Ordinary Meeting of Council
Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at 6.30pm

Agenda
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to be held at the Moonee Valley Civic Centre

TO:

Members:  
Cr John Sipek  
Cr Samantha Byrne  
Cr Jim Cusack  
Cr Rebecca Gauci Maurici  
Cr Richard Lawrence  
Cr Nicole Marshall  
Cr Narelle Sharpe

Officers:  
Mr Steven Lambert  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Natalie Reiter  
Director Planning & Development  
Mr Petrus Barry  
Acting Director Organisational Performance  
Mr Dino De Melis  
Acting Director City Services  
Mr Gil Richardson  
Acting Director Asset Planning & Strategic Projects  
Ms Allison Watt  
Manager Communications & Governance  
Ms Vera Mitrovic-Misic  
Acting Manager Statutory Planning
Business:

1. Opening

2. Apologies
   Cr Cam Nation has requested leave of absence from
   Cr Andrea Surace has requested leave of absence from 24 April to 1 May 2018 inclusive.

3. Confirmation of Minutes
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    Nil.

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STEVEN LAMBERT
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Recommendation
That reports by the Mayor and Councillors be received.

8.1 Report by Mayor, Councillor Sipek

8 March 2018  Hosted International Women’s Day Breakfast in Council Chambers

Participated in Photo Opportunity with the Leader Newspaper for the Bee Hive Program

13 March 2018  Attended meeting with Coordinator Governance regarding Place Name Proposals

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14 March 2018  Attended Land Acquisition Meeting

15 March 2018  Hosted visit by Minister Marlene Kairouz to show Council’s Bee Program at the Incinerator Gallery, Moonee Ponds

16 March 2018  Attended Aberfeldie Park Cricket Club Junior Presentation Event at J.A Fullarton Pavilion, Moonee Ponds

17 March 2018  Opened Fairbairn Park Pavilion Launch, Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale

Attended Premier’s Gala Dinner at Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, South Wharf

18 March 2018  Attended Fund Raising Event “Knights of St Peter and Paul” held at Nancy Kirchner Centre, Avondale Heights

Attended Official Opening of Airport West Uniting Church

19 March 2018  Attended Airport West Uniting Church Men’s Fellowship Group Meeting

Attended meeting with resident in East Keilor

20 March 2018  Attended meeting with Coordinator Governance regarding Place Name Proposals

Attended Training and Development Opportunity with Councillor and Executive Advice Officer

Chaired Public Forum and Strategic Briefing

22 March 2018  Attended Overland Reserve Project Control Group meeting with Director Planning and Development and Officers
23 March 2018

Attended Essendon Keilor College school assembly as a guest welcoming Matsubara Visitors to the school

Attended meeting with President of Keilor Basketball Association

Attended Council’s Women In Business Luncheon held at Australian Events Centre, Essendon Fields

Attended briefing with Communications Officer and prior to Journalist Interview

Participated in Interview with RMIT Journalism Student regarding Buckley Street Level Crossing Project

Participated in Photo Opportunity with Michael Gallus from Footys4All Foundation

Participated in Training and Development Opportunity with Councillor and Executive Advice Officer

Attended meeting with local resident

24 March 2018

Attended Thanksgiving Breakfast held at Windy Hill, Essendon

24 – 25 March 2018

Attended Councillor’s Planning Weekend held in Lancefield

25 March 2018

Opened Council’s Mediterranean Fiesta held in Centreway Mall, East Keilor

26 March 2018

Chaired Consultation and Briefing in relation to 7 Garnet Street, West Essendon planning application

27 March 2018

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8.2 Report by Councillor Byrne

8 March 2018

Attended Council’s International Women’s Day Breakfast held in Council Chambers

Attended International Women’s Day Event held at Flemington Community Centre

9 March 2018

Attended Council arranged Childcare Field Trip around Municipality

13 March 2018

Attended meeting with Manager Leisure, Arts Officer and Representatives from the 58/32 Infantry Battalion regarding seating in Queens Park

Attended meeting with Coordinator Governance regarding Place Name Proposals

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26 March 2018  Attended meeting with Manager Community Planning and Officer to discuss East Timor Report
27 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council

8.4 **Report by Councillor Gauci Maurici**
7 March 2018  Attended Strathmore Rotary Club meeting
8 March 2018  Attended Council’s International Women’s Day Breakfast held in Council Chambers
9 March 2018  Attended Council arranged Childcare Field Trip around Municipality
13 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council
15 March 2018  Attended visit by Minister Marlene Kairouz to show Council’s Bee Program at the Incinerator Gallery, Moonee Ponds

Participated in video script in Queens Park for MV2040
17 March 2018  Attended Theatre Performance “Silvie Paladino in Songbird: The Songs of Eva Cassidy” at the Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds
20 March 2018  Attended Public Forum and Strategic Briefing
23 March 2018  Attended Council’s Women In Business Luncheon held at Australian Events Centre, Essendon Fields
24 – 25 March 2018  Attended Councillor’s Planning Weekend held in Lancefield
27 March 2018  Attended meeting with Acting Manager Community Infrastructure regarding background to Library’s needs

Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council

8.5 **Report by Councillor Lawrence**
7 March 2018  Attended Thanksgiving Community meeting
9 March 2018  Attended Essendon Airport meeting
13 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council
15 March 2018  Participated in a video recording for “Acorn Room” at Sam Merrifield Library
20 March 2018  Attended Public Forum and Strategic Briefing
21 March 2018  Attended meeting with residents and Manager Statutory Planning regarding planning applications for 166 The Boulevard, Moonee Ponds
23 March 2018  Attended Council’s Women In Business Luncheon held at Australian Events Centre, Essendon Fields
24 March 2018  Attended Thanksgiving Breakfast held at Windy Hill, Essendon
               Attended Councillor’s Planning Weekend held in Lancefield
25 March 2018  Attended Rotary Club of Essendon Art Show held at North Park Mansion, Woodlands Street, Essendon
26 March 2018  Chaired Business Promotion Portfolio Advisory Committee meeting
27 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council

8.6 Report by Councillor Marshall

7 March 2018  Attended Consultation Briefing and Meeting in relation to 147-149 The Parade, Ascot Vale planning application
               Attended Consultation Briefing and Meeting in relation to 184 Maribyrnong Road, Moonee Ponds planning application
8 March 2018  Attended Council’s International Women’s Day Breakfast held in Council Chambers
               Attended International Women’s Day Event held at Flemington Community Centre
               Attended Consultation Briefing and Meeting in relation to 6 Munro Street, Ascot Vale planning application
13 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council
14 March 2018  Attended Land Acquisition Meeting
16 March 2018  Attended meeting regarding “Improving the health of the Maribyrnong and Moonee Ponds Creek
17 March 2018  Attended Fairbairn Park Pavilion Launch, Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale
19 March 2018  Attended Wingate Avenue Committee meeting
20 March 2018  Attended Public Forum and Strategic Briefing
21 March 2018  Attended Consultation Briefing and Meeting in relation to 35 Eglinton Street, Moonee Ponds planning application
23 March 2018  Attended Council’s Women In Business Luncheon held at Australian Events Centre, Essendon Fields
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27 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council
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8.7  **Report by Councillor Nation**
7 March – 27 March 2018  Verbal Report

8.8  **Report by Councillor Sharpe**
7 March – 27 March 2018  Verbal Report

8.9  **Report by Councillor Surace**
7 March 2018  Attended Airport Rail meeting
8 March 2018  Attended Council’s International Women’s Day Breakfast held in Council Chambers
17 March 2018  Attended Premier’s Gala Dinner held at Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, South Wharf
19 March 2018  Attended ANZAC Centenary Community Coordinating Committee meeting
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23 March 2018  Attended Council’s Women In Business Luncheon held at Australian Events Centre, Essendon Fields
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27 March 2018  Attended Ordinary Meeting of Council
REPORTS

9.1 49 Railway Place West, Flemington (Lot 1 TP689098V) - Demolish buildings, remove trees and construct buildings and works comprising five dwellings in a General Residential Zone and Heritage Overlay, with a reduction in visitor car parking requirements

File No: FOL/18/32
Author: William Wheeler
Principal Statutory Planner
Directorate: Planning & Development

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Executive Summary

- The application seeks planning approval for the demolition of buildings, removal of trees, construction of five dwellings and a reduction in visitor car parking requirements.

- The site has an area of 579 square metres and is located on the western side of Railway Place West, Flemington. The site comprises one single storey brick dwelling.

- The application was advertised and 10 objections were received. The concerns raised related to neighbourhood character, site layout and building massing, overdevelopment, off-site amenity impacts, car parking and traffic impacts, construction impacts, environmental rating, drainage/flooding impacts, boundary fencing, obstruction of views and laneway ownership.

- A Consultation Meeting was held on 21 February 2018, attended by Councillor Marshall, objectors, the applicant and Council’s Planning Officer. While a resolution was not achieved at this meeting, revised floor and elevation plans for the rear dwelling dated 16 March 2018 (refer Appendix D) showing a reduced double storey built form (in lieu of triple storey) were submitted to Council to address some of the concerns raised.

- The application was internally referred to Council’s Development Engineering (Drainage) Unit, Development Engineering (Traffic) Unit, Waste Management Unit, Heritage Advisor and Environmental Sustainable Design (ESD) Officer. Conditional support to the application was provided.

- This assessment report finds that the proposal, subject to a reduced double storey built form for the rear dwelling (refer Appendix D), demonstrates an adequate level of compliance with the relevant policies and provisions of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme, and recommends that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit be issued subject to conditions.

Figure 1 – Aerial photo of the subject site and surrounds
Recommendation

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in relation to Planning Permit Application No. MV/564/2017 to demolish buildings, remove trees and construct buildings and works comprising five dwellings in a Heritage Overlay, with a reduction in visitor car parking requirements at No.49 Railway Place West, Flemington (Lot 1 TP689098V), subject to the following conditions:

1. Before the development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The amended plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and an electronic copy must be provided. The amended plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted and assessed with the application but modified to show:
   a) The rear dwelling (Townhouse 5) reduced to double storey in height in accordance with Drawings TP40-005 ‘2 Storey Rear Unit 5 Option’ and TP40-006 ‘2 Storey Rear Unit 5 Option Elevation’ dated 16 March 2018;
   b) Subsequent to the requirements of Condition 1.a), the first floor balcony of ‘Townhouse 5’ relocated to the north with ‘Bedroom 1’ and the ensuite relocated to the south-west, with setbacks from the northern property boundary to comply with Clause 55.04-1 (Side and Rear Setbacks) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme;
   c) Subsequent to the requirements of Conditions 1.a) and 1.b), ‘Townhouse 5’ is to meet the requirements of Clauses 55.04-6 (Overlooking) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme;
   d) Relocation of the ground floor pedestrian entrance for Dwelling 1 to the front (eastern) façade, with the provision of a suitable front porch for identification and weather protection purposes;
   e) The incorporation of additional glazing and the deletion of louvres/battens obscuring windows across the front (eastern) façade of Dwelling 1 at ground and first floor levels;
   f) The white brick tiles at ground floor level replaced with red/brown face brickwork, to complement the predominant colour/material palette of nearby properties;
   g) The incorporation of red/brown face brickwork along the front (eastern) ground floor façade of Dwelling 1, to complement the predominant colour/material palette of nearby properties;
   h) Deletion of the 1.5 metre high angled roof parapets for Dwellings 2, 3 and 4;
   i) Overall site coverage reduced to a maximum of 60%, in accordance with the requirements of Clause 55.03-3 (Site Coverage) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme;
   j) Provision of a separate 1.2 metre wide pedestrian footpath along the southern property boundary, adjacent to the Right of Way, with a suitable trafficable surface that provides distinction from that of the adjoining laneway (i.e. masonry or engineered porous pavers);
k) Provision of a pedestrian door between the garage and secluded private open space area of Dwelling 1;

l) Pedestrian garage/storage doors modified to ensure they do not encroach within internal car parking space(s);

m) Overhead garage storage areas a minimum of 1.5 metres above finished floor level;

n) Provision of a 1 metre x 1 metre corner splay to the south-east corner of the site, with this to be kept clear of landscaping, fencing and structures;

o) Provision of a pedestrian visibility splay to the south-east corner of the site in accordance with the requirements of Clause 52.06-9 (Design Standards for Car Parking) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme;

p) The first floor south-facing ‘Bedroom 2’ window of Dwelling 1 treated/screened to prevent overlooking in accordance with the requirements of Clause 55.04-6 (Overlooking) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme;

q) All obscure glazing and privacy screens (i.e. aluminium louvres and timber battens) annotated as being ‘fixed to 1700mm above finished floor level’ with a ‘maximum of 25% transparency’;

r) All highlight windows clearly shown as being a minimum of 1700mm above their respective finished floor levels;

s) The northern boundary fence a maximum of 1.8 metres in height above natural ground level, unless the owner(s) of 51 Railway Place West agree to additional height, which tapers down to a maximum of 1.2 metres in height above natural ground level towards the front property boundary;

t) Details and notations for all Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) treatment measures in accordance with the amended STORM Rating Report required under Condition 3 of this permit;

u) A prominent note on all floor and elevation plans stating: “Refer to endorsed Sustainable Design Assessment, and associated BESS Report, for all Environmental Sustainable Design commitments and requirements”;

v) A prominent note on all floor and elevation plans stating all noise attenuation measures are to be implemented as required by the endorsed acoustic report under Condition 21 of this permit;

w) A Landscape Plan in accordance with Condition 23 of this permit; and

x) A detailed schedule of all external materials and finishes. The schedule must show the specific material, colour (including colour samples) and finishes of all external walls, roofing, fascias, window frames, fences (including the front fence), paving and garage doors.

When approved, these plans will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

2. The development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the Responsible Authority.
3. An amended STORM Rating Report must be submitted simultaneously with the
submission of amended plans in accordance with Condition 1. The STORM
Rating Report must correctly align with the roof plan, correctly show all
impervious and rainwater catchment areas, and obtain a minimum 100% to
comply with Clause 22.03-4 (Stormwater Management) of the Moonee Valley
Planning Scheme.

4. A minimum 30 days prior to any building or works commencing, all Water
Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) details (relating to the WSUD treatment
measures nominated in the approved and complying STORM report), such as
cross sections and/or specifications, to assess the technical effectiveness of the
proposed stormwater treatment measures, must be submitted for approval by
the Responsible Authority.

5. A minimum 30 days prior to any building or works commencing, a Construction
and Site Management Plan (CSMP) must be submitted to and be approved by
the Responsible Authority detailing the construction activity proposed and the
site and environmental management methods to be used. The CSMP must be
in accordance with Moonee Valley City Council’s CSMP’s Guidelines and
Template.

When approved, the CSMP will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

The development must be carried out in accordance with the endorsed CSMP
and the provisions, requirements and recommendations of the endorsed CSMP
must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible
Authority.

