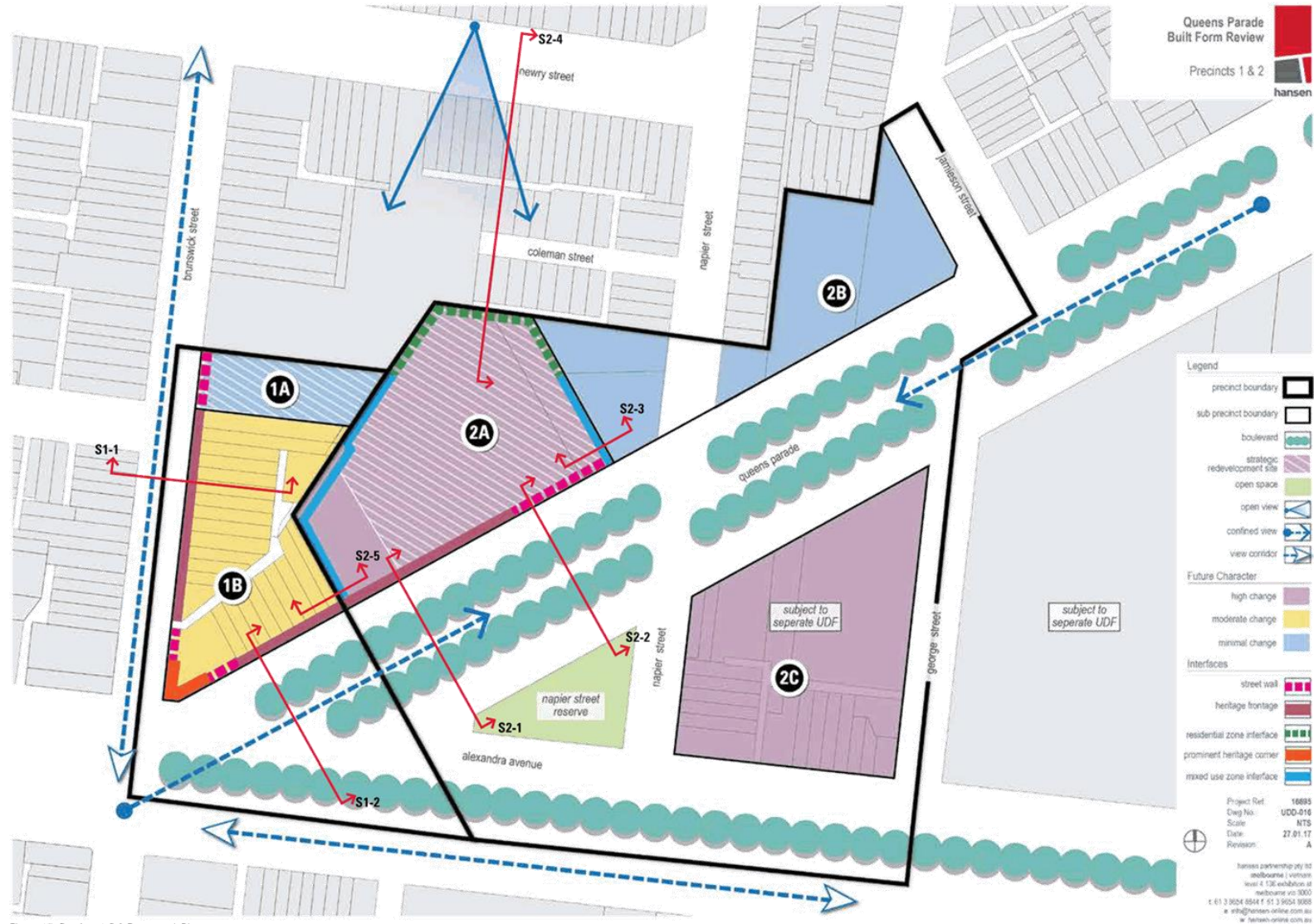


Figure 17: Precinct 1 & 2 Framework Plan

4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 3: St John's Precinct

Mixed residential heritage fabric with renewal and infill potential at the Smith Street junction.

Preferred Character Statement for Precinct 3

The varied pattern of subdivision on either side of Queens Parade as it rises to St John's Baptist Church will retain a consistent heritage character, with a discrete opportunity for moderate consolidated change at the Smith Street junction. Redevelopment of this commercial precinct will be shaped by its relationship to the adjoining Former Gasworks Site and an effective transition to south and east residential land, while retaining the primacy of the St John's Church landmark.

Anticipated change: moderate

Preferred typology: midrise infill

Maximum building height: 5 storeys, or 16m for commercial zone areas.

Precinct 3A

Built Form Objectives

- To support greater development intensity (moderate change) that contributes positively to the urban character of Clifton Hill (Clause 21.04, 21.05 21.08).
- To support infill redevelopment on larger parcels that defines the Smith Street junction with a transition away from the Former Gasworks Site (west) (Clause 21.04).
- To setback building frontages to maintain the visual prominence and primacy of the St Johns complex (Clause 22.02, 22.03, 22.10).
- To reinforce the heritage value of the precinct and support the retention of the traditional street frontages, including street setbacks, facades and subdivision pattern (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.10).
- To ensure appropriate transition in building scale across the site having regard to existing format of land to the south and east (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.08).
- To encourage future vehicle access and services be provided off existing or continuing rear laneways (Clause 22.07).
- To ensure high quality and sympathetic upper level elevations that are exposed to the public domain (Clause 22.10).

