Attachments

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Tuesday, 26 March 2019
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PROPOSED DWELLINGS
COVER SHEET

AT: 8 JANET STREET, KEILOR EAST
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MV/358/2018 - 8 Janet Street, Keilor East

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✓ - Complies, x - Non-compliance, N/A - Not Applicable
Support rationale for concepts

Background Information

Policy directions
Primarily these three options respond to MV2040 priorities and themes outlined in the Community Facilities Action Plan endorsed by Council in June 2018.

The options are also informed by, and complementary to: Chain of Ponds, Arden Macaulay Structure Plan and Debnys Precinct Structure Plan.

Our Consultation Process
An extensive program of Council and non-Council community and stakeholder consultations has taken place to support the Flemington Community Hub Concept Plan and Debnys Park Precinct Plan.

Consultation prior to this project
- Community Survey 2018 (February to March 2018) (Council)
- MV2040 Phase 2 Feedback (February, 2018) (Council)
- MV2040 Neighbourhood Consultation Report (February to April, 2017) (Council)
- Flemington Estate Renewal Project – Phase One (October 2016) and Phase Two (March, 2017) Engagement Reports (non-Council)
- Flemington Neighbourhood Renewal Community Survey (September, 2015) (non-Council)
- Flemington Communications Research (March, 2015) (Council)
- Multicultural Action Plan Survey (March-April 2014)

Consultation during this project

Phase 1: July – October 2018
1x Flemington Neighbourhood Advisory Group (Flemington NAG) meeting
- The Flemington NAG meeting on the 3rd October highlighted the special attributes of this site.
- Debnys Park Precinct Plan Surveys (July-August 2018)
  - An online survey attracted 175 responses.
- 5x stakeholder workshops and meetings with sporting groups
  - Forming part of this project’s preliminary consultation phase, five stakeholder workshops were undertaken and attracted 50 participants from target groups including Council staff, staff of the FCC, non-Council service providers that operate from the FCC and young people that use the community centre and Debnys Park.

Phase 2: October - November 2018
The second phase of engagement was held in October and November 2018. It included the following workshops and drop in sessions.

- Flemington Community Centre staff, held October 31 2018
- External service providers using the Flemington Community Centre, held 19 October 2018
- Flemington Neighbourhood Advisory Group (FNAG), 14 November 2018
- Council officers, held on 14 November 2018
- Community Around the Family (organisations that provide services for children and families who live in the public housing), held on 21 November 2018
- Drop in sessions at the following:
  - Ping pong-a-thon, on 25 October 2018
  - Pricham Jams (youth music event), 19 October 2018
  - Eritorean Festival, 18 November 2018

**Debneys Park Vision & Principles**

The new vision for Flemington Community @ Debneys Park is:

"Debneys Park welcomes, nurtures and nourishes everyone."

This key statement is based on feedback from stakeholders and reflects the elements of community, connection and celebration that we've learned are important. Principles to support this vision are:

- Welcome a diverse, multi-generational community now and into the future
- Be the heart of the community by creating welcoming spaces for people to gather
- Be flexible and responsive to community needs by featuring adaptable indoor and outdoor spaces which suit a range of activities, programmes and events
- Provide high quality architectural & landscape design that creates a sense of connection, pride and belonging

The vision will guide our decisions and priorities for the precinct including its design, use and management.

**How have the three designs been informed by community?**

Input from residents, community groups and organisations, as well as members of the Flemington Neighbourhood Advisory Group and staff of the Flemington Community Centre, continues to guide the designs. Throughout October & November 2018, we gained feedback on the vision for the project, and design inspiration for different types of facilities including building height and size.

This consultation reinforced Debneys Park as a place for the whole community. We heard that the designs should be welcoming of all, cater to many interests of local residents, and encourage people to use the park, get to know their neighbours and spend time with their families.

Creating a beautiful, safe and natural hub that includes a range of facilities which are fun, and well connected to each other and to the surrounding areas, is important.

A highball court, and supporting recreational facilities are very important to young people in Flemington.

Buildings can be significant but should be beautiful and respectful of the surrounding parkland.

In summary, consultations confirmed that the project scope is supported and that the hub needs to be connected to its surroundings; to the natural environment, public transport options, cycle and pedestrian paths and the local neighbourhood.

A summary of engagement activities and findings is located on our [YourSay](#) webpage
The table below outlines the key values to be protected & future opportunities identified by the community.

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The threat to personal safety (perceived or real) is a significant concern for many residents. Safety in public places (improved lighting for example) is paramount to the enjoyment and success of these places.

**Traffic and parking**
Traffic congestion and limited parking are major and long-standing issues with many locals. The impact of major new developments and events on local parking and traffic congestion was a particular concern.

**Technology and internet**
The lack of high-quality internet and technology integration in the FCC is sometimes a barrier for community members.

**Community consultation and engagement**
The community would like to connect more with Council, through improved communications and opportunities, for greater involvement in activities on projects.

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**What is included in the project scope?**
Flemington Community @Debneys Park will provide spaces that support people of all ages and people from different backgrounds, now and into the future. Be flexible and responsive to community needs by featuring adaptable indoor and outdoor spaces which suit a range of activities, programmes. The precinct will integrate high-quality architecture and landscape design by providing a legible arrangement of indoor/ outdoor spaces, encouraging permeability through buildings and connection to the landscape.

We are planning for the long haul by creating high-quality spaces that have a long life span to suit the changing range of activities, programmes and community needs over the years.

We want to help build healthy communities by encouraging participation in community life and outdoor activities, creating a sense of involvement, pride and belonging.

Our goal is to provide accessible, well located spaces to allow full access for people of varying abilities in locations that complement community life and promote inclusion.

1. **A new Flemington Community Hub to replace Flemington Community Centre**

Flemington Community Centre was built in 1960 and is no longer fit for purpose. The new Flemington Community Hub will have a range of flexible community uses. The foyer/lounge space is seen as the heart of the space and it links all community uses such as co-working spaces and study/reading areas. Indoor/ outdoor spaces are connected to the multi-purpose rooms to provide flexibility in program and connections to the landscape.

A large indoor sports facility, which includes two highball courts and spectator seating, forms part of the scope and has a direct relationship to storage and amenities. The community sports pavilion will be located within the hub and includes facilities to support a range of sporting events.

In summary the Community Hub will include:
- large foyer & lounge
- a community hall
- multi-purpose meeting rooms
- co-working spaces
- a community kitchen
- Two-court indoor highball facility (incorporating adaptable uses)
- Community sports pavilion
- Café & kitchen garden

The project team have also explored the possibility of family & children's services to be included at the hub in the future.

2. A reimagining of Debneys Park to cater for a range of future scenarios.

As well as the Community Hub, Debneys Park will have:

- Upgraded pedestrian and cycle paths
- Play spaces and passive recreation facilities (bbq, picnic areas)
- Outdoor sports infrastructure
  - multi-purpose sports courts
  - tennis courts
  - 2 x cricket practice nets
  - 1 x full-size cricket field
  - 2 x full-size soccer pitches
- Wetlands & water features connecting with Moonee Ponds creek including storm water treatment and irrigation.

To achieve the scope, what do we need to take into consideration on this site?

Debneys Park is constrained by several factors that limit sections of the park in terms of usability, desirability and flexibility. Key constraints that require consideration:

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<td>Council owns the land on which Debney Meadows PS is built. An area of open space adjacent to Debney Meadows Primary School is licensed to the school for use during school hours until the end of 2019. The Community garden, also on Council land, is licensed to the Director of Office of Housing (DOH).</td>
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<td>The existing access point off Mt Alexander Road is fixed and additional access point locations off this road would not be permitted by VicRoads.</td>
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At this point in time therefore the existing location will need to be reutilised for any access off Mt Alexander Road.

