



**MORNINGTON  
PENINSULA**  
*Shire*

**ATTACHMENTS**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2024**

**6:30PM**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICES  
BESGROVE STREET, ROSEBUD**

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# Councillor Briefing Sessions



**Briefing Date:** 30 January 2024      **Time:** 10.00am      **Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Councillors Present (please tick)**

Cr Bissinger     Cr Brooks     Cr Celi     Cr Dixon     Cr Gill     Cr Holland  
 Cr Mar     Cr Marsh     Cr O'Connor     Cr Roper     Cr Race

**Guests Present:** Nil

**Matters Discussed:**

1. BN1826 - Results of Community Consultation - Draft Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
2. BN1827 - Draft Planning Matters Policy
3. BN1828 - Planning Application P22/2300 - 6 Napier Street, Rye - the use of land for a residential hotel, development of a five storey building with basement, reduction in parking, associated works and vegetation removal
4. BN1829 - Planning Application P15/0439.03 - 1497-1505 Point Nepean Road, Rosebud - To Construct a residential aged care facility, create, vary or remove and easement, alter access to a road in a Transport Zone 2 and remove, destroy or lop native vegetation
5. BN1830 - Planning Application P22/1752 - 82 Inga Parade, Mount Martha - Change of use from a chicken farm to a store, buildings and works and a car parking reduction

**Conflict of Interest Disclosures (refer overleaf):**

Matter No.	Name of Councillor/s who declared a Conflict of Interest (**Conflict of Interest form to be completed)	Did they leave the Assembly?	
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**Responsible Officer completing this form:**

