

Councillor Question Time

Question from Councillor Nyaguy:

In relation to In Our Back Yard, can officers advise how many of the 170 new community housing units promised to be leveraged through underutilised Council assets Council has delivered to date. How many of the 170 Community Housing units that were going to be delivered through partnerships with other community organisations have been delivered to date?

Response:

The In Our Back Yard (IOBY) strategy sets a target of 170 units leveraged through project delivery on Council land.

Policy One of In Our Backyard states: *Provide a pipeline of Council property assets and supporting cash contributions for the purposes of delivering new community housing units in Port Phillip.* This is to be delivered via a contribution of up to 5,000 m² of Council land or air space.

To date two projects, one completed, and one committed, will deliver 60 units (net) or 72 units (gross). These projects comprise:

1. 46-58 Marlborough St, Balaclava community housing (completed early 2023)

- 46 units
- State contribution: \$20 million grant (est.)
- CoPP contribution: \$5 million contribution (net after replacement of car park- gross \$7 million).

2. 28 Wellington St, St Kilda Common Ground (works anticipated to commence Jan 2024 with demolition)

- 26 units gross
- 14 units net (26 units less the existing 12 community housing units to be demolished).
- State contribution: \$11.813 million (\$6 million operating subsidy over 4 years & \$5.813 million capital)
- CoPP contribution: \$5.12 million (\$4.755 million cash and a \$365,000 surplus lane).

The two projects have leveraged a total of \$31.813 million in state funding to Council's total contributions of \$10.2 million.

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