

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Isaac Hermann:

- 1) Requested an update on the delays of the Elwood Canal's one way valve installations. What needs to be done to expedite this measure?
- 2) Requested a timeline for review of subplans 1 and 4 of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan in relation to emergency shelter for Elwood residents in the event of an emergency.

Response

- 1) *Plans were submitted and application fee paid to obtain a permit with Melbourne Water online approximately 5 weeks ago. We were advised at the time it was a 90 day process. If the permit application is successful we will order the valves and install them. This will be approximately an 8 week process because some pipes will need to be raised, and others need to be replaced due to condition.*
- 2) *The Flood Emergency Plan Sub Plan 1 and the Municipal Emergency Relief (& Recovery) Centre Guide Sub Plan 4 documents are currently being reviewed. Both sub plans are to be submitted to the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) on the 25th October 2017 for final review.*

Please note that the Municipal Emergency Relief (& Recovery) Centre Guide is used as an internal document for the MEMPC and not available for the community. The document contains a list of appropriate emergency relief centres which are only activated when a decision is made by the MEMPC to utilise a City of Port Phillip facility/site in an event of an emergency.

Appropriate emergency relief centres are identified after consideration of a range of factors. These include:

- location relative to current and anticipated population concentrations in the municipal area*
- capacity – both for day usage and potential overnight accommodation*
- having sufficient distance from potential risks or threats to the site and its surrounding area (for example, in a flood situation selection of a site away from area prone to flooding)*
- normal usage and availability*
- contractual or lease arrangements for the site (particularly for sites that are not owned or run by the municipal council), and whether they stipulate that the facility can be taken over and used as an emergency relief centre*
- availability at short notice with 24-hour access*

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