

Ordinary Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday 12 December 2022

Commenced at 7:00 PM

**Council Chambers
20 Siding Avenue, Officer
Victoria**

Members: Cr Tammy Radford Mayor
Cr Jack Kowarzik Deputy Mayor
Cr Kaye Cameron
Cr Stephanie Davies
Cr Jeff Springfield
Cr Graeme Moore
Cr Collin Ross
Cr Brett Owen
Cr Carol Ryan

Officers:

Peter Benazic	General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
Lili Rosic	General Manager Liveable Communities
Debbie Tyson	General Manager Governance, Facilities and Economy
Jenny Scicluna	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Doug Evans	Manager Governance
Jack Coogan	Governance Officer

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1 Opening And Reflection/Prayer

Meeting opened at 5:56pm.

Moved Cr More seconded Cr Springfield

That the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider a personal matter as provided for in Section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.

Carried

At the conclusion of the confidential item the meeting was adjourned until 7:00pm.

I would ask those gathered to join us now for a few moments of silence as we reflect on our roles in this chamber. Please use this opportunity for reflection, Prayer or thought, to focus on our shared intention to work respectfully together for the well-being of our whole community.

2 Acknowledgements

Cardinia Shire Council acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

3 Apologies

Nil.

4 Adoption And Confirmation Of Minutes

Moved Cr Collin Ross, seconded Cr Jack Kowarzik

That minutes of the following meetings be confirmed:

- General Council meeting 21 November 2022
- Town Planning Committee 5 December 2022

Carried

5 Declaration Of Interests

Nil.

6 Ordinary Business

6.1 Town Planning Reports

6.1.1 28 Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Upper

Responsible GM: Lili Rosic
Author: Frances Stipkovic

Recommendation(s)

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant Planning Permit T210780 for a three (3) lot subdivision and removal of native vegetation at 28 Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Upper 3808 subject to the following conditions:

Plans required:

1. Before the plan of subdivision is certified under the Subdivision Act 1988, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application prepared by Brian Watson Surveying, Version 4 but modified to show:
 - a. A 2.0m wide drainage easement, in favour of Council, aligned along the northern boundaries of Lots 1 and 2, and extending 2.0m into Lot 3 to allow lots to drain and connect to Council's existing drainage network at the western boundary
 - b. Location of minimum width 3.5m crossover to Lot 2 and 3, extending to minimum width 4.7m at the edge of the road, and associated amendments to the Arborist Report and associated assessment of impacts to TPZ/SRZ. If required, alternate construction methods must be advised within the contents of the Arborist Report.
 - c. An amended Bushfire Management Plan to reflect consistency of lot sizes and dimensions in accordance with the proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 4).

General Conditions

2. The layout of the subdivision, as shown on the approved plans, must not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the Responsible Authority.
3. All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.
4. The owner of the subject land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity, gas and telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.
5. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the *Subdivision Act 1988* must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.

6. Reticulated water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities and underground electricity, gas and telecommunication services and fibre optic cable conduits must be provided to each lot shown on the endorsed plan.
7. The owner of the land must enter into an agreement with:
 - a. a telecommunications network or service provider for the provision of telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and
 - b. a suitably qualified person for the provision of fibre ready telecommunication facilities to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with any industry specifications or any standards set by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the land is in an area where the National Broadband Network (NBN) will not be provided by optical fibre.
8. Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance for any stage of the subdivision under the *Subdivision Act 1988*, the owner of the land must provide written confirmation from:
 - a. A telecommunications network or service provider that all lots are connected to or are ready for connection to telecommunications services in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and
 - b. A suitably qualified person that fibre ready telecommunications facilities have been provided in accordance with any industry specifications or any standards set by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the land is in an area where the National Broadband Network will not be provided by optical fibre.
9. The slope of batters, both cut and fill, must not exceed 2:1 (horizontal: vertical) or, where this is not practicable, batters must be stabilised by other means to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Public Open Space Contribution

10. Before a statement of compliance is issued under the Subdivision Act 1988, a sum equivalent to 5% per cent of the site value of all the subject land in the subdivision must be paid to the Responsible Authority.

Vegetation Removal

11. Before any native vegetation is removed and prior to the issuing of a Statement of Compliance, to offset the removal of 0.057 hectares of native vegetation the permit holder must secure a native vegetation offset, in accordance with the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation (DELWP 2017) as specified below:
 - a. A general offset of 0.009 general habitat units:
 - i. located within the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA boundary or the Cardinia Shire municipal district
 - ii. with a minimum strategic biodiversity score of at least 0.104. iii. and 12 large trees
 - b. Evidence that the required offset for the development has been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. This evidence is one or both of the following:
 - i. an established first party offset site including a security agreement signed by both parties, and a management plan detailing the 10 year management actions and ongoing management of the site. The applicant must provide the annual offset site report to the responsible

authority by the anniversary date of the execution of the offset security agreement, for a period of 10 consecutive years. After the tenth year, the landowner must provide a report at the reasonable request of a statutory authority. AND/OR

- ii. credit extract(s) allocated to the permit from the Native Vegetation Credit Register. A copy of the offset evidence will be endorsed by the responsible authority and form part of this permit.

Within 30 days of endorsement of the offset evidence by the responsible authority, a copy of the endorsed offset evidence must be provided to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Tree Protection

12. During subdivision works and before vehicle access works start, a fence must be erected around any tree shown for retention within 15 metres of the accessway/ crossover works for each Lot. This fence will protect the trees by demarcating the tree protection zone and must be erected at a radius of $12 \times$ the diameter at a height of 1.3 metres to a maximum of 15 metres but no less than 2 metres from the base of the trunk of the trees, excepting the approved area of encroachment for construction as shown on endorsed plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The protection fence must be constructed of chain mesh or similar to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The protection fence must remain in place until all works are completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority, within the tree protection zone, the following are prohibited:
 - a. vehicular access.
 - b. trenching or soil excavation.
 - c. storage or dumping of any soils, materials, equipment, vehicles, machinery or waste products.
 - d. entry and exit pits for underground services.
 - e. any other actions or activities that may result in adverse impacts to retained native vegetation.
13. Tree protection measures described in Section 8 of the Arborist Report prepared by Bluegum Consulting (VER: 02/22) must be followed and form part of this permit.

Engineering

14. Before the Statement of Compliance is issued, appropriate driveway access and drainage connection points must be provided to all lots to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
15. Before a Statement of Compliance is issued, all services, including drainage and/or sewerage, servicing any existing dwelling or building on the lot(s), must be relocated (if required) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, to ensure that they do not cross the boundaries between the proposed lots.

Bushfire Management/Country Fire Authority

16. Before the statement of compliance is issued under the Subdivision Act 1988 the owner must enter into an agreement with the responsible authority under Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The agreement must:
 - State that it has been prepared for the purpose of an exemption from a planning permit under Clause 44.06-2 of the Cardinia Planning Scheme.
 - Incorporate the plan prepared in accordance with Clause 53.02-4.4 of this planning scheme and approved under this permit.

- State that if a dwelling is constructed on the land without a planning permit that the bushfire protection measures set out in the plan incorporated into the agreement must be implemented and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority on a continuing basis.

The land owner must pay the reasonable costs of the preparation, execution and registration of the Section 173 Agreement.

Endorsement of Bushfire Management Plan

17. The Bushfire Management Plan, Version 1, dated 06/10/2021 and prepared by Firefront Consultancies, must be endorsed by the Responsible Authority, be included as an annexure to the Section 173 Agreement prepared to give effect to Clause 44.06-5 of the Planning Scheme and must not be altered unless agreed to in writing by CFA and the Responsible Authority

Additional matters to be set out in the Section 173 agreement

18. In addition to the requirements of Clause 44.06-5 of the Scheme, the Section 173 Agreement prepared in accordance with that clause must also:
 - a. Explicitly exclude Lot 1 from the following exemption under Clause 44.06-2 of the Scheme
“A building or works consistent with an agreement under Section 173 of the Act prepared in accordance with a condition of permit issued under the requirements of Clause 44.06-5”.

AusNet

19. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification must be referred to AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd in accordance with Section 8 of the subdivision Act 1988.
20. The applicant must –
 - a. Enter into an agreement with AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd for the extension, upgrading or rearrangement of the electricity supply to lots on the plan of subdivision. A payment to cover the cost of such work will be required.
 - b. Provide electricity easements internal and external to the subdivision in favour of AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd to service the lots on the plan of subdivision and/or abutting lands as required by AusNet Electricity Services Pty Ltd. The provision of reserves for electricity substations may also be required.

South East Water

Potable water

21. The owner of the subject land must enter into an agreement with South East Water for the provision of drinking water supply and fulfil all requirements to its satisfaction.

Sewer

22. The owner of the subject land must enter into an agreement with South East Water for the provision of sewerage and fulfil all requirements to its satisfaction.

General

23. All lots on the Plan of Subdivision are to be provided with separate connections to our drinking water supply and pressure sewerage systems.
24. The certified Plan of Subdivision should show E1 to be a water supply easement over the existing 100mm South East Water water main located within the land, to be in favour of South East Water Corporation pursuant to Section 12(1) of the Subdivision Act.

Expiry:

25. This permit will expire if:

- a. The subdivision is not commenced within **two (2) years** of the date of this permit;
or
- b. The subdivision is not completed within **five (5) years** of the date of commencement.

(Note: The starting of the subdivision is regarded by Section 68(3A) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 as the certification of a plan, and completion is regarded as the registration of the plan.)

.In accordance with Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, an application may be submitted to the Responsible Authority for an extension of the periods referred to in this condition.

Permit NotesAmended Plans

Upon receipt of amended plans in accordance with Condition 1(c), consent will be obtained from the CFA prior to endorsement in accordance with Condition 17.

Council Engineering

- A 'Vehicle Crossing Permit' must be obtained from Council prior to the commencement of any works associated with the proposed vehicle crossing.

AusNet

- It is recommended that, at an early date the applicant commences negotiations with AusNet Services for a supply of electricity in order that supply arrangements can be worked out in detail, so prescribed information can be issued without delay (the release to the municipality enabling a Statement of Compliance with the conditions to be issued).
- Arrangements for the supply will be subject to obtaining the agreement of other Authorities and any landowners affected by routes of the electric power lines required to supply the lots and for any tree clearing.
- Prospective purchasers of lots on this plan should contact this office to determine the availability of a supply of electricity. Financial contributions may be required.
- For all enquiries please email: subdivisions@ausnetservices.com.au

South-East Water

- The following is offered for information only:
 - The owner of the subject land is required to obtain a 'Notice of Agreement' from South East Water.
 - All requirements must be fulfilled to its satisfaction prior to South East Water consenting to the issuing of a Statement of Compliance.
- Agreement Options
The following South East Water agreement options are available:
 - 1) Application to enter into a Development Agreement-Works – If South East Water reticulated sewer/water/recycled water (as applicable) is required to be extended to service lots within the development

- 2) Application For Notice of Agreement Subdivision-Non Works – If South East Water reticulated sewer/water/recycled water (as applicable) is available to the development and the owner only requires Statement of Compliance to release the titles (i.e. subdivision prior to building)
- 3) Plumbing Industrial, Commercial, Units & Private Water application – If South East Water reticulated sewer/water/recycled water (as applicable) is available to the development and the owner wishes to commence construction of the building/s (i.e. building prior to subdivision)

To lodge an application please visit our website: www.southeastwater.com.au.
If you have any enquires please contact Kate Kennedy on +613 9552 3243.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

Application no.:	T210780
Applicant:	Brian Watson Surveying Pty Ltd
Land:	28 Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Upper 3808
Proposal:	Three (3) lot subdivision and removal of vegetation
Planning controls:	Clause 32.09 - Neighbourhood Residential Zone (Schedule 1) Clause 42.02 - Vegetation Protection overlay (Schedule 2) Clause 43.01 - Heritage Overlay (Schedule 71) Clause 43.02 - Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 2) Clause 44.06 - Bushfire Management Overlay (Schedule 2)
Notification & objections:	Pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the application was advertised by placing signs on site and sending notices to nearby property owners and occupiers. A total of 61 objections received at the time of writing this report.
Key planning considerations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subdivision pattern • Vegetation removal • Heritage • Bushfire particulars
Recommendation:	That a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued, subject to conditions within this report.

Background

2017 - Planning Application T170509 for removal of native vegetation was lodged in August 2017, and subsequently issued in December 2017. This vegetation regarded vegetation within the front setback to Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, and the permit has been acted on and is

deemed complete. Vegetation discussed within this report is separate to the vegetation considered under T170509.

