



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 2018

7.00 PM

HUME GLOBAL LEARNING CENTRE, CRAIGIEBURN

OUR VISION:

Hume City Council will be recognised as a leader in achieving social, environmental and economic outcomes with a common goal of connecting our proud community and celebrating the diversity of Hume.

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HUME CITY COUNCIL

**Notice of an
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to be held on Tuesday, 12 June 2018
at 7.00 PM
at the Hume Global Learning Centre, Craigieburn

To: a: Council	Cr Geoff Porter Cr Carly Moore Cr Joseph Haweil Cr Jodi Jackson Cr Drew Jessop Cr Leigh Johnson Cr Naim Kurt Cr Jack Medcraft Cr Ann Potter Cr Karen Sherry Cr Jana Taylor	Mayor Deputy Mayor
b: Officers	Mr Domenic Isola Mr Peter Waite Mr Daryl Whitfort Ms Margarita Caddick Mr Michael Sharp Ms Kylie Ezzy	Chief Executive Officer Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services Director Corporate Services Director Community Services Director Planning and Development Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Gunung-Willam-Balluk land. The Gunung-Willam-Balluk of the Wurundjeri are the first and original people of this land. I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. PRAYER

Hume City's religious diversity strengthens and enriches community life and supports the well-being of the citizens of Hume City. Hume City Council acknowledges the importance of spiritual life and the leadership offered by the Hume City Inter Faith Leaders Network. In recognition of the religious diversity of residents in Hume City, Council has invited the Inter Faith Leaders Network to take responsibility for the opening prayer at Council meetings. This evening's prayer will be led by Harshinder Singh of Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Craigieburn.

*First, Allah created the Light; then, by His Creative Power, He made all mortal beings,
From the One Light, the entire universe welled up. So who is good, and who is bad?
O people, O siblings of Destiny, do not wander deluded by doubt.
The Creation is in the Creator, and the Creator is in the Creation, totally pervading and permeating all places.
The clay is the same, but the Fashioner has fashioned it in various ways.*

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*There is nothing wrong with the pot of clay – there is nothing wrong with the Potter.
The One True Lord abides in all; by His making, everything is made.
Whoever realizes the Hukam of His Command, knows the One Lord. He alone is said to be
the Lord's slave.
The Lord Allah is Unseen; He cannot be seen. The Guru has blessed me with this sweet
molasses.
Says Kabeer, my anxiety and fear have been taken away; I see the Immaculate Lord
pervading everywhere.*

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillors' attention is drawn to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

4. CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

CNM07 VALE MR JOHN PATSIKATHEODOROU

Mr John Patsikatheodorou was a highly respected member of the Hume community who was involved with many committees, groups and organisations across the municipality. Mr Patsikatheodorou passed away suddenly on Monday 4 June 2018. Council extends its condolences to former Mayor and Councillor Mrs Helen Patsikatheodorou and family.

5. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCIL

In accordance with section 80A(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to report, as soon as practicable, to an Ordinary Meeting of Council, a record of any assemblies of Councillors held.

There are no records of assemblies to report on this section of the Agenda.

6. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 14 May 2018 and Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of the 28 May 2018, including Confidential Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting of the 14 May 2018 and Ordinary Council (Town Planning) Meeting of the 28 May 2018, including Confidential Minutes, be confirmed.

7. RECEIPT OF COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL TO BE ADOPTED

7.1 Minutes of Meeting No. 73 of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee held on 6 March 2018 and the Minutes of Meeting No. 14 of the Hume Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee held on 7 March 2018

1. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS:

Minutes of Meeting No. 73 of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee held on 6 March 2018 and the Minutes of Meeting No. 14 of the Hume Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee held on 7 March 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 73 of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee held on 6 March 2018 and the Minutes of Meeting No. 14 of the Hume Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee held on 7 March 2018 be noted.

7.2 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management Annual General Meeting and General Meeting held on 15 February 2018

1. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Annual General Meeting - 15 February 2018

1.1 That the Treasurer's report and Statement of Accounts be received and adopted and that the Statement of Accounts be forwarded to Hume City Council for their records.

1.2 That after all positions being declared vacant and nominations being called to fill the vacant positions, the following results were returned:

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| (a) | Mrs D White | Chair |
| (b) | Mrs E Sanderson | Honorary Secretary and Treasurer |
| (c) | Mrs M Scott | Community Representative |
| (d) | Mrs P Chalkley | Community Representative |
| (e) | Mr B Koch | Community Representative |
| (f) | Mr E Hoctor | Community Representative |
| (g) | Mr G Hodgson | Community Representative |

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1.3 That the name of the Westmeadows Hall be changed to Foresters Hall, Westmeadows.

1.4 That Council be requested to advise the Committee on what progress has been made on the request for the installation of the Pioneer Memorial Seat at the front of the hall.

2. OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**Annual General Meeting - 15 February 2018**

- 2.1 The Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management held their Annual General Meeting on 15 February 2018 as required by their Instrument of Delegation.
- 2.2 At the meeting the Committee was required to:
- (a) Appoint office bearers for endorsement by Council;
 - (b) Recommend fees for adoption by Council;
 - (c) Recommend fees for service;
 - (d) Set meeting dates to be advertised by Council.
- 2.3 The committee has not proposed any user fees for 2018/2019. In accordance with Council's fee setting process a fee was determined by Council officers and included in the 2018/19 draft council budget. The fee determined was an increase of 3% on the current financial year's fee.
- 2.4 The Committee did not make any resolutions in regards to fees for service payable to the Committee Secretary/Treasurer. It is recommended that the fee for service is increased by 3%, which is consistent with the recommended user fee increase. In addition to the fee for service, a monthly \$20 telephone allowance and \$20 internet allowance is also currently paid to nominated office bearer of the Committee. No change is recommended to either of these monthly allowances.
- 2.5 The committee nominated 14 February 2019 as the date for its next Annual General Meeting.
- 2.6 The Chair advised they would seek a replacement committee member following a vacancy left by the resignation of Mr J Clifford.

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- 2.7 The maintenance items recorded in the committee's minutes were referred to the Coordinator Community Facilities for actioning.
- 2.8 Council has commenced the consultation period for the proposed renaming of the Westmeadows Hall to the Foresters Hall Westmeadows. A report on the results of consultation will be submitted to Council following the conclusion of the consultation period.
- 2.9 The Committee has previously been asked to provide further information on its proposal to install a memorial seat. Specifically, the Committee has been asked to submit a written proposal for Council consideration detailing the design, location and purpose of the memorial seat (with accompanying plaque) which they are proposing. It is recommended that the Manager Governance write to the Committee and request that they submit this written proposal.
- 2.10 The committee nominated 19 July 2018 as the date for its next General Meeting. The Committee did not nominate a date for its third meeting of 2018, which is usually held in October. The Committee Secretary was contacted and asked to nominate a date, and they nominated 18 October 2018.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

- 3.1 THAT the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management Annual General Meeting and General Meeting held on 15 February 2018 be noted.
- 3.2 THAT the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management General Meeting held on 15 February 2018 be noted.
- 3.3 THAT Council endorses the appointment of the following individuals as office bearers of the Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management:
- (a) Dot White Chairperson
 - (b) Esther Sanderson Secretary/Treasurer
- 3.4 THAT the fees for service payable to the Committee Secretary/Treasurer for the 2018/2019 financial year are set at:
- (a) \$1,473 per annum;
 - (b) \$20 per month telephone allowance;
 - (c) \$20 per month towards internet fees.
- 3.5 That user fees for the Westmeadows Hall for the 2018/19 financial year, as contained in the 2018/19 draft Council budget, be set at:
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| Permanent Bookings | Per Hour | \$17.60 |
| Casual Bookings | Per Function | \$295.90 |
| Refundable Bond For Casual Bookings | Bond | \$477.05 |
| Public Liability Insurance | Per Booking | \$21.80 |
- 3.6 THAT Council notes and advertises the meeting dates for the Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management for the next 12 months to be held at the Westmeadows Hall and commencing at 1.30 pm:
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| 19 July 2018 | General meeting |
| 18 October 2018 | General meeting |
| 15 February 2019 | Annual General meeting |
- 3.7 THAT the Manager Governance write to the Westmeadows Hall Committee of Management asking them to submit a written proposal for Council consideration detailing the design, location and purpose of the memorial seat (with accompanying plaque) that they are proposing.

7.3 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Tullamarine Hall Committee of Management Annual General Meeting held on 21 February 2018**1. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

- 1.1 The Tullamarine Hall Committee of Management (the Committee) adopted the following items for Council attention:
- a) That the painting of the hall be followed up, as it is not on schedule following claims that the hall was painted two years prior.
 - b) That after all positions being declared vacant and nominations being called to fill the vacant positions, the following results were returned:
 - (a) Robert Romans Chairperson/President
 - (b) Jan Hutchison Secretary
 - (c) Jan Hutchison Treasurer
 - (d) Ian Hutchison Maintenance Officer
 - (e) Jan Hutchison Booking Officer
 - (f) Reza Hussein General Committee
- 1.2 That the 2018 fees are to remain the same unless advised by Council.
- 1.3 That the honorariums payable to office bearers are to remain the same as 2017 unless advised by Council.

2. OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

- 2.1 The Committee held their Annual General Meeting on 21 February 2018 as required by their Instrument of Delegation.
- 2.2 At the meeting the Committee was required to:
- (a) Appoint office bearers for endorsement by Council;
 - (b) Recommend fees for adoption by Council;
 - (c) Recommend fees for service;
 - (d) Set meeting dates to be advertised by Council.
- 2.3 The Committee resolved that user fees for the 2018/2019 financial year remain the same as the current financial year unless advised by Council. In accordance with Council's fee setting process a fee was determined by Council officers and included in the 2018/19 draft council budget. The fee determined was an increase of 3% on the current financial year's fee.
- 2.4 The Committee resolved that the Honorarium remain the same as the current financial year unless an increase was advised by Council. It is recommended that the fee for service is increased by 3%, which is consistent with the recommended user fee increase. This also includes the hourly fee for the Maintenance Officer. In addition to the fee for service, a monthly \$20 telephone allowance and \$20 internet allowance is also currently paid to nominated office bearer of the Committee. No change is recommended to either of these monthly allowances.
- 2.5 The Committee nominated the following meeting dates for the next 12 months:
- (a) 25 July 2018 – General Meeting
 - (b) 31 October 2018 – General Meeting
 - (c) 27 February 2019 – Annual General Meeting

- 2.6 The Committee has nominated Reza Hussein as a new member of the Committee. It is recommended that Council endorse membership of this new member, subject to them submitting the appropriate documentation to the Manager Governance, and that once received the Manager Governance confirm their membership in writing to the Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

- 3.1 **That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Tullamarine Hall Committee of Management Annual General Meeting held on 21 February 2018 be noted.**

- 3.2 **That Council endorses the appointment of the following individuals as office bearers of the Tullamarine Hall Committee of Management:**

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| (a) | Robert Romans | Chairperson/President |
| (b) | Jan Hutchison | Secretary |
| (c) | Jan Hutchison | Treasurer |
| (d) | Ian Hutchison | Maintenance Officer |
| (e) | Jan Hutchison | Booking Officer |

- 3.3 **That Council endorses the appointment of Reza Hussein as a new member of the Tullamarine Hall Committee of Management subject to them submitting the appropriate documentation to the Manager Governance.**

- 3.4 **That the fees for service payable to Committee office bearers for the 2018/2019 financial year are set at:**

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| (a) | Secretary/Treasurer - \$759 per annum; |
| (b) | Booking Officer - \$779 per annum; |
| (c) | \$20.00 per month telephone allowance; |
| (d) | \$20.00 per month towards internet fees; |
| (e) | Maintenance Officer - \$19.70 per hour. |

- 3.5 **That user fees for the Tullamarine Hall for the 2018/19 financial year, as contained in the 2018/19 draft Council budget, be set at:**

Permanent Bookings	Per Hour	\$16.30
Casual Bookings	Per Day	\$525.35
Refundable Bond For Casual Bookings	Bond	\$501.15
Public Liability Insurance	Per Booking	\$21.80

- 3.6 **That Council notes and advertises the meeting dates for the Tullamarine Hall Committee of Management for the following 12 months to be held at the Tullamarine Hall and commencing at 6.00pm:**

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| (a) | 25 July 2018 | General meeting |
| (b) | 31 October 2018 | General meeting |
| (c) | 27 February 2019 | Annual General meeting |

- 3.7 **That Council notes that the Committee's maintenance requests have been referred to Council's Coordinator Community Facilities for actioning.**

7.4 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management Annual General Meeting held on 20 February 2018**1. COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

- 1.1 That the Confirmation of Appointment of Members report is accepted (following an indication from each Committee member present that they wished to continue as a Committee member, with the exception of Vera Crossley, who did not wish to be reappointed to the Committee).
- 1.2 That after all positions being declared vacant and nominations being called to fill the vacant positions, the following results were returned:
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| (a) | Carolynn Venn | Chairperson |
| (b) | Rudy Tucker | Secretary |
| (c) | John Timbs | Treasurer/Booking Officer |
| (d) | Margaret Monello | Maintenance Officer |
| (e) | John Patsikatheodorou | Community Representative |
| (f) | Carol Hilderbrant | GP Badminton Representative |
| (g) | Peter Lazarus | Hume, U3A Representative |
- 1.3 That it be recommended the Council increase the remuneration payable for fee for service to the Treasurer/Booking Officer and Secretary, from the current \$1,445 per annum to \$1,600 per annum with the \$20 per month for internet and \$20 per month for telephone allowance to remain at the current rate.
- 1.4 That the Committee meeting dates for the ensuing 12 months be:
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| (a) | Tuesday 15 May 2018, 7.30pm @ GPCC |
| (b) | Tuesday 17 July 2018, 7.30pm @ GPCC |
| (c) | Tuesday 16 October 2018, 7.30pm @ GPCC |
| (d) | Tuesday 19 February 2019, 7.30pm @ GPCC |
| (e) | End of year dinner to be held on Sunday 1 December 2018, 6.00pm venue TBC |
- 1.5 The GPCC Committee of Management accepts the report and costing for the Solar Panel Installations at the Centre and that it will contribute half the installation costs from the GPCC reserves.
- 1.6 Council consider undertaking the works at a time which will cause minimal disruption to the activities of the Centre.
- 1.7 Ms Vera Crossley informed the meeting that she wished to resign having served on the committee for over 23 years.
- 1.8 That it be recommended to Council that Ms Vera Crossley's resignation be accepted with regret to be effective as of this meeting.
- 1.9 That it be recommended to Council that the GPCC Committee of Management be approved to spent up to \$200 for a small gift, in acknowledging Ms Crossley's immense contribution to the GPCC since the Centre's inauguration.

2. OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

- 2.1 The Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management (the Committee) has requested that the remuneration payable for fee for service to the Treasurer/Booking Officer and Secretary be increased from the current amount of \$1,445 per annum to \$1,600, however, it is

recommended that the fee for service is increased by 3%, which is consistent with the recommended user fee increase, and with the fee for service increase that is recommended for other committee officer bearers.

- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee be given approval to spend \$150 on a gift for departing member Vera Crossley. In 2017 Council approved that \$100 be spent on gifts for departing Committee members who were also office bearers, however, Ms Crossley has been a member of the committee for 23 years so it considered appropriate that a higher amount can be spent on her gift. It is also recommended that Ms Crossley and a guest be invited to join Councillors for dinner prior to an upcoming Council meeting, at which time she will receive a certificate of recognition for her service to the Committee.
- 2.3 The installation of Solar Panels at the centre has been dealt with by Council at its meeting held on 14 May 2018.
- 2.4 The request for discounted room hire from the Tullamarine Action Group, which is recorded in the minutes, requires no further action because this group has found suitable accommodation at another facility.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

3.1 **THAT the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management Annual General Meeting held on 20 February 2018 be noted.**

3.2 **THAT Council endorses the appointment of the following individuals as office bearers of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management:**

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| (a) | Carolynn Venn | Chairperson |
| (b) | Rudy Tucker | Secretary |
| (c) | John Timbs | Treasurer/Booking Officer |
| (d) | Margaret Monello | Maintenance Officer |

3.3 **THAT the fees for service payable to the Treasurer/Booking Officer and Secretary for the 2018/2019 financial year are set at:**

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| (a) | \$1,488 per annum; |
| (b) | \$20 per month telephone allowance; |
| (c) | \$20 per month towards internet fees. |

3.4 **That user fees for the Gladstone Park Community Centre for the 2018/19 financial year, as contained in the 2018/19 draft Council budget, be set at:**

Permanent Bookings - Playgroup	Per Hour	\$9.20
Permanent Bookings	Per Hour	\$23.85
Casual Bookings	Per Hour	\$35.20
Casual Bookings - Sunday To Friday	Per Day	\$477.05
Refundable Bond For Casual Bookings	Bond	\$477.05
Public Liability Insurance	Per Booking	\$21.80

- 3.5 THAT Council notes and advertises the meeting dates for the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management for the next 8 months to be held at the Gladstone Park Community Centre and commencing at 7.30 pm:**
- (a) Tuesday 17 July 2018**
 - (b) Tuesday 16 October 2018**
 - (c) Tuesday 19 February 2019**
- 3.6 THAT Council notes that the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management held a meeting on 15 May 2018. A notice was placed on Council's website advising members of the public of the date of this meeting.**
- 3.7 THAT Council approves use of the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management's funds to pay for the purchasing of a gift for departing committee member Vera Crossley in the amount of \$150, in recognition of her 23 years of service.**
- 3.8 THAT Council writes to departing committee member Vera Crossley to invite her and a guest to join Councillors for dinner prior to an upcoming Council meeting, at which time she will receive a certificate of recognition for her service to the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee of Management.**

NOTICE OF MEETING

8. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

8.1 Residents of the Month – Ms Val Price and Mr Ian Taylor

(Nominated by Cr Jodi Jackson)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

11. OFFICER'S REPORTS

The Mayor will ask the Councillors and gallery at the commencement of this section, which reports they wish to speak to. These reports will then be discussed in the order they appear on the notice paper. Reports not called will be dealt with in a block resolution at the end.

