

Future Nillumbik Committee

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 9 March 2021 commenced at 7:01pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held Tuesday 9 March 2021.
The meeting commenced at 7:01pm.

Councillors present:

Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Mayor)
Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward (Chairperson)
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Vince Lombardi	Acting Chief Executive Officer,
Hjalmar Philipp	Director Operations and Infrastructure
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance, Communications and Engagement
Corrienne Nichols	Executive Manager Communities
Jeremy Livingston	Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance
Rosa Zouzoulas	Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chairperson Cr Ben Ramcharan welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the Future Nillumbik Committee. Chairperson, Cr Ramcharan advised that Next month we will be having our first Planning & Consultation Committee Meeting which is an exciting change for Council.

2. Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement was read by the Chairperson, Cr Ben Ramcharan.

3 Apologies

Nil.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2021 be confirmed (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

6. Officers' reports

FNC.012/21 Arts and Culture Strategy 2022 - 2026 Community Engagement Plan

Portfolio: Community Services

Distribution: Public

Manager: Corrienne Nichols, Executive Manager Communities

Author: Simon Doyle, Coordinator Arts and Cultural Development

Summary

This report provides an overview of the Community Engagement Plan, (**Attachment 1**), for the Arts and Culture Strategy 2022 -2026.

The following person addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. *Jim Connor.*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) endorses the Community Engagement Plan for the Arts and Culture Strategy 2022-2026 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports**FNC.013/21 Road Management Plan Review Submissions**

Portfolio: Infrastructure**Distribution: Public****Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Infrastructure****Author: Joseph Emmanuel, Manager Infrastructure****Jeff Saker, Roads and Drains Maintenance Coordinator****Summary**

The Road Management Act 2004 grants power to a road authority (Council) to make a Road Management Plan (RMP) to establish the management system and standards for the exercise of the authority's road management functions.

Council commenced the RMP review by advertising its intent to review in The Age and Government Gazette on 28 January 2021.

As part of the notice, Council invited and received 73 submissions and this report summarises the items raised and the officer response to each of these submissions.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. *Naomi Friede – submission read by Chairperson Cr Ben Ramcharan.*
2. *Gila Schnapp – submission read by Chairperson Cr Ben Ramcharan.*
3. *Adjungbilly Pty Ltd – submission read by Chairperson Cr Ben Ramcharan.*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Richard Stockman**SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan****That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes that 73 submissions (**Attachment 1**) were received with respect to Council giving notice of its intention to review its Road Management Plan.
2. Refers any decision regarding the adoption of the amended Road Management Plan to a future Council Meeting.
3. Resolves that the detailed unredacted submissions (**Attachment 3**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

FNC.014/21 Submissions to Amendment C126 Rezoning of Bridge and John Street to Public Park and Recreation Zone

Portfolio: Planning

Distribution: Public

Manager: Rosa Zouzoulas, Executive Manager Planning and Community Safety

Author: Bea Guevara, Senior Strategic Planner

Leigh Northwood, Strategic Planning Lead

Summary

Council recently finished formal exhibition of Amendment C126nill to the Nillumbik Planning Scheme, which proposes to rezone the eastern ends of Bridge Street and John Street in Eltham to the Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ).

Having identified that these sections of road reserve (Bridge and John Streets) were no longer required for the purpose of vehicular use, Council has proposed to discontinue parts of these two road reserves pursuant to the statutory process under the *Local Government Act 1989* and retain the resultant land for public park and recreation, including pedestrian access. The planning scheme amendment process is running parallel to the road discontinuance process.

Amendment C126nill was exhibited from 7 January to 18 February 2021 and Council received three submissions. One submission is supporting and two submissions are objecting. One of the submissions was received late (after the formal exhibition period had concluded).

