

14 October 2010

Councillor
(as addressed)

The next Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood on Monday 18 October 2010, commencing at 7.30pm and your presence is requested.

Yours faithfully



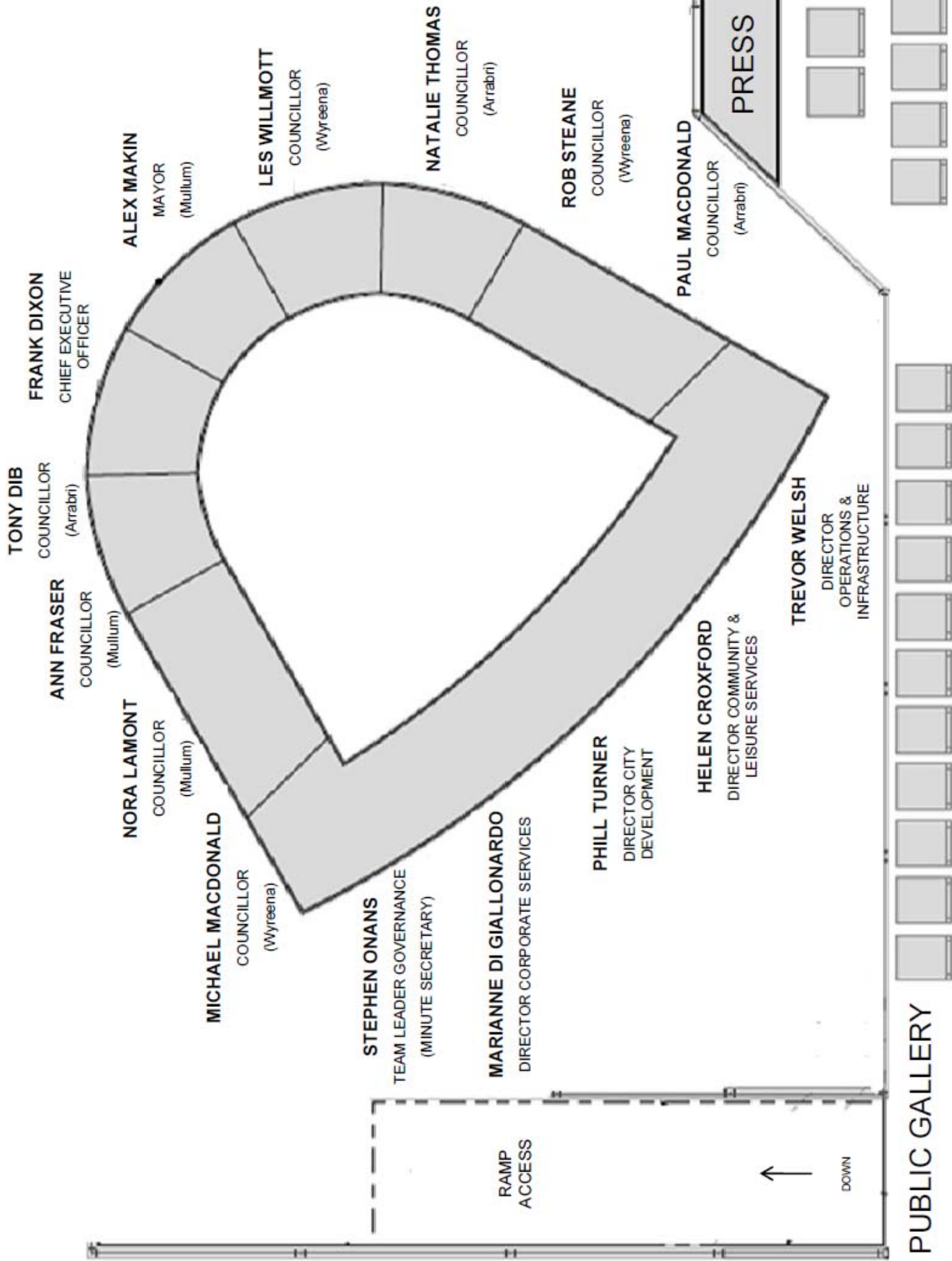
Frank Dixon
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

NOTE: Dinner will precede the Council Meeting at 6.00pm



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AGENDA

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DRAFT RINGWOOD EASTERN GATEWAY PRECINCT PLAN

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to adopt the draft Ringwood eastern gateway precinct plan for the purpose of placing the plan on exhibition for community consultation.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following direction contained within the Council Plan 2008 – 2012 provide the strategic framework that underpin the purpose and recommendations of this report:

Urban Design and Development

Strategic Objective: Maroondah will foster the development of distinct urban forms with a variety of land uses, visual designs and housing types that offer an attractive and safe environment, value the municipality's diverse heritage and assist in creating the community's sense of place.

Strategies:

Utilise good design principles including community safety and sustainability to enhance the development of a sense of community through the integration of the built and natural environment.

Develop and implement an urban form that recognises and incorporates the heritage, culture and neighbourhood character of Maroondah and builds on existing private and public infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

The 'Eastern Gateway' is located within the Ringwood Central Activities District (refer Figure 1).



Figure 1 Ringwood Transit City study area boundary including triangle of Eastern Gateway Precinct

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The Ringwood Transit City Urban Design Masterplan (2004) identified the Eastern Gateway precinct as a strategic redevelopment area and provided a broad framework for future development in the precinct. The precinct is located at the eastern end of the transit city precinct and bound by the Ringwood Bypass Road, Maroondah Highway and Warrandyte Road.

There is currently extensive private sector interest in multi-storey residential and commercial development in this area for which Council has received a number of planning applications.

Precinct planning is necessary to ensure that current development is undertaken in a manner complementary to other current or future development in the precinct. The precinct plan will also provide greater certainty of future outcomes to both the local community and to investors.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The Draft Eastern Gateway Precinct Plan was originally prepared by Roberts Day Town Planning & Design. On 19 March 2007, Council adopted the Draft Eastern Gateway Precinct Plan for community consultation, and resolved to place the Precinct Plan on public exhibition to receive feedback from the public.

The Precinct Plan consisted of:

- An analysis of existing conditions and issues
- A Precinct Plan for the Eastern Gateway Precinct
- Access and Parking Guidelines
- Land Use and Development Guidelines
- Preferred future character for four (4) Project areas within the Eastern Gateway Precinct and
- Implementation recommendations.

The major features/initiatives of the Precinct plan included:

- A mixed use precinct catering for between 95,000m to 125,000m² commercial floor space and between 688 to 1320 residential units, to be accommodated in medium density (3-4 storeys) within the precinct and high density (6-8 storeys) development along the Warrandyte Road & Maroondah Highway abuttal;
- Improvements to the physical and visual links into and within the precinct, to include:
 - A new east-west road to be constructed, extending from Warrandyte Road in the west through to Larissa Avenue/Maroondah Highway in the east
 - New east west connection north of Aird Street to connect Warrandyte Road & Pratt Street
 - Aird Street to be closed
 - New ingress into Pratt Street from the Ringwood Bypass Road
 - Internal road connection at the northern end of Bardia Street and Pratt Street and a new link road between Bardia Street and Larissa Avenue and

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- Improved physical and visual connections between the Mullum Mullum Creek and Ringwood Lake, and improved pedestrian and cyclist access within the precinct
- New signalised intersections at Maroondah Highway /Pratt Street, Maroondah Highway /Larissa Avenue intersections, and the intersection of Warrandyte Road and the new northern-most access road and
- Upgraded intersection at Maroondah Highway /Bardia Street



The community consultation originally included a Community Workshop which was held in May 2006 with residents and landowners from within the Eastern Gateway precinct to provide an opportunity to discuss the future design of the area in relation to:

- neighbourhood character and identity
- connections and accessibility, both within the Eastern Gateway Precinct, and to surrounding areas including Ringwood Lake, Ringwood Town Centre, shops, the library and public transport
- community and recreational facilities, and
- public open spaces.

Feedback from this workshop was taken into account in the preparation of the Draft Precinct Plan.

Consultation also took place with the key stakeholders of the Ringwood Transit City Program and the Community Reference Group, which was taken into account in the preparation of the Draft Precinct Plan.

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The Draft Eastern Gateway Precinct Plan was placed on public exhibition in 2007 for four (4) weeks, and a total of eleven (11) submissions were received.

Unfortunately in 2007 VicRoads was not willing to endorse the Precinct Plan as they were unsure of the impact of EastLink would have on this area.

Following the completion of EastLink in 2008, the plan has been reviewed given a number of changes to the area, in particular the Larissa Avenue Lake to Creek development and the 9 storey development at 4-10 Larissa Avenue.

A new modified precinct plan has been developed, the major changes include:

- The east west road now terminates at Bardia Street not Larissa Avenue.
- New guidelines have been developed to help guide building heights
- There is proposed to be a commercial / residential interface on the east side of Pratt Street and adjacent to the new East/West Road.
- The two signalised intersections at Pratt and Larissa Avenue are replaced by a signalised intersection at Bardia Street and Pedestrian Signals at Larissa Avenue.



Both the Department of Planning and Community Development and VicRoads have indicated their support for the revised precinct plan.

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FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

The implementation of the Precinct Plan will ensure that appropriate development is undertaken in a manner complementary to other current or future development in the precinct. Having the Precinct Plan in place will also provide greater certainty of future amenity and the natural and built environments. Improved accessibility within the precinct will create a more sustainable built environment, with less reliance on private vehicular transport. The precinct plan also encourages ecologically sustainable design principles to be incorporated into all new development.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The implementation of the Precinct Plan will assist in planning for the predicted changes in demographics over time and provide additional leisure and recreation opportunities to cater for future needs. It will provide an increase in housing diversity within the precinct to cater for a wider cross-section of the population, and also result in greater opportunities for community interaction within the precinct, improving internal access for pedestrians and cyclists and encouraging community meeting places.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

It is proposed to place the amended Draft Precinct Plan on public exhibition for a period of four (4) weeks. The original draft precinct plan was placed on exhibition in 2007 and 11 submissions were received.

CONCLUSION

Given the proposed changes to the Plan and the considerable time from the original exhibition in 2007 it is recommended that Council place the Draft on public exhibition for a four week period.

