

Ordinary Meeting of Council 17 June 2020

The following statements were submitted prior to the meeting. Submissions made live during the meeting include some variations and can be listened via our live stream webpage:

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Peter Holland - Public Question Time

Will Council make a submission to the National COVID-19 Co-ordination Commission supporting the Financial Services Councils proposal for the new investment vehicle for infrastructure?

Australian Superannuation Infrastructure Investment Vehicles would allow self-managed super funds to invest in infrastructure. Council could develop Fishermans Bend and community housing as concrete examples of this. This would take significant pressure off Council's budgets. I have sent some details to Councillors and officers.

Peter Holland – Item 12.2 Amendment C171 St Kilda Marina

Officers have recommended that Council accepts the recommendations of the Independent Panels report on the Planning Scheme Amendment for the St Kilda Marina with the exception of the recommendation regarding community consultation. I submit that Council should accept the Independent Panel's recommendation for the successful tenderer to consult with the community and provide a Community Engagement Report as part of its Development Plan. This is significantly better than Officers alternative for consultation with officers after the Development Plan has been lodged. This is too little and too late. The immediate neighbours and the general public want to be able to talk with the successful tenderer at an early stage so as to be able to have effective input into the planning for the new marina. It is the successful tenderer, not the officers, who will formulate the Development Plan and pay for the new marina. The Independent Panel's recommendation reflected the fact that third party appeal rights have been removed. The Independent Panel acknowledged that there had been appropriate consultation in the past to get to this stage of the lease process but believed that additional consultation would be beneficial at the next stage. The Officers argument that there is a problem with transparency with the Independent Panel's recommendation is far-fetched. The successful tenderer does not have to accept suggestions from the public coming from the consultation. The officers will still have many opportunities to make recommendations on the draft Development Plan prepared by the successful tenderer. The Independent Panel spent considerable time in the hearings process considering this issue. Council should not lightly ignore its recommendation. If necessary, I will vigorously lobby the State government in support of the Independent Panel's position. Port Phillip Council has traditionally prided itself on consulting with its community. I urge it to continue this tradition. I urge Council to adopt the Independent Panel's recommendation that the successful tenderer for the marina consults with the community and provides a Community Engagement Report as part of its Development Plan.

Other matters

- (i) Heritage: The Independent Panel rejected the proposed heritage controls. These were a classical example of dysfunctional bureaucratic red tape. I would ask the Officers whether this rejection has any significant impact on the current procurement process. I suspect it will not. I suspect that it will be significant at the next stage that the successful tenderer will have an opportunity to be more creative and aim for a world class marina in preparing its Development Plan.

- (ii) The Bridge: The Independent Panel accepted Council's position that a bridge over the marina mouth is a nice to have, not a have to have. It is likely that none of the three short-listed tenderers will include a bridge. I accept the position of Council's expert witness, Professor McGauran, that the bridge would be a wonderful extension of the Bay Trail but that it is not appropriate to task the marina operator with funding all the bridge. The bridge provides widespread public benefits and therefore there should be a wider source of funding. So, providing a bridge should be seen as a Second Stage. An important part of the post COVID economic recovery will be infrastructure to encourage people to permanently switch their mode of transport to bicycles. The bridge would provide a safe cycling route for commuters and therefore would be a suitable candidate for post-COVID infrastructure funding in the future.
- (iii) Selling the marina Council could do a better job in selling the benefits of the marina for the general public and the protections afforded to immediate neighbours. This will be particularly important when the successful tenderer is announced. I tried to summarise these in my submission to the Independent Panel which I have forwarded to Councillors.

John Sutherland – Item 7.1 Petition - Traffic Safety Issues at Intersection of Kerferd Road, Montague Street and Herbert Street, Albert Park

I would like to highlight to council the importance of the petition that I have submitted tonight regarding the traffic safety issues at the intersection of Kerferd Road, Montague Street and Herbert Street, Albert Park.

This petition is one that was extremely easy to gain support for – 26 signatures in the space of a few hours – because it continues to be a most concerning issue for local residents. This intersection has been a problem for this Council for many years – Council have acknowledged many recorded crashes involving drivers of motor vehicles and bike riders - but for some unknown reason the issue has remained unresolved.

My motivation for this plea is purely from a safety perspective.

- As the father of three children under four, it is hair-raising to cross Herbert Street or Kerferd Road due to the speed of the traffic.
- As a cyclist, it is frightening to ride north or south on Kerferd Road with motorists seemingly in a constant state of confusion at the Montague Street intersection and not even aware a bike lane exists
- As a son, it is worrisome having my aging parents cross the street when they come to visit.
- As a member of my community I cringe when elderly neighbours back their cars on to the street with no ability to know if another vehicle will fly around the corner and hit them.

Albert Park should not be a place where citizens and visitors fear going about their daily activities.

Blocking Herbert Street at Kerferd Road would be the most logical and cost-effective solution. It would put pay to the "rat runners" using Herbert Street as a way of avoiding traffic lights and would limit the options motorists have at the intersection, thus reducing confusion. But I will defer to council to implement the most appropriate solution in the interests of the safety of the community.

If this can finally happen quickly - even via temporary traffic management measures until a permanent solution is implemented – it would be greatly appreciated by the residents.

Thank you.

Michael Gawenda - Item 7.2 Petition - Request for Removal of Tree, Wordsworth Street, St Kilda

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to our petition asking for the removal of the tree at the rear of our property on 83 Spenser Street St Kilda.

I think the petition sets out pretty clearly the problems we have had with the tree that is actually situated on Wordsworth Street. I wish to just emphasise some of the points we raised in the petition.

The tree has caused a huge disruption to our lives and has created a situation where we simply cannot use our rear courtyard which is the only useable open space we have on our property.

What I wish to emphasise is that the problems are particularly acute at this time of pandemic when older people like us cannot spend time outside in our area's parks and gardens and must, according to medical advice, restrict as much as possible our outside time to our courtyard which is the only place where we can see and sit with our family and grandchild in a socially distanced way. It is impossible for us to spend significant time out there because the tree sheds spores all year round, less in winter, that is true, but it sheds nevertheless. This means that the courtyard is covered in prickles. My grandson is unable to do anything other than stand out there. And we are concerned that the spores get in his hair and airways. He suffers from asthma.

This situation we are in with the pandemic is likely to last for months, if not longer for us older people and so our problems with the tree are likely to remain acute into the foreseeable future and into the post- winter months when the shedding of the spores is most profuse.

After we contacted the arborists at the council, a team came to trim the tree. They said they were entirely sympathetic to our problems. Later we received a call from one of the arborists who suggested we do the petition. As we state in the petition, he said ours was a unique situation because of our three street frontages with only the courtyard as useable outdoor space. He was most sympathetic to our plight and said he would support us when the council came to the arborist department for advice. I am sure the young man will do so when he is asked.

Finally, I want to thank Council for the speedy consideration of our petition in these difficult times. We look forward to a positive outcome.

Peter Moraitis - Item 11.1 – Annual Procurement Policy Review

Recommended amendments to the draft procurement policy for Council 17 June Meeting Council has stated that it will review the procurement policy in the light of the climate emergency declaration. The proposed revision has made minimal changes to the existing policy. Although Council officers have stated that a deeper review will take place next year there appears no reason that steps cannot be taken in the course of this Council to practically apply the intent of the Climate Emergency Declaration to this important policy.

1) Recommendations:

Option:1

- a) In relation to companies connected to new coal mines: Council exclude from future contracts, tenders or business dealings any companies involved in developing or in facilitating the development of new* thermal coal mines
- b) Explain to companies seeking to contract with the council the basis for this policy.

- c) Where Council is currently contractually tied to companies which are known to be involved with new thermal coal mines, Council should write to these companies (commencing with the Adani list**) informing them of its new procurement policy and requesting they withdraw from dealings with thermal coal companies and that where contracts are to be renewed the companies will not have the opportunity of recontracting with Council. In relation to companies connected to the fossil fuel industry more generally Council

Council:

- a) Revise the Corporate Responsibility Schedule to a) Include in part 3 of the schedule that any organisation that declares involvement with any of the categories (Offshore detention; Tobacco; Fossil fuels energy generation distribution, exploration or extraction; Gambling, including poker machines; Entertainment involving animals, including racing; and Arms) be given a negative weighting of 10% in 2021 and that this weighting be increased by 5% annually a) Remove in part 3, the words 'wherever practical'.
- b) Ensure that the revised Corporate Social Responsibility schedule is applied to all contracts above \$150,000 and that an officer from the Sustainability division is tasked with ensuring the schedule is appropriately applied.
- c) Ensure that for any tender over \$500,000 an officer from Sustainability is involved in the tender specification.
- d) Include under 5.3 of the Procurement Policy
- e) purchases from companies that do not deal with companies involved with the exploration, extraction, generation, and distribution of fossil fuels

Option 2 Defer the revision of the Procurement Policy until the September meeting of Council to allow time to consider the above recommendations. *A new thermal coal mine is a mine that has yet to commence coal extraction. ** See companies working with Adani at the link below <https://www.marketforces.org.au/info/key-issues/theadanielist/> Peter Moraitis Freda Ehrlich Bryn Jepson For Stop Adani McNamara. Attachment Further Rationale: Procurement and the climate emergency Procurement policy is a very significant policy in the context of the climate emergency. First, Port Phillip Councils procurement is substantial, purchasing goods and services approximately \$150 million annually, purchases which substantially impacts the environment

- 2) procurement policy is not just about purchases but is also a policy which announces the values that council aspires to and also seeks to encourage others to adopt
- 3) procurement policy also is a way of modelling ethical conduct for other councils and other tiers of government It is good to see that under Corporate Social Responsibility (Sustainable and Ethical Procurement) Council has included reference to its climate declaration 5.34 states Council is committed to maximising environmental, social and economic outcomes through procurement. This commitment supports Councils Declaration of a Climate Emergency (18 September 2019), However, the gravity of the climate emergency requires of bodies which declare a climate emergency serious action, otherwise the power of such declarations will be diminished, and dangerous self-defeating cynicism develop. The council also declared it opposition to the Adani thermal coal mine following the Paris climate declaration and both these declarations need to be reflected in council policies where they are relevant. To have any chance of remaining under 1.5 degree of global warming 80% of coal reserves must remain in the ground and that the place to start is in not opening new thermal coal mines. Banks, insurance companies and local councils (most recently last week Moreland Council) have taken this step and as a climate action leader in local government, Port Phillip

Council should join with other leading councils to give further substance to its climate emergency declaration.

Rhonda Small - Item 14.1 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation

The Draft Plan & Budget will go out for public consultation tonight. I have three questions.

1. How locked in are the parameters around which the draft budget is framed?
2. What room is there, following this consultation phase, for amendments of substance to be made to the Draft Plan & Budget?
3. Once the 2020/21 Budget is struck on 5 August, is there still scope for Council to consider prudent borrowing for capital projects currently proposed for deferral?

Pam O'Neil - President Port Phillip EcoCentre - Item 14.1 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation

The draft 20/21 Budget included the Council papers for the 17 June Council meeting recommends that \$2.2m of the planned EcoCentre Redevelopment funding be deferred to future years to align with partnership funding opportunities.

(Item 14.1 of Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation Report page 85) The details of the proposed expenditure incorporating the deferral, as shown on page 189 Attachment 1 of Item 14.1 in the 2020-30 Capital Program table of the Draft Council Plan 2017-27 and Budget 2020-21 are 2020/21 \$100,000 2021/22 \$2,333,000 2022/23 \$839,000

RECOMMENDATION It is recommended that the Councils expenditure in the Capital Program for the EcoCentre Redevelopment not be deferred to 2021-22 and beyond and that the proposed expenditure of \$2.75m on the EcoCentre redevelopment be included in the capital expenditure for 2020/21 in the Draft 2020/21 Council Budget **DISCUSSION** Jeopardises Councils Bid to State Government

The Council has recently applied to the Victorian Government for funding from the COVID 19 Building Works Stimulus Package for the Redevelopment of the Port Phillip EcoCentre, to match the Councils funding of \$2.75m that it allocated, subject to receiving matching funding. The Mayor and Council have recently assured the State Government that the project is shovel ready. This included guaranteeing to State Government ministers that the Council has the \$2.75m funds available so that work on the project can commence in October 2020 if the State allocates the matching funds.

The State Government is still deciding about the expenditure of the Stimulus COVID-19 Building Works Package, including whether the EcoCentre project will receive funding The deferral of the Councils allocation to the EcoCentre Redevelopment to 2021/22 and beyond is contradictory to Councils recently stated intention to the Victorian State Government. It is hence highly likely to jeopardise the chance of receiving the Victorian Government funding and to endanger the EcoCentre Redevelopment project.

Contradicts Councils Paper on EcoCentre Redevelopment This item of deferral of the EcoCentre capital spend in the draft budget is contradictory to Item 11.2 PORT PHILLIP ECOCENTRE REDEVELOPMENT of the same Council meeting, that items paper, among other relevant statements, states in para 4.28 that if the project attracts funding through the Victorian Governments COVID-19 recovery economic stimulus funding is received, site construction works can commence in October 2020.

Claire Sime - Item 17.1 Urgent Business - Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program

- We are a 91-year-old volunteer led community organisation with a vision to create a stronger, more inclusive society through service to others. Our services include many camps, programs and activities held in Albert Park, as well as our campsite in Somers.
- Thank you for the support and involvement the CoPP has played to date towards the redevelopment project for Power House
- The site has been a critical community asset for over 90 years and our goal is to ensure that it remains that way for another 90
- We appreciate the difficult position council is in regarding the stimulus program limiting to 3 submissions and we wanted to ensure you have a clear picture of what this project means for the local community
- Power House is a beacon of hope for marginalised, disadvantaged and sometimes forgotten communities. It's been the home of many NFP community programs and aims to deliver unified, silo breaking, barrier removing engagement across several community services delivered by CoPP, private enterprise and community organisations.
- We have almost 8,000 active and engaged users using the building on a monthly basis, with another 25,000 indirect users a month
- The building is at the end of its useful life and needs to be re-built. It's asbestos ridden, inaccessible, and dangerous.
- Although the building is on Crown land, it is still a key part of the CoPP community, and the new building aims to support this active community through a range of programs e.g public amenities, arts and entertainment, specific age based programs etc. We have government support for a new lease, and are in detailed design for the building.
- We have received a \$5m federal government commitment and a further \$2m pledged from philanthropy. As part of our staged approach, a final stimulus commitment of \$10m will allow the project to commence immediately, delivering key community infrastructure, arts and entertainment hub, specialised NFP community collaboration centre and lay the ground works for major function centre, state of the art rowing, cycling and gymnasium spaces.

David Spokes - Item 17.1 Urgent Business - Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program

The club was formed in 1903. Photo shows opening night of the electric light competition in 1908. You can see the gables on the original club house.

This project reinstates that heritage.

MPBC has two major assets:

- Location, Overlooking the lake, St Kilda Rd. and the city; accessible transport & on site car parking

- Local Community heritage and engagement

This project seeks to connect these 2 elements to continue to drive our marketing strategy. It

- reorients the building and activities to the park and away from the Canterbury Rd side which is better suited to back of house
- retains and re-establishes old heritage and community feel in line with heritage advise
- modernizes internal facilities without losing strong sense of community involvement

It will allow us to continue our diverse social programs and further embed us as a diverse community recreation centre. Professionally I have local knowledge of how well connected many people are, but I have been pleasantly surprised how deep the ethos of support and looking after one another runs at Middle Park. As an example, we recently could not find a member to take to pennant bowls one Saturday morning. We went to his house to find him. All locked up and we could not get in. It turns out he had already left with someone else, (a senior's moment for us all) but there was genuine concern and care on display that day.

In the past it has been contentious whether Council should support improvement of assets that are State owned such as ours in Albert Park.

If we have learned one thing from the last three months, it is that old assumptions can always be overturned in the broader community interest. There are many instances where State Government has supported Council initiatives. We think this is an opportunity for Council to reciprocate. Nomination of the project can leverage almost \$3m to strengthen a local community asset used by ratepayers, residents and visitors alike. The way of the future is Partnerships, not Brickbats.

Lawn Bowls suffers a little from an image problem, as a game for oldies with nothing better to do. This is far from the truth. MPBC is far more like Crackerjack. Bowls Vic figures for the last ten years show a major shift from competitive bowling to social bowling.

We have been leaders in shaping and responding to that trend to make the sport more attractive. Our location and history can do that. We have doubled our revenue in the last 4 years.

In policy terms Ageing in Place has driven care of the elderly in recent years and will be a common mantra to Councillors. In practical terms, it means being able to die at home in your community should you choose. We think it also means the right to Live in your local community should you choose, enjoying activity, and camaraderie and reducing the strain on our health system. Again, we have seen in recent months, the importance of keeping an eye on the bigger community picture. We seek your support to ensure MPBC is open to everyone from 0 to 100.

Craig Eyes - Item 17.1 Urgent Business - Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program

Power House Rugby Union Club has existed for nearly 90 years and for the past 10 years we've worked on building our own sports Pavilion at Albert Park with members raising over \$600,000 for a modern, fit for purpose, gender neutral facility. The project is now shovel ready and we are seeking support from Councillors to nominate the Stan Bisset Pavilion for funding from the Victorian Government for \$1 million. This is at the lower end of the scale for the grants and strategically means easier for assessment and approval by the Department of Sport & Recreation from their limited funds.

Over 250 members compete in male, female and wheelchair competitions in Junior, Colts, Senior and Masters Grades. 80% are aged from 5 to 30 years old, with many from lower socio-economic Pacific Islander backgrounds and family and community events are an important part of the culture. The Club is active in the community hosting its own ANZAC Day service - and developed the Rugby v Leukaemia Challenge.

The construction of the gender-neutral Pavilion will double participation by women from one to two teams, and attract 50% more younger players. Sports participation within the City of Port Phillip would increase being:

- More inclusive of our wheelchair rugby team (currently no accessible facility);
- Inclusive of women participating with the private, non-gender facility – whereas our women currently get changed on the sidelines;
- Junior participation would increase with a pavilion providing a private safe space;
- 70% of our members are from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

The Victorian Rugby Referees Association will utilise it for weekly training, with its central location the facility will catalyse and attract new international, national and local Club and Schools competitions such as “Sevens Rugby”. Participation within the City of Port Phillip will increase with flow on economic benefits from this much-needed facility filling a large gap in local sports infrastructure.

Australia are bidding for the Rugby World Cup in 2027 – a magnificent international spectacle and the 3rd largest global sporting event. This will increase participation across the region with the Pavilion becoming a necessity to cater for the growth in player numbers.

We had to send Junior players away as there are no facilities for them, our goal is to attract junior girls and boys back to Albert Park with the Pavilion being the foundation for a Junior Academy.

We have no access to water on the fields to fill water bottles, we have no toilets for spectators, we have no shelter in winter for mothers with children, we have no canteen for sales of food and drinks to generate income. The Club missed out when the Grand Prix development built many football and cricket Pavilions as the money ran dry, and we were promised a Pavilion when money was available. That was 24 years ago.

Councillors - what we do have is first class High Performance trainers and experienced international Coaches. We have 2 players in the Australian Womens Wallaroo team and 6 in the State Super Womens Rebels side. The Clubrooms will attract visiting Australian Wallabies and Wallaroos to train at Albert Park on their visits to Melbourne as well as other visiting national and international rugby teams. This attracts large crowds from all over Melbourne.

The Pavilion is to be named after Stan Bisset MC, OAM, MID – Captain of Power House in 1938, he has a wonderful reputation, in our Australian Sporting and Military History. In 1939 Stan Bisset was selected in the 29-man Australian Wallabies Team to tour Great Britain, however the team arrived in England the day before WWII was declared and the tour was cancelled.

Stan served in the Middle East before returning to the South West Pacific in 1942 to defend Australia against the Japanese push through Papua New Guinea and fought many battles on the Kokoda Track.

Both Stan and our Rugby Club have a long history of helping out in the community, in the 1970's we raised funds and built a combined school / hurricane shelter on the island of Quamea in Fiji.

Now we need our own place where we can shelter, our own place to call home.

Councillors – I ask you “How can we be a Power House with no Home?”

My question to Council is will you please nominate the Stan Bisset Pavilion project for funding from the Victorian Government Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program?

Thank you

The following statements were submitted prior to the meeting and a summary of the statements were read out during the meeting by the Coordinator Governance

Belinda Plunket – Public Question Time

I have two questions:

1. Has the policy or management of graffiti removal has been altered in 2020, as there has been a significant increase in lead times actioning the removal, with some not being removed at all?
2. Can council also confirm their commitment to graffiti removal in the new budget and tell us what will be allocated for this in the 20/21 budget.

Scott Haywood – Public Question Time

As a recent assault victim on Fitzroy Street St Kilda I have discovered that the CCTV camera placed near the corner of Jackson and Fitzroy Streets only has a limited range with no other camera overlapping its field of view. The camera in question only captured part of my assault because its view only covers the 7/11 storefront and that of half of the shop next door, with no other camera picking up the view after that. I also note that the camera outside 1 Fitzroy Street has been out of commission since March, providing further blind spots along Fitzroy Street. Can council please confirm:

- 1 Will the CCTV camera outside 1 Fitzroy Street be fixed, and if so, when?
- 2 How many other CCTV blind spots are there along Fitzroy street, such as the one beyond the 7/11 at the corner of Jackson and Fitzroy streets, and are there plans to improve the coverage of the CCTV cameras along Fitzroy street to eliminate those blind spots and improve the quality of the footage that they capture?

James Woolett – Public Question Time

In recent correspondence with members of the Middle Park Library Action Group about the continued closure of Middle Park Library, the mayor has stated that "the small size of Middle Park continues to make it operating unfeasible at this time." The latest information on the Victoria DHSS website says: "Libraries are permitted to open, with no more than 20 people allowed in each separate space, subject to the four-square metre rule, in addition to those required to operate the library. From 11.59 pm on 21 June, restrictions on community services will be: Libraries, including toy libraries, may have up to 50 people in each separate space. Groups are limited to a maximum of 20 people." Middle Park Library's floor space is approximately 54 square metres. Applying the DHSS's four-square metre rule, that should be enough room to accommodate at least a dozen library users. In light of the Victorian State Government's easing of restrictions, will the City of Port Phillip Library Service be opening Middle Park Library on Monday 22 June? If not, what are the reasons for keeping this valuable community asset closed to local residents?

Chris Wallis – Item 7.1 Petition - Traffic Safety Issues at Intersection of Kerferd Road, Montague Street and Herbert Street, Albert Park

The petition made clear that it was the outrageous speeds of “rat runners” in Herbert Street and Montague was the principal concern of the residents. See the extract in Item 7.1 of the Agenda.

"Rat runners" drive outrageously fast, in both directions, along Herbert St and Montague Street"

The council officer's recommendation ignored the real issue – the outrageous speeds of rat runners along Herbert St and Montague St (and Kerferd Place).

Council Advises the petitioner that officers will raise the issues outlined in the petition with the Department of Transport to seek support for permanent and temporary options to deter through traffic on local streets.

The ever-increasing demand for places in primary schools and child care is ample proof of the ever increasing young residents - And there are visiting grandchildren and visiting grandparents.

Drivers crossing Kerferd Road enter Herbert St and or Montague Street with excessive speed, often accelerating hard even through the chicanes.

In the other direction, a clear indication of excessive speed is a driver applying the brakes as they pass Herbert Place, 35m or more before the intersection with Kerferd Road.

Council maintenance of traffic signage and road markings in Herbert St is lamentable:

- The 40 km/h signs are not within sight lines;
- Road markings have long since disappeared.

Rat runners entering Herbert Street see a broad speedway ahead and speed with impunity.

Amongst the worst speedsters are the drivers of the heaviest and most expensive vehicles, Tradie Utes and Large SUVs.

All too often speeding drivers are driving one-handed because they are using a phone or having a drink or otherwise distracted.

The Council officers' recommendation reflects an officer sitting at a desk, perhaps accessing Google Earth, but with no understanding of the real issues facing residents.

Council can make the Herbert Street - Montague Street (Kerferd Place) route less attractive to rat runners and less of a speedway, by implementing measures wholly within Herbert St.

Council has a range of measures available, many of which are inexpensive, to make Herbert St, Montague Street (including Kerferd Place) safer for residents without resort to the Department of Transport or DELWP.

That range of measures includes refreshed road markings, time limited turning, better placed speed signage, raised mounds at the mouth of Herbert Street, traffic calming devices etc.

Council's reticence on this safety issue contrasts unfavourably with the \$190,000 recently incurred to re-sheet Young Street and renew all the road markings along that street. Council can make Herbert Street – Montague Street (and Kerferd Place) safer for residents.