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17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) (sub sections as listed), of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider the following items, which are confidential for the reasons indicated:

Report No.	Title	Reason for Confidential
COGE191	Assemblies of Council - May 2018	(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

**DOMENIC ISOLA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

6/06/2018

REPORT NO:	HE078
REPORT TITLE:	Current Victorian Government Grants Opportunities
SOURCE:	Joel Kimber, Coordinator Grants and Projects
DIVISION:	Corporate Services
FILE NO:	HCC10/315
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2.1 Foster a community which is active and healthy.
ATTACHMENTS:	Nil

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 The Victorian Government currently has significant funding available for Councils to access funds towards the delivery of community infrastructure and community development activities.
- 1.2 Sport and Recreation Victoria, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, provides funding through a number of different grants programs for sports and leisure facilities and planning projects. This includes the *2018/2019 World Game Facilities Fund*, *2019/2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* and the *2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund*.
- 1.3 The *2018/2019 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)*, administered by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, will fund new, expanded or upgraded infrastructure projects within Melbourne's ten (10) interface councils. As an Interface Council, Hume City Council can compete for funding towards the construction of prioritised community infrastructure.
- 1.4 The *Children's Facilities Capital Program*, administered by the Victorian School Building Authority, provides funding to build, expand and improve early years infrastructure across Victoria.
- 1.5 The *Public Safety Infrastructure Fund (PSIF)* grants, administered by the Department of Justice and Regulation, support the development of public safety and security infrastructure to improve community safety, security and confidence in public places.
- 1.6 The *FReeZA 2019 – 2021* grants, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, provide funding for innovative youth development programs that enables young people to plan, organise and enjoy drug, alcohol and smoke-free events that are fully supervised.
- 1.7 The *Community Harmony Program*, administered by the Victorian Multicultural Commission, is designed to enable Victorians to build social cohesion and community harmony through preventative initiatives that address the root causes of social disharmony and racial, ethnic and religious intolerance.
- 1.8 Between May and July 2018 these grant programs are accepting applications and this report outlines the proposed projects for submission by Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That Council:

- 2.1.1 **Ratifies the submission of a grant application to the *2018/2019 World Game Facility Fund* for the *Gladstone Park Reserve Pitch 1 and Pitch 2 Lighting* project, seeking \$190,000.**
- 2.1.2 **Approves the submission of applications to the *2019/2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* for the following projects:**

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- (a) *Greenvale Equestrian Pavilion*, seeking \$200,000.
- (b) *Laura Douglas Reserve Soccer Pitch 1 Lighting* project, seeking \$50,000.
- 2.1.3 Approves the submission of an application to the *2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund* for the *DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade* project, seeking \$500,000.
- 2.1.4 Approves the submission of applications to the *2018/2019 Growing Suburbs Fund* for the following projects:
 - (a) *Cloverton South Community Hub*, seeking \$2,656,891.
 - (b) *Bulla Tennis Club Pavilion*, seeking \$300,000.
 - (c) *Galaxy Regional Playspace Redevelopment*, seeking \$500,000.
 - (d) *Hume Tennis and Community Centre Playspace Upgrade*, seeking \$450,000.
 - (e) *Merrifield West Recreation Reserve Development*, seeking \$1,846,062.
 - (f) *Mt Aitken District Recreation Reserve Development (Softball)*, seeking \$1,500,000.
 - (g) *Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement* project, seeking \$500,000.
 - (h) *Sunbury Streetscape Upgrade*, seeking \$375,000.
- 2.1.5 Approves the submission of applications to the *Children's Facilities Capital Program* for the following projects:
 - (a) *Merrifield West – Northern Community Hub* project, seeking \$1,600,000.
 - (b) *Learmonth Street Preschool – Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment*, seeking \$10,000.
 - (c) *McEwen Drive Preschool – Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment*, seeking \$10,000
 - (d) *Dawson Street Preschool – Play space refurbishment and reinstatement of sand pit*, seeking \$8,270.
- 2.1.6 Approves the submission of an application to the *Public Safety Infrastructure Fund* for the *Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement* project, seeking \$250,000.
- 2.1.7 Approves the submission of an application to the *Community Harmony Program* for the *Hume Interfaith Network* seeking \$60,000.
- 2.1.8 Approves the submission of an application to the *FReeZA 2019 – 2021 Grants* seeking \$72,000.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

The provision of community facilities and community activities are a function specified in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 For most grant programs there is an expectation that Council provide funding towards the grants that are being sought. Some have specific funding ratios which dictate the level of investment required towards each grant.

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4.2 The majority of grants outlined in this report require some funding from Council. As a result, it is proposed that the projects be funded through the following sources:

TABLE 1 – ALL PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED				
PROJECT	FUNDING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST	GRANT SOUGHT	COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION
Gladstone Park Reserve Pitch 1 and Pitch 2 Lighting	2018/2019 World Game Facilities Fund	\$380,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Greenvale Equestrian Pavilion	Community Sports Infrastructure Fund	\$850,000	\$200,000	\$650,000
Laura Douglas Reserve Soccer Pitch 1 Lighting	Community Sports Infrastructure Fund	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund	\$2,426,904	\$500,000	\$1,926,904
Cloverton South Community Hub	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$5,763,783	\$2,656,891	\$3,106,892
Bulla Tennis Club Pavilion	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Galaxyland Regional Playspace Redevelopment	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Hume Tennis and Community Centre Playspace Upgrade	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$935,000	\$450,000	\$485,000
Merrifield West Recreation Reserve Development	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$9,828,958	\$1,846,062	\$7,982,896
Mt Aitken District Recreation Reserve Development (Softball) project	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$5,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,500,000
Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$1,715,000	\$500,000	\$965,000
	Public Safety Infrastructure Fund		\$250,000	
Sunbury Streetscape Upgrade	Growing Suburbs Fund	\$750,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
Merrifield West – Northern Community Hub project	Children's Facilities Capital Program	\$12,926,849	\$1,600,000	\$11,326,849
Learmonth Street Preschool – Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment	Children's Facilities Capital Program	\$17,500	\$10,000	\$7,500
McEwen Drive Preschool – Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment	Children's Facilities Capital Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0

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TABLE 1 – ALL PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED				
PROJECT	FUNDING PROGRAM	TOTAL COST	GRANT SOUGHT	COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION
Dawson Street Preschool – Play space refurbishment and reinstatement of sand pit	Children's Facilities Capital Program	\$8,720	\$8,720	\$0
FReeZA (Operating Program)	FReeZA 2019 – 2021	\$72,000	\$72,000	\$0
Hume Interfaith Network (Operating Program)	Community Harmony Program	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$10,000
TOTAL		\$42,554,714	\$11,078,673	\$31,476,041

4.2.1 The amounts shown in the Total Cost column above, (excluding the Operating Program grants) represent Councils committed funds from the 2017/2018 Council budget and/or future budgets. As part of the 2018/2019 Annual Budget, an estimate of an additional \$2m in capital works grants funding has been included.

4.2.2 Any external funding secured from the Victorian Government through the *2018/2019 World Game Facilities Fund, 2019/2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund, 2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund, 2018/2019 Growing Suburbs Fund, Children's Facilities Capital Program and Public Safety Infrastructure Fund* would reduce Council's investment in each respective project by the funded amount.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

The capital projects are being developed with environmental sustainability as a strong theme in the planning, design and implementation phases.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The design and construction of the capital projects will be cognisant of the implications of climate change in order to minimise the impacts of ongoing operations.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

Hume's diverse population is driving the need for a greater range of responsive, affordable, accessible and equitable community facilities and activities. Through the development of these projects, a strong commitment is being made to achieve social justice outcomes.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

Many of these projects have been developed in consultation with local residents, local community groups and sporting clubs. This is recognised through these projects being prioritised in the following strategic documents:

- Hume City Council Plan 2017-2021
- Hume City Council Leisure Strategy 2013 – 2018
- Outdoor Sports Lighting Policy and Plan
- Sports Pavilion Plan
- Hume Early Years Framework 2014 – 2018
- Multicultural Action Plan
- Hume City Council Youth Strategy Insight 2015 – 2019

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- Sunbury Town Centre Plan

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The 2018/2019 World Game Facilities Fund

9.1.1 The World Game Facilities Fund is a \$2.5million Victorian Government funding program administered by Sport and Recreation Victoria (on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services) that assists local football (soccer) clubs and organisations to upgrade existing or develop new facilities across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

9.1.2 The fund aims to support local football (soccer) clubs and organisations, with grants of up to \$250,000 for projects such as lighting, pitch redevelopments, synthetic pitch developments and unisex accessible change rooms. Football (soccer) projects that could be funded include, but are not limited to:

- (a) outdoor multi-sport playing surfaces – new and/or improved surfaces that increase use or safety
- (b) unisex accessible change rooms
- (c) outdoor sports lighting that improves participation opportunities and safety
- (d) projects that result in energy or water efficiency, such as warm season grass conversions.

9.1.3 Applications for this grant closed 30 May 2018.

9.1.4 Projects for consideration of the *2018/2019 World Game Facilities Fund*

- (a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council’s draft 2018/2019 Capital Works Program and identified the following projects for consideration:

TABLE 2 – 2018/2019 WORLD GAME FACILITIES FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	WORKS	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
Gladstone Park Reserve Pitch 1 and Pitch 2 Lighting project	Installation of lighting	Submit an application	Ability to provide lighting for two pitches means that there can be a greater return on investment from the Victorian Government.
Laura Douglas Reserve Lighting project	Installation of lighting	Not submit an application	Given the low amount of funding in the program it was decided that only one application be submitted. This project will be recommended for the Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (see below).

- (b) The *Gladstone Park Reserve Pitch 1 and Pitch 2 Lighting* project was considered to be the most appropriate project for consideration of the *2018/2019 World Game Facilities Fund* and an application was submitted on 30 May 2018.

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9.2 2019/2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund

9.2.1 The *2019/2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* is a Victorian Government funding program that helps provide high quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities across Victoria by encouraging:

- (a) Increased sport and recreation participation for all Victorians
- (b) Increased female and junior participation
- (c) Increased access to sport and recreation opportunities
- (d) Better planning of sport and recreation facilities
- (e) Increase integrated school and community sport and active recreation infrastructure
- (f) Innovative sport and recreation facilities
- (g) Environmentally sustainable facilities
- (h) Universally designed facilities.

9.2.2 Funding is available under the following categories:

- (a) Better Pools – Grants of up to \$3 million are available to provide high-quality aquatic leisure facilities through new or redeveloped aquatic leisure centres.
- (b) Major Facilities – Grants of up to \$800,000 (where the total project cost is more than \$500,000, excluding GST) are available to develop or upgrade sub-regional and regional sport and active recreation facilities.
- (c) Small Aquatic Projects – Grants of up to \$250,000 are available to improve and upgrade aquatic facilities, seasonal pools and develop new water play spaces.
- (d) Minor Facilities – Grants of up to \$250,000 are available for community sport and recreation groups, working in partnership with local government, to develop or upgrade community sport and recreation facilities.
- (e) Planning –
 - (i) Recreation Planning or Facility Feasibility - Grants of up to \$30,000 for projects focusing on recreation planning or facility feasibility in one municipality
 - (ii) Regional - Grants of up to \$50,000 for regional planning initiatives that demonstrate inter-municipal needs and financial support from multiple local government authorities.