**Name:** Tegan Lewis

**Position:** Senior Council Reports Officer

2019 Council Decision Register

Printed on

12-February-2024



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Governance	28		6	34	0%	18%	0%	82%
Infrastructure Project Delivery	2			2	0%	0%	0%	100%
Infrastructure Strategy & Climate Change	30		2	32	0%	6%	0%	94%
Environment Protection	8			8	0%	0%	0%	100%
Aged & Disability	3			3	0%	0%	0%	100%
Communications, Media & Events	3			3	0%	0%	0%	100%
Planning Services	9			9	0%	0%	0%	100%
Family Services & Community Planning	15		2	17	0%	12%	0%	88%
Project Delivery	8			8	0%	0%	0%	100%
Infrastructure Services	17		1	18	0%	6%	0%	94%
Property & Strategy	28		2	30	0%	7%	0%	93%
Innovation & Advocacy	9			9	0%	0%	0%	100%
Arts & Culture	3			3	0%	0%	0%	100%
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Libraries	1			1	0%	0%	0%	100%
Buildings & Facilities	1			1	0%	0%	0%	100%
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Planning & Infrastructure		1		1	100%	0%	200%	0%
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Department	Number of 2019 Council Decisions	Number of Decisions COMPLETED	Number of Decisions IN PROGRESS	Number of Decisions NO UPDATE	Percentage of Decisions No Update	Percentage of Decisions COMPLETED
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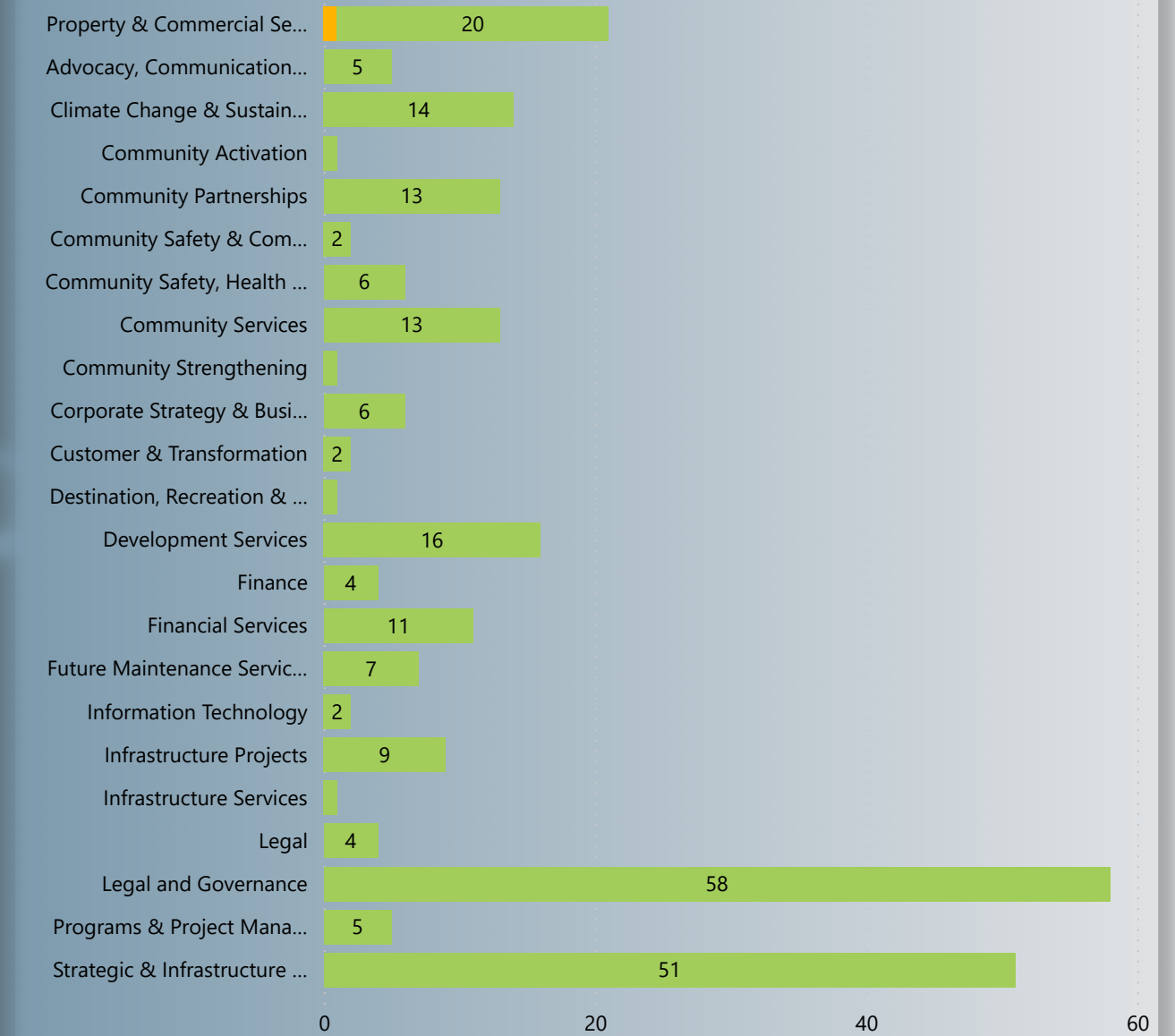
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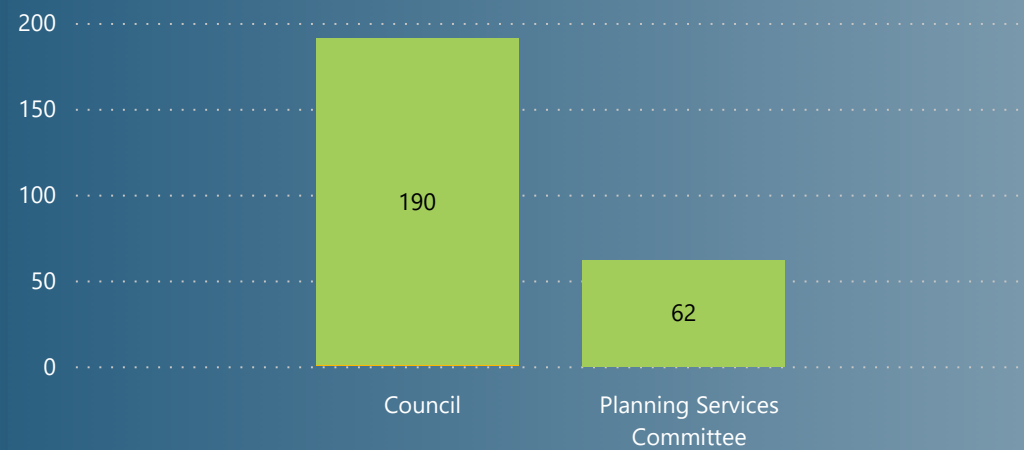
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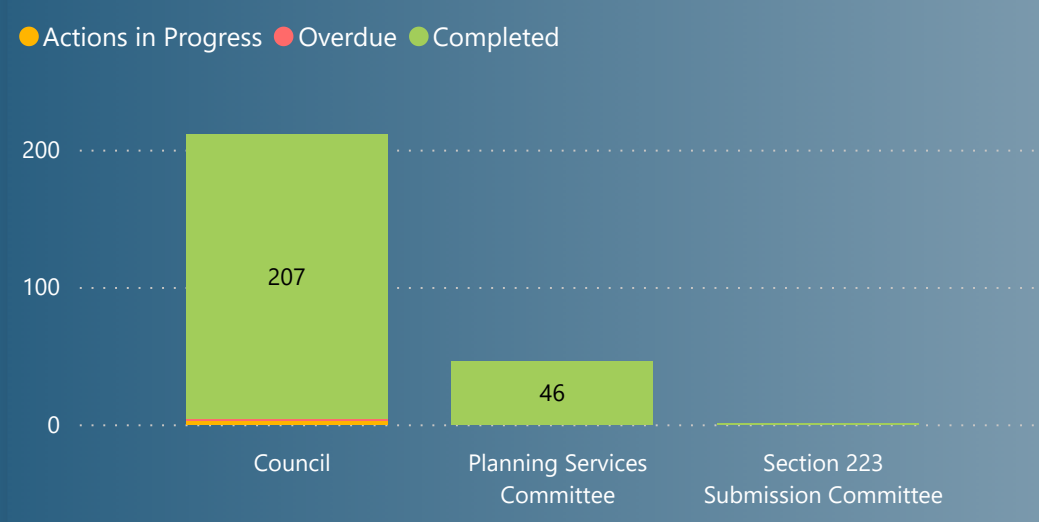
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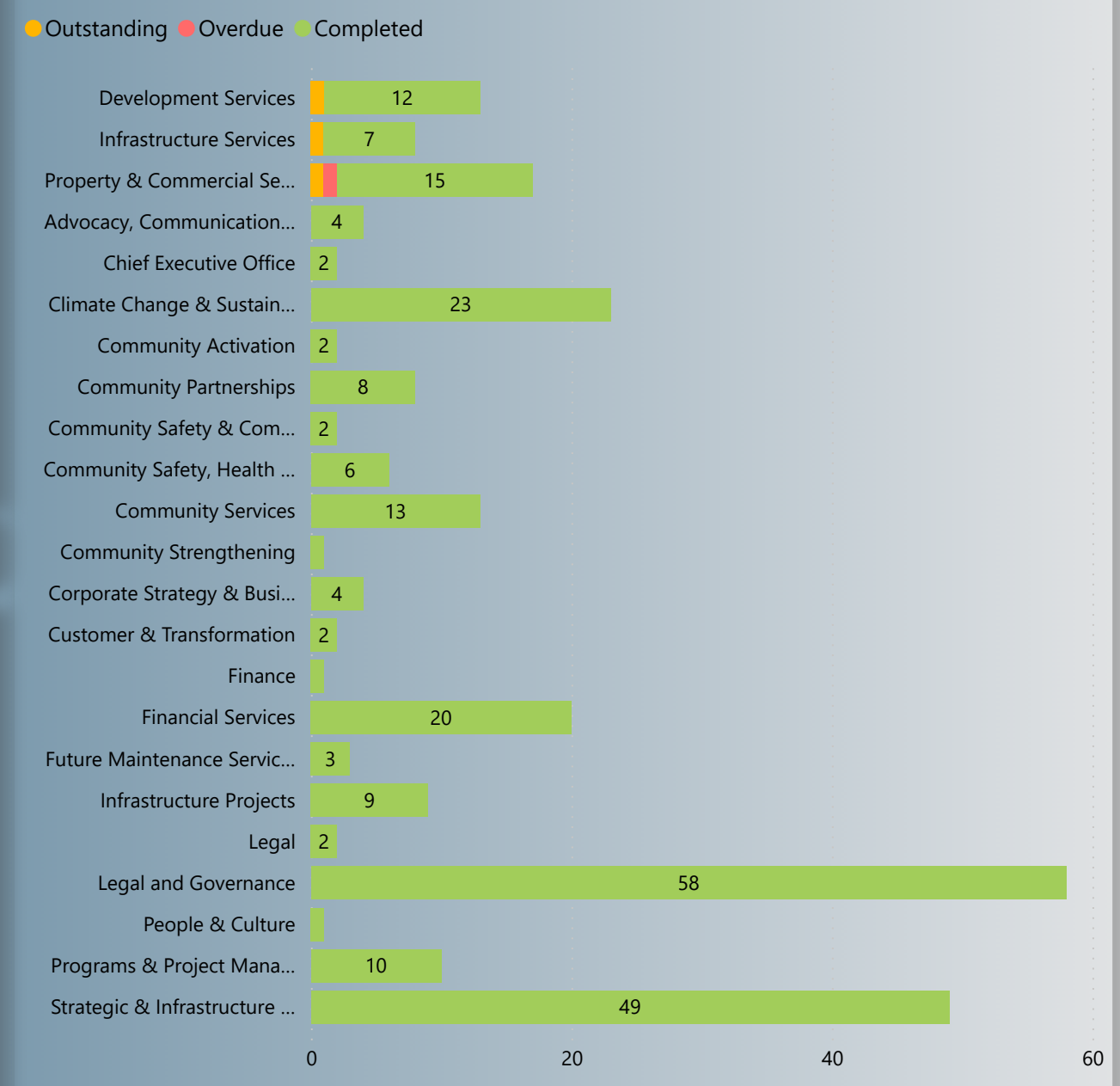
