



AGENDA
COMMITTEE MEETING OF COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

at 6.00PM

CIVIC CENTRE
293 SPRINGVALE ROAD, GLEN WAVERLEY

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

3 OFFICERS' REPORTS

3.1 REPORT OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Responsible Manager:	Kate Heissenbuttel, Manager Corporate Performance
Responsible Director:	Simone Wickes, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the community project submissions presented within this report.

INTRODUCTION

Each year Council must prepare an annual budget that considers funding services to the community, as well as investment in works like roads, footpaths, and other infrastructure. To ensure the annual budget responds to our community, Council is committed to seeking feedback early in the budgeting process.

The purpose of this report is to share information on public submissions for projects for Council's consideration. Council will not be making any determinations about these project ideas at this meeting, but rather listen to the submissions and ask any clarifying questions, in advance of its budget deliberations in early 2024.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Council's Community Engagement Policy requires Council to undertake participatory engagement when undertaking its budget process.

BACKGROUND

Council undertook community engagement between 1 October and 19 November 2023. This engagement included:

- A dedicated Shape Platform providing information, timeframes and touch points for engagement.
- Pop-up listening posts throughout the region.
- Online project nomination process.

DISCUSSION

As part of the engagement, Council offered the community members who made project nominations the opportunity to formally present their submissions to Council. Over 600 visits to the Shape Monash page occurred, with over 60 submissions and 12 community project ideas lodged. Five community project nominations have requested to present their ideas to Council. A community engagement report will be presented to Council in early 2024.

The details of the community submissions can be found in the confidential attachments. Council will not be making any determinations about these project ideas at this meeting, but rather listen to the submissions and ask any clarifying questions, in advance of its budget deliberations in early 2024.

Standing up a Committee under the Act will provide a formal mechanism to constitute Council, to provide all community members with an opportunity to participate in the budget process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At this stage, there are no financial implications. However, submissions will be considered as part of the budget deliberations in early 2024.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Community Engagement Policy requires Council to undertake participatory engagement when undertaking its budget process.

CONSULTATION

This report is informed by consultation completed by officers in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This reports forms part of a broader community consultation approach. Community members will have the opportunity to present their project nominations in a variety of ways ensuring that all community members have an equitable opportunity.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The right to take part in public life is actively supported by this decision. There are no human rights that are being limited or interfered with.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA (Gender Impact Assessment) was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

Council will note the submissions presented and further consider these as part of it's deliberations in 2024 for the 2024/25 Council Budget.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Report of Public Submissions [**3.1.1** - 11 pages]
2. Contribution ID - 18298 [**3.1.2** - 48 pages]
3. Contribution ID - 18298 [**3.1.3** - 1 page]
4. Contribution ID - 18298 [**3.1.4** - 5 pages]
5. Contribution ID - 18468 [**3.1.5** - 4 pages]
6. Contribution ID - 18468 [**3.1.6** - 1 page]
7. Contribution ID - 18572 [**3.1.7** - 4 pages]
8. Contribution ID - 18572 [**3.1.8** - 8 pages]
9. Contribution ID - 18705 [**3.1.9** - 6 pages]
10. Contribution ID - 18705 [**3.1.10** - 13 pages]
11. Contribution ID - 18672 [**3.1.11** - 7 pages]

4 MEETING CLOSURE