9.2.3 Applications for this grant program close on 25 June 2018.

9.2.4 Projects for consideration of the *2019/2020 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund*

- (a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council's Capital Works Program and identified the following projects for consideration:

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TABLE 3 – 2019/2020 COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION				
FUNDING CATEGORY	PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	WORKS	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
Better Pools	Nil	N/A	Not submit an application	No large pools projects planned for next four years
Major Facilities	DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	Redevelopment of the existing pavilion at DS Aitken Reserve	Not submit an application	It would present a difficulty to demonstrate the reserve is a regional facility given the investment in Highgate Reserve in Craigieburn.
Small Aquatic Projects	Broadmeadows Aquatic and Leisure Centre Upgrades	New 25m pool changeroom and steam room	Not submit an application	It would present a difficulty to demonstrate how the upgrades planned would increase participation.
Minor Facilities	Greenvale Equestrian Pavilion	Construction of a new modular pavilion at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve	Submit an application	Recently endorsed project within the Greenvale Recreation Reserve Master Plan which provides new facilities for a sport that has growing participation.
Minor Facilities	Laura Douglas Reserve Soccer Pitch 1 lighting	Lighting upgrades at Laura Douglas Reserve	Submit an application	Project meets the guidelines and will support the future development of the Hume United Football Club.
Planning	Nil	N/A	Not submit an application	Council is currently undertaking two SRV funded planning projects (Indoor Sports Plan and Seasonal Sports Plan). It was deemed appropriate that these projects be completed prior to the submission of any new planning grant applications.

9.2.5 The following recommended projects most closely align with the funding guidelines and are therefore considered to present the highest possibility for funding.

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TABLE 4 – 2019/2020 COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND RECOMMENDED PROJECTS				
PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	SRV FUNDING CATEGORY	LOCATION	STATE ELECTORATE
Greenvale Equestrian Pavilion	Construction of a new modular pavilion at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve	Minor Facilities	Greenvale	Yuroke
Laura Douglas Reserve Soccer Pitch 1 lighting	Lighting upgrades at Laura Douglas Reserve	Minor Facilities	Dallas	Broadmeadows

9.3 2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund

9.3.1 The *2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund* is a Victorian Government funding program that assists local clubs and organisations to develop grounds, pavilions, courts and lighting to enable more women and girls to participate in sport and active recreation.

9.3.2 The fund aims to support local clubs and organisations, with grants of up to \$500,000 for projects that encourage more women and girls to become active.

9.3.3 All projects must ensure that women and girls have prioritised and equitable access to existing and new facilities. Examples of potential projects that may be funded include:

- (a) New or redevelop existing change rooms to facilitate participants and officials that are women and girls
- (b) Sports grounds that facilitate women and girls participation
- (c) Multi-sport courts that facilitate women and girls participation
- (d) Sports lighting that facilitates women and girls participation
- (e) Upgrading existing grounds to improve capacity for women and girls participation.

9.3.4 Applications for this grant program close 23 July 2018.

9.3.5 Projects for consideration of the *2018/2019 Female Friendly Facilities Fund*

- (a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council’s Capital Works Program. Two projects were considered for funding:

TABLE 5 – 2018/2019 FEMALE FRIENDLY FACILITIES FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	WORKS	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	Redevelopment of the existing pavilion at DS Aitken Reserve including the provision of female friendly amenities.	Submit an application	The full redevelopment of the pavilion will provide new and upgraded amenities for both men and women
Willowbrook Reserve Changeroom Upgrade	Upgrade to the existing changeroom to provide female friendly amenities.	Not submit an application	The works proposed would not deliver the same outcomes for girls and women in comparison with the <i>DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade</i> project.

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9.3.6 It is therefore recommended that an application be submitted for the *DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade* project given its closer alignment with the funding guidelines and ability to deliver stronger outcomes for girls and women.

9.4 2018/2019 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)

9.4.1 The Victorian Government is investing an additional \$50 million through the *2018/2019 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF)* to continue timely delivery of critical infrastructure in Melbourne’s interface.

9.4.2 Grants will be targeted at high priority community infrastructure projects that contribute to:

- Stronger, more resilient and liveable interface communities
- improved local economy in Melbourne’s interface communities
- improved ability to respond to community needs and demands.

9.4.3 The 2018/2019 GSF will fund a mix of projects that have a direct benefit to communities across these broad infrastructure categories:

- community health, well-being, and social interaction
- early education, and learning and training
- sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that support multi use purposes
- environmental and climate change resilience
- place making, civic amenity, and community connecting.

9.4.4 All infrastructure projects must commence construction within 12 months of the grant being announced (estimated to be September 2018) and must be completed within three years from the start of construction.

9.4.5 Applications for this grant program close 9 July 2018.

9.4.6 Projects for consideration of the GSF

(a) Following an assessment of the GSF guidelines and Council’s Capital Works Program, a number of potential projects were identified:

TABLE 6 – 2018/2019 GROWING SUBURBS FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
Cloverton South Community Hub	Construction of a new integrated child and community hub.	Submit an application	Project strongly meets the grant guidelines and presents an opportunity to provide new community facility for a rapidly developing community.
Bulla Tennis Club Pavilion	Construction of a new modular pavilion for the Bulla Tennis Club.	Submit an application	Project meets the grant guidelines and will complement the works of the new tennis courts.
Galaxyland Regional Playspace Redevelopment	Redevelopment of the Galaxyland Regional Playspace	Submit an application	A new regional playspace will provide new play opportunities for the growth predicted at Jacksons Hill.

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TABLE 6 – 2018/2019 GROWING SUBURBS FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
Hume Tennis and Community Centre Playspace Upgrade	Playspace upgrade for the Hume Tennis and Community Centre	Submit an application	Completion of the Master Plan for the Hume Tennis and Community Centre site.
Merrifield West Recreation Reserve Development	Construction of new AFL and tennis facilities, including a field, tennis courts and pavilion.	Submit an application	Project strongly meets the grant guidelines and presents an opportunity to provide new community facilities for a rapidly developing community.
Mt Aitken District Recreation Reserve Development (Softball) project	Development of the reserve including softball fields and pavilion	Submit an application	Project strongly meets the grant guidelines and presents an opportunity to provide new community facilities for a rapidly developing community.
Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement	Improvements to the Broadmeadows Town Park in line with the Master Plan.	Submit an application	Project meets guidelines and will support valuable open space development in the Broadmeadows Town Centre.
Sunbury Streetscape Upgrade	Improvements to the laneways within the Sunbury Town Centre	Submit an application	Will help stimulate economic impacts in the Sunbury retail area.
Craigieburn ANZAC Park Outdoor Splash Pad	Construction of an outdoor water park.	Not submit an application	This new project has not been prioritised in the Capital Works Program and it is estimated that it would cost \$8,000 - \$10,000 per month to maintain.
DS Aitken Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	Redevelopment of the existing pavilion at DS Aitken Reserve.	Not submit an application	This project has greater alignment to Sport and Recreation Victoria's Female Friendly Facilities Fund (see above).
Greenvale Recreation Reserve Master Plan Development	Construction of works to implement the Master Plan.	Not submit an application	Projects within the Master Plan do not strongly meet the key objectives of the Fund.
Merrifield West – Northern Community Hub	Construction of a new integrated child and community centre	Not submit an application	Council will submit an application to the Children's Facilities Capital Program (see below).

- (b) As a result of this analysis, the following projects were prioritised according to their alignment to the objectives of the GSF:

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TABLE 7 – 2018/2019 GROWING SUBURBS FUND RECOMMENDED PROJECTS				
PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	GSF INFRASTRUCTURE CATEGORY	LOCATION	STATE ELECTORATE
Cloverton South Community Hub	Construction of a new integrated child and community hub.	early education, and learning and training	Kalkallo	Yuroke
Bulla Tennis Club Pavilion	Construction of a new modular pavilion for the Bulla Tennis Club.	sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that support multi use purposes	Bulla	Sunbury
Galaxyland Regional Playspace Redevelopment	Redevelopment of the Galaxyland Regional Playspace	community health, well-being, and social interaction	Sunbury	Sunbury
Hume Tennis and Community Centre Playspace Upgrade	Playspace upgrade for the Hume Tennis and Community Centre	community health, well-being, and social interaction	Craigieburn	Yuroke
Merrifield West Recreation Reserve Development	Construction of new AFL and tennis facilities, including a field, tennis courts and pavilion.	sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that support multi use purposes	Merrifield West	Yuroke
Mt Aitken District Recreation Reserve Development (Softball) project	Development of the reserve including softball fields and pavilion	sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that support multi use purposes	Craigieburn	Yuroke
Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement	Improvements to the Broadmeadows Town Park in line with the Master Plan.	community health, well-being, and social interaction	Broadmeadows	Broadmeadows
Sunbury Streetscape Upgrade	Improvements to the laneways within the Sunbury Town Centre	place making, civic amenity, and community connecting.	Sunbury	Sunbury

9.4.7 This list presents a diverse range of projects right across Hume City for consideration of the Victorian Government that will deliver strong benefits for the Hume City community.

9.5 Children's Facilities Capital Program

9.5.1 The Victorian Government is delivering a record \$123.6 million to build, expand and improve early years infrastructure across Victoria to ensure local families can continue to access great local kindergartens, including \$10 million targeting growth areas. This investment through the Children's Facilities Capital Program will support the provision of high quality early years programs for children and their families by:

- (a) increasing infrastructure capacity to deliver kindergarten program for children in the year before school
- (b) promoting integrated service delivery at one location where families can access early childhood education and care, health and development and family services

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- (c) improving access to local and responsive early childhood services for children from vulnerable and/or disadvantaged families
- (d) establishing early childhood infrastructure on or near school sites.

