

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 13 April 2021 commencing at 7.00PM.

Attachments

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

Thursday 8 April 2021

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Future Nillumbik Committee

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on Tuesday 9 March 2021 commenced at 7:01pm.

Minutes

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

Councillors present:

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| 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:

| | |
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| 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**).

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5. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

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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.*

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| Committee Resolution |
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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

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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.*

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| Committee Resolution |
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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*.

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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*

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| Committee Resolution |
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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.

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**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*.

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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.

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| Committee Resolution |
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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.

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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) Mamgrook 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

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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

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8. Confidential reports

Nil.

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:03pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Ben Ramcharan, Chairperson

Positive Ageing Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

Classification

Advisory Committee of Council

Purpose

To provide a mechanism in which community representatives can discuss, advise on and action ideas around opportunities and challenges related to positive ageing in Nillumbik.

Goal

That Nillumbik has an older population (aged 55 and over) that is informed, connected and supported to live well and age even better.

Objectives

- Act as the peak advisory committee to advocate on barriers and/or issues affecting older people to age well in Nillumbik
- Consult with and represent the voice and interests of Nillumbik residents aged 55 and over
- Respond to and provide input and feedback on proposed strategies, policies or action plans developed by Council
- Provide a forum to discuss, facilitate and support local initiatives (where possible) that aim to promote healthy and active ageing across Nillumbik
- Provide a mechanism for Council to communicate, consult and engage more effectively with the wider Nillumbik community
- Act as Ambassadors for Positive Ageing by actively promoting news, events, activities and issues relating to older people in Nillumbik

Membership and chairperson

- Community Service Portfolio Councillor to act as chairperson
- Up to 16 representatives will be appointed to represent the diversity of Nillumbik's older adult population and inducted as Nillumbik Shire Council Volunteers

Term of appointment

- Members will be appointed for a two-year term from date of endorsement
- Members completing their two-year term may re-apply for a further two-year term
- Should a member wish to resign prior to their term of appointment finishing, written notification (via email and/or mail) must be given to the Council Officer of their intent
- A members' term of appointment may also cease if they fail to attend three consecutive meetings without notice of an apology



- Where a member resigns before the end of their term, a replacement committee member may be appointed by a Council Officer

Co-opted members

- The Advisory Committee may invite suitable people to join in an advisory capacity, for a specified purpose and for a specified period of time.
- Where appropriate, working groups and sub-committees may be established to provide an opportunity for members to work collaboratively on specific projects, issues or areas. Membership of the working groups will be open to members and non-members. A working group or sub-committee member will be nominated to provide feedback at meetings.

Quorum

Decisions can only take place with a quorum defined as the majority of the total number of committee members.

Member responsibilities

- Commit to serving a two-year term
- Prepare for, attend and actively participate in regular group meetings
- Keep the committee informed of current developments, issues and concerns relating to positive ageing
- Be aware of the activities, interests and concerns of residents, organisations and groups in the Shire
- Help disseminate and communicate information to the Nillumbik community
- Respond to requests for input into and/or feedback on Council activities, policies and reports
- Represent the diverse needs and interests of older people across Nillumbik Shire rather than individual interests
- Work collaboratively to identify ideas, issues and ways to engage with the community
- Be respectful of other members and open to new ideas and ways of thinking.

Meeting frequency

Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month between 12pm -2pm unless otherwise arranged by a Council Officer due to special circumstances. Meeting days and times may change as voted on by the committee and where quorum has been met.

Management of the committee

- The Community Support Services Unit or nominated delegate will resource the Committee and attend all meetings, provide information, support and technical advice.
- A Council Officer will be responsible for the preparation of meeting agendas, minutes, reports and other administrative functions

Evaluation and Review



- An annual review will be carried out to review successes, achievements and challenges, and prioritise a work plan for the coming year
- The Terms of Reference and membership will be reviewed biennially or where a need has been identified by the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee and endorsed by Council

Reporting procedure

- Minutes of the meetings are presented to Council for information at the next scheduled Council Meeting
- Recommendations made by the Advisory Committee require consideration and approval by Council before being fully endorsed and acted upon

Public statements

Members of the Committee cannot make public statements on behalf of Council.

References

- Ageing Well in Nillumbik Action Plan 2019 – 2022
- Council Plan 2017 – 2021
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017 - 2021

Contact details for Positive Ageing Advisory Committee

Fiona Vuong, Positive Ageing Officer (03) 9433 3345

Updated

February 2021

Next review date

February 2023

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Nillumbik Shire Council Motions – MAV State Council – 21 May 2021

MOTION – Funding to support the establishment of Community Hubs

That the MAV endorses a Notice of Motion from the Nillumbik Shire Council to the 2021 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association and strongly advocates to the Australian Government to work closely with state and local government to develop appropriate funding mechanisms to enable local governments to establish community hubs for the co-location of key services such as education, youth services, counselling and community health, in order to deliver comprehensive, integrated support to local communities, as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rationale:

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a severe toll on local communities, leaving no aspect of people's daily lives untouched. Councils, in their capacity as deliverers of services directly to the community, have seen the effects first-hand.