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Corporate Strategy and Business Improvement	26	0	0
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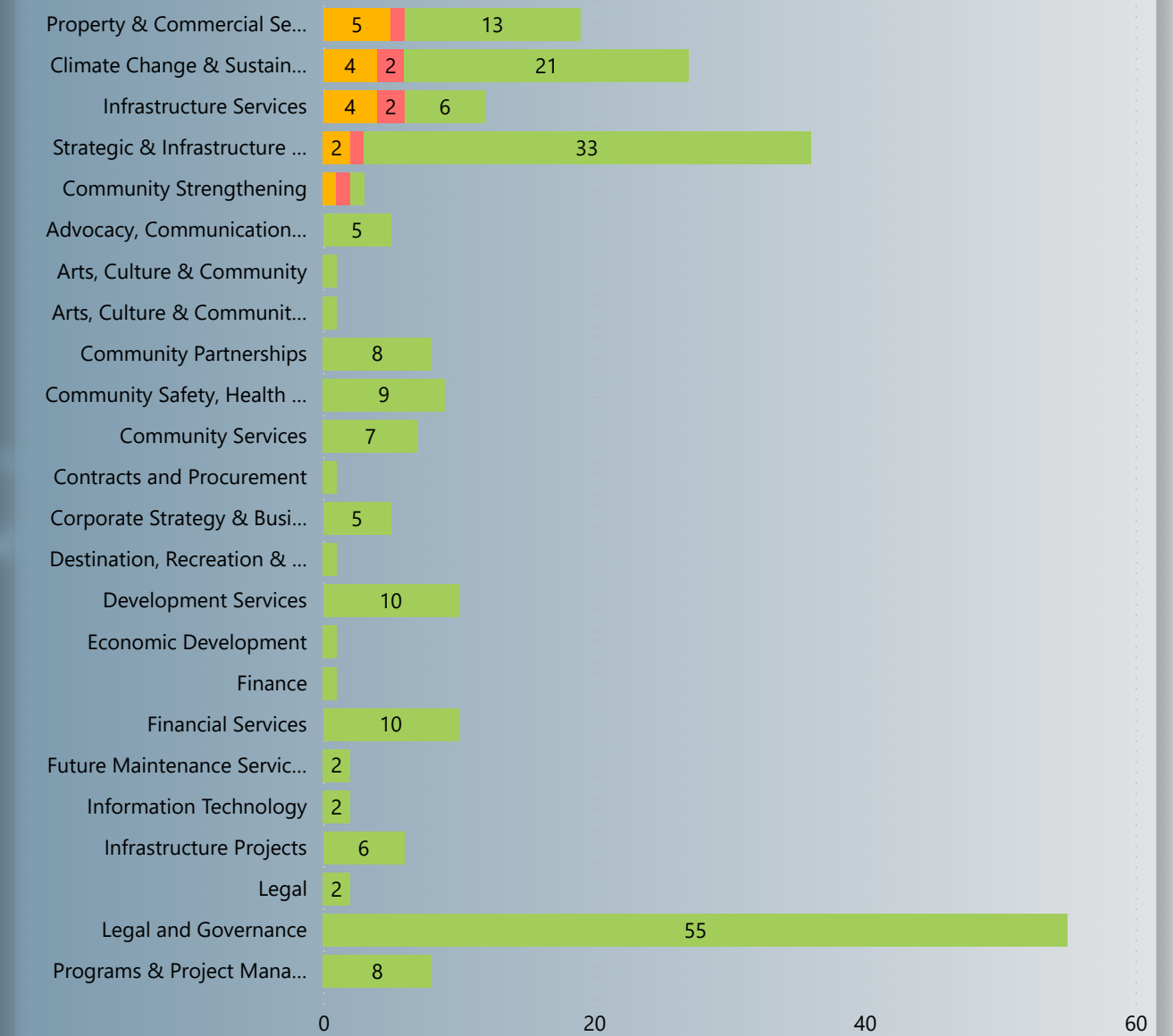
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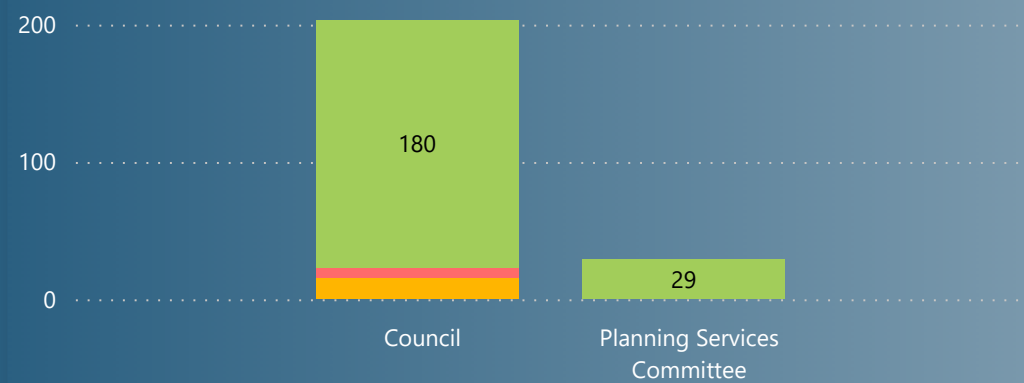
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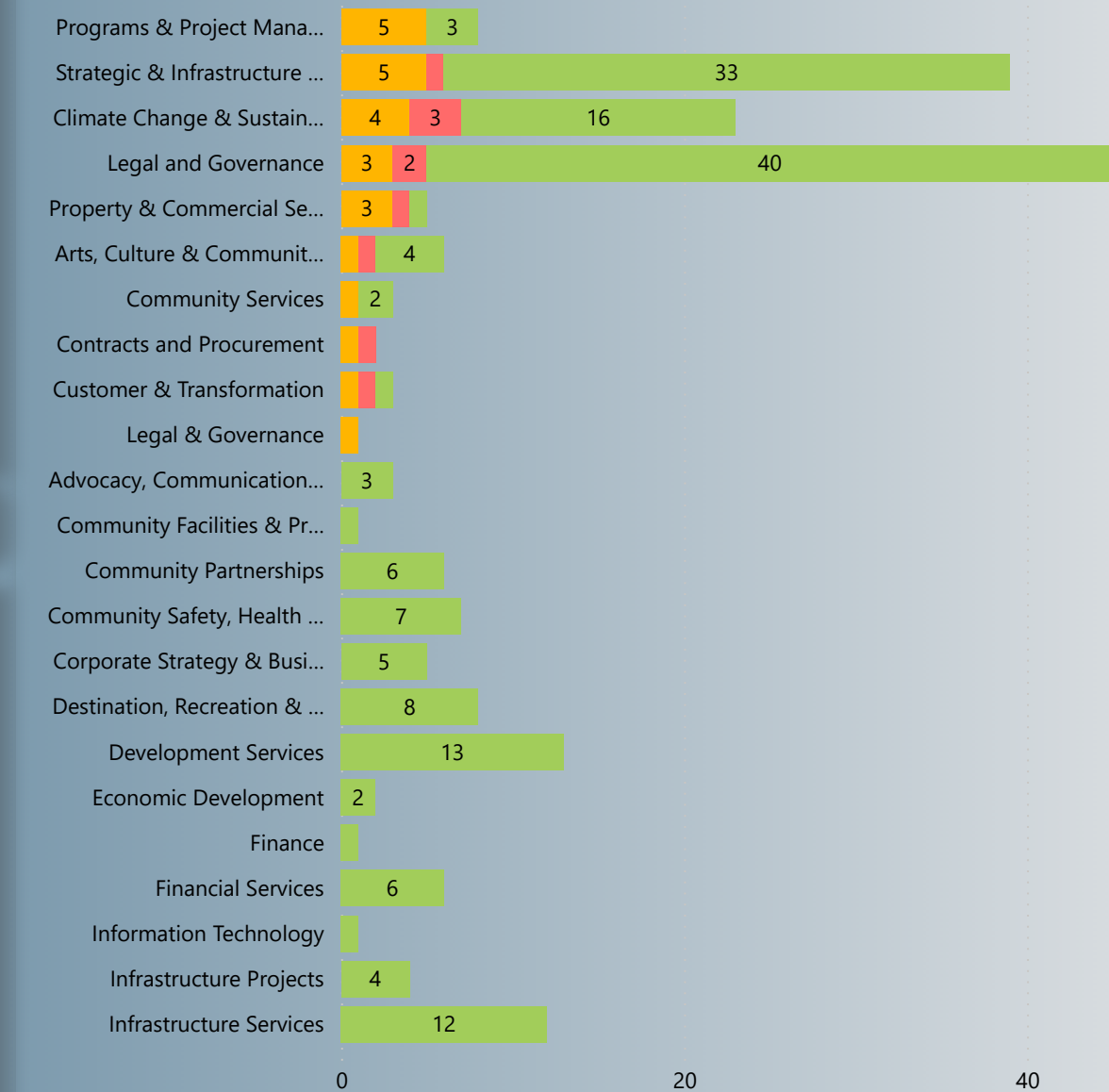
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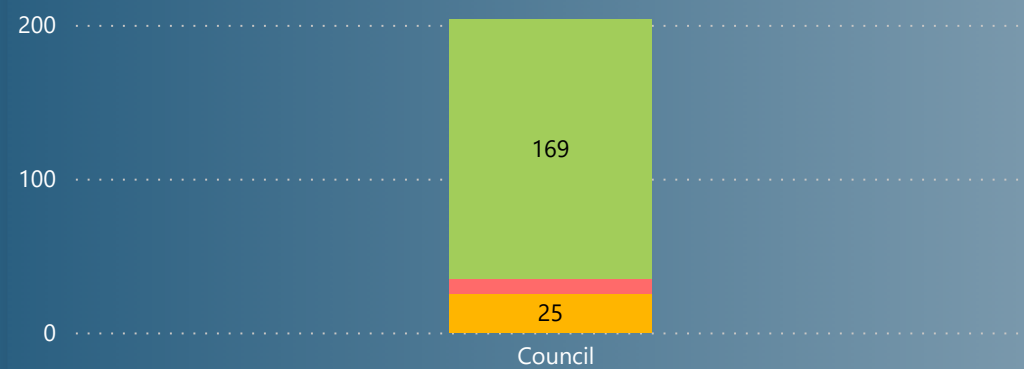
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Corporate Strategy and Business Improvement	0	2	0
Office of the CEO	0	4	0
Planning and Infrastructure	0	4	0
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**Actions Completed, In Progress and Overdue by Branch**