9.5.2 Funding available in the Children’s Facilities Capital Program 2018-19 grant round is across six separate streams

TABLE 8 – CHILDREN’S FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM DETAILS

CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT	MINIMUM CO-CONTRIBUTION FROM APPLICANT	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Integrated Children’s Centre Grants	40% of the total project cost, capped at \$1,600,000	60% of the total project cost	<p>Integrated children’s centres funded through the CFCP must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have at least 66 approved places, based on two rooms for providing a funded kindergarten program for children in the year before school (four year old kindergarten) • provide <u>all</u> of the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funded kindergarten for children in the year before school (four year old kindergarten). This can be sessional and/or integrated with long day care. - Long day care (unless evidence is provided there is no unmet demand in the local area) - Maternal and child health services - Allied health services for early years (e.g. early childhood intervention services) - Family services • provide <u>one or more</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three year old kindergarten - Supported playgroups or community parent-led playgroups - Parenting groups or programs - Occasional care - Family day care program coordination - Counselling services - Community meeting spaces - Outside school hours care - Adult education programs

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TABLE 8 – CHILDREN’S FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM DETAILS			
CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT	MINIMUM CO-CONTRIBUTION FROM APPLICANT	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
New Early Learning Facility Grants	75% of the total project cost, capped at \$650,000	25% of the total project cost	<p>New early learning facilities funded through the CFCP must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have at least 66 approved places, based on two rooms for providing a funded kindergarten program for children in the year before school (four year old kindergarten) • provide a funded kindergarten program for children in the year before school (four year old kindergarten). This can be sessional and/or integrated with long day care. • provide <u>at least one</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three year old kindergarten - Long day care - Maternal and child health - Playgroups <p>A new early learning facility <u>cannot</u> be on a site currently used by a licensed children’s service.</p>
Early Learning Facility Upgrade Grants	75% of the total project cost, capped at \$350,000	25% of the total project cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early learning facility upgrades increase the number of approved places or improve the quality of the learning environment at existing facilities that are licensed for early childhood education and care. • Renovated and refurbished facilities must be used to deliver a funded kindergarten program for children in the year before school. This can be sessional and/or integrated with long day care.
Minor Infrastructure Expansion	Up to \$25,000 (plus GST)	Nil	Towards the expansion of a licensed early learning facility to increase its usable space.
Minor Infrastructure Refurbishment	Up to \$10,000 (plus GST)	Nil	Towards the renovation or refurbishment of existing, licensed early childhood education and care facilities used for the delivery of a funded kindergarten program to improve the quality of the learning environment.
Information Technology	Up to \$1,500 (plus GST)	Nil	Towards the purchase of desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and televisions to support administration or delivery of educational programs at the service.

9.5.3 Applications for this grant program close on 31 July 2018.

9.5.4 Projects for consideration of the *Children’s Facilities Capital Program*

(a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council’s draft 2018/2019 Capital Works Program. Five projects were considered for funding:

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TABLE 9 – CHILDREN'S FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
Merrifield West – Northern Community Hub Project	Construction of a new integrated child and community centre.	Submit an application	Project strongly meets the grant guidelines and presents an opportunity to provide new community facility for a rapidly developing community.
Cloverton South Community Hub Project	Construction of a new integrated child and community centre.	Not submit an application.	Council will submit an application to the Growing Suburbs Fund (see above).
Learmonth Street Preschool	Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment	Submit an application	Project strongly meets guidelines.
McEwen Drive Preschool	Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment	Submit an application	Project strongly meets guidelines.
Dawson Street Preschool	Play space refurbishment and reinstatement of sand pit	Submit an application	Project strongly meets guidelines.

9.5.5 After considering these projects against the funding guidelines it is recommended that applications be submitted for the following projects:

TABLE 10 – 2018/2019 CHILDREN'S FACILITIES CAPITAL GRANTS RECOMMENDED PROJECTS				
PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	CHILDREN'S FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM CATEGORY	LOCATION	STATE ELECTORATE
<i>Merrifield West – Northern Community Hub Project</i>	<i>Construction of a new integrated child and community centre.</i>	<i>Integrated Children's Centre Grants</i>	Merrifield West	Yuroke
<i>Learmonth Street Preschool</i>	<i>Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment</i>	<i>Minor Infrastructure Refurbishment grants</i>	Sunbury	Sunbury
<i>McEwen Drive Preschool</i>	<i>Synthetic Turf Installation and play space refurbishment</i>	<i>Minor Infrastructure Refurbishment grants</i>	Sunbury	Sunbury
<i>Dawson Street Preschool</i>	<i>Play space refurbishment and reinstatement of sand pit</i>	<i>Minor Infrastructure Refurbishment grants</i>	Tullamarine	Sunbury

9.6 Public Safety Infrastructure Fund (PSIF)

9.6.1 The *Public Safety Infrastructure Fund (PSIF)* grants are available to support Victorian councils to undertake the development and improvement of public safety and security infrastructure.

9.6.2 Infrastructure grants between \$20,000 and \$250,000 will support projects using good urban design and equipment, including Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and

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lighting for example, to help improve community safety, security and confidence in public places.

9.6.3 Funding is available only for the costs of procuring and installing infrastructure. Co-contribution requirements apply.

9.6.4 The objectives of the *PSIF* grants are to:

- (a) support councils to improve local public safety and security infrastructure in local communities
- (b) increase community safety and confidence in public places
- (c) encourage local communities to apply innovative crime and community safety solutions to local areas
- (d) build the knowledge base about good practice public safety infrastructure solutions, and capture and share lessons learned
- (e) promote the development and delivery of integrated crime prevention initiatives as part of a strategic approach to local community safety
- (f) promote widespread engagement in community crime prevention initiatives across Victoria.

9.6.5 Applications for this grant program close 20 July 2018.

9.6.6 Projects for consideration of the *Public Safety Infrastructure Fund*

- (a) Council officers undertook an assessment of Council’s draft 2018/2019 Capital Works Program. Two projects were considered for funding:

TABLE 11 – PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
PROJECT	WORKS SEEKING FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement (provision of new lighting)	Installation of lighting for the Broadmeadows Town Park.	Submit an application	Current lighting is inadequate and the war memorial has been subject to anti-social behavior.
Implementation of CCTV Policy	Installation of CCTV systems on Council assets.	Not submit an application.	This project would not be considered eligible for funding as the grant focuses on the safety of the public not protection of assets – which is the priority of the policy.

- (b) It is therefore recommended that an application be submitted for lighting as part of the *Broadmeadows Town Park Precinct Enhancement* project.

9.7 Community Harmony Program

9.7.1 The *Community Harmony Program* provides funding of up to \$100,000 per annum for 1 or 2 years towards activities and initiatives that support communities to live together harmoniously with a shared understanding of belonging to our diverse Victorian community.

9.7.2 The program aims to support all Victorians to have a strong sense of belonging, whatever their religion, ethnicity, skin colour, or cultural identity, through creating opportunities for Victorians to build relationships with one another leading to increased understanding and respect for our common values and interests.

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- 9.7.3 The Program objectives embed a commitment by the Victorian Government to ensure community led, co-designed support for community harmony and social cohesion in Victoria. The objectives are to:
- (a) increase intercultural, inter-community, and inter-religious interactions, engagement and understanding
 - (b) identify and respond to local challenges to community harmony and social cohesion
 - (c) support diverse groups to develop relationships with one another and deliver initiatives that promote social cohesion and belonging
 - (d) build shared values and the foundations of common humanity that transcend cultural and religious difference
 - (e) improve information sharing and coordination around intercultural and interfaith issues, initiatives, and events across Victoria

9.7.4 Applications for this grant program close 12 June 2018.

9.7.5 Projects for consideration of the *Community Harmony Program*

- (a) An assessment of the Hume City Council Plan 2017-2021 has led to the development of a proposal to implement activities for the *Hume Interfaith Network (HIN)*. This includes:
 - (i) Multi-faith Event on Harmony Day where all the faith leaders come together to celebrate the diversity of faiths in Hume City
 - (ii) HIN Showcase – an event with music to celebrate the different cultures of different faiths.
 - (iii) HIN Dinner – an acknowledgement and celebration of the work of the HIN Faith leaders for their collaborative approach.
 - (iv) Place of worship tours – visits to places of worship to allow the community to get a greater understanding of other faiths.
- (b) It is therefore recommended that an application be submitted for the *Hume Interfaith Network*.

9.8 FReeZA 2019 – 2021 Grants

- 9.8.1 FReeZA is an innovative youth development program that enables young people to plan, organise and enjoy drug, alcohol and smoke-free events that are fully supervised.
- 9.8.2 The FReeZA program is based on youth participation where young people join a local FReeZA Committee and lead the planning, development and delivery of music and cultural events in their local community.
- 9.8.3 FReeZA 2019-21 will provide grants to organisations to deliver between 6 and 15 events over three years in their local community.
- 9.8.4 FReeZA 2019-21 will play an important role in meeting the Victoria Government's priorities for young people by:
- (a) engaging young people in training and youth development activities, including event management, teamwork and leadership development
 - (b) strengthening connections between young people and local businesses, schools and other community organisations in the staging of music and cultural events
 - (c) involving young people in the decision making process in all aspects of the FReeZA program

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- (d) creating music, cultural and recreational events that meet the local needs and interests of young people
 - (e) providing opportunities for young emerging artists to perform at local FReeZA events
 - (f) recognising and celebrating the volunteering contribution made by young people to their community.
- 9.8.5 Successful FReeZA 2019-21 proposals should be inclusive and accessible to all local young people within the community and provide important performance opportunities for local musicians and young artists. All previously funded projects have:
- (a) implemented a youth participation approach for engaging and supporting young people
 - (b) established a FReeZA committee which is representative of the community, with committee members between the ages of 12-25
 - (c) supported young people on the FReeZA committee by identifying and providing skill development and training opportunities
 - (d) overseen the delivery of music or cultural events (as determined by the FReeZA committee)
 - (e) identified further education, training and employment pathways and other local volunteering opportunities for young people
 - (f) implemented strategies to ensure the FReeZA program is inclusive and accessible to all young people.
- 9.8.6 Applications for this grant program close 15 June 2018. It is recommended that a grant application be submitted to coordinate a minimum of 15 events over 3 years which is anticipated to reach over 6000 young people. To help guide this work over 30 young people will participate on a FReeZA committee.