2021 - Planning Application T210527 for the use of the land for the sale and consumption of liquor was lodged in July 2021 and issued in October 2021.

2021 - Planning Application T210780 (this application) which sought approval for a three lot subdivision and removal of native vegetation was submitted on 12th October 2021 and was subsequently amended via Section 50A of the *Planning and Environment Act* to include removal of native vegetation on 29th April 2022.

The application proceeded to Notice (advertising) in June 2022 and a total of 61 objections have been received at the time of writing this report.

2022 - Planning Application T220102 for extension to a red line area associated with the existing liquor licence for the food and drink premises was lodged in February 2022 is currently under assessment. This application has no bearing on the application forming part of this report.

Subject Site

The 1,738 sqm subject site is situated on eastern side of Beaconsfield – Emerald Road (and associated service road) with a frontage of 30.48m and is located on the north-east side of the Beaconsfield – Emerald Road and Halford Street intersection. The secondary frontage to Halford Street is 75.20m in length.

The site is presently subject to a single-storey weatherboard building, used as a food and drink premises known as *'Over the Road'* with associated outbuildings and outdoor dining areas focused on the western portion of the land closest to Beaconsfield – Emerald Road. The remaining central and eastern portions are generally vacant except for a small outbuilding located along the southern property boundary in the south – east corner (denoted as a 'cage' on the existing survey plan).

There is an approximate 2m fall from south to north across the site, and a 4.86m wide easement is located along the southern property boundary. It is noted there is a discrepancy between the location of existing fencing and the property boundaries as noted on title.



Figure 1 - Aerial imagery of the subject site (in blue) and the immediate surrounds (Nearmap, February 2022)

To the immediate west is Beaconsfield – Emerald Road (and associated service Road), and further west are additional commercial buildings reflecting the zoning of the land and eclectic lot sizes.

To the immediate north and east of the site is 30 Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, being the Upper Beaconsfield CFA Fire Station which incorporates dual access to both Beaconsfield – Emerald Road and Halford Street. Further north and east are dwellings reflecting the zoning of the surrounds.

To the immediate south is Halford Street which incorporates several canopy trees within an extended road reserve. This vegetation is detailed further within this report. Further south are additional dwellings reflecting the zoning of the land.



Figure 2 - Aerial imagery of subject site (blue) and the wider surrounds (Nearmap, February 2022)

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

Proposal

The proposal regards subdivision of land into three lots, and removal of native vegetation,

Subdivision

The proposed subdivision is to result in three lots as follows:

- Lot 1 – A 737m² lot located on the corner of Beaconsfield – Emerald Road and Halford Street, to incorporate the existing buildings associated with the food and drink premises.
- The lot will have a frontage of 30.48m to Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, and a secondary 37.10m frontage to Halford Road
- Lot 2 – A 500m² rectangular lot, with a frontage of 19.55m to Halford Street, with a lot depth of 25.58m
- Lot 3 – A 500m² rectangular lot, with a frontage of 19.55m to Halford Street, with a lot depth of 25.58m

Each lot is to be burdened by the existing 4.88m wide easement along the southern boundary of the parent lot.

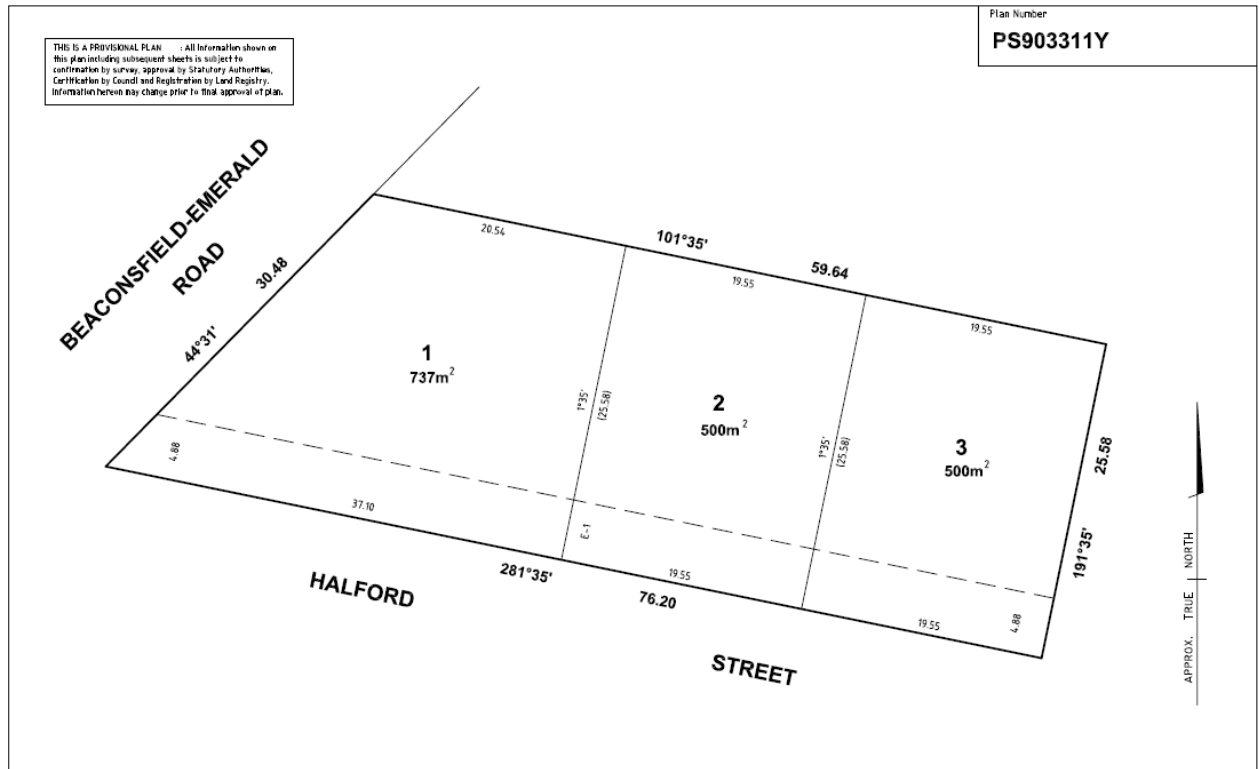


Figure 3 - Proposed plan of subdivision, prepared by Brian Watson Surveying (Version 4).

Vegetation Removal

A total of 28 trees have been assessed as part of this application, inclusive of all trees within the subject site, all relevant trees within the road reserve within proximity to proposed crossovers, and within adjoining properties located near to shared property boundaries.

A total of 10 trees are proposed to be removed, inclusive of seven (7) trees (trees 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) within the Halford Street Road Reserve to accommodate proposed crossovers to service the subdivision. The remaining three (3) trees to be removed (Trees 23, 24, 25) are located within the subject site. These trees vary in specimen, age, condition, life expectancy and retention value, and it is noted not all trees proposed to be removed require a planning permit.

The provision of tree removal is best reflected by Table 1 of the provided Arborist Report, prepared by Bluegum Consultancy (Version 02/22, dated 15th February 2022) forming part of the application material:

Table 1: Trees to be removed:

Tree #	Common & Botanical names	Origin	Age	ULE	Retention value	Comments	Recommendations	Permit required
7	<i>Acacia dealbata</i> (Silver Wattle)	Locally occurring	Late mature	Removal (0-5 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST	Remove tree	Yes
10	<i>Acacia spp</i> (Wattle)	Australian native	Mature	Short (5-15 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST	Remove tree	Yes
11	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> (Green leaf Cherry)	Environmental weed	Early mature	Medium (15-40 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST	Remove tree	No
13	<i>Acacia dealbata</i> (Silver Wattle)	Locally occurring	Mature	Medium (15-40 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST	Remove tree	Yes
14	<i>Acacia dealbata</i> (Silver Wattle)	Locally occurring	Mature	Medium (15-40 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST, Bifurcated main trunk	Remove tree	Yes
15	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i> (Blackwood)	Locally occurring	Early mature	Medium (15-40 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST	Remove tree	Yes
16	<i>Acacia implexa</i> (Lightwood)	Locally occurring	Over-mature	Removal (0-5 years)	3rd Party Tree	ST	Remove tree	Yes
23	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i> (Holly)	Environmental weed	Mature	Medium (15-40 years)	Low		Remove and replace	No
24	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> (Horse Chestnut)	Introduced	Mature	Short (5-15 years)	Low	Lower & mid trunk decay	Remove and replace	Yes
25	<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i> (Sweet Pittosporum)	Environmental weed	Early mature	Medium (15-40 years)	Low		Remove and replace	No

Figure 4 - Arborist Report identifying trees to be removed (Bluegum Consultancy, 15/02/2022)

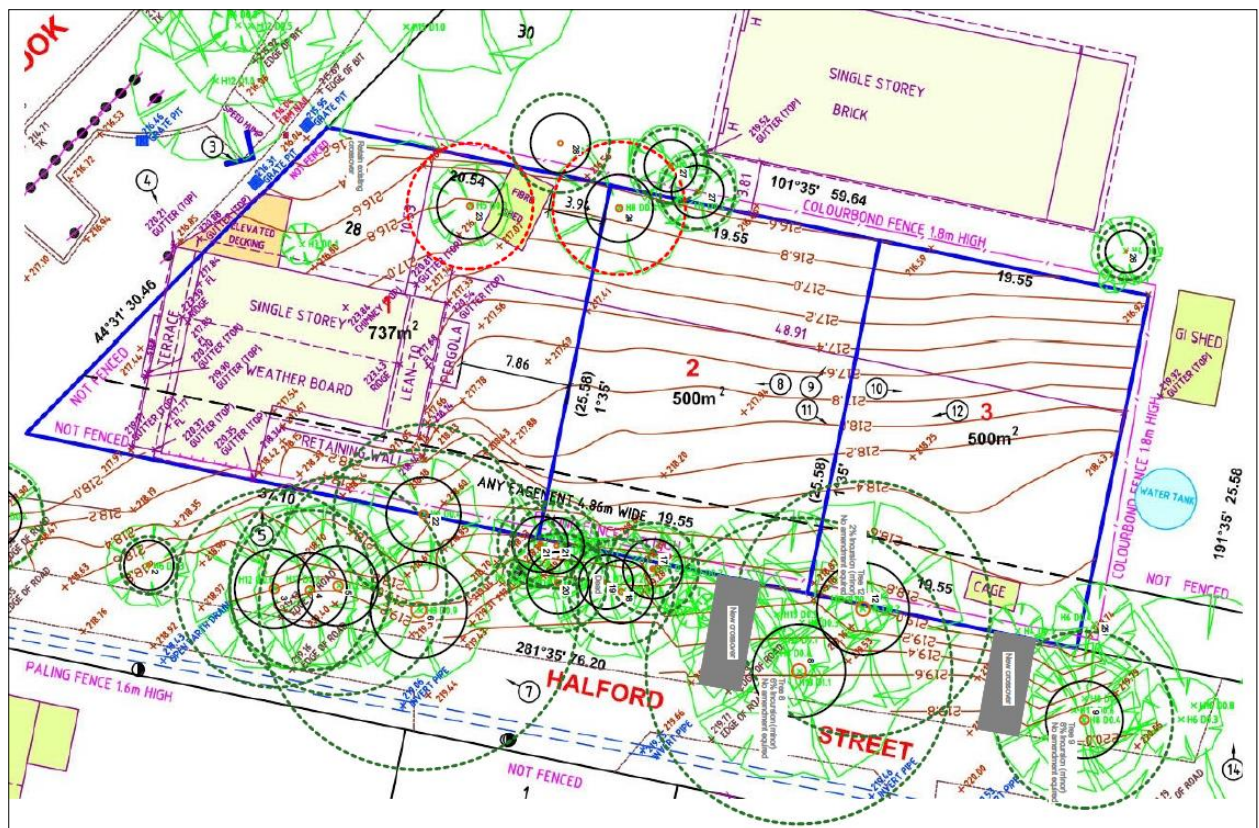
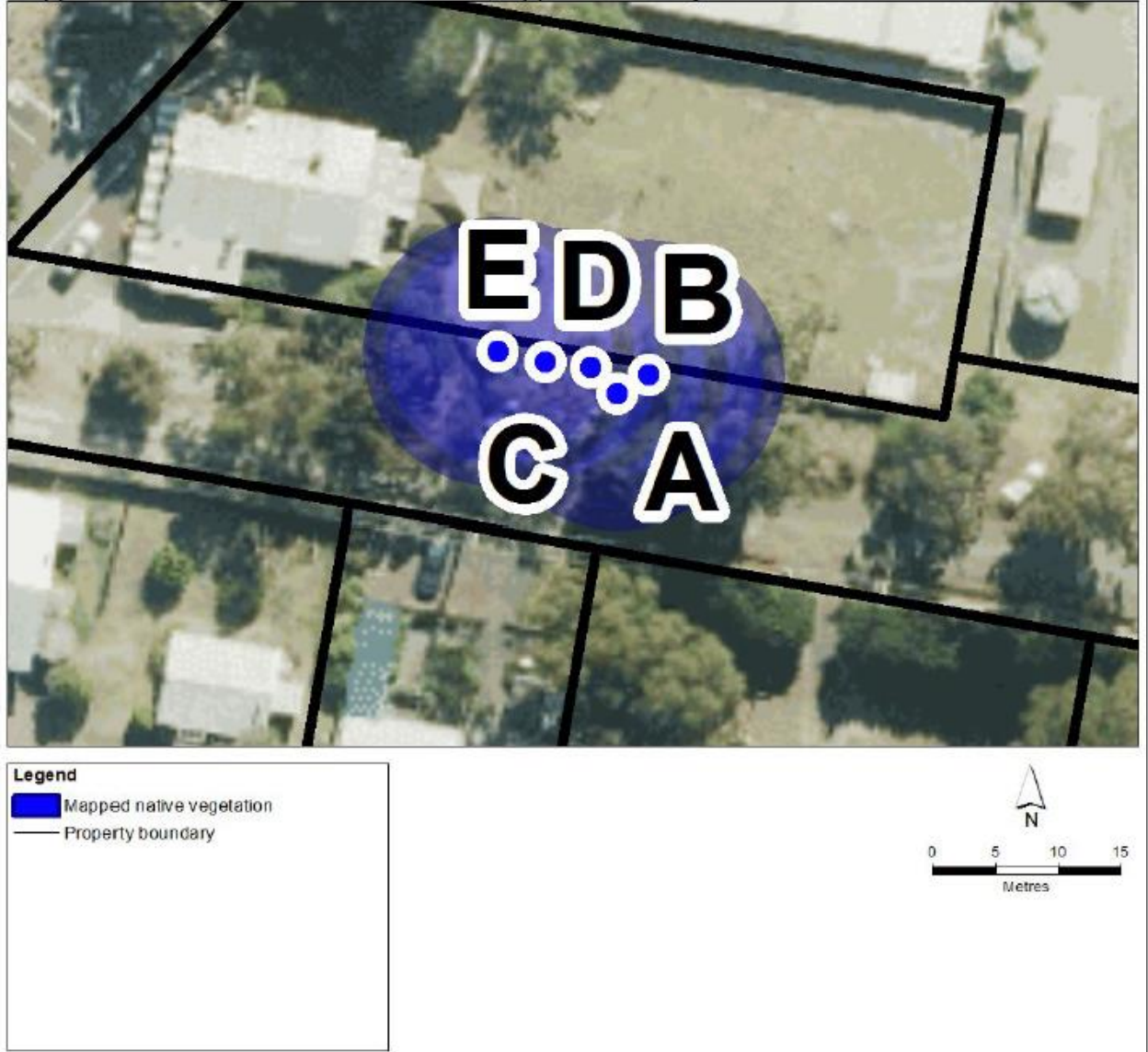


Figure 5 - Plan identifying location of trees with proposed crossover locations shown in grey (Bluegum Consultancy, 15/02/2022)

Some of the proposed vegetation to be removed also required vegetation removal offset requirement in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Removal, Destruction or Lopping of native Vegetation (DELWP)*.

The offset requirement for this proposal regards 0.009 general habitat units, with a minimum strategic biodiversity score of 0.104. This matter is detailed later within this report.

Mapped native vegetation to be removed, lopped or destroyed



Planning Scheme Provisions

Zone

The land is subject to the following zones:

- Neighbourhood Residential Zone – Schedule 1

Overlays

The land is subject to the following overlays:

- Bushfire Management Overlay – Schedule 2
- Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 2
- Heritage Overlay – Schedule 71
- Vegetation Protection Overlay – Schedule 2

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

The relevant clauses of the PPF are:

- Clause 11 Settlement, and specifically Clause 11.01-1S Settlement and Clause 11.02-1S Supply of Urban Land

- Clause 12 Environmental and Landscape Values, and specifically Clause 12.01-1S Protection of Biodiversity and Clause 12.01-2S Native Vegetation Management
- Clause 13 Environmental Risks and Amenity, and specifically Clause 13.02-1S Bushfire Planning
- Clause 15 Built Environment and Heritage, and specifically Clause 15.01-3S Subdivision Design, Clause 15.01-4S Healthy Neighbourhoods and Clause 15.03-1S Heritage Conservation
- Clause 16 Housing, and specifically Clause 16.01-1S Housing Supply
- Clause 19 Infrastructure, and specifically Clause 19.03-2S Infrastructure Design and Provision, and Clause 19.03-3S Integrated Water Management.

Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF)

The relevant clauses of the PPF are:

- Clause 21 Municipal Strategic Statement, and specifically Clause 21.01 Cardinia Shire Key Issues and Strategic Vision, Clause 21.02 Environment, Clause 21.03 Settlement and Housing, Clause 21.05 Infrastructure and Clause 21.07-4 Upper Beaconsfield.

Particular / .General Provisions and Incorporated / Reference Documents

The relevant provisions / documents are:

- Clause 52.12 Bushfire Protection Exemptions
- Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation
- Clause 52.29 Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network
- Clause 53.01 Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision
- Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning
- Clause 53.18 Stormwater Management in Urban Development
- Clause 56 Residential Subdivision
- Clause 65 Decision Guidelines
- Clause 66 Referral and Notice Provisions
- Upper Beaconsfield Township Strategy, July 2009 (Incorporated Document)

Planning Permit Triggers

The proposal to subdivide land into three (3) lots and remove native vegetation requires a planning permit under the following clause of the Cardinia Planning Scheme:

- Pursuant to Clause 32.09-3 of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, a planning permit is required to subdivide land.
- Pursuant to Clause 44.06-2 of the Bushfire Management Overlay, a planning permit is required to subdivide land
- Pursuant to Clause 43.02-3 of the Design and Development Overlay, a planning permit is required to subdivide land
- Pursuant to Clause 43.01-1 of the Heritage Overlay, a planning permit is required to subdivide land
- Pursuant to Clause 42.02-2 of the Vegetation Protection Overlay, a planning permit is required to remove vegetation
- Pursuant to Clause 52.17-1 of Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation, a planning permit is required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation.
- Pursuant to Clause 52.29-2 of Clause 52.29 Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network, a planning permit is required to subdivide land adjacent to a road in a Transport 2 Zone

Public Notification

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of adjoining and nearby land; and
- Placing a sign on site.

The notification has been carried out correctly, and the statutory declaration has been submitted to Council on 27 June 2022.

Council has received 61 submissions at the time of writing this report.

The key themes and issues raised in the objections are summarised and paraphrased below:

- Proposed lot sizes are too small and not in keeping with the surrounding neighbourhood subdivision pattern
- Access concerns for newly created lots
- Halford Street being able to accommodate additional traffic
- Reduction in wildlife habitat
- Lack of appropriate infrastructure to service additional lots

A number of matters raised that are not relevant to the application at hand (or those that do not have planning merit) are summarised and paraphrased below:

- Road widths, Council's capital works program and pedestrian safety in Beaconsfield Upper
- Future design of built form occupying the lots
- Use parameters for the current food and drink premises located on the site
- Impact on CFA operations
- The site should be subject to different zones and overlays
- Impact to property values

One (1) submission has been submitted in support of the proposal for the following reason:

- The proposal responds to strategies within the Upper Beaconsfield Township Strategy 2009 to provide diverse housing opportunities to respond to aging-in-place consideration

Referrals

External Referrals/Notices:

Referrals/ Notice	Referral Authority	Brief summary of response
Section 55 Referrals	APA	Provided unconditional consent
	APA VTS	Provided unconditional consent
	AusNet	Provided consent, subject to conditions.
	CFA	Provided consent, subject to conditions.
	Melbourne Water	Provided unconditional consent
	South East Water	Provided consent, subject to conditions.
	Department of Transport (DoT)	No objections with no conditions.

Internal Referrals/Notices:

Internal Council Referral	Advice/ Response/ Conditions
Engineering	Provided consent, subject to conditions.

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Discussion

The application has been assessed against the relevant state and local policy, relevant zones, overlays, guidelines and strategies of the Cardinia Planning Scheme.

On balance, the proposal responds to and is supported by the relevant decision-making tools and mechanisms. This discussion chapter focuses on the core planning matters by way of themes, and touches on several more minor relevant considerations.

The main issues for consideration for this application include:

- The response to existing and preferred subdivision pattern, and the associated strategic justification and consistency with the relevant policies in the Planning Policy Framework and Local Planning Policy Framework
- Whether the vegetation proposed to be removed is appropriate
- Does the proposal appropriately mitigate bushfire risk?
- Response to other considerations captured within the zones and overlays that apply to the site
- Particular and General Provisions of the Cardinia Planning Scheme
- Clause 56 Subdivision
- Reasons for objection

Subdivision

The consideration of subdivision pattern, character and associated growth is duly considered in a number of provisions within the Cardinia Planning Scheme.

Clause 11 Settlement identifies that planning is to recognise the need for health, wellbeing and safety, diversity of choice and opportunity (Clause 11, Clause 11.01-1S), encourage appropriate densities and to supply urban land to accommodate appropriate projected population growth (Clause 11.01-1S, Clause 11.02-1S).

Clause 15.01-3S Subdivision Design further expands on this, seeking to ensure the design of subdivisions achieve attractive, safe, accessible, diverse and sustainable neighbourhoods. Strategies to reflect this objective include to create compact neighbourhoods, create a sense of place that is functional and attractive, to provide a range of lot sizes to suit a variety of dwelling and household types to meet the needs and aspirations of different groups of people, and to facilitate well-located and diverse future housing opportunities (Clause 15.01-3S, Clause 15.01-4S, Clause 16 Housing, Clause 16.01-1S Housing Supply).

Local Policy reflects these key considerations regarding subdivision, as noted in Clause 21.01 which seeks to ensure that the character of townships and precincts is retained (Clause 21.01-2) yet allowing and balancing for a maturing housing market seeking for diverse living opportunities (Clause 21.03-1). Beaconsfield Upper is specifically mentioned at Clause 21.03-4, noted as a large rural township, with consideration for subdivision and development to include retaining and enhancing character, acknowledging environmental considerations and infrastructure.

The Neighbourhood Residential Zone and Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 2) that apply to the site also seek for decision makers to consider diversity in housing/lot types and neighbourhood character.

The proposal regards a three lot subdivision, with two lots to be 500m² vacant lots with 19.55m wide frontages to provide for future development opportunities – likely to be

residential in nature reflecting the zoning of the land however some other limited opportunities may apply.

Lot dimensions and area are appropriate from a built form perspective, noting that a significant number of volume builder product can fit on such a lot, whilst bespoke design also achievable with such a lot typology.

The lot frontage width reflects a portion of the existing subdivision pattern of the area, noting lots immediately opposing the site on Halford Street (1, 3 and 5 Halford Street) all measuring approximately 19m in width, whilst others within the immediate vicinity such a number of lots on Salisbury Road, Paul Grove and St Georges Road all have similar road frontage widths.

A select number of lots are also within the vicinity of 500m², such as 2 and 2A Salisbury Road. Whilst the proposed lot areas do depart from the bulk of the residential lots within the vicinity, this is indeed supported by the above-mentioned policy which seeks to provide a diversity in dwelling size where appropriate. The term 'where appropriate' is key to consider, and it is noted the site is not encumbered by extensive slope, is not subject to a minimum subdivision area, is not subject to extensive vegetation or any other key factor. Further, the site is located centrally to the township in a more suitable location for a slight increase in density. Approval of such an application does not provide precedent for this type of subdivision or lot size throughout Upper Beaconsfield, as each site is assessed on its merits and context.

Clause 21.07-4 focuses on Upper Beaconsfield, which references the incorporated Upper Beaconsfield Township Strategy (July 2009). The Township Strategy has strategic objectives listed to:

- Facilitate development respectful of the township character and rural lifestyle
- Provide a range of lot sizes and types of accommodation to house different household sizes
- Enhance and strengthen the existing town centre

Figure 5: Upper Beaconsfield Framework Plan identifies the site as being in the "Potential Commercial Precinct", reflecting its proximity to the town core and as such is not specifically considered as part of a residential precinct. Notwithstanding, Chapter 4.3 reflects on the dominance and significance of separately detached dwellings and due to a lack of servicing that future subdivision should occur *"in a controlled manner that takes into account the existing township character, amenity and environmental features of the area, without placing additional impact on, or altering the environment, landscape setting and character of the township"* (Chapter 4.5), or summarised as that subdivision should be limited to *"appropriate locations and densities"* (Chapter 4.7)."

As the site is not subject to a specific residential precinct or character guide, consideration of the proposal falls back to the relevant Planning Policy Framework and Local Planning Policy Framework discussed above which generally seek to support diverse housing opportunities in appropriate locations. Whilst a 500m² lot may depart from the bulk of the lot sizes within the township, the proposal provides diversity to the predominant lot typology as sought by policy. Further, a 500m² lot is more than capable of providing a detached dwelling (or other permissible uses) and appropriate built form. This is further reflected by *Figure 10: Town Centre Framework Plan* which identifies the site as being capable of accommodating other permissible uses, ensuring the historic character of the existing building on the site is retained.

As such, an assessment of the relevant policy to consider highlights that considered subdivision is appropriate subject to the site in question. In this instance, a proposal of this nature is supported by policy and the site is not otherwise inhibited by slope, vegetation, minimum subdivision area requirements, subdivision design guidelines or infrastructure issues (discussed further in the report) that otherwise limit the subdivision potential of the land. It is

therefore deemed that the proposed subdivision into three lots is appropriate in this specific instance.

Vegetation

Another key consideration to the subdivision is the appropriateness of the vegetation to be removed that requires a planning permit.

Clause 12 Environmental and Landscape Values identifies that planning should help to protect the health of ecological systems, as well as biodiversity (Clause 12.01-1S). Objectives to support this strategy includes to ensure there is no net loss of biodiversity as a result of the removal of native vegetation (Clause 12.91-2S), and to firstly avoid and/or secondly minimise impacts and removal of native vegetation accordance with the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017)*. Vegetation protection is also discussed at Clause 21.01-3 (key issues regarding the protection and management of biodiversity) and Clause 21.02-02 and 21.02-03.

The Vegetation Protection Overlay at Clause 42.02 also reflects these considerations and objectives, with Schedule 2 noting that:

The Hills Townships contain substantial areas of remnant indigenous, and mature exotic vegetation, which are important elements of the character of these residential areas This vegetation is often of environmental or landscape significance due to topography and view lines and contributes to the visual amenity of these areas.

Some residential areas contain remnant native vegetation, however due to the size of some lots, it is not protected by the native vegetation controls in Clause 52.17. This remnant vegetation is of particular importance as it provides both flora and fauna habitat and enhances local biolinks.

The vegetation in these areas also plays an important function in managing environmental conditions by providing habitat and biolinks, supporting soil stability, reducing stormwater runoff, limiting erosion and salinity and siltation of creeks and watercourses.

Clause 52.17 also directs for the Responsible Authority to consider the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017)*.

The application material includes an Arborist Report and Native Vegetation Removal Report prepared by a suitably qualified professional that identifies the proposed location of crossovers as identified have sought to minimise impact on vegetation, and that tree protection measures can be implemented to ensure there are no additional adverse impacts on the health of vegetation from the proposed subdivision.

The reports detail that the vegetation proposed to be removed are predominantly an Acacia species which are known for the short useful life expectancy, and that many of the trees to be removed have a low retention value due to their life expectancy and current condition (structure issues, trunk decay etc). As such, these trees are not deemed valuable to the fabric of the landscape. Further, the NVR highlights that offsets can be appropriately captured.

Importantly, the subdivision will not impact on third party trees within adjoining lots and that the above mentioned conditions regarding tree protection during subdivision works can ensure of no resulting impact. Further, it is not foreseen that the vegetation to be removed will have no subsequent impacts on erosion, salinity or watercourses which is a key consideration of the Vegetation Protection Overlay. The vegetation to be removed is limited and will not adversely impact on the character of the street.

Bushfire

Similarly, to environment and vegetation, bushfire risk is captured within both the Planning Policy Framework (Clause 13.02-1S) and the Local Planning Policy Framework (Clause 21.01-3, Clause 21.02-4). Strengthening the resilience of communities, prioritisation of protecting human life, property and the environment, as well as directing new development opportunities to low risk areas are the reoccurring themes of these policies. The Bushfire Management overlay at Clause 44.06 further reflects these considerations.

The application is supported by a Bushfire Management Statement prepared by FireFront Consultancies (Ver 01 06/10/21). The detailed report notes that much of the immediate surrounds has modified, low level threat landscaped garden areas and that future dwellings are capable of achieving BAL 29 requirements to accommodate required defensible space areas. Further, the report notes that CFA vehicle access and distance to existing fire hydrants meets required standards, and that future residential development must be supported by 5,000lt water tanks for personal firefighting purposes.

An assessment of Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning is undertaken within the Bushfire Management Statement, identifying compliance with this Clause. The application was referred to the CFA who do not object to the proposal subject to conditions.

Zones and Overlays

Several other considerations that have not yet been discussed are captured under the zone and overlays that apply to the site. It is noted:

- The purposes of the Neighbourhood Residential Zone are to recognise areas of predominantly single and double-storey residential development, and to manage development that respects identified neighbourhood character. Decision guidelines regarding subdivision include considering the pattern of existing subdivision in the area, which has been discussed in detail above.
- Bushfire Management Overlays have been discussed in detail above.
- The Design and Development Overlay Schedule 2 regards “Hills Townships” with relevant objectives including “to maintain the diversity in lot sizes and ensure that subdivision of land has regard to the existing subdivisional characteristics of the area” and references that subdivision should seek to protect or enhance character and natural environments. These matters have been discussed in detail above.
- The Vegetation Protection Overlay seeks for protection and conservation of existing vegetation as an important element of character. This matter has been discussed in detail above.
- A permit under the Heritage Overlay is required for subdivision. Purposes of the overlay include to “conserve and enhance heritage places” with key decision includes including whether the proposed subdivision will adversely affect or result in development which will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place. These considerations are also reflected in the Planning Policy Framework at Clause 15.03-1S Heritage Conservation.

The Cardinia Heritage Study Vol 3 (Graeme Butler & Associates 1996) identifies the site and existing building dated from the early 1090s (“Beaconsfield Upper Milk Bar, Former Cormore Tea Rooms”) has having local heritage significance. The core heritage characteristic of the site is the example of a popular team room and billiard room from the time.

The proposal does not seek to alter the building in any fashion, and the newly created lots will front to a different street compared to the existing building. Future development of the lots will need to duly consider and be assessed against the relevant policy.

The subdivision is considered to have no adverse heritage impacts to the existing building.

Particular and General Provisions of the Cardinia Planning Scheme

A number of other considerations that have not yet been discussed are captured under the zone and overlays that apply to the site. Of these provisions not discussed elsewhere in this report, it is noted:

- Clause 52.29 Land Adjacent to the Principal Road Network seeks to ensure appropriate subdivision of land adjunct to the Principal Road Network is considered.
- Clause 53.01 Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision applies to subdivide land. No exemptions at Clause 53.01-1 are relevant, and as such an appropriate condition will be applied to any permit issued.
- Clause 53.18 Stormwater Management in Urban Development applies, which seeks to *“ensure that stormwater in urban development, including retention and reuse, is managed to mitigate the impacts of stormwater on the environment, property and public safety, and to provide cooling, local habitat and amenity benefits.”* Pursuant to Clause 53.18-3, an application for subdivision must consider Clause 53.18-4 and Clause 53.18-6.

Clause 53.18-4 seeks to:

- To minimise damage to properties and inconvenience to the public from stormwater.
- To ensure that the street operates adequately during major storm events and provides for public safety.
- To minimise increases in stormwater and protect the environmental values and physical characteristics of receiving waters from degradation by stormwater.
- To encourage stormwater management that maximises the retention and reuse of stormwater.
- To encourage stormwater management that contributes to cooling, local habitat improvements and provision of attractive and enjoyable spaces.

Clause 53.18-6 seeks to:

- To protect drainage infrastructure and receiving waters from sedimentation and contamination.
- To protect the site and surrounding area from environmental degradation prior to and during construction of subdivision works.

The application has been referred to the relevant water authorities as well as Council’s internal engineering department who have provided consent to the proposal subject to conditions. Further, standard conditions to be placed on any permit issued will incorporate and cover required works needed prior to both certificate and Statement of Compliance to ensure compliance with site management objectives and impacts from stormwater

Clause 65 Decision Guidelines seek to ensure the appropriate considerations are made prior to a decision being made on a planning application. As noted throughout this chapter of the report, the application complies with the relevant Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Policy Framework, Zones, Overlays and General/Particular provisions that apply to the site for a subdivision application. On balance, the subdivision will not unreasonably compromise the amenity or character of the surrounding residential area, and the site can accommodate the subdivision. As such,

it is considered that the application has appropriate regard to the decision guidelines and should be supported.

Clause 56 Subdivision

Pursuant to Clause 32.09-3 Subdivision, an application for subdivision must the objectives and should meet the standards of all Clause 54 clauses except for Clauses 56.02-1, 56.03-1 to 56.03-4, 56.05-2, 56.06-1, 56.06-3 and 56.06-6. The assessment of Clause 56 is to be read in conjunction with the wider discussion chapter of this report.

Standards of Clause 56 of the Cardinia Planning Scheme Subdivisions.	Comments
<p>CLAUSE 56.03-5 - STANDARD C6: Neighbourhood character objective To design subdivisions that respond to neighbourhood character.</p> <p>Standard C6 Subdivision should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the existing neighbourhood character or achieve a preferred neighbourhood character consistent with any relevant neighbourhood character objective, policy or statement set out in this scheme. • Respond to and integrate with the surrounding urban environment. • Protect significant vegetation and site features. 	<p>Complies</p> <p>A subdivision site and context description and design response plan have been provided a part of this application, as well as a detailed written description within the accompanying town planning submission, outlining the existing conditions of the subject site as well as its surrounding environs.</p> <p>The land of the subject site has the capability of supporting two additional vacant lots subject to the proposed conditions to be placed on any permit issued.</p> <p>The corner lot provides for appropriate access opportunities, so each lot has a frontage to a road, and vegetation removal is minimised to accommodate the proposed crossovers.</p> <p>The lot layout respects elements of the existing neighbourhood character and responds to the preferences within the Township Strategy which seeks for additional diversity in lots and housing opportunities.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.04-2 - STANDARD C8: Lot area and building envelopes objective To provide lots with areas and dimensions that enable the appropriate siting and construction of a dwelling, solar access, private open space, vehicle access and parking, water management, easements and the retention of significant vegetation and site features.</p> <p>Standard C8 (relevant provisions)</p> <p>Lots of between 300 square metres and 500 square metres should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contain a building envelope that is consistent with a development of the lot approved under this scheme, or • If no development of the lot has been approved under this scheme, contain a building envelope and be able to contain a rectangle measuring 10 metres by 15 metres, or 9 metres by 15 metres if a boundary wall is nominated as part of the building envelope. <p>If lots of between 300 square metres and 500 square metres are proposed to contain dwellings that are built to the boundary, the long axis of the lots should be within 30 degrees east and 20 degrees west of north unless there are</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>All lots are greater than 500m².</p> <p>Lots 2 and 3 are capable of accommodating a 10m x 15m envelope.</p>