6. A maximum 30 days following completion of the development, a WSUD
Maintenance Program must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible
Authority which sets out future operational and maintenance arrangements for
all WSUD measures. The program must include, but is not limited to:

   a) Inspection frequency;
   b) Cleanout procedures;
   c) As installed design details/diagrams including a sketch of how the system
      operates; and
   d) A report confirming completion and commissioning of all WSUD Response
treatment measures written by the author of the WSUD Response and
   STORM or MUSIC model approved pursuant to this permit, or licensed
   installing/commissioning plumber, or similarly qualified person or
   company. This report must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible
   Authority and must confirm that all WSUD treatment measures specified in
   the WSUD Response and STORM or MUSIC model have been completed
   and implemented in accordance with the approved report.

   The WSUD Maintenance Program may form part of a broader Maintenance
Program that covers other aspects of maintenance such as a Builder’s Guide or
a Building Maintenance Guide.

7. Before the buildings approved by this permit are occupied, all boundary walls
must be cleaned and finished to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority if
the owner of the adjoining land allows access for the purpose.
8. The materials, colours, decoration and/or finishes to be applied to the exterior of
   the buildings or works as described on the drawings or schedules endorsed to
   this permit must not be altered without the consent of the Responsible
   Authority.

9. Service units, including air conditioning units, must not be located on any of the
   balconies or terrace areas unless appropriately visually and acoustically
   screened to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

10. Floor levels shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered or modified
    without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

11. Before the buildings approved by this permit are occupied, the privacy screens
    and other measures to prevent overlooking as shown on the endorsed plans
    must be installed in accordance with Clause 55.04-6 (Overlooking) of the
    Moonee Valley Planning Scheme to the satisfaction of the Responsible
    Authority.

    All privacy screens and other measures to prevent overlooking as shown on the
    endorsed plans must at all times be maintained to the satisfaction of the
    Responsible Authority.

12. All pipes, fixtures, fittings, ducts and vents servicing any building on the land,
    other than stormwater downpipes and gutters above the ground floor storey of
    the building, must be concealed in service ducts or otherwise hidden from view
    to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

13. Before the buildings approved by this permit are occupied, the areas set aside
    for the parking of vehicles, together with the associated driveways and access
    lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must be:

    a) Constructed;
    b) Available for use in accordance with the endorsed plans;
    c) Properly formed to such levels and drained so that they can be used in
       accordance with the endorsed plans; and
    d) Finished with a permanent trafficable surface (such as concrete, asphalt
       or paving),

    in accordance with the endorsed plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible
    Authority.

    The area set aside for the parking of vehicles, together with the associated
    driveways and access lanes as shown on the endorsed plans must:

    a) Be maintained and made available for such use; and
    b) Not be used for any other purpose,

    to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

14. All obsolete, disused or redundant vehicle crossings must be removed and the
    area reinstated to footpath, nature strip, kerb and channel to the satisfaction of
    the Responsible Authority.
15. All structures within the pedestrian visibility splays at each vehicle access point must be at least 50% visually permeable pursuant to Clause 52.06-9 (Design Standards for Car Parking) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme.

16. Provision must be made for the drainage of the land including landscaped and pavement areas. The discharge of water from the land must be controlled around its limits to prevent any discharge onto any adjoining or adjacent property or streets other than by means of an underground pipe drain which is discharged to an approved legal point of discharge to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

17. An on-site stormwater detention drainage system must be installed on the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Before the development starts a Drainage Layout Plan, including computations and manufacturer’s specifications, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The Drainage Layout Plan must be prepared by a Civil Engineer with suitable qualifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must depict an on-site stormwater detention drainage system to be installed on the land.

When approved, the Drainage Layout Plan will form part of this permit.

The on-site stormwater detention drainage system must be installed and the provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Drainage Layout Plan must otherwise be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

18. Before the buildings approved by this permit are occupied, all boundary fencing must be erected. The cost of such fencing must be met by the permit holder and carried out to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

19. Except with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority, equipment, services or other building features (other than those shown on the endorsed plan) must not be erected above the roof level of the building.

20. The development must be provided with external lighting capable of illuminating access to each garage, car parking space and pedestrian walkways. Lighting must be located, directed and shielded and of limited intensity so that no nuisance or loss of amenity is caused to any person within or beyond the land.

21. Before the development starts, an acoustic report to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The acoustic report must be prepared by an acoustics consultant with suitable qualifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and must detail the noise attenuation measures required to all habitable rooms within each dwelling to ensure minimal impacts from noise sources external to that dwelling.

When approved, the acoustic report will be endorsed and will form part of the permit.

The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed acoustic report must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
22. Prior to the commencement of building and works, the Sustainable Design Assessment and associated BESS Report prepared by ‘Sustainable Development Consultants’ dated 1 December 2017 is to be modified in accordance with Condition 1 and submitted to the Responsible Authority for approval. The associated BESS Report must be a ‘published’ version to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Once approved the Sustainable Design Assessment, inclusive of the BESS Report, is to be implemented and appropriately managed during construction of the proposed buildings.

23. Before the development starts, and before any trees or vegetation are removed, a landscape plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The landscape plan must be prepared by a person or firm with suitable qualifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, drawn to scale with dimensions and an electronic copy must be provided. The landscape plan must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application but modified to show:

   a) Any changes as required by Condition 1 of this permit;
   b) A planting schedule of all proposed vegetation (trees, shrubs and ground covers) which includes botanical names, common names, pot size, mature size and total quantities of each plant;
   c) The use of drought tolerant species;
   d) The provision of at least two canopy trees within the front setback which are able to achieve a minimum mature height of four metres;
   e) Trees and shrubs capable of providing suitable screen planting along the northern property boundary;
   f) Features such as paths, paving and accessways;
   g) All planting abutting the vehicle accessway and land frontage to have a maximum mature height of no more than 900mm in accordance with Clause 52.06-9 (Design Standards for Car Parking) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme; and
   h) An appropriate irrigation system.

When approved, the landscape plan will be endorsed and will form part of this permit.

Landscaping in accordance with the endorsed landscaping plan and schedule must be completed before the building is occupied.

24. The garden areas shown on the endorsed plan and schedule must only be used as gardens and must be constructed, completed and maintained in a proper, tidy and healthy condition to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Any tree or shrub damaged, removed or destroyed must be replaced by a tree or shrub of similar size and variety to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

25. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

   a) The development is not commenced within two (2) years from the date of issue of this permit, or
b) The development is not completed within four (4) years from the date of issue of this permit.

Before the permit expires, or within six (6) months afterwards, the owner or occupier of the land may make a written request to the Responsible Authority to extend the expiry date.

If the development commences before the permit expires, within twelve (12) months after the permit expires, the owner or occupier of the land may make a written request to the Responsible Authority to extend the expiry date.

Permit Notes

- This is not a building permit under the Building Act. A separate building permit is required to be obtained for any demolition or building works.

- Before the development starts, the permit holder must contact Moonee Valley City Council regarding legal point of discharge, vehicular crossings, building over easements, asset protection, road consent/occupancy, etc.

- This land is located within a Heritage Overlay control area. Planning permission may be required for any additional building or works to the land in accordance with Clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme.

- No on street parking permits will be provided to the occupiers of the land.

- The required on-site detention system must be designed to limit the rate of stormwater discharge from the land to pre-development levels in accordance with the following calculation: C=0.4, tc=5mins, ARI 1 in 5. An ARI of 1 in 10 should be used for storage and the greater of post development C or C=0.80.

- All drainage works undertaken must be in accordance with the requirements of Stormwater Drainage Requirements for Development Works as prepared by the Moonee Valley City Council.

- All works undertaken within any existing road reserves must accord with the requirements of Moonee Valley City Council and be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

- Existing levels along the property line, easements and/or Right of Way must be maintained. All proposed levels must match to existing surface levels along the property boundary, easement and/or Right of Way. Council will not accept any modifications to existing levels within any road reserve, easement or Right of Way.

- The development authorised by this permit will require the submission of a Construction and Site Management Plan (CSMP) prior to the commencement of any works. All CSMP’s are required to be made via Council’s new online system at [http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building/planning/construction-site-management-plans.aspx](http://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building/planning/construction-site-management-plans.aspx) or in person at 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds.

1. Introduction

1.1 Subject Site and Surrounds

The subject site is located on the western side of Railway Place West, Flemington. The site is irregular in shape with a frontage to Railway Place West
of 12.98 metres and a maximum depth of 57.66 metres along the Right of Way to the south, resulting in a total area of 579m$^2$.

The land has a fall of approximately 0.50 metres from north-west to south-east across the site.

There are no easements or restrictions noted on the Certificate of Title provided. However, the subject site does have a right of carriage way over the laneway directly to the south and west of the site.

The site comprises one single storey brick dwelling. The existing dwelling has a minimum front setback of 6.70 metres to Railway Place West. Vehicle access is obtained from the Right of Way abutting the site directly to the south. There is no significant landscaping or vegetation on the subject site. There are no street trees located along the Railway Place West frontage.

The surrounding area is predominantly residential land used and developed for residential purposes. The subject site is located approximately 410 metres from the No.404 bus route to the west and approximately 540 metres from Newmarket Railway Station, 620 metres from Racecourse Road Activity Centre and 650 metres from the No.57 tram route to the south. The site is also located within proximity of numerous local businesses, schools and public parks/reserves. The built form within the vicinity is predominantly 1-3 storeys in height, with examples of multi-dwelling and multi-storey developments nearby. External building materials are a mixture of brick, weatherboard and rendered finishes in brown, red, cream and grey colours. Roof forms in the area are predominantly hipped and gabled, with some examples of flat roof forms.

1.2 Proposal

It is proposed to demolish buildings, remove trees and construct five dwellings (four triple storey and one double storey) with a reduction in visitor car parking requirements. The proposal, as advertised, can be summarised as follows:
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<td>No. of dwellings</td>
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<td>No. of car spaces</td>
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<td>Max. building height</td>
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<td>Site coverage</td>
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<td>Permeability</td>
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Refer Appendix C – Advertised Plans (separately circulated).

It is noted that revised floor and elevation plans for the rear dwelling (refer Appendix D) were received by Council following the Consultation Meeting held on 21 February 2018 to address some of the concerns raised. The revised plans for Townhouse 5 demonstrate:

- A reduction in building height from triple storey to double storey.
- A reduction in the number of bedrooms from three to two.
- The double width garage reduced to a single width garage.
- Inclusion of a first floor terrace/balcony to the south-west.
- Variation in setbacks from the northern property boundary.

The revised plans address some of the concerns raised and are to be included as a condition on any permit granted accordingly (refer to Appendix D).

2. Background

2.1 Relevant Planning History

No relevant planning permit history has been identified for the land.

2.2 Planning Policies and Decision Guidelines

State Planning Policy Framework
Clause 9 Plan Melbourne
Clause 11 Settlement
Clause 15 Built Environment and Heritage
Clause 16 Housing

Local Planning Policy Framework
Clause 21.01 Municipal Profile
Clause 21.02 Key Issues and Influences
Clause 21.03 Vision
Clause 21.04 Sustainable Environment
Clause 21.05 Housing
Clause 21.06 Built Environment
Clause 22.01 Heritage
Clause 22.03  Stormwater Management (Water Sensitive Urban Design)
Zoning
Clause 32.08  General Residential Zone
Overlays
Clause 43.01  Heritage Overlay Schedule 79 (HO79)
Particular and General Provisions
Clause 52.06  Car Parking
Clause 55  Two or More Dwellings on a Lot and Residential Buildings
Clause 65  Decision Guidelines

### 2.3 Referrals

**External**
Not applicable.

**Internal**

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<td>Development Engineering (Drainage)</td>
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| Development Engineering (Traffic) | No garage/storage doors to open into garage car parking areas.  
Overhead storage areas to be a minimum of 1.5m above ground level.  
1m x 1m corner splay to be provided at the intersection of the ROW and Railway Place West, with a notation stating this is to be kept clear of landscaping, fencing and structures.  
All costs associated with the relocation of the power poles along the ROW and in front of the site to be borne by the applicant.  
Provision of lighting in the laneway.  
Increase the width of laneway to incorporate a 1.2m wide footpath, ensuring that no planting or structures are within the widened section of the ROW. |
| Waste Management | No objection to Council’s waste collection service being utilised, noting the site has sufficient frontage to receive a kerbside collection. |
| Heritage Advisor | No objection to demolition of the existing building, given it is non-contributory.  
While the size and density of the proposed dwellings is not a typology that is typically supported, it appears the subject site sits within a non-contributory pocket to the immediate north and |
south, with a laneway providing separation to the west.

It is considered that higher density can occur but Townhouse 5 should be removed with Townhouse 4 scaled down in size to provide a more typical house and backyard scenario. This would provide a better transition between existing buildings and help soften views from within the heritage overlay/precinct.

Environmental Sustainable Design (ESD) Officer

Amended Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA), including BESS Report, required prior to endorsement and implementation.

Amended STORM Rating Reports required, to align with the roof plan and correctly show all impervious and rainwater catchment areas.

Details and notations to be shown on the plans.

2.4 Public Notification of the Application

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 the application was advertised by mail to adjoining and surrounding properties, with two notices erected on site for 14 days.

As a result, ten (10) objections were received from the properties contained within Appendix A of this report.

A response to the objections is provided in Section 3.7 of this report.

2.5 Consultation Meeting

A Consultation Meeting was held on 21 February 2018, attended by Councillor Marshall, objectors, the applicant and Council’s Planning Officer. While a resolution was not achieved at this meeting, revised floor and elevation plans for the rear dwelling dated 16 March 2018 (refer Appendix D) showing a reduced double storey built form (in lieu of triple storey) were submitted to Council to address some of the concerns raised.
3. Discussion

3.1 Does the proposal address the relevant State and Local Planning Policies?

The proposal is considered to comply with the relevant State and Local Planning Policies. Generally, these objectives seek to encourage urban consolidation in locations which take advantage of existing commercial and community services and public transport. The proposal contributes to the objective of housing diversity by providing a mix of dwelling sizes and configurations, which will cater for the increasingly diverse needs of future residents. The subject site is located in reasonable proximity to commercial amenities and public transport options.

The proposal complies with Clause 21.04 (Sustainable Environment) through the use of ecologically sustainable design principles, subject to the provision of an amended Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA) and BESS Report as a condition on any permit granted. As referenced in Section 2.3 of this report, Council's ESD Officer has no objection to the SDA or BESS Report, subject to the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted.

The proposal accords with the objectives and strategies of Clause 21.04-7 (Waste) and can be adequately catered for by Council's waste collection service.

The proposal complies with the objectives and strategies of Clause 21.05 (Housing) by increasing housing opportunities to meet growing population needs, providing a diversity of housing choice in a well-established area with access to public transport options and local/community services. It is noted the subject site is located within an area of 'slight to moderate housing intensification'.

The proposed development responds to the strategies of Clause 21.06 (Built Environment). A number of the objectives and strategies within this clause appear to overlap with those contained within the neighbourhood character precinct profile and ResCode and, therefore, the key concepts of Clause 21.06 are discussed below within Section 3.2 of this report.

With regard to Clause 22.01 (Heritage), Council's Heritage Advisor has no objection to the demolition of the existing buildings and trees but has expressed concerns with regard to the scale and transition of built form towards the rear of the site. It is considered that the revised plans for 'Townhouse 5' (refer Appendix D) adequately reduce the scale of built form to the rear of the site, providing a suitable transition to adjoining properties and the broader heritage precinct. Therefore, the proposed new development, subject to modification, is sympathetic with the streetscape and immediate built form, and suitably integrates with surrounding buildings within the heritage overlay.

The proposal generally complies with Clause 22.03 Stormwater Management (Water Sensitive Urban Design) and meets the required on-site stormwater treatment as demonstrated by achieving 100% on the STORM Rating Report, subject to the inclusion of conditions outlined within Section 2.3 of this report. The relevant WSUD requirements, including stormwater treatment measures
and relevant annotations, are also to be included as conditions on any permit granted in accordance with this policy.

3.2 Does the proposal accord with the Neighbourhood Character Guidelines?

The subject land is identified as being within character area ‘Inner Urban 1’.

The preferred character statement for this particular precinct is as follows:

“New developments will contribute to the consistent building definition by complementing the siting and appearance of period dwellings in low garden settings.

The use of lighter finishes will contribute to the traditional palette of materials. Consistent front and side setbacks will respect the existing siting patterns along the streets, while low or permeable front fences will retain views to dwellings and front gardens. Garages and carports will be non-existent to retain the continuous, uninterrupted footpaths and solid building edge to the streets.”

It is considered the development provides a suitable response to the preferred character statement of Inner Urban 1 within the Neighbourhood Character Precinct Profiles 2012 as follows:

Table 2

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<th>Siting and Building Envelope</th>
<th>An angular street setback of 5.40-10.40 metres complements setbacks within the immediate streetscape. It is noted that predominant street setbacks along this section of Railway Place West range between 2.30 and 5.40 metres. The proposed development is set off at least one side property boundary, achieving suitable separation and spacing along the streetscape. Building envelope and tandem style dwellings similar to other infill residential development within the immediate area. However, the building envelope size appears to be larger than that of other infill residential developments nearby. The proposed site coverage of 65.21% is excessive to a site within and surrounded by residential zoned land, not located within an activity centre. Therefore, the proposed site coverage is to be reduced to a maximum of 60% and this is to be included as a condition on any permit granted. Dwelling 1 has been located and orientated parallel to the street with garages located and orientated parallel to the Right of Way. However, Dwelling 1 does not adequately address its primary streetscape and should relocate its pedestrian entrance and increase glazing along the front (eastern) façade to provide additional interest, integration and passive surveillance to Railway Place West. This is to be included as a condition on any permit granted.</th>
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| **Built Form** | A mix of traditional and modern elements complementing the mix within the streetscape and surrounding area. Generally articulated on each elevation with regard to varied setbacks, external finishes, materials and colours, subject to design detail modifications outlined below. Double and three storey height is responsive to existing and emerging building heights within the immediate vicinity, particularly in proximity of adjoining and nearby railway lines. However, the rear Dwelling 5 should be reduced to double storey in height (refer Appendix D) to provide an improved transition with the predominantly 1-2 storey scale of buildings adjoining the rear laneway to the north and west of the site. This is to form a condition on any permit granted. |
| **Design Detail** | A mix of white brick tiles, vertical timber cladding, vertical timber battens, white render and black aluminium louvres. However, a number of these materials and colours do not contribute to the traditional palette of materials. In particular, the white brick tiles should be replaced with red or brown face brickwork, with the use of face brickwork along the ground floor front façade to complement adjoining properties and provide differentiation to the double storey vertical timber cladding along the eastern elevation. This is to form a condition on any permit granted. The angular/skillion roof form of Dwelling 1 complements the design of the proposed development while respecting predominant roof styles within the street. Importantly, the angle of the roof form along the primary street frontage provides a suitable transition between the three storey flat roofed building to the south and the single storey pitched roof dwelling to the north. While some windows have been provided along the street frontage, additional glazing is required to ensure adequate integration and surveillance of the street is achieved. This is to form a condition on any permit granted. |
| **Landscaping and Front Fencing** | The development is provided with a landscaped front yard area. A 0.70 metre high picket front fence is provided to ensure garden areas are clearly visible from the street. However, additional design details are required (i.e. material and colour) to ensure this complements the proposed development and predominant style of fences in the street. This is to form a condition on any permit granted. |
3.3 Does the proposal accord with the General Residential Zone?

While the proposed use of the land for dwellings is an as-of-right use under this zone, a planning permit is required under Clause 32.08-6 to construct two or more dwellings on a lot. Accordingly, an assessment against Clause 55 (ResCode) has been undertaken as outlined within Section 3.6 and Appendix B of this report.

The application was lodged after 27 March 2017 and is therefore subject to the minimum garden area requirements of Clause 32.08-4 and the maximum building height requirements of Clause 32.08-9 introduced by Amendment VC110. Importantly, the proposed development has a garden area of 35.27%, which exceeds the minimum 30% garden area requirement under Clause 32.08-4. Furthermore, the proposed development has a maximum building height of 10.10 metres, which complies with the maximum 11 metre (three storey) building height requirement under Clause 32.08-9.

3.4 Does the proposal accord with the Heritage Overlay?

The subject site is located within a Heritage Overlay (HO79) and requires a planning permit to demolish a building, construct a building or construct or carry out works and remove trees on site. As discussed within Sections 2.3 and 3.1 of this report, the proposal is acceptable subject to a reduction in scale and improved transition of built form to the rear of the site (refer Appendix D). This is to form a condition on any permit granted accordingly.

3.5 Is adequate car parking and vehicle access provided?

The proposal provides car parking as set out in the table below:

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<td>Residential visitors</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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As referenced within Section 2.3 of this report, Council’s traffic engineers have no objection to the proposed development subject to the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted. It is also considered that the ‘services area’ to the south-east of the site be relocated/modified to ensure a pedestrian visibility splay can be provided in accordance with Clause 52.06-9 (Design Standards for Car Parking) as a condition on any permit granted.

With regard to the reduction of one visitor car space, the subject site is approximately 410 metres from the No.404 bus route to the west, approximately 540 metres from Newmarket Railway Station to the south and approximately 650 metres from the No.57 tram route to the south. These public transport services can be utilised as alternative and sustainable forms of transport by visitors to the site. It is noted that there is also on-street car parking available directly at the front of the site along Railway Place West for visitors to utilise. The partial removal and reinstatement of an existing crossover to the south-east...
could also result in an additional on-street car parking space along the site frontage. Such measures would all assist to offset the one visitor car parking space not being provided on site.

With regard to traffic generation, the proposed development is expected to generate approximately three vehicle movements during the morning and afternoon peak hours. OneMileGrid Traffic Engineering deem this level of traffic to be very low in traffic engineering terms and, as such, is not expected to have any material impact on the operation of the surrounding road network. This is supported by Council’s traffic engineers.

Therefore, subject to the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, it is not anticipated the proposed development will generate a cumulative impact or have an adverse effect on the local road network.

3.6 Clause 55 (ResCode) Assessment

The proposal is considered to generally comply with the provisions of Clause 55 as set out in the assessment table (refer to Appendix B).

The following points of exception, which have not been satisfied in full through this development, are listed and discussed below:

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<td>Clause 55.02-1 (Standard B1) Neighbourhood Character</td>
<td>As discussed under Section 3.2 of this report, it is considered that a modified proposal is appropriate as it would respond to the site and surrounding area.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.02-5 (Standard B5) Integration with the Street</td>
<td>Dwelling 1 is partially orientated to Railway Place West. However, as discussed within Section 3.2 of this report, the pedestrian entrance should be relocated to the primary street frontage with additional glazing to assist the integration of the overall development with Railway Place West. This is to form a condition on any permit granted. Each dwelling is provided with adequate vehicle links. However, the proposed development fails to provide adequate pedestrian links to each dwelling, relying on shared access with vehicles utilising the Right of Way directly to the south. As discussed within Section 2.3 of this report, the proposal should provide for a separate pedestrian footpath within its title boundaries to maintain and enhance local accessibility.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.03-2 (Standard B7) Building Height</td>
<td>The proposed development extends to a maximum height of 10.10 metres, which does not meet the requirements of this standard. Given, the majority of the development is less than 9 metres in height, and it is only the angled roof parapets of Dwellings 2-5 that exceed the height requirement by 1.10 metres, these angled roof parapets that exceed the building height requirement and contribute to unnecessary bulk and massing are to be deleted as a condition on any permit granted. However, it is important to note that three storey buildings are not incongruent in the context of the surrounding area, with a number of existing and approved three storey developments directly abutting or within proximity of nearby railway lines. Therefore, subject to the deletion of all angled roof parapets that exceed a height of 9m above natural ground level, the proposed building height respects the existing and preferred neighbourhood character and is acceptable in this instance.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.03-3 (Standard B8) Site Coverage</td>
<td>The proposed site coverage is 65.21%, which exceeds the maximum requirement of 60%. This site coverage is excessive to a site within and surrounded by residential zoned land, and not located within an activity centre, with a building envelope larger than that of other infill residential developments nearby. As discussed within Section 3.2 of this report, this level of site coverage does not respect the existing or preferred neighbourhood character and does not adequately respond to the features of the site. Therefore, the site coverage is to be reduced to a maximum of 60% (a reduction in built form of approximately 30m²) to comply with the requirements and objective of this standard, and this is to form a condition on any permit granted.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.03-7 (Standard B12) Safety</td>
<td>As discussed within Section 3.2 of this report, the layout and design of the development does not provide for the safety and security of residents and property. In particular, the entrance to Dwelling 1 is obscured from the street and should be relocated to the front (eastern) façade. This is to be a condition on any permit granted. There is also a lack of glazing and passive surveillance presenting to the primary streetscape. Additional glazing and the deletion of louvres/battens along the eastern elevation of Dwelling 1 will help provide good lighting, visibility and surveillance for the safety and security of residents and property. This is to be included as a condition on any permit granted.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.03-8 (Standard B13) Landscaping</td>
<td>The indicative landscape plan for the site shows that landscaping is able to be achieved within the front setback of Dwelling 1. However, the provision of one canopy tree within the front private open space area of Dwelling 1, with no canopy trees or screen planting within the rear courtyards along the northern property boundary, is inadequate and does not respect the landscape character of the neighbourhood. A professional landscape plan with increased provision for canopy trees and screen planting within the front and rear private open space areas will need to be provided, and this is to form a condition on any permit granted.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.04-1 (Standard B17) Side and Rear Setbacks</td>
<td>The proposed development, as shown on plans TP40-002 and TP41-001, meet the height and setback requirements of this standard along the sensitive northern residential interface. With regard to southern side setback requirements, it is common practice to undertake setbacks from the furthest edge of an adjoining laneway. Therefore, from the southern edge of the Right of Way, the proposed development generally meets the requirements of this standard with exception to the roof parapets of Dwellings 2-5. However, as discussed under Standard B7, these unnecessary roof parapets are to be deleted to ensure the height and setback of the proposed dwellings from the southern boundary respects the existing and preferred neighbourhood character while limiting impacts on the amenity of existing apartments directly to the south. While still not technically compliant, this will ensure the objective of this standard is met and is to be included as a condition on any permit granted accordingly. Given the extent of boundary walls along the western property boundary, the requirements of Standard B18 are applicable here in lieu of Standard B17. Therefore, subject to all roof parapets over 9m in height above natural ground level being deleted, the proposed development complies with the objective of this standard.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.04-2 (Standard B18) Walls on Boundaries</td>
<td>New boundary walls are proposed along the northern, southern and western boundaries of the site. The northern boundary walls would have a total combined length of 15.92 metres and a maximum average height of approximately 2.90 metres, which accords with the length (20.51 metres) and height (3.20 metres) requirements under this standard.</td>
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<td>While there are no southern boundary walls at ground floor level, there are southern boundary walls at the first and second floor levels for Dwellings 2-5. The total combined length of these southern boundary walls is 26.76 metres with a maximum average height of approximately 9.35 metres. This does not accord with the length (21.92 metres) or height (3.20 metres) requirements under this standard. However, the reduction of the rear dwelling to two storeys in lieu of three storeys (refer Appendix D) and the deletion of the roof parapets for Dwellings 2-4 would reduce the maximum average height to approximately 8.10 metres. This is considered acceptable given the southern property boundary directly abuts a 3.05 metre wide laneway and is set back 4.95 metres from the existing three storey apartment building to the south, which is considerably larger in breadth and massing than that of the proposed development. Importantly, the reduction in height of the rear dwelling to two storeys and deletion of the roof parapets for Dwellings 2-4 will ensure the location, length and height of the southern boundary walls respect the existing and preferred neighbourhood character while mitigating adverse amenity impacts on existing first and second floor apartments to the south. The western boundary wall would have a length of 7.45-8.27 metres and a maximum average height of 8.60 metres, which accords with the length requirement (10 metres) under this standard. While this does not accord with the height requirement (3.20 metres) under this standard, the reduction of the rear dwelling to two storeys in lieu of three storeys (refer Appendix D) would reduce the maximum average height to approximately 6.10 metres. This is considered acceptable given the western property boundary directly abuts a 3.05 metre wide laneway and is surrounded by single and double storey outbuildings and dwellings to the north and west, which directly abut the same section of laneway. Importantly, the reduction in height of the rear dwelling to two storeys will ensure the location, length and height of the western boundary wall respects the existing and preferred neighbourhood character and mitigates adverse amenity impacts on existing dwellings to the north and west. Therefore, subject to modification, the proposed development meets the objective of this standard.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.04-6 (Standard B22) Overlooking</td>
<td>The habitable room windows and balconies of the proposed development generally comply with the requirements of this standard, with the exception of the first floor south-facing ‘Bedroom 2’ window of Dwelling 1. This window is to be treated/screened in accordance with the requirements of this standard as a condition on any permit granted. There also appears to be overlooking potential from the revised double storey plans for Dwelling 5 to the rear (refer Appendix D), which is to accord with the requirements of this standard as a condition on any permit granted. Furthermore, all obscure glazing and privacy screens (louvres and battens) are to be annotated as being ‘fixed to 1700mm above finished floor level’ with a ‘maximum of 25% transparency’, and all highlight windows are to be clearly shown as being a minimum of 1700mm above finished floor level. This is to form a condition on any permit granted.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.04-8 (Standard B24) Noise</td>
<td>It is considered the noise emitted from the development would be similar to that of other nearby developments and residential dwellings in the area and it is not expected that the noise emitted will significantly affect surrounding properties. Furthermore, it is noted that there are specific Local Laws and EPA noise guidelines that control nuisance and excessive noise within residential areas, which are applicable to all residential properties. However, with regard to external noise impacts on future occupants from the railway line directly opposite the site to the east, an acoustic report nominating suitable noise mitigation measures will be required as a condition on any permit granted. Therefore, subject to the provision of an acoustic report as a condition on any permit granted, the proposed development meets the requirements and objectives of this standard.</td>
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<td>Clause 55.05-2 (Standard B26) Dwelling Entry</td>
<td>As discussed under Standard B5 and Section 3.2 of this report, the pedestrian entrance to Dwelling 1 should be relocated to the primary street frontage so that it is visible and easily identifiable from the Railway Place West streetscape. This should also include the provision of a suitable porch to provide shelter, a sense of personal address and transitional space around the entry. This is to form a condition on any permit granted.</td>
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Clause 55.05-5 (Standard B29) Solar Access to Open Space | The revised double storey plans for Dwelling 5 (refer Appendix D) indicate a semi-enclosed first floor balcony located to the south-west with walls directly to the north. Given this balcony does not comply with the requirements of this standard, and would be largely covered in shadow throughout the day, the balcony should be relocated to the north with the ‘Bedroom 1’ and ensuite relocated to the south-west. This is to form a condition on any permit granted accordingly.