CONFIDENTIALITY

There are no confidentiality issues associated with this report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. ADOPTS THE DRAFT PLAN FOR EXHIBITION, AND**
- 2. PLACES THE DRAFT RINGWOOD EASTERN GATEWAY PRECINCT PLAN ON EXHIBITION FOR (4) FOUR WEEKS.**

ATTENDANCE REPORTS

ITEM 1

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for Councillors to report on those Committees to which they were formally appointed at the meeting of Council held on 14 December 2009.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in the Council Plan 2010-2014 provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose and recommendation in this report:

Strategic Objective – Maroonah will underpin its services to the community with the principles and practice of good governance, sustainable and responsible financial management, participative decision making processes and an organisational culture that highly values its partners, citizens, employees and customers.

Strategy 3 – Ensure open, accessible and accountable local government provided through the application of good governance practices and utilising appropriate human and physical resources.

BACKGROUND

Not Applicable

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

It is intended that the Mayor and Councillors be given the opportunity to present a verbal or written report to the open meeting of Council, updating Council on the actions of such a Board or Organisation.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

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CONCLUSION

Council is represented on numerous Boards and Organisations and it is important that Council and the Community be advised of the actions and activities of same.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE DELEGATES' REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS.

WARD REPORTS

ITEM 2

PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity for Councillors to give a verbal report on upcoming community activities/events within their Wards.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in the Council Plan 2010-2014 provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose and recommendation in this report:

Strategic Objective – Maroondah will underpin its services to the community with the principles and practice of good governance, sustainable and responsible financial management, participative decision making processes and an organisational culture that highly values its partners, citizens, employees and customers.

Strategy 3 – Ensure open, accessible and accountable local government provided through the application of good governance practices and utilising appropriate human and physical resources.

BACKGROUND

Not Applicable

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Councillors are elected to represent their communities at the local level and undertake a broad range of duties and tasks within their respective wards, many of which are not directly related to Council meetings.

It is appropriate that Councillors have the opportunity to draw attention to forthcoming community activities/events occurring within their Wards.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

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ITEM 2

CONCLUSION

It is important that Councillors are able to draw attention to upcoming community activities/events within their Wards.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE WARD REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS.

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

ITEM 3

PURPOSE

To present the 'Public Record' of those Assembly of Councillors briefings which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings at the City Offices Ringwood, usually two weeks prior to the formal Council Meeting, and to note the issues discussed.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

The following directions contained in the Council Plan 2010-2014 provide the strategic framework that underpins the purpose and recommendation in this report:

Strategic Objective – Maroondah will underpin its services to the community with the principles and practice of good governance, sustainable and responsible financial management, participative decision making processes and an organisational culture that highly values its partners, citizens, employees and customers.

Strategy 3 – Ensure open, accessible and accountable local government provided through the application of good governance practices and utilising appropriate human and physical resources.

BACKGROUND

An Assembly of Councillors, as defined under the Local Government Act 1989 [s.76AA], is a planned or scheduled meeting, comprising at least 3 Councillors and 1 member of Council staff, that considers matters that are intended or likely to be:

- the subject of a decision of the Council; or
- subject to the exercise of a delegated function, duty or power of a Council

Examples of an Assembly of Councillors may include:

- Councillor Briefings (which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings),
- On-site inspections,
- Consultative Meetings with residents, developers, consultants,
- Panel Hearings conducted under s223 of the Act
- Meetings with local organisations, Government Departments, statutory authorities, and local politicians.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

As part of decision making processes at Maroondah, it is essential that Councillors are briefed on a range of issues which come before Council for consideration. As a means of providing this information, Assembly of Councillors briefings are conducted.

Assemblies are also attended by Council Officers, and sometimes other specific advisors, to provide Councillors with a detailed knowledge and understanding of issues under consideration to a level of detail that would inhibit timely decision-making, that would not be possible in an open council meeting, where decision-making related debate is governed by strict meeting procedures.

REPORTS OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

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The intent of this report is to present the 'Public Record' of those Assembly of Councillors briefings which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings, and to note the items discussed. This information is already available to the public upon request in accordance with the Local Government Act [s.80A].

This report and appendix details formally table the information items previously covered by Councillors.

The 'Public Record' of the Assembly of Councillors briefings held on 20 September and 4 October 2010 are attached for information – refer Appendixes on pages 16 to 18.

The items contained therein were noted.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Not Applicable

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

CONCLUSION

Assembly of Councillors briefings are important forums for advice and discussion, on what are often complex issues facing the municipality, in the lead up to formal decisions being made by Councillors at Council Meetings. At Assemblies, or outside them, Councillors also have the opportunity of requesting additional information to assist in the decision making process.

It is appropriate that the 'Public Record' of those Assembly of Councillors briefings which are attended by all Councillors and generally held on Monday evenings at the City Offices Ringwood, usually two weeks prior to the formal Council Meeting, be noted at a formal meeting of Council.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS BRIEFING/S HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER AND 4 OCTOBER 2010.