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<td>The existing sports ground is too large to fit anywhere else within Debneys Park and reduction in its size would be unacceptable. The provision of additional sports activities may require a re-sizing and/or additions to the grounds. Existing mature trees are highly valued and need to form part of any future proposal.</td>
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<td>The existing drainage easements encumbering sections of Debneys Park need to be considered and the larger easement running east-west through the Debneys Park may restrict siting options for the community hub.</td>
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Figure 2 Debrah Park 2019
Comprehensive site analysis

Eight site principles (referred to as site strategies by the architects) were identified as a result of community input and analysis of:

- Site amenity (solar access, noise, sense of safety)
- Landscape character & environment
- Open space use
- Access & movement
- Surrounding community infrastructure
- Land opportunities & constraints (ownership, planning overlays, easements)

The site criteria identified are listed below:
3.0 Site analysis

3.1 Vision and site strategies

**Values:**
- Deaneys Park is a place that welcomes, nurtures, and nourishes everyone.

A connected and visible node
- Count the nodes to become an important local place in the city.
- It is more than a node; it is a destination.
- More important nodes."
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- Connect the neighbourhood
- Create safe and welcoming places to walk / ride, and create an attractive public realm
- Enhance the visual connection of the park with adjacent areas
- Define the park as an important feature of the local streetscape
- Enhance the visual connection to adjacent areas
- Improve pedestrian and cycling connections to and from the park
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- Engage with the Milwaukee Fonds Creek corridor
- Integrate civic connections between Milwaukee Fonds Park and Milwaukee Fonds Creek corridor
- Improve pedestrian and cycling connections to and from the park
- Enhance the visual connection to adjacent areas
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- Expand and enhance the green space
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- Intensify the park's uses
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Debneys Park Areas

1 – Urban Interface
- Provides a visual gateway into the municipality
- Defines the Mt Alexander Road corridor
- Disconnects from existing playspaces
- Overshadows the sports fields
- Creates a visual block from Mt Alexander Rd to Debneys Park
- Noise pollution from Mt. Alexander Rd affects amenity

2 – Neighbourhood Interface
- Addresses the existing and future neighbouring communities
- Interfaces the sports fields
- North facing - good solar access
- Visible from all areas including through Racecourse Rd
- Addresses the issue of safety

3 – Moonee Ponds Creek Interface
- Interfaces the existing playspaces
- Noise Pollution from Citylink affects amenity
- Poor orientation for Environmental Sustainable Design
- Disconnected from the sports fields
- Suited to natural landscaped play & recreation areas than built form
The three options are shown in the ‘neighbourhood’ interface. Read below to find out why.

Neighbourhood Interface

The siting for the community hub was selected based on maximising benefit for the Flemington Community. Early in the process of considering the needs for the Flemington neighbourhood, Council engaged architect Don Goldsworthy OAM who received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to architecture and urban design. Through Don’s extensive career, he has worked with communities to create places for people; Don understands the fundamentals of safety in design, and maximising benefit from the natural attributes of the site. Among many projects, Don’s genius delivered the Bendigo Art Gallery and surround; the thinking that achieved the success of the Bendigo Arts precinct is now brought to the siting of the Flemington Community Hub. Important to the selection of the site are the following, the:

- building and park interface be north facing – maximising benefit from the sun (a fundamental to anyone in real estate) which will provide alfresco café/dining opportunities for neighbourhood members to connect
- building interface with the Park so as to allow building footprint consolidation and to facilitate multi-use of spaces to have internal spaces open to outdoor spaces for the celebrations that occur on Debnays Park
- hub to snug into the Flemington community to reduce the distance neighbourhood members need to walk to access the hub
- building to be highly permeable – connecting to both the estate and the broader neighbourhood through a number of internal ‘streets’, one of which may double as a gallery space. A criticism has been the building will form a barrier between the estate and the Park but this could not be further from the truth. The building will encourage community through the spaces in a way that has been achieved in many other community buildings eg: Bendigo Library
- building look out onto all that is Debnays Park, celebrating the view across the parkland
- view from the gateway of the city toward the hub is one that looks across open, green space toward a signature architectural piece.

Why other options were eliminated:

Urban Interface

- A building along Mt Alexander Road would create a visual barrier at the entrance to the City (in the same way the current FCC does) and fly in the face of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, creating secluded areas which are known to be places where adverse behaviours are displayed
- A south facing building would shadow itself, meaning the destruction of alfresco café opportunities and discomfort for those standing on any verandah type structure to view happenings on the park
- The location sites the hub as remotely as possible from the vast majority of the Flemington neighbourhood, setting itself as an island.
- The traffic along the Mt Alexander Road interface makes this quite a hostile location for a hub. There would be no benefit of it facing Mt Alexander Road and hence, any building would need to back onto the road, presenting a negative aspect for those entering the City (as is currently the case with the FCC).
It is difficult from an urban design perspective to imagine why the Mt Alexander Road interface would be considered a superior option to the site area selected. It has been said that locating the hub on Mt Alexander Road would prevent a widening of Mt Alexander Road. This is a fallacious argument on two fronts:

a) Given the march towards autonomous vehicles and other non-car transport options, and our active rejection of cars through planning policy, it is almost unimaginable that Mt Alexander Road would be widened

b) Trying to stop something else happening is not a good reason for locating a $40m hub in a particular location.

Moonee Ponds Creek Interface

- Any building form along this interface will negatively impact what is aspired to be achieved through the Moonee Ponds Chain of Ponds
- A building in this area would create a physical barrier to the Creek, Debeys Park or both
- Any structure would divide the expanse of land and result in the same challenges to CPTED principles as described in the Urban Interface scenario
- Any structure would be more remotely located from the bulk of the community than in the preferred neighbourhood interface, and would be more challenging to interface well with the park without forming a barrier between the gateway to the City and the park.

In a similar way to the rational for putting the hub on the Mt Alexander Road Urban Interface, it has been said that putting the hub on the Moonee Ponds Creek Interface would stop any future incarnations of the East West Link. The argument is similarly fallacious to the Urban Interface scenario:

a) Given the West Gate Tunnel which addresses the risk associated with the over-reliance on the West Gate Bridge, it is almost unimaginable that originally conceived East-West link will ever be delivered

b) Trying to stop something else happening is not a good reason for locating a $40m hub in a particular location and if a government were to push ahead with delivering an East West link as per the last attempt, there is form for planning to pull down even brand new buildings in its path.

Next steps

Subject to Council’s decision at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26th March, we intend to proceed to community consultation on the three options. Our proposed consultation window is 27 March to 12 May 2019.

Working closely with our community engagement team, we are preparing materials to ensure we capture a wide range of views from the Flemington Community. This includes online and print materials.

Once the consultation period concludes, we will use the information gathered to inform a single preferred option which will be presented back to Council and community in mid-2019.
### Table A: Council resolution update table – Celebrating Diversity, SRSS and Welcoming Cities membership

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<td>Adopt a Standing Together and Supporting Diversity Statement Appendix A.</td>
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<td>Council resolution 27/3/18 Correspondence</td>
<td>Write to local community leaders and organisations advising them of this statement.</td>
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<td>Council resolution 27/3/18 Table 3 “We stand together” video project</td>
<td>Build on Council’s short film “We stand together” as a yearlong video project capturing messages from community members and groups from different backgrounds (sporting teams, arts groups, students, business etc.). Prepare material to further promoting Council's support of the Racism. It Stops with Me campaign and assist with engagement and build capacity for Council staff and community members and groups involved. Showcase and launch this project during 2019 Cultural Diversity Week.</td>
<td>This initiative evolved as the ‘Be Brave Speak Up’ project in partnership with the North Melbourne Football Club’s The Huddle, City of Melbourne, VicHealth, Scanlon Foundation, and Foundation for Young Australians. It worked with a group of local Moonee Valley young people from culturally diverse backgrounds to address issues that impact their mental health and wellbeing, resilience and social inclusion. Following a series of workshops, the theme of racism was identified as a key issue for young people in Moonee Valley. The ‘Be Brave, Speak Up’ campaign features local young people from Flemington, aged 13 – 17, alongside prominent athletes and sports people, to help raise awareness of the impact of racism and the importance of bystanders to support victims in schools, workplaces and on the sporting fields. The young people have been the drivers of the campaign, developing the script, participating in the creation of the video, and the call to action. The key messaging in the video is not to stand by while others are being victimised; Be Brave and Speak Up. A link to the campaign video can be found at: <a href="http://www.mmfc.com.au/news/2018-07-02/be-brave-speak-up">http://www.mmfc.com.au/news/2018-07-02/be-brave-speak-up</a></td>
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**Table 3**  
**Storytelling** | Develop ‘story telling’ initiatives (potentially as part of other programs and projects) such as the: youth FREEZA program, cultural history projects associated with the Flemington and Wingate Housing Estate renewal; festivals and events emanating from the Dates of Recognition calendar; and Council’s festival and events review. Showcase these stories and project outcomes through promotion of key events within the Dates of Recognition calendar. | Council has delivered or supported (through funding or in-kind support) almost 50 projects celebrating diversity in Moonee Valley over the past 12 months. These are summarised in Tables B and C below. |
| **Council resolution 11/9/18**  
**Joint Council Statement against changes to the Status Resolution Support Service** | Endorses the ‘Joint Council Statement against changes to the Status Resolution Support Service’ for people seeking asylum as outlined in Appendix A. Notes that Moonee Valley City Council will participate on the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Mayoral Taskforce as a non-executive member, including representation by Councillor Jim Cusack, Councillor Cam Nation and relevant Moonee Valley officers. | The Joint Mayoral Taskforce campaign against changes to the Status Resolution Support Services. As a result Council has since provided $1000 toward the campaign together with an in-kind contribution in the form of advocacy support. The campaign’s first stage took place in the lead-up to the State Election in November 2018 with a media event taking place at the VLGA, attended by Cr Cusack. In the lead-up to the federal election, the campaign has now entered its second stage with members of the community encouraged to sign the petition against the cuts or write to their Federal MP voicing their concern. The campaign is being run with support from the agency, Social Change Projects. Moonee Valley regularly attends taskforce meetings and continues to contribute in-kind advocacy support. Further information is available at [http://backyourneighbour.com.au/](http://backyourneighbour.com.au/). |
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SRSS material aid | Notes that Moonee Valley City Council will provide material aid to people seeking asylum in Moonee Valley as outlined in Table Three | Mapping of local support services for Moonee Valley has been completed for the Northern Region Service Directory (Northern Alliance)  
Two flyers for local relief services have been developed and distributed for people seeking asylum.  
Working with key stakeholder the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) to explore opportunities to add value to the direct support they are currently providing people seeking asylum in MV (80). Use of Council’s leisure centres has not commenced as connection with asylum seekers is through partners such as the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and BSL.  
Currently developing a proposal for online community services directory for MV Council’s website with InfoXchange |
| Council resolution 11/9/18  
Welcoming Cities | Notes that Moonee Valley City Council will explore joining the Welcoming Cities Network and provide a further update to Council in 2019. | Welcoming Cities provided a presentation to Councillors in November 2018. |
| Council resolution 11/9/18  
SRSS campaign funding | Agrees Moonee City Council will provide $1,000 cash and $4,000 in-kind contribution to Dandenong City Council to support the ‘Joint Council Statement against changes to the Status Resolution Support Service’. | Complete. Council provided $1,000 cash to the City of Greater Dandenong have rec support phase one of the campaign roll-out which was timed to coincide with the Victorian State election in November 2018. |
## Appendix B

#### Council resolution update and Summary of recent Council cultural diversity programs and projects

**Summary of cultural diversity programs and projects by neighbourhood over the past 12 months**

**Table B: Council Initiatives**

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| Group: Eritrean Community in Australia Inc  
| Group: Somali Community Inc  
| Group: Somali Independence Day Festival  
| Group: The Eritrean elders women Group  
| Group: The Eritrean Young Mother’s Group social gathering  
| Group: The Eritrean Young Mother’s Group  
| Group: Cro-Aussie Elderly Citizens Bocce Club Keilor East Inc  
| Group: Greek Elderly Citizens Club of Moonee Valley Inc  
| Group: Circolo Pensionate Italiani di North West Essendon  
| Group: Venue hire to use Italian Community of Keilor Association club facilities in Keilor East  
| Group: Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di Essendon Inc  
| Group: Polish Community Council of Victoria Inc  
| Group: Senior Multicultural Skills Exchange Group for Women – Moonee Ponds Inc  
| Group: Niddrie Senior Italian Citizen’s Club Inc  

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What Is Welcoming Cities?
Welcoming Cities is a network to support local councils and leaders to be inclusive and welcoming of diversity in cities across Australia. It was established with the recognition that both local councils and leaders understand the complexity and diversity of their communities and play an important role in creating ‘welcoming cities’.

Welcoming Cities in an initiative of the Scanlon Foundation and Welcome to Australia in partnership with Welcoming America (where the movement originated).

Social cohesion refers to positive social relationships – it is the bond or ‘glue’ that binds people. A socially cohesive society is one which works towards the wellbeing of all its members, fights exclusion and marginalisation, creates a sense of belonging, promotes trust and offers its members the opportunity of upward mobility. Compared to other countries, Australia has a remarkable degree of social cohesion given its diversity. However, maintaining this cohesion is an ongoing task. Social tensions in the wider community can also play out at the local level; as witnessed by the Kensington/ Flemington race riot in December 2017.

Why become a member of Welcoming Cities?
Community benefits
Underlying principles of the Welcoming Cities movement note that:

- When people feel welcome they are more likely to participate in community life; and
- People’s sense of belonging and connectedness is improved through greater insight and understanding of different cultures living in a place.

Council benefits
Joining the Welcoming Cities network would:

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1 Cities includes areas, cities, towns, municipalities, regions, shires and districts.
• Complement, showcase and enhance Council’s existing commitment and leadership to cultural diversity.
• Provide Council with access to best practice and evidence based examples of programs and approaches that foster inclusive communities.
• Inform and be a useful resource in the development of the MV2040 Fair Action which is due to occur in 2019.
• Provide media and publicity opportunities for Moonee Valley City Council to showcase its’ exemplary work on state, national and global forums.

Figure One: Welcoming Cities Membership Guide extract (page 2)

"Welcoming is not just the right thing to do, it’s the smart thing to do".
(Welcomingcities.org.au)

Research\(^2\) demonstrates that socially cohesive communities lead to:
• Increased productivity through higher levels of education and employment
• A greater sense of belonging
• Increased levels of civic participation, and
• Improved wellbeing for whole communities

The continued success of multiculturalism in Moonee Valley (and Australia more generally) will depend on our ability to foster social cohesion as our population and cultural diversity grows. Over the next 35 years, migration will drive economic and skills growth in Australia. Migrants will contribute $1,625 billion ($1.6 trillion dollars) to Australia’s GDP, and 10 per cent more to the economy than existing residents. Migration will also lead to a 60 per cent increase in people with a university education (welcomingcities.org.au). Other significant global studies have identified the economic benefits of increased diversity, as summarised in Figure Two below.

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Figure Two: Economic impact of migrants (McKinsey Global Institute 2016)

How does it work?
In order to join the network a commitment and signature from the Council’s Mayor or CEO is required. Councils join at the Committed level, as either a Free or Premium member. Premium members pay an annual subscription which includes additional benefits such as suite of resources and support materials, opportunities to present to peers and industry leaders at the annual Welcoming Cities Symposium, and access to higher levels of accreditation. The premium membership fee is based on the population of a local government area, and paid on an annual basis. The membership model has been designed to effectively resource and advance participating members and the network in general. Moonee Valley’s annual Premium membership fee would be $3000 pa based on its population size.

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Figure Three: Council membership rates

Councils are required to complete a form signed by the CEO and a Councillor representative which highlights the commitment of the council to:
- Join, and participate in, a network of cities and communities that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
- Identify at least one key staff contact that will liaise directly with the Welcoming Cities team.
- Communicate regularly with the Welcoming Cities team, through at least three conference calls each year and an annual in-person meeting, to progress planning and share and learn from practices of other welcoming cities and communities.
- Once this form is returned and processed, members will be recognised at the ‘Committed’ level and can begin to access a range of membership benefits.
How will councils be supported to become Welcoming Cities?

Membership provides access to best practice cultural diversity and inclusion programs through knowledge sharing; partnership development; sector recognition and accreditation using the Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities\(^2\) (the Standard). The Standard allows Councils to:

- Benchmark their cultural diversity and inclusion policies and practices across the organisation;
- Identify where and how further efforts could be directed; and
- Assess progress over time.

Whilst accreditation can bolster organisations’ on-going capacity and systems; it is possible to be an active member of the network without undergoing the accreditation process. That is, member Councils are able to remain as a ‘Committed’ member and participate in the network (access resources and best practice) without going through the formal accreditation process. A decision to undertake the accreditation will be considered (including resources required) as part of the development of the MV2040 FAIR Action Plan.

As a local council, Moonee Valley City Council (Council) can participate as a member of the network. The network would support Council to adopt the guidelines outlined in their Standard. The Standard is organised under the following seven categories:

- Leadership and communications
- Equitable access
- Economic development and education
- Civic engagement
- Safe and connected communities
- Conflict resolution and mediation
- Physical spaces and infrastructure planning.

How does the standard accommodate the needs and capacities of different councils?

The stages associated with the Standard recognise councils have different resources, capacities and desired modes of assessment, and include: Established, Advanced, Excelling, and Mentoring. A summary of the stages is outlined in Figure Four below.