(Refer to Figure 18: Precinct 3 Framework Plan)

Built Form Guidelines- Precinct 3A		
Built Form Elements	Requirements	Objectives
Building height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 storeys/ 16m (mandatory maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise a moderate infill redevelopment that respects the heritage and streetscape value of the precinct.
Facade height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing for contributory sites (mandatory) • 3 storeys for non- contributory sites (mandatory maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reinforce the heritage values of the precinct, including the traditional street wall. • To retain views to the St John's complex. • To ensure a suitable transition to residential land to south and east.
Front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing for contributory sites (mandatory) • 0m for non- contributory sites (mandatory) 	
Upper level front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8m from the façade line (mandatory minimum) 	
Setback(s) from side boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0m 	
Setback(s) from rear boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResCode Standard B17 	

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4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 4: Activity Centre Precinct

Recessive upper level redevelopment behind a diverse heritage commercial streetscape.

Preferred Character Statement for Precinct 4

The diverse arrangement of heritage buildings (varied eras, scale, subdivision grain and profile) in the Queens Parade, Clifton Hill NAC will be retained as the predominant feature, with the potential for recessive upper level redevelopment. Sympathetic upper level infill will reinforce the subdivision grain of the streetscape and transition down to residential abutments to the rear. The profile of upper level redevelopment should acknowledge the importance of significant heritage corner forms.

Anticipated change: moderate

Preferred typology: mid rise infill

Maximum building height: 4 storeys, or 13m

Precinct 4

Built Form Objectives

- To reinforce the heritage value of the precinct and support the retention of the traditional street frontages, including street setbacks, facades and subdivision pattern (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.10).
- To retain the primacy of the significant heritage forms on Queens Parade (Clause 22.02).
- To support infill development behind the traditional street wall that contributes positively to the urban character of the Clifton Hill NAC (Clause 21.04, 21.05 21.08).
- To retain heritage frontages to maintain the visual prominence and primacy of the St Johns complex and other significant heritage buildings within the NAC (Clause 22.02, 22.03, 22.10).
- To ensure appropriate transition in building scale across the site having regard to existing format of land to the north and south (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.08).
- To encourage future vehicle access and services be provided off existing or continuing rear laneways (Clause 22.07).
- To ensure high quality and sympathetic upper level elevations that are exposed to the public domain (Clause 22.10).

(Refer to Figure 19: Precinct 4 Framework Plan)

Built Form Guidelines- Precinct 4		
Built Form Elements	Requirements	Objectives
Building height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 storeys/ 13m (mandatory maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To realise a moderate infill redevelopment that respects the heritage and streetscape value of the precinct.
Facade height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing for contributory/ significant sites (mandatory) • Match facade height of existing adjoining development (mandatory) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reinforce the heritage values of the precinct, including the traditional street wall. • To retain views to the St John's complex and other significant heritage buildings. • To ensure a suitable transition to residential land to south and east.
Front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain existing for contributory/ significant sites (mandatory) • 0m for non- contributory sites (mandatory) 	
Upper level front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8m from the facade line (mandatory minimum) • Upper level setback to corner sites to be assessed subject to heritage significance. 	
Setback(s) from side boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0m • ResCode Standard B17 at interface with residential land. 	
Setback(s) from rear boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResCode Standard B17 	

4.0 Precinct Guidelines

Precinct 5: North East Precinct

Concentrated high and mid-rise form on an island precinct defining the Municipal threshold.

Preferred Character Statement for Precinct 5

The discrete pocket of mixed use land bound by Queens Parade, Heidelberg Road and Hoddle Street serves as a junction of Metropolitan presence and will accommodate taller, contemporary form on larger unencumbered sites (heritage and residential abuttal). Commensurate with its subdivision grain, development opportunity and form will transition down to the south west with regard for individually significant heritage buildings. Land to the north east of Dummett Crescent will define a new urban character of taller forms contributing to the Yarra skyline.

Anticipated change: high and substantial

Preferred typology: midrise infill for Precinct 5A (south of Dummett Crescent) and high rise for Precinct 5B (north of Dummett Crescent)

Maximum building height: 10 storeys, or 31m for Precinct 5A (south of Dummett Crescent) and 14 storey, or 43m for Precinct 5B (north of Dummett Crescent)

Built Form Objectives- Precincts 5A and 5B

- To encourage land consolidation and substantial redevelopment of the land in Precinct 5B that contributes positively to the urban character of the Queens Parade precinct and the Yarra skyline (Clause 21.04, 21.05 21.08).
- To support the presentation of contemporary tower forms to the north east of the precinct (Precinct 5B), comprising a new street wall to Queens Parade, with increased height to the Hoddle Street frontage (Clause 21.05).
- To ensure suitable separation between rising tower forms to enable development equity and amenity, while also contributing to the management of building/ visual bulk in Precinct 5B (Clause 22.10).
- To support higher density mixed use development of attached mid-rise form and sensitive adaptive reuse of individual significant heritage parcels in Precinct 5A (south west) that complement the significant heritage elements (Clause 21.04, 21.05, 21.08, 22.02, 22.10).
- To retain, conserve and incorporate the existing heritage frontages into redevelopment of the south west precinct (Precinct 5A) to realise a compatible streetscape effect (Clause 22.02).
- To ensure the significant heritage fabric at the south western corner (the Former UK Hotel in Precinct 5A) is conserved and remains a prominent feature in any redevelopment (Clause 22.02).
- To moderate the prominence of development above the heritage frontage with respect to long range panoramic and streetscape views and the Yarra skyline (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.10).
- To ensure appropriate transition in building scale across the precinct (5A and 5B) having regard to existing and preferred future format of land (Clause 21.05, 22.02, 22.10).