10. CONCLUSION:

- 10.1 The Victorian Government currently has a number of grant programs available for Councils to compete to access funds for capital works or community development activities.
- 10.2 A list of projects has been presented which meet the funding criteria and provide opportunities for Council to potentially off-set committed capital funding in future budgets.
- 10.3 All of these projects to be submitted meet key objectives within the Hume City Council Plan 2017 – 2021 as evidence of their importance to the local community.

REPORT NO:	SU301
REPORT TITLE:	Petition to Remove a Street Tree Located at 4-6 Ronald Close, Gladstone Park
SOURCE:	Graham Dear, Coordinator Open Space
DIVISION:	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
FILE NO:	HCC17/27
POLICY:	CP2004/09/60 - Street and Reserve Tree Policy
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.2 Create community pride through a well-designed and maintained City.
ATTACHMENTS:	1. <i>Street and Reserve Tree Policy Appendix 4</i> 2. <i>Photographs of the subject tree</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

- 1.1 A petition/joint letter was received and tabled to Council on 14 August 2017 with 16 signatures requesting that the dangerous tree located in the nature strip outside 4-6 Ronald Close, Gladstone Park be removed and replaced.
- 1.2 An arborist has assessed the tree and found that it is very unlikely to cause harm to a person or damage to property and otherwise does not meet Council's criteria for removal.
- 1.3 It is recommend Council retain the tree and advise the lead petitioner accordingly.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 **That the petition to remove and replace the tree (*Coymbia maculata*, Spotted Gum) should be declined and the residents notified of the decision.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

- 3.1 Section 107 of the Road Management Act 2004 makes clear Council does not have a statutory or common law duty to undertake works on a roadside tree. However, Section 3(f) of the associated *Operational Responsibility for Public Roads Code of Practice, 2017* states that where Council has been notified that the tree may be a hazard, it has a duty to act.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation.
- 4.2 Removing and replacing all trees in the Close would cost about \$10,000.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

- 5.1 Large canopy trees like the one adjacent to 2-6 Ronald Close help make Hume more environmentally sustainable. They can help reduce reliance on energy intensive cooling systems, they provide habitat for fauna and help extract pollutants.
- 5.2 The removal of large urban trees has a significant broader effect than that of the immediate street location. They play an important role in softening the built environment, moderate local wind spreads, capture and filter the air of wind born dust and pollutants. In addition to providing important habitat and forage for native bird and provide many other ecosystem services.

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- 6.1 Climate change is likely to result more frequent and longer heatwaves in Hume. Canopy trees like the tree adjacent to 2-6 Ronald Close help keep streets and surrounding properties cooler on hot days through reflecting sunlight and shading heat absorbing surfaces like roads.
- 6.2 Council's draft Council Plan has foreshadowed the need to retain and plant more canopy trees in Hume to help combat the adverse effects of climate change.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

- 7.1 Council's Social Justice Charter 2014 includes objectives to encourage community participation in Council decisions and a healthy and safe natural environment.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

- 8.1 In addition to the petition Council records indicate that residents from three of the properties in Ronald Close have approached Council a total of seven occasions since 2007. Residents have expressed concern about excessive leaf litter, possible tree root damage to utilities and footpaths and concerns the tree may fall in high winds.
- 8.2 Since 2007 Council's Parks Department has inspected the tree on several occasions and advised residents that the tree did not meet Council's criteria for removal.
- 8.3 Community consultation, including in the development of Hume Horizon and Council's Biodiversity Plan shows community support for conserving and enhancing the natural environment.

9. DISCUSSION:**9.1 Background:**

- 9.1.1 On 14 August 2017 the Council tabled a petition from 16 residents requesting that the dangerous tree located in the nature strip outside 4-6 Ronald Close, Gladstone Park be removed and replaced with another species (see Attachment 2 – photographs of the subject tree).
- 9.1.2 The reasons stated by the petitioner were:
- (a) the tree is dangerous;
 - (b) the waste produced by the tree is a significant risk to the public;
 - (c) the time spent clearing their properties of the waste detracts from their ability to spend quality time with their family and friends;
 - (d) the personal cost of replacing guttering and other private property due to tree waste.
- 9.1.3 The petition is signed by residents who live in Ronald Close, Lenoak Street (Gladstone Park), Hornsby Avenue (Westmeadows), Spring Street (Tullamarine), Fiona Court (Gladstone Park), Wolverton Drive (Gladstone Park), Marham Place (Tullamarine), McKay Place (Attwood), Snaefell Crescent (Gladstone Park), Greenhill Court (Sunbury), Innkeepers Way (Attwood).

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9.1.4 In response, Council resolved:

“That the Petition be received and the nominated contact of the Petition be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager Parks for investigation and response”.

9.2 Street and Reserve Tree Policy 2004

9.2.1 Council manages over 165,000 trees and responds to around 5,000 street and reserve tree related enquiries each year.

9.2.2 Between May 2017 and May 2018 Council considered 686 requests to remove trees including 91 requests to remove street trees so that a vehicle crossing could be installed. During this same period, Council removed and, in most cases, replaced around 1300 trees for a variety of reasons including poor health, damage and Council works.

9.2.3 The Hume community generally supports retaining urban trees because of the benefits they provide and generally accept that all trees drop leaf litter at certain times of the year.

9.2.4 To ensure that Council strikes the right balance between the community’s support for urban trees verses the detriment some trees may impose of some members of the community, Council manages its street and reserve trees in accordance with its *Street and Reserve Tree Policy*. A full copy of the Policy is available on Council’s website.

9.2.5 Section 2.3 of the Policy states that Council will only remove trees if one or more of the *Tree Removal Criteria* are met as outlined in Appendix 4 of the Policy and can be found in Attachment 1.

9.2.6 In receiving a request to remove a street tree, Council’s Parks Department assesses the subject tree against the Policy and advises the requestor accordingly.

9.3 Assessment of the Tree

9.3.1 Following the petition an independent report into the structural health, integrity and risk associated with the tree was obtained.

9.3.2 The report found:

- (a) the tree is of good health and has good structure;
- (b) the risk of the tree causing harm to a person or damage to a house is extremely low.
- (c) the tree has useful life expectancy of greater than 10 years.
- (d) the tree provides a high level of amenity
- (e) the tree should be retained

9.3.3 The lead petitioner was advised of the findings of the report on 7 February 2018.

9.4 Damage and Nuisance

9.4.1 The Policy contains non-arboricultural criteria on whether a tree should be removed including: *“The tree is substantially contributing to damages or nuisance to public or private property and no other viable means are available to rectify the situation”*

9.4.2 The petition alleges residents need to spend excessive time clearing leaves, twigs and fruit that fall from the tree into the guttering of their houses and from

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their gardens. Previous correspondence from some of the residents also alleges roots from the tree are responsible for damage to storm water and sewer pipes.

- 9.4.3 All trees drop leaf litter. The amount and timing of leaf litter depends on the species, time of year, prevailing weather condition and health of the tree. Spotted gums are not known for excessive leaf litter. They tend to drop more leaf litter during periods of prolonged hot weather.
- 9.4.4 Council's Parks Department inspections over the years have found that leaf litter from the tree was likely to fall onto neighbouring yards and be blown into house gutters. However, the maintenance arising from this was unlikely to cause substantial damage or nuisance to warrant removal of the tree.
- 9.4.5 Officers have also investigated alleged damage to property stormwater and sewer pipes. They found it was unlikely the roots from the tree caused the initial damage to the pipes and recommended the owner replace the pipes to ensure they remained free of blockages.

9.5 Tree Rejuvenation Program

- 9.5.1 The Policy also provides for the removal of street trees as part of Council's Tree Rejuvenation Program.
- 9.5.2 Council may replace boulevard plantings even when other criteria for a tree's removal are not met. Recent application of the Program has been replacement of trees in nearby Carrick Drive, Gladstone Park.
- 9.5.3 Typically, Council considers a boulevard for the Tree Rejuvenation Program where the boulevard is in a high profile street (high traffic volumes and/or prominent location) and many of the trees are in severe decline or have already been removed due to poor health. Typical candidate for the Program are boulevards that currently have low amenity value.
- 9.5.4 The trees in Roland Close are a mixture of species, age, size and health providing average amenity. They are not evenly spaced. Most are in good health and have an average life expectancy of greater than 10 years. The subject tree provides the highest amenity value in the Close.
- 9.5.5 Removing and replacing the trees with the same species and a more consistent spacing would eventually lead to greater overall amenity than offered by the existing trees. Rejuvenation however, would take more than 15 years to achieve a similar level of amenity to the existing trees and would cost around \$10,000.
- 9.5.6 Given the expected remaining life of the trees and the low profile locale compared to other potential boulevards, officers consider the Close a low priority for the Rejuvenation Program.

10. CONCLUSION:

- 10.1 In line with general community expectations, Council's Street and Reserve Policy favours retaining a street tree where a tree is unlikely to cause harm and the nuisance it causes is not unreasonable.