\(^2\)http://welcomingcities.org.au/the-standard/
What do we know about our culturally and linguistically diverse community in Moonee Valley?

- Moonee Valley is culturally rich and diverse. Some key figures from the 2016 ABS Census regarding diversity in Moonee Valley’s population include:
  - More than a quarter (28 per cent) of residents were born overseas
  - A third (30 per cent) speak a language other than English at home
  - The most common languages other than English spoken at home are Italian (7 per cent) Greek, (3 per cent) and Vietnamese (2 per cent)
  - The most common countries of birth for Moonee Valley residents born overseas are Italy (4 per cent), India (2 per cent), the United Kingdom (2 per cent) and Vietnam (2 per cent).
  - Of those who migrated to Moonee Valley from overseas between 2006 and the 2016 Census, the most common countries of birth were India (19 per cent), China (9 per cent) and New Zealand (6 per cent).
  - Avondale Heights has the highest proportion of residents born overseas (38 per cent), 10 per cent above the state average of 28 percent, and those who speak a language other than English at home (48 per cent), compared to the state average of 26 per cent. Over 10 per cent of the Avondale Heights population speak Italian at home
  - Other neighbourhoods with a high proportion of residents born overseas are Micklea (37 per cent) and Flemington (35 per cent)
  - The proportion of Flemington Housing Estate residents born overseas is 51 percent, with 71 per cent of Estate residents speaking a language other than English at home.
  - Similarly, on the Wingate Housing Estate 40 per cent of the Wingate Estate population was born overseas, with 60 per cent speaking a language other than English at home
  - There are over 72 languages and dialects spoken in Moonee Valley
  - 63 percent of Moonee Valley residents value living in Moonee Valley because of its multiculturalism (Moonee Valley Community Survey 2017)
Figure Five illustrates distribution of Moonee Valley residents born overseas across the city, with more deeply blue shaded areas indicating higher levels of overseas born residents.

In addition, Moonee Valley is home to approximately 142 people seeking asylum on bridging visas (March 2018). This is an increase of 70 people seeking asylum living in the municipality since 2014 - the second largest for all Victorian LGAs (there have also been decreases in the other LGAs). Of these 73 asylum seekers live in Avondale Heights (the 21st highest per suburb in Victoria); and nearly 60 per cent were aged under 24 years.

Figure Five: Moonee Valley Resident Born Overseas (2016 ABS Census)

What other Australian Councils are members of Welcoming Cities?

The following Australian Councils are members of the Welcoming Cities network:

- City of Greater Bendigo (VIC)
- City of Melton (VIC)
- Hume City Council (VIC)
- Moreland City Council (VIC)
- City of Yarra (VIC)
- City of Ararat (VIC)
- City of Greater Dandenong (VIC)
- City of Whittlesea (VIC)
- City of Darebin (VIC)
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- City of Wyndham (VIC)
- Knox City Council (VIC)
- Manningham City Council (VIC)
- City of Port Adelaide Enfield (SA)
- Rural City of Murray Bridge (SA)
- The City of Adelaide (SA)
- City of Tea Tree Gully (SA)
- Livingston Shire Council (QLD)
- Balonne Shire Council (QLD)
- City of Lake Macquarie (NSW)
- Newcastle City Council (NSW)
- City of Parramatta (NSW)
- City of Sydney (NSW)
- Glenorchy City Council (TAS)
- City of Canning (WA)
- City of Stirling (WA)
- City of Cockburn (WA)
- City of Melville (WA)
COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WELCOMING CITIES NETWORK

Local Councils

"Welcoming is not just the right thing to do, it's the smart thing to do."

We recognise that cities and municipalities that proactively foster an environment of belonging and participation for receiving communities, as well as new and emerging communities, increase their social cohesion and economic capability and resilience.

We therefore resolve to participate as a member for the Welcoming Cities Network and commit to taking the following steps toward creating an environment that unlocks the full potential of all members of the community.

- Join and participate in a network of cities and communities that are committed to becoming more welcoming and inclusive.
- Identify at least one key staff contact for the project that will liaise directly with the Welcoming Cities team.
- Communicate regularly with the Welcoming Cities team through at least three conference calls each year and an annual in-person meeting, to progress planning and share and learn from practices of other welcoming cities and communities.

We understand that the Welcoming Cities network involved a number of key elements:

Knowledge sharing. Supporting local councils and communities to learn from each other and access resources, research, policies and case studies.

Partnership development. Brokering meaningful multi-sector partnerships that foster a sense of belonging and participation for all members of the community.

Celebrating success. Showcasing leading practice through case studies and a national award that encourages welcoming efforts.

Standard and Accreditation. Setting the National Standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice in Local Government.

Local councils participate as members of the Welcoming Cities network, while community organisations, businesses and other agencies are involved as supporters. Both members and supporters can access key elements of the network.

The intent and commitment to participate as a member of the Welcoming Cities network is made by the following parties:

Council: ________________________________

Council Representative: ___________________ Signature: __________________

Council Executive: ________________________ Signature: __________________

Date: ___ / ___ / _________
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Acknowledgement of Country

Moonee Valley City Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Moonee Valley is located – the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation; and we pay our respects to their Spirits, Ancestors, Elders and Community Members past and present.

Council also extends this respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who call Moonee Valley home.

Mayor’s Introduction

The City of Moonee Valley has a vision: to be a city of clean, green and beautiful, vibrant, diverse and sustainable communities that people experience as friendly and safe to live in. Through our Council Plan and our long-term strategy, MV2040, we’re working together toward that vision – but we need others to come on that journey with us to help us succeed.

That’s why we’re advocating for Moonee Valley.

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”. In a local government context, this most often means seeking the support of State and Federal Governments for services and infrastructure that Council believes are a high priority for our community. It can mean listening to and strongly representing the views and needs of the community, seeking funding or support for major projects and even raising awareness of issues to create change.

On our own, Council often does not have the resources or means to achieve everything we want on behalf of the community. Establishing funding partnerships with other stakeholders, including State and Federal Government, helps us to supplement your rates investment as we deliver the big projects and innovative ideas our growing community needs.

Since releasing our Advocacy Strategy 2018-21 in May 2018, we’ve been successful in achieving many of the objectives we set for ourselves, with support from our partners. We’re now taking the opportunity to refresh our advocacy objectives ahead of the 2019 Federal Election campaign, and for the longer term.

We hope you’ll join us as we advocate for Moonee Valley, and invite you to find out more at https://yoursay.mvcc.vic.gov.au/advocacy.

Sincerely,

Cr Narelle Sharpe
MAYOR

Objectives

This document outlines key advocacy priorities Council is committed to focusing on, and seeking partnerships in relation to, over the next three years. The projects identified in this document align with the themes and objectives of the Council Plan 2017-21 and the MV2040 Strategy, which sets out the long-term vision for the city.

Many of the projects in the agenda are chosen to recognise the ways in which Moonee Valley is changing and growing as part of greater Melbourne’s population growth. In line with Victorian
Government policy, Moonee Valley is, and will continue to take on a percentage of this growth, which brings with it both challenges and opportunities. All councils face similar challenges and it is important to recognise that Council cannot, and does not, act alone – but works in partnership with all areas of society and other levels of government to deliver on our vision for the future.

Council continuously works with other levels of government, agencies and organisations to achieve its goals for the city and the community. The projects identified in the Strategy are not the only advocacy issues for Council and the Moonee Valley community. Work will continue on a number of other advocacy issues as outlined in the Council Plan 2017-21, MV2040 Strategy and adopted policies and strategies as usual. However the Advocacy Strategy outlines our top tier asks impacting our community right now, with the February 2019 refresh providing a particular opportunity to focus on federal issues in the lead-up to the upcoming election.

Advocacy Principles

- The priorities within this document have also been identified in the Council Plan 2017-21, the MV2040 Strategy, Council’s Capital Works Plan, and other relevant policies, plans and strategies adopted by Council
- The priorities are realistic and attainable, in the short to medium term. We will stage or breakdown larger and longer-term priority projects
- The priorities 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 decision-makers and Council will seek to work in partnership with other levels of Government, as well as candidates for election to 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 and local community groups where our interest align, to build support for our priorities.