(Refer to Figure 20: Precinct 5 Framework Plan)

Built Form Guidelines- Precinct 5A		
Built Form Elements	Requirements	Objectives
Building height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 storey (31m) (mandatory maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To realise a mid rise infill redevelopment that complements the heritage value of the precinct.
Facade height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain existing for significant sites (mandatory) Match facade height of existing adjoining development (mandatory) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reinforce the heritage values of the precinct and protect the integrity of the principal south west corner form. To create a consistent street wall condition to all street frontages. To realise attached mid rise form, with marginal variance in upper level setbacks.
Front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m 	
Upper level front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3m from the facade line (preferred minimum) Upper level setback to corner site to be assessed subject to heritage significance. 	
Setback(s) from side boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m 	
Setback(s) from rear boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m 	

Built Form Guidelines- Precinct 5B		
Built Form Elements	Requirements	Objectives
Building height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 storey (43m) (preferred maximum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To realise high rise redevelopment of the Metropolitan junction with a profile to Hoddle Street. To establish skyline projections that complement the profile of Yarra's existing skyline and designated landmarks.
Facade height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 storey (25m) preferred maximum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create a consistent street condition that addresses the junction of Queens Parade and Hoddle Street.
Front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m 	
Upper level front setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5m (preferred minimum) 	
Setback(s) from side boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m to 3 storeys (preferred minimum) 4.5m to 10 storeys (preferred minimum) 6m to 14 storeys (preferred minimum) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure adequate amenity and development equity to future development.
Setback(s) from rear boundary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m 	

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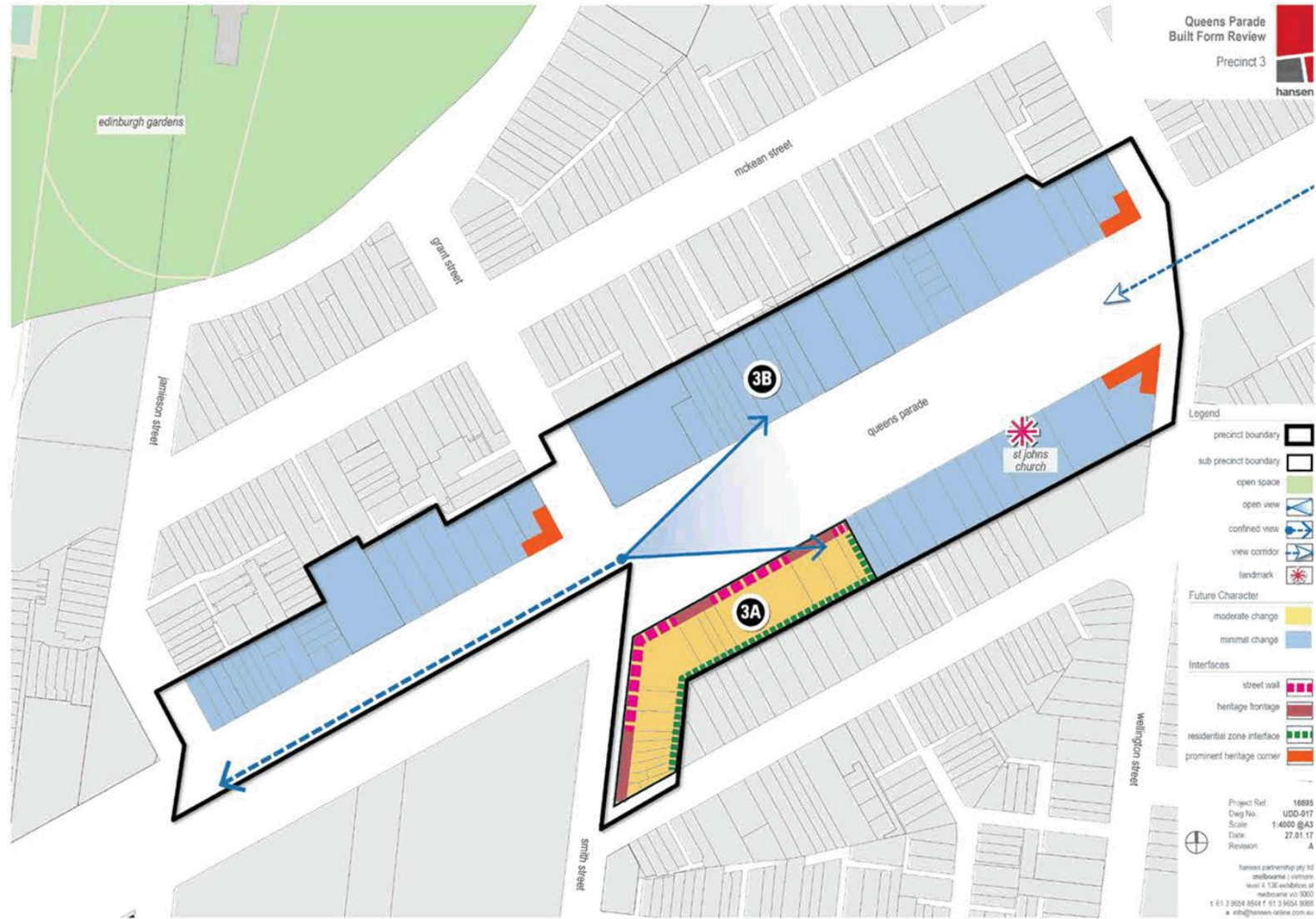