<p>significant physical constraints that make this difficult to achieve.</p> <p>Lot dimensions and building envelopes should protect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar access for future dwellings and support the siting and design of dwellings that achieve the energy rating requirements of the Building Regulations. • Existing or proposed easements on lots. • Significant vegetation and site features. 	
<p>CLAUSE 56.04-3 - STANDARD C9: Solar orientation of lots objective To provide good solar orientation of lots and solar access for future dwellings. Standard C9 Unless the site is constrained by topography or other site conditions, at least 70 percent of lots should have appropriate solar orientation. Lots have appropriate solar orientation when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The long axis of lots are within the range north 20 degrees west to north 30 degrees east, or east 20 degrees north to east 30 degrees south. • Lots between 300 square metres and 500 square metres are proposed to contain dwellings that are built to the boundary, the long axis of the lots should be within 30 degrees east and 20 degrees west of north. • Dimensions of lots are adequate to protect solar access to the lot, taking into account likely dwelling size and the relationship of each lot to the street. 	<p>Complies</p> <p>Given the size and dimensions of all lots, it is considered that appropriate solar orientation for any future dwellings can be achieved.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.04-5 - STANDARD C11: Common area objectives To identify common areas and the purpose for which the area is commonly held. To ensure the provision of common area is appropriate and that necessary management arrangements are in place. To maintain direct public access throughout the neighbourhood street network. Standard C11 An application to subdivide land that creates common land must be accompanied by a plan and a report identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The common area to be owned by the body corporate, including any streets and open space. • The reasons why the area should be commonly held. • Lots participating in the body corporate. • The proposed management arrangements including maintenance standards for streets and open spaces to be commonly held. 	<p>Not applicable</p> <p>No common property is proposed.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.06-8 - STANDARD C21: Lot access objective To provide for safe vehicle access between roads and lots. Standard C21 Vehicle access to lots abutting arterial roads should be provided from service roads, side or rear access lanes, access places or access streets where appropriate and in accordance with the access management requirements of the relevant roads authority.</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>All lots will have appropriate access as the site benefits from being a corner lot and multiple access point opportunities.</p>

<p>Vehicle access to lots of 300 square metres or less in area and lots with a frontage of 7.5 metres or less should be provided via rear or side access lanes, places or streets. The design and construction of a crossover should meet the requirements of the relevant road authority.</p> <p>Please refer to Table C1 for full details.</p>	
<p>CLAUSE 56.07-1 - STANDARD C22: Drinking water supply objectives To reduce the use of drinking water. To provide an adequate, cost-effective supply of drinking water. Standard C22 The supply of drinking water must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the relevant water authority. • Provided to the boundary of all lots in the subdivision to the satisfaction of the relevant water authority. 	<p>Complies</p> <p>The site currently has access to a reticulated water supply. The owner is required to enter an agreement with the relevant authority for the provision of water supply to each lot.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.07-2 - STANDARD C23: Reused and recycled water objective To provide for the substitution of drinking water for non-drinking purposes with reused and recycled water. Standard C23 Reused and recycled water supply systems must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed, constructed and managed in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the relevant water authority, Environment Protection Authority and Department of Human Services. • Provided to the boundary of all lots in the subdivision where required by the relevant water authority. 	<p>Complies</p> <p>The use of water tanks and other water saving measures can be implemented by future land owners.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.07-3 - STANDARD C24: Waste water management objective To provide a waste water system that is adequate for the maintenance of public health and the management of effluent in an environmentally friendly manner. Standard C24 Waste water systems must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed, constructed and managed in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the relevant water authority and the Environment Protection Authority. • Consistent with any relevant approved domestic waste water management plan. <p>Reticulated waste water systems must be provided to the boundary of all lots in the subdivision where required by the relevant water authority.</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>The site benefits from reticulated sewer and will require connection prior to the issue of a Statement of Compliance.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.07-4 - STANDARD C25: Urban run-off management objectives To minimise damage to properties and inconvenience to residents from urban run-off. To ensure that the street operates adequately during major storm events and provides for public safety. To minimise increases in stormwater run-off and protect the environmental values and physical characteristics of receiving waters from degradation by urban run-off. Standard C25 The urban stormwater management system must be:</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>Storm-water management and outfall will be to the satisfaction of the Council as required via permit conditions.</p>

- Designed and managed in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the relevant drainage authority.
- Designed and managed in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the water authority where reuse of urban run-off is proposed.
- Designed to meet the current best practice performance objectives for stormwater quality as contained in the Urban Stormwater – Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines (Victorian Stormwater Committee 1999) as amended.
- Designed to ensure that flows downstream of the subdivision site are restricted to predevelopment levels unless increased flows are approved by the relevant drainage authority and there are no detrimental downstream impacts.

The stormwater management system should be integrated with the overall development plan including the street and public open space networks and landscape design. For all storm events up to and including the 20% Average Exceedence Probability (AEP) standard:

- Stormwater flows should be contained within the drainage system to the requirements of the relevant authority.
- Ponding on roads should not occur for longer than 1 hour after the cessation of rainfall.

For storm events greater than 20% AEP and up to and including 1% AEP standard:

- Provision must be made for the safe and effective passage of stormwater flows.
- All new lots should be free from inundation or to a lesser standard of flood protection where agreed by the relevant floodplain management authority.
- Ensure that streets, footpaths and cycle paths that are subject to flooding meet the safety criteria $V_{ave} < 0.35 \frac{m^2}{s}$ (where, d_a = average depth in metres and V_{ave} = average velocity in metres per second).

The design of the local drainage network should:

- Ensure run-off is retarded to a standard required by the responsible drainage authority.
- Ensure every lot is provided with drainage to a standard acceptable to the relevant drainage authority. Wherever possible, run-off should be directed to the front of the lot and discharged into the street drainage system or legal point of discharge.
- Ensure that inlet and outlet structures take into account the effects of obstructions and debris build up. Any surcharge drainage pit should discharge into an overland flow in a safe and predetermined manner.
- Include water sensitive urban design features to manage run-off in streets and public open space. Where such features are provided, an application must describe maintenance responsibilities, requirements and costs.

<p>Any flood mitigation works must be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant floodplain management authority.</p>	
<p>CLAUSE 56.08-1 - STANDARD C26: Site management objectives To protect drainage infrastructure and receiving waters from sedimentation and contamination. To protect the site and surrounding area from environmental degradation or nuisance prior to and during construction of subdivision works. To encourage the re-use of materials from the site and recycled materials in the construction of subdivisions where practicable. Standard C26 A subdivision application must describe how the site will be managed prior to and during the construction period and may set out requirements for managing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion and sediment. • Dust. • Run-off. • Litter, concrete and other construction wastes. • Chemical contamination. • Vegetation and natural features planned for retention. <p>Recycled material should be used for the construction of streets, shared paths and other infrastructure where practicable.</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>The level of construction on the site is considered minimal for the three-lot subdivision as each lot will have direct frontage to the street. Conditions on any permit issued can appropriately capture site management particulars.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.09-1 - STANDARD C27: Shared trenching objectives To maximise the opportunities for shared trenching. To minimise constraints on landscaping within street reserves. Standard C27 Reticulated services for water, gas, electricity and telecommunications should be provided in shared trenching to minimise construction costs and land allocation for underground services.</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>Most of the infrastructure exists, however where possible shared trenching on the site will be conducted.</p>
<p>CLAUSE 56.09-2 - STANDARD C28: Electricity, telecommunications and gas objectives To provide public utilities to each lot in a timely, efficient and cost effective manner. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions by supporting generation and use of electricity from renewable sources. Standard C28 The electricity supply system must be designed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant electricity supply agency and be provided to the boundary of all lots in the subdivision to the satisfaction of the relevant electricity authority. Arrangements that support the generation or use of renewable energy at a lot or neighbourhood level are encouraged. The telecommunication system must be designed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant telecommunications servicing agency and should be consistent with any approved strategy, policy or plan for the provision of advanced telecommunications infrastructure, including fibre optic technology. The telecommunications system must be provided to the</p>	<p>Complies</p> <p>Electricity is already connected to the existing dwellings on proposed Lot 1, and will be supplied to Lot 2 and 3 to the satisfaction of the relevant authority and to the relevant authority's requirements.</p>

<p>boundary of all lots in the subdivision to the satisfaction of the relevant telecommunications servicing authority.</p> <p>Where available, the reticulated gas supply system must be designed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant gas supply agency and be provided to the boundary of all lots in the subdivision to the satisfaction of the relevant gas supply agency.</p>	
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Reasons for objection

A response to reasons for objection with valid planning considerations not covered within the discussion chapter above is provided below:

Reason For Objection	Comments
Lot Character and Subdivision Pattern	This item is covered within the above sections of this report.
Access to new lots and Halford Street being unable to accommodate additional traffic	<p>Council's internal engineering unit have assessed the proposal and have not raised concerns with lot access arrangements or the ability for Halford Street to accommodate the minimal increase in traffic.</p> <p>Access arrangement meet the required standards of the Cardinia Planning Scheme and relevant Engineering Design Manuals, and Halford Street can accommodate the additional traffic.</p> <p>Further to this, the application was referred to Department of Transport who do not object to the proposal (no conditions imposed).</p>
Vegetation Removal	This item is covered within the above sections of this report.
Lack of Infrastructure	<p>Infrastructure is covered within the considerations of Clause 56, as well as Planning Policy and Local Planning Policy Framework such as Clause 19, Clause 19.03-2S, Clause 19.03-3S and Clause 21.05.</p> <p>The addition of two vacant lots (and assumed subsequent development) is not expected to burden existing infrastructure provision. The application has referred to relevant servicing authorities who have not objected to the proposal, whilst appropriate conditions will be placed on any permit issued to ensure the subdivision is provided with appropriate infrastructure and servicing.</p>

Conclusion

The proposed subdivision is considered consistent with the relevant Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Policy Framework, Zones, Overlays and General/Particular Provisions of the Cardinia Planning Scheme.

It is therefore recommended that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued for the subdivision of land and removal of native vegetation, subject to conditions outlined below.

Conditions

That Council having caused notice of Planning Application No. T210780 to be given under Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* decides to Grant a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in respect of the land known and described as Lot 1 TP381279, 28 Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Upper 3808, for a three (3) Subdivision and removal of Native Vegetation generally in accordance with the endorsed plans, subject to the following conditions:

Plans required:

1. Before the plan of subdivision is certified under the *Subdivision Act 1988*, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application prepared by Brian Watson Surveying, Version 4 but modified to show:
 - a. A 2.0m wide drainage easement, in favour of Council, aligned along the northern boundaries of Lots 1 and 2, and extending 2.0m into Lot 3 to allow lots to drain and connect to Council's existing drainage network at the western boundary
 - b. Location of minimum width 3.5m crossover to Lot 2 and 3, extending to minimum width 4.7m at the edge of the road, and associated amendments to the Arborist Report and associated assessment of impacts to TPZ/SRZ. If required, alternate construction methods must be advised within the contents of the Arborist Report.
 - c. An amended Bushfire Management Plan to reflect consistency of lot sizes and dimensions in accordance with the proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 4).

General Conditions

2. The layout of the subdivision, as shown on the approved plans, must not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the Responsible Authority.
3. All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.
4. The owner of the subject land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity, gas and telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.
5. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the *Subdivision Act 1988* must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.
6. Reticulated water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities and underground electricity, gas and telecommunication services and fibre optic cable conduits must be provided to each lot shown on the endorsed plan.
7. The owner of the land must enter into an agreement with:
 - a. a telecommunications network or service provider for the provision of telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and
 - b. a suitably qualified person for the provision of fibre ready telecommunication facilities to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with any industry specifications or any standards set by the Australian Communications and

Media Authority, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the land is in an area where the National Broadband Network (NBN) will not be provided by optical fibre.

8. Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance for any stage of the subdivision under the *Subdivision Act 1988*, the owner of the land must provide written confirmation from:
 - a. A telecommunications network or service provider that all lots are connected to or are ready for connection to telecommunications services in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and
 - b. A suitably qualified person that fibre ready telecommunications facilities have been provided in accordance with any industry specifications or any standards set by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the land is in an area where the National Broadband Network will not be provided by optical fibre.
9. The slope of batters, both cut and fill, must not exceed 2:1 (horizontal: vertical) or, where this is not practicable, batters must be stabilised by other means to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Public Open Space Contribution

10. Before a statement of compliance is issued under the *Subdivision Act 1988*, a sum equivalent to 5% per cent of the site value of all the subject land in the subdivision must be paid to the Responsible Authority.

Vegetation Removal

11. Before any native vegetation is removed and prior to the issuing of a Statement of Compliance, to offset the removal of 0.057 hectares of native vegetation the permit holder must secure a native vegetation offset, in accordance with the Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation (DELWP 2017) as specified below:
 - a. A general offset of 0.009 general habitat units:
 - i. located within the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA boundary or the Cardinia Shire municipal district
 - ii. with a minimum strategic biodiversity score of at least 0.104. iii. and 12 large trees
 - b. Evidence that the required offset for the development has been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. This evidence is one or both of the following:
 - i. an established first party offset site including a security agreement signed by both parties, and a management plan detailing the 10 year management actions and ongoing management of the site. The applicant must provide the annual offset site report to the responsible authority by the anniversary date of the execution of the offset security agreement, for a period of 10 consecutive years. After the tenth year, the landowner must provide a report at the reasonable request of a statutory authority. AND/OR
 - ii. credit extract(s) allocated to the permit from the Native Vegetation Credit Register. A copy of the offset evidence will be endorsed by the responsible authority and form part of this permit.

Within 30 days of endorsement of the offset evidence by the responsible authority, a copy of the endorsed offset evidence must be provided to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Tree Protection

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 - Incorporate the plan prepared in accordance with Clause 53.02-4.4 of this planning scheme and approved under this permit.
 - State that if a dwelling is constructed on the land without a planning permit that the bushfire protection measures set out in the plan incorporated into the agreement must be implemented and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority on a continuing basis.

The land owner must pay the reasonable costs of the preparation, execution and registration of the Section 173 Agreement.

Endorsement of Bushfire Management Plan

17. The Bushfire Management Plan, Version 1, dated 06/10/2021 and prepared by Firefront Consultancies, must be endorsed by the Responsible Authority, be included as an annexure to the Section 173 Agreement prepared to give effect to Clause 44.06-5 of the

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Resolution

Moved Cr Brett Owen, seconded Cr Jeff Springfield.

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant Planning Permit T210780 for a three (3) lot subdivision and removal of native vegetation at 28 Beaconsfield – Emerald Road, Beaconsfield Upper 3808 subject to the following conditions:

Plans required:

1. Before the plan of subdivision is certified under the Subdivision Act 1988, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application prepared by Brian Watson Surveying, Version 4 but modified to show:
 - a. A 2.0m wide drainage easement, in favour of Council, aligned along the northern boundaries of Lots 1 and 2, and extending 2.0m into Lot 3 to allow lots to drain and connect to Council's existing drainage network at the western boundary
 - b. Location of minimum width 3.5m crossover to Lot 2 and 3, extending to minimum width 4.7m at the edge of the road, and associated amendments to the Arborist Report and associated assessment of impacts to TPZ/SRZ. If required, alternate construction methods must be advised within the contents of the Arborist Report.
 - c. An amended Bushfire Management Plan to reflect consistency of lot sizes and dimensions in accordance with the proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 4).

General Conditions

2. The layout of the subdivision, as shown on the approved plans, must not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the Responsible Authority.
3. All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.
4. The owner of the subject land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity, gas and telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.
5. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the *Subdivision Act 1988* must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.
6. Reticulated water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities and underground electricity, gas and telecommunication services and fibre optic cable conduits must be provided to each lot shown on the endorsed plan.
7. The owner of the land must enter into an agreement with:
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where the National Broadband Network (NBN) will not be provided by optical fibre.

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 - ii. with a minimum strategic biodiversity score of at least 0.104. iii. and 12 large trees
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6.2 General Reports

6.2.1 Major Projects Yearly Update 2022

Responsible GM: Peter Benazic
Author: Narelle Bulleid

Recommendation(s)

That Council notes the progress, completed actions and future milestones for the major projects detailed in this report.

Attachments

1. Major Projects Yearly Update 2022 [6.2.1.1 - 12 pages]

Executive Summary

Council's Major Projects Business Unit is responsible for the project management of key projects run by several State Government agencies, including projects being delivered by:

- Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP)
- Rail Projects Victoria (RPV)
- Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA)
- Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV)

The Major Projects Business Unit is also responsible for Council Plan actions associated with the Pakenham Main Street Revitalisation Project.

This report provides a summary of project progress during 2022 and a look ahead at activities planned for 2023.

Background

Council's Major Projects Business Unit is responsible for brokering good community outcomes with the State Government agencies responsible for the following projects:

- Level Crossing Removal Projects (LXRP):
 - Pakenham – Three rail over road bridges and two stations
 - Brunt Road Officer – Road over rail bridge
 - Station Street Officer – Road closure
 - Station Street Beaconsfield – Road over rail bridge
 - Nar Nar Goon Station Carpark Upgrade
- Rail Projects Victoria:
 - Gippsland Line Upgrade including Bunyip Station upgrade
- Victorian Health Building Authority:
 - Pakenham Community Hospital
- Major Roads Projects Victoria:
 - Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road upgrade

- Pakenham Roads Upgrade including;
 - Healesville - Koo Wee Rup Road freeway interchange and road upgrade
 - McGregor Road freeway interchange and road upgrade
 - Racecourse Road upgrade

The Major Projects Business Unit is also responsible for delivering the Pakenham Main Street Revitalisation project.

Attachment 1 provides a summary table outlining project progress during 2022 and a look ahead at activities planned for 2023.

Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project

This project includes the removal of three level crossings at McGregor Road, Main Street and Racecourse Road Pakenham, with a rail over road solution. The elevated rail tracks allows for the creation of new public open space areas within the rail corridor. The project also includes the redevelopment of the Pakenham Station, extension of the metropolitan line and introduction of a new station, to be known as East Pakenham Station.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- Council advocacy secured allocation of \$7.7 million in the May 2022 State Budget to upgrade Ryan Road as part of the East Pakenham Station project.
- Detailed designs for the project works were developed with Council officer review during 2022. Plans are expected to be finalised for construction for two projects in early 2023.
- Design for the new open space area between McGregor Road and Main Street, Pakenham released to the public in October 2022 including Council's contribution through community asset upgrades.
- Piling works for elevated rail and Pakenham Station commenced in August 2022.
- Closure of Henty Street eastbound traffic lane from August 2022 until middle of 2023 for construction of elevated rail between McGregor Road and Main Street, Pakenham.
- Construction works and associated rail and traffic disruptions will further intensify through 2023 and continue into 2024.
- LXRP will continue to consult with and notify residents and traders impacted by the works throughout 2023.

Brunt Road Level Crossing Removal Project

This project includes the removal of the Brunt Road level crossing through the construction of a new road bridge over the existing rail tracks. The new bridge will be constructed to the east of the existing road to allow Brunt Road to remain open to traffic for as long as possible during the works.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- Preliminary site investigations were completed between January and May 2022.
- Community consultation was conducted via the Engage Victoria website in May and June 2022. Consultation report was released in August 2022.

- Design of the new road bridge commenced with Council officers providing review of the design during late 2022. Plans are expected to be finalised for construction by April 2023.
- Early works to establish site office facilities at 45 Brunt Road commenced in October 2022.
- Major construction expected to commence in 2023.

Station Street Officer Level Crossing Removal Project

This project involves the removal of the Station Street, Officer level crossing through the closure of Station Street on either side of the rail tracks. While the Officer Precinct Structure Plan identifies the need for an alternative North-South arterial road to be constructed prior to the closure of the level crossing, this road is not within the scope of the project. The Department of Transport is responsible for delivering the North-South arterial road but currently does not have funding for the project. Council will continue to advocate to the Department of Transport on the need for this important road connection to be funded and delivered.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- Site investigation works completed between July and December 2022.
- Community consultation was conducted via the Engage Victoria website in October 2022. Consultation report expected to be released in early 2023.
- Design of the road closure works and new path connections expected to commence in 2023 with Council officers providing review of the design.

Station Street Beaconsfield Level Crossing Removal Project

This project involves the removal of the Station Street, Beaconsfield level crossing through the construction of a new road bridge over the existing tracks. The project area includes a locally significant heritage building at 20 Beaconsfield Avenue and the regionally significant Cardinia Creek parklands which are key concerns for Council among other matters.

The following are notable milestones and upcoming activities:

- Site investigation works completed between July and December 2022.
- Community consultation was conducted via the Engage Victoria website in October 2022. Consultation report expected to be released in early 2023.
- Council planning submission in November 2022 addressed issues relating to the heritage property and significant tree at 20 Beaconsfield Avenue, retention of station carparking, need for improved pedestrian and cyclist connectivity and the interfaces with the Cardinia Creek Parklands.
- Detailed design for the project is expected to commence in 2023 with Council officers providing review of the design.

Nar Nar Goon Station Car Park Upgrade

The Nar Nar Goon car park upgrade is part of the larger program known as Car Parks for Commuters and has been delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) agency. The project has delivered an upgrade of the car parking area on the north side of the station which includes 50 parking spaces with accessible parking spaces, pedestrian paths, bicycle hoops,

lighting and new CCTV cameras. While the carpark has opened for use, additional minor works are expected in early 2023 to address issues with the drainage swale and the drainage of Station Street.

Gippsland Line Upgrade – Rail Projects Victoria

The Gippsland Line Upgrade is a project that extends along the rail line from Bairnsdale through to Southern Cross Station. Key works within Cardinia Shire include the Bunyip Station upgrade, track duplication between Bunyip and Longwarry, level crossing upgrade at Tynong along with signalling and drainage upgrades between Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip.

The design of the project was finalised during 2022 with work commencing on construction of the Bunyip Station platform, bus interchange and car park upgrades. Rail and road disruptions will continue through 2023. Further construction work will continue through much of 2023.

Pakenham Community Hospital – Victorian Health Building Authority

The Pakenham Community Hospital is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority. The project includes the establishment of a community hospital in Pakenham that will provide a range of integrated health and specialist services.

Acquisition of the land has progressed. However, the landowner has lodged legal proceedings in the Supreme Court regarding the application of a Public Acquisition Overlay over the land. This action has resulted in the project being delayed. It is expected if the legal proceedings are resolved the project will move into a design phase in early 2023.

Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road Upgrade – Major Road Projects Victoria

This project includes the duplication of 10 kilometres of Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road between Southeast Boulevard and Manks Road and includes an upgrade of the traffic signals at Greenhills Road along with the construction of new roundabout intersections at Hall Road and Ballarto Road.

Design work was completed in 2022 and construction is underway. Beams for the new road bridge crossing Deep Creek were installed in October. The new Hall Road roundabout is likely to open to traffic by the end of the year. The new Ballarto Road roundabout is expected to be completed by April 2023. From April 2023 onwards, traffic will begin to switch onto the new southbound carriageway to allow for construction of the new northbound carriageway on the existing road alignment. Island Road and Ellett Road will be closed for periods during the first half of 2023 to allow for construction of new road bridges.

Pakenham Roads Upgrade – Major Road Projects Victoria

This project includes three stages of works to upgrade the Princes Freeway and sections of McGregor Road, Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road and Racecourse Road. The project will be delivered by Major Roads Project Victoria with Federal funding.

Site investigation works, community consultation and preliminary design for stage 1 were completed during 2022. The detailed design of stage 1 will be reviewed by Council officers in December 2022 ahead of works commencing in the first half of 2023. Council officers are working with both MRPV and LXP to ensure the works on the Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project and Pakenham Roads Upgrade are coordinated as far as possible to minimise the extent of road disruptions across Pakenham. However, given the size and scope of both projects, road detours will be unavoidable at times during 2023. Both projects will continue to provide advance notice of works to the community through various channels including Victoria's Big Build website, community newsletters, letter drops and SMS notifications.

Pakenham Main Street Revitalisation

The Pakenham Main Street Revitalisation project is an action in the Pakenham Major Activity Structure plan and will achieve the Pakenham town centre streetscape upgrade actions in the Council Plan. The project has commenced with an urban design consultant developing a public realm strategy plan for Main Street and wider Pakenham area.

The concept designs have been presented to Councillors and new staff have been appointed to assist the next phases of the wider project including the Main Street works. Subsequently, community consultation on the draft designs will be undertaken prior to finalisation of the plan. These works will coincide with discussions and negotiations regarding the open space that forms part of the Pakenham Level Crossing Removal project. It may lead to or be integrated with further projects to revitalise Pakenham.

Policy Implications

These projects are generally consistent with several Council policies and documents including the Pakenham Major Activity Structure Plan 2021, Pakenham Major Activity Centre Urban Design Framework 2021 and Officer Precinct Structure Plan.

Relevance to Council Plan

2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places

2.1.1 Advocate, plan for and deliver accessible community infrastructure and services that address community need.

2.1.2 Plan and maintain safe, inclusive and connected open spaces, places and active travel routes.

2.1.4 Advocate for increased and more-connected public transport options.

2.1.5 Upgrade Council's road network to improve safety and connectivity while considering traffic demand and freight transport needs.

3.1 We value our natural assets and support our biodiversity to thrive

3.1.4 Plan and advocate for better water cycle planning and management to reduce environmental impacts.

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

5.1.3 Strive to be a customer focused organisation and be a great place to work.

5.1.4 Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery, innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy.

