



CoPP Officer Review of Strategic Memberships

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Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM)

Brief Description	Advocates and undertakes joint projects to benefit Port Phillip Bay.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <p>3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A City that is adapting and resilient to climate change - A water sensitive City <p>4. We are growing and keeping our character</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A City of diverse and distinctive neighbourhoods and places
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>The ABM is recognised by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) as the key representative of local government in relation to the sustainable management and health of Port Phillip Bay. Other membership organisations do not focus exclusively on Bay-wide projects.</p> <p>The ABM's targeted focus, specialised knowledge and skills and relationships with other organisations means ABM adds to Council's understanding of the issues impacting the Bay. Council officers work closely with ABM to develop shared priorities and deliver agreed outcomes.</p> <p>As an advocacy body, ABM is well-respected and has good relationships with the State Government (DELWP, Maritime Safety Victoria, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and Life Saving Victoria).</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: As a member CoPP has influence on ABM advocacy priorities. In 2019 ABM made submissions on behalf of member councils on topics including: Draft Marine and Coastal Policy, Coastal and Marine Management Plan Guidelines, Siting and Design Guidelines for Structures on Victoria's Coast; Personal watercraft (jet ski) reforms in Port Phillip Bay; Plastic bag ban; Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan; Personal Water craft reforms; and, Abolishing boat ramp fees.</p> <p>ABM offers savings by having an organisation advocate on CoPP's behalf. Sharing the work among councils leverages Council's resource commitment to achieve improved outcomes.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): In 2019/20, CoPP was represented at all workshops held by ABM. Workshops focus on the management of current and future natural, cultural and economic aspects of Port Phillip Bay.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$10,000 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (20/21): *Fees for 20/21 will be in late May.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 37</p> <p>CoPP officers attend a range of ABM meetings, including Executive Meetings (supporting CoPP Councillors), Officer Meetings and workshops.</p>



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Additional Comments:	<p>The Victorian Government is developing a Marine and Coastal Strategy, which will benefit from a coordinated response by impacted Local Governments.</p> <p>CoPP is on a DEWLP Project Control Group (PCG) for the "Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment" with the ABM. The project is defining the land around Port Phillip Bay that is threatened by inundation, erosion and changes to ground water.</p>
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to maintain its membership to Association of Bayside Municipalities.



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Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)

Brief Description	Provides library and public-sector advocacy, training and development. Supports community engagement, learning and participation.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with: 5. We thrive by harnessing creativity - A city where arts, culture and creative expression is part of everyday life
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>The Australian Library & Information Association (ALIA) is the national peak body for library and information services. It is the only body that functions at this level and provides a unique level of support across all library sectors – public, academic, special (e.g. health) and private, and offer individual memberships for library and information practitioners.</p> <p>As the key advocacy body for the library sector, ALIA is well connected across all tiers of Government – Local, State and National. It works across departments and portfolio areas (e.g. Education, Health, Regional Development) to represent issues such as community health and well-being, literacy, community participation and engagement and promotes the value of culture and creativity, all of which align with Council’s strategic objectives.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: ALIA supports and coordinates nation-wide campaigns and initiatives including Cybersafety, Children’s Book Week, Australian Reading Hour, National Simultaneous Storytime, Indigenous health and literacy outcomes, public access to information etc. CoPP’s involvement with these campaigns, includes running internal events and initiatives.</p> <p>In November 2019, ALIA, and national and State Libraries Australia launched a report ‘A Year in Libraries’ at Parliament House in Canberra. The report, which is used by CoPP staff, outlines how libraries support digital literacy, inclusion, education, the International Year of Indigenous Languages and a range of reading promotional strategies.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): ALIA run staff development workshops, online webinars and skills-based tutorials aimed at upskilling library staff – particularly in online resources/services. Approximately 15-20 CoPP staff attend ALIA training each year.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$1245 (ex. GST) Next Payment (20/21): \$1245 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 67 Staff commitments relating predominantly to liaising with ALIA regarding implementing campaigns and initiatives and keeping up to date on ALIA advocacy.</p>
Additional Comments:	ALIA is an active supporter in the current “Libraries Change Lives” campaign: https://librarieschangelives.org.au/ . This is the key advocacy strategy developed by Public Libraries Victoria Network in partnership with the State Library of Victoria.