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APPENDIX 1

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS – PUBLIC RECORD

Assembly Details:

Date: 20-Sep-2010 Time: 6:00 PM Location: Room 4

Attendees:

Councillors:		
Cr Tony Dib	Cr Michael Macdonald	Cr Rob Steane
Cr Ann Fraser	Cr Paul Macdonald	Cr Les Willmott
Cr Nora Lamont	Cr Alex Makin	
Council Officers:		
Trevor Welsh	A/CEO & Director Operations & Infrastructure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director Corporate Services	
Helen Croxford	Director Community & Leisure Services	
Phil Turner	Director City Development	
Stephen Onans	Team Leader Governance	
Barbara George	A/Manager Community Services (Item 2)	
Megan Fitzgerald	Program Manager Early Childhood Services (Item 2)	

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Natalie Thomas
Councillor Officers:	Frank Dixon, Chief Executive Officer

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Councillor Officers:	Nil

Items for Discussion:

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##	
1	Councillor Discussion of Agenda Items
2	Maroondah Early Years Childhood Plan 2010 - 2014
3	Ringwood Station Advocacy Campaign Update
4	Ringwood Soccer Multi Purpose Sports Pavilion Update
5	Issues of a general nature raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer:	Stephen Onans
Title:	Team Leader Governance

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APPENDIX 2

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS – PUBLIC RECORD

Assembly Details:

Date: 4-Oct-2010 Time: 6.00pm Location: PMR4

Attendees:

Councillors:		
Cr Tony Dib		Cr Rob Steane
Cr Ann Fraser	Cr Paul Macdonald	Cr Natalie Thomas
Cr Nora Lamont	Cr Alex Makin	
Council Officers:		
Trevor Welsh	Acting Chief Executive Officer	
Dianne Vrahnas	Acting Director Corporate Services	
Helen Croxford	Director Community & Leisure Services	
Phil Turner	Director City Development	
Stephen Onans	Team Leader Governance	
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure Culture & Youth Services	
Kim Rosenfeld	Team Leader Leisure Services	
Dale Muir	Manager Revenue Property & Customer Service	
Sean Mcnamee	Manager Strategic Planning & Sustainability	
Peter Tully	Corporate & Project Officer	
Others:		
Allan Preiss McArthur Consulting		

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Les Willmott, Cr Michael Macdonald
Councillor Officers:	Frank Dixon, Marianne Di Giallonardo

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Councillor Officers:	Nil

Items for Discussion:

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	##	Item
1	##	CEO Review
2		Relay for Life Event
3		Landowner Assessment Policy
4		Property Matters
	##	ROW from Loughnan Rd to Munro St Ringwood
		Submissions/prop Discontinuance ROW Sth of Joseph St Ringwood East
		Berringa Road Park Orchards
	##	Council Land Between 87 & 89 Eastfield Rd Croydon

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6	Amendments to Local Government Act
7	Yarra Valley Bridge Club
8	Womens Health East Proposal
9	Community Assistance Fund Applications (October)
10	Eastern Gateway Update
11	Update Ringwood Soccer Synthetic Turf Tender
12	Issues of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer:	Peter Tully
Title:	Governance Advisor

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ITEM 4

PURPOSE

To consider and discuss the Annual Report 2009/2010 in accordance with State government legislation

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

Maroondah meets all its statutory obligations for its Annual Report under the Local Government Act 1989 and also provides a comprehensive report on Council operations to meet its commitment of open, responsive and consultative government. This report reflects this obligation.

The Annual Report is Council's highest-level comprehensive report to the community outlining how the Council has met its annual objectives as articulated in the proceeding years Council Plan and Budget. These objectives are yearly points in time, which are derived from Maroondah 2025: A Community Planning Together and Council's long-term financial plan.

The central objective of the 2009/2010 Annual Report is to inform the Maroondah community and stakeholders of Council's performance in 2009/2010 against the objectives and priorities outlined in the 2009/2013 Council Plan.

The report is linked to each of the eight thematic areas of Council operation. Each thematic area is given a thorough report with indicators and a report against Council priorities.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council is required to prepare and submit an Annual Report to the Minister within three months of the end of each financial year. Section 134 of the Local Government Act requires Council to hold a meeting to consider the report within one month of submission to the Minister

This meeting is required to be an open meeting and 14 days' notice of the meeting must be given.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

Council endorsed the Annual Report for submission to the Minister on 20 September 2010 and a copy of the report was subsequently forwarded to the Minister.

The necessary statutory advertising has been undertaken and, as required by the Local government Act 1989, copies of the report have been made available from Customer Service at the Municipal Offices and the Croydon and Eastland Ringwood Customer Service centres, it was also available on Council's website.

Key features of the Annual Report as required by Section 131, include the following matters:

- A report of Council's operations during the financial year.
- Audited standard statements for the financial year.
- Audited financial statements for the financial year.
- Performance Statement prepared under Section 132.
- Report on the Performance Statement prepared under Section 133.

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In addition, the report contains a statement of compliance as required by Victorian Government Policy on National Compliance.

The report demonstrates Council's on-going commitment to the Maroondah community, highlighting a range of achievements including:

- Council undertook an extensive independent review of its Major Leisure Facilities (Croydon Leisure and Aquatic Centre, Croydon Memorial Pool, Ringwood Aquatic Centre, Dorset and Ringwood Golf Courses, and Maroondah Indoor Sports Centre) with recommendations that deliver a strategic management plan for the sustainable future of the six facilities.
- Council also undertook a review of the Ringwood Aquatic Centre, which is currently experiencing declining patronage and annual net operating costs of more than \$1m. The independent Ringwood Aquatic Feasibility Study advised the replacement of the existing centre with a proposed \$48 million Maroondah Aquatic and Leisure, incorporating a major diving component. The new centre is proposed to be the State Diving Centre subject to State funding.
- Development progresses in the Ringwood Central Activities District with continued growth in residential development, including the commencement of construction of a 9 storey affordable housing project in Larissa Avenue. Council has approved plans for Queensland Investment Corporation's development of Eastland, which incorporates a new town square opposite the station, and for the Town Centre South Precinct, relating to the bus interchange project.
- To assist with the Ringwood Central Activities District project, Council received \$720,000 from the State Government to upgrade Larissa Avenue. The 'Lake to Creek' project aims to provide better connections to existing pathways and landmarks making the area more pedestrian friendly.
- More than 120 different services are provided by Council annually to the 105,000 members of our community. In this year's Community Satisfaction Survey, 86% of residents surveyed gave Council a positive rating for its service performance. Maroondah also received very pleasing results in the State Government 2008 Indicators of Community Strength at a Local Government Level, scoring 90% for easy access to recreational and leisure facilities and 94% for facilities and services like shops, childcare, schools and libraries.
- Council unveiled its 2009/2013 Community Wellbeing Plan which provides the basis for creating an optimal state of health and wellbeing for the Maroondah community. Presenting six key health and wellbeing priorities targeting equity, social inclusion and healthy sustainable environments, the Plan will be implemented by Council in partnership with the community, local agencies and the State Government.
- Council approved the Leisure Services 2009/2013 Strategic Plan, developed in partnership with the community and key stakeholders. The Plan will guide the further development of initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the community to provide a wide range of quality leisure options.

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- During 2009/2010 Council managed a \$13.6 million capital works program to develop and maintain the infrastructure assets in the Maroondah community. The program included over \$2.2 million allocated to building and road renewal to maintain the condition of existing community assets.
- Council investment in sporting and leisure infrastructure continued with work commencing on the \$3.5 million redevelopment of the Ringwood Soccer Stadium in Jubilee Park, funded by Federal and State Government grants. The Dorset Recreational Reserve soccer pitch and HE Parker Reserve Tennis Club were also upgraded with the installation of lighting, extending the amount of time the facilities can be used.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The cost of printing the 2009/2010 Annual Report is met within the current budget. Maroondah has moved away from printing large numbers of documents to save paper and costs. A relatively small number of Annual Reports are now printed on recycled stock to meet statutory, administrative and community needs. The document will be on the Maroondah Council web page for downloading.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

These are articulated in the Annual Report.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

These are also articulated in the Annual Report.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Under Section 134 of the Act, Council must give public notice that the:

- Annual Report has been prepared; and
- Place from which copies of the annual report can be obtained before the meeting on October 18 2010.

In accordance with these provisions of the Act, a Public Notice was published in The Age newspaper on Saturday 25 September 2010 and in the Maroondah Journal and Leader newspapers on Tuesday 28 September 2010.

Copies of the endorsed Annual Report were made available for inspection at the City Offices, Council's Customer Service Centres, and Council's website on Monday 27 September 2010.

CONCLUSION

The Annual Report 2009/2010 confirms that Council has made significant advances towards achieving the community's strategic vision in terms of community service, environmental enhancement, economic development, infrastructure development and civic administration and leadership, in addition to its obligations under Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989.

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CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

- 1. NOTES THE COMPLETION OF THE 2009/2010 ANNUAL REPORT DOCUMENT AND PROCESS.**
- 2. NOTES THE AUDITOR'S UNQUALIFIED REPORTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, STANDARD STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS.**
- 3. ENSURES COPIES OF THE REPORT REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY ANY INTERESTED PERSON AT THE MUNICIPAL, RINGWOOD EASTLAND AND CROYDON OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL AND IS PLACED ON COUNCIL'S INTERNET SITE.**

BERRINGA ROAD, PARK ORCHARDS

ITEM 5

PURPOSE

To authorise commencement of the legislative requirements to enable the discontinuance of part of Berringa Road, Park Orchards.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

This item relates to Council's Plan 2010/14, Vision, Mission and Values as well as the Governance and Corporate support theme, which articulates as one of the strategies, 'Ensure open, accessible and accountable local government provided through the application of good governance practices and utilising appropriate human, physical and technological resources.' Council has a land asset property portfolio that it reviews on an ongoing basis to ensure these land assets are meeting current and future resident needs and expectations.

BACKGROUND

Berringa Road commences at Oban Road and continues north for approximately 2 kilometres, finishing at Wirth Road, Park Orchards. Less than 400 metres of the road is within the City of Maroondah, the balance being within the City of Manningham.

Within the City of Maroondah, the road is unconstructed northwards from the driveway entrance to the property at No.43 Berringa Road to its intersection with Williams Road, a distance of approximately 55 metres.

Bollards installed just past the end of the constructed section, about 10 metres south of the municipal boundary, restrict access to Williams Road to pedestrians only.

Refer to the plans and aerial photograph at Annexures 1 to 3 on pages 26 to 28.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

According to the Land Titles Office, proprietorship to Berringa Road has been in the name of an abutting subdivision's developer, Mr Willie Williams of Ringwood, since April 1913.

In May 2010, the Office of Geographic Names (OGN), a division of the Department of Sustainability & Environment, wrote informing Council of a complaint regarding the road they had received from the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA).

Because Berringa Road is divided near the municipal boundary by the road block, it is not possible for emergency vehicles to navigate from one end of the road to the other end. According to ESTA, blocked roads create recurring problems for emergency services organisations. Valuable time is lost when an emergency vehicle enters from the wrong end and has to double back, thus posing an unacceptable risk to residents and other road users.

