

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 12 August 2025 commencing at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 12 August 2025. The meeting commenced at 7:01 PM.**

Councillors present:

Cr John Dumaresq	Wingrove Ward (Mayor)
Cr Naomi Joiner	Bunjil Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Kelly Joy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Kate McKay	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Kim Cope	Sugarloaf Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Claire Quinlan	Chief Operating Officer
Sally Johnson	Acting Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Frank Vassilacos	Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property
Nichole Johnson	Manager Community Partnerships
Yasmin Green	Coordinator, Youth, Social Planning and Equity

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Grant Brooker.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

4 Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/25 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 8 July 2025

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2025.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner

SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2025 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Confirmation of Minutes

**COM.001/25 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee
Meeting held Tuesday 8 July 2025**

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6. Officers' reports

PCC.010/25 Indara Corporation P/L lease proposal for Optus telecommunications infrastructure at Eltham Lower Park

Item: **Consultation Matter**

Distribution: **Public**

Manager: **Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety**

Author: **Katia Croce, Manager Governance and Property**

Summary

At its Council Meeting on 27 May 2025, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures in accordance with section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), to undertake a community engagement process in accordance with the Council's community engagement policy in respect to the proposal to enter into a lease with Indara Corporation Pty Ltd for part of the land at 570-576 Main Road, Eltham known as Eltham Lower Park shown on the Plan in **Attachment 1**, on the following terms and conditions:

- a) **Term of lease:** 10 years, with one further term of 10 years.
- b) **Rent amount:** \$25,000 per annum plus GST.
- c) **Rent review:** Fixed 3 percent (3%) per annum increase on the anniversary of the commencement date for 10 years, then a market rental review at the end of the first 10 year period.
- d) **Permitted Use:** To construct, maintain and operate a communications facility including but not limited to installing, inspecting, constructing, storing, operating, repairing, maintaining, altering, upgrading and replacing the Tenant's equipment, in accordance with any applicable planning permit.
- e) **Tenant's outgoings:** All outgoings including but not limited to; structure and maintenance of all the Tenant's assets on the leased land, building and public liability insurance, utility supply and usage charges, and reinstatement of land at end of the lease.
- f) **Relevant approvals received:** Ministerial Approval from the Minister or their delegate responsible for the Crown Land (*Reserves Act*) 1978 must be received on the proposed lease terms and conditions (Grant and Purpose Approval) and then the final agreement (terms and conditions approval), as Council is the Committee of Management for the land. The Tenant must also receive any other relevant approvals including but not limited to planning permit approvals.

Community consultation occurred between Friday 30 May to Sunday 22 June 2025.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from the community consultation process in response to the lease proposal with Indara Corporation Pty Ltd (Indara) at Eltham Lower Park.

Submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to speak to their submission.

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.010/25 Indara Corporation P/L lease proposal for Optus telecommunications infrastructure at Eltham Lower Park

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

1. *Jim Connor*
2. *Vicky Shukuroglou on behalf of Friends of Biodiversity Hohnes Hill*
3. *Jaya Talbot*
4. *Wayne Kinrade (Co-Convenor), on behalf of Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly*
5. *Mitchell Flint on behalf of Downer & Indara (virtually).*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Kate McKay

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from the community in **Attachment 2 (redacted) and Attachment 3 (unredacted)** and any verbal presentations made to the Committee on the lease proposal with Indara Corporation Pty Ltd for telecommunications infrastructure at Eltham Lower Park.
2. Requests a further report be presented to Council on 30 September 2025 to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the lease proposal.
3. Thanks submitters for providing Council with feedback on the lease proposal.
4. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the lease proposal (**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

PCC.011/25 Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 - Submissions

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Jeremy Livingston, Director Culture and Performance

Author: Craig King, Manager Customer Experience and Business Performance

Summary

This report notes the submissions received from the community regarding the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 (Draft Plan).

The Council Plan is the Council's primary strategic document for its four-year term and is the elected Council's statement of its priorities for the Nillumbik community. The Council Plan is a requirement under section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and must be adopted by Council before 31 October 2025.

The Draft Plan has been informed by both broad and deliberative community engagement. This included the Nillumbik Now and Beyond campaign in February and March 2025, which featured surveys and pop-up sessions across the Shire to gather a wide range of community perspectives. This was followed by a two-day Community Forum in May 2025, where a representative group of 20 residents explored key themes and priorities in greater depth. Development of the Draft Plan was also informed by a series of workshops with Councillors.

The community feedback also identified strong support for the existing Community Vision, which is proposed to remain unchanged.

The Draft Plan (**Attachment 1**) was released for the purposes of public consultation at the Council Meeting on 17 June 2025. It was exhibited for three weeks, and 16 submissions were received (**Attachment 2**).

It is recommended that the Committee notes the submission on the Draft Plan, before finalising the documents and presenting it to Council for adoption at the Council Meeting on 30 September 2025.

