



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

4 DECEMBER 2019



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE PORT
PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL HELD 4 DECEMBER 2019 IN ST KILDA
TOWN HALL**

The meeting opened at 6:01pm.

PRESENT

Cr Voss (Chairperson), Cr Baxter, Cr Bond, Cr Brand, Cr Copsey, Cr Crawford, Cr Gross, Cr Pearl, Cr Simic.

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer; Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development; Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development; Fiona Blair, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity; Chris Carroll, General Manager Customer and Corporate Services; Kylie Bennetts, Director Office of the CEO, Murray Chick, Governance Coordinator, Marc Cassanet, Manager Environmental Sustainability, Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space & Recreation Services, Damian Dewar, Manager Strategy & Design, Donna D'Alessandro, Manager Safety & Amenity, Dennis O'Keeffe, Chief Financial Officer, Peter Liu, Coordinator Management Accounting & Financial Analysis, Kirsty Pearce, Senior Governance Advisor, Chantelle Hepworth, Governance Officer.

The City of Port Phillip respectfully acknowledges the Yalukut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED Crs Pearl/Baxter

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 20 November 2019 be confirmed with an amendment to page 10 of the minutes to remove a sentence repeated in error.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Australian Urban Design Awards - Built Projects – Local and Neighbourhood Scale Award

The Chief Executive Officer advised the meeting that the Ferrars Street Education and Community Precinct recently received the 'Built Projects – Local and Neighbourhood Scale' Award at the 2019 Australian Urban Design Awards hosted by Landscape Australia. The Chief Executive Officer then asked Ms Fiona Blair, General Manager Infrastructure & Amenity to talk about this award and Council's involvement.

Ms Blair, advised the meeting that the precinct represents the culmination of several projects delivered by both Council and its' delivery partners including:

- The South Melbourne Primary School undertaken by the Victorian School Building Authority
- The route 96 tram stop (stop 126) upgrade by Public Transport Victoria
- Interchange upgrades on Ferrars St & City Rd undertaken by VicRoads, and
- Both Kirrip Park and FSECP streetscape undertaken by Council

The precinct received the award for the best built project in the local and neighbourhood category and was awarded to Council's landscape architects who were involved across multiple stages of the project. The awards recognise projects of the highest quality and aims to encourage other cities, towns and communities across the country to strive for best practice in all projects.

Many departments and areas within Council have worked over several years to plan, organise and set-the-stage for the successful delivery of this precinct, including – but not limited to:

- City Strategy & Sustainable Development
- Community Capacity
- Strategic Policy & Partnership
- Open Space & Recreation Services
- Project Services

The award recognises both the designers, Council and our delivery partners in having demonstrated the insight and skill to make places that are beautiful, welcoming and sustainable – in this case by transforming a former industrial site into a valued and lively community and education precinct.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.



4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Item 4.1 Petition – Port Phillip Council to Declare a ‘Social Amenity Crisis in St Kilda’

A Petition containing 628 signatures was received from residents of, and visitors to St Kilda. A further 192 signatures were presented by the Petitioner.

The following speakers made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Sharrelle Haywood:

Ms Haywood spoke in support of the petition, highlighting the unique issues encountered in St Kilda as opposed to other suburbs. Ms Haywood requested Council establish further security to shop owners, residents and Housingfirst.

Jenni Roper:

Spoke in support of the petition, noting the number of signatures on the petition. Ms Roper raised anecdotes of crime in the area. Ms Roper urged Council to increase communications and advocacy to the Minister of Police regarding rough sleepers.

Linda Bowen-Powell:

Spoke in support of the petition, explaining the crime encountered by residents, highlighting the common drug culture and antisocial behaviour encountered on a regular basis in St Kilda.

Jason Rouda:

Mr Rouda spoke in support of the petition, clarifying that the petition is not supporting vigilantism and urging Council to provide urgent support for the current levels of antisocial behaviour, crime and numbers rough sleepers.

Rhonda Small:

Ms Small spoke in support of the petition, and focused on the definition of what a safe street means to the community.

Katherine Wilson:

Ms Wilson addressed Council and spoke of her experiences within the community, particularly her account of rough sleepers in the municipality.

Darren Robinson:

Mr Robinson spoke to the positive highlights of St Kilda, but also highlighted his sincere concern at the current safety issues associated with the area.

David Blakeley:

Mr Blakely spoke in support of the petition, stating that this morning he witnessed an assault which is a daily occurrence for residents and traders to witness. Mr Blakely highlighted the struggles of traders to keep their business' open and keep employees safe while at work.

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Crios O'Mahony:

Mr O'Mahony objected to uniformed security guards being used to solve the drug problem in St Kilda. Mr O'Mahoney referenced studies overseas that reflect the negative impact of private security guards negative impact on the homeless.

Jane Reid:

Ms Reid spoke in opposition to the petition, advising that it was political in nature and urged Councillors not to support the petition.

Ann Byrne:

Ms Byrne explained that she has been a St Kilda resident for more than 20 years, expressing her objection to the petition highlighting that this declaration will only deter visitors to the area and have a increased negative impact on St Kilda. Ms Byrne requested Council to place a higher priority on the 'In Our Backyard' project.

Ros Winkler:

Ms Winkler spoke of her interest in City of Port Phillip maintaining its focus on developing social welfare programs and people working together to address issues. Ms Winkler advised that she does not support the employment of security guards, and would like to see social housing funds remain allocated to social housing.

Geoffrey Love:

Mr Love highlighted that he has been a resident of St Kilda since 1955, spoke of the positive impacts he has seen of Housingfirst in the area, encouraged Council to continue it's great work and expressed his objection to security guards in the area.

Vicki Molloy:

Ms Molloy stated that in the last 20 years of being a resident she has never felt less safe than she does now after recently being assaulted, and advised that residents and traders have left the area due to the antisocial behaviour.

Kristian Bonnici:

Mr Bonnici spoke about recently opening a business in St Kilda and the crime, drug use and number of rough sleepers he has encountered as a trader.

Billi Clarke:

Ms Clarke noted that the issues in the petition are not unique to St Kilda. Ms Carke stated that Fitzroy Street has declined since the Gatwick closed . Ms Clarke acknowledged the wealth of welfare services in the area and requested that the community of St Kilda stop hate, stop fear and be solution focussed.

Jack Halliday:

Mr Halliday spoke in opposition of social housing funds being used to employ private security guards.

Karen Sait:

Ms Slate spoke against the use of security guards, requesting Council lead further engagement with the community to address social and economic status of Fitzroy Street.

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Jennifer Edge:

Ms Edge spoke in support of funds being made available for residents and traders to attend bystander training sessions.

MOVED Crs Gross/Bond

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition and acknowledges the views and genuine concerns of the signatories.
2. Notes that expenditure of the social housing funds as proposed in Recommendation B of the petition would reduce funds available for social housing initiatives.
3. Notes that in relation to Recommendations C and D of the petition, that the CEO is able to write to Minister Neville, Outreach Services and the Alfred Hospital if requested by Council.
4. Continues to advocate to the Victorian and Australian Government to develop and deliver policies, services and programs that improve amenity in the City particularly, Housing and homelessness, drug policy and mental health policy following the Royal Commission.
5. Notes the attached advice from officers in the Briefing Note titled "Managing Social Amenity" (to be attached to these Minutes) on current strategies and initiatives to improve social amenity in Fitzroy St and the City of Port Phillip and that many of these initiatives are on-going, including but not limited to:
 - installation of CCTV cameras in Fitzroy St and surrounding areas and the Foreshore;
 - increased lighting on the Foreshore;
 - a ban of drinking in the streets and pavements;
 - a summer ban of drinking on the Foreshore;
 - advocacy on homelessness including the Homeless Count with neighbouring Councils;
 - Introduction of Port Phillip Zero – a collective impact project working towards functional zero street homelessness for the City
 - Fortnightly "hot spots" meetings with police and support agencies to solve amenity issues
 - facilitation of resident relocation upon the closing of the Gatwick and other rooming houses
 - a large investment of resources and expertise in the placemaking project coordinated by the CEO an acknowledged expert in this area;
 - close and successful coordination and cooperation with the Police by local laws and other parts of Council.
6. Communicates, through the CEO, the outcomes of this resolution to the Petitioner.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

Attachment 1: Managing Social Amenity, is included at Page 26 of these Minutes.



Item 4.2 Joint Letter – Request to Add a Pollution-Free, Car-Free Sunday to City of Port Phillip’s Events Calendar

A Joint Letter was received from a Port Melbourne Family.

The following speaker made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Mike Chambers:

Spoke in support of the Joint letter referencing similar initiative in Mexico and the benefits this could have on our municipality. Mr Chambers also acknowledged the challenges of such an event and highlighted the support he’s received from Council and the community.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Copsey

That Council:

- Receives and notes the Joint Letter.
- Acknowledges the commitment and efforts of the signatories to provide an event that improves the sustainability and wellbeing outcomes of the community.
- Does not support the current proposed event location of Beaconsfield Parade due to the scale, timeframe and complexity of the event management planning required.
- Notes that the applicant can apply for a future community or privately run ‘car free event’ on Beaconsfield Parade through the expression of interest process for a major event permit.
- Notes that Council Officers will further explore opportunities for a ‘car free event’ on a local street with signatories of the Joint Letter.
- Informs the signatories of the Joint Letter of Council’s resolution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

5. SEALING SCHEDULE

Nil.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Jack Halliday:

Mr Halliday asked questions relating to the recent Council declaration of a climate emergency. What is Council doing to upgrade its programs in the light of its recent declaration of the climate emergency and the temperatures we are anticipating over summer? Apart from the longer term measures already mentioned what about the more vulnerable? City of Melbourne nominates 48 locations on it’s cool places map and nearly 100 drinking fountains - can similar information be provided for city of Port Phillip residents this summer?



Lili Rosic, General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development advised that since the declaration by Council of a climate emergency, there was a commitment to provide regular reports through the CEO report regarding what actions Council is taking to implement the climate emergency and Council staff are now embedding the declaration into relevant policies and strategies as outlined in the CEO report, and reviewing opportunities for advocacy with the Victorian and Federal governments. There is also a list of highlights in the CEO report of all Council strategies such as Act and Adapt and Don't Waste It.

Marc Cassanet, Manager Environmental Sustainability further advised that Council has a comprehensive response to climate change through the Act and Adapt Strategy and this does include a range of actions around urban cooling and managing a green/blue infrastructure. Council has a program rolling out water sensitive urban design features, increasing canopy cover, and a number of programs to explore what other opportunities to improve permeability and canopy cover through the public and private realm. City of Port Phillip is one of the first Councils to develop sustainable design standards for the planning scheme and we are looking at further updates as part of the alliance for a sustainable built environment.

Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space and Recreation also advised that there is a Greening Port Phillip strategy which is available on our website. This includes a five year street planting guide, which targets streets that have less than 20 percent cover. This will include a mid-year and full year review of temperatures in our streets.

Tony Keenan, General Manager Community and Economic Development advised that Council funds packs for rough sleepers and our aged care service does welfare checks on clients on extreme heat days. Council also undertakes other initiatives to provide respite. On extreme heat days the City of Port Phillip Library is a public building that provides respite from the heat. Mr Keenan advised that during the most dangerous time of the day in extreme heat, Council last year provided cinema vouchers but are currently looking for other options and working with agencies to find solutions.

Graeme Stuart:

Mr Stuart spoke to a letter he received from Council advising of a change to the heritage overlay of his business in Montague Street, South Melbourne. Mr Stuart asked Council: where the majority of buildings that may have once been heritage buildings have now been substantially altered and redeveloped, why does Council want to now go to a heritage overlay?

Damian Dewar, Manager Strategy and Design advised that report 12.2 Fishermans Bend - Montague Commercial Precinct (Proposed Interim and Permanent Heritage Controls), is to look at a number of properties on City Road in Montague. Several of those properties already have interim heritage controls and part of the resolution of this report is to seek an extension of those controls whilst Council seeks authorisation from the Minister to undertake permanent controls on those properties. Council has also identified a number of adjoining properties that should be included in the heritage overlay and the item on tonight's agenda is the start of that process.

Jennifer Edge:

Ms Edge asked about parking issues and Council's responsibility under the Nuisance Act with regard to by-laws. Ms Edge asked can Council please increase after hours parking issues support beyond 10pm?



Donna D'Alessandro, Manager Safety & Amenity advised that there are 4 parking officer patrolling until midnight most nights. Local laws have a call service until 11pm as well as an afterhours call service in regards to nuisance.

7. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Cr Pearl referred to a recent media article stating that the City of Stonington are spending more than \$300,000 on Christmas decorations and asked how much does the City of Port Phillip spend on Christmas decorations?

Peter Smith, Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

Cr Gross asked Mayor Voss for her reaction to the fact that City of Port Phillip residents can now access Ripponlea gardens for free?

Cr Voss advised that she is delighted by the news and thanked Cr Gross for his efforts to achieve this outcome.

Cr Bond asked how much the free access for residents to Ripponlea Gardens costs Council?

Anthony Traill, Manager Open Space and Recreation advised that in accordance with the resolution in this year's budget, the cost of signing the agreement was \$20,000 and the total subsidy Council would provide to the National Trust for unlimited access this financial year was up to \$50,000 in total based around performances and bonus on visitation.

Cr Bond asked, in which municipality are the Ripponlea Gardens?

Cr Voss advised that Ripponlea Gardens is located in the municipality of Glen Eira.



9.2 Morning of Mourning and Remembrance

Purpose

To report to Council on a proposed 'Morning of Mourning and Remembrance' on the morning of Australia Day 2020 as per the proposal of the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council providing clarity around event details, timing, costs and funding sources.

Parabin-ata Carolyn Briggs made the following submission at the meeting:

Womin djeka. Tonight, I wish to speak in favour of the motion to support the endorsement and funding of the Australia Day Dawn Service to commemorate the traditional owners of this land.

I don't want to get into a debate about the date upon which Australia Day is held – that is a much wider conversation that we will have over the coming years.

The Boon Wurrung are proposing this official ceremony as part of the City of Port Phillip's Australia Day – because we want to be able to stand beside all other Australians – and celebrate our shared history – as Australians united by a common bond.

There is no denying that there is still disadvantage and suffering by Australia's First People – but the past will never be resolved until we can all stand together – acknowledging the past and looking forward to a future together.

The proposal for a Dawn Service will be a symbolic event – bringing the whole community together to commemorate and celebrate the rich diverse culture of the First People of this land.

This is not a ceremony about guilt – it is a ceremony where we can all stand together and pay respect to our ancestors – and the continuation of our living culture. The ceremony will focus on symbolism and respect – renewal and inclusion.

Part of the symbolism of the ceremony will include the important role our women have played in protecting Boon Wurrung culture and society.

For the Boonwurrung women – the purple flower of the kangaroo apple or native hibiscus was worn during ceremony. We are hoping we can build on this symbolism – by using the purple flower worn by our women. We want to create a way in which the whole community can acknowledge and pay homage to our First People.

We are still working on the format of the ceremony – but we have had strong support from many sections of the community.

The Boonwurrung contribution to the City of Port Phillip For many years, the Boonwurrung have taken the initiative of working to share our culture, values and history.

We were probably one of the first to begin attending regular citizenship ceremonies. For many years, I have had the personal pleasure of welcoming new citizens – and I regularly meet past citizens who remember the welcome and thank me for sharing our history and culture.

I also note that this proposal has been endorsed by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and supported by the Australia Day Council. It provides the City of Port Phillip with the opportunity to take a pro-active role in addressing much of the previous conflict that has occurred around this date.

As an Elder of the Boon Wurrung – I have lived in this community for many years and our ancestors' association with this land goes back many thousands of years.



In our society, Elder status is both inherited and earned – and, as the Elder of the Boon Wurrung people, I am asking the Councillors here tonight, to show their respect, to both me and my community, by supporting this proposal.

MOVED Crs Gross/Brand

That Council:

- 3.1 Supports the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council in the development and delivery of a Morning of Mourning & Remembrance Ceremony as part of the City of Port Phillip's 2020 Australia Day celebrations.
- 3.2 Notes that some aspects of the event details are still to be finalised with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC)
- 3.3 Approves up to \$20,000 expenditure to support the Morning of Mourning and Remembrance Ceremony, subject to the CEO finalising event arrangements with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC).
- 3.4 Accepts Australia Day Council funds to be provided to the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC) for cultural delivery aspects of this event.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

8. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

8.1 Presentation of CEO Report - Issue 61

Purpose

To provide Council with a regular update from the Chief Executive Officer regarding Council's activities and performance.

MOVED Crs Gross/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the CEO Report Issue 61 (provided as Attachment 1) including changes to budget forecasts and project portfolio identified in October 2019.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



9. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

9.1 Public Places Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

Purpose

To present the Public Place Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy (Attachment 1) to Council seeking adoption.

MOVED Crs Voss/Baxter

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopts the Public Place Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy (Attachment 1).
- 3.2 Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to Policy to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent.
- 3.3 Designs and implements future street work improvements in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles that consider how physical public space can improve both perceptions of safety and reduce opportunistic crime.
- 3.4 Requests that officers provide an annual public report to council on the use and maintenance of Public Place Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV).

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

10. TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Nil.

11. SUSTAINABILITY

11.1 Review of Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy

Purpose

- 1.1 To update Council on the review of the *Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2018-28* and outline and seek endorsement for new initiatives, including the trialling of new waste collection services, increased advocacy, the imbedding of circular economy principles in Council processes and consultation on the introduction of a Waste and Amenity Levy.

The following speakers made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Rhonda Small:

Ms Small commended Council on implementing the review as a result of the recent declaration of a climate emergency. Ms Small queried the choice in pilot sites for review of FOGO bins.



Rhonda Clarke:

Ms Clarke spoke on behalf of Ratepayers of Port Phillip, highlighting concerns relating to the proposed introduction of a Waste and Amenity Levy and commented that waste costs should remain under the category of core services, and only increased in line with CPI or rates capping.

Robbie Nyaguy:

Mr Nyaguy advised that the review is a good step forward, and echoed previous comments about trialing high density apartments in the City. Mr Nyaguy advised that the introduction of a waste levy should be considered in terms of the rate capping environment as it is important for Council to have options to fund waste initiatives.

MOVED Crs Simic/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorse the development of an advocacy plan in line with the key messages outlined in Attachment 3.
- 3.2 Endorse the trials of additional fixed-term (eight-month) recycling services for kerbside glass recycling, communal glass recycling, food organics and garden organics (FOGO) recycling, and the 12 month trial recycling of street sweeping waste.
- 3.3 Endorse a study investigating worlds best practice solutions for recycling services for existing multi-unit developments.
- 3.4 Notes that the additional operational expenditure of \$157,267 required to fund these initiatives in the 2019/20 financial year will be offset through a forecast underspend in the existing 2019/20 Solar Compactor Bin Program and other savings and the reprioritisation of initiatives within Council's waste services operations.
- 3.5 Notes that additional funding of \$386,033 will be required to be allocated in the 2020/21 Council budget to fund the remainder of the trial initiatives and that this funding is contingent upon the outcomes of Council's annual budget process.
- 3.6 Endorse two additional, fixed-term full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to resource the roll-out of these initiatives. An 8 month role to embed circular economy principles into Council's policies and procedures and an eight-month position for the roll-out of the FOGO trial.
- 3.7 Notes that the circular economy officer position includes investigating potential planning controls to support recycling infrastructure in new multi unit developments.
- 3.8 Endorses community consultation to introduce a Waste and Amenity Levy via the 2020/21 Council Plan and Budget consultation process.

AMENDMENT

MOVED Crs Pearl/Bond

- 3.8 Endorses community consultation to introduce ~~on~~ a Waste and Amenity Levy via the 2020/21 Council Plan and Budget consultation process.

A vote was taken and the AMENDMENT was CARRIED.



SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

That Council:

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- 3.7 Notes that the circular economy officer position includes investigating potential planning controls to support recycling infrastructure in new multi unit developments.
- 3.8 Endorses community consultation on a Waste and Amenity Levy via the 2020/21 Council Plan and Budget consultation process.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Simic called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross, Pearl and Simic

AGAINST: Cr Bond

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



12. PLANNING

12.1 Contract 2207 Drainage Pipe Cleaning Services

Purpose

To present the report of the Tender Evaluation Panel (“TEP”) for the Drainage Pipe Cleaning Services Contract and to recommend the awarding of Contract No. 2207 to Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Awards contract No. 2207 to Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd for a term of two years commencing on 20 January 2020.
- 3.2 Notes the schedule of rates contract value of \$695,301.60 (Inc. GST) in year one, with an estimated cost of \$1.4M (Inc. GST) over the two-year contract term.
- 3.3 Notes that the schedule of rates contract value will be adjusted annually by the All Groups Consumer Price Index, Melbourne.
- 3.4 Affixes the Common Seal of Port Phillip City Council to contract No. 2207 between Council and Citywide Service Solutions Pty Ltd.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

12.2 Fishermans Bend - Montague Commercial Precinct (Proposed Interim and Permanent Heritage Controls)

Purpose

- 1.1 For Council to consider introducing additional heritage controls to the ‘Montague Commercial Precinct’ in Fishermans Bend through:
 - Requesting Ministerial Authorisation to prepare and exhibit Amendment C186port to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme (permanent controls).
 - Requesting the Minister for Planning to extend the interim heritage controls applying to 157-163 Montague Street and 496-510 City Road, South Melbourne, and apply interim heritage protection to 153-157 Montague Street and 530-546 City Road, South Melbourne (Amendment C185port).

MOVED Crs Brand/Voss

That Council:

- 3.1 Resolves to prepare Amendment C186port to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme to introduce new permanent heritage controls to properties within the ‘Montague Commercial Precinct’ in Fishermans Bend (generally in accordance with Attachment 3) by:
 - 3.1.3 Updating the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay (Clause 43.01) and corresponding Heritage Overlay Maps to:



- Apply Heritage Overlay HO513 (Montague Commercial Precinct) to land including 496-546 City Road and 151-163 Montague Street, South Melbourne, on a permanent basis.
 - Remove 512-512A, 516, 518, 522 and 524-528 City Road, South Melbourne from HO442 as the properties will now be included in HO513 on a permanent basis.
 - Remove 157-163 Montague Street and 496-510 City Road, South Melbourne from interim HO442 as the properties will now be included in HO513 on a permanent basis.
- 3.1.4 List the Statement of Significance for the Montague Commercial Precinct in the Schedule to Clause 72.04 (Documents incorporated in this scheme).
- 3.1.5 Amend the *Port Phillip Heritage Review Volumes 1-6* to:
- Include a new precinct Citation for the Montague Commercial Precinct (HO513).
 - Revise existing Citation 2371 relating to the house at 506 City Road, South Melbourne.
 - Remove the Citations 2370 (496-498 City Road, South Melbourne) and 2372 (159-163 Montague Street, South Melbourne) as these places contribute to the significance of the Montague Commercial Precinct but are not of individual significance.
- 3.1.6 Amend the *City of Port Phillip Heritage Policy Map* to apply 'Significant Heritage Place', 'Contributory Heritage Place' and 'Nil / Non-Contributory' heritage gradings to properties in proposed to be included in HO513, in accordance with the heritage gradings detailed in 4.22.
- 3.1.7 Amend the *City of Port Phillip Neighbourhood Character Map* to remove the 'Contributory outside of the Heritage Overlay' grading from 151 Montague Street, South Melbourne (as it is proposed to be included in the heritage overlay).
- 3.1.8 Include the *Fishermans Bend Heritage Review: Montague Commercial Precinct (2019) (RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants, October 2019)* as a background document in Clause 22.04 (Heritage Policy).
- 3.1.9 Make other consequential changes to Clauses 21.07 (Incorporated Documents), Clause 22.04 (Heritage Policy) and the Schedule to Clause 72.04 (Documents incorporated to this Scheme) to update the version number and date of the incorporated documents listed above.
- 3.2 Requests the Minister for Planning to authorise the preparation and exhibition of Amendment C186port to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme, pursuant to Section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- 3.3 Requests the Minister for Planning to prepare and approve Amendment C185port to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme, pursuant to Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to:
- Modify the extent of interim Heritage Overlay 442 (HO442) to also include 151-155 Montague Street and 530-546 City Road, South Melbourne.
 - Extend the expiry date of interim Heritage Overlay 442 (HO442) to 31 October 2020.



- Make changes to the *Port Phillip Heritage Review, City of Port Phillip Heritage Policy Map* and the *City of Port Phillip Neighbourhood Character Map* corresponding to these properties, consistent with the changes proposed in Amendment C186port.
- 3.4 Endorses the *Fishermans Bend Heritage Review: Montague Commercial Precinct 2019 (RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants, 2019) (Attachment 1)* report as the strategic basis for the additional and modified heritage controls proposed in Amendments C186port and C185port.
- 3.5 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the amendment documentation for Amendment C186port and the request for Amendment C185port.
- 3.6 Places Amendment C186port to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme on exhibition, in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, subject to Ministerial Authorisation.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

12.3 Public Space Strategy

Purpose

To present an update on the progress of the Public Space Strategy to Council.

The following speaker made a verbal submission in relation to this item:

Chris Sargood:

Requested that Council establish a dog off lead area at Elwood primary school park during the hours which it is not occupied by the school. Mr Sargood referred to the Clarke street reserve as the only off lead option currently and highlighted the insufficiencies of this area for the purpose of a dog off lead area.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Gross

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the *Public Space Strategy Engagement Summary Report* for public release (Attachment 1).
- 3.2 Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to Policy to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent.
- 3.3 Adopts the draft outcomes for inclusion in the draft Public Space Strategy.
- 3.4 Endorses community consultation on the draft Public Space Strategy to commence in March 2020.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



12.4 Change to planning delegations (5 Dec 2019 - 4 Feb 2020)

Purpose

To delegate to the General Manager City Strategy and Sustainable Development and the Manager City Development powers to enable specific activities to be undertaken during the period of time between the last Council meeting of 2019 and the first Council meeting of 2020.

MOVED Crs Gross/Bond

That Council:

- 3.1 Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer (including the power to on delegate), the power effective for the period 5 December 2019 to 4 February 2020 only:
 - 3.1.1 To provide comments to the Minister for Planning where the Minister is the Responsible Authority for a statutory planning application.
 - 3.1.2 To instruct Council's Statutory Planners and/or Council's solicitors in relation to any application for review lodged with VCAT, or an application for a planning scheme amendment or an application before an Advisory Committee.
 - 3.1.3 To determine planning permit applications or amendments or requests for extensions of time to planning permits within the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area including applications comprising accommodation.
 - 3.1.4 To determine planning permit applications that exceed six storeys in height in the area covered by Sub Precinct 2 in Schedule 26 to the Design and Development Overlay in the Port Phillip Planning Scheme, for the St Kilda Road North Precinct.
 - 3.1.5 To determine all land use, design and structural matters, including amendments and secondary consents to the approved Seabaths Development Plan.
- 3.2 All determinations made during the period 5 December 2019 to 4 February 2020, will be reported to the Planning Committee in the December/January Statutory Planning Delegations Decisions Report.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

13. ARTS CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nil.



14. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE

14.1 Appointments of Councillors to committees

Purpose

To appoint Councillors to special committees, internal community reference (advisory) committees and external committees for the 2020 calendar year.

MOVED Crs Baxter/Simic

That Council:

- 3.1 Makes the appointments of Councillors as representatives to the special committees, community reference (advisory) committees and external committees effective from the date of this resolution until 6am 24 October 2020 unless Council resolves an earlier expiry date (Attachment 1).
 - 3.1.1 Amends Attachment 1 to appoint Cr Copsey to the Community Grants Assessment Panel, and Cr Crawford to the Council Neighbourhood Programs Committee.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Bond

- 3.2 Makes its appointment to the Bubup Womindjeka Family and Children's Centre Board at this Council meeting by a separate Council resolution.
- 3.3 Makes its appointment of a second representative to the HousingFirst Board at this Council meeting by a separate Council resolution, if required.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Bond, Voss, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Pearl

AGAINST: Cr Baxter

ABSTAINED Cr Simic

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Voss

That Council:

- 3.4 Appoints Councillor Voss as the representative effective immediately and Councillor Pearl, if required by the Annual General Meeting, to the Bubup Womindjeka Family and Children's Centre Board from the date of this resolution until 6am 24 October 2020 unless Council resolves an earlier expiry date.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



14.2 Council Plan and Budget 2020/21 - Direction Setting

Purpose

To provide an update on changes in our strategic and operating environment and to seek approval of the 10-Year Financial Outlook and the parameters for the review of the Council Plan and development of the Budget 2020/21.

MOVED Crs Voss/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Considers and notes the outcomes from a preliminary review of the operating environment and strategic risks (Attachment 1).
- 3.2 Endorses the 10-Year Financial Outlook (Attachment 2) and parameters, noting the significant challenge of rates capping and the rates cap gap.
- 3.3 Notes that to maintain our current level of waste services and or introducing new waste services will require the introduction of a Waste and Amenity Levy and/or reduction in other services to maintain financial sustainability.
- 3.4 Notes community consultation on options to deal with the waste and recycling crisis including the introduction of a Waste and Amenity Levy or offsetting reductions in other services via the 2020/21 Council Plan and Budget consultation process.
- 3.5 Confirms not applying to the Essential Services Commission for a variation to the rate cap 2020/21.
- 3.6 Delegates authority to the CEO or their delegate to reflect any changes made by Council at tonight's meeting, which are not reflected in Attachment 2, and to make minor typographical corrections before final publication.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Cr Bond called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey, Crawford, Gross and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

14.3 Inner Melbourne Action Plan - Annual Report 2018-19

Purpose

For Council to note the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Annual Report 2018-2019.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Copsey

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the Inner Melbourne Action Plan Annual Report 2018-19 and makes it available via Council's website.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



14.4 Assembly of Councillors

Purpose

The purpose of this item is to report to Council written records of Assemblies of Councillors at the City of Port Phillip as required by section 80A (2) (a) and (b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

MOVED Crs Pearl/Copsey

That Council:

- 2.1 Receives and notes the written records of Assemblies of Councillors (attached) as required by section 80A (2) (a) and (b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

14.5 Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Chair

Purpose

To appoint a Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee for 2020.

MOVED Crs Crawford/Pearl

That Council:

- 3.1 Appoints Brian Densem to the position of Chairperson of the City of Port Phillip Audit and Risk Committee for 2020.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

14.6 Appointment of acting Mayor

Purpose

To appoint an acting Mayor during the Mayor's absence.

MOVED Crs Copsey/Brand

That Council:

- 3.1 Appoints Councillor Baxter to be acting Mayor during the Mayor's absence from 20 December to 15 January inclusive.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was carried.

Cr Pearl called for a DIVISION.

FOR: Crs Voss, Baxter, Brand, Copsey and Simic

AGAINST: Crs Bond and Pearl

ABSTAINED Crs Crawford and Gross

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.



15. NOTICES OF MOTION

Item 15.1 Cr Copsey – Councillor Contact with Developers and Lobbyists

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

1. Supports regular disclosure of Councillor contact with developers and lobbyists.
2. Requests officers to provide a report to Council with information and examples from other Councils who have established or intend to establish a register disclosing all Councillor contact with developers and with lobbyists who are listed on the Victorian Public Sector Commissioner Register of Lobbyists, to enable this matter to be further considered by Council.

AMENDMENT

MOVED Crs Pearl/Bond

That Council:

1. Supports regular disclosure of Councillor contact with developers, **disclosed donors** and lobbyists.
2. Requests officers to provide a report to Council with information and examples from other Councils who have established or intend to establish a register disclosing all Councillor contact with developers, **disclosed donors** and lobbyists who are listed on the Victorian Public Sector Commissioner Register of Lobbyists, to enable this matter to be further considered by Council.

A vote was taken and the AMENDMENT was CARRIED unanimously.

SUBSTANTIVE MOTION

MOVED Crs Copsey/Baxter

That Council:

1. Supports regular disclosure of Councillor contact with developers, disclosed donors and lobbyists.
2. Requests officers to provide a report to Council with information and examples from other Councils who have established or intend to establish a register disclosing all Councillor contact with developers, disclosed donors and lobbyists who are listed on the Victorian Public Sector Commissioner Register of Lobbyists, to enable this matter to be further considered by Council.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



Item 15.2 Cr Bond – Request to Review Council’s Rating of Small Clubs

Supporting Information

In the 2019/20 Financial year Council has in accordance with its Rating Strategy reduced the discounts applied to the rates of Clubs with Liquor Licences. Some clubs have seen their respective discount reduce from 85% to 25%. This has resulted in some clubs experiencing substantial increases in rates payable. The intent is to reflect the community benefit provided by such clubs via a Community Grants Program. However, the work on the community grants program guidelines is still in progress. It is open to Council to provide a grant to support the smaller, less financially viable organisations this Financial Year while the Community grants guidelines are finalised in time for the 2020/21 Financial Year.

MOVED Crs Bond/Gross

That Council requests officers provide a report to Council in February 2020 on options to mitigate the financial impact on smaller, less financially viable clubs who are experiencing an increase in rates payable due to the reduction of the discounts to the rates of Clubs with Liquor Licences, applied in accordance with Council’s Rating Strategy.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

16. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Nil.

17. URGENT BUSINESS

MOVED Crs Gross/Brand

That Council considers an item of urgent business.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

Item 17.1 Brookes Jetty

Background

Council notes that there have been several significant developments in the Brookes Jetty story.

- The Bring Back Brookes Jetty (hereafter BBBJ) group have been active and effective ever since the demolition of the Jetty and have been funded by the Council for their investigative and advocacy work;
- The Shakespeare Grove drain is at the end of its life and Melbourne Water has begun a process to rebuild it. They have undertaken stakeholder engagement (including with BBBJ) to establish agreed values for the design which were: the desire for something



aesthetically pleasing and, element(s) that keep in character with St Kilda's unique style.