Clause 55.06-1 (Standard B31) Design Detail | The proposed design detail is considered acceptable, subject to the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, as discussed within Section 3.2 of this report.

Clause 55.06-2 (Standard B32) Front Fences | A 0.70 metre high picket front fence is proposed, which allows the development and landscaping to integrate with the streetscape. While construction materials and colours are to be confirmed via a condition on any permit granted, as discussed within Section 3.2 of this report, a 0.70 metre high picket fence is considered suitable to the character of the site and surrounding area, and will help maintain a predominantly transparent and visually permeable streetscape along this section of Railway Place West.

Clause 55.06-4 (Standard B34) Site Services | Bin/recycling enclosures have been indicated on the plans in suitable locations, subject to the provision of a pedestrian door between the garage and secluded private open space area of Dwelling 1.

### 3.7 Objections

A response to the objections is provided as follows:

**Table 5**

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<td>Neighbourhood character</td>
<td>This is considered acceptable, subject to changes shown on revised plans for Dwelling 5 (refer Appendix D) and the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, as discussed within Section 3.2 of this report.</td>
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| Site layout and building massing | This is considered acceptable, subject to changes shown on revised plans for Dwelling 5 (refer Appendix D) and the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, as discussed within Sections 3.2 and 3.6 of this report. |

<p>| Overdevelopment | This is considered acceptable, subject to changes shown on revised plans for Dwelling 5 (refer Appendix D) and the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, as discussed within Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.6 of this report. |</p>
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<td>Off-site amenity impacts</td>
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<td>Car parking / traffic impacts</td>
<td>This is considered acceptable, subject to the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, as discussed within Sections 2.3 and 3.5 of this report.</td>
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<td>Construction impacts</td>
<td>A Construction and Site Management Plan will be required as a condition on any permit granted to help mitigate any construction impacts on surrounding properties.</td>
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<td>Environmental rating</td>
<td>This is considered acceptable, subject to the inclusion of conditions on any permit granted, as discussed within Sections 2.3 and 3.1 of this report. Importantly, an amended Sustainable Design Assessment and BESS Report will be required to demonstrate 'best practice' requirements, and these are to be implemented as a condition on any permit granted.</td>
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<td>Laneway ownership</td>
<td>While the owners of No.8 Chatham Street provided evidence of laneway ownership, the subject site has a right of carriage way over this laneway and can therefore legally utilise the laneway for access purposes.</td>
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4. **Human Rights**

The application process and decision making is in line with the Victorian *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Section 18 – Taking part in public life).

5. **Conclusion**

The application has been assessed against the relevant provisions of the State Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Policy Framework, zoning and overlay controls, the relevant Particular and General Provisions, and the decision guidelines at Clause 65 of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme. Additionally, consideration has been given to the requirements of Section 60(1B) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with respect to the number of objections received, and it is determined that the proposal would not have a significant social effect.

It is considered that the proposal demonstrates general compliance with the requirements of these provisions and policies. The application is supported as detailed above in the recommendation section.

**Appendices**

- Appendix A: Objectors
- Appendix B: Clause 55 (ResCode) Assessment Table
- Appendix C: Advertised Plans (separately circulated)
- Appendix D: Revised plans for Dwelling 5.
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**APPENDIX B**

MV/564/2017 – 49 Railway Place West, Flemington  
Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme

Two or more dwellings on a lot and residential buildings (Clause 55 and Schedule to the General Residential Zone).

Where there is non-compliance, see main report.

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✓ - Complies, X - Non-compliance, N/A - Not Applicable
9.2 Proposed Budget 2018/19

File No: FOL/18/32
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Manager Finance
Directorate: Organisational Performance

Purpose
To adopt a proposed Budget for the 2018/19 financial year and invite public submissions and also to provide direction on timing of Major Capital Works Projects, namely East Keilor Leisure Centre, Flemington Community Hub and a Highball Stadium.

Executive Summary
- In accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations), Council is required to commence the statutory process to adopt the proposed Budget 2018/19 (Appendix A – separately circulated).
- The proposed Budget recognises the importance of setting a clear direction for the future, achieving measurable objectives, encouraging community input and being financially responsible.
- The Budget proposes a 2.25% increase to rate income for 2018/19.
- The Budget proposes no borrowings.
- It is recommended that the redevelopment of East Keilor Leisure Centre be progressed as the first priority, followed by a new Flemington Community Hub. A Highball Stadium is recommended to be progressed as the next priority.
Recommendation

That Council:

1. a) Adopts in principle the proposed Budget 2018/19 as per Appendix A (separately circulated) as its budget for the 2018/19 financial year as required by the Local Government Act;
   
b) Adopts the Strategic Resource Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22 as per Appendix B (separately circulated);
   
c) Adopt the Rating Strategy 2018/19 as per Appendix C (separately circulated); and
   
d) Adopts Long-Term Capital Works Plan to 2039 - 2040 as per Appendix D and detailed in confidential Appendix E (separately circulated).

2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
   
a) Give public notice of the preparation of the proposed Budget 2018/19 and Strategic Resource Plan 2019-2022 in accordance with the Local Government Act; and
   
b) Make available for public inspection the information required by Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 and invite submissions under Section 223 of the Act.

3. Considers any submissions received on the proposed Budget 2018/19 (if required) at a Special Committee of Council, comprising all Councillors, to be held on Tuesday 5 June 2018 commencing at 6.00 pm at Moonee Valley City Council, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds.

4. Resolves, subject to the respective annual budgeting processes, to prioritise the construction of the following major projects in the following order. The recommended project timelines could be brought forward should Council receive external funding:
   
a) The redevelopment of East Keilor Leisure Centre over the period 2018 to 2021;
   
b) A new Flemington Community Hub during 2021 to 2023; and
   
c) A new Highball Stadium during 2023 to 2025.

Background

The proposed Budget 2018/19, outlining all external influences including economic conditions is attached to this report (Appendix A – separately circulated). The proposed budget seeks to balance the competing demands for Council services and infrastructure, and the community’s capacity to pay, using prudent financial management principles to ensure financial sustainability. The proposed budget is expected to deliver recurrent surpluses in order to fund capital works.

The proposed 2.25% increase to rate income for the 2018/19 year will enable Council to continue to deliver a vast range of services and projects to its community.
The proposed Budget includes operating expenditure of $155.6 million. The Council will commit significant funding to support various services for individuals and families in our community including:

- Home care, personal care and respite care to older and frail aged adults and people with a disability;
- Childcare, kindergarten and maternal and child health;
- Community meals to resident’s homes;
- Maintain roads, parks, footpaths, bike paths, drains, sporting fields and community buildings;
- Business support and networking programs; and
- Provide planning and building services, waste and recycling collections, and run a variety of environmental programs.

The proposed Budget includes a capital works program of $45.3 million. For the major capital works projects identified in this report, Council will be seeking partners and contributions from state and federal governments.

The highlights of the capital program include:

- $14.0 million invested in the development and renewal of Council facilities including:
  - $1.1 million to complete design and headworks for the state of the art East Keilor Leisure Centre redevelopment;
  - $2.1 million for new multi-purpose netball courts at Riverside Golf and Tennis Centre;
  - $1.7 million for the completion of Boeing Reserve Baseball Pavilion;
  - $1.6 million for the completion of Ormond Park Football and Cricket Pavilion; and
  - $0.8 million for the replacement of the synthetic surface at Moonee Valley Athletics Centre.
- $6.1 million to upgrade our local road network and improve traffic flow safety;
- $1.7 million invested in drainage; and
- $3.9 million invested in open space, including $1.4 million on the Union Road streetscape improvement.

The proposed budget and Council's financial plan achieve these levels of service and investment in community infrastructure by:

- Providing for an operating surplus of $11.4 million. Excluding capital grants and contributions, the underlying result, which is a measure of financial sustainability, is anticipated to be a surplus of $5.9 million.

The proposed 2018/19 Budget has been developed through a comprehensive review process. The Councillors together with staff rigorously analysed available information and financial data to ensure the budget delivers Council's objectives and financial plans.

The budget sets clear directions for the delivery of Council programs and builds upon the main financial and operational strategies previously established. The exhaustive analysis of the information provided and the review process undertaken to establish
the budget for 2018/19 have produced a financially responsible budget that will continue to assure Council's long-term financial strength.

The budget is a major component in ensuring the accountability of Council's operations and in line with good governance it forms part of the public accountability process and reporting that includes:

- The Council Plan
- The Strategic Resource Plan
- The Annual Budget
- Internal and External Audit
- Annual Report

The Budgeted Standard Statements are included in Appendix A (separately circulated).

Fees and charges have generally been increased by between 4% and 6%. Some fees are fixed by legislation while others are set on a user pays basis.

**Major Capital Works Projects**

**East Keilor Leisure Centre**

In 2017 Council resolved to appoint Peddle Thorp Architects for Architectural Consultancy Services for the redevelopment of East Keilor Leisure Centre along with Coffey for Project Management Services and Turner & Townsend for Quantity Surveying Services.

Funding of $1,500,000 was provided in the 2017/18 budget for these services. An additional amount of $1,100,585 is provided in the draft 2018/19 budget to finalise the design and documentation to facilitate tendering and awarding of a construction contract for the Leisure Centre.

It is proposed that construction work will commence in the 2019/20 financial year.

**Flemington Community Hub**

The existing community centre is in poor condition and no longer meets the requirements of the community. A new modern facility, in a more accessible, central location is needed to continue and expand its vital service delivery, while benefiting the whole Flemington community.

The need to redevelop the community centre was recognised during the State Government process for the construction of the East West Link.

At that time planning for a new community centre was explored and preliminary planning work was undertaken. Since that time the State Government has announced the Flemington Public Housing Redevelopment Project.

Council has been working with the State Government to incorporate a new Flemington Community Hub on Council owned land in close proximity to the redeveloped Estate and integrate with this development while providing services and facilities for use by the wider Flemington community.

It is now opportune to commence preliminary design in the 2018/19 financial year to meet the timelines proposed for the redeveloped Housing Estate as new community infrastructure is vital to meet the needs of this local population growth.
Accordingly an amount of $150,000 is proposed for inclusion in the 2018/19 Capital Works Project to commence the process to design the new Community Centre.

This will then lead to the construction of a new Flemington Community Hub during the period from 2021 to 2023. Financial analysis on the feasibility of meeting this timeline has been undertaken and indications are that funding can be provided in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years to deliver this new centre whilst maintaining Council’s financial sustainability. This will be identified in a long term financial plan to be presented to Council in the future.

Highball Stadium

Preliminary work has been undertaken to plan for a new Highball Stadium to meet the needs of the basketball and netball community.

Whilst the need has been identified, it is critically important to ensure that Council maintains its financial sustainability and therefore it is unlikely that funding could be provided before the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years for this project.

During the period leading up to this time, community consultation will be undertaken to finalise a location for the proposed stadium. An amount of $50,000 is proposed for inclusion in the 2018/19 Operating Budget to commence master planning on this project. Council’s financial position will also be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ascertain if this project could be brought forward.

Financial Sensitivity Analysis

The recommendation to prioritise the redevelopment of East Keilor Leisure Centre, followed by a new Flemington Community Hub and the Highball Stadium as the third priority and to deliver the projects over a seven year period was to ensure Council’s Indebtedness risk rating remains within the medium range as defined by the Victorian Auditor General’s Office. To complete the projects within five years would have resulted in a high risk rating and would have curtailed Council’s financial capacity to respond to unanticipated events and opportunities.

The funding required to deliver the projects is made up of borrowings, cash reserves and annual operating surpluses. Based on a 15 year term and using current indicative interest rates, interest repayments would be $26M on $81M loan, $28M on $86M loan and $33M on $101M loan.

After its recent monthly meeting, the RBA announced no change to the cash rate with commentary indicating it does not expect any movement to the rate in the short term. If there were to be a change to the rate in the medium term when Council is proposing to borrow the bulk of the loans, the table below shows the impact on interest repayments should there be a 1% interest rate movement.

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* Recommended option
Submissions

In releasing the Proposed Annual Budget for public consideration, Council seeks community feedback. Public comment and submissions are encouraged and close 5pm, Friday, 25 May 2018. Submissions will be heard on Tuesday, 5 June 2018.

The Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget will be placed on exhibition at the Civic Centre, Flemington Community Centre, Municipal libraries located at Flemington, Avondale Heights, Moonee Ponds, Ascot Vale and Niddrie, as well as on Council’s website.

Consultation

This budget was developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review. Furthermore, as per above, submissions from the public are encouraged.

Implications

1. Legislative
   The budget has been set in accordance with Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

2. Council Plan / Policy
   The Proposed Annual Budget 2018/19 contributes to Theme 5: Resilient Organisation – sustainable, innovative, engaging and accountable.

3. Financial
   Council has prepared the proposed budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and its adoption will ensure long term financial viability.

4. Environmental
   There are no environmental issues associated with this report.

Conclusion

The proposed Budget presents Council’s immediate and long-term financial strategy and links the actions set out in the Council Plan.

It also identifies the capital works and services the community can expect from Council during the 2018/19 financial year and the Strategic Resource Plan Projection Years (2018/19 to 2021/22). The Proposed 2018/19 Annual Budget ensures ongoing security of Council’s long-term financial position.

Council has prepared the proposed budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and its adoption will ensure long term financial viability.

It is recommended that the redevelopment of East Keilor Leisure Centre be progressed as the first priority due to its deteriorating condition.

It is further recommended that a new Flemington Community Hub be the next priority to replace the existing centre due to the existing centre’s poor condition and the opportunity for it to be constructed to complement the redevelopment of the Flemington Public Housing Estate.

Whilst there is an identified need for a Highball Stadium it is recommended that this be progressed as the third priority.
Appendices

Appendix A: Draft Budget 2018-2019 (separately circulated)
Appendix B: Strategic Resource Plan 2018-2019 (separately circulated)
Appendix C: Rating Strategy 2018-2019 (separately circulated)
Appendix D: Draft Long Term Capital Works Plan (separately circulated)
Appendix E: Detailed - Draft Long Term Capital Works Plan to 2039-2040 (separately circulated) (confidential)
9.3 MV2040 Draft Strategy

File No: FOL/18/32

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Directorate: Planning & Development

Purpose
The purpose of this report is to present MV2040 Draft Strategy to Council for endorsement and outline the upcoming community consultation phase - Phase 3 of the MV2040 engagement program.