Climate Emergency Consideration

The proposed infrastructure upgrade will improve public transport provision and active transport infrastructure in the area and reduce the need for use of cars reducing impacts in terms of the climate emergency. Further the new infrastructure will be designed and maintained in line with climate change predictions and assumptions, such as flooding and extreme heat.

Consultation/Communication

Each of the individual projects include community consultation activities, refer to attachment 1. Further community consultation will occur with each of these projects as necessary. Regular updates will continue to be provided to Councillors at briefing meetings.

Council's project team has regular meetings with their State Government peers at LXP, RPV, VHBA and MRPV to review plans and provide input into the design of the projects and advocate for the best outcomes for the community.

Additionally, Council's Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Infrastructure and Environment meet with the CEO and senior staff from the Level Crossing Removal Project to resolve any strategic issues and to advocate for additional resources to complete these projects.

The Major Projects Business Unit maintains regular internal communication through an expert working group and control group including several senior leaders across the organisation.

Conclusion

Several major projects are in progress in Pakenham and will help to improve movement and place outcomes as well as revitalise Main Street and surrounding areas. These projects include the Pakenham Level Crossing Removal Project, Pakenham Community Hospital and Council's Pakenham Main Street Revitalisation program.

Additional major projects will improve infrastructure across the municipality including level crossing removals in Beaconsfield and Officer, upgrade of the Gippsland Line from Bunyip to Pakenham, upgrade of the Nar Nar Goon Station car park and major road upgrades in Pakenham including Healesville – Koo Wee Rup Road.

Council's Major Projects team will continue to work in partnership with the State Government agencies and advocate for the best outcomes for the community. Council officers continue to encourage the community to provide feedback during the consultation phases of the projects. Updates are also provided on Council's website.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jack Kowarzik, seconded Cr Stephanie Davies.

That Council notes the progress, completed actions and future milestones for the major projects detailed in this report.

Carried

6.2.2 Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer

Responsible GM: Carol Jeffs
Author: Jack Coogan

Recommendation(s)

That Council appoint the General Manager Customer, People and Performance, Jenny Scicluna as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 12 December 2022 to 6 January 2023 during a period of leave by the Chief Executive Officer.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

To appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer during a period of leave by the Chief Executive Officer.

Background

The Chief Executive Officer, Carol Jeffs, is taking a period of leave and it is therefore necessary for the Council to appoint an Acting Chief Executive Officer during this period. It is recommended that the General Manager Customer, People and Performance, Jenny Scicluna be appointed to the role for this period.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications as part of this report.

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.3 Strive to be a customer focused organisation and be a great place to work.

5.1.4 Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery, innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy.

Climate Emergency Consideration

There are no climate emergency consideration as part of this report.

Consultation/Communication

There are no consultation required as part of this report.

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial / resource implications as part of this report.

Conclusion

As the Chief Executive Officer will be absent during a period of leave it is necessary to appoint a person to act in this role and it is recommended that the General Manager Customer, People and Performance, Jenny Scicluna be appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer for this period.

Resolution

Moved Cr Collin Ross, seconded Cr Stephanie Davies.

That Council appoint the General Manager Customer, People and Performance, Jenny Scicluna as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 12 December 2022 to 6 January 2023 during a period of leave by the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried

6.2.3 Appointment of Councillors to Audit and Risk Committee

Responsible GM: Debbie Tyson
Author: Doug Evans

Recommendation(s)

That nominations be called for the appointment of two Councillors to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

The structure of the Council's Audit and Risk Committee are three independent members and two Councillors. Two Councillors are required to be appointed for the 2023 calendar year.

Background

Current membership of the Audit and Risk Committee is:

- Mr Michael F Said OAM, CPA Independent Chairperson
- Vincent Philpott – Independent Member
- Leanna La Combre – Independent Member (Commenced March 2022)
- Cr Jack Kowarzik
- Cr Stephanie Davies
- Cr Tammy Radford (replacing Cr Davies whilst on maternity leave)

The appointment of the Councillors to this committee needs to be ratified and it is therefore necessary for nomination for these two positions to be called.

Policy Implications

The key objective and purpose of the Audit and Risk Committee as stated in the Charter is to “provide support to Council in discharging its oversight responsibilities related to:

- financial and performance reporting,
- risk management,
- fraud prevention systems and control’
- internal and external audit assurance services, and
- councils compliance with its policies and legislative and regulatory requirements”

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.2 Manage our finances responsibly and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

5.1.5 Champion the collective values of the community through the Councillors’ governance of the shire.

Climate Emergency Consideration

There are no climate emergency consideration as part of this report.

Consultation/Communication

No consultation has been undertaken on this matter

Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial and resource implications of this matter

Conclusion

As per the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, Council is required to appoint two Councillors as members of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Resolution

The Mayor called for nominations for the first vacancy to be filled for the Audit and Risk Committee.

Cr Ryan nominated Cr Cameron seconded by Cr Ross

Cr Kowarzik nominated himself, seconded by Cr Davies

Cr Moore nominated Cr Davies seconded by Cr Ross

Cr Cr Cameron declined the nomination and wished to be nominated for the second vacancy
Cr Davies declined the nomination and wished to be nominated for the second vacancy

As Cr Kowarzik was the only remaining candidate, he was appointed to fill the first vacancy

The Mayor called for nominations for the second vacancy to be filled for the Audit and Risk Committee.

Cr Ryan nominated Cr Cameron seconded by Cr Ross

Cr Moore nominated Cr Davies seconded by Cr Ross

The Mayor asked each candidate to speak to their nomination.

The Mayor then put the matter to the vote and Cr Davies was elected and appointed to fill the second vacancy.

6.2.4 Update - Sealing the Hills Program

Responsible GM: Peter Benazic
Author: David Fice

Recommendation(s)

That Council:

- Provide endorsement under the CEO for Council Officers to continue to advocate for the delivery of the '*Sealing the Hills*' project.
- Note the advocacy effort that has been undertaken.

Attachments

1. Letter Hon Catherine King Sealing the Hills 20/07/22 [6.2.4.1 - 3 pages]
2. Joint Letter Sealing the Hills Cardinia Yarra Ranges [6.2.4.2 - 2 pages]

Executive Summary

Endorsement will provide our Council Officers with the direction required to continue advocating for the 'Sealing the Hills' project to be delivered in its entirety.

Noting the advocacy efforts that have been undertaken will support our Councillors to be informed when discussing the matter with the community.

Background

In 2019 Council received \$150 million from the Australian Government to seal 109km of unsealed roads in our hills communities.

The project received bipartisan support with commitments made by both the Labor and Liberal parties.

In July 2022, Council wrote to The Hon. Catherine King formally requesting confirmation that the project would continue under the newly elected Government. We did not receive a reply. (Attachment 1)

Council identified that the '*Sealing the Hills*' project was not detailed in the Australian Government's revised budget in October 2022.

Immediate clarification was sought about the future of funding status, and a letter was written to the Prime Minister in November 2022. (Attachment 2)

Our Mayor, councillor Tammy Radford, and David Fice, Manager of Community Infrastructure Delivery, travelled to Canberra on Monday, November 28, 2022, to meet with The Hon. Catherine Kings, Chief of Staff, to discuss the progress of this project. Councillor Jim Childs, the Mayor of Yarra Ranges, also attended this meeting.

Both councils are awaiting an official response from the responsible Minister.

We understand there is still \$128 million in outstanding funding promised to complete the entire 'Sealing the Hills' program

The decision to discontinue funding from this initiative occurred without consultation with our community or council.

This funding would have supported us to:

- Seal hundreds of kilometres of roads
- Reduce dust and improve livability for the locality
- Deliver essential improvements to road safety
- Improve access to our schools and community facilities, and
- Improve access for our residents, tourists, and members of emergency services.

Council is working hard to complete works already underway and progressing planning for this much-needed infrastructure project.

On behalf of our communities, we would be extremely disappointed should federal funding not be available for the entirety of this vitally important road safety program.

Policy Implications

Nil

Relevance to Council Plan

1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient

1.1.4 Facilitate a partnership approach to create safer communities.

2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places

2.1.1 Advocate, plan for and deliver accessible community infrastructure and services that address community need.

2.1.5 Upgrade Council's road network to improve safety and connectivity while considering traffic demand and freight transport needs.

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.2 Manage our finances responsibly and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

5.1.4 Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery, innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy.

Climate Emergency Consideration

N/A

Consultation/Communication

Council Officers will continue to consult with the community as per the project standard process.

All relevant line managers have been involved in the advocacy work undertaken.

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Conclusion

It is respectfully requested that Councillors consider endorsing the recommendation for Council Officers to continue advocating for the 'sealing the hills' initiative at the Ordinary Council meeting in December.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jeff Springfield, seconded Cr Brett Owen.

That Council:

- Provide endorsement under the CEO for Council Officers to continue to advocate for the delivery of the '*Sealing the Hills*' project.
- Note the advocacy effort that has been undertaken.

Carried

- 6.3 Policy Reports
- 6.4 Financial Reports

6.4.1 Ct 22-029 - Immunisation Service Tender Outcome

Responsible GM: Debbie Tyson
Author: Owen Hardidge

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the outcome of the tender, and select Kernow Environmental Services Pty Ltd to be awarded Contract 22-029, for the period of 2023-2025 for the total contract price of \$934,633.34.

Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Confidential Memorandum - Circulated to Councillors only [6.4.1.1 - 6 pages]

Executive Summary

On 31st August 2022, City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council issued a Request for Tender to the market for the provision of immunisation shared services. It was a collaborative tender process led by City of Casey. (Their reference was CT000785)

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act* requires Councils to co-ordinate immunisation services within the municipal district. Councils run several public immunisation sessions every month at a range of local community centres for infants and attend at all secondary schools. Councils will also provide 'catch up' immunisation for all persons who have missed vaccinations, and for migrant cohorts who may have arrived in Australia without full vaccination coverage.

The successful tenderer will deliver these sessions by providing administrative services, including strict record keeping on databases, and maintaining diligent adherence to all Commonwealth, State and local government directed immunisation processes, guidelines, and procedures

Background

The successful tenderer will provide immunisation services to and within the municipalities of both Councils and will deliver the prime functions of:

- Immunising community members eligible for free vaccinations under the National Immunisation Program, with a focus on children up to 4 years of age;
- Immunising secondary school aged students;
- Assessing a client's immunisation history and developing dedicated individual catch-up programs;
- Collecting and maintaining data collection, including updating of the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Service, planning and providing advice to the Councils on immunisation service needs in response to National program changes or other serviced demand; and
- Maintaining service quality and assuring provider best practice.

Each participating Council will enter its own contract with the successful tenderer for the provision of the services. The shared services aspects of the services will be coordinated jointly by the participating Councils with the successful supplier via a Memorandum of Understanding that was executed by both Councils on 28 June 2022.

This arrangement is structured to enable any new participating Councils that may elect to join the contract term, can be added as parties to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Details of tenders

Tenders closed on 21st September 2022. Information regarding the tenders received is included in the attached confidential report.

Conflict of Interest

The tender was evaluated by a panel including 2 representatives from both Casey and Cardinia, with a panel chair from Casey. All members of the panel declared that they were free from conflict for all tender submitters.

Evaluation Plan/Criteria

Tenders were evaluated in accordance with the tender evaluation criteria outlined in the specification:

- A. **Past experience (weighting 10%)** relevant experience of the Tenderer in delivering similar projects.
- B. **Approach to the delivery of the services (weighting 30%)** the suitability of the Tenderer's approach to the delivery of the Services, ability to scale up/down to reach the immunisation sector and to maximise the shared service arrangement.
- C. **Resourcing and Value for Money (weighting 20%)** the extent to which the Tender is resourced appropriately and is cost effective, taking into consideration the extent to which the Tender gives rise to efficiencies as a shared services arrangement, cost consciousness and value for money.
- D. **Risk (weighting 10%)** the level of risk presented by the Tender.
- E. **Sustainability (weighting 10%)** the extent to which the Tender supports Council's environmental sustainability goals and strategies
- F. **Community Benefit (weighting 20%)** the extent to which the Tender benefits local suppliers and the community.

Tender Assessment

The recommended tenderer is Kernow Environmental Services Pty Ltd, and the total contract price in respect of Cardinia Shire Council was \$934,633.34.

Full details of the tenders received, and the panel evaluation of them, is included in the confidential attachment to this report.

Due Diligence Assessment

The process included three Reference checks and a detailed Financial assessment to be conducted on the preferred tenderer at the conclusion of the evaluation process.

These investigations did not raise any concerns about the performance or financial viability of the preferred tenderer with included a required 5% performance security (bank guarantee).

The Corporate Scorecard assessment yielded a Satisfactory/Pass financial rating to undertake a 4-year contract of \$2.8m in value.

Relevance to Council Plan

1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient

1.1.1 Plan for, and support the delivery of, accessible health and social services that address critical gaps in provision.

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.2 Manage our finances responsibly and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

Climate Emergency Consideration

All tenders were invited to comment on their environmentally sustainable practices. The preferred tender indicated appropriate internal policies to provide for environmentally sustainable practices, which included achieving 100% carbon emission offset by implementing a Green-fleet as well as meeting annual tree planting commitments.

Consultation/Communication

The preparation of this tender involved considerable collaboration with Casey City Council's technical and procurement stakeholders to confirm mutual service specifications were agreed and in preparation and planning for an effective joint service structure.

Risk Assessment

As the recommended tenderer is the incumbent at Cardinia and Casey Council's with a good service history, they represent a low risk to CSC. Apart from some administrative work, there is no transitioning-in/out period or processes required.

It was heartening to receive several tender responses from the market, as it was initially thought that there would be limited (no) alternative, viable immunisation businesses in Victoria that were prepared to provide this service.

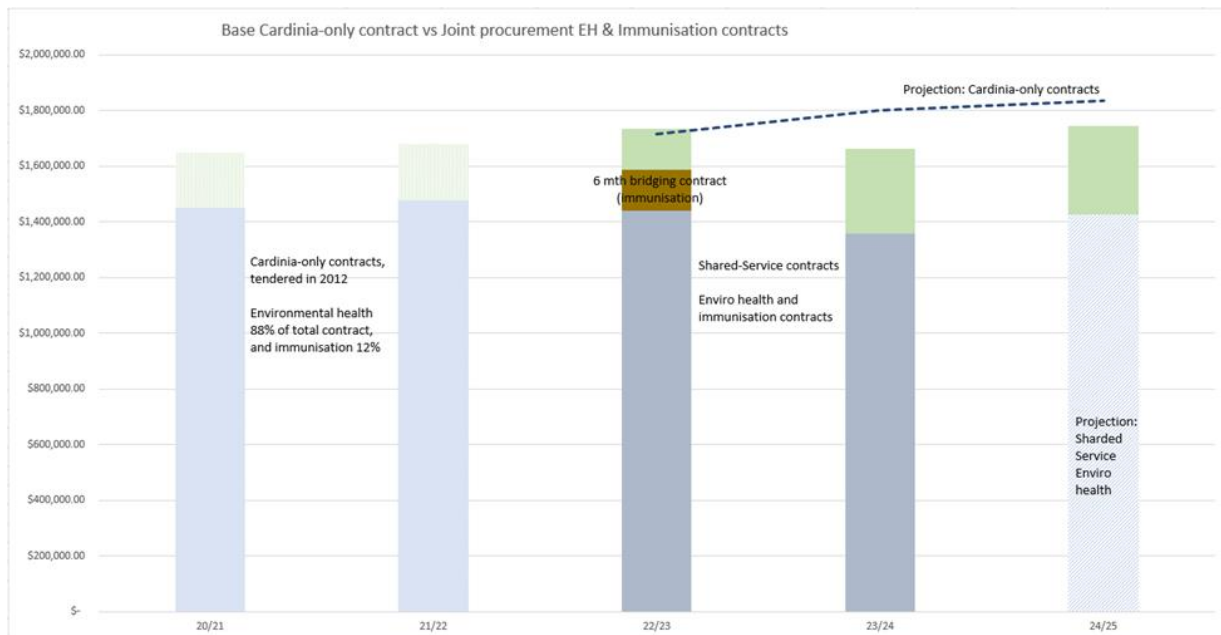
Financial and Resource Implications

The tender outcome specified a total contract price for Cardinia of \$934,633.34, with lump sum costs for each year.

As the below graph illustrates, the net position to Cardinia in pursuing a future joint procurement with Casey CC and other neighbouring Councils will deliver additional savings when compared to former contracts that were procured as a single Council. Should other Councils join the shared service arrangements, further savings will be realised and proportionally allocated to Cardinia.

As the below graph demonstrates, the costs of immunisation service has increased compared to the outgoing contract. However, the total of both 'shared service' contracts represent meaningful savings to Council, despite the increased cost of the immunisation service component.

The 2022/23 FY budget for immunisation services is \$325,000, and thus the tender outcome will be under budget.



Conclusion

The joint tender carried out on behalf of Casey and Cardinia has resulted in conforming tenders being received from the open market. Of the submissions received, the recommendation is to award our contract 22-029 to Kernow Environmental Services and to operate the resultant contracts in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding executed by the respective Councils.

The Councils should, at their preferred timings, conduct service reviews and consider whether further efficiencies can be obtained by jointly co-ordinating service with Casey CC. The Councils should also invite other Councils to consider joining the Shared Service model, with the intention of potentially realising further savings for participating Councils.

Resolution

Moved Cr Stephanie Davies, seconded Cr Collin Ross.

That Council note the outcome of the tender, and select Kernow Environmental Services Pty Ltd to be awarded Contract 22-029, for the period of 2023-2025 for the total contract price of \$934,633.34.

Carried

6.5 Activity Reports

6.5.1 Community Engagement Update

Responsible GM: Jenny Scicluna
Author: Georgia Davies-Jackson (Team Leader Engagement)

Recommendation(s)

That Council notes the community engagement activities being undertaken this month.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

Monthly update on community engagement opportunities commencing or continuing.

Background

Community engagement is a process whereby Council uses a variety of methods to proactively seek out information and feedback from the community, including their values, concerns, ideas and aspirations. Where possible and when required by legislation, Council will include the community in the development and delivery of identified initiatives and projects. This practice establishes an ongoing partnership, ensuring that community members continue to shape Council's decision making and implementation process.

Council's *Community Engagement Policy* (Policy) sets out Council's accountability for community engagement practices. The Policy meets the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's commitment to undertaking best practice, high quality community engagement activities to receive input, feedback and ideas from the community on Council projects, services, plans, policies, strategies and other Council decisions.

Council uses the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation (see below) as the model for its community engagement activities depending on the nature of the project, legislative requirements affecting the project and level of influence the community can have on the project, the risk and level of complexity of the project and available resources.

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problems, alternatives and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decision.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public issues and concerns are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and issues are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for direct advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advise and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.
EXAMPLE TOOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheets • Websites • Open houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment • Focus groups • Surveys • Public meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Deliberate polling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Advisory committees • Consensus building • Participatory • Decision-making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen juries • Ballots • Delegated • Decisions

Policy Implications

Community engagement is undertaken in line with Council's *Community Engagement Policy*.

Relevance to Council Plan

5.1 We practise responsible leadership

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

Climate Emergency Consideration

N.A

Consultation/Communication

This month, the following Engagement Plans are being implemented:

Community engagement activity December 2022			
Project	Project description	Proposed consultation date/s	Responsible Business Unit
Council 23/24 annual budget	Round 1 engagement to inform preparation of draft 23/24 council budget.	Engagement open 14 Nov - 16 Dec 2022. Pop ups across Shire at events - locations and times available on the Creating Cardinia budget page. Online survey via Creating Cardinia.	Communications and Engagement (CPP)

Some projects will involve more than one stage of engagement. The relevant Engagement Plans for each project will document the stages and purpose of engagement.

Financial and Resource Implications

N.A

Conclusion

The table above outlines projects for engagement that can be promoted to the community this month to support its awareness and involvement and will assist Council in the delivery of the Council Plan action.

The relevant Business Unit can be contacted for additional information and for further details on specific engagement activities planned (including dates).

Resolution

Moved Cr Stephanie Davies, seconded Cr Collin Ross.

That Council notes the community engagement activities being undertaken this month.

Carried

6.5.2 Major Projects Report

Responsible GM: Peter Benazic
Author: David Fice, Walter Carmignani, Kristen Jackson

Recommendation(s)

That Council note this report

Attachments

1. Major projects report - December 2022 [6.5.2.1 - 22 pages]

Executive Summary

As part of the reporting process to Council, this monthly report provides an update of the status of major projects in progress.

Background

Projects and updates are included in the attached report

Conclusion

This regular activity report (as attached) is provided for Councillor's information

Resolution

Moved Cr Collin Ross, seconded Cr Graeme Moore.

That Council note this report

Carried

7 Reports Or Minutes Of Committees

The Mayor advised that minutes had recently been received from Committees and Briefing sessions and they were available for any interested Councillors.

8 Reports By Delegates

Cr Kowarzik:

- Attended the Victorian Safe Communities Workshop at the Cardinia Cultural Centre
- Attended the Cardinia Community Leadership Program graduation ceremony
- Attended Pakenham Carols by Candlelight

Cr Davies:

- Acknowledged the recently election results for new MP Emma Vulin and returning MP Jordan Crugnale
- Noted that it was Nurse Practitioners Week
- Acknowledged ATAR Day and wished all students well in their results
- Thanked the Lakeside Residents group for their Christmas event
- Thanked all volunteers across Cardinia Shire

Cr Cameron:

- Visited French Island with the Westernport Biosphere Group to inspect flora and fauna protection works
- Attended the Lang Lang Carols by Candlelight

Cr Ryan:

- Attended the Mental Health Action Team Committee Meeting and a Mental Health Workshop
- Attended the Christmas Carols
- Attended Women's Friendship Cafe Christmas Event at Living and Learning Pakenham
- Attended Pakenham Carols by Candlelight
- Attended a Senior's event at the Civic Centre

Cr Moore:

- Attended the Senior's day event at the Civic Centre
- Congratulated Kristen Jackson on the Pakenham carols event
- Mentioned the upcoming Garfield Christmas Festival
- Advised that Santa Clause would be visiting Pakenham

Cr Owen:

- Attended the Pakenham Bush Church Aid giving event at St James Church in Pakenham and noted that this was the 65th year of this event
- Attended the Community Capital Grants Night
- Attended the Pakenham Auto Clubs 50th birthday celebrations
- Advised of Carols events being held across the shire noting that the Beaconsfield carols had been cancelled due the recent wet weather

9 Presentation Of Petitions

Nil.

10 Notices Of Motion

11 Community Questions

The Mayor advised that Council had received 2 questions from Rosa Santo.

Question 1 read:

What were all of the total expenses for a trip to Canberra that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended a conference that was not compulsory to attend, leaving the Council to have a councillor sit in to head a council meeting due to both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor being in non-attendance.

Please Itemise each expense costs

- Car parking at airport
- Flights
- Taxi fares from Sydney airport to Canberra and return to Sydney airport
- Accommodation in Canberra
- Meals

The Acting Chief Executive Officer responded with:

Thank you for the questions Ms Santo.

The first question is asking for the cost of attendance by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government earlier in the year.

In response, I advise that this question was read and answered at the July 2022 Council Meeting and I refer Ms Santo the minutes of that meeting for the details but in short, the answer given in July was \$5684.36.

Question 2 read:

If Council are willing to pay these expenses for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor! to attend a non-compulsory conference in Canberra, then why won't council reimburse Cr Collin Ross for his expenses 11,519.69?

As the Local Government Inspectorate conducted investigations and found there was insufficient evidence and no breach!

The Acting Chief Executive Officer responded with:

Ms Santo, your second question refers to the expenses incurred by Cr Ross relating to an investigation into his travel expenses and asks why Council will not reimburse this cost. In answer to the question I advise that the Council has previously resolved not to reimburse Cr Ross his legal expenses. I won't presume to speak on behalf of the elected council as to the reasons why, but you may care to refer to the webcast of the June or November Council Meetings when motions regarding this this matter were previously considered and debated.

I do not consider that there is any correlation between the cost of the Canberra conference and Cr Ross's expenses.

12 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

13 Councillor Questions

Nil.

14 Confidential Business

Amendment to Minutes

Council resolved at Council Meeting 14 April 2025 to approve the recording of item 14.1 *CEO Performance Matters Committee Report* as an accurate record.

Item *CEO Performance Matters Committee Report* was designated as confidential on the grounds that it relates to *Local Government Act 2020*, section 3(1)(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

15 Meeting Closure

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Minutes confirmed
Chairman