Advocacy Activities

Council will undertake a range of activities to promote and deliver on our advocacy objectives. These activities will be undertaken by council officers, the executive team and Councillors as appropriate. Activities may include:

- Undertaking public campaigns and producing collateral to raise awareness of the issues in the community and encouraging their involvement in advocacy efforts
- Developing partnerships with key stakeholders, local and regional organisations, and peak bodies whose interests align with the Advocacy Strategy objectives
- Liaising with government priorities to local Members of Parliament, state and federal ministers, shadow ministers, opposition and cross bench members, and local state and federal election candidates
- Aligning Council activities and participating in the advocacy work of peak bodies and regional organisations including the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)
- Making submissions to government and parliamentary enquiries to advance the goals of the Advocacy Strategy
• Identifying and applying for grants to secure funding in order to deliver on our advocacy priorities

• Promoting commitments, where we receive them, to encourage other parties and stakeholders to lend their support

• Engaging with media on advocacy priorities.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Over the next three years, Council will ask other levels of government as well as various agencies and organisations to join in developing and delivering these vital projects. The strategy is designed to be a live document and remain relevant as work on the advocacy priorities develops. Council will monitor progress towards delivery of these priorities on an ongoing basis, with regular updates provided to Council and the community through Council reports and a formal annual review.

Our Top Tier Advocacy Priorities

Advocating for Infrastructure

A train station for Airport West

Advocating for Community

A new community hub for Flemington at Debneys Park

Advocating for Services

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A commitment to Early Years Services

Advocating for our Environment

A Greener Moonee Ponds Creek

Increasing Tree Canopy

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A transport plan for the Maribyrnong Defence Site

A safer Moonee Ponds Junction

Advocating for Community

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A better approach to Housing

An Indoor Netball/Basketball Facility for Keilor East

Advocating for Services

Support for local government Aged Services

A new plan for Waste
Advocating for our Environment
Activating Maribyrnong River
Advocating for Infrastructure

Top Tier

A train station for Airport West

MV2040 Theme: Connected

The Ask: A station at Airport West as part of the Airport Rail Link and/or Suburban Rail Loop

Level of Government: Federal

State

Timeframe: Short – Medium Term

Why we need a station at Airport West:

The State and Federal Governments have each committed $5 billion to deliver the Airport Rail Link. During the November 2018 State Election campaign, the State Government also announced its intention to deliver a $50 billion Suburban Rail Loop, linking Melbourne’s suburbs from the south-east to the west, with initial new stations proposed at Monash University, Burwood, Doncaster, Bundoora and Melbourne Airport.

Both routes are planned to pass directly through Airport West.

There will never be a better opportunity to connect Airport West and Melbourne’s north-west to the rail network.

A station at Airport West would benefit:

- Local residents currently under-serviced by public transport
- Staff working at Westfield Airport West, Essendon Fields and in surrounding industrial precincts
- The more than 17% of Melbourne Airport staff who reside in Moonee Valley and neighbouring Brimbank
- Travellers between Melbourne and Essendon Airports
- Travellers to and from Melbourne Airport seeking parking alternatives.

The Victorian Planning Authority have identified Airport West and Essendon Fields as a key aviation, technology and employment precinct. As a key regional location for retail and commercial activity, the precinct generates significant employment and economic opportunities for Melbourne’s northern and western regions. It is also home to over 7,500 residents, with more than 17,000 residents in the neighbouring suburbs of Keilor East and Keilor Park, and population growth forecast over the coming years.

But in spite of its regional significance, the Airport West/Essendon Fields precinct is currently a rail transport black hole.

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1 Census 2016
Airport West and Essendon Fields have limited connectivity to the surrounding existing tram and bus public transport network due to geographical barriers including CityLink, Tullamarine Freeway, the Albion-Jacana freight line and the Moonee Ponds Creek. This lack of connectivity contributes to increased congestion on local roads and key arterials in this area.

Local major job providers such as Essendon Fields are currently forced to make private arrangements to bus staff in from Essendon station, in a different State electorate, due to the lack of local public transport.

When partnered with local connecting bus services, a station at Airport West would boost much-needed employment and services for people working at Essendon Fields, Airport West and throughout Melbourne’s west and north, and maximise the economic potential of the area. It would see this strategic hub of business and enterprise, become a thriving commercial precinct of local and regional importance.

Utilising a brief shuttle bus connection, the station would also provide public transport access for visitors to Melbourne wanting to stay near the Airport – including Hyatt Place and the Australian Events Centre at Essendon Fields.

A station at Airport West would also act as an access point for Melbourne Airport staff seeking a convenient, accessible and affordable way to get to work. The Melbourne Airport Master Plan 2018 notes that 27% of average weekday traffic demand – or 31,800 trips per day to/from the Airport – is made up of Airport employees. A station located between the Sunshine Super Hub and the Airport would provide an alternative transport option for these workers.

The proposed site for a station – near Terror Street, Keilor Park, on the border of Moonee Valley and Brimbank City Councils – is already subject to a Design and Development Overlay which envisages the building of a station at this site. Its location enables ready access to the surrounding road network, existing bus routes and cycling and pedestrian channels.
Second Tier

A plan for a safer Essendon North Intersection

MV2040 Theme: Connected

The Ask: A plan to improve safety at the intersection of Lincoln Road, Bulla Road, Mount Alexander Road and Keilor Road

Level of Government: State

Timeframe: Medium Term

Why we need a safer Essendon North Intersection:

During the development of the Fletcher, St Therese’s and North Essendon Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) studies, significant concerns were raised by the local community with regards to safety issues at the intersection of Mt Alexander Road / Keilor Road / Bulla Road / Lincoln Road.

As part of our consultations for this Advocacy Strategy, concerns surrounding safety at this intersection also comprised a significant number of posts on Council’s Facebook and YourSay page. It is clear that improving safety at this intersection is an important issue for our community.

A review of the VicRoads Crash Statistics found that there were a significant number of crashes at this intersection and that an integrated transport improvement approach into addressing road safety, congestion, pedestrian, cycling and transport issues was required.

As such, the adopted Traffic Management Plans for the Fletcher, St Therese’s and North Essendon Local Area Traffic Management studies recommended to develop a signalised intersection to replace the existing roundabout at the intersection of Mt Alexander Road / Keilor Road / Bulla Road / Lincoln Road.

In addition to the above, during the development of the North Essendon LATM study feedback was received from VicRoads, indicating that over recent years a number of operational safety improvements have been made at this intersection, and that any further investigations for the signalisation would require a detailed broader corridor review.

VicRoads also provided a commitment to continue to work with Council on any future investigations and proposals.

Therefore, Council is advocating for a detailed broader corridor review to address safety and amenity improvements at the Mr Alexander Road / Keilor Road / Bulla Road / Lincoln Road intersection. This review should seek to provide a safe and efficient road environment, and to create opportunities to enhance opportunities for cycling and walking participation in North Essendon.
A transport plan for the Maribyrnong Defence Site

MV2040 Theme: Connected

The Ask: A plan to address traffic, transport and environmental impacts arising from the development of the Maribyrnong Defence Site, including along Raleigh Road into Moonee Valley

Level of Government: Federal

State

Timeframe: Medium Term

Why we need a transport plan for the Maribyrnong Defence Site:

The Defence Site, Maribyrnong is a 127.8 hectare parcel of Commonwealth land located in Cordite Avenue Maribyrnong. The Commonwealth Department of Defence is currently seeking a buyer for the site on the open market with a view toward major urban renewal. It was announced in May 2017 that up to 6,000 homes would be located on the site, with the then-Assistant Minister to the Treasurer describing the site as “well-connected to public transport”.

It is the view of Council that public transport access to the site would actually need to be substantially increased in order to accommodate an additional 6,000 residential properties at this location. Whilst the site is located within the adjacent municipality of Maribyrnong, it is surrounded by the City of Moonee Valley to the north, west, and east, resulting in significant potential impacts to our residents as a result of this development. The area in which the Defence Site is located is not serviced by train transport. There is a tram which services the site, the 57 route, but this provides a lengthy commute into the city and is already congested at peak hour. Raleigh and Maribyrnong Roads are likewise already congested by a high volume of private vehicle traffic.

Exploration of traffic and transport impacts should include consideration of opportunities to increase crossings of the Maribyrnong River by foot and by bicycle, through the introduction of a green bridge near the Defence Site. It is also important to consider the environmental impacts of a site of this magnitude, and plan to increase open space accordingly, creating space for people of all ages to recreate and play.