Where a submission raises an issue with a proposed amendment, the statutory amendment process provides for Council to request that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent planning panel to consider the amendment. This step allows Council to receive independent, technical recommendations on an amendment.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Timothy Bradshaw Cook on behalf of Colin Cook
2. Richard Schurmann

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Frances Eyre

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Notes the three (3) submissions received to Amendment C126nill (**Attachments 1, 2 and 3**).
2. Considers a further report at the next available Council Meeting to resolve to request the Minister for Planning appoint an independent planning panel to consider Amendment C126nill pursuant to Section 23(1)(b) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, or abandon the amendment.

6. Officers' Report

FNC.014/21 Submissions to Amendment C126 Rezoning of Bridge and John Street to Public Park and Recreation Zone

3. Resolves that the detailed unredacted submissions (**Attachment 4**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Supplementary and urgent business

The Mayor Cr Peter Perkins sought to admit the following items of urgent business:

1. Local Sport Infrastructure Fund 2021; and
2. Growing Suburbs Fund Extension Round 2021.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council), in accordance with Clause 57 of the Governance Rule Meeting Procedure, admit the following items of urgent business:

1. Local Sport Infrastructure Fund 2021; and
2. Growing Suburbs Fund Extension Round 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FNC.015/21 Local Sport Infrastructure Fund 2021

Portfolio: Infrastructure**Distribution: Public****Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Leisure****Author: Heath Gillett, Manager Recreation and Leisure****Enrique Gutierrez, Manager Capital Works****Summary**

To provide information to Councillors and the community on the Local Sport Infrastructure Fund grant package available to Nillumbik, and to support the recommended projects for submission and associated procurement plan.

Applications for this grant round close at 5pm on Monday 22 March 2021.

Committee Resolution**MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins****SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine****That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Endorses the following projects to be submitted for funding through the Local Sport Infrastructure program, under the relevant categories:
 - a) Female Friendly Facilities:
 - i) Bridge Street Reserve Oval Upgrade, Council contribution of \$600,000 and Victorian Government Contribution of \$500,000.
 - b) Community Sports Lighting:
 - i) Coventry Oval lighting upgrade, Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek, Council contribution of \$120,000 and Victorian Government Contribution of \$180,000.
 - c) Facilities for Active Seniors:
 - i) Diamond Creek Bowls Club irrigation works, Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek, Council contribution of \$8,000 and Victorian Government Contribution of \$12,000.
 - d) Scoreboards and Fixed Equipment
 - i) Marngrook Oval; supply and installation of an electronic scoreboard, Main Hurstbridge Road, Council contribution of \$17,500 and Victorian Government Contribution of \$17,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Attachments**

Nil

Discussion

1. The 2021 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund is a state-wide competitive Victorian Government program that provides a range of grant opportunities across five funding streams. It is underpinned by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions' priorities to ensure the state's economy benefits all Victorians by creating more jobs for more people, building thriving places and regions and nurturing inclusive communities.
2. It is a requirement that all successful applicants commence construction within six (6) months of signing a funding agreement.
3. For projects under the Female Friendly Facilities, Community Sports Lighting and Facilities for Active Seniors categories, Council is required to contribute \$1 for every \$1.5 invested by State Government. For the Scoreboards and Fixed Equipment Category, the funding ratio is 1:1.
4. Successful applicants will also be required to sign an agreement with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions in June 2021.