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Branch	Outstanding	Overdue	Completed
Legal and Governance	4	0	0
Development Services	2	0	0
Advocacy, Communication...	1	0	0
Climate Change & Sustain...	1	0	0
Programs & Project Mana...	1	0	0
Strategic & Infrastructure ...	1	0	0

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# Quarterly Community Report

October – December 2023



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Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges the Bunurong people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years; and pays respect to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region.



## Mayor's Message

I am delighted to present this quarterly community report, my first since becoming Mayor in November. This report provides a useful snapshot of our progress in delivering the goals of our Council and Wellbeing Plan.

We continue to deliver high-quality services and capital works projects despite serious and challenging financial factors. These include the shifting of costs onto Council from both the state and federal governments, the ongoing annual capping of rates at well below inflation levels and significant cost-of-living increases. We continue to advocate to the State Government for a more financially sustainable local government sector on behalf of our community.

The above factors, coupled with our growing population, mean we are compelled to find creative ways to raise revenue and do more with less. One example of this is the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot (p46). We launched the Pilot on 1 December to trial the technology and collect vital information to inform next steps. The aim is to share the cost of maintaining our foreshore infrastructure by asking visitors who use the infrastructure to contribute to its upkeep.

I'm pleased to see work either underway or complete on making two of our intersections safer and easier to navigate: Hodgins and Stumpy Gully roads in Tuerong and Point Nepean and Hotham roads in Sorrento. It's also great to see new lighting installed at Tyabb's Bunguyan Reserve and the Mount Martha Skate Park opened to the public (Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights on pp50-55).