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	<p>In response to COVID-19, ALIA has supported affected libraries and staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With initiatives to support Members, including a Relief Fund and ALIA Connects program for library staff. • By negotiating a special copyright agreement with book industry partners to enable public libraries to deliver children’s story time sessions online. • By developing resources for libraries, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communications resources for libraries to keep their communities informed ○ Advice on safe handling of materials, and managing online safety and security <p>CoPP have engaged with all the above.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2020/21</p>	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership to the Australian Library and Information Association.</p>



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Committee for Melbourne

Brief Description	An independent, broad-based member organisation which advocates and undertakes activities to support Melbourne's economy and development.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns indirectly with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We embrace difference, and people belong 2. We are connected and it's easy to move around 3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future 4. We are growing and keeping our character 5. We thrive by harnessing creativity
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>Council is a member of a range of organisations that progress the Council priorities advocated for by the Committee for Melbourne. For example, IMAP has projects relating to waste, transport, planning, affordable housing and sustainability.</p> <p>The Committee is well connected and able to bring together influential stakeholders to progress Council priorities. For example, on Fishermans Bend, the CfM is aligned to the Chair and CEO of the Fishermans Bend Taskforce, the University of Melbourne and developers in Fishermans Bend.</p> <p>Mayor, Cr Voss, has spoken at panels on topics like Fishermans Bend and is Chair of the Metropolitan Collaboration Steering Committee.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: The CfM's traditional advocacy focus is on projects that deliver benefits to the broader community – such as the Metro 2, free tram zone in the CBD, faster internet speeds and the development of affordable housing.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): The CfM facilitated a Melbourne 4.0 scenario planning exercise with forty CoPP staff on August 30, 2019, contributing to Councils strategic city planning process.</p> <p>The CfM run forums, workshops and networking events for members, at no cost to members. CoPP attendance is generally low. Council officers tried unsuccessfully to get a CfM event to promote Metro 2.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$15,000 (ex. GST) Next Payment (19/20): \$15,000 (ex. GST)</p> <p>CfM has three memberships tiers: Foundation Membership (\$15,000 plus GST) ; Corporate membership (\$7,500); and, Not-for-Profit Membership (\$3,800)</p> <p>CoPP and the City of Melbourne are Foundation Members, while councils such as City of Greater Dandenong and Hume City Council are Corporate Members.</p> <p>Corporate and Foundation memberships have many of the same benefits such as hosting events, participating in roundtables and taskforces and attending ministerial briefings. However, Foundational memberships also</p>



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	<p>have 'regular discussions with Committee, CEO and Secretariat, voting rights on CoM decisions, invitations to events such as annual parliamentary drinks, state budget briefings with the Treasurer and priority invitations to all other events.'</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 33 Officer time includes developing briefing / speaking materials as well attending events. Annual hours do not include officer attendance at Melbourne 4.0 scenario planning event.</p>
Additional Comments:	Nil
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to not renew its membership to the Committee for Melbourne.



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Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities (CRCWSC)

Brief Description	Australian research centre for the transition to water sensitive cities
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <p>3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A water sensitive City - A City that is adapting and resilient to climate change
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>While CRCWSC solely focuses on water sensitivity issues, other organisations such as SECCCA and ABM also have projects regarding water sensitivity.</p> <p>Council works with several partners, such as Melbourne Water, DELWP, other councils and the Fishermans Bend Taskforce to progress integrated water management initiatives. The research work that this organisation is focussed on informs these partnerships and projects.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: Council relies on CRCWSC to deliver several of Council's Water Sensitive City' priorities. The CRCWSC and CoPP have collaborated on key projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Benefit Cost Analysis Tool to quantify economic, environmental and community values of investments in water sensitive practices • Improving Integrated Water management outcomes in Fishermans Bend, including development of the Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive Cities Strategy • Development of the Water Sensitive City Index. <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): CRCWSC provides resources and tools that support water sensitive cities practices and transitions. The CRCWSC also hosts an annual conference. CoPP officers attended in March 2019 and presented on Water Sensitive City planning for Fishermans Bend. Port Phillip was awarded the Water Sensitive Cities Award at the conference, which recognised our results in applying the Water Sensitive Cities Index.</p> <p>The CRCWSC run training sessions and webinars which were valued by CoPP officers. Training in 2019 included sessions on topics such as cooler, greener urban form and mainstreaming water sensitive cities practices.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$10,000 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (20/21): \$10,000 (ex. GST)</p> <p>The City of Port Phillip is a founding partner of the CRCWSC and is party to a nine-year agreement ending 30 June 2021.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 38</p> <p>Council officers attend four Victorian Regional Advisory Panel meetings a year and collaborate on CRCWSC projects.</p>



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Additional Comments:	The term of the CRCWSC expires in June 2021. The CRCWSC are exploring different models for continuing to progress water sensitive cities outcomes beyond this timeframe. The CRCWSC will co-host the 2020 international urban drainage conference
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to maintain its membership to the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities.



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Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA)

Brief Description	An authority on sustainable buildings and communities (Green Star System).
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <p>3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A greener, cooler and more liveable City -A City with lower carbon emissions -A City that is adapting and resilient to climate change -A water sensitive City
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) is a national authority on sustainable buildings, communities and cities. No other CoPP member organisation offers the Green Star certification.</p> <p>GBCA is valuable in the development of the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area (FBURA). GBCA successfully advocated to the State Government for developments in Fishermans Bend to achieve a mandated minimum Green Star rating. GBCA will help train Council officers on Green Star requirements (including statutory, strategic planning officers & sustainability officers).</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: GBCA membership includes promotion of Green Star certified projects to the sector & wider community.</p> <p>The GBCA advocates to the Victorian and Federal Governments and the building industry for improved sustainable design outcomes and construction practices, including carbon positive buildings. In 2019, the GBCA made submissions on energy rating tools, Australian Building Codes, Australian Infrastructure Audit and Victoria's interim emissions reduction targets.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment: \$2,450 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (19/20): \$2,500 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Members receive a discount on Green Star certification (non-member = \$40,000 + GST vs. member = \$35,000 + GST). Council is likely to seek Green Star certification for future capital works projects.</p> <p>GBCA membership includes discounts on education programs and training, including professional development activities for Green Star Accredited Professionals (GSAPs), access to research papers & updates. Four council officers are currently Green Star Accredited Professionals or Associates. Continued professional development is required to maintain this status. GBCA memberships is useful in training Council officers on Green Star requirements (including statutory, strategic planning & sustainability requirements.)</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 38</p> <p>Officer time commitments to GBCA are primarily attendance and participation in conferences and webinars, that relate to achieving and maintaining Green Star Accreditation.</p>



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Additional Comments:	<p>The GBCA has commenced a project to reshape the Green Star rating system to improve sustainable built form requirements. Port Philip Officers have provided feedback to this project.</p> <p>The EcoCentre redevelopment is proposed as our first Green Star accredited building.</p>
Recommendation 2020/21	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership to Green Building Council of Australia.</p>



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Inner South Metropolitan Mayors Forum (ISMMF)

Brief Description	Local government alliance that advocates on issues such as transport, environmental sustainability, liveability and planning policy and strategy. Member Councils include the Cities of Bayside, Boroondara, Glen Eira, Kingston, Port Phillip and Stonnington.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We embrace difference, and people belong 2. We are connected and it's easy to move around 3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future 4. We are growing and keeping our character 5. We thrive by harnessing creativity
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>Council is a part of a range of other member organisations such as IMAP and MAV that (as part of a broader spectrum of work) advocate on ISMMF priority issues such as waste management, parks, sport facilities, planning, Local Government Bill etc.</p> <p>ISMMF has two groups one being the CEOs of ISSMF Councils and the other the CEOs and Mayors. In addition, there are working groups where Council Officers collaborate with neighbouring Councils.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: In 2019 CoPP officers contributed to ISMMF advocacy topics, including: Development of the State Government's Metropolitan Open Space Strategy; Loneliness as a looming public policy challenge; Reform of the Local Government Act; Implementation of Federal Government car park election commitments; and, Strategic cycling corridors and paths. The ISMMF provided a position to the Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management (presented by Cr Gross, CoPP).</p> <p>Some ISMMF projects do not align with Council priorities. For example, the focus of the ISMMF Transport Priority Group is the Kew to Highett Strategic Cycling Corridor, which does not pass through CoPP.</p> <p>Other projects like the Graffiti Removal project and a project on Augmented Reality can continue with CoPP involvement even if CoPP is not a member of ISSMF. The augmented reality project, led by CoPP, aims to create a visual tool that will allow the community to better understand the impact of proposed developments. The Graffiti removal project received State funding for \$1.98 million for a two-year pilot project aimed at graffiti management and removal across all six ISMMF municipalities. The projected is scheduled to commence this year.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): ISMMF does not organise events/forums or training.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	Current Payment (19/20): \$47,500 (ex. GST). The fee has been reduced from \$60,000 plus GST in 2018/19. This followed a review of ISMMF governance which resulted in a reduction in the number of scheduled meetings.



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	<p>Annual Officer Hours: 195</p> <p>The ISMMF requires a significant level of CoPP resourcing at all levels, including the CEO, GMs, Managers and Officers. The primarily work is preparation and attendance at CEO and Group meetings - and participation in working groups by officers.</p>
<p>Additional Comments:</p>	<p>Last year's Council Membership review agreed that "CoPP renew the Inner South Metropolitan Mayors Forum, on condition that Council's resource commitment (financial and staff time) was reduced, there was greater alignment with Council priorities and there were changes to governance arrangements."</p> <p>In response, in 2019 ISMMF reviewed its meeting schedule, projects and processes which resulted in changes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reducing frequency of meetings - CEO (monthly to bi-monthly) and CEO/Mayor (bi-monthly to quarterly) • reducing memberships fee (fees were reduced by one third) • streamlining approach to projects, including limiting project numbers (one substantive project per priority group) and providing flexibility on council engagement on project as well as the ability councils to work on projects offline with other interested councils. <p>While the review has successfully reduced the level of Council resource commitment and the membership fee, the project priorities of ISMMF often do not align with those of CoPP and, where there is alignment, there is often better, more cost-effective avenues to progress these Council priorities.</p> <p>The City of Yarra cancelled its membership in July 2018.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2020/21</p>	<p>That Council resolves to not renew its membership to Inner South Metropolitan Mayors Forum.</p>



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Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP)

Brief Description	Collaborative partnership between the Cities of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Maribyrnong, Stonnington and Yarra.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We embrace difference, and people belong 2. We are connected and it's easy to move around 3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future 4. We are growing and keeping our character 5. We thrive by harnessing creativity
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>IMAP has areas of work that duplicate other member organisations (i.e. ISMMF, CfM, MAV etc.).</p> <p>IMAP working groups and project teams provide opportunities for collaboration with neighbouring Councils.</p> <p>During COVID-19 CEOs are meeting on a regular (often fortnightly basis) to share information on COVID-19 responses and develop joint advocacy strategies.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: In 2019, IMAP Committees worked with Visit Victoria, Victoria Police, Department of Transport, Resilient Melbourne, Victorian Planning Authority, Sport and Recreation Victoria to deliver a range of projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport and Recreation Facilities Report (released in March 2020): The report identifies recreation facilities and open space requirements across the IMAP region needed to respond to future growth. • Inner Melbourne Cycling Network: a business case for State Government to deliver a regional integrated connected and safe (on/off road) cycling network (as per Plan Melbourne, Resilient Melbourne and IMAP Strategy). • Wayfinding and Signage Project: partnered with the Melbourne Visitor Signage Coordinating Committee (MVSC), to improve wayfinding and signage across the inner Melbourne region for visitors and residents. <p>IMAP projects in progress, with CoPP Officer involvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing: Advocating to state government for the implementation of new affordable housing planning controls and targets, including "opt-in" Inclusionary Zoning Amendments to the Victorian Planning Provisions so local government can amend their planning schemes to establish a mandatory inclusionary zoning scheme. • IMAP Urban Forrest Plan: to protect existing trees and increase tree planting and green infrastructure on private land. • Retail Vacancies Project: analysis of commercial vacancies across IMAP areas, the reasons for these vacancies, and possible policy solutions. • Sustainable Design Factsheets: Updated fact sheets providing detailed advice on sustainable building design requirements that should be



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	<p>addressed during the early building design process and when lodging a planning permit application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StreetCount: The StreetCount helps to identify the prevalence of rough sleeping within IMAP municipalities. It replaced the Biannual Street Counts previously run by the City of Melbourne and CoPP and is co-funded by City of Melbourne, IMAP and the State Government. <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): IMAP does not organise events/forums or training.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$42,000 (operations budget) Project costs of \$55,000 were funded from surplus funds.</p> <p>Next Payment (20/21): Membership fees will be subject to outcome of a governance review and will be brought back at a later date for Council consideration.</p> <p>IMAP has \$729,000 either allocated to projects or in reserve.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 387 IMAP requires a significant amount of CoPP resourcing, including at the CEO, GMs, Manager and Officer levels. Over the year there are four Implementation Committee meetings, five Executive Forum meetings and several working group meetings. There is significant work involved in preparing for meetings and participating in working groups.</p>
Additional Comments:	<p>IMAP has engaged a consultant to review the governance, structure, membership, purpose of the organisation etc.</p> <p>COVID-19 Response: CoPP are working closely with IMAP members on responses to COVID-19. This includes information sharing on individual Council responses and relief packages, as well as joint advocacy to State and Federal governments.</p>
Recommendation 2020/21	<p>That Council resolves to maintain membership to Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP)</p> <p>It is recommended that, where possible, Council seek the redirection of IMAP project and reserve funding to COVID-19 projects and that there is no membership contribution in 2020/2021.</p>



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Inner Metropolitan Partnership (IMP)

Brief Description	Advisory group established by the Victorian Government,
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with: 6. Our commitment to you A financially sustainable, high performing, well governed organisation that puts the community first
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	IMP membership includes nine local community and business representatives, the CEOs of the Cities of Melbourne, Yarra and Port Phillip and a senior State Government executive - currently Lill Heally, Deputy Secretary, Service Systems Reform. While IMPs areas of interest duplicate other member organisations (i.e. IMAP and ISMMF etc.), IMPs includes senior state government representation.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	Projects and Advocacy: CoPP officers are currently part of two project groups, largely funded by State Government, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Ground Project: The project is led by CoPP, and facilitates the scaling up of Common Ground housing across the Inner Metropolitan region. The project identifies and investigates best practice models, approaches and standards (adaptable to project scale) based on suitable service models for housing support. This project will inform delivery of Common Ground housing on sites identified by government or other parties. The project has received approval for \$122,400 (ex. GST). • Enterprise Precinct Affordability project: The project is designed to identify the strategic opportunities to secure commercial affordability outcomes for enterprises. The CoPP nominated area is South Melbourne. <p>Each year, IMP submits a report with advice and recommendations for State Government consideration. In turn, the State Government provides a “Report Back”, with Government strategies and projects that address the issues raised.</p> Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): IMP does not directly organise events/forums or training.
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	Current Payment (19/20): \$0 Next Payment (20/21): \$0 IMP was established by State Government – there are no membership fees. Annual Officer Hours: 298 IMAP requires a significant amount of CoPP resourcing at CEO, GMs, Manager and Officer levels. Over the year there are several meetings, events attended by the CEO. There is also significant officer work on current Common Ground and Enterprise Precinct Affordability projects.
Additional Comments:	The State Government established the IMP, as part of a wider regional partnership structure to seek independent advice on key priorities that address growth and other issues important to the Inner Metropolitan area.
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to maintain its membership to Inner Metropolitan Partnerships.



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International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Partnership Program (ICLEI)

Brief Description	Global network of more than 1,500 cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with: 3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future - A greener, cooler and more liveable City - A City with lower carbon emissions A City that is adapting and resilient to climate change -A City that is adapting and resilient to climate change
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	ICLEI is an international network that provides programs, frameworks and tools to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. CoPP is a member of several other organisations focussed on similar priorities including, SECCCA, Resilient Melbourne, Green Building Council of Australia, ABM. Port Phillip is a signatory of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy which is administered by ICLEI in Australia.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	Projects and Advocacy: In 2019, ICLEI developed a metropolitan wide greenhouse inventory as part of the Take2 initiative by Sustainability Victoria. Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): While ICLEI promotes a range of initiatives and projects, CoPP officers have not been substantially involved with ICLEI over the past year. Council Officers have not recently attended events or workshops. While, ICLEI membership includes free training & workshops for Councillors & staff, Council staff did not attend any training in 2019.
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	Current Payment (01.02.20 – 31.12.20): \$2,760 (ex. GST) Next Payment (01.01.21-31.12.21): \$3340 (ex. GST) *based on population size and adjusted for USD exchange rate ICLEI do not charge extra for involvement in the Global Covenant of Mayors or Cities with Nature initiatives. Annual Officer Hours: 10 Work primarily related keeping up to date on ICLEI projects and advocacy.
Additional Comments:	Port Phillip has been a member of ICLEI since 1998. ICLEI are planning to invite CoPP to their Cities with Nature program, which could support the delivery of biodiversity initiatives in Port Phillip. A new Regional Executive committee will be elected to help direct the operations of ICLEI locally. This will be open to Port Phillip Councillors.
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to not renew its membership to International Councils for Local Environment Initiatives Partnership Program.



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Local Government Professional (LG Pro)

Brief Description	Peak body for Local Government professionals in Victoria.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with: 6. Our commitment to you A financially sustainable, high performing, well governed organisation that puts the community first
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	Council is a part of other member organisations such as MAV and VLGA who advocate and undertake work in the Local Government space. However, LGPro provides a unique perspective and representation on Local Government advocacy as the executive team is composed of Local Government Officers working on local government matters.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: LGPro advocacy is currently focused on promoting women in senior LG roles and supporting council officers who are abused or assaulted while carrying out duties, such as local laws, animal control and parking officers.</p> <p>For the Council elections in October 2020, LGPro will provide advice and support in developing Election Period (or Caretaker) policies and procedures and assist Councils to understand how they can operate effectively during the election period. This will be valuable to CoPP Officers.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): LGPro delivers sector specific professional development activities and training. This includes the 2020 LGPro Australian Management Challenge, where CoPP is entering a team. Training opportunities include the LGPro Sector Secondment Program and 'in-house' training programs. LGPro training is well-utilised by CoPP officers.</p> <p>LGPro also provides access to over thirty-five Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to network, share best practice and learn about new developments (e.g. Age & Disability Services, Corporate Planners Network, Governance, Human Resources, Statutory Services, etc.). CoPP officers are active in several SIGS, particularly the Governance SIG which provided important information and support on the implementation of the Local Government Bill, including assisting CoPP develop new compliance documents required under the Bill.</p> <p>LG Pro works with the State and Federal Government particularly Local Government Victoria.</p> <p>CoPP recently won two LGPro awards: The Earned Value Project Management initiative won in the Management Excellence category and CoPP collaboration with the Cities of Whittlesea and Wyndham to pilot and develop an online learning portal for Council suppliers to improve their sustainability won in the Sustainability category.</p>



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Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$4,185 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (20/21): To be confirmed – an increase in line with CPI (2%) is expected</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: unknown</p> <p>CoPP officers participate in several SIGS as well as attending LGPro training. Staff engagement with LGPro is significant. However, the large number of staff involved, and the diverse range of issues makes it difficult to accurately quantify the time spent on LGPro.</p>
Additional Comments:	Nil
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to maintain its membership to Local Government Professional.



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Metro Transport Forum (MTF)

Brief Description	Advocacy group of Melbourne metropolitan local governments with associate members from transport companies and State Government and environment group participants.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with: 2. We are connected and it's easy to move around -An integrated transport network that connects people and places -Demand for parking and car travel is moderated as our City grows -Our streets and places are designed for people
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	Whilst several member organisations such as ISMMF have Transport priorities, the MTF is the only member organisation that focuses on, and specialises in, transport infrastructure, services and outcomes. MTF has relationships with others in the transport sector including the MAV, regional local government transport groups such as Eastern Transport Coalition, Western Transport Alliance, and state-based groups such as the Department of Transport and Infrastructure Victoria.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	Projects and Advocacy: MTF advocates on transport issues of importance to local governments, a current priority being service and patronage increases for buses. The MTF has organised bus forums in 2017 and 2019 (2018 was the state election) and a third is planned for 2020. MTF organises local transport forums in the lead up to state elections to facilitate dialogue between the community and candidates on local transport. This was done prior to the 2010, 2014 and 2018 state elections and City of Port Phillip has participated each time. MTF advocacy for 2020 includes active transport (walking and cycling) and transport choices. MTF are not involved in CoPP transport priorities such as the Fishermans Bend Tram or Metro 2. Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): The MTF meets monthly to discuss transport topics of interest, distributes information across the sector, hosts events, makes submissions to government and conducts research to better inform policy. These meetings are attended by a CoPP officer.
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	Current Payment (19/20): \$1,500 (ex. GST) Next Payment (20/21): \$2,000 (ex. GST) Annual Officer Hours: 69 CoPP coordinator attends monthly MTF meetings. However, recent attendance at meetings has been infrequent due to clashes with council meetings.
Additional Comments:	Twenty-five metropolitan local governments are members of MTF. Each nominates a councillor and officer delegate - there are also twelve associate members from across the transport sector.
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to maintain its membership to the Metro Transport Forum.



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Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)

Brief Description	Legislated peak body for Councils in Victoria
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We embrace difference, and people belong 2. We are connected and it's easy to move around 3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future 4. We are growing and keeping our character 5. We thrive by harnessing creativity 6. Our commitment to you
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	<p>MAV is the Victorian listed member of the Australian Local Government Association.</p> <p>Council is part of other organisations such as LGPro and VLGA, who also advocate and undertake work in the Local Government arena.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: CoPP works with MAV across a range of areas, including governance, advocacy, projects groups, insurance, technology and procurement. Examples of CoPP engagement with MAV includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance: MAV worked closely with Councils to analyse and submit comprehensive responses on the Local Government Bill and the State's review of local government rates. Council also sought MAV State Council support including Recycling and Waste Management, Gambling Reform, Bus Services Review, Affordable Housing, Environmental Protections. • Procurement: The Minister for Local Government has granted Ministerial approval to access MAV Procurement contracts to ensure Best Value and maintain Probity principles in the procurement process. The benefit for CoPP of accessing MAV procurement contracts is significant. • Technology Group: CoPP attends quarterly Technology Group meetings to discuss best practice for Councils. However, as part of this review the Chief Information Officer noted that membership to the Technology Group was no longer required. • The Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process (SDAPP): provides a streamlined and consistent methodology to request, receive and assess built environment sustainability outcomes through the planning process. CoPP implements the SDAPP framework. • Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) tool: used by CoPP as part of Council's assessment of planning permit applications. The web-based BESS tool enables permit applicants to demonstrate how proposed new buildings or alterations address sustainability criteria in the Planning Scheme, including energy and water efficiency, thermal comfort, and overall environmental sustainability. These products supported the implementation of council's ESD Policy. <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Training): The MAV run a range of events each year, including annual conferences and State Council meetings. MAV also provide E-learning and training materials.</p>



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Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment: \$56,068 (ex. GST)</p> <p>In addition to Council's MAV membership there are four fee-based subscriptions; MAV Technology Group (\$4,300), Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE - \$6,300), Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS - \$7,875).</p> <p>Next Payment (20/21): Fee structure currently under review. Anticipated to be \$63,568 plus \$7000 + GST for CASBE and \$9,000 + GST for BESS (other subscriptions fees unconfirmed)</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 402</p> <p>CoPP Officers engage MAV at a range of levels, including attending meetings, conferences, working groups. CoPP's insurance officer completes weekly work with MAV. The procurement team engage with MAV procurement contracts daily. Officers were unable to identify an exact number of staff or time for this – but have estimated 161 hours (\$10,000). Whilst this was a significant amount of time, access to the MAV contracts saves officer time.</p>
Additional Comments:	<p>MAV is working with Local Government Victoria and Councils to develop guidance material and policy options regarding new council requirements relating to the Local Government Act.</p> <p>The MAV will be an education resource for candidates in the 2020 Local Government Elections. Once elected, Councillors can access the MAV for induction and ongoing training and development.</p> <p>COVID-19 Response: MAV are advocating on processes and procedures that have been impacted by COVID-19 (Council elections, budget timing and virtual meetings).</p>
Recommendation 2020/21	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and subscriptions to CASBE and BESS but does not renew subscription to MAV Technology Group.</p>



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Resilient Melbourne

Brief Description	A City of Melbourne initiative, pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation, that forms strategies to help cities meet the physical, social and economic challenges of the 21st century.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns indirectly with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We embrace difference, and people belong 2. We are connected and it's easy to move around 4. We are growing and keeping our character 5. We thrive by harnessing creativity <p>Membership aligns strongly with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	Council is a member of organisations that have similar interests to Resilient Melbourne but are more localised to the municipality. For example, the Resilient Melbourne Integrated Water management project (that promotes integrated water management and water-sensitive urban design principles) duplicates projects completed by organisations such as Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: Over the past year Resilient Melbourne has focused large-scale projects, including: Community Resilience framework; Integrated Water Management; Living Melbourne - Metropolitan Urban Forest Strategy etc. CoPP have not partnered or substantially engaged in these projects.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): During 2019–20, Resilient Melbourne delivered workshops and speaking engagements. CoPP officer attendance has been low.</p> <p>Resilient Melbourne has a training program, Resilience Fundamentals, every two months. The training is an introduction to the theory of urban resilience and resilience frameworks. Three CoPP officers attended this training.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$15,000 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (20/21): Costs are subject to review and will be made available once new model of operation is released.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 12 Work primarily related to administrative tasks (reading Resilient Melbourne project updates etc.) and managerial updates.</p>
Additional Comments:	Resilient Melbourne are redeveloping their operating and membership model. Chief Resilience Officer at Resilient Melbourne notes “I suggest that you remove us from the list for the year ahead and we will have to come to Council with an entirely new proposal once the model is landed.”
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to not renew its membership with Resilient Melbourne.



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South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA)

Brief Description	One of eight regional alliances across Victoria, with nine councils in Melbourne's south-east region focussed on climate change
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership aligns with:</p> <p>3. We have smart solutions for a sustainable future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A greener, cooler and more liveable City -A City with lower carbon emissions -A City that is adapting and resilient to climate change -A water sensitive City -A sustained reduction in waste
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	SECCCA is unique in that it directly delivers joint projects to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. However other Council memberships such as MAP, ISMMF and ABM also consider climate change.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: In the past 12 months, SECCCA has progressed subscription and grant-funded projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Vulnerability Assessment project: to give each council an accurate assessment of how vulnerable their assets, (roads, buildings and drainage) are to climate change, what Council can do to reduce this vulnerability and the cost impact. This information can be used to create prioritised, costed work plans. The project has more than \$290K in project funding and \$140K in-kind support. The State Government has contributed \$65K while CSIRO, DELWP and the Insurance Council are contributing In-Kind support. This project is of high value to CoPP and will contribute to the Elwood Foreshore Facilities Development operating project 20/21. • Financing Physical Risk Infrastructure Project: SECCCA has been working with the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) to determine how the ICA can support Councils to reduce the impact on the community from climate related effects like flooding. This project could identify alternate funding sources for large scale flood mitigation in Elster Creek. The CoPP CFO is playing a leadership role in developing the project. <p>SECCCA has made submissions on a range of issues including: access to household energy meter data; Independent Expert Panel Advice on Emissions Reduction Targets for Victoria; National Construction Code (NCC) Scoping Study Response; How Victoria Communities are Tackling Climate Change; Electricity Distribution Code Review; and, Australian Energy Market Commission – Demand response review.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): CoPP officers have spoken at or attended the following SECCCA forums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency Roundtable – providing information about the Climate Emergency Declaration and how Councils have responded. • Climate Related Financial Reporting forum – to update finance officers on their reporting duties.



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	SECCCA provides CoPP officers with access to their Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Matrix - assessment tool to influence design, material procurement and construction of Council buildings.
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$21,500 (ex. GST) Next Payment (20/21): \$36,500 in 2020/21 if Council commits to a four-year membership. A 12-month SECCCA membership for 2020/21 is \$43,800 (20% increase). There is a 40% premium for non-members to access projects on a user-pays basis. For the Asset Vulnerability project, the \$25K project fee for CoPP would likely increase to \$35K if CoPP continues with the project as a non-member.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 84 CoPP officer time is divided between attendance at Councillor and Executive advisory groups, and project subcommittees. CoPP officers are involved in a range of projects that require officer time, and managerial oversight.</p>
Additional Comments:	A Councillor Advisory group has been established to keep members informed of SECCCA activities. CoPP's representative is Cr Copsey.
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to maintain its South Eastern Council's Climate Change Alliance membership for a further 12 months (20/21). Given the financial impact and uncertainty caused by COVID-19, Council also writes to SECCCA requesting a year long membership fee at a cost equivalent to the four-year discount fee rate (\$36,500).



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Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)

Brief Description	Supports Councils, Councillors and Communities in Good Governance.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with: 6. Our commitment to you A financially sustainable, high performing, well governed organisation that puts the community first
Criteria 2: Offers unique perspectives and opportunities	Council is a member of other organisations such as LGPro and MAV, who also advocate and undertake work in the Local Government space.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Projects and Advocacy: In 2019, the VLGA progressed projects on issues like the Local Government Bill 2019; Rating Review; Red Tape Commissioner and the Parliamentary Inquiry into Waste Management and Recycling.</p> <p>VLGA also advanced projects regarding Local Women Leading Change, Your Community, Country and Council and Preventing Harm from Gambling.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): In preparation for the 2020 Local Government Elections the VLGA is offering Councils the opportunity to hold workshops “designed to increase understanding of councils and council elections in the community, leading to more informed candidates and voters.” Workshops are free for member Councils. CoPP has registered to host one of these workshops.</p> <p>VLGA members receive discounted training and event tickets. For example, the Annual Mayors & Deputy Mayors FastTrack Leadership Program is \$800 + GST for VLGA Members and \$1,200 + GST for non-members.</p> <p>CoPP officer participation in paid training is low.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (19/20): \$28,500 (ex. GST) Next Payment (20/21): \$28,500 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 6 A CoPP officer attended two VLGA forums.</p>
Additional Comments:	Nil
Recommendation 2020/21	That Council resolves to not renew its membership to the Victorian Local Governance Association.