Options

5. A range of potential projects that could meet the criteria have been considered:
 - Bridge Street Oval Irrigation Works, Bridge Street, Eltham
 - Research Park Reserve Irrigation Works, Main Road, Research
 - Diamond Creek Tennis Club lighting upgrade, Phipps Crescent, Diamond Creek
 - Research Park Reserve, scoreboard repair/replacement, Main Road, Research
 - Plenty War Memorial Park, scoreboard repair/replacement, Yan Yean Road, Plenty
 - Eltham Tennis Courts, purchase of additional manual scoreboards, Youth Road, Eltham
 - Eltham Lower Park, scoreboard repair/replacement, Main Road, Eltham
 - Eltham North Reserve, scoreboard repair/replacement, Wattletree Road, Eltham North
 - Campbell Street Reserve, purchase of an electronic scoreboard, Campbell Street, Diamond Creek
 - Ben Frilay Oval, scoreboard repair/replacement, Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge
 - Yarrambat War Memorial Park, scoreboard repair/replacement, Ironbark Road, Yarrambat
 - Eltham Central Oval, scoreboard repair/replacement, Panther Place, Eltham
 - Eltham Bowling Club, scoreboard repair/replacement, Susan Street, Eltham.
6. The short list recommended projects were selected based on strength of grant submission.
7. Officers will continue to work with relevant clubs on the projects that are not in the recommended shortlist so they are strong candidates for other grant rounds and/or other funding opportunities.

Council plans and policies

8. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2017-2021 strategy:
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Sustainability implications

9. Sustainability principles will be applied in the design and delivery of the projects, including use of sustainable materials, waste management and recycling where possible.

Community engagement

10. Significant internal consultation has been undertaken with community sporting clubs, user groups and stakeholders, including the relevant leagues, associations and state sporting organisations.
11. This has allowed for the identification of priority projects which meet the criteria and are achievable based on the submission timeframes.

Innovation and continuous improvement

12. Projects delivered through grants will replace ageing, outdated infrastructure which has reached end of life with more sustainable and cost efficient infrastructure.

Collaboration

13. Consultation and collaboration was undertaken with Sport & Recreation Victoria, the administering body for this grant.
14. This was beneficial in deciding which projects to recommend to Council and ensure alignment with Victorian Government objectives.

Budget implications

15. Council contributions to successful grant applications would be required in FY2021/2022.

Relevant law

16. Not applicable.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

- Nillumbik Shire Council Recreation Strategy 2011-2019
- Nillumbik Shire Council Gender Equity Policy 2018
- Active Victoria Strategic Framework 2017-2021
- AFL Victoria Strategic Plan 2017-2022
- Northern Football Netball League Strategic Plan 2019-2023
- Bowls Victoria Strategic Plan 2018-2022
- Netball Victoria Strategic Plan 2019-2022
- Cricket Victoria Strategic Plan 2017-2022.

Conflicts of interest

17. All officers involved in the preparation of this report have made a declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report

FNC.016/21 Growing Suburbs Fund Extension Round - 2021

Portfolio: Infrastructure**Distribution: Public****Manager: Hjalmar Philipp, Director Operations and Leisure****Author: Heath Gillett, Manager Recreation and Leisure****Enrique Gutierrez, Manager Capital Works****Summary**

To provide information to Councillors and the community on the Growing Suburbs Fund grant released on 29 January 2021 available to Nillumbik, and to support the recommended project for submission and associated procurement plan.

Applications for this grant round close at 2pm on Wednesday 10 March 2021.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan**SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins****That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Endorses the following project to be submitted for funding through the Growing Suburbs Fund:
 - a) Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan Implementation, with a Council contribution of \$925,500 and a Victorian Government Contribution of \$3,150,000.
2. Subject to confirmation of an extension of Growing Suburbs Fund submission deadline by the administering body, submit an additional grant to develop a multipurpose synthetic soccer pitch at no cost to Council on the land at 129-163 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek, consistent with a previous Growing Suburbs Fund application in September 2019 and subject to renewed support from relevant stakeholders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Attachments**

Nil

Discussion

1. Since 2015, the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) program has supported growing communities with community infrastructure projects.
2. Following an initial grant round through \$25 million dollar commitment by the State Government, an additional \$50 million dollars is being made available in 2020-2021 by the State Government to 16 Councils, comprising 10 interface councils and 6 peri-urban councils
3. The Victorian Government released guidelines and opened applications to this program on 27 January 2021. Applications close 10 March 2021, with announcements in April 2021.