Figure 18: Precinct 3 Framework Plan

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Figure 19: Precinct 4 Framework Plan

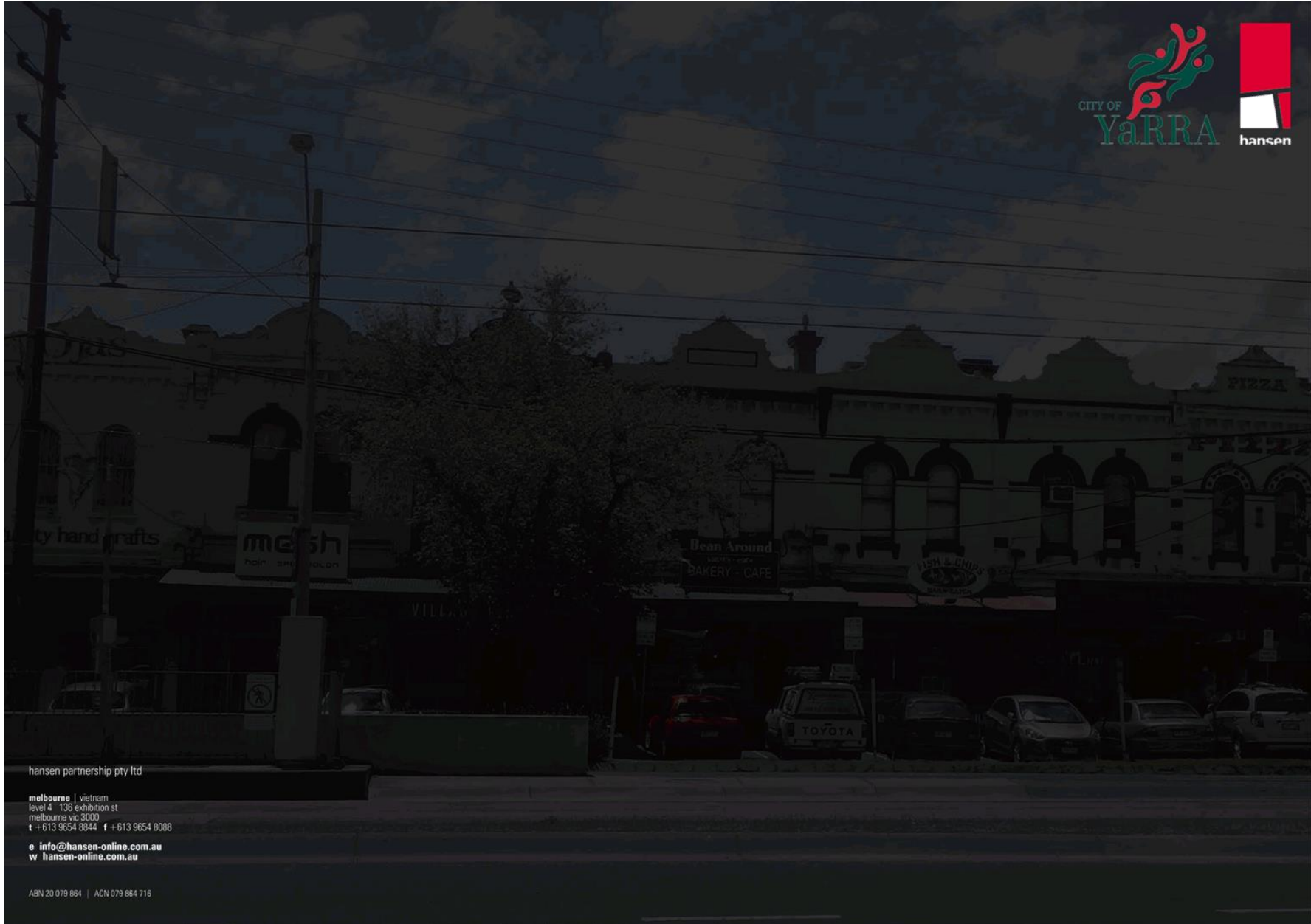
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Figure 20: Precinct 5 Framework Plan

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Attachment 4 - Design and Development Overlay 16

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Shown on the planning scheme map as **DDO16**.

Queens parade (west)

1.0 Design objectives

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The design objectives for Precinct 1B: Brunswick Street Precinct includes:

- To encourage low rise additions behind the front sections of the terraced houses of Brunswick Street and Queens Parade that respects the prevailing streetscape character and subdivision grain.
- To retain and conserve the heritage values of this low scale Victorian residential area including the front sections of the terraced houses, street setbacks and subdivision pattern.
- To retain the visual prominence of the individually significant corner building that forms the southern gateway to Queens Parade and to Fitzroy North more broadly.
- To facilitate the appropriate low rise infill of the site located to the rear of residential properties fronting Brunswick Street.
- To ensure future vehicle access and services are provided off a rear laneway, where possible.
- To ensure upper level elevations that are exposed to the public domain are high quality, visually recessive and do not diminish the appreciation of the heritage building.

The design objectives for Precinct 2A: Boulevard Precinct includes:

- To ensure the redevelopment of the land accommodating the former 'K.G. Luke Pty Ltd Electro Plate Manufacturers' factory contributes positively to the urban character of Fitzroy North.
- To retain, enhance and incorporate the existing heritage facade into the redevelopment of the site and to create a consistent parapet height along the streetscape.
- To ensure new development does not diminish, or detract from the heritage values of the boulevard streetscape, the heritage street wall and the heritage trees along Queens Parade.
- To moderate the prominence of development above the street wall with respect to mid and long range panoramic and streetscape views and the Yarra skyline from the Edinburgh Gardens (HO213) and Newry Street (HO327- Fitzroy North Precinct).
- To ensure heritage buildings retain their three-dimensional form as viewed from the public realm to avoid 'facadism'.
- To ensure an appropriate transition in building scale across the site having regard to the existing and preferred built form to the east, north and west.
- To recognise the low scale, fine grain format of existing surrounding development.
- To avoid repetitive stepped built form at upper levels of development.
- To ensure development appropriately considers the amenity impacts on neighbouring development and achieves a high standard of internal amenity within the development.
- To encourage the development above the street wall to be designed as a series of separate development parts with building separation to enable views to the sky.
- To ensure adequate solar access is provided to the Queens Parade boulevard and the adjoining Napier Street Reserve.

2.0 Buildings and works

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A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works. A permit cannot be granted if the mandatory building height and setback requirements listed within Tables 1 and 2 are not met.

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All buildings and works requiring a permit:

- Must meet the mandatory controls listed in Tables 1 and 2 of this Schedule.
- Should meet the discretionary controls listed in Tables 1 and 2 of this Schedule.
- Should meet the built form outcomes as set out in Tables 1 and 2 of this Schedule.
- Should meet the requirements and built form outcomes as set out in Table 3 of this Schedule.

The street wall height is measured at the vertical distance between the footpath or natural surface level at the centre of the site frontage and the highest point of the building at the street edge, with the exception of architectural features and building services.

Building height does not include architectural features and service equipment including plant rooms, lift overruns, structures associated with green roof areas and other such equipment provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- The total roof area occupied by the equipment (other than solar panels) is minimised;
- The equipment is located in a position on the roof so as to minimise its visibility and minimise additional overshadowing of neighbouring properties and public spaces;
- The equipment does not extend higher than 3.6 metres above the maximum building height; and
- The equipment and screening is integrated into the design of the building to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Table 1 – Precinct 1B building heights & setbacks

Built Form	Mandatory Control	Discretionary Control	Built Form Outcome
Building Height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maximum 9m (3 storeys) for properties fronting Brunswick Street & Queens Parade ▪ Maximum 12m (4 storeys) for rear laneway site known as Lot 1 on Title Plan TP806921. 	-	Development that respects the heritage and streetscape value of the precinct.
Façade Height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain existing heritage façade. ▪ Development on 460 Brunswick Street adjoining the individually significant corner building must not exceed the parapet height of that building. 		Development that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reinforces the heritage values of the precinct; ▪ Respects the scale of the existing heritage buildings; ▪ Maintains the existing heritage buildings as the dominant feature in the streetscape; and
Front Setback from boundary of Brunswick Street/Queens Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Retain existing front setback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development on 460 Brunswick Street adjoining the individually significant corner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limits amenity impacts of building bulk, overlooking and overshadowing on existing residential properties.

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Built Form	Mandatory Control	Discretionary Control	Built Form Outcome
		building should match the setback of that building	
Upper Level Setback from front of building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 8m setback behind the heritage façade/ new streetwall. 	-	
Setback(s) from side boundary	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ResCode Standard B17 	
Setback(s) from rear boundary	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ResCode Standard B17 	

Table 2 – Precinct 2A building heights & setbacks

Built Form	Mandatory Control	Discretionary Control	Built Form Outcome
Building Height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 31m (10 storeys). 	-	<p>Development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respects the scale of existing heritage buildings, both on and adjoining the site; Ensures projections above the street wall are not dominant in the skyline when viewed from Newry Street and the Edinburgh Gardens; Ensures adequate solar access is provided to the Queens Parade boulevard and the adjoining Napier Street Reserve at the equinox (09.00-15.00); and Maintains the visual dominance of the heritage boulevard trees on Queens Parade over the built form.
Façade Height	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain existing heritage façade; or Where no heritage façade exists a maximum 10m (3 storeys). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The street wall of development adjoining the individually significant building should be below the parapet height of the heritage building. 	<p>Development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporates the existing heritage street wall into the redevelopment of the site and establishes a consistent street wall height along the streetscape; Ensures through a combination of height, massing and materials, the decorative parapet of the individually significant heritage building remains
Front Setback from boundary of Queens Parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m up to maximum 10m (3 storeys). 	-	

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Built Form	Mandatory Control	Discretionary Control	Built Form Outcome
Upper Level Setback from front of building	<p>Above existing heritage façade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 8m setback from 10m (3 storeys) to 25m (8 storeys) ▪ Minimum of 11m setback from 25m (8 storeys). <p>Above new street wall (where no existing heritage façade):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimum of 5m setback above 10m (3 storeys) to 25m (8 storeys) ▪ Minimum of 8m setback above 25m (8 storeys). 		<p>prominent along the street wall;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensures the primacy of the landscape boulevard within the Queens Parade viewshed; and ▪ Does not detract from the heritage values of the boulevard streetscape, the heritage street wall and the heritage trees along Queens Parade.
Setback(s) from rear boundaries – North & North West adjacent to NRZ & GRZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ResCode Standard B17 measured from the rear boundary of adjoining properties up to 10m (3storeys). ▪ Setback within a 45 degree angle line measured from 10m (3 storeys) up to 25m (8 storey). ▪ Minimum of 30m setback above 25m (8 storeys). 	-	<p>Development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivers an appropriate transition in scale of development from the surrounding lower scale residential built form; ▪ Delivers an appropriate interface arrangement to neighbouring properties and minimises visual bulk and mass when viewed from neighbouring properties; ▪ Limits amenity impacts of building bulk, overlooking and overshadowing on existing residential properties;
Setback(s) from side boundary – East adjacent to NRZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0m setback to match party wall of existing adjoining development up to 10 metres (3 storeys). ▪ Setback within a 45 degree angle line measured from 10m (3 storeys) up to 25m (8 storey). 	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avoids repetitive stepped form within the 45 degree profile; and ▪ Ensures the projections above the street wall are not dominant in the skyline when viewed from Newry Street.

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Built Form	Mandatory Control	Discretionary Control	Built Form Outcome
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 30m setback above 25m (8 storeys). 		
Setback(s) from side boundary – East adjacent to MUZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m setback to match party wall of existing adjoining development or 10m (3 storeys) where no party wall exists. Minimum of 9m setback from the windows/ balconies of adjoining apartments up to 16m (5 storeys). Minimum of 15m setback above 16m (5 storeys). 	-	<p>Development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivers an appropriate interface arrangement and minimise visual bulk and mass when viewed from neighbouring properties; Delivers an appropriate transition in scale of development to the existing apartments on Napier Street; and Limits amenity impacts of building bulk, overlooking and overshadowing on existing residential properties.
Setback(s) from side/ rear boundaries – West & North West adjacent to MUZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0m setback to match party wall of existing adjoining development to the west or 10m (3 storeys) where no party wall exists. Setback within a 45 degree angle line measured from 10m (3 storeys) up to 31m (10 storey). 	-	<p>Development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivers an appropriate interface arrangement and minimise visual bulk and mass when viewed from neighbouring properties; Delivers an appropriate transition in scale of development to the existing apartments and the lower scale heritage residential built form in Brunswick Street; Avoids repetitive stepped form within the 45 degree profile; and Limits amenity impacts of building bulk, overlooking and overshadowing on existing residential properties.

Table 3 – General Design Requirements

Design Element	Requirement	Built Form Outcome
Building facades and street	The articulation of new building facades should incorporate vertical articulation to reinforce the prevailing fine grain pattern	<p>Development that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognises the fine grain built form character of

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Design Element	Requirement	Built Form Outcome
frontages	of subdivision and buildings in the area. Façade design treatments and the articulation of new buildings should not compete with or mock replicate the detailing of heritage buildings.	heritage streetscapes and minimises the dominance of wide building frontages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivers high quality façade and architectural detailing that respects the heritage qualities of Queens Parade and Brunswick Street.
Upper Level Development (above the street wall/3 storeys)	Any part of a building above a non-heritage street wall height should use materials at the upper levels of the building that are distinct from the materials of the lower levels of the building and be recessive in finish and colour. Development that is visible above or behind the street wall should be designed so that side walls are articulated and read as part of the overall building design. Any part of a building above a heritage facade should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ use visually lightweight materials that are recessive and sympathetic to the heritage facades; ▪ incorporate fenestration patterns and solid to void ratios that respect but do not mimic, heritage facades and ▪ avoid highly articulated facades with recessed and projecting elements. 	Development that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintains the dominance of the heritage street wall in the streetscape and the vista along Queens Parade. ▪ Ensures upper level development is visually recessive. ▪ Ensures upper level development does not detract from the heritage streetscape.
Building Separation	The upper levels of new buildings on sites with frontages wider than 80 metres should provide visual separation and views to the sky between buildings.	Development that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avoids continuous built form at upper levels. ▪ Minimises the visual dominance of upper levels on the streetscape.

Note: Nominated storeys within Tables 1, 2 & 3 are based on an assumption of 4m floor to ceiling height for a ground level commercial use and 3m floor to ceiling height for residential use above.

Application Requirements

Unless with the written consent of the Responsible Authority, an application must provide:

- An Urban Context Report that:
 - Describes the existing urban context of the area;
 - Explains the key planning, design and contextual considerations and influences on the proposed building and works;
 - Explains how the proposed buildings and works responds to their urban context including:
 - the built form character of the adjacent and nearby buildings;

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- the heritage character of adjacent and nearby heritage buildings and places; and
- the streetscape character;
- Explains how the proposed buildings and works respond to the design objectives, requirements and design outcomes of this Schedule, as appropriate;
- Explains the effect of the proposed buildings and works, including on:
 - sunlight, daylight and wind impacts on streets and other public spaces; and
 - adjoining residential development, as appropriate;
- Perspectives showing the form, massing, profile, material finishes and detailed design of the proposed building(s).
- Perspective and modelling of the proposed building(s) when viewed from the north side of Newry Street, and the WT Peterson Oval, the Fitzroy Grandstand and other locations in the southern part of Edinburgh Gardens to Council's specifications.
- A landscape plan prepared by a suitably qualified landscape designer.
- A traffic, and car parking report including the following details:
 - The appearance, layout and allocation of car parking – including any visitor and flexi car parking;
 - Bicycle parking provisions including number and location;
 - Vehicular ingress and egress to and from the site; and
 - Location and arrangements for the loading and unloading of heavy vehicles where relevant.
- A heritage impact assessment prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant, including a schedule of conservation works and a heritage interpretation plan for Individually Significant (graded) buildings.
- For residential development, an acoustic report prepared by a suitably qualified acoustic engineer, demonstrating how the requirements of the State Environment Protection Policy (Control of Noise from Commerce, Industry and Trade) No. N-1, the State Environment Protection Policy (Control of Music Noise from Public Premises) No. N-2, sleep disturbance criteria and any other relevant Australian Standards, as applicable, will be met.
- A Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA) for 2-9 dwellings to Council's specifications (in accordance with the Application Requirements of Clause 22.17).
- A Sustainability Management Plan (SMP) for 10 or more dwellings to Council's specifications (in accordance with the Application Requirements of Clause 22.17).
- A waste management plan prepared by a suitably qualified waste management expert.
- A environmental wind assessment prepared by a suitably qualified professional to undertake measurements of environmental wind conditions around the proposed development and develop wind amelioration features as necessary.
- A Green Travel Plan prepared by a suitably qualified person outlining site-specific initiatives and actions to encourage the use of more sustainable transport options.

3.0 Subdivision

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A permit is not required to subdivide land.

4.0 Decision guidelines

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Before deciding on an application, the Responsible Authority must consider the following:

- Whether the design objectives in Section 1.0 and the built form outcomes in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of this Schedule are achieved.
- Whether the design requirements for specific areas in Tables 1 and 2 of this Schedule are achieved.

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- The *Queens Parade, Clifton Hill Built Form Review – February, 2017*.
- The architectural quality of the proposal, including the design, scale, height, materials, mass and visual bulk of the development in relation to the surrounding built form.
- The profile and impact of redevelopment along Queens Parade and from Newry Street and the Edinburgh Gardens.
- The design response at the interface with existing low-scale residential properties.
- Whether the proposal contributes to and improves the pedestrian environment and other areas of the public realm.
- How the proposal responds to the presence of heritage buildings either on, or in close proximity to the development.
- The design of the streetscape interface along the primary street frontage and its contribution to an active street environment.
- How any proposed buildings and works will impact on solar access to Queens Parade and the Napier Street Reserve.
- The suitability of vehicle access and egress arrangements and the location, layout and appearance of areas set aside for car parking.
- The extent to which ESD measures are incorporated into the development.

5.0 Reference document

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Queens Parade, Clifton Hill Built Form Review – February, 2017

6.0 Expiry

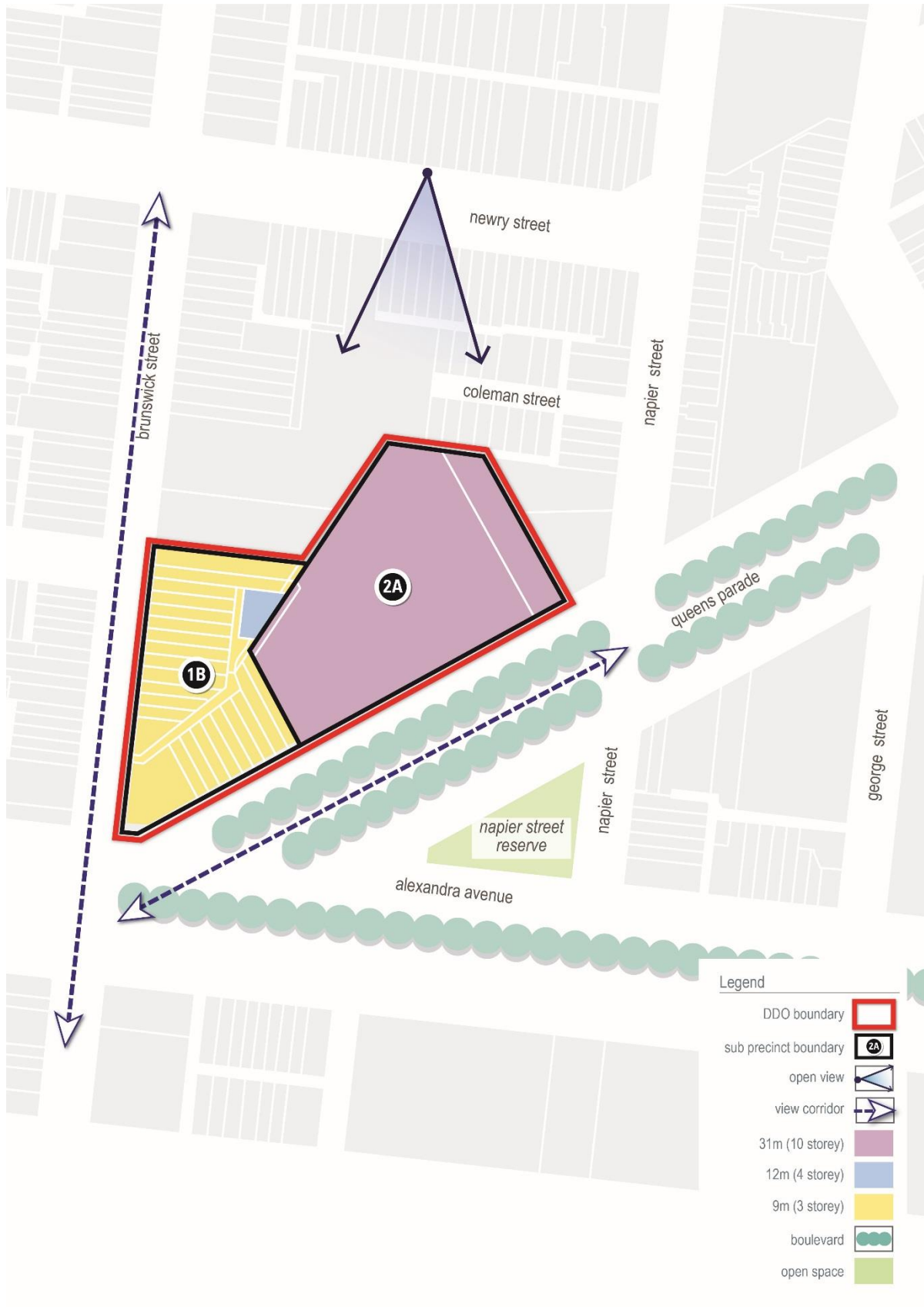
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The requirements of this Schedule cease to have any effect after 30 March 2019.

