

Date	Event/Milestone
Early 2017	Maroondah City Council (Council) begins discussions with Swinburne University around the Greyfield the Greyfields (GtG) concept.
Mid-2017	<p>Council establishes the GtG Community Advisory Group (CAG) and undertakes project-specific community engagement (e.g. Café Consult at Maroondah Festival - Café Consult is a public consultation hub that provides an opportunity for the community to be informed about Council's activities and to have a say on a range of topics).</p> <p>The CAG meets 6-weekly and will recommence activities following the Planning Panel. Members of this group, including a Maroondah Councillor and a member of the Maroondah Environmental Advisory Group participated in engagement activities during the exhibition of Amendments C134 and C136.</p>
Mid-2017	<p>Council identifies suitable locations for GtG precincts and precinct-specific design objectives, including tree planting and cycle lane, drainage and open space provision.</p> <p>Council explores funding opportunities.</p>
17 November 2017	Council advised that a \$225,000.00 application for funding under the Federal Smart Cities and Suburbs Program had been successful. The funding approval incorporates a 50 per cent matched funding contribution from DELWP, Knox City Council, Cooperative Research Centre for Spatial Information (CRCSI) and Swinburne University. The total funding value is \$450,000.00.
December 2017	A Smart Cities and Suburbs (SCS) Steering Committee is established between Council CRCSI, Knox City Council, and Swinburne University. The committee meets monthly until late 2019 to progress the GtG work and provides progress and funding reports to the Federal Government.
March 2018	Council engages two Precinct Planners to assist with delivering the GtG concept in Maroondah.
27 November 2018	<p>Council officers provide a project update to Councillors and advises on the progress of priority actions including (with reported progress shown in brackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prepared guidance on locations for, and the form of, greyfield renewal (priority precinct identified in Ringwood); - seek expressions of interest from the community to participate in a pilot (Community Advisory Group established to provide advice and support on the GtG project and meeting every six weeks to do so);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop a planning scheme mechanism to delivery greyfield development (meetings scheduled with DELWP to discuss potential planning instruments); - partner with State and Federal Governments in facilitating greyfield development (CRC funding noted); - work with infrastructure and utility providers to assist in modelling of future infrastructure needs (priority assessed to assess Council infrastructure opportunities, such as open space, drainage, tree planting, walking and cycling). <p>As part of the above update, Council officers advises that next steps will be further development of design guidance, meeting with DELWP and assisting Swinburne University in undertaking community engagement within the precinct.</p>
3 December 2018	Council officers seek and gain Councillor approval to commence precinct-level engagement within the Ringwood and Croydon South precincts. As background to this request, it is noted that the chosen pilot precincts were identified through technical research, input from releval internal Council staff and consultation with the GtG Community Advisory Committee.
March 2019	<p>Council carries out precinct-specific pre-engagement activities to inform precinct communities of the project principles and potential outcomes, involving the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter-drops to current residents and mail-outs to existing property owners. • Community meetings at the following locations on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Norwood Childcare Centre in Notlen Park, Ringwood on Saturday 16 March 2019 and Friday 22 March 2019. - Cheong Park Pavilion in Croydon South on Friday 29 March 2019 - John Frost Stadium in Croydon South on Saturday 30 March 2019.
22 April - 6 May 2019	<p>Council officers report to Councillors on the pre-engagement activities undertaken in March and note that these activities have occurred concurrently with further precinct-level planning, including economic viability assessment, dwelling typology preparation and assessment, review of desirable additionalities (such as improved and new pedestrian laneways and increased canopy tree provision).</p> <p>The report to Councillors also notes that proposed Planning Scheme Amendments C134 and C136 have been prepared and provides an overview of these proposed Amendments, along with a copy of the proposed new and varied provisions.</p> <p>On 6 May 2019 Council officers request, and gain, Assembly of Council approval to seek DELWP/Ministerial authorisation to exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C134 and C136.</p>
28 June 2019	Council submits request to the Minister for Planning/DELWP for authorisation to prepare Amendments C134 and C136.