4. The GSF program supports projects that have a direct benefit to communities and surrounding catchment areas across the following broad infrastructure categories:
 - community health and well-being
 - early education, libraries, learning and training
 - sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that have dedicated community space and support multiuse purposes
 - environmental and climate change resilience
 - placemaking, civic amenity, and community connecting
5. Councils are expected to contribute funding; a notional program-wide funding of one dollar contribution for each dollar of grant is in place.
6. Projects must commence within eighteen months of the grant being announced. Funded projects must be completed within 24 months of the commencement of construction.

Options

7. A range of potential projects that meet the criteria have been considered:
 - Yarrambat War Memorial Park Pavilion Upgrade (and Multi-Use area)
 - Eltham Lower Park Oval Reconstruction and Masterplan Implementation
 - Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan Implementation
8. In preparing for the submission through onsite investigations with architects it became apparent the Yarrambat War Memorial Park Pavilion Upgrade required significantly more building work. Additional work and documentation is required to mature this project for a grant submission.
9. The Graysharps Road project is the recommended candidate based on extensive community consultation already undertaken, maturity of grant documentation, including cost estimates and a Council-endorsed Precinct Plan. Importantly is aligned directly with many of the GSF program focus areas. Also to note is the likely increase in community activity and infrastructure in the area including completion of the Diamond Creek Trail, upgrade of the Ben Frilay pavilion, duplication of Hurstbridge railway and carpark.
10. Works on the Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan Implementation include:
 - Formalised Diamond Creek Trail entry/exit with a connection trail to the Ben Frilay Pavilion
 - Design and construction of roof over a community multi-use netball courts
 - Power and specialty LED floodlighting in the precinct and over the courts, trail and art elements
 - Natural 'amphitheatre', landscaping and environmental restoration
 - DDA public toilet block
 - Picnic shelter and BBQ
 - A community bike workshop and adaptive bike shed
 - Heritage recognition.

11. Council's contribution to the project will be the upgrade of the netball court surface itself.
12. Projects that were also investigated include:
 - Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool and Amenities Upgrade
 - Hurstbridge Men's Shed
 - Eltham Woods Childcare Centre
 - Diamond Hills Childcare Centre
 - Solar-panelled roof carparks
13. Some budget in this financial year is available to progress preliminary work on some of these projects. This will mature them to the point of a potential submission in future grant rounds.

Council plans and policies

14. This report directly supports the achievement of Council Plan 2017-2021 strategy:
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 - Strengthen the focus on social inclusion, building social capital and connection within communities

Sustainability implications

15. Sustainability principles will be applied in the design and delivery of the projects, including use of sustainable materials, waste management and recycling where possible. The Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct plan has strong focus on sustainable transport and environmental restoration.

Community engagement

16. Significant consultation supported the development of the Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan, including community engagement culminating in endorsement by Council in 2018.
17. With respect to the netball court aspect, consultation has been undertaken with community sporting clubs, user groups and stakeholders, including the relevant leagues, associations and state sporting organisations.

Innovation and continuous improvement

18. The Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan provides the infrastructure to support ongoing opportunities in the area.

Collaboration

19. Consultation and collaboration was undertaken with the administering State body for this grant.
20. This was beneficial in deciding which projects to recommend to Council and ensure alignment with Victorian Government objectives.
21. Significant internal consultation has been undertaken in identifying priority projects, meet the criteria and achievable based on the submission timeframes.

Budget implications

22. No implications for this financial year. Council contribution would be required over three financial years from FY 2021/2022 to 2023/2024.

Relevant law

23. Not applicable.

Regional, state and national plans and policies

- Nillumbik Shire Council Recreation Strategy 2011-2019
- Nillumbik Shire Council Gender Equity Policy 2018
- Active Victoria Strategic Framework 2017-2021
- Northern Football Netball League Strategic Plan 2019-2023
- Netball Victoria Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Conflicts of interest

24. All officers involved in the preparation of this report have made a declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report

8. Confidential reports

Nil.

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:03pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Ben Ramcharan, Chairperson