The experiences of the past 12-14 months have impacted health – both physical and mental - employment, education as well as family and social relationships. While the advent of the COVID-19 vaccine is a critical primary health intervention, the psychological, social and economic effects will require comprehensive, long-term solutions, involving all levels of government.

Councils have a central role, through their intimate local knowledge and their extensive local networks. While the issues with which communities are dealing in the aftermath of the pandemic are similar, on a broad scale, a comprehensive solution, although national in scope, must take into account local needs and characteristics.

Nillumbik Shire Council Motions – MAV State Council – 21 May 2021

Councils, as the providers of key services, deliverers of social and other infrastructure and the level of government with most direct community interaction, are uniquely-placed to ensure that this occurs.

MOTION – Funding and support to improve bushfire preparedness and climate resilience

That the MAV endorses a Notice of Motion from the Nillumbik Shire Council to the 2021 National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association and strongly advocates to the Australian Government to work closely with state and local government to develop appropriate implementation frameworks and make available greater funding – either through the extension of its Smart Cities and Suburbs program or a new initiative, to enable local governments and their communities to implement the latest networking and monitoring technology in their efforts to improve bushfire preparedness and climate resilience.

Rationale:

The fires which burned through large swathes of Australia's southeast over the summer of 2019-2020, further highlighted the increasing threat posed by climate-driven weather events to life and property.

Local governments, working closely with the various emergency agencies and the community, must be at the forefront of the response to these increasing threats.

Bushfires can have devastating and far-reaching impacts on communities, impacts that can be exacerbated through a lack of mitigation measures and resilience. The evidence is clear that the physical, social and economic effects of such disasters are far greater where communities have been unprepared.

Also beyond doubt is that the effects of climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of bushfires as well as that of other extreme weather events.

Nillumbik Shire Council Motions – MAV State Council – 21 May 2021

Councils have a key role in the response to these challenges. Nillumbik, as do other Councils, already works in close collaboration with its community, the various emergency service agencies and state government to address these issues collectively. This is particularly the case in bushfire mitigation.

To do so effectively however – especially for this approach to be replicated nationally – will require not just the will, but also the resources to boost capability. Technology becomes increasingly important in this context and can assist councils build community resilience in this space.

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- PCC.003/21 Extension of the Project Area for the Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project - Request for feedback from the LXR
- Attachment 1. Letter from LXR to Nillumbik CEO requesting feedback on a proposal to include part of 203 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek in the project area for the Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project



Ref: DOC/21/27174

Mr Carl Cowie
Chief Executive Officer
Nillumbik Shire Council
PO Box 476
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Dear Mr Cowie,

Carl

Hurstbridge Line Duplication

The Victorian Government is investing \$530 million in the second stage of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication to deliver further improvements, including more train services, less crowding on peak trains and better connections to public transport in Melbourne's north east.

Works include building new modern stations at Greensborough and Montmorency, duplicating the rail track between Greensborough and Montmorency, and between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen; to allow more trains to run more often.

The Level Crossing Removal Project (LXR) is seeking to access land at Diamond Creek to support construction of the approved track duplication works between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen. Temporary access to a part of 203 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek is required for:

- site amenities
- storage of materials and machinery
- access into the rail corridor, and
- workforce car parking.

The approved project boundary is shown in black outline and the land required is shown in red outline on the map attached. The land will be required from May 2021 to completion of works late 2022.

Access to the proposed site will be during standard construction hours of between 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm Saturdays. There will be short periods, for example during rail closures, when 24-hour access to this land will be needed to support the construction works. Traffic management will be in place to ensure safety of road users and pedestrians during works and minimise impacts on local residents.

It is proposed to protect and retain all existing trees within and surrounding the sites, including within the road reservation.

Planning approval for use and development of this land will proceed under Clause 52.03 – Level Crossing Removal Project of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

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- Attachment 1. Letter from LXP to Nillumbik CEO requesting feedback on a proposal to include part of 203 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek in the project area for the Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project

Last year, the Minister for Planning introduced a new Particular Provision, Clause 52.03 Level Crossing Removal Project into all planning schemes across Victoria. This removes the need for separate planning scheme amendments or planning permits for each declared project delivered by LXP.

Your feedback

As part of the requirements of Clause 52.03, LXP is seeking your feedback about what we should consider as we plan for temporary use and development of this land to support construction and its inclusion in the project boundary.

Making a submission

We are seeking your feedback by **11.59pm, Monday 5 April 2021**.

Submissions may outline concerns about, or support for, the temporary use and development of this land in the project boundary. This can include environmental and amenity considerations, management or mitigation measures for any impacts identified, or any other matters.

All feedback received will be included in a Consultation Report, which will inform the Minister for Planning's assessment of the Project under Clause 52.03.

Should you require any further information regarding the additional land, consultation process or approvals under Clause 52.03 please do not hesitate to contact Anna Raftery, Senior Planning and Environment Specialist on 0438356532 or email: anna.raftery@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au.

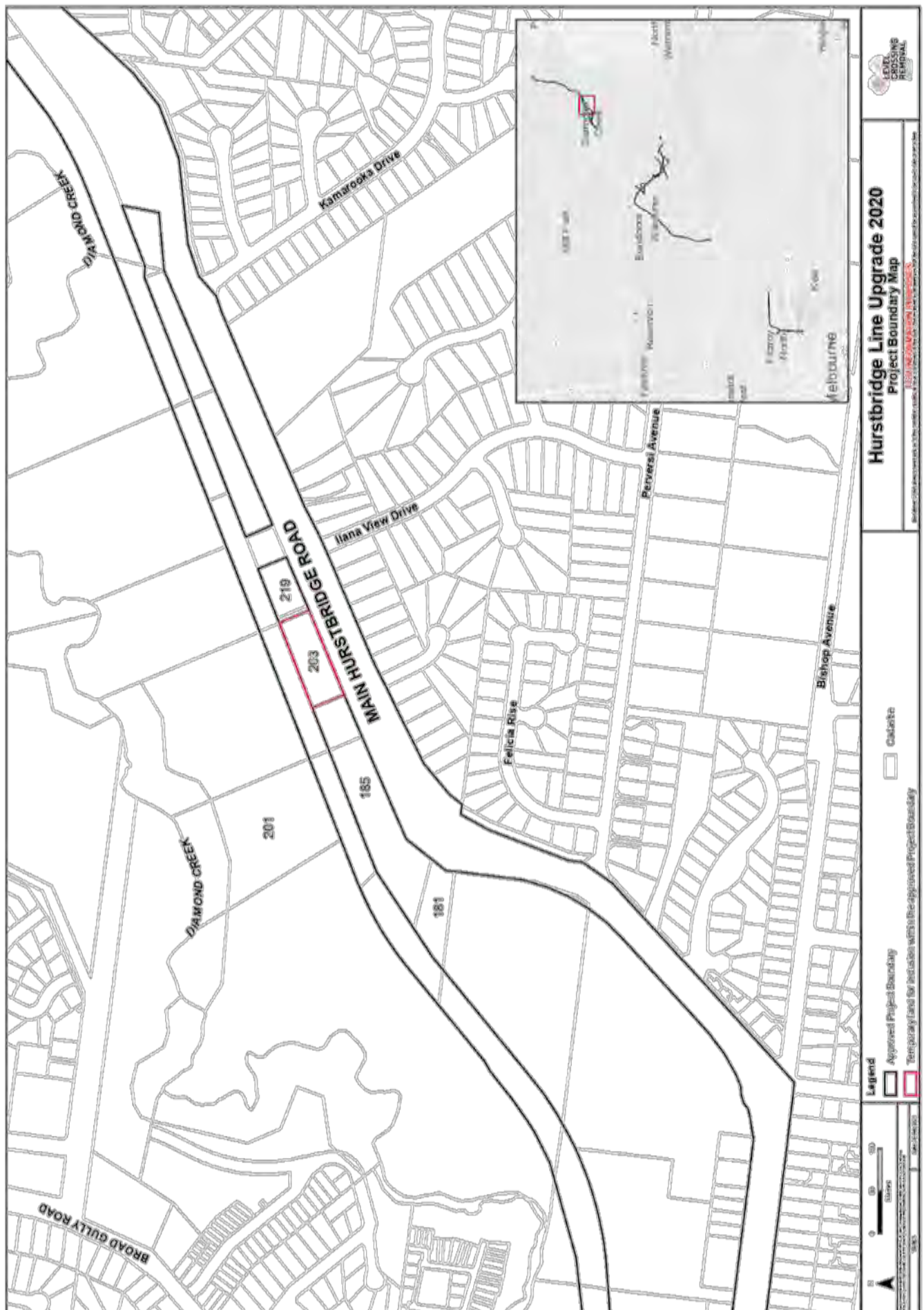
Yours sincerely,



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Program Director – Southern

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- Attachment 2. Proposed extension of the project area for the Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project to include part of 203 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek



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- Attachment 3. Location of 203 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek in a non-urban break between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen

