

Public Question Time

Questions from Jennifer Edge

- 1 In relation to the City of Port Phillip access network funding and objectives, what are their responsibilities to members like myself who have lacked ongoing service from that group for two and a half years?
- 2 In relation to the City of Port Phillip communication avenues, pre COVID and during the COVID period it has been very difficult for me as I rely on hard copies. Can the Council provide an update on why I have not been provided with access to information relating to meetings that have occurred since October 2019?
- 3 The St Kilda Drumming community incorporates everybody in the community including the itinerate and the disadvantaged and has been instrumental during COVID giving people a sense of community. What support does Council offer the drumming community?
- 4 Since October 2019, I have requested for hard copies of the responses to questions that I have asked, that were taken on notice. Can these be provided by Council?
- 5 Since prior to 2018, there have been ongoing issues with the rotary children's playground and Stokehouse. The rotary playground's full lighting has not been restored, and there are ongoing issues with bins being temporarily removed by surrounding hospitality venues. While the bins are removed and not available for the public to use, this is resulting in litter on the foreshore. Can Council provide me with an update with these issues?

Responses

- 1 Thank you for your query regarding the future for "CoPPAN funding and objectives". These objectives continue to be incorporated in the Council Plan, including the 2021-2031 Plan that is currently in draft. Historically the MetroAccess Officer role has supported the delivery of the Access Network with funding from State Government, namely the Building Inclusive Communities Program. State Government no longer provides this funding to Council. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the model that provides for this. The functions of the MetroAccess Officer role are currently being transitioned to other roles across Council, to integrate these functions rather than have a disability specific Officer role.
- 2 Council has arrangements in place for distribution of hard copy council meetings documents. The Governance and Community Building and Inclusion teams have met with Ms Edge to review these arrangements and identify further opportunities to assist Ms Edge in obtaining Council communications in hard copy in the future.
- 3 City of Port Phillip offers an annual Community Grants Program that supports community strengthening projects and programs. This competitive grants program will open July 5 for delivery of projects in the 2022 calendar year. Further information will be made public late June 2021.
- 4 Hard Copies of all Responses to questions taken on notice raised by Ms Edge since October 2019 have been provided to Ms Edge.

- 5 The Rotary playground design is currently being adjusted to avoid impacting underground services identified prior to tendering the works. A updated delivery timeframe will be announced when the design adjustments are completed. Council provides enhanced services to support increased visitation and public space use during the summer months. Additional waste bins and cleaning is programmed along the entire foreshore including Rotary Park and St Kilda beach. It is a requirement for hospitality to have their own waste strategy. Council will monitor these bins at Rotary Park next Summer based on this feedback.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*