Executive Summary
- Council committed to preparing a long-term strategic plan for Moonee Valley at its Ordinary Meeting on 23 August 2016.
- MV2040 has included a comprehensive engagement program to ensure multiple opportunities for the community to provide input and feedback throughout the development of the strategy.
- Phase 1 of the MV2040 engagement program produced more than 4,300 instances of participation, and in Phase 2 there were a total of over 1,015 participants over 240 conversations, where 2,179 ideas were contributed and 53 written submissions received. This feedback, along with Council officers’ research, has been used to inform the development of the MV2040 Draft Strategy.
- The MV2040 Draft Strategy is structured around the vision for Moonee Valley to be a healthy city. MV as a healthy city will be delivered through being fair, thriving, connected, green and beautiful across our 13, 20-minute neighbourhoods.
- As part of the MV2040 engagement program, the MV2040 Draft Strategy is intended to be released for community consultation on 27 April 2018 until 18 May 2018.
Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the MV2040 Draft Strategy for community consultation through Phase 3 of the MV2040 engagement program.

2. Allows Council officers to make minor editing and typographical changes as required.

Background

At its Ordinary Meeting on 23 August 2016, Council committed to preparing a long-term strategic plan for the municipality, Moonee Valley 2040 (MV2040). MV2040 will establish the overarching framework that will guide Council in responding to the opportunities and challenges facing Moonee Valley over the next 22 years. It is a shared vision for the future of the municipality and is based on the aspirations of the community, input from other key stakeholders, evidence-based research, and the existing strategic commitments of Council.

The MV2040 engagement program has been comprehensive in providing multiple opportunities for the community to provide input to the long-term strategy (see Figure 1). In October 2016, the MV2040 Background Paper was released and prioritised planning for the local needs and distinctive character of each of the 13, 20-minute neighbourhoods. This Background Paper acted as the precursor to the MV2040 engagement program.

Figure 1: MV2040 Key Phases

In October 2017, the MV2040 Visioning Paper was released. The Visioning Paper outlined a series of key transport, community, environment and urban design objectives to deliver the vision for Moonee Valley to be a healthy city through the overarching themes of Fair, Thriving, Connected, Green and Beautiful, and a series of big ideas for the 13, 20-minute neighbourhoods.
Council is currently in Phase 3: Testing. The MV2040 Draft Strategy (Appendix A – separately circulated) is intended to be released for Phase 3 of the MV2040 engagement program for three weeks, from 27 April 2018 until 18 May 2018. In this phase, the community will invited to provide their feedback through a range of interactive consultation methods, before the MV2040 Strategy is finalised and presented to Council in mid-2018.

**Discussion**

The MV2040 Draft Strategy builds on the MV2040 Visioning Paper released in October 2017. It has been developed using feedback from the community during Phase 1 and 2 of the engagement program, along with Council officers’ research into principles and elements required for a healthy city. This has resulted in the following shared vision for the city:

*In 2040 Moonee Valley is a great place to live, work and visit, strengthened by a network of 20-minute neighbourhoods. Our neighbourhoods allow all people, at all stages of life, to live locally, accessing most of their needs close to their home. Our neighbourhoods are beautiful, sustainable and have strong community connections, which enable citizens and the environment to be healthy and resilient.*

To adapt and respond to the anticipated change in the municipality, the ideas and concepts presented in the MV2040 Draft Strategy are bold, inspirational and transformational. MV2040 will be achieved through a framework of strategic directions and respective targets, objectives and actions, structured around five themes:

- A **fair** city that values diversity, where everyone feels safe, is included, is healthy and has access to services and housing;
- A city that **thriving**, with access to jobs, lifelong learning, vibrant and dynamic activity centres;
- A **connected** city of accessible, active and sustainable transport choices;
- A **green** city that is ecologically healthy and environmentally sustainable; and
- A **beautiful** city that celebrates its identity, heritage and open space.

The MV2040 Draft Strategy focuses on delivering a healthy city across the 13 neighbourhoods, planned so that people can access most of their everyday needs within a pleasant 20-minute walk, cycle or public transport trip from their home. This neighbourhood approach to planning and service delivery is strengthened by a series of implementation initiatives (Appendix B) aimed at creating and sustaining a vibrant and resilient network of 20-minute neighbourhoods. It is intended that these ideas will be delivered through Council’s operational and capital works budget over the next 22 years.

**MV2040 and future strategic planning processes**

MV2040 will create a strong policy framework to guide how we want our city to function and evolve. The policy will be implemented through the Moonee Valley Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF), which will be rewritten to incorporate MV2040. It is anticipated that the LPPF will be finalised concurrently with the final MV2040 and brought to Council for consideration in June 2018.
The implementation of MV2040 through the LPPF is an important step in ensuring the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme can appropriately guide the future form of our city. It is critical to set the high level policy guidance for how we want our city to operate.

**Consultation**

The MV2040 engagement program attracted responses from a cross-section of the Moonee Valley community. It was launched on 26 February 2017 and to date, has included individual residents, resident associations and committees, neighbouring Councils, key local stakeholders, and State Government departments.

Phase 1 was held over a 6-week period between 26 February 2017 and 9 April 2017, and attracted 4,322 instances of participation through a range of paper and online community surveys, and place-based activities throughout the municipality.

Phase 2 accompanied the release of the MV2040 Visioning Paper. It was held during an 11-week period from 6 October 2017 to 22 December 2017. The extensive consultation included online engagement, social media, mail outs, feedback postcards, ‘pop ups’ at community facilities, engagement sessions at community events, and a community symposium event. In total there were over 1,015 participants, over 240 conversations, 2,179 ideas and 53 written submissions.

In both phases, the community participated in a series of activities to provide response regarding what they loved about their neighbourhoods, as well as what they wanted their neighbourhoods to look and feel like in 2040.

**Implications**

1. **Legislative**

   The MV2040 Draft Strategy has been prepared with due regard for the Human Rights Charter, in particular the need to maintain Respect, Equality and Dignity throughout the community engagement and strategy development process.

   Ultimately, a Planning Scheme Amendment will be pursued to embed MV2040 into the Local Planning Policy Framework of the Moonee Valley Planning Scheme.

2. **Council Plan / Policy**

   The MV2040 Draft Strategy is the next stage of development of MV2040. This is in accordance with the following key strategies in the Council Plan 2017-2021:

   - 1.2.1.1 – Prepare neighbourhood plans and priority actions through MV2040.
   - 3.1.1.6 – Adopt an updated Integrated Transport Strategy within MV2040.
   - 3.2.1.1.3 – Undertake the work to have MV2040 embedded in the Planning Scheme
   - 4.1.1.7 – Undertake planning and feasibility for catalyst projects identified through Council’s long-term community plans such as MV2040, which increase connectedness at the neighbourhood level.
The MV2040 Draft Strategy is also in accordance with the following key priorities in the Council Plan 2017-21:

- 3.2.1.1 – Prepare and see the adoption of MV2040 as the long-term strategy that will guide the future of the City.
- 5.4.1.1.6 – Deliver deliberative engagement processes to inform development of MV2040.
- 5.4.1.1.7 – Coordinate the program of community engagement to inform MV2040 including online platforms, and implement Council’s Community Engagement Framework in alignment with IAP2 principles and the VAGO best practice guide.

3. Financial

The MV2040 Draft Strategy, including the MV2040 engagement program, has and will be funded through the approved 2017/18 Strategic Planning and Social Planning and Wellbeing operational budgets.

4. Environmental

MV2040 aims for Moonee Valley to be ecologically healthy and environmentally responsible. This includes becoming a city that is low carbon, green and water sensitive, waste sensitive, and cool and climate-adapted.

Environmental consideration has also been taken into account for community consultation. Council will limit the amount of printing involved in Phase 3 of the MV2040 engagement program by activating a broad online platform for community participation.

Conclusion

MV2040 is the long-term, strategic document that will guide Council in responding to the opportunities and challenges facing our city over the next 22 years. The MV2040 Draft Strategy builds on the MV2040 Background Paper and MV2040 Visioning Paper, including extensive community consultation, to establish a vision for Moonee Valley as a healthy city. A healthy city is a great city and Council envisions that in 2040, people will be able to access most of their everyday needs within a 20-minute walk, cycle or local public transport trip from their home. The MV2040 Draft Strategy articulates this vision through a series of implementation initiatives for each of the 13, 20-minute neighbourhoods in the municipality.

Council understand that our city is changing and is committed to working with the community to deliver a long-term strategy that will continue our progress as healthy, vibrant and resilient city. Community input and collaboration is an essential part of the MV2040 process, and accordingly, Phase 3 of the MV2040 engagement program is the important next step.

Appendices

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**AGENDA**

**– ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ITEM 9.3 - APPENDIX B**
9.4 MV2040 green action plans - carbon, urban forest, water and waste

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Purpose
This report is being presented to:
- Inform Council that our strategic commitments to create a climate adapted, low carbon, water sensitive and waste wise city have been incorporated into the MV2040 long-term strategic plan for the city.
- Obtain Council’s endorsement of draft green action plans for public consultation, as part of the draft MV2040 Strategy.

Executive Summary
- Strategic commitments to create a climate adapted, low carbon, water sensitive and waste wise city have been incorporated into the MV2040 long-term strategic plan.
- The green action plans for carbon, water, urban forest and waste set out short- and medium-term targets and priority actions to achieve the vision, objectives and targets set in the draft MV2040 Strategy.
- The green action plans have been informed by feedback received during community engagement around the broader draft MV2040 Strategy.
- Relevant departments from across Council contributed to developing the plans and proposed actions.
- The green action plans present opportunities and actions over the next four years to create a more sustainable city, in line with the draft MV2040 Strategy and the Council Plan 2017-21.
- Public consultation on the draft plans is proposed to be carried out as part of consultation on the draft MV2040 Strategy.

After consideration of feedback, final green action plans will be presented to Council for endorsement.
Recommendation

That Council endorses the following green action plans for public consultation, as part of the draft MV2040 Strategy package:

a) MV2040 Green Action Plan - Water Sensitive City, (Appendix A, separately circulated)
b) MV2040 Green Action Plan - Zero Carbon City (Appendix B, separately circulated)
c) MV2040 Green Action Plan - Waste and Resource Recovery (Appendix C, separately circulated)
d) MV2040 Green Action Plan - Urban Forest (Appendix D, separately circulated)
   i. Tree Management Plan (Appendix E, separately circulated)

Background

The draft MV2040 Strategy (MV2040) provides a long-term vision for our city. It is designed to operate as Council’s overarching strategy, guiding planning, infrastructure and service delivery across our 13 neighbourhoods. MV2040 includes 20 strategic directions, with associated targets to enable the city’s progress and outcomes to be monitored.

MV2040 will change the way Council operates, in that it will be the ‘umbrella’ strategy that will guide future work through programs and actions plans, not additional strategies. Council’s operating areas will still be required to complete these targeted programs and action plans for the work they need to undertake. This includes the areas of climate change, water, urban forest and waste.

The long term strategic directions and work on creating a sustainable city have been integrated into MV2040.

The MV2040 green action plans—Water Sensitive City, Zero Carbon City, Waste and Resource Recovery and Urban Forest (green action plans)—set out short and medium term targets and priority actions to achieve the vision, objectives and targets set in the MV2040 ‘umbrella’ strategy.

Discussion

MV2040 long term strategic directions

Based on community feedback, MV2040 outlines that by 2040, Moonee Valley will be a green city that is ecologically healthy and environmentally responsible.

Long-term target setting work was carried out in 2016 and 2017 as part of the MV2040 process. Identified visions, objectives and targets galvanise action and drive the level of investment required over the next 22 years to create an ecologically healthy and environmentally responsible city. Some critical actions include setting targets for increasing tree canopy cover, greater harvesting and reuse of water, growing the amount of renewable energy generated locally and greater resource recovery.
Short and medium term targets and priority actions

The green action plans set out short and medium term targets and priority actions for the following MV2040 theme, strategic directions and targets:

Theme 4 - Green

- Strategic direction 13 – A city that is low carbon
- Strategic direction 14 – A city that is green and water sensitive
- Strategic direction 15 – A city that rethinks waste
- Strategic direction 17 – A city that is cool and climate adapted

Key targets and priority action areas in the green action plans include:

**Water Sensitive City**
*(Appendix A, separately circulated)*

**Targets:**
- Reduce Council’s indoor potable water use by at least 10 per cent by 2028
- Reduce the total volume of stormwater discharged to waterways by 80 ML per year
- Reduce Council’s outdoor potable water use by 55 per cent by 2028
- Reduce gross pollutants discharged to waterways by 150 tonnes per year
- Have all sports fields and priority parks irrigated with an alternative water supply by 2040
- Residential potable water use is not more than 155L per person, per day
- Non-residential mains water use is less than 1,500 ML per year

**Actions:**
- Planning and designing a Water Sensitive City
- Sustaining our green spaces
- Water-efficient Council facilities
- Enhancing our waterways
- Improving flood management
- Engaging our community
- Collaboration and advocacy

Embedding integrated water management within Council

**Zero Carbon City**
*(Appendix B, separately circulated)*

**Targets:**
- Achieve zero net carbon emissions from the community by 2040
- Achieve zero net carbon emissions from Council’s operations by 2020, and continue to reduce corporate emissions by more than 95 per cent by 2040
- Power Council’s operations with 100 per cent renewable energy
Actions:
- Accelerating renewable energy uptake
- Plan and build a low carbon city
- Engage the community around low carbon living and working and foster climate resilience
- Facilitate low emissions transport
- Extracting carbon from the atmosphere

Waste and Resource Recovery
(Appendix C, separately circulated)

Targets:
- 90 per cent of household waste diverted from landfill to recover resources by 2040
- Zero food waste disposed to landfill by 2030

Actions:
- Engage the community to avoid waste and recover resources
  - residents, businesses, schools and community sector
- Enhance our services to improve recycling
  - landfill, recycling and organic waste services
  - branch and pruning collections
  - hard waste collection
  - Re-new collection
  - expanding recycling options
  - public place recycling
- Planning and infrastructure for sustainable waste management
  - infrastructure to recover wastes
  - Transfer Station services
  - waste management in apartment buildings
- Develop solutions for the future
  - advanced waste technologies
  - container deposit scheme
- Create a cleaner Moonee Valley
  - litter and illegal dumping
- Demonstrating leadership within Council’s operations

Urban Forest
(Appendix D, separately circulated)
(Includes Tree Management Plan (Appendix E, separately circulated))

Target:
- Increase tree canopy cover from 11.5 per cent to 30 per cent by 2040
Actions:
- Improve urban forest data and analysis
- Protect and manage existing trees
- Increase tree canopy cover
- Improve diversity, tree health and resilience
- Improve integration with hard infrastructure
- Engage the community to enhance our urban forest

Consultation
The draft green action plans have been informed by feedback received during community engagement for the MV2040. Consultation comprised a range of engagement activities across Moonee Valley throughout 2017. This included a community symposium, an interactive online portal, social media posts, neighbourhood brochure mail-outs, feedback postcards as well as sessions with Council’s 10 Portfolio Advisory Committees. In total there were: over 1,015 participants, over 240 conversations, 2,179 ideas contributed and 53 written submissions.

Additionally, the draft MV2040 Green Action Plan - Waste and Resource Recovery has also been informed by:
- A community survey in October 2017, which received more than 600 responses
- Discussions and a written submission from the Environment Portfolio Advisory Committee
- Feedback from community members attending waste related events, such as workshops

Relevant Council departments also contributed to developing the green action plans and proposed actions. This included City Planning, Infrastructure Services, Operations, Statutory Planning, Finance, Community Infrastructure and Governance and Communications.

Implications
1. Legislative
   Nil.