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- 10.2 Council could consider replacing the tree outside 4-6 Ronald Close as part of Council's Tree Rejuvenation Program but given the amenity value of the existing trees in the Close and low profile locale, officers do not recommend this option.
- 10.3 Having assessed the tree outside 4 – 6 Ronald Close against Council Street and Reserve Tree Policy it is recommend that Council not replace it at this time.

STREET AND RESERVE TREE POLICY

APPENDIX 4: TREE REMOVAL CRITERIA

Tree removal, will be approved if the tree meets one or more of the criteria set out below. The tree removal criterion is used to prevent indiscriminate removal. Safety is the priority, however, aesthetic and ecological factors, including wildlife habitat will be considered when making all tree management and removal decisions.

The tree or tree group needs to be inspected and assessed for the above criteria by a qualified arborist. Tree health (vigour), structure, Useful Life Expectancy (ULE), and hazard potential must be assessed.

Trees that are to be handed over to Council from developers must have a ULE of greater than ten years otherwise the trees should be removed prior to hand over to Council management. The exception is in areas of high conservation where the trees contribute to the habitat values of a site. In these cases, public safety will be addressed through the use of appropriate pruning works, advisory signage and design of open spaces to discourage / prevent public access.

Council acknowledges that some residents have concerns with the leaf litter, fruit, bark or other debris that a tree may shed over the seasons. However, tree removals will not be authorised based on this reason alone.

Trees and groups of trees may be removed only when one or more of the following criteria are met.

- That is dead or close to death. Exceptions considered where tree or tree group is located in indigenous vegetation conservation sites.
- Infected with a disease where the recommended control is not applicable and removal is the recommended practice to prevent transmission.
- Poses a severe safety hazard that cannot be corrected by pruning, transplanting or other treatments.
- Severely interferes with a neighbouring tree or tree group to the extent that neither tree can develop to its full potential. The more desirable tree will be preserved.
- The aesthetic values are so low or negative that the site is visually enhanced by the tree removal.
- Work improvements or infrastructure repair or maintenance required to be made around the tree or tree group will kill or render the tree a hazard or significantly impact on the trees condition and useful life expectancy.
- The tree is **substantially** contributing to damages or nuisance to public or private property and no other viable means are available to rectify the situation.
- The tree or group of trees is included in the street tree rejuvenation program as identified by Council.

Date Adopted	27 September 2004
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Photographs of the subject tree (4 – 6 Ronald Close, Gladstone Park)



Figure 1: Location of subject tree (red circle). Adapted from the Hume Tree Management System (HTMS) 2017



Figure 2: Subject tree (arrow)

REPORT NO:	SU302
REPORT TITLE:	Millicent Drive, Craigieburn - Traffic Investigation
SOURCE:	Wendy Anderson, Traffic Engineer
DIVISION:	Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
FILE NO:	22466
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.3 Create a connected community through efficient and effective walking, cycling, public transport and car networks.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Locality Plan - Millicent Drive, Craigieburn</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

This report is in response to a joint letter that has been received containing 17 signatures, requesting the installation of road humps in Millicent Drive, Craigieburn.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

2.1 notes that Millicent Drive does not meet Council's warrants for the installation of traffic calming devices.

2.2 notifies the first named signatory of the joint letter in writing of Council's decision.

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Council has the power under the Local Government Act 1989, Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009, Road Safety Road Rules 2009 and the Road Safety Act 1986 to install and modify traffic control devices.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The costs of traffic investigations, including traffic surveys, are included in Council's Assets operating budget.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no direct environmental implications as a result of this report.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

This report does not require climate change adaption considerations.

7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The recommendations in this report do not limit any of the protected rights under the Victoria Charter of Human Rights.

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8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

No community consultation is required as part of this report.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 Background

9.1.1 Council resolved at its meeting on Monday 12 February 2018 (PJL274) 'that the joint letter be received, circulated to Councilors, and the first named signatory of the joint letter be advised that the matter has been referred to the Manager Assets for investigation.'

9.1.2 The joint letter with 17 signatures stated the following:

'We the undersigned residents of Millicent Dr Craigieburn are asking to erect ramps in the above street, to minimize the speed of the drivers who are driving very fast in our street. We are very concerned about the safety of our children and our own safety. The noise created by speeding cars is distracting people from their work, study or other important things that they might do during their daily life duties.'

9.1.3 Council recently investigated whether to install road humps in Millicent Drive in response to an earlier request from the community for Council to install roads humps in the street. The key findings of that August 2017 investigation are set out below.

9.2 Existing conditions

9.2.1 Millicent Drive is classified as a local access street whose primary function is to provide access to abutting residential properties and distribute local traffic to the collector road network.

9.2.2 Millicent Drive has an existing default speed limit of 50km/h. Its road width allows for vehicles to park on both sides of the road and for one through vehicle to pass on the remaining roadway.

9.2.3 Millicent Drive is approximately 550 metres long and runs between Peppertree Parade on the northern end and Jonesfield Street on the southern end.

9.2.4 There is an existing roundabout at the Millicent Drive and Grand Boulevard intersection.

9.2.5 Refer to Attachment 1 for a locality plan.

9.3 Road Crash History

9.3.1 A review of VicRoads' Road Crash Information System database, which lists all recorded injury crashes, indicates that there has been one recorded casualty crash on Millicent Drive in the most recently available 5-year period between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2017.

9.3.2 The crash occurred when a vehicle turning left out of Penhall Drive collided with a parked car on the west side of Millicent Crescent due to the driver being under the influence of drugs. The crash resulted in a minor injury to the driver.

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9.4 Traffic Surveys

9.4.1 An automatic traffic survey was undertaken on Millicent Drive between Gateshead Street and Penhall Drive in August 2017. The results are outlined in the following table:

Survey Location	Survey Period	Daily Vehicle Volume (Veh/Day)	Speed Limit (km/h)	85 th Percentile Speed (km/h)	% Vehicles over the speed limit	45km/h at or above the speed limit
Millicent Drive, Craigieburn between Gateshead Street and Penhall Drive	27/07/2017 to 10/08/2017	776	50	51.5	18.9	1

9.5 Analysis

9.5.1 Millicent Drive is classified as an access street where the desirable maximum daily traffic volume is 2,000 vehicles.

9.5.2 Council's warrants for the installation of traffic calming devices on Millicent Drive require:

- (a) The daily traffic volume to be greater than 2,000 vehicles and the 85th percentile speed to exceed the speed limit by at least 10km/h, or
- (b) A minimum of three recorded casualty crashes per km or three recorded casualty crashes at an intersection.

9.5.3 Traffic calming devices are used to address traffic speeds when a significant portion of the traffic is speeding. In cases where there are low numbers of vehicles speeding it is considered a policing matter. The resident can take details of the speeding vehicle and report it directly to the police via Crime Stoppers telephone or web site.

9.5.4 The recorded average daily volume, 85th percentile speed and the crash history on Millicent Drive do not meet Council warrants for the installation of traffic calming devices.

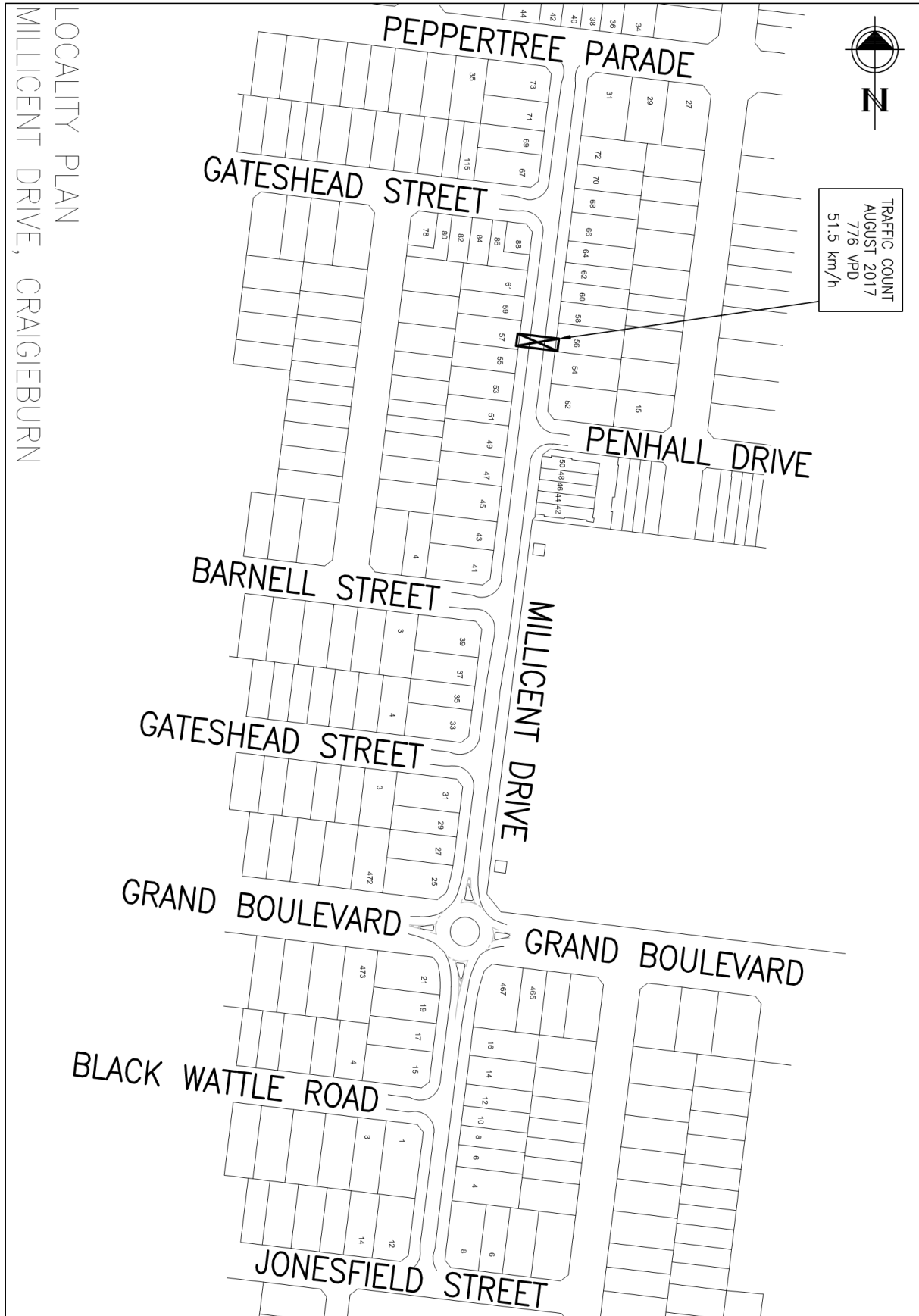
9.5.5 One of the definitions of 'hoon driving', as it relates to speeding, defines a motorist as 'hooning' if they exceed the existing speed limit by 45km/h or more. To be defined as hooning, a vehicle would have to be travelling at 95km/h or faster along Millicent Drive.