3 January 2020	Under delegation from the Minister for Planning, DELWP provides conditional authorisation to prepare Amendment C134 and C136.
10 February 2020	Exemption request made under section 5 of Ministerial Direction 15 to the requirements of section 4(1) by a planning authority to prepare and give notice of an amendment within 40 business days after authorisation.
11 February 2020	Exemption request of 10 February 2020 decided (exemption granted).
March 2020	Council requests pre-set Panel Hearing dates of Planning Panels Victoria.
31 March 2020	Exemption request made under section 5 of Ministerial Direction 15 to the requirements of section 4(1) by a planning authority to prepare and give notice of an amendment within 40 business days after authorisation.
8 April 2020	Exemption request of 31 March 2020 decided (exemption granted).
1 June 2020	Exemption request made under section 5 of Ministerial Direction 15 to the requirements of section 4(1) by a planning authority to prepare and give notice of an amendment within 40 business days after authorisation.
2 June 2020	Exemption request of 1 June 2020 decided (exemption granted with deadline of 1 February 2021).
25 January 2021	<p>Council provides written notice to all landowners and residents of both GtG precincts, and owners and residents of surroundings sites, as specified in the DELWP authorisation letter of 3 January 2020 for both Amendments C134 and C136 (sent via regular post).</p> <p>The letters of Notice contain details of the following for both Amendments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where the proposed Amendment can be viewed online (via the Your Say Maroondah website); • Where the proposed Amendment can be viewed in person (at Council offices). • Where interested parties can register to attend an Information Session.
27 January 2021	<p>Council provides written notice to the Prescribed Ministers (as listed below) for both Amendments C134 and C136 (sent via regular post).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change (the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP) • Minister for Agriculture (the Hon. Ms Mary-Anne Thomas) • Minister for Resources (the Hon. Ms Jaclyn Symes MLC) • Minister for Water (the Hon. Lisa Neville MP)
28 January 2021	Notice of Amendments C134 and C136 is published in the Government Gazette.

	<p>Notice of Amendments C134 and C136 is published in The Age newspaper.</p> <p>Copies of Amendments C134 and C136 are placed at Council offices, libraries and Customer Service counters.</p> <p>Council updates its website to include information on the Amendments and a link to the Your Say Maroondah website, which it also updates to include details of each Amendment, including copies of all proposed instruments. The Your Say Maroondah website invites interested parties to attend an Information Session on the Amendment(s) of relevance/interest to the party.</p>
February 2021	<p>Council holds the following Amendment Information Sessions.</p> <p>For Amendment C134:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 10 February 2021, 6pm - 8pm at Norwood Family and Children's Centre, Ringwood • Saturday 27 February 2021, 10am - 12 midday at Norwood Family and Children's Centre, Ringwood* <p>For Amendment C136:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 19 February 2021, 10am to 12 midday at Cheong Park Pavillion in Croydon South) • Saturday 27 February 2021, 10am - 12 midday at Norwood Family and Children's Centre, Ringwood* <p>*Landowners and residents from both Precincts who had intended to attend additional sessions originally planned for Saturday 13 February 2021 (Amendment C134) and Wednesday 17 February 2021 (Amendment C136) were invited to attend this information session. The noted sessions were cancelled due to a unexpected, COVID-related lockdown from midnight Friday 12 February to midnight Wednesday 17 February 2021. Individual, one-on-one sessions also held with those unable to attend this replacement sessions. Five of these individual sessions were held at Council offices during February. In total thirty-nine (39) land owners and residents attended the three information sessions detailed above.</p>
28 February 2021	Public exhibition of Amendments C134 and C136 ends.
22 March 2021	Council officers report to Council on submissions received to the public exhibition of Amendment C134 and C136 and recommend that Council requests the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Planning Panel to consider all submissions to the Amendments. Council adopts the recommendation.
1 April 2021	<p>Council requests the appointment of a combined Planning Panel to consider submissions to Amendments C134 and C136. A summary of each proposed Amendment is provided in the associated cover letter, along with an overall summary of submissions received to the Amendments.</p> <p>As attachments to the request, Council provides a copy of the following.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council report of 22 March 2021. • The distributions details of those notified of both Amendments. • Submissions received to both Amendments. • The DELWP Authorisation to Prepare an Amendment dated 3 January 2020 (one for each Amendment). • Letters to each prescribed Minister (for both Amendments). • Letters to each referral authority. • Letters to each authority DELWP directed Council to notify.
23 April 2021	Planning Panels Victoria appoints a Panel.
17 May 2021	Planning Panels Victoria holds a Directions Hearing for Amendments C134 and C136.
19 May 2021	Planning Panels Victoria provides Directions and Timetable for Panel into submissions received to Amendments C134 and C136.
28 May 2021	Council and Department of Transport (Metro South East) (DoT) discuss the DoT submission to Amendments C134 and C136 and resolve that no matter remain outstanding.
Monday 31 May 2021.	DoT distributes letter (at 11:41am) signed by Grant Meyer of Council and James Coutts of DoT indicating that there are no issues in dispute regarding Amendments C134 or C136. In doing so, the requirements of Direction 1 of the Planning Panels Victoria Directions dated 19 May 2021 are met.