2. Council Plan / Policy
   In presenting this report, Council is working to achieve its strategic objectives and targets as set out in the draft MV2040 Strategy:
   - Theme 4 – Green
     - Strategic direction 13 – A city that is low carbon
     - Strategic direction 14 – A city that is green and water sensitive
     - Strategic direction 15 – A city that rethinks waste
     - Strategic direction 17 – A city that is cool and climate adapted
The green action plans also support the current Council Plan 2017-21, Theme 2: Green clean and beautiful and Theme 3: Sustainable living.

3. Financial

Council has a reasonable budget to implement the proposed actions. Where funds for new actions are not allocated within the existing budget, they will be put forward in future budgets.

4. Environmental

In MV2040, Council’s long-term strategy for the city, Council aspires to become a city that is low carbon, is green and water sensitive, rethinks waste and is cool and climate adapted. The draft green action plans identify short and medium term actions that will help to achieve MV2040 strategic directions and targets.

Conclusion

The draft green action plans present opportunities and actions over the next four years to create a more sustainable city.

The plans also help deliver on environmental sustainability commitments in the Council Plan 2017-21 and position Council to meet future challenges, such as climate change and waste management.

Public consultation on the draft green action plans is proposed to be carried out with consultation on MV2040, from late April until late May 2018. After consideration of feedback, final plans will be presented to Council for endorsement at the June 2018 Ordinary Meeting.

Appendices

Appendix B: Draft MV2040 Green Action Plan - Zero Carbon City (separately circulated)
Appendix C: Draft MV2040 Green Action Plan - Water Sensitive City (separately circulated)
Appendix D: Draft MV2040 Green Action Plan - Urban Forest (separately circulated)
Purpose
This purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of The Advocacy Strategy 2018/19.

Executive Summary
- The Advocacy Strategy 2018/19 (the Strategy) (Appendix A – separately circulated) has been developed to secure partnerships and support from other levels of government, agencies and organisations to obtain positive outcomes for Moonee Valley today and into the future.
- The Strategy will contribute to the achievement of the Council Plan 2017-21 strategic objectives and the draft MV2040 strategy which sets out the long term vision for the city.

Recommendation
That Council:
2. Authorises Council officers to make minor amendments to the wording and content of the Advocacy Strategy to reflect the adoption of the draft 2018/19 budget, the draft MV2040 strategy, the long-term capital works program and future decisions of Council; and to ensure it remains relevant as the priority projects identified in the strategy progress.
3. Authorises Council officers to develop collateral and campaign material as required in order to effectively communicate with the community and potential partners to advance the goals of the Advocacy Strategy.

Background
The Local Government Act 1989 sets out the role of councils which includes “advocating the interests of the local community to other communities and governments.”

The City of Moonee Valley is rapidly evolving and growth and change is placing pressure on the liveability of our community and the health and wellbeing of our citizens. Council does not always have the resources or means to achieve everything it wants for the community. Advocacy, a primary role of Local Government, helps Council to secure partnerships and support from other levels of government, agencies and organisations to obtain positive outcomes for Moonee Valley now and for the future.
Discussion

This strategy outlines the key priority projects Council is asking other levels of government and organisations to partner with it to deliver over the coming year.

The projects identified in the strategy align with the themes and objectives of our Council Plan 2017-2021 and our draft MV2040 strategy which sets out our long term vision for the city. The Strategy will help leverage the support and investment required to achieve the actions and objectives of both these key documents.

Council continuously works with other levels of government, agencies and organisations to achieve its goals for the city and the community. However, the upcoming Victorian election in November 2018 and the Federal election due to be held by May 2019, present a significant opportunity to gain the support of other levels of government to deliver on key priority projects. This context has informed the advocacy principles which guided the development of the Strategy.

Advocacy principles:

- The priorities have been identified in the Council Plan 2017-21, the draft MV2040 strategy, and other policies, plans and strategies adopted by Council.
- The priorities are realistic and attainable, in the short to medium term. Council will stage or breakdown bigger priority projects.
- The priorities are have a clear community need and benefit and are backed up by evidence.
- The priorities have broad community support.
- The priorities align with those of State and Federal Government and Council will seek to work in partnership with other levels of government to deliver these priorities.
- Council has indicated the resources it will commit to these priorities as a partner.
- Council will also work with other advocacy organisations where our interests align, and with local community groups to build community support for our priorities.

As a result of applying the advocacy principles outlined above, the following priority projects have been identified in the Strategy:

- Flemington Community Hub
- East Keilor Leisure Centre
- Riverside Golf and Tennis Centre
- Moonee Ponds junction and bus interchange
- Maribyrnong River bridge (Raleigh Road) pedestrian and cycling infrastructure
- Moonee Ponds Creek revitalisation
- Increased tree canopy
Council will monitor progress towards delivery of these priorities on an ongoing basis, with regular updates provided to Council and the community through Council meeting reports and a formal annual review.

The projects identified in the strategy are not the only advocacy issues for the Moonee Valley Council and community. Work will continue on a number of other advocacy issues as outlined in the Council Plan 2017-2021, draft MV2040 strategy and adopted policies and strategies as usual.

In particular, there are a number of important projects which did not fit within the scope of the Strategy. This is because there is still more groundwork for Council to undertake before we are ready to seek support and funding from other levels of government to deliver the projects. However they remain a high priority for Council and we look forward to developing partnerships to deliver these projects in the future.

Some of the projects for future advocacy efforts include:

- Indoor netball and basketball (highball) stadium - Council is currently undertaking a feasibility study for a new competition compliant six court indoor stadium.
- Maribyrnong River Cultural Precinct - Council is currently developing a plan for the area which will make it a vibrant events destination and include greater walking and cycling connections.
- Windy Hill – Council is working with key stakeholders and partners to see the precinct become a pre-eminent sporting, recreational and public use facility in the future.
- Melbourne Airport rail link – Council will be confirming its position on the project and its preferred route or routes at a future Council Meeting and it may be considered for inclusion in the Advocacy Strategy 2018-21 at that time.
- Key traffic and transport projects – Council works closely with VicRoads and other responsible authorities ongoing to seek improved traffic flow and safety outcomes on roads within our municipality. In particular we are seeking:
  - Improvements to the Keilor Road and Mt Alexander Road intersection
  - Improvements to the Epsom Road and Racecourse Road intersection

**Consultation**

The nature of this report does not require public consultation. The Strategy has been informed by the Council Plan 2017-21 and draft MV2040 strategy through which the community has been extensively consulted.

The strategy was developed in consultation with a number of Council departments including, Infrastructure Services, Technical Services, Strategic Planning, Community Planning, Leisure, Community Infrastructure, Finance and the Asset Planning and Strategic Projects directorate.
Implications

1. **Legislative**
   
   The Local Government Act 1989 part 1A, Section 3D(2)(d) sets out the role of councils which includes “advocating the interests of the local community to other communities and governments.

   The Advocacy Strategy considers the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 as it creates opportunities for the community to participate in public life and decisions they may be impacted by.

2. **Council Plan / Policy**
   
   In presenting this report, Council is working to achieve its strategic objective to lobby on the community's behalf on emerging issues in accordance with Council Plan 2017-21 Theme 5: Resilient organisation - A resilient organisation that is sustainable, innovative, engaging and accountable - Our community is informed and has a say.

3. **Financial**
   
   The development of the Advocacy Strategy occurred within existing budget resources. Communication and campaign material required to support the delivery of the strategy will come from existing budgets. Any additional financial requirements relating to specific activities will be subject to Council's budget deliberations.

4. **Environmental**
   
   The Advocacy Strategy seeks improvements to public transport and active transport infrastructure and this provides opportunities to reduce energy usage and greenhouse gas generation. It also seeks enhancements to our tree canopy coverage and the health of our waterways which has a positive impact on biodiversity and conservation.

**Conclusion**

The Advocacy Strategy 2018/19 identifies the key local challenges that require external resources and support to deliver. Over the next year Council, will ask other levels of government as well as various agencies and organisations to partner in developing and delivering these vital projects.

**Appendices**

9.6 Heritage Study 2018 - Post-war

File No: FOL/18/32
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Purpose
The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement to undertake ‘Heritage Study 2018 – Post-war’.

Executive Summary
- Since 2014, Council has completed heritage assessments for non-residential buildings and is currently completing assessments for Interwar, Edwardian, Victorian residential buildings.
- The only remaining gaps to be investigated are – trees and parks; Aboriginal places; and post-war.
- It is now proposed to proceed with ‘Heritage Study 2018 – Post-war’ for the remaining residential buildings.
- It is proposed to present post-war properties identified in the gap study for community consideration, along with calling for nominations for additional properties. The final list would be used to inform Heritage Study 2018 – Post-war.
- This report recommends Council resolves to undertake the Study in order to meet community expectations to protect post-war residential buildings and precincts of local significance and to provide clear guidance as to the appropriateness of development in these areas.

Recommendation
That Council resolves to undertake ‘Heritage Study 2018 – Post-war’ for post-war residential buildings and precincts, including seeking community input to finalise the initial list of potentially heritage significant properties.

Background
Moonee Valley’s Heritage Gap Study (2014) outlined a prioritised work plan to guide future heritage studies. The study identified places, precincts and clusters and divided them into high, medium or low priority groups.

In 2015, Council undertook Heritage Study 2015 which focused on commercial and transport-related places, industrial and suburban infrastructure and community-use buildings. This work culminated in Planning Scheme Amendment C164, which sought to apply the Heritage Overlays. Amendment C164 was adopted by Council on 28 February 2017 and approved by the Minister for Planning on 10 August 2017.
On 13 June 2017, Council resolved to undertake Heritage Study 2017 for Interwar, Edwardian and Victorian residential buildings as well as extensions to existing Heritage Overlay precincts identified in the Gap Study. The study commenced in January 2018.

Discussion

It is now proposed to undertake Heritage Study 2018 – Post-war, in a step to complete the majority of the gap study recommendations. It is proposed to undertake a widespread community consultation process, where the 68 residential buildings identified in the Gap Study are presented to the community for consideration, along with a call for nominations for any additional post-war properties of potential heritage significance.

The nominations will contribute to Council’s heritage knowledge of post-war residential buildings and stimulate community awareness of the heritage values of post-war properties. The owners of all identified properties would be provided with an opportunity to give feedback on the potential application of heritage controls to their properties.

The completion of the study will result in a reduced number of spot-assessments, which create cost and time intensive processes each time interim heritage controls are sought.

Upon completion of Heritage Study 2018 - Post-war, the following groups will be the only outstanding elements:

- Trees and parks
- Aboriginal places.

Consultation

As part of Heritage Study 2018 - Post-war, community members and stakeholders will have the opportunity to nominate post-war residential buildings. Property owners will be notified and will have the opportunity to provide input into the study.

Once a detailed review of the post-war residential buildings is completed by heritage consultants, the report will be publicly exhibited for additional comment through a future planning scheme amendment process.

Implications

1. Legislative

   There are no statutory considerations and no human rights implications as a result of this report.

2. Council Plan / Policy

   In presenting this report to Council, Council is achieving its Strategic Objective 3.2 to ensure growth and development is well managed in accordance with Council Plan 2017-2021.
Theme 3: Sustainable Living – A connected, well-designed municipality, thriving neighbourhoods, accessible places and spaces includes two key strategies to protect local heritage:

- Identify and protect places of local heritage significance.
- Undertake Stage 2 Heritage Studies recommended by the Heritage Gap Study and implement overlays where appropriate.

3. Financial

The preparation of the Moonee Valley Heritage Study 2018 - Post-war will require funding in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years. The study will be funded from Council’s Strategic Planning operational budget.

4. Environmental

The Moonee Valley Heritage Study 2018 - Post-war will contribute to the established framework for the preservation of buildings and areas of historical importance. It capitalises on the opportunity to retain important buildings as part of Moonee Valley’s heritage and legacy.

Conclusion

Heritage Study 2018 – Post-war will assist Council in preserving locally significant post-war residential buildings that contribute to Moonee Valley’s legacy. It will also contribute significantly to the completion of Moonee Valley’s 10-year Heritage Gap Study work program.

Appendices

Nil.
9.7 East Timor Friendship City Review

File No: FOL/18/32
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Purpose
To brief Council regarding the Moonee Valley/Timor–Leste Liquiçá Friendship City Relationship program review (Program Review), and seek endorsement for the draft Program Review to be placed on Council’s website for a period of one month to allow opportunities for the community to provide feedback.

Executive Summary
- Moonee Valley City Council (council) made its initial commitment to a Moonee Valley/Timor–Leste Liquiçá Friendship City relationship in 2003.
- In light of this, it was considered timely to review efforts to date and identify future options for the Program. Council officers have prepared a Moonee Valley/Timor–Leste Liquiçá Friendship City Relationship Program Review report (Appendix A – circulated separately).
- Whilst there is no Moonee Valley/Timor–Leste Liquiçá Friendship Program policy, Council has reaffirmed its support to the Program over the years through a series of resolutions, including signing the Municipal /District Cooperation Agreement between Liquiçá and Moonee Valley in 2014.
- Over the past fourteen years, Program activities can be identified within three distinct Program streams including: governance activity (stream one); project support (stream two); and local community engagement and fundraising (stream three).
- Within stream three, the Mayoral Charity Race Event has been Council’s annual flagship community fundraising initiative. Council resolved not to proceed with the 2017 Mayoral Charity Race Event at its Ordinary Meeting on 26 April 2017 due to a projected unfavourable cost/benefit outcome; with a view to identifying alternative fundraising options. Alternative sustainable fundraising options are identified in Appendix B (confidential attachment) including; coffee based sales, staff driven fundraising and fundraising at pre-existing Council community events.
- Within stream two, the Review has included discussions with agencies on the ground in Timor–Leste (East Timor). These agencies have identified that Council’s support over the Program period has, in general, been useful, practical and valuable. Whilst the nation of East Timor has made considerable progress in the past decade, East Timorese people continue to experience health inequalities with significant population health and wellbeing needs. In line with this, partner agencies contacted as part of this Review identified that there
was still a real need for on-going support for projects in the Liquiçá district, particularly in the areas of food and water security, and climate change.

- The Program Review report has identified two options for its’ future direction which are outlined in Appendix A (separately circulated, pages 20-23) and summarised in this report (refer Table 4). Options include either: minimising future involvement and investment in the Program (option one); or continue to deliver the Program but revise and incorporate Review findings (option two). The second option proposes: adoption of a strategic framework to guide decision making and investment (Appendix A – separately circulated, pages 35-36); alternative sustainable fundraising options (Appendix B); and an annual financial commitment from council of approximately $2000 towards (agreed) partnership projects (up to a total value of $5000) which would be funded from council’s community bi-annual grants program budget and could augment annual staff and community fundraising efforts.

Recommendation

That Council:


2. Endorses the draft Program Review report to be placed on Council’s website for a period of one month to allow opportunities for the community to provide feedback.

3. Notes a report will be presented to Council following the feedback period which includes recommendations for future Program options.

Background

A unique historical context

Liquiçá lies some 3,500km to the north of Moonee Valley, and geographically East Timor is Australia’s closest neighbour. The two countries also share an historic connection. Balthasar Kehi, an East Timorese academic and policy analyst, notes¹:

“The first major involvement of Australians with the East Timorese occurred during World War II, when 700 Australian commandos in what was then Portuguese Timor, were fighting more than 20,000 invading Japanese troops. The fatalities on the part of the Japanese were 1500, while those on the part of Australians were only 40. This was mainly because of the guerrilla warfare waged by the Australians, the success of which can be explained by the support of the local community. Levy, a commando in the 2/4th Independent Company, wrote:

Our only support was the Timorese. Never once did the Timorese betray us. They were unbelievably loyal to us. That loyalty is why we survived and why I am able to stand here more than five decades later, to tell you of the debt my comrades and I owe to the Timorese people (cited in Aubrey 1998, p xiii).

¹ Friendship City Relations between Communities and Local Governments in Australia and Timor Leste: Developing Citizen-to-Citizen Relations, Balthasar Kehi, 2005,
At the end of the war, the Australian government and the commandos made a promise to the Timorese as a gesture of gratitude for their help and friendship, saying: ‘Friends, we will never forget you!’

However, the price paid by the Timorese for their cooperation with the Australian commandos was high. An estimated 40,000 to 70,000 East Timorese out of a total pre-war population of 450,000 were killed by the Japanese. Many of their hamlets and villages were reduced to ashes.”

In December 1975, the Indonesian occupation of East Timor began and lasted until October 1999. During the occupation, one third of the population died. In 1999 the Howard Government sent Australian troops to prevent further bloodshed and violence and to secure East Timor. Many East Timorese and Australians saw this as Australia fulfilling its promise of friendship made 55 years ago.

Since this time, many friendship city relationships between Australia and East Timor have been formally established. There are currently some 38 listed Australia and East Timor friendship groups in Australia (22 of which are in Victoria).

Council commitments

Whilst the Program sits outside the conventional workings of Council, it is supported in the Council Plan 2017-21 and in resolutions of Council. Some key commitments by Council during this period include:

- 2003 - Council established a partnership with the Liquiçá District of East Timor through the Australia Timor-Leste Friendship Network (AusTimorFN).
- 2005 - The first Mayoral Charity Community Race Day (formerly known as the Liquiçá Plate) held. Continued each year until 2017. Council also resolved to formally establish the Moonee Valley Friends of Liquiçá (FOL) Advisory Group to Council. The Friends of Liquiçá group had been operating as a community group since 2003.
- 2009 - A major event was held at Flemington Community Centre to celebrate the 10th anniversary of East Timor’s vote for independence. The event featured up to 60 stalls and exhibitions and was a significant cultural and community event attended by approximately 600 people.
- 2012 – Council endorsed support for a project to develop a technology hub through the Xpand Foundation. The hub was completed in June 2013 and additional funds for internet provision and facility upgrade was endorsed and provided in 2014.
- 2014 - Moonee Valley signed the Municipal /District Cooperation Agreement between Liquiçá and Moonee Valley. This is the Victorian Government and the Council of Ministers for Timor-Leste standard municipal agreement, which provides a uniform approach for local government in respect to friendship relationships. Refer Figure 1. This signed agreement is displayed in the Council Chamber.
- April 2017 - Council resolved to not hold the 2017 Mayoral Charity Race with a view to raising funds through more sustainable methods. In addition and at the request of the Liquiçá district administrator, Council resolved to donate funds to
support a maternal and child health nursing program through a local NGO partner, Allied Health International.

Other resolutions of Council are outlined in Appendix A (separately circulated, page 6).

Council Plan 2017-21

Related objectives in the Council Plan 2017-21 include:

1.1.1.2 Work with partners to address health and wellbeing priorities including: health inequalities, mental health, alcohol and other drugs, gambling, homelessness, non-communicable diseases and sexual and reproductive health.

1.1.1.3 Improve health and wellbeing across the life course and address social determinants of health.

1.3.1.1 Foster resilience and build community capacity in priority populations.

1.4.1.1 Build capacity and leadership with priority populations and in areas of greatest social and economic disadvantage.

1.4.1.2 Deliver services and programs using a community development model.

Program Review

It has been over a decade since Moonee Valley City Council (council) made its initial commitment to an East Timorese/Liquiçá Friendship City relationship. In light of this, it was considered timely to undertake a review of efforts to date and provide a basis for providing advice regarding the Program’s future operation.
**MUNICIPAL/DISTRICT COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

Formalising the desire to develop and strengthen cooperation between Timorese Districts and Victorian Municipalities and their populations, it is agreed to:

1. Consider economic, cultural, social, educational and/or other interchange between local community representative organisations.
2. The Victorian Municipality of Moonee Valley will cooperate with the Timorese District Management of Liquiçá according to their respective resources and through the following support:
   - Contributing to strengthen professional knowledge and skills of Moonee Valley’s district officers according to their needs and mainly through sharing advice, professional experience and mentoring.
   - Organising study and working visits by municipal delegations from Timor-Leste to Victoria and from Victoria to Timor-Leste by the public and the private sectors.
   - Providing support with technical advice to assist with implementation of district programs and projects under the direction of the Secretariat of State for Administrative Decentralisation.
   - Regular networking, collaboration and interchange of information between District Management and Municipal officers and interested parties.
3. The Municipality of Moonee Valley and the District Management of Liquiçá will be able to effectively communicate and cooperate in all aspects of their activities, which are aimed to provide better services to their local population.
4. The Municipality of Moonee Valley will cooperate with the District Management of Liquiçá in projects where the objectives are the development of trading skills, creation of business opportunities and economic independence of Liquiçá’s population.
5. The Municipality of Moonee Valley and the District Management of Liquiçá will undertake procedures to obtain support to assist with implementing this municipal agreement.
6. This protocol may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Victorian Municipality and the Secretariat of State for Administrative Decentralization, Timor-Leste.

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**Figure 1:** Municipal/District Cooperation Agreement between Liquiçá and Moonee Valley, 2014
Discussion
Program Streams

Over the past fourteen years, Program activities can be identified within three distinct Program streams as outlined in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Moonee Valley/Liquíçá Friendship City Relationship Program streams**

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<td><strong>Stream one: Governance activity</strong></td>
<td>Includes practical assistance and support to representatives of the district government in East Timor on issues relating to governance and administrative systems. Municipal support has been provided through: participation in key network forums such as the <em>Local Government Timor-Leste Network</em>, which meets quarterly; training and hosting East Timorese officials, as requested, to support capacity building within East Timorese civic institutions; delegations of Moonee Valley Councillors and senior staff to visit East Timor (2 visits in 14 years).</td>
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| **Stream two: Project support** | Supports initiatives delivered on the ground in Liquíçá which provide practical assistance and funding for (typically) community development projects, services or infrastructure. Key projects have included:  
- Upgrade of a Garianna School in partnership with Life Love Health and River Diversion (Lepa) Project;  
- Development of the Technology Resource Hub, in partnership with the Xpand Foundation; and  
- Support the Allied Health International local NGO partner to work with the Liquíçá district administration to deliver a maternal and child health nursing program (Liga Inan project) to provide smart phones for Maternal and Child Health nurses providing neo-natal care to pregnant women in remote areas of the Liquíçá district. A funding agreement has recently been executed and then Mayor, Cr Andrea Surace recorded a message to be played at an official hand-over ceremony in Liquíçá. |
<p>| <strong>Stream three: Local community engagement and fundraising</strong> | Includes practical assistance and support for local (Moonee Valley) community activities for the purposes of raising funds for and awareness about East Timor. In the past, these activities have also strengthened local connections and capacity building, such as the 2009 community forum and celebration at the Flemington Community Centre to recognise the anniversary of the East Timorese referendum. The key community engagement with this project has been through the Moonee Valley Friends of Liquíçá (FOL) Advisory Group. This committee was formally established by a Notice of Motion on 18 October 2005, as a consultation forum for identifying projects that “...would best benefit the...” |</p>
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<td>Liquiçá community from the Race Day funds.”</td>
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It has been two years since the FOL Advisory Group last met with Council. Council is not aware of any current fundraising or awareness raising activities carried out by the Group. Council Officers contacted individual members of the FOL Advisory Group to seek feedback on the Review process.

The Mayoral Charity Race Event (Event) has been Council’s annual flagship community fundraising initiative to support the Program. A financial and resourcing review undertaken during March 2017 forecast a projected financial loss of $37,500 (excl. GST) to Council to hold the Event (based on 2016 figures and including a donation to charity of $10,000).

In addition, the Event was identified as out of alignment with Council’s commitment to reduce the harm caused by gambling in the community, due to Moonee Valley Racecourse’s current revenue from Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs).

Council resolved to not proceed with the 2017 Event at its Ordinary Meeting on 26 April 2017; and to conduct further analysis on more sustainable fundraising options. These options are outlined in Appendix B.

Following a $10,000 contribution to the Liga Inan project, the Program holds funds of approximately $20,000.

Further information on the Program streams is outlined in Appendix A (separately circulated).

Other local fundraising and East Timor project support

Whilst not part of council’s Program, it is worth noting that Ave Maria College in Aberfeldie has a Sister School Program with St Maria Mazzarello School in Venilale. This project is separate from the Friends of Liquiçá and based in a different region of East Timor but provides another link between the community of Moonee Valley and East Timor. The relationship is strong with students from Ave Maria visiting East Timor and undertaking substantial fundraising. In 2016, $5000 was raised for St Maria Mazzarello School and in 2015 students from Ave Maria participated in an immersion visit to East Timor to visit St Maria Mazzarello and meet the students. Such activity presents opportunities for the Program to engage with the Ave Maria College group.

FOL Advisory Group

It has been two years since the FOL Advisory Group last met with Council (perhaps due to both a lack of resources within Council to support its’ activities and declining membership due to the length of time the group has been in operation). Council is not aware of any current fundraising or awareness raising activities carried out by the Group.
Council Officers contacted individual members of the FOL Advisory Group to seek feedback on the draft Moonee Valley/Timor-Leste Liquiçá Friendship City Relationship Program Review report. One member of the FOL Advisory Group responded and subsequently met with Council Officers and Councillor Jim Cusack on 16 October 2017 to discuss the review report and request feedback. A copy of the draft review report was provided and to date no feedback has been received.

Emerging needs

Whilst East Timor has made considerable progress in the past decade, it has significant population health needs and residents continue to experience health inequalities, as indicated in the table below.

Table 2: Comparison Health indicators for East Timor and Australia

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<td>East Timor</td>
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<td>Australia</td>
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An evaluation interview conducted with Andrew Mahar from the Xpand Foundation for the Program Review identified:

- There is still a real need for on-going support in the areas of food and water security, and climate change.
- The impacts of deforestation and climate change are impacting on the capacity for local food systems to cope.
- All projects should be long term and work towards becoming self-sustaining as short term projects are disruptive and unhelpful.
- Local councils’ support is most effective when it is provided in association with locally based partners in East Timor; (who can also assist Council and the Moonee Valley community to understand local needs and priorities when investing in projects).

Key issues, learning and opportunities

The Review also identified a number of issues and opportunities moving forward which are summarised below and detailed in Appendix A (separately circulated, pages 16-19). These are also summarised in Table 3 below.

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4 http://www.indexmundi.com/east_timor/infant_mortality_rate.html. Includes the number of deaths of infants under one year old in a given year per 1,000 live births in the same year; included is the total death rate, and deaths by sex, male and female. This rate is often used as an indicator of the level of health in a country.
Table 3: Key issues, learnings and opportunities

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<td>Strategic framework for decision making</td>
<td>Upon review of the Program to date, it is not always clear as to the rationale for project investment and support. There is an opportunity to prepare a strategic framework to build upon Program commitments and learnings over the past 10+ years and guide decision making and investment. A draft framework has been prepared for further discussion and is outlined in Appendix A (separately circulated, page 35-36).</td>
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<td>Government to government support and capacity building</td>
<td>Identifying specific skills development and fostering relationships at a government to government level is resource intensive and beyond the current capacity of the Program’s resources. As per existing arrangements, Council could continue to respond to requests through the Victorian Government’s Local Government Timor-Leste Network to sponsor and host delegates from East Timor on a case by case basis. Overseas and interstate travel by Moonee Valley Councillors and staff (for future delegations etc.) are subject to separate Council policy.</td>
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<td>Government to government relations</td>
<td>Relations with the Liquiçá district government can perhaps be most effectively built through providing practical support to projects. For example, in 2017, Moonee Valley’s funding of the Liga Inan project has given cause for us to reconnect and re-establish dialogue with the Liquiçá district administrator.</td>
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<td>Roles, responsibilities and resourcing within Council</td>
<td>There is a need for greater organisational clarity around roles and responsibilities in regards to delivery of the three Program streams within Council, and to ensure they are coordinated and resourced by parts of Council with the most relevant expertise. There is an opportunity to align stream one activities with the ceremonial, civic and government-to-government functions of Council rather than the community development area. This function could sit with a range of other civic activity such as the ANZAC centenary and annual commemorations; Spirit of Moonee Valley; citizenship ceremonies etc.</td>
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<td>Sharing advice and professional experience</td>
<td>Many of the Liquiçá community’s needs are areas where Moonee Valley staff have expertise, such as maternal and child health, civil and infrastructure engineering and environmental sustainability. This is also in line with the Liquiçá/Moonee Valley Municipal District Cooperation Agreement in terms of “…sharing advice, professional experience and mentoring.” Council could consider supporting projects that have some alignment with their own service delivery areas so that investment decisions are informed by a practical understanding and expertise around a given project.</td>
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<td><strong>Projects addressing needs in Timor Leste</strong> (food and water security, climate change, population health)</td>
<td>An opportunity exists to engage with groups in Moonee Valley with an interest in these issues (food and water security, climate change, population health) and link them to programs in Timor Leste. Council (and the FOL Advisory Group) could raise awareness (and potentially fundraise but this would be up to individual community groups) through its networks. Awareness raising could also be part of the recently established Portfolio Advisory Committee system (Environment and Health &amp; Wellbeing committees). In addition, greater connection with this Program and local RSL and military commemorative activities could also be explored (celebrating East Timor’s contribution to Australia’s WWII war effort).</td>
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<td><strong>Building on existing partnerships</strong></td>
<td>Through the Program’s implementation over the past decade, Council has developed a constructive working relationship with local NGOs (namely Xpand Foundation, and more recently Health Alliance International), who continue to deliver projects of benefit to the Liquiçá community. Council could enter into a partnership agreement for the duration of this Council term with these partners to support/fund their existing projects in Liquiçá in a longer term capacity. (This investment would use the proposed strategic framework for decision making outlined above).</td>
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<td><strong>Building on existing local interest in Moonee Valley</strong></td>
<td>Whilst not part of council’s Program, Ave Maria College in Aberfeldie’s Sister School Program with St Maria Mazzarello School in Venilale; provides another link between the community of Moonee Valley and Timor Leste. Victoria University (VU) also has a long standing commitment to Timor-Leste. The University has hosted the Honorary Consulate of Timor-Leste in Melbourne since before Timor-Leste’s independence. Council has previously partnered with Victoria University to identify Timor-Leste students and other community members to support our Program. Council was engaged with the University until recent years and could look to reactivate this relationship. The development of a Council managed Timor-Leste Annual Community Forum would help promote the Program and provide a platform to engage with locals with an interest in East Timor and discuss opportunities to contribute to existing and future activities.</td>
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<td>Other project support funding</td>
<td>The Shire of Mansfield has a small town grants program whereby small towns in the Shire can apply for a $2000 grant and Venilale (their East Timor friendship district) receives the same funding. There is an opportunity to augment fundraising for partnership projects through a contribution from council’s Bi-annual Community Grants program.</td>
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<td>Timor-Leste annual community forum</td>
<td>The development of a Council managed Timor-Leste Annual Community Forum would help promote the Program and provide a platform to engage with local individuals and groups with an interest in East Timor to discuss opportunities to contribute to existing and future activities.</td>
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<td>Fundraising by Council</td>
<td>There are opportunities for Council to support sustainable fundraising options as outlined in Appendix B (part 1). It should be noted that if Council decides to continue to deliver the Program moving forward, it is unlikely that the cost of running the Program will be cost neutral due to the ongoing cost of Council Officer time to administer the Program.</td>
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<td>Fundraising by the community</td>
<td>Council initiated fundraising could be augmented by community led fundraising if other community groups or individuals decided to raise funds for the projects. These opportunities could be discussed at the proposed Timor-Leste Annual Community Forum.</td>
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| Mayoral Charity Race Day Event            | As outlined in Table 1 above, the Event was identified to have a financial loss of $37,500 and be out of alignment with Council’s commitment to reduce the harm caused by gambling in the community. Council resolved to not proceed with the 2017 Event at its Ordinary Meeting on 26 April 2017; and to conduct further analysis on more sustainable fundraising options as outlined in Appendix B.  
If there was continued political support for the Event, there is scope to re-design this event as a networking and partnership opportunity to promote the Friendship City Relationship and build stronger connections with key stakeholders. The Event could re-branded back to the Moonee Valley Liquiçá Plate (or other suitable title to recognise the partnership) to clearly identify the Friendship City Relationship and remove the generic link with fundraising and charity. Council Officers have met with Moonee Valley Race Club (MVRC) staff to discuss this option. Whilst only preliminary discussions have taken place to date, it appears the cost to Council is relatively high (i.e. a minimum of $10,000 pa). See Appendix B (part 2).  
Note: this opportunity is not included the future program options outlined in Appendix A (separately circulated, pages 20-23). |
Issue | Key learnings & opportunities
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Building on shared horse racing traditions | In addition, Council officers have also flagged with the MVRC, opportunities for the MVRC to pursue their own links and partnerships with East Timor (possibly even the Liquiçá district). This could build upon the strong tradition of horse racing in both countries, and the fact that almost all buildings and infrastructure (including horse racing infrastructure) were destroyed in Liquiçá during the chaos of the militia`s campaign which followed East Timor’s 1999 referendum results.

Options for future Program direction

The Program Review report identifies two options for its’ future direction which are outlined in Appendix A (separately circulated, pages 20-23) and summarised in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Options for future program direction

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<th>Option one: Minimising future involvement and investment in the Program</th>
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<td>This would entail minimising activity in the existing Program (with exception of providing limited municipal support), including:</td>
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<td>• Governance - Continue to respond to requests from East Timor for hosting visitors from Liquiçá (as requested). Assess resourcing as required (in terms of delegations when proposed etc.) in line with relevant Council policy such as travel allowances etc.</td>
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<td>• Project Support - Expend the current funds (approx. $20,000) on Liquiçá projects, then discontinue with ‘Project Support’ (once current funds expended).</td>
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<td>• Engagement and fundraising - Discontinue with ‘Engagement &amp; Fundraising stream’.</td>
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<td>Indicative annual cost: $3,700, which incorporates Project Officer time to implement the above steps.</td>
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<th>Option two: Continue to deliver the Program and incorporate Review findings</th>
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<td>The second option proposes continuation of three program streams and includes:</td>
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<td>• Governance – Provide municipal support, as requested and facilitated through forums such as the Victorian Government’s Local Government Timor-Leste Network (and continue to attend quarterly network meetings). Assess resourcing as required (in terms of delegations when proposed etc.) in line with relevant Council policy such as travel allowances etc. Hold an Annual forum/ briefing with the Timor Leste Ambassador or consul and Councillor group to provide an update on activities and discuss opportunities for the future.</td>
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<td>• Project Support - Provide project support for initiatives delivered on the ground in Liquiçá including:</td>
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<td>o Adoption of a strategic framework to guide decision making and investment (Appendix A – separately circulated, pages 35-36);</td>
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Alternative sustainable fundraising options (Appendix B);

Formalising partnership agreements with agencies in Liquiçá for the 2017-21 Council term

An annual financial commitment from council of typically $2000 towards partnership projects (up to a total value of $5000) which would be funded from council’s Bi-Annual Grants program budget and could augment annual staff and community fundraising efforts. Note, if successful this would commence in 2019/20 financial year as it would require a change to documentation relating to the Section 86 Grants Assessment Special Committee.

Engagement and fundraising – Support local community and staff activities for the purposes of raising funds for and awareness about East Timor. These local activities would also aim to strengthen local connections and capacity building. This could involve:

A Council managed Timor-Leste Annual Community Forum to promote the Program and provide a platform to engage with locals with an interest in East Timor and discuss opportunities to contribute to existing and future activities.

Engage with representatives of groups based in Moonee Valley with common interests in projects in Timor Leste such as climate change, health etc.

Fundraising: Trial new fundraising initiatives to support Council’s Friends of Liquiçá Relationship Program for the 2018/19 financial year as per Appendix B.

Indicative annual cost: $18,775-$21,775 which incorporates Project Officer time ($12,000) to implement the above steps, wholesale coffee purchase for fundraising re-sale ($4,775) and Bi-annual Community Grants allocation ($2,000-5000).

It should be noted that due to the cost of Mayoral Charity Race Day Event (minimum $10,000 pa), neither option one or two above includes a proposal for Council to continue to hold this event.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with:

The Xpand Foundation and Health Alliance International to identify emerging needs and successful project delivery options in East Timor.

Council officers at Moreland and Port Phillip to discuss successful fundraising initiatives. Pricing information was sought from Coffee Fundraising Sales Organisations Wild Timor Coffee and the WithOneBean Coffee Project.

Moonee Valley Race Club representatives to discuss alternative event models who have provided a revised proposal and cost for the Mayoral Charity Race Day Event.

Council Officers contacted individual members of the FOL Advisory Group to seek feedback on the draft Moonee Valley/Timor-Leste Liquiçá Friendship City Relationship Program Review report. Only one member of the FOL Advisory Group responded and subsequently met with Council Officers and Councillor
Jim Cusack on October 16, 2017 to discuss the review report and request feedback. A copy of the draft review report was provided and to this date no feedback has been received.

- Internal organisational consultation regarding roles and responsibilities for options moving forward.
- It proposed that the Program Review report be placed on Council’s website for a period of one month to allow opportunities for the community to provide feedback on the Review findings. The Review report will also be sent to key stakeholders for information and comment.

Implications

1. Legislative
   There are no legislative implications as a result of this project.

2. Financial
   The potential cost to council for implementing either of the two identified potential Program options moving forward is either:
   - Option one: Minimise involvement in the Program = $3,700 (p/a); or
   - Option two: Continue to deliver the Program and incorporate Review findings = $18,775 - 21,775 (p/a). The potential annual (net) income derived from alternative fundraising proposed is estimated at $4,400.
   NB: Neither option one or two above includes a proposal for Council to continue to hold the Mayoral Charity Race Day Event, as the minimum cost to Council would be $10,000 pa.

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

Conclusion

The Review has identified two potential options for the Program moving forward. These include either: minimising involvement in the Program; or continue to deliver the Program (incorporating Review findings).

It proposed that the Program Review report be placed on Council’s website for a period of one month to allow opportunities for the community to provide feedback on the Review findings.

Following this feedback period, a subsequent report will be presented to Council which outlines community responses and a preferred future option for the program.

Appendices

Appendix A: Moonee Valley East Timor Liquica Friendship Program Review (separately circulated)

Appendix B: Alternative sustainable fundraising options (separately circulated) (confidential).
9.8 Response to NoM 2017/23 - Skateboard Park at Fanny Street Reserve

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Ordinary at its meeting on 27 February 2018 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 27 March 2018.

Purpose
This report provides an update to Council regarding Notice of Motion (NoM) 2017/23 from the Ordinary meeting of Council on 8 August 2017.

Executive Summary
- Council has an existing Skate and BMX Strategy 2009 which provides recommendations for appropriate sites and implementation.
- Implementation of the strategy, such as the upgrade of Rosehill Skate Park and Fanny Street Reserve BMX track have been completed. Consultation and design has also been undertaken for Boeing Reserve youth park.
- The Skate and BMX Strategy 2009 rates sites according to their suitability and Fanny Street Reserve rated low in accordance with the criteria of access, proximity to public transport and amenities.

Recommendation
That Council:
1. Notes Fanny Street Reserve playground renewal designs are being undertaken in the 2017/18 financial year and include a skateable path, with works due for completion by the end of 2018.
2. Recommends once the Boeing Reserve Skate Park is upgraded, wayfinding signage be put in place to direct people to the park along Moonee Ponds Creek which provides a safe and accessible link from Fanny Street Reserve to Boeing Reserve.

Background
Notice of Motion 2017/23 – Skateboard Park at Fanny Street Reserve called for the development of:
1. A small skate park at Fanny Reserve to complement the existing BMX track and the amenity of the reserve. This component of the report should provide, but is not limited to creating a funding plan commencing with the 2018/19 budget, outlining a project plan and timeframe and a consultation plan with the local
community that prioritises input from young people, users of the reserve and the broader community; and

2. Fanny Reserve, Moonee Ponds as an entry point and destination stop along the Moonee Ponds Creek Bike Path that complements local use as a recreation area. In examining these opportunities consideration should be given to the location of way finding signage and its incorporation into future updates about the bike path that occur in either electronic or hardcopy formats.

Council has an existing Skate and BMX Strategy which was adopted in 2009. The strategy has been implemented through the development of Rosehill Skate Park, the renewal of Fanny Street BMX track and the design of Boeing Reserve Skate Park. Locations of facilities have been highlighted within the Strategy and site analysis undertaken. Fanny Street Reserve scored 51 per cent suitability for a skate park, given its location, access to amenities and transport and being part of a wider precinct.

Additionally, Council encourages and supports young people to have a say on Council decision making and issues that affect them locally, including upgrades to parks and infrastructure. Council, through the Youth Development team, is actively involved in supporting and engaging young people aged 12 to 25 who live, work, study and socialise in Moonee Valley through events, programs and services.

Importantly the original request for the development of a small skate park at Fanny Reserve was received from two nine year old children. However, the request does not reflect feedback received though Council’s broader consultation with young people aged 12-25 who have indicated that skating is not a leisure activity they have high levels of participation in.

Discussion

The Notice of Motion was considered in accordance with Council’s Skate/BMX Feasibility Study (2009), which provides a guide to the existing and future provision and management of skateboard/BMX facilities and activities in the City. The Strategy specifically makes reference to Fanny Street Reserve with a recommendation for the park to be redeveloped as a smaller play space with no further recommendations for capital development. Fanny Street BMX Facility has an existing BMX track. Design for playground renewal to the Fanny Street Reserve is being undertaken in the 2017/18 financial year. These designs have included a skateable path; with renewal works due to be completed by the end of 2018.

In 2013, Council invested $455,000 in the Rosehill Skate Facility and has plans for the Boeing Reserve Skate Facility to be upgraded once the new sports pavilions are completed. Developing Fanny Street Reserve, Moonee Ponds as an entry point and destination stop along the Moonee Ponds Creek Bike Path that complements local use as a recreation area is supported by Council officers. Consideration will be given to the location of way-finding signage and its incorporation into future updates about the bike path that occur in either electronic or hardcopy formats.

Council supports and celebrates young people telling us what they would like to see in the municipality. Moreover, in 2015 Council consulted with over 860 young people in Moonee Valley through the development of the Thrive: Strategy for Young People. Throughout the consultations, young people were specifically asked about infrastructure and feedback highlighted that shopping centres, parks and sporting
clubs were important places for young people to recreate and socialise in. Public transport and the need to get around safely on their own, were also identified as major issues of importance for young people. Overwhelmingly, young people also identified needing more young people friendly spaces and facilities in Moonee Valley. However, skate parks and skating were not identified as a priority for young people.

Furthermore, consultations with young people at the Flemington Estate and Ascot Vale Wingate estate highlighted that skating and skate parks are not a leisure activity or sport that culturally and linguistically diverse young people identify with or have high levels of participation in. This has been further emphasised through recent feedback from the Young People’s Committee which meets monthly to advise Council on a range of issues that affect young people locally. Committee members have identified that children aged 8-11 tend to have higher skating participation rates than young people aged 12-25.

Consultation
Consultation to this point has occurred via the following:

- Discussions with the Young People’s Committee up to 30 young people aged 12-25 years old live, work, recreate and study in Moonee Valley who meet monthly to advise Council on a range of issues that affect young people, coming from a range of backgrounds and experiences.
- Consultation with Council’s City Design department has provided important insights into existing and future plans.

Implications

1. Legislative
   There are statutory considerations as a result of this report. Council has a responsibility to regulate the use of public space. Therefore is it necessary to adhere to the following legislation, the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992, Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, Liquor Control Reform Act 1998, Tobacco Act 1987 and the Planning and Environment Act 1987. With regard to the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, the category of ‘Freedom’ and ‘Freedom of Movement’ is relevant to this report.

2. Council Plan / Policy
   In presenting this report, Council is working to achieve its strategic objective to improve access to quality open space throughout Moonee Valley in accordance with Council Plan 2017-21 Theme 2: Green, clean and beautiful - A healthy environment and enhanced amenity - Moonee Valley has high quality places and spaces.

3. Financial
   It is noted that the proposed works have not been included within the current budget, nor considered as part of the Council Plan 2017-21. Should this motion be supported, a further report will need to be prepared for Council, which outlines these considerations.
4. Environmental

There are no direct environmental implications associated with the preparation and reception of this report.

Conclusion

The Moonee Valley Skate and BMX Strategy 2009 provides direction of the upgrade, implementation and level of service for skate and BMX facilities within the municipality. The upgrade of Rosehill Park skate park and Fanny Street Reserve BMX have been undertaken. Consultation and design has been undertaken for Boeing Reserve youth park, which is to be constructed once adjacent building upgrades are completed.

Developing Fanny Street Reserve as an entry point and destination stop along the Moonee Ponds Creek complements local use as a recreation area. In addition, Fanny Street Reserve playground renewal designs are being undertaken in the 2017/18 financial year and include a skateable path, with works due for completion by the end of 2018. Way-finding signage and its incorporation into future updates about the bike path will further link facilities such as Boeing Reserve youth park to the broader open space network, creating a recreation based journey along the linear waterway corridor.

Appendices

Nil.
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Closure of meeting to public

Recommendation
That Council resolve to close the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to discuss the following matters:

12.1 Aged Care Services in Moonee Valley

Item 12.1 is Confidential under the terms section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 as it contains information relating to: (c) industrial matters.