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

1. Murray Paternoster on behalf of Friends of Nillumbik
2. Mel Ellis (committee member) on behalf of Wildlife Advocates Nillumbik
3. Vicky Shukuroglou on behalf of Sue Rosenhain
4. Vicky Shukuroglou
5. Roma O'Callaghan
6. Wayne Kinrade (Co-Convenor), on behalf of Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.011/25 Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 - Submissions

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Naomi Joiner

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the draft Council Plan 2025-2029 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the draft Council Plan 2025-2029.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the September 2025 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Council Plan 2025-2029.
5. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.
6. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the **Draft Council Plan (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

PCC.012/25 Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 - Public Submissions

Item: **Consultation Matter**

Distribution: **Public**

Manager: **Corrienne Nichols, Director Communities**

Author: **Nichole Johnson, Manager Community Partnerships**

Summary

This report provides Council with the outcomes of the community engagement on the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 -2029 (draft Plan) **Attachment 1**.

Council adopted the draft Plan at the Council Meeting on 17 June 2025 for the purpose of public consultation. The draft Plan was exhibited from for a three-week period (18 June 2025 through to 9 July 2025) to provide the community and partners an opportunity to provide feedback.

The submissions received, including an Officer Response to each of the submissions, can be found in **Attachment 2** and confidential **Attachment 3**. Officers have outlined recommended changes to the Plan for Council consideration.

It is proposed that the Committee considers the submissions on the draft Plan and that the matter then be considered by Council on 30 September 2025.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: **Cr Kelly Joy**

SECONDED: **Cr Peter Perkins**

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Acknowledges and notes the nine submissions from stakeholders and community members who provided feedback on the Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 -2029 (**Attachment 2 and Attachment 3**).
2. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-29.
3. Acknowledges presentations to the Committee.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the Council Meeting on 30 September 2025 to adopt the final version of the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 (**Attachment 1**).
5. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the Plan (**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.
6. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on this important document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Katia Croce Manager Governance and Property temporarily left the meeting during discussion of this item at 8.24pm and returned at conclusion of this item at 8.27pm.

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.012/25 Draft Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 - Public Submissions

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PCC.013/25 Draft Asset Plan 2025-2035 and Draft Financial Plan 2025-2035 - Submissions

Item: **Consultation Matter**

Distribution: **Public**

Manager: **Jeremy Livingston, Director Culture and Performance**

Author: **Melika Sukunda, Chief Financial Officer**

Summary

This report notes the submissions received from the community regarding the draft Asset Plan (Draft Asset Plan) and draft Financial Plan 2025-2035 (Draft Financial Plan).

The Draft Asset Plan (**Attachment 5**) and Draft Financial Plan (**Attachment 6**) were released for the purposes of public consultation at the Council Meeting on 17 June 2025. The draft plans were exhibited for three weeks, with the Draft Asset Plan receiving four submissions (**Attachment 1**) and the Draft Financial Plan also receiving four submissions (**Attachment 2**).

It is recommended that the Committee notes the submissions to the Draft Asset Plan and Draft Financial Plan, before finalising the documents and presenting them to Council for adoption at the Council Meeting on 30 September 2025.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: **Cr John Dumaresq**

SECONDED: **Cr Peter Perkins**

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from community members and groups who provided feedback on the draft Asset Plan and draft Financial Plan 2025-2035 (**Attachment 1 and 2**).
2. Acknowledges the presentations to the Committee.
3. Considers the matters contained in the submissions and this report during finalisation of the draft Asset Plan and draft Financial Plan 2025-2035.
4. Requests a further report to be presented at the September 2025 Council Meeting to adopt the final version of the Asset Plan and Financial Plan 2025-2035.
5. Thanks the submitters for providing Council with feedback on these important documents.
6. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the Draft Asset Plan and Draft Financial Plan (**Attachment 3 and 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

6. Consultation Matters

**PCC.013/25 Draft Asset Plan 2025-2035 and Draft Financial Plan 2025-2035 -
Submissions**

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6. Officers' reports

PCC.014/25 MAV State Council Meeting - Endorsement of Nillumbik Shire Council Motions**Item: Consultation Matter****Distribution: Public****Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety****Author: Michele Purtle, Manager Advocacy Communications and Engagement****Summary**

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meets to consider matters of state-wide significance. The deadline for motions to be submitted for consideration at the 10 October 2025 is 15 August 2025.

Motions must have state-wide significance or relevance across the Victorian Local Government sector and be related to issues and initiatives that affect the livelihood and wellbeing of the Nillumbik community.

This report is seeking Council endorsement to lodge three motions to the MAV State Council Meeting to be held on 10 October 2025.

Committee Resolution**MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner****SECONDED: Cr Kate McKay****That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Resolves to adopt the following three motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 10 October 2025.
 - a) *That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocates to the State Government to:*
 1. Provide a dedicated and ongoing funding commitment to peri-urban councils to better support the preparation of Green Wedge Management Plans and the ongoing implementation, monitoring and review of these plans to ensure long-term objectives are delivered.
 2. Strengthen the powers of local councils to effectively enforce, respond to breaches of, and have increased penalty units for, contraventions of their Planning Schemes under the Victorian Planning Provisions, particularly regarding illegal native vegetation removal as referenced in the "Offsetting Native Vegetation Loss on Private Land" VAGO Report (May 2022), and illegal earthworks.
 3. Prioritise a bus network review in peri-urban council areas to identify where to improve services and expand bus infrastructure to provide better connectivity to townships and existing rail infrastructure.
2. Resolves to lodge motions and rationale (**Attachment 1**) at the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 10 October 2025.

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6. Consultation Matters

**PCC.014/25 MAV State Council Meeting - Endorsement of Nillumbik Shire Council
Motions**

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Chairperson Planning Matters

Cr Chairperson Consultation Matters