A safer Moonee Ponds Junction

MV2040 Theme: Connected

The Ask: Deliver the findings of the feasibility study to improve safety and amenity at the Moonee Ponds Junction, currently underway

Level of Government: State

Timeframe: Short – Medium Term

Why we need a safer Moonee Ponds Junction:

The Moonee Ponds Junction is the worst location in Moonee Valley for pedestrian crashes and the third-worst in the state. In 2018 the Herald Sun named the Moonee Ponds Junction one of the top-ten worst intersections in the State.

Accident data shows that of the 14 reported traffic accidents at the Junction between January 2013 and April 2016, half of them occurred at the transport interchanges and half involved pedestrians being struck.

With the development of the Moonee Ponds Activity Centre, population growth of 35.9% is forecast in this suburb alone over the coming 22 years – an additional 47,000 people. The volume of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users accessing the junction bus and tram interchanges as well as the Moonee Ponds Station and the Moonee Ponds Creek Trail, is expected to increase significantly.

To accommodate this growth and its impact on our road network, we need to plan now to encourage residents of Moonee Ponds to make use of public transport options wherever possible. That’s why a safer and more accessible Moonee Ponds Junction and transport interchange is so vital.

While the tram interchange was upgraded in 2016, the bus interchange remains particularly unsafe for pedestrians, and is not Disability Discrimination Act compliant. The movement through the bus interchange leading to Hall Street is dangerous for pedestrians. The complexity and confusion of the layout of the bus interchange leads to pedestrians taking dangerous, and sometimes illegal routes to, and though the Junction.

As a result of our advocacy, Council was successful in receiving a commitment from our local Member of Parliament on behalf of the Victorian Government, during the 2018 State Election campaign to fund a feasibility study mapping options to improve safety and accessibility at the Moonee Ponds Junction.

Once the feasibility study is completed, we will continue to advocate for a commitment to deliver its outcomes.
Advocating for Community

Top Tier

A new community hub for Flemington at Debneys Park

MV2040 Theme: Fair

The Ask: $20 million in external funding toward the cost of building a new community hub at Debneys Park in Flemington. Council will fund the remainder of this project.

Level of Government: Federal

State

Timeframe: Short – Medium Term

Why we need a new community hub for Flemington at Debneys Park:

Council has a plan to build a new Community Hub at Debneys Park in Flemington and transform the surrounding park, creating a vibrant new space for a new generation of residents.

The Flemington community is growing rapidly. Over the coming twenty years, the population of Flemington is forecast to double, reaching close to 3,800 people on the renewed Flemington Housing Estate and more than 15,500 people overall. A further 15,000 people will move into neighbouring Arden-Macaulay, whilst over the last ten years, the population of Travancore has already tripled.

At the same time, the Flemington community experiences high demographic diversity. 47.3% of current residents were born overseas, while 49.4% speak a language other than English at home. Flemington has a higher rate of unemployment than the Victorian average, and a lower median weekly personal income.

A modern and responsive community hub with services and facilities to meet the diverse needs of this growing population is absolutely vital. The demand for community facilities at Debneys Park is already clear, with between 1,500 to 2,000 people per week visiting the current Community Centre. Council currently operates a number of successful social connection and job placement and career development services out of the existing Community Centre, including Flemington Works. But the current centre was built in 1960, and is at the end of its useful life.

The construction of a new community hub for Flemington is a $40 million project, and forms part of a broader project to reimagine and revitalise Debneys Park, which is estimated to cost a further $25 million.

Our new community hub will offer a range of services and facilities, which may include:

- A range of small, medium and large multipurpose spaces. These spaces could accommodate:
  - life-long learning and library outreach programs
  - community cultural and arts spaces, programs and classes
  - recreation activities
  - youth programs
o occasional care
o consultation space for outreach services
o health and community support services, including employment support services and social enterprise

- Offices to accommodate council staff, including the Community Development team that are based at the existing Flemington Community Centre

- A sports pavilion.

There is also the opportunity for the surrounding Debneys Park be revitalised to include play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities, sport play areas, and connections to the Moonee Ponds Creek in line with Council’s *Chain of Ponds*.

With a new Flemington Community Hub, there are strong opportunities for the co-location of services and community infrastructure which will benefit and bring together people from across this diverse community.
Second Tier

Back Your Neighbour

MV2040 Theme: Fair

The Ask:
1. Reversal of recent funding cuts and full reinstatement of the Status Resolution Support Services program
2. Increased humanitarian support for asylum seekers already living in the community

Level of Government: Federal (1)
State (2)

Timeframe: Short Term

Why we need to Back Our Neighbours:

The Back Your Neighbour campaign is run by the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum, a group of Australian Councils who are speaking out against Federal Government cuts to the Status Resolution Support Services program. Moonee Valley City Council endorsed this campaign by joining the Mayoral Taskforce in September 2018.

Cuts to the Status Resolution Support Services program have the potential to leave thousands of asylum seeker families already living in Australian communities, including Moonee Valley, destitute and homeless.

The Status Resolution Support Services program provides:

- short term needs-based support to non-citizens who are unable to support themselves while resolving their immigration status
- a basic living allowance (food, rent and medical treatment), casework support and access to torture and trauma counselling
- 89% of Newstart allowance (typically), or approximately $35 per day.

As at 28 February 2018, there were approximately 13,300 people on the SRSS program, of whom some 4,059 were children.

In Moonee Valley, there are 142 asylum seekers living in the community on bridging visas. This is the 10th most for Victorian local government areas. Many of these asylum seekers are concentrated within certain suburbs, with the largest number living in Avondale Heights.

With these cuts, many current recipients living in the community will be forced to rely on additional support from charitable and community organisations, as well as material aid and support services, some of which are distributed and facilitated by Council.
A better approach to Housing

MV2040 Theme: Fair

The Ask:

1. A long-term plan for Affordable Housing that is adequately funded to help address the significant shortfall in safe, affordable, secure and appropriate housing for very low, low and moderate income households

2. The inclusion of visit-ability and adaptability features in the National Construction Code to ensure new housing is accessible and adaptable for people with a disability and/or older people

3. Targets for affordable housing as part of new large-scale residential development

4. Improvements to existing public housing stock and an increase in the overall number of public housing dwellings, including the mixed tenure development of public housing estates.

Level of Government:

- Federal (1, 2)
- State (3, 4)

Timeframe:

Medium – Long Term

Why we need a better approach to Housing:

As a planning authority, Council has a role in facilitating the orderly provision of housing, while at the same time ensuring this housing is well designed. We also have a role in ensuring that land is appropriately zoned.

Importantly, we must also advocate to other tiers of government for improvements to housing and related infrastructure. This can include advocating for more affordable, as well as social housing and improvements to infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population. It can also extend to advocating for minimum design standards for apartments and more stringent requirements around housing accessibility.

We consider the lack of affordable housing in Moonee Valley a serious issue. Indicators of housing affordability in the City of Moonee Valley are:

- The rate of households experiencing housing stress in the City of Moonee Valley is 9.1 per cent
- In 2016 there were 403 homeless persons the City of Moonee Valley. This is a rate of 35 persons per 10,000 persons
- In September 2018, there were 23 affordable rental properties available in Moonee Valley representing 2.2 per cent of the total available rental properties
- There are pockets of Moonee Valley where households experience greater housing stress, with concentrations in Flemington, Ascot Vale, and Essendon (15.3 per cent, 11.5 per cent and 9.6 per cent of households respectively).

Access to safe, secure, accessible and affordable housing for all ages and life stages is important. This includes appropriate, safe, secure and affordable housing for older people, young people, families, singles, couples and people with disability. Without access to affordable housing, some
people may be forced to move out of our community or into housing that is unsafe, insecure or inappropriate.

This is why we are seeking a national long-term plan for Affordable Housing, as well as targets for affordable housing as part of new large-scale development. These asks align with advocacy already underway as part of the Everybody’s Home campaign, https://everybodyshome.com.au/.

Within Moonee Valley, we have the second-highest number of public housing dwellings in Victoria, the majority of which are located in the Flemington and Ascot Vale Housing Estates. Both of these Estates have been included for redevelopment as part of the Victorian Government’s Public Housing Renewal Program. We will continue to work with the State Government toward the delivery of this Program, which will provide improvements to public housing stock, the mixed tenure development of these Estates, and the creation of some additional stock.

It is also critical that measures are implemented to ensure accessibility within new housing builds. Including visit-ability and adaptability features within the National Construction Code is an important step toward achieving this.
An Indoor Netball/Basketball Facility for Keilor East

MV2040 Theme: Thriving

The Ask: $10 million toward the cost of building a competition-compliant indoor netball/basketball (“highball”) stadium at Quinn Grove, Keilor East. Council will fund the remainder of this $31.4 million project.

Level of Government: State

Timeframe: Medium – Long Term

Why we need an Indoor Netball/Basketball Facility:

Moonee Valley is the only municipality in greater Melbourne without a competition compliant indoor netball/basketball (“highball”) facility.

With netball and basketball consistently ranking amongst the most popular team sports for women and girls, providing facilities where women of all ages can be active and healthy as part of a team is an important responsibility of both local and State Government.

The 2017-2021 Council Plan has a priority strategy to “prepare options for the development of a highball facility within the municipality.” The development of a highball stadium was also identified as a high priority within the Sports Development Plan 2014-2024.

A highball stadium needs assessment completed in August 2016 confirmed there is considerable current demand for such a facility. To meet this demand, the development of 12 indoor courts is required. This number of courts is expected to increase to 15 by 2030.
Advocating for Services

Top Tier

An expanded Mental Health Service for Young People

**MV2040 Theme:** Fair

**The Ask:**
1. $600,000 per year to expand and continue to deliver Council’s Thriving Minds Program with local schools
2. A headspace clinic for Moonee Valley
3. Address the NDIS mental health gap

**Level of Government:** Federal (All)
State (Asks 1, 3)

**Timeframe:** Short – Long Term

**Why we need an expanded Mental Health Service for Young People:**

Based on the 2016 Census, we project that by 2036 Moonee Valley will have a total population of 28,080 young people aged 12 to 25 – that’s a 32% increase.

Valley Youth’s Young People’s Survey 2018 identified that one of the key priorities of local young people aged 12 – 25 is mental health. While 75% of the young people we surveyed indicated that they felt comfortable talking to a health professional about their physical health, only 68% were able to say the same about their mental health, and 53% about their sexual health. This demonstrates the importance of providing local mental health services which are accessible and safe spaces for young people.

Also, 30% of the young people we surveyed indicated they dissatisfied with their quality of life, and 19.5% reported high levels of psychological distress. Both of these figures are much higher than the State average.

One of the ways Moonee Valley is responding to these concerns is through our Thriving Minds program. Through Thriving Minds, we partnered with three Moonee Valley schools in 2018 to deliver 51 workshops over seven weeks to 378 Year 10 students. We also delivered two, two-day workshops to 20 teachers, as well as two, two-day workshops to 23 Council staff. The purpose of Thriving Minds is to help Year 10 students better understand mental health issues, build emotional resilience and know where to go or who to turn to when they need support.

Feedback at the end of our pilot was so positive that we are keen to expand the Thriving Minds program, offering it to all ten secondary schools across fifteen campuses throughout Moonee Valley. A $600,000 contribution per year will help us hire a Thriving Minds Project Coordinator and three Thriving Minds Facilitators, together with youth counselling and youth case management staffing support.

Council also currently provides a counselling room in Moonee Ponds staffed by our counselling and case management team. Demand for this service demonstrates that there is a need for more support for youth mental health services in the Moonee Valley area.

headspace centres act as a one-stop shop for young people who need support with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drugs, or work and study support.
Face-to-face hub-style services like headspace clinics play a vital role in providing people with the support and advice they need in one convenient setting. However, with many of these services located in the outer suburbs where single points of high demand are focused, they can be inaccessible to people who require support in the inner metropolitan area. For a young person in Flemington hoping to access a headspace clinic the closest current service is in Glenroy, which is not easily accessible by public transport from many suburbs within our municipality.

A headspace located in Flemington would provide a convenient point of access to support services for young people both within Moonee Valley, and throughout the inner west.
A commitment to Early Years Services

MV2040 Theme: Thriving

The Ask:
1. A commitment to ongoing Commonwealth funding of the Universal Access Program – 600 hours’ kinder for every four-year-old
2. Building the infrastructure necessary to deliver 600 hours of three-year-old kinder – including an early years hub for Moonee Ponds
3. Expansion of the Preschool Field Officer Program

Level of Government: Federal (1, 2)
State (2, 3)

Timeframe: Short – Long Term

Why we need a commitment to Early Years Services:

Council currently manages 14 kindergartens, and through our Central Registration Service, supports the administration of five community-managed kindergartens. 1,068 children were registered in four-year-old kindergarten across Council’s kindergartens in 2018.

Kinder Hours

Commonwealth funding for kindergartens is administered through the Universal Access National Partnership. While States and Territories are responsible for the provision of preschool, under the National Partnership, Commonwealth funding contributes to a “top up” arrangement which ensures nationally consistent access to 15 hour per week, or 600 hours per year, of kindergarten in the year prior to full-time school (four-year-old kindergarten). As a result of this program, enrolments in kindergarten/preschool have increased nationally from 206,000 in 2008 to nearly 340,000 in 2017. In Victoria, Commonwealth funding received under the National Partnership Agreement, along with funding from the State Government, contributes to funding 15 hours a week, with the balance provided by families and Local Government.

As part of the 2018/19 Budget, the Federal Government announced that spending on the National Partnership Agreement and Quality Agreement would cease from 2020.

A 2017 review of early years education in Australia found that Universal Access has seen enrolments for 600 hours of preschool increase from 12 per cent to 91 per cent. The Universal Access Partnership has been successful in getting more children a quality preschool education.

without the funding currently provided by the Commonwealth under the National Partnership, It is estimated that some families will pay $2,000 extra per child in kinder costs. This may, in turn, lead to a reduction in the number of children attending pre-school education.

At its meeting of 29 January 2019, Council resolved to support the I Love Kinder campaign, led by the City of Wyndham and the Municipal Association of Victoria, opposing Federal funding cuts to kindergarten hours.
Kinder Infrastructure

The Federal Opposition has announced that, were it to form government following the upcoming election, it would introduce a ‘National Preschool and Kindy Program’ to permanently embed two years of early childhood education into the education system, extending 15 hours of subsided early childhood education to three-year-olds for the first time. Access to two years of early learning would commence in 2021.

This proposal has been echoed by the Victorian State Government, who announced during the November 2018 State Election campaign that they would invest $5 billion to deliver a full 15 hours of three-year-old kinder, with the roll-out to begin in 2020. Under the plan, every Victorian child will have access to at least five hours of three-year-old kinder by 2022, progressively scaled up to 15 hours per week over the next decade.

To help facilitate this expansion of kinder, the Victorian Government has announced it will invest $1.68 million to build 785 new kinders and expand 170 existing services by 2028.

It is vital that Moonee Valley advocates to be amongst the early recipients of this investment to grow our existing kindergarten infrastructure. Our kindergarten services are already reaching capacity based on four-year-old demand; the introduction of universal three-year-old kinder, coupled with growth in population in our municipality, will mean that demand will outstrip capacity in our services. Like many inner-city municipalities, our options to build new kinder infrastructure are limited, and replacing ageing infrastructure comes with significant expense.

As part of this kinder infrastructure investment in Moonee Valley, the State should consider investing in an early years hub for Moonee Ponds, where there is currently no Council-operated kindergarten. Approved major developments mean that the overall population of Moonee Ponds is forecast to grow from 14,592 in 2018, to up to 26,700 by 2040; it is the largest suburb in Moonee Valley. This population growth will likely lead to an associated growth in demand for early years services, resulting in the need for a kinder to service this part of the municipality.

Preschool Field Officer Program

All Victorian state funded kindergarten programs are eligible to receive Preschool Field Officer services to support the access and participation of children with additional needs in kindergarten programs. The Preschool Field Officer Program assists educators in funded kindergarten programs to plan and deliver a kindergarten program that provides for the access, learning and development, and meaningful participation of children with additional needs. It also assists kindergartens to link families into the range of available supports and services in relation to children with developmental concerns and broader child and family supports.

Currently, the City of Moonee Valley is funded for a 0.8 FTE Preschool Field Officer resource. This support service has been heavily utilised, and in some cases, a waiting list has been required. Currently, the service is not adequately funded to provide support to students in the first three terms of three-year-old kinder. With the introduction of universal three-year-old kinder in Victoria, additional resourcing to meet the growth in demand upon the Preschool Field Officer Program will be required.
Support for Local Government Aged Services

MV2040 Theme: Fair

The Ask: 1. Appropriate funding, including the continuation of block funding, to ensure continued delivery of local high quality aged care services beyond 2020

2. An increase in the unit cost of block funding to more closely reflect the actual cost of service delivery

3. An exemption to the National Competition Policy for Victorian Councils who decide to subsidise the higher cost of service delivery within a local government framework

Level of Government: Federal (1 – 3)

State (3)

Timeframe: Short – Medium Term

Why we need support for local government Aged Services:

Victorian Councils have a long history of delivering aged care services, beginning in the 1950s. However, fundamental changes to the way aged services are funded by the Federal Government have had a significant impact on local government, with the introduction of consumer-directed care from 2020 leading to funding uncertainty.