We also held our 2023 Business Excellence Awards in November (p22) and wrapped up another successful Citizens' Panel (p32). The Panel has been invaluable in providing feedback on some of the complex issues Council is grappling with. Participants have told us how rewarding it is to get a thorough insight into the financial limitations and potential community impacts that must be considered every time Council makes a decision.

Finally, it was thrilling to see Main Street transformed for the Mornington Christmas Festival in December (p45), thanks to a \$10,000 community grant from Council.

**Cr Simon Brooks**  
Mayor

## Chief Executive Officer's Message

I am proud that despite the triple pressures of cost shifting, rate capping and inflation, our financial position remains relatively strong and we have a stable balance sheet. To help make our financial performance statements clearer, we've introduced a more user-friendly financial highlights section, along with an explanatory note on how to read and interpret the statements (pages 57-61).

This quarter I'm pleased to report 90 per cent of the tasks within our Climate Emergency Plan are now either in progress or complete. This includes installing solar batteries at Balnarring, Red Hill and Flinders (page 8), putting solar panels on nine community buildings (page 48) and achieving efficiency savings of up to 70 per cent by using heat pump hot water systems at our foreshore camping amenity blocks (page 15).

During November we held three Positive Ageing Community Conversations, attended by more than 150 community members (page 32). This is a reflection of how highly we value the contribution seniors make to our community. The Shire has the second highest population of older people in Greater Melbourne, with more than 30 per cent aged over 60 - and this is expected to continue to increase. These figures highlight how important it is that we work to create an age-friendly community here on the Peninsula.



At the other end of the age spectrum, child safety has been a major focus this quarter (page 42). Among other things, we started offering non-government funded vaccines to local families through our immunisation program and held three community information sessions to ensure local businesses and individuals know their responsibilities under Victoria's revamped Child Safety Standards.

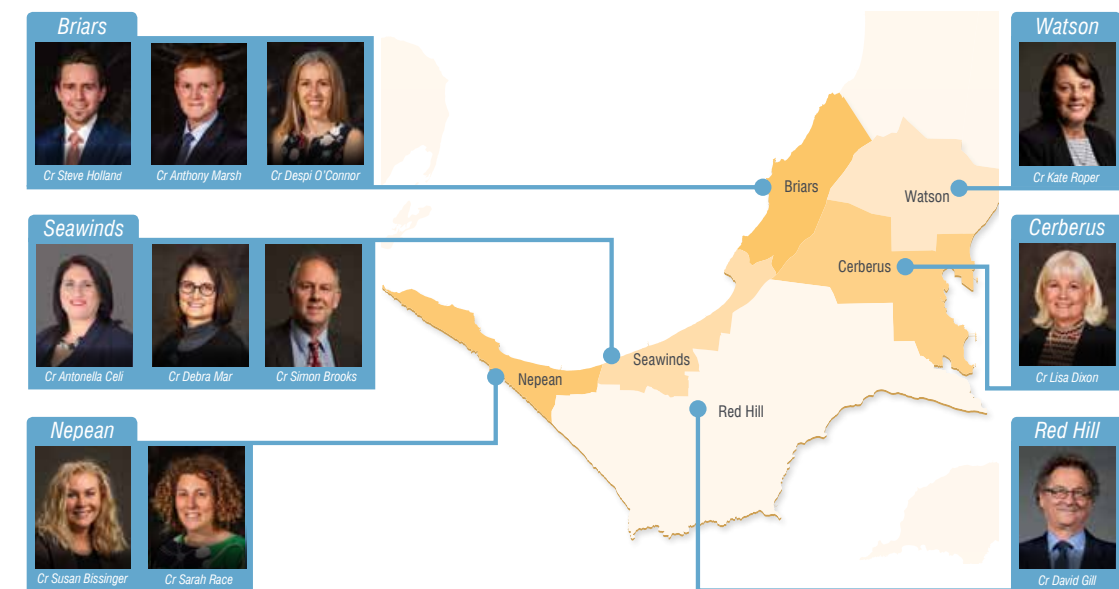
Our commitment to increasing driver safety on local roads throughout Rye and Tootgarook was another major focus this quarter, after our success in securing Federal Government Black Spot funding. December saw us out talking to the community and seeking feedback on our plans to upgrade seven intersections (page 7).

Pedestrian health and safety was also in the spotlight. As well as seeking community feedback on our draft Pedestrian Access Strategy, we also conducted a thorough assessment of our 690km network of footpaths (page 47). This has given us valuable information on where we need to concentrate our finite resources. For a list of the many footpath and cycleway projects currently underway, turn to page 80 of this report.

**John Baker**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Our Councillors

Mornington Peninsula Shire is divided into six wards with a total of 11 councillors.



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# Community Engagement

## Fast facts – How you engaged with us

 <b>33,128</b> Calls taken 54% of enquiries resolved at first contact	 <b>7,371</b> Customers visiting our Customer Service Centres
 <b>7,820</b> Correspondence received 80% of enquiries resolved on time (Includes letters and emails)	 <b>21,105</b> Service Requests received (Includes Snap Send Solve requests) 62% of enquiries resolved on time
 <b>3,068</b> Webchats 90% of enquiries resolved at first contact	 <b>1.53M</b> Web pages viewed

## Website Page Views – Top 10 areas

1. Home – Mornington Peninsula Shire	101,011 views
2. Find your bin day	50,603 views
3. Foreshore Parking ePermit Application	44,888 views
4. Events and Activities	32,085 views
5. Book a Campsite	32,008 views
6. Markets List	28,617 views
7. Pets for Adoption	22,043 views
8. Rubbish and Recycling	19,048 views
9. Current Vacancies	15,949 views
10. Contact Us	15,291 views

## Have Your Say October – December 2023

Major Engagements	Description
<b>Dromana Community Infrastructure Planning Project</b>	The Dromana Community Infrastructure Planning Project aims to evaluate the community facilities in Dromana and collaborate with the community to develop a plan that would cater to current and future needs. The project consulted with stakeholders and the community to gain insight into community facilities in Dromana, whether they meet the current requirements and to identify future opportunities to optimise the usage of these facilities. Through community consultation we sought to establish a shared vision and create a plan that works for all user groups and locals.
<b>Economic Development and Tourism Strategy</b>	The purpose of the consultation was to gather feedback from the community and businesses to shape the Strategy and guide the Shire's work towards ensuring that businesses thrive and future development is sustainable over the next 10 years. The community and stakeholders provided their opinions on the strengths and challenges of the Mornington Peninsula, identified opportunities and helped determine priorities and projects to drive growth and prosperity.
<b>Coastal Strategy</b>	Our Coastal Strategy has been designed to increase the resilience of our coastal regions. It includes long-term plans to manage current and future coastal hazards and promote efficient and sustainable outcomes to tackle the challenges of climate change. This strategy has been developed by combining the latest scientific research, technical assessments and community input. With a vital role in improving resilience, the community shared their experiences of coastal living and suggested ways to adapt to future challenges and improve resilience.
<b>Transforming Cook Street Reserve Flinders</b>	This project aims to gather feedback from the community to improve the Flinders Master Plan, specifically focusing on Cook Street Reserve 'The Common'. Working alongside local resident associations, the consultation process seeks to update the Master Plan by seeking feedback on planned new gathering and performing spaces, native gardens and improved accessibility and amenities. The community have been invited to provide their comments on the proposed changes and to help ensure the Master Plan accurately reflects their needs and preferences.
<b>Rye/Tootgarook Blackspot Program</b>	We are progressing the area wide safety upgrade of Rye and Tootgarook after receiving Federal Blackspot Funding which targets locations where speed related crashes are occurring or at risk of occurring. The aim is to create a safe road system for the community to reduce road trauma. Community and residents were informed of planned upgrades of seven intersections and asked to provide feedback on the plans that detailed intersection treatments.
<b>Visitor Paid Parking Pilot</b>	In mid-2023, Council made a decision to ensure everyone has equal access to popular beaches and to distribute the cost of maintaining these areas between residents and visitors fairly. As a result, the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot was launched on 1 December 2023 at three parking sites, namely Flinders Pier foreshore car park, Snapper Point foreshore car park and Sunnyside Beach foreshore car park. The purpose of this initiative was to provide extra support to residents so they could obtain their ePermits and avoid paying for parking. Council will continue to gather feedback from stakeholders throughout the pilot trial to address any challenges and identify opportunities to improve the pilot and reduce its impact on residents.
<b>Citizens' Panel October</b>	The 2023 Citizens' Panel held their final deliberative session in October. They discussed reducing speed limits to minimise road trauma. The three-hour session was highly productive with panellists providing a diverse range of insights and recommendations, all of which will be considered by our traffic and transport team as they develop their future-forward speed limits action plan.
<b>Citizens' Panel November</b>	Council acknowledged our Citizens' Panel members for their valuable feedback in shaping our services and projects. Members provided suggestions to improve the next panel in 2024.

# Theme One

## Quarterly community highlights

Following the devastating storms and prolonged power outages in October 2021, the Shire has been working with the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to set up three sites on the Mornington Peninsula with Energy Resilience Systems. These solar battery storage and backup generator systems have been installed at Balnarring Recreation Reserve, Red Hill Recreation Reserve and Flinders Golf Club and will support residents during prolonged power outages, making essential services available such as providing power to charge phones/laptops and have a hot shower.

Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme launched on 1 November 2023. The scheme is designed to encourage more and better recycling – and reduce waste and litter.

Victorians will now be rewarded with a 10c refund for every eligible container they drop off at a collection point. You can choose to keep the money or donate to a participating charity or community group. After collection, containers will be recycled

and turned into new plastic, glass or aluminium containers or other useful recycled products.

On the Peninsula, the scheme will be delivered by network operator Return-It. Mornington Peninsula Shire has worked with Return-It to ensure collection points are in convenient locations across the Peninsula.

📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/returnit](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/returnit)

### Collection points on the Mornington Peninsula

Over the counter refund points are located at businesses and organisations. Locations:

- BP, 1 Marine Drive, Safety Beach
- Cellar and Pantry, 141 Shoreham Road, Red Hill South
- Mornington Community Support Centre, 320 Main Street, Mornington
- BP, 1386 Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza
- Crib Point Cellars, 182 Stony Point Road, Crib Point
- BP inbound, 1404 Peninsula Link, Baxter

- BP outbound, 1400 Peninsula Link, Baxter

Reverse vending machines are convenient self-service return points. Locations:

- Sages Cottage, 85 Sages Road, Baxter
- Somerville Central, 49 Eramosa Road W, Somerville

Depots are staffed centres that can sort and count bulk loads of drink containers. Location:

- 1/8 Henry Wilson Drive, Rosebud

Peninsula-based community groups and businesses can contact Return-It directly (via their website) to register as a collection point provider, or for charity and community group fundraising. Mornington Peninsula Shire is not involved in this selection process and can't be contacted regarding fundraising opportunities.

Mornington Peninsula residents who rent their home can now access four waste vouchers to dispose of their hard rubbish/green waste at our resource recovery centres.

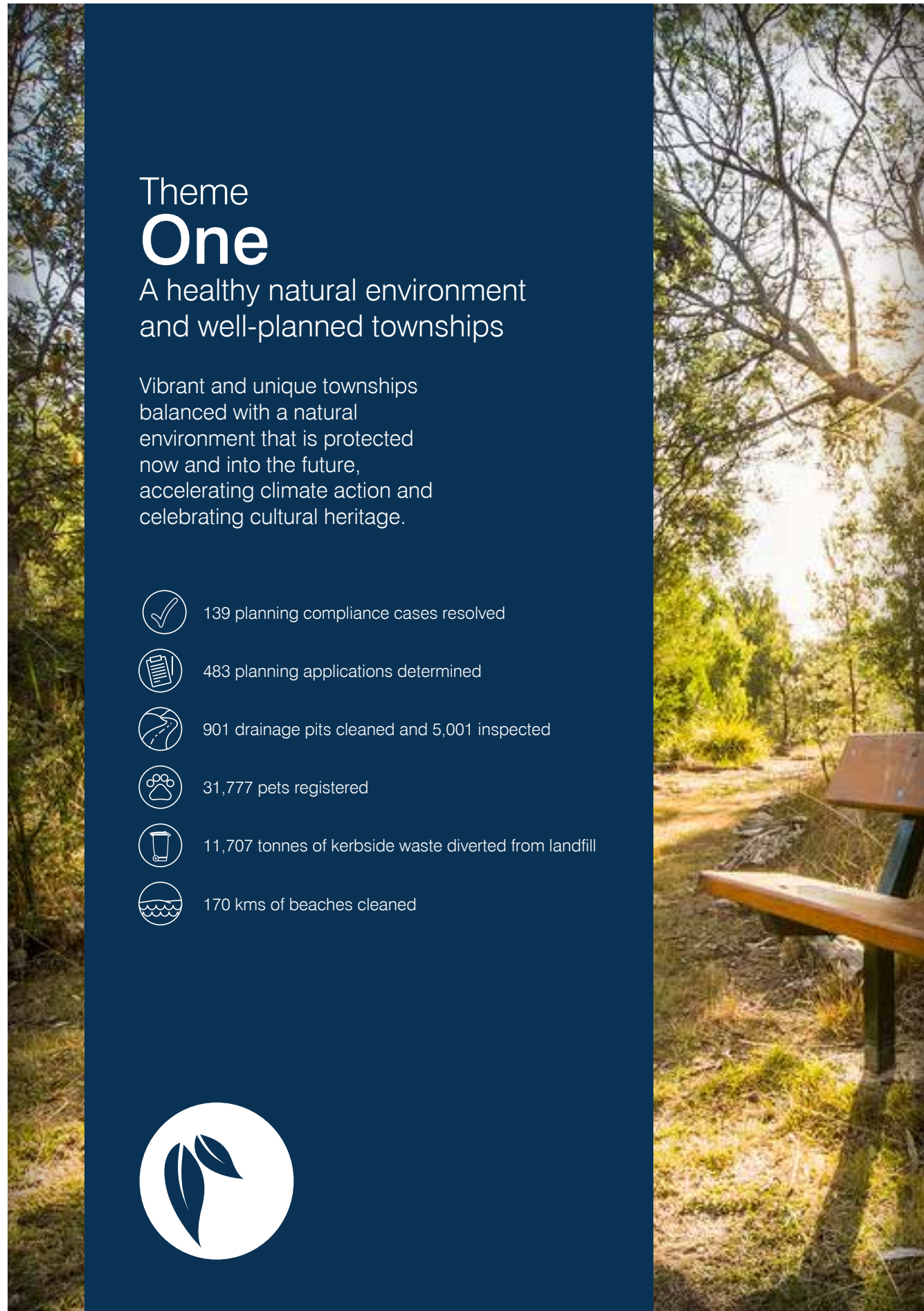
To apply for the vouchers:

- Go to:  
📍 [mornpen.vic.gov.au/wastevoucher](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/wastevoucher)

- Select the link to the Resident Services online application system
- Enter your details, including the managing agent of your property. Your managing agent will receive a request via email to confirm that you are a tenant of the property
- Once your managing agent has approved your tenancy, you will receive an email with a link to your waste vouchers
- Login to the Resident Services portal to download your waste vouchers.

You're now ready to use our resource recovery centres. Remember to bring your waste vouchers (on your smart phone or printed). Waste vouchers expire one year from the day of the initial download.

We also offered residents an opportunity to dispose of their green waste at no cost during our 'No Charge' Green Waste event from 20-22 October 2023. The annual 'No Charge' Green Waste event is for Shire residents or ratepayers, with green waste to be delivered only from residential vehicles and trailers.




## Theme One

### A healthy natural environment and well-planned townships

Vibrant and unique townships balanced with