



11.1. Chief Executive Officer Report for October 2023

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council an update on current projects and operational activities not reported through the quarterly reporting process.

Executive Summary

Public Health & Wellbeing Plan

This month, the Minister for Health, The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas MP, released the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023–2027. The plan sets out a broad approach across multiple areas, to deliver improved public health and wellbeing for all Victorians, with an increased focus on the need to reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing outcomes among our community.

The Plan sets out the strategic framework, the 10 priorities and the role that local government will play in creating strong foundational structures to improve our community's health and wellbeing.

These priorities align with the Council Plan Health and Wellbeing strategic objectives to support community wellbeing and encourage an active lifestyle, including:

- Priority 1: Promote healthy and active lifestyles
- Priority 2: Support older residents living independently
- Priority 3: Promote diversity and gender equality
- Priority 4: Support initiatives and community groups that foster inclusion and connection and encourage physical activity within our community
- Priority 5: Increase access to services and support for young people and their families

The Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023–2027 is provided at (Attachment 11.1.1)



Emergency Management

On 12 October 2023, Council's emergency management team joined the City of Greater Geelong's emergency management team at the Victorian State Emergency Service Incident Control Centre (ICC) in Bell Park, Geelong. The focus of the site visit was to provide officers, who have a designated emergency management role, an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the ICC facility and to learn how the ICC functions during an emergency incident. It was also an opportunity to meet our City of Greater Geelong counterparts, share experiences and make connections to build our emergency management support network.

Councillor Service Awards

Cr Ross Ebbels has received the Mayor Emeritus award at this year's MAV 2023 Annual Conference Gala Dinner on 12 October at the Sofitel Melbourne. Cr Ebbels was acknowledged for serving three terms as Mayor between November 2019 and November 2022.

Distinctive Areas and Landscape Implementation

Council officers recently met with representatives from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to discuss proposed Planning Scheme Amendments to incorporate the Bellarine Peninsula State Planning Policy into the Borough of Queenscliffe Planning Scheme.

DTP is planning a three-stage implementation process. Stage 1 will respond to the requirements of section 46AZB in the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* which requires the Minister for Planning to undertake an Amendment of a declared area planning scheme to give effect to the Statement of Planning Policy. This amendment would change the Borough of Queenscliffe Planning Scheme by:

- Including the Bellarine Peninsula State Planning Policy as an Incorporated Document in clause 72.04
- Implementing the Protected Settlement Boundaries in planning maps
- Updating *Clause 11.03-5S Distinctive Areas and Landscapes*
- Introducing other policy updates to "give effect", including any local policy map updates



DTP have indicated that this planning scheme amendment will occur in early 2024.

Stage 2 will also be led by DTP and will most likely be a section 20(4) Ministerial Amendment to tidy up the Borough of Queenscliffe Planning Scheme and address any policy inconsistency.

DTP anticipate that this will occur in the middle of 2024.

Stage 3 will be a Council led process and would address any significant local changes that would need community input or further strategic work, for example detailed site coverage and landscape zone schedules.

Council will assess the need for Stage 3 following the implementation of Stage 1 and 2. This assessment would occur in the second half of 2024.

Quarterly Reporting

Over the past few months, Council has been in the process of implementing new software systems for managing Council operations such as Finance, Rates, Property, Statutory Planning and Customer Relationship Management. Along with these new systems, officers have been making changes to the quarterly reporting templates for both the quarterly financial report and the quarterly report against the actions in Council's Annual Plan.

The revised quarterly report templates will be tabled at the November meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Chief Executive Officer Report for October 2023.