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Map 1: Precinct Boundary Map



12.1 Notice of Motion No 1 of 2017 - Australia Day

Trim Record Number: D17/12389

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 7 February 2017:

“That Council commence discussions with the Wurundjeri Council and Yarra’s Aboriginal Advisory Group on the future of Yarra’s Australia Day event and a process for determining and recommending any changes to be made at the local level.”

Background:

Australia Day is currently celebrated on January 26, the date of the arrival of non-indigenous settlers, and the beginning of the dispossession of the indigenous people from their land. The long term negative consequences of that event have been well documented and have caused intergenerational harm to many aboriginal people. There is increasing community pressure from both aboriginal and non-aboriginal people to change the date of our national celebration to a more appropriate one.

Yarra Council has been working towards reconciliation in partnership with the local aboriginal community for many years. In this spirit of partnership, Yarra Councillors seek to understand the local aboriginal community’s views on changing the date and any recommendations for an alternative celebration in Yarra.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council commence discussions with the Wurundjeri Council and Yarra’s Aboriginal Advisory Group on the future of Yarra’s Australia Day event and a process for determining and recommending any changes to be made at the local level.

12.2 Notice of Motion No 2 of 2017 - Overshadowing of Solar Panels

Trim Record Number: D17/12395

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 7 February 2017:

“That Council request the Minister for Planning to investigate ways to resolve the contradiction in planning policy to ensure protection for existing solar panels from overshadowing, and to support citizens who are taking action to reduce their own energy footprints as encouraged by state and local policies.”

Background:

Yarra has a large number of properties where residents and businesses have installed rooftop solar panels, usually voluntarily on older buildings, with a commitment to reducing their carbon footprint. This action is supported by Yarra Council and also state government policies. It is also encouraged in the Yarra Planning Scheme.

However with many newer taller building applications in recent years, smaller buildings are finding their solar panels are being overshadowed, with no protection in the Planning Scheme as various VCAT cases have demonstrated.

This contradiction in planning policy serves to undermine the efforts of citizens to take their own steps to address climate change, at their own significant cost, instead of supporting and encouraging, and needs to be addressed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council request the Minister for Planning to investigate ways to resolve the contradiction in planning policy to ensure protection for existing solar panels from overshadowing, and to support citizens who are taking action to reduce their own energy footprints as encouraged by state and local policies.

12.3 Notice of Motion No 3 of 2017 - Surplus Government Properties in Alexandra Parade Clifton Hill

Trim Record Number: D17/12400

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 7 February 2017:

“That Yarra City Council:

- (a) acknowledges the housing crisis in Melbourne, comprising rising numbers of rough sleepers, decreased affordability of housing in general and the lack of suitable and available public and social housing close to services in inner Melbourne;
- (b) also acknowledges the many newly arrived cultural groups who work to preserve and build their community but need facilities to do this; and
- (c) writes to the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Housing, urging them to retain one of the surplus properties along Alexandra Parade for use by the African community as a multi-function community centre, and to consider making the larger suitable properties available for public and social housing projects to address the urgent and rising housing affordability crisis.”

Background:

The State Government is currently determining the future of properties which had been compulsorily acquired along Alexandra Parade in Clifton Hill, prior to the now abandoned East West Link project.

Many of these properties are larger lots, former commercial or light industrial properties which would lend themselves to a range of uses. They are also close to public transport, community facilities and activity centres.

There is currently a shortage of well-located and suitable community meeting spaces for various cultural groups in inner Melbourne. In particular a number of African community groups have been actively seeking a suitable base for community activities.

There is also a shortage of public and affordable housing and available land in inner Melbourne to locate such housing.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Yarra City Council:

- (a) acknowledges the housing crisis in Melbourne, comprising rising numbers of rough sleepers, decreased affordability of housing in general and the lack of suitable and available public and social housing close to services in inner Melbourne;
- (b) also acknowledges the many newly arrived cultural groups who work to preserve and build their community but need facilities to do this; and
- (c) writes to the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Housing, urging them to retain one of the surplus properties along Alexandra Parade for use by the African community as a multi-function community centre and to consider making the larger suitable properties available for public and social housing projects to address the urgent and rising housing affordability crisis.