According to OGN, Berringa Road is considered to be two different roads with the same name and within close proximity to each other. This situation therefore does not comply with Principle 6 – Public Safety, and Principle 7 – Duplication of Names of the Guidelines for Geographic Names (October 2004) (the Guidelines).

BERRINGA ROAD, PARK ORCHARDS

ITEM 5

Section 5 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 requires Council to comply with the Guidelines with respect to road naming.

After liaising with the City of Manningham, Council has decided to rename its section of Berringa Road and has entered discussions with the local historical society to choose an appropriate name.

To facilitate its name change, a section of the road must be discontinued to obtain a title separation of the two roads.

A decision by Council to discontinue a section of the road would be made pursuant to Clause 3 (a) of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989. Public consultation is required prior to Council making a decision on discontinuance. On publication of the notice of discontinuance in the Victoria Government Gazette, that part of the road would automatically vest in Council.

Research for this matter also identified that the owner of No.71 Williams Road has encroached Berringa Road with driveway and garden improvements.

The encroached land will also be included in the discontinuance.

Section 7B of the Limitation of Actions Act 1958 prevents any claim for adverse possession of land owned by Council.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

Council's current budget provides for this discontinuance.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

The discontinuance accords with Council policy.

SOCIAL / COMMUNITY ISSUES

The discontinuance accords with Council policy.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council is required by statute to publish a public notice in "The Age" newspaper of any proposal to discontinue a road or right of way and receive submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

CONCLUSION

Undertaking this strategic direction for this road would ensure Council's compliance with the Guidelines for Geographic Names (October 2004) and Section 5 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not applicable to this matter.

BERRINGA ROAD, PARK ORCHARDS

ITEM 5

RECOMMENDATION

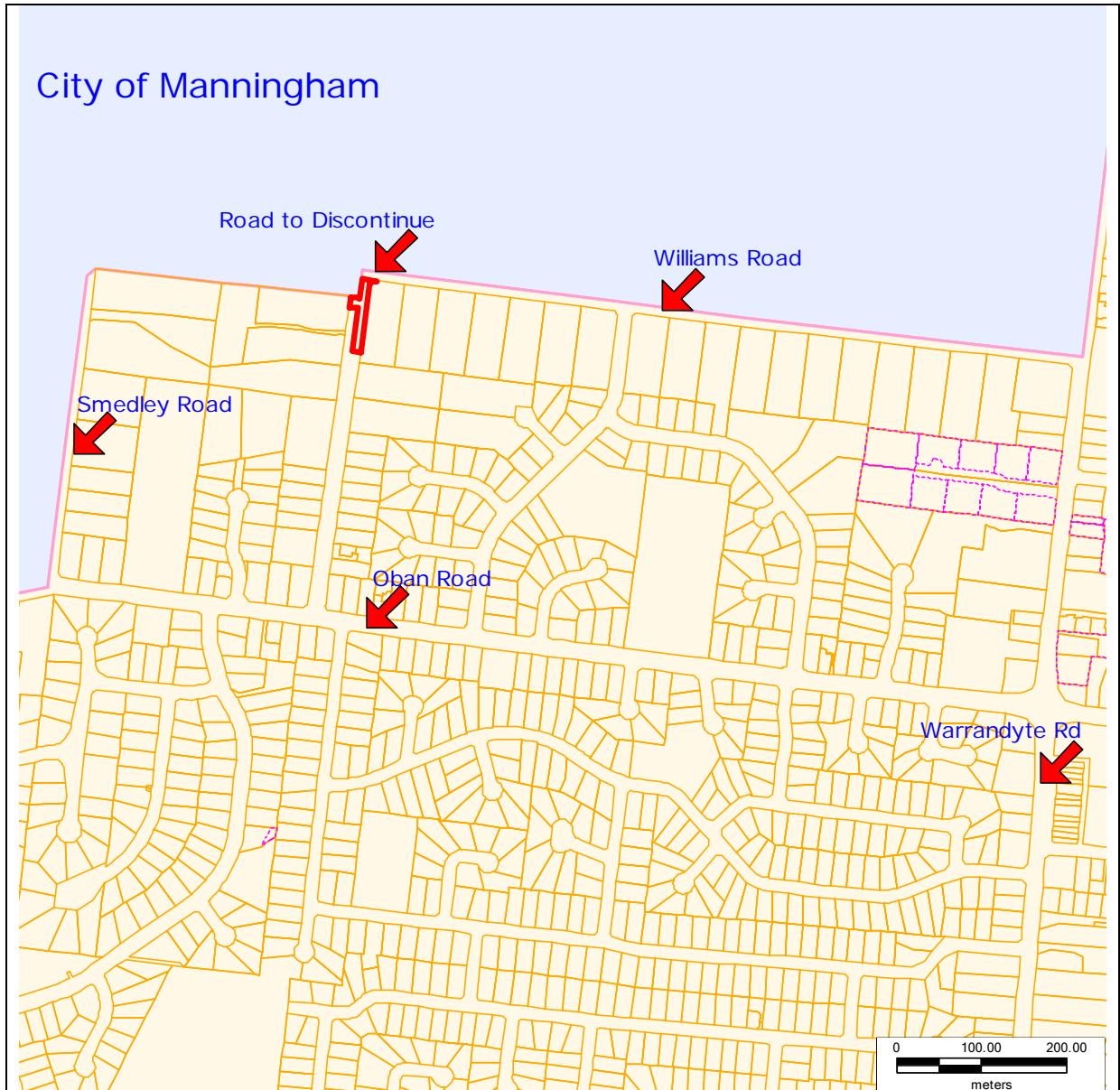
THAT COUNCIL ACTING UNDER CLAUSE 3 OF SCHEDULE 10 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 ("THE ACT):

- (i) RESOLVES THAT THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES BE COMMENCED TO DISCONTINUE THE ROAD WHICH IS SHOWN IN BOLD OUTLINE ON THE PLANS CONTAINED IN ANNEXURES 1 AND 2 ON PAGES 26 TO 27;**
- (ii) NOW DIRECTS THAT UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE DISCONTINUANCE BE GIVEN IN "THE AGE" NEWSPAPER ONLY;**
- (iii) RESOLVES THAT THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT SHOULD STATE THAT IF THE ROAD IS DISCONTINUED COUNCIL PROPOSES TO TRANSFER THE LAND TO ITSELF;**
- (iv) IF NO SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED, A NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ROAD WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE VICTORIA GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND COUNCIL WILL THEN TRANSFER THE LAND TO ITSELF;**
- (v) CONSIDERS ANY WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AND APPOINTS A COMMITTEE OF COUNCILLORS COMPRISING COUNCILLORS MAKIN, FRASER AND LAMONT TO HEAR ANY PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 223 OF THE ACT;**
- (vi) DETERMINES THAT SUCH COMMITTEE WILL HEAR ALL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSIONS AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BRAESIDE AVENUE, RINGWOOD ON TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2011;**
- (vii) FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AND THE CONSIDERATION OF ANY SUBMISSIONS BY COUNCIL, WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO DISCONTINUE THE ROAD AND TRANSFER THE LAND TO ITSELF; AND**
- (viii) SIGNS AND SEALS ALL DOCUMENTATION IN RELATION TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ROAD.**

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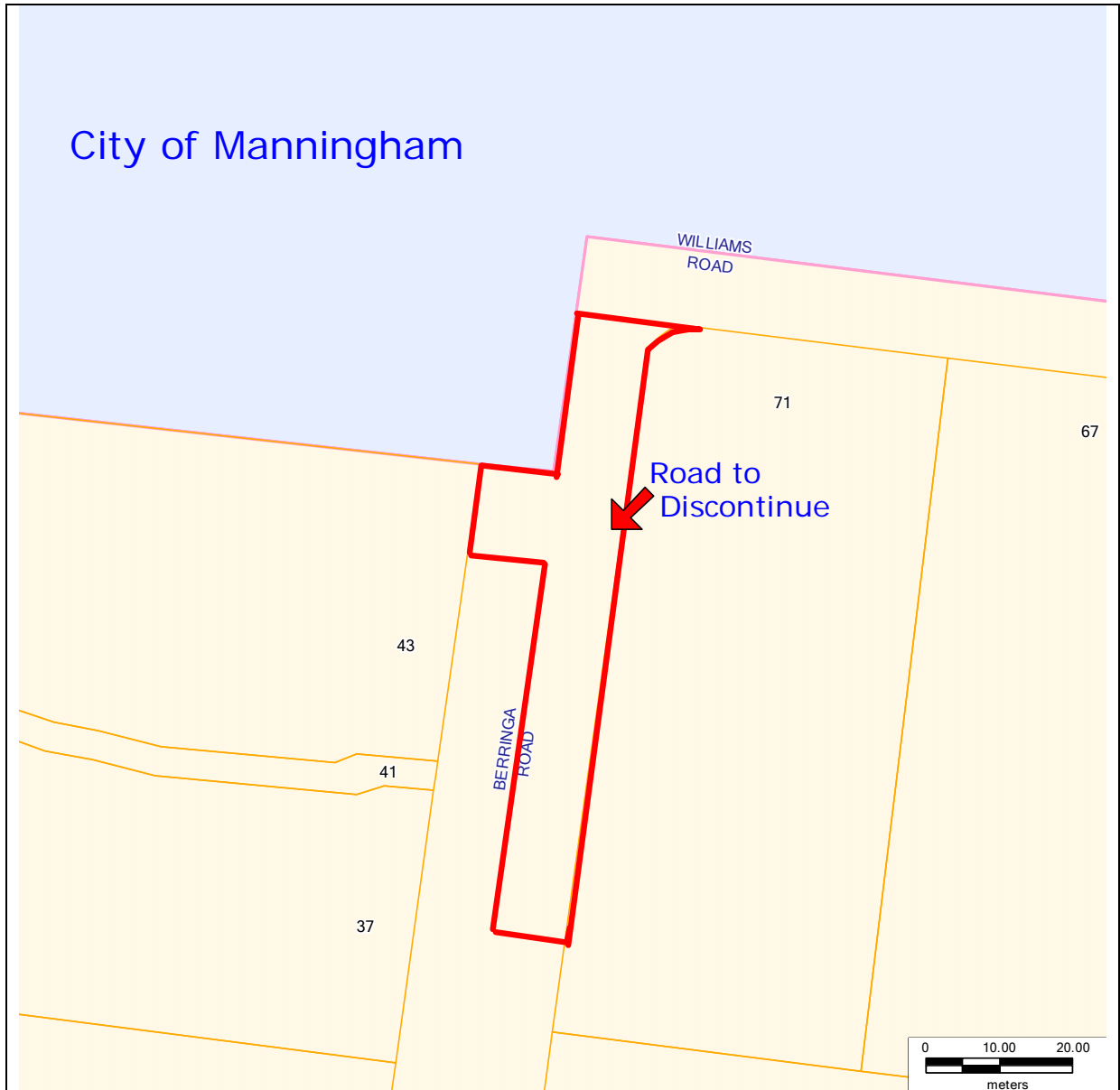
Annexure 1
Locality Plan



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Annexure 2
Site Plan



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Annexure 3
Aerial Photograph



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PURPOSE

To provide Council with information regarding the draft Early Years Plan 2010-2014.

STRATEGIC / POLICY ISSUES

Maroondah Early Years Plan 2010-2014 has been developed in line with the recommendation from the Municipal Association of Victoria for all Councils in Victoria to develop a Municipal Early Years Plan.

The Early Years Plan is a local area strategic plan for the development and coordination of care, education, development, and health services, as well as social opportunities for young children.

By definition, the Early Years Plan is designed to:

- Increase support for young children and their families
- Focus attention on vulnerable families
- Promote ease of access to services
- Increase service integration and collaboration.

BACKGROUND

Maroondah City Council developed its first Municipal Early Years Plan in 2004/2005. The current plan has been reviewed resulting in the development of the draft Maroondah Early Years Plan 2010-2014.

Extensive research was undertaken to inform the Maroondah Early Years Plan 2010-2014. Social research methods were used to identify the key health, development and wellbeing issues currently affecting children and families in the municipality.

Broad community consultations were undertaken to identify key health, development and wellbeing issues. The primary data gathered from these consultations was analysed and compared to a range of secondary data gathered from literature sources and Australian data collections. The results of this research provided an evidence base for the Early Years Plan 2010-2014 and determined its priorities, goals and strategies. A comprehensive report documents the results of this research (Maroondah City Council Early Years Research Report: An evidence base for the Early Years Plan 2010-2014).

The Early Years Plan includes eight priority areas:

- Care
- Health
- Inclusion
- Leisure and Open Spaces
- Development
- Referral and Early Intervention
- Education
- Networks and Linkages

To facilitate health, development and well-being gains for Maroondah's children and families action plans have been developed for each of the eight priority areas.

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The purpose of the action plans is to realise Maroondah City Council's 2010-2014 health, development and wellbeing priorities through specific actions that will guide the activities that Council and the community undertakes.

ISSUE / DISCUSSION

The development of the draft Early Years Plan 2010-2014 included a literature review, which included analysis of key state and commonwealth policies, Council Plans and current health, education and well being emerging best practices. A review of the health, development and wellbeing of the 0-8 cohort of children in Maroondah and extensive consultation was also undertaken.

FINANCIAL / ECONOMIC ISSUES

The Early Years Plan aligns with the Council Planning Framework.

Strategies and actions in the Plan were developed in consultation with stakeholders across Council to ensure that strategies and actions in the Plan align with Departmental Plans and Service Delivery Plans. This approach ensures that the majority of actions are resourced within the recurrent budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL / AMENITY ISSUES

Not Applicable

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

In 2009/2010 Maroondah Council engaged with service providers and communities throughout the municipality to identify the main factors and issues that people considered most important for health, development and wellbeing of children and families. A range of consultation methods were used. The methods included:

- Consultations with Maroondah City Council teams from the following areas; Early Childhood Services, Public Health, Aged and Disability, Community Planning and Development, Youth and Leisure Services, Public Affairs and Building Services.
- Stakeholder Workshops for service providers and agencies located in, or servicing, the City of Maroondah (approximately 71 community groups and organizations).
- Early Years Surveys were sent to 600 Maroondah parents, randomly selected from the MCH database
- Consultation sessions with children from 7 kindergartens in Maroondah.

An analysis of the consultation data was conducted. Overall the areas viewed as having the greatest impact on the health, development and wellbeing for children, families and the community in Maroondah were; care, health, inclusion, leisure and open spaces, development, referrals and early intervention, education and networks and linkages.

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CONCLUSION

The draft Maroondah Early Years Plan 2010-2014 meets the guidelines as outlined by the Municipal Association of Victoria.

The draft Plan provides a direction, a framework and action plans that set out how, through partnerships and a commitment to addressing health, development and wellbeing inequalities, Council and the community can work towards an optimal state of health, development and wellbeing for the Maroondah children.

Public exhibition of the Draft Plan will include:

- Advertisements in the local papers seeking comments from the community on the draft Plan;
- Four weeks public exhibition of the draft Plan at all Council Service Centres, local libraries, and on the Council web page;
- Emailing the draft Plan to service providers who were involved in the consultation process for comment;
- Hard copies are available by request

The opportunity to make a submission will be available until 5.00pm 24 November 2010.

The Plan includes eight priority areas with evidence based action plans that address issues identified via comprehensive primary and secondary research.

By addressing these inter-related issues and challenges the Plan positions Maroondah City Council to have a significant impact on levels of health, development and wellbeing in Maroondah in the future and take a leadership role to improve outcomes for its children.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE DRAFT EARLY YEARS PLAN 2010-2014 FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.