- Melbourne Water have circulated an uncosted but significant series of options to enhance the replacement drain structure which include places to sit, gather and view the sunset.
- Melbourne Water plan to construct the new drain in mid-2021. Rebuilding the drain will involve an allocation of significant resources both for the drainage and liveability aspect of the proposal.
- BBBJ is currently running a global design competition for innovative proposals to replace the old Jetty – the Leighton Prize - which will be judged and awarded in February 2020.
- Council's has an opportunity to deliver on the UDF and involve itself in a significant public infrastructure project at the heart of its most important foreshore precinct.

Accordingly, as a matter of urgency, Council agrees the following.

- BBBJ is to be commended by Council for their ongoing advocacy and success in promoting the Leighton Prize and their advocacy to Melbourne Water.
- Melbourne Water is to be commended for their design ideas and their commitment of funds to an environmentally robust and aesthetic outcome for the drain.
- Council notes that under these proposals a jetty would not be replaced and that the recreational outcomes sought by Bring Back Brookes Jetty would not fully be addressed.

MOVED Crs Gross/Pearl

That Council:

- Meet with appropriate Ministers, including the Minister for Tourism, to commend the work of the Bring Back Brookes Jetty group, and to seek funds from the Victorian Government to contribute to the enhancement of the Melbourne Water Shakespeare Grove drain project.
- Asks that Melbourne Water consider the winning designs of the Leighton Prize in the development of options for rebuilding the Shakespeare Grove drain.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.



18. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

MOVED Crs Voss/Bond

That in accordance with Section 77(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), the meeting be closed to members of the public in order to deal with the following matters, that are considered to be confidential in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Act, for the reasons indicated:

18.1 CEO Delegation - Elwood Park Sport Fields Lighting Upgrade Tender

The information in this report is considered to be confidential in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), as it relates to:
89(2)(d). Contractual matters.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

The meeting was closed to the public at 10.55pm.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 10.57pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10.57pm.

Confirmed: 5 February 2020

Chairperson _____



Item 4.1 Petition – Port Phillip Council to Declare a ‘Social Amenity Crisis in St Kilda’

Attachment 1: Managing Social Amenity

As follows:

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1. Introduction

Council is committed to maintaining the amenity of the municipality and this priority is reflected in the Council plan, which outlines the range of programs and services delivered and funded by Council each year.

Programs and services that directly contribute to the amenity of the municipality include street and beach cleaning; rubbish removal; enforcement of local laws; graffiti management; planning and land use management as well as support for programs to assist those who are homeless.

In addition to the above programs and services, in response to specific community concerns about the vibrancy of Fitzroy Street, in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Council budgets, the Council prioritised Fitzroy Street as part of its Placemaking Program.

The purpose of the Placemaking Program is to work closely with the local community, and over time work together to test and trial different approaches to address the systemic and complex issues currently impacting the vibrancy of Fitzroy Street.

Through the Placemaking Program significant engagement with the community has and continues to occur, and a dedicated place reference group has been formed which has broad representation from the community, including a representative with a lived experience of homelessness, community service providers and Victoria Police. The Place Reference Group have developed a positive and inclusive vision for the future of Fitzroy Street, which has recently been captured in the Fitzroy Street Place Plan.

This briefing provides some background and outlines actions taken to date to improve social amenity in hot spots in the municipality, including Fitzroy Street.

2. Homelessness

2.1 Background

Homelessness is a complex issue which is experienced in many inner-city locations in Victoria, Australia and internationally. Primarily, homelessness occurs due to a lack of appropriately located affordable housing, associated support services and education and employment options. Over the past three years, one of the most commonly received customer enquiries for Fitzroy Street has been a request for Council to respond to visible homelessness. On any given night, there are approximately 107 people sleeping rough across the city, and of these, there can be between 3 and 8 people sleeping rough on Fitzroy Street.

2.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Council allocated \$129,000 through the 2019/20 Council Plan & Budget to support a Port Phillip Zero response to rough sleeping throughout the City. This involves a live 'by name list', which is reviewed fortnightly with the aim of coordinating services to support each person into appropriate housing. It also involves a fortnightly hot spots meeting which has multi-agency and police representation. As part of this project, Council has seconded a rough sleeping outreach worker from Launch Housing who engages in regular (weekly or twice a week) patrols with Council's Local Laws officers, involving an indigenous broker as appropriate. All levers available to the multi-agency project are used to try and secure improved outcomes for people who are homeless and sleeping rough, including those who require and are engaging in relevant treatment with Alfred or Star Health.

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- Officers have worked with local service providers to engage with Indigenous people who are sleeping rough or at risk to provide them with a connection to local services through the Wominjeka BBQ and other activities.
- Officers have facilitated several sessions with service providers to understand the root cause and issues associated with the current lived experience in and around Fitzroy Street and to explore how we could work differently within existing resources.
- Council has and continues to advocate for the establishment of a 'Common Ground' property in a suitable location in the municipality. The Common Ground model involves bringing together a mix of people in a properly managed building that includes spaces for community development, living skills and training activities, office areas for support staff and health professionals and services. The programs administered through the Common Ground model strive to create opportunities for tenants to improve their lives via links to the arts, education, health and social services and sport and fitness and, where possible, employment or volunteering.

3. Police

3.1 Background

The City of Port Phillip has a good relationship with the St Kilda Police Station and works collaboratively to address issues of concern across the municipality.

3.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Council has key contact officers who liaise regularly with Police on a range of matters to ensure that services are co-ordinated and address local needs.
- The Police continue to work in partnership with Council's Local Law Officers on the joint patrols initiative of key hot spots, which has received good feedback from the community.
- The Police have a representative on the Fitzroy Street Place Reference Group.

4. City Amenity Local Laws Management

4.1 Background

The management and enforcement of city amenity local laws is an important service for the municipality. Officers work diligently, professionally and sensitively to administer these laws.

4.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Daily proactive patrol of known streets with the Rapid Response Crew to ensure streets are free from waste and obstructions for the majority of users.
- Weekly proactive patrol of known areas and persons with Council's outreach partner, Launch Housing, offering assistance and access to essential services.
- Weekly proactive patrol of Acland and Fitzroy Streets with Victoria Police Officers to address outstanding matters.
- Attendance at trader and resident group, and 'hotspot' meetings to share local intelligence and discuss a coordinated response action plans for matters as they arise.
- Enforcing Council's glass ban on the foreshore throughout summer.
- Responding to community complaints.



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5. Placemaking

5.1 Background

In response to specific community concerns about the vibrancy of Fitzroy Street, in the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Council budgets, Council prioritised Fitzroy Street as part of the current placemaking program.

5.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Council spent \$142K in 2018/19 and has allocated \$198K in 2019/20 to fund placemaking activities in Fitzroy Street, this includes an allocation in 2019/20 of \$75K to fund an initiative to encourage vacant shop activation.
- Council has employed a dedicated officer to support placemaking activities for Fitzroy Street.
- A range of actions have been undertaken since the establishment of a placemaking project in Fitzroy Street including detailed engagement with stakeholders, regular communication and resolution of a range of issues, place audits, trial of temporary markets, an art installation, a scoping study around vacant properties and opportunities to address these as well as a caretaker seating initiative.
- Over the last year, officers have continued to work closely with all members of the Fitzroy Street Place Reference Group (27 community representatives) to confirm key actions and deliverables, which have been documented within a Place Plan for Fitzroy Street.
- The Fitzroy Street Place Plan was endorsed by the Reference Group on 26 November 2019. The Place Reference Group aspiration is to 'breathe new life to create a Fitzroy Street that is safe, active, expresses our creativity, and that is engaging'.
- In 2019-20 the Place Reference Group and Placemaking Team have and will focus on several key actions:
 - Love My Place Grants Program with a total of \$55,000 available to encourage activations, events, initiatives or projects;
 - Running a program to activate vacant shops and commercial frontages with creators and makers. Awaiting matched Creative Victoria funding;
 - The ongoing promotion of the Luminous Public Art exhibition;
 - Publicly accessible seating trial;
 - Working together with the local business association on their Special Rate program;
 - Repeating the Fitzroy Street Place Audits, 12 months on; undertaking further pedestrian counts and Net Promoter Score (NPS) measurements.



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6. Rubbish

6.1 Background

Over the past three years, a common customer service request across Fitzroy, Acland and Carlisle Streets has been concerns around rubbish left in these areas and requests for Council to remove it. These customer service requests range from concerns around general litter, to unattended items, cardboard, furniture and blankets.

Concerns around rubbish and the impact this has on the amenity of the area has also been identified through Council's placemaking engagement. For example, in a place audit of Fitzroy Street conducted in November 2018, the area of Culture and Pride (Grey to Acland Street) was rated lowest of all areas on Fitzroy Street in terms of rubbish and general cleanliness.

6.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Council allocated \$246K through the 2019/20 Council Plan & Budget to establish a Rapid Response Crew who can quickly attend areas in the municipality that require a cleaning response. Now, each day, the Rapid Response Crew attend Fitzroy Street with Council's local laws staff to remove rubbish. The Rapid Response Crew are removing approximately one truck load of material from across the municipality per day, this equates to two hundred kilograms of loose material. A new truck has been purchased for the Rapid Response Crew, which will be fitted with pressure washing equipment, this will enable additional pressure washing to occur more quickly as currently a separate pressure washing truck is used for this purpose.
- A night shift street sweeper cleans the road way and footpath each night as well as undertaking pressure washing. The latter is sometimes not able to occur if people are sleeping rough in the area.
- Additional unfixed bins have been placed next to fixed bins along Fitzroy Street as part of Council's Summer Management program. Officers are currently exploring alternatives to the additional unfixed bins installed as part of the Summer Management Campaign, as while the additional bins are well serviced (emptied twice daily over summer) their mobile nature means they are prone to being moved and misused, especially overnight. This can create poor visual amenity, servicing and access issues with being lost, improperly placed or tipped over.

7. Graffiti management

7.1 Background

Graffiti has a significant impact on the amenity of a place.

7.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Council's current graffiti removal contract offers a free removal service to the community for graffiti to occupied property where the graffiti is accessible within three meters of ground level. Council currently commits to responding to Community requests for graffiti removal within 10 days.

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- Council have endorsed an increase of service levels in graffiti removal as part of a new graffiti removal contract scheduled to commence in March 2020. This will see graffiti removal patrols along Fitzroy Street, with contractors attending every week day to remove graffiti to Council assets and private property within the remit of approved policy.

8. Footpath

8.1 Background

As part of the Council's placemaking engagement the community raised concerns about the state of the footpath on parts of Fitzroy Street.

8.2 Actions Taken to Date

- Council allocated \$470K through the 2018/19 and 2019/20 Council Plan & Budget to fund the repair and maintenance of the footpath on Fitzroy Street. The footpath repairs on the south side have been mostly completed, including all tree square renewals. There are only a couple of small defects on this side to repair and some locations requiring saw cutting of newly placed concrete to match the pattern of the existing pavement. There are also a few minor sections of the footpath to be replaced on the north side, alongside Woolworths and the Bowling Club. Council's contractors are currently programming the remaining sections and are aiming for the completion in December / January. As the works are mostly at the non-trading end, there is no disruption to business anticipated.