9.5.6 In the two week survey period there was only one vehicle recorded at a speed of 101km/h that would meet the definition of 'hooning'. There were only three other vehicles from a total of 10,516 recorded vehicles that were travelling over 80km/h. One vehicle hooning in a two week period is not representative of the general traffic on Millicent Drive and does not warrant any further action.

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10. CONCLUSION:

- 10.1 The traffic investigation of Millicent Drive identified that there has been one reported casualty crash, due to driving under the influence of drugs, in the most recent available 5-year period. The recorded speeds and volumes do not meet Council's warrants for the installation of traffic calming devices on Millicent Drive.



REPORT NO:	SU303
REPORT TITLE:	Adoption of Amendment C217 - Rolling Meadows, Sunbury
SOURCE:	Andrea Taylor, Strategic Planner
DIVISION:	Planning and Development
FILE NO:	HCC16/470
POLICY:	-
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	4.1 Facilitate appropriate urban development while protecting and enhancing the City's environment, natural heritage and rural spaces.
ATTACHMENT:	1. <i>Land affected by the Amendment</i>

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Amendment C217 seeks to remove the Comprehensive Development Zone, Development Plan Overlay and Public Acquisition Overlay applying to the Rolling Meadows estate in Sunbury and replace it with the Low Density Residential Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Public Park and Recreation Zone and Road Zone Category 1. A Planning Panel appointed by the Minister for Planning considered submissions to the Amendment at a Panel hearing on 22 March 2018 and has provided Council with a report. The Panel Report recommends that Council adopts the Amendment as exhibited subject to removing reference to *Rolling Meadows Comprehensive Development Plan* dated August 2001 from the Schedule to Clause 81.01. It is recommended that Council adopts the Amendment with the additional change and submits it to the Minister from Planning for approval.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

That Council having considered the Independent Planning Panel report in accordance with Section 27 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:

- 2.1 adopts Planning Scheme Amendment C217 as exhibited in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the change detailed in Section 9.5 of the report; and**
- 2.2 submits the adopted Planning Scheme Amendment C217 to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**

3. LEGISLATIVE POWERS:

Planning and Environment Act 1987.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Administrative costs associated with the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C217, including panel costs are provided within the Strategic Planning Department budget.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

This matter does not have any direct environmental sustainability considerations.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION CONSIDERATIONS:

This matter does not have any direct climate change adaptation considerations.

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7. CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION:

The Planning Scheme Amendment has met the principles of Hume's *Social Justice Policy* by engaging the community through a formal consultation process, as outlined below.

8. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

8.1 In accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Amendment C217 was placed on exhibition from 14 September 2017 to 16 October 2017. Notice of the Amendment was placed in the Victorian Government Gazette as well as in local papers. Letters were also sent to all landowners and occupiers adjoining the subject site and to relevant ministers and authorities.

8.2 Three submissions were received to the Amendment including a combined submission from VicRoads and Transport for Victoria, and two submissions from affected landowners within Rolling Meadows.

8.3 The VicRoads and Transport for Victoria combined submission did not object to the Amendment. The two submissions from affected landowners requested changes to the Amendment.

9. DISCUSSION:

9.1 The subject land

9.1.1 The land affected by Amendment C217 is the Rolling Meadows estate in south-east Sunbury, broadly described as the land between Lancefield Road (to the east) and The Skyline (to the west) affected by the Comprehensive Development Zone and Development Plan Overlay (Attachment 1).

9.2 The Amendment

9.2.1 Amendment C217 proposes to update the planning controls applying to Rolling Meadows now that development of the estate has been substantially completed in accordance with the *Rolling Meadows Local Structure Plan, 2003* (RMLSP 2003). The Amendment proposes to:

- (a) Remove the Comprehensive Development Zone and Development Plan Overlay from the land.
- (b) Apply the Low Density Residential Zone to land identified as Rural Density D on the RMLSP 2003.
- (c) Apply the Neighbourhood Residential Zone to land identified as Rural Density A, B, C and C1 on the RMLSP 2003.
- (d) Include a schedule to the Low Density Residential and Neighbourhood Residential zones that limits further residential subdivision in the areas affected by these zones.
- (e) Apply the Public Park and Recreation Zone to open space reserves named in the RMLSP 2003, reflecting their function and ownership by Council. Smaller parklets are proposed to be zoned with the surrounding residential zone.
- (f) Remove the Public Acquisition Overlay and apply the Road Zone Category 1 to land that has been acquired by VicRoads to form part of a declared arterial road (Lancefield Road).

9.2.2 The area identified as Conventional Density Residential on the RMLSP 2003 is currently General Residential Zone. No change is proposed to this zone.

9.3 Background

9.3.1 The two landowner submissions which requested changes to the exhibited Amendment raised similar issues. In short, the submissions did not support

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the inclusion of a minimum lot size of 0.6 hectares in the area proposed to be rezoned to Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) and requested the Amendment be changed to enable their properties to be subdivided. In support of this request, they contend that restrictions on subdivision in Rolling Meadows is not strategically justified or supported by State and local planning policy or Planning Practice Notes.

9.3.2 At its meeting of 11 December 2017, Council considered the submissions to Planning Scheme Amendment C217 and resolved to request the Minister for Planning appoint an Independent Planning Panel to consider unresolved submissions.

9.3.3 On 22 December 2017 a Panel was appointed by the Minister for Planning to hear and consider submissions. A Directions Hearing was held on 26 February 2018 and the Panel Hearing was held on 22 March 2018.

9.4 Panel Report

9.4.1 Council received the Panel Report on 20 April 2018. The Panel Report recommended that the Amendment be adopted as exhibited subject to removing reference to *Rolling Meadows Comprehensive Development Plan dated August 2001* from the Schedule to Clause 81.01.

9.4.2 Given the issues raised by the submitters, the Panel considered the lands' planning context and the proposed lots sizes in the LDRZ area, specifically the application of the 0.6 hectare minimum subdivision area which would effectively preclude any further subdivision in Rolling Meadows.

9.4.3 In justifying the minimum lot provisions, Council's submission contended that the strategic intent of the RMLSP has been realised through the initial subdivision of the land and that given the Plan is the strategic basis for the Amendment, the controls proposed seek to conserve the existing subdivision pattern in order to maintain the strategic intent for the area. Importantly, it was noted that the permission of further subdivision would constitute a policy change as it would both directly and indirectly erode the intent of the Plan by affecting lot diversity (including the provision of lots up to 1 hectare in size) and apply pressures and the requirements to upgrade infrastructure. This in turn would affect the highly valued rural character of the area

9.4.4 The Panel Report supports Council's submission, stating:

On balance, the Panel accepts Council's submission that a minimum lot size of 0.6 hectares is strategically justified and acceptable for the proposed LDRZ area in Rolling Meadows. The Panel agrees that it is an appropriate way to preserve the intent of the RMLSP and the restrictive covenant that no further subdivision should occur.

9.5 Change to the Amendment

9.5.1 One of the landowner submissions highlighted an existing discrepancy in the Hume Planning Scheme with the RMLSP 2003 being considered the primary document for Rolling Meadows, despite the *Rolling Meadows Comprehensive Development Plan dated August 2001* (RMCDP 2001) being an incorporated document in the Schedule to Clause 81.

9.5.2 Council's Part A submission to the Panel Hearing noted that the RMLSP has been amended over time and that given the RMLSP 2003 is the most recent version of the plan, the removal of the reference to the RMCDP 2001 from the Hume Planning Scheme has been an administrative oversight. As such, Council's submission requested that the following change be made to the Amendment as a result of submissions:

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- Remove *Rolling Meadows Comprehensive Development Plan dated August 2001* from the Schedule to Clause 81.01.

9.5.3 This change to the Amendment is supported by the Panel Report.

9.6 Options for the Amendment

9.6.1 Section 27(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* requires Council as the Planning authority to consider the Panel's report before deciding whether or not to adopt the Amendment. Based on the recommendation of the Panel Report, Council has the options of:

- Adopting the Amendment, with or without further changes, or
- Abandoning the Amendment.

9.6.2 Council's submission to the Panel contended that the Amendment is strongly supported by both State and local planning policy. Given the Panel Report supports the strategic merit of the Amendment, it is recommended that Council adopts Amendment C217 to the Hume Planning Scheme as exhibited with the change outlined in Section 9.5 above.

10. CONCLUSION:

In line with the recommendation of the Panel Report, it is recommended that Council adopts Amendment C217 as exhibited with the change outlined above in Section 9.5 of the report and submits the documents for Ministerial consideration under Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