Moonee Valley is proud of the quality of service we provide through our aged and home care programs. Our residents value the trust and consistency that comes from local government choosing to invest in aged and home care as a priority local service. We currently deliver a range of services for seniors and carers, including Home Care Packages, home and community care, community meals, transport and exercise programs. In 2017-18, we delivered 37,182 meals to residents over the age of 65 and provided 32,628 hours of domestic assistance.

Council is greatly concerned by the lack of commitment from the Federal Government to fund the Community Home Support Programme beyond June 2020. To that end, we are active participants in the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Aged and Disability Strategy Group and a signatory to the MAV’s Aged Friendly Victoria Declaration, and at our Ordinary Council Meeting of 11 December 2018 Councillors voted to extend our advocacy for an extension of block funding by joining the new Joint Mayoral Taskforce on Aged Care Reforms initiated by Darebin City Council. Through these groups, we are advocating for the continuation of block funding and an increase in the unit cost of block funding to ensure that Councils like Moonee Valley continue to be in a position to deliver quality aged and home care.

We are also advocating for an exemption to the Nation Competition Policy for Victorian Councils who deliver aged and home care. Currently, with Federal funding available not covering the increasing cost of delivering aged and home care within a local government context, Councils must opt to subsidise the delivery of direct service provision. This puts Councils at risk of breaching the federal government’s competitive neutrality policy. An exemption from this policy would enable Councils to continue delivering services to the existing high standard. There is the capacity for the Victorian State Government to modify the application of the National Competition Policy in Victoria...
to exempt Council-run Commonwealth Home Support Programme services from the requirement to comply with National Competition Policy, making this both a State and a Federal issue of policy.
A new plan for Waste

MV2040 Theme: Fair

The Ask:
1. A partnership between State, Federal and Local Government, along with industry, to find workable short and long-term solutions to the recycling crisis.
3. The introduction of a container deposit scheme in Victoria.
4. The release of funding from the State Government’s Sustainability Fund to support Councils with the currently recycling crisis and to bolster community Reduce, Reuse, Recycle education.

Level of Government:
- Federal (1, 2)
- State (1, 3, 4)

Timeframe: Short – Medium Term

Why we need a new plan for Waste:

Around 51,300 tonnes of waste were generated within the Moonee Valley municipality in 2016-17. Of this total, approximately 57% was sent to landfill while 43% was diverted for recycling.

The majority of waste generated in Moonee Valley comes from kerbside collections and is equivalent to annual generation of around:
- 490kg of garbage waste per household
- 216kg of recyclables per household
- 249kg of organic waste per participating household.

In line with MV2040, Council has set the following aspirational long-term waste and resource recovery targets:
- By 2040, 90% of household waste diverted from landfill to recover resources
- By 2030, zero food waste disposed to landfill.

However, we can’t do this alone. Achieving these ambitious targets relies on developments in the waste industry led by other levels of government, such as improving recycling technologies and changes to regulations and policies.

At the time of writing, Victoria is experiencing a recycling crisis, with dangerous stockpiling of recycling materials forcing the closure of facilities at one of the State’s largest recycling firms. This has left some Victorian Councils in the position of having to divert household recycling to landfill.

There is a role for both State, and Federal Governments to play in helping Councils respond to the recycling crisis. The Federal Government has provided a National Waste Policy, but there is currently no Action Plan to guide its implementation. An Action Plan would provide clearly articulated tasks, responsibilities and timeframes for the achievement of the goals set out in the National Waste Policy.
We need support to encourage the community to return to the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Our Moonee Valley 2018 hard waste collection demonstrated a 65 per cent increase in waste compared to 2017. By encouraging residents to rethink their waste approach, we can help to contribute to a less disposable consumer culture. The State Government’s Sustainability Fund currently contains more than half a billion dollars generated from landfill levy income. There is an opportunity to harness this funding to bolster community education around waste and to help Councils respond to the current recycling crisis.

Every State with the exception of Victoria and Tasmania has established or plans to introduce a container deposit scheme, and there is pressure on the Victorian Government to follow. The Municipal Association of Victoria’s *Rescue our Recycling* campaign calls on the Victorian Government to introduce a container deposit scheme. This is supported by Council’s MV2040 Action Plan – Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan.
Advocating for our Environment

Top Tier

**A Greener Moonee Ponds Creek**

**MV2040 Theme:** Green

**The Ask:** $6 million to remove concrete channel and return the Moonee Ponds Creek at Brosnan Street, Strathmore to its natural state

**Level of Government:** Federal, State

**Timeframe:** Short – Medium Term

**Why we need a Greener Moonee Ponds Creek:**

We have a vision to revitalise and naturalise the Moonee Ponds Creek, creating a healthy, biodiverse waterway and open space corridor for our growing community to enjoy.

The Moonee Ponds Creek is one of Melbourne’s most urbanised and modified creek systems. In 2011, the Planning Institute of Australia described the concreting of major sections of the Moonee Ponds Creek in the mid-20th Century as one of Melbourne’s “worst planning disasters”. But it’s also a much-loved part of our urban environment, home to an abundance of plant and animal life.

As part of our vision to revitalise the Moonee Ponds Creek, we are proposing an important symbolic project which would remove concrete channel at Brosnan Crescent, Strathmore and return this section of the Creek to a naturalised state. Strong community advocacy ensured that this was the final section of the Creek to be concreted in the 1970s; local residents today refer to it as “the Great Divide” as it is where concrete channel meets natural urban waterway.

The project forms part of our shared plan for the future of the Moonee Ponds Creek, the Chain of Ponds, which has been developed in collaboration with our neighbours in the City of Moreland, Melbourne Water, and Creek users. There is strong support for our campaign, with the Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek heavily invested in helping Council to promote our vision for the future of the Moonee Ponds Creek in Strathmore.
Increasing Tree Canopy

MV2040 Theme: Beautiful

The Ask: Help Council increase tree canopy to 30% by 2040 through the following initiatives:

1. A partnership between all levels of Government to combat urban heat island effect in urban Melbourne
2. Additional funding opportunities for investment in urban greening projects

Level of Government: Federal
State

Timeframe: Short – Long Term

Why we need to Increase the Tree Canopy:

Melbourne’s western suburbs, including Moonee Valley, are experiencing rapid population growth.

These areas also have the lowest tree canopy coverage in Melbourne. As the population increases, so too does pollution, heat stress and associated pressures on the environment.

Moonee Valley has a vision to increase the tree canopy in our municipality, and was recently the only Australian organisation to be recognised as a finalist in the international Wellbeing Cities Awards for our Urban Greening strategy.

Council is seeking the creation of new funding opportunities and support from Federal and State governments for urban greening projects, and increased tree canopy initiatives to assist Council to meet its goal to increase tree canopy cover to 30 per cent by 2040.
Second Tier

Activating Maribyrnong River

MV2040 Theme: Beautiful

The Ask: The activation of the Maribyrnong River precinct, including a continuous walking and cycling link along the river bank

Level of Government: Federal

State

Timeframe: Medium – Long Term

Why we need to activate the Maribyrnong River:

The much-loved natural environment of the Maribyrnong River - from the Angler’s Tavern to Poynton’s Nursery - is one of Melbourne’s most popular locations for walking, running, riding and many other sports and recreation activities.

With our community, we want to create a shared vision for the Maribyrnong River as a precinct for sport, recreation, culture and nature for current and future generations.

A vision that includes playing fields, new sports pavilions, a creative gallery, community gathering spaces, botanic and wetland areas, an active riverfront, better connections and river crossings will transform this precinct into a vibrant events destination.

Council’s long term plan for the City – MV2040 – identifies the Maribyrnong River Precinct as a key initiative to create a walkable, connected, people-friendly sport, recreation, cultural and natural places in the Aberfeldie neighbourhood.

Creating a vision for this unique part of Moonee Valley will protect the precinct, celebrate its heritage, enhance its status and cater for future needs, ensuring that the sports clubs and many other user groups who call the precinct home will have a strong and viable future.

We are seeking the support of other levels of Government to bring our plan for the future of the Maribyrnong River precinct to life, with funding to help us create a continuous walking and cycling link along the river bank.