To date council has shown no appetite for accepting its responsibility for safe streets for residents.

Mary Stuart - Item 14.1 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation

The State Government as part of its financial support package for Victoria, determined that all Crown Lease properties managed by the State (DELWP) would have their Crown Lease rent for the 2020 calendar year forgiven. This was in recognition of the significant impact on business of the COVID-19 shutdown with loss of revenue and the viability issues that would inevitably arise.

For Luna Park this means we are not required to pay Crown Lease rental payments for the period January 2020 to December 2020.

The properties subject to our request on the foreshore are foreshore traders' businesses and properties managed by a mixture of Crown land managed by the Council and Crown land managed by State Government.

It does not seem right to us that Luna Park is in a better position, relatively speaking, because we are a Crown Lease managed by the State. We have all been closed and struggling to pay ongoing overhead costs with no revenue and struggling to maintain staff in their jobs. The rents paid by these businesses are set amounts regardless of turnover. The Council cannot afford to ignore "capacity to pay" when turnover has been decimated, when the future is most uncertain, where recovery is a distant hope and knowing the rentals set have been based on normal trading conditions. There is nothing normal about now.

Donovan's, Stoke House, Palais Theatre and the Sea Baths are significant business in St. Kilda, and they are important for revenue generation in the city through visitation, and through amenities such as the car park etc, and like many other businesses their capacity to survive is running very close to the wire.

These businesses have returned significant revenue over many many years for the City of Port Phillip, and they deserve assistance in this time of great need.

Landlords across the country have foregone rent in order to help businesses to survive. This Council must look to providing a lifeline for survival. What would St Kilda look like without these important contributors to the economic prosperity of this city? What would St Kilda look like without all the people that visit this city because of these businesses? The Council would be poorer; the City would be poorer and the rate payers would ultimately pay a price for the loss of these businesses.

It is very important that the hospitality industry and entertainment industry and artists supported by the Palais, are given the opportunity to recover. The Council should not turn its back on their plight. To do so will hurt, not just them, but the capacity of St Kilda to recover from the economic downturn that is only going to get worse before it gets better.

I urge the Council to heed us and to act proportionately.

Sharrelle Haywood - Item 14.1 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 Endorsement of Draft Document for Public Consultation

Can council confirm of any plans to reduce the street cleaning for Acland and Fitzroy St in the next budget.

1. What is the frequency planned for the 2020/2021 period of this core essential service?
2. What is the actual frequency over the last year 19/20?

Trevor White Item 12.2 - Planning Scheme Amendment C171Port (St Kilda Marina), Consideration of Panel Recommendations and Adoption of Amendment

- 1 How many bidders put in an expression of interest for the redevelopment and operation of the St Kilda Marina precinct were received by the City of Port Phillip? How many bidders withdrew of their own initiative? How many bidders have been excluded by CoPP from the bidding process? How many bidders remain in the bidding process?
- 2 How much money has been spent by CoPP on consultants and advisors on the St Kilda Marina project in the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, proposed for 2020-21 budget periods? How much money has been spent by CoPP on staff time on the St Kilda Marina project in the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and proposed for 2020-21 budget periods?
- 3 Given the social and economic costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, if the remaining bidder's financial capacity and if the expected net income to be received by CoPP is not up to expectation, will the Council extend the lease of the current operator till the economic situation is more certain, and hopefully recovered, giving more certainty to the bidders and a higher net income return to the Council given that the lease will probably be for over 20 years.

Shannon McLachlan -Item 17.1 Urgent Business - Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program

Community budget requests 2020/21 Power House Rugby Union Club seeks the support of CoPP by applying to Sport and Recreation Victoria for the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program on behalf of the Stan Bisset Pavilion. CoPP are eligible to submit up to three (3) applications requesting up to \$10 million for each application with a minimum of \$1 million in funding requested. Power House Rugby Union Club has already liaised with Sport and Rec Vic and Parks Vic with their support of the project already gained. The pavilion will enable Power House RUFC to cater for growth with gender neutral and accessible facilities required for our women's team and wheelchair rugby team. Currently no appropriate facility is available for these members. The facility will also accommodate junior members by providing a safe and inclusive environment to participate in sport.