



Appendix 5

ADJUNCT TO 7.1 – PUBLIC QUESTION STATUS UPDATE

Response to public question taken on notice at the ordinary meeting of Council on 26 October 2022

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 7:00pm

Queenscliff Town Hall



9 November 2022

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Queenscliff Community Association (QCA)

[REDACTED]

President

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

PUBLIC QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

I am writing in response to the public question that was taken on notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 26 October 2022.

The public question reads as follows:

It is understood Council has \$40,000 allocated to replanting Victoria Park from budgeted funds. Today a questionable series of treated pine posts are being dropped around the park some near tree roots of aged Moonah trees. It was understood fencing was to be minimal and low impact. It is generally understood design standards for a heritage park should be both consistent in traditional fence design and also aesthetically pleasing given the Parks noted importance and amenity.

The QCA has made numerous requests after the destruction to Victoria Park of the budget expended on tree removals and associated works. It has requested an updated and current works / Vic Park inspection spreadsheet detailing the full losses and works completed since receiving a spreadsheet in about June.

Can Councillors detail the timeline for replanting and when such reports will be made available for transparency and accountability purposes.

Councillors may wish to comment on the latest operational works in Victoria Park in the context of heritage and environmental outcomes and whether it meets their expectations.

In response to the question, I provide the following advice:

Replanting of Victoria Park has commenced with the Queen's Jubilee planting project holding planting days on 9 October and 23 October this year.

A planting plan is being developed for the central reserve areas detailing proposed species, planting densities and schedules for planting. A briefing on this plan will be presented to Council on 14 December 2022.

Planting will occur over a number of years to ensure a wider age distribution of trees is achieved. It is proposed that the plan for planting within the central reserves commences in April 2023 when seasonal conditions are favourable.

You have now been forwarded a copy of the most recent arborist spreadsheet and a summary of costs.

Yours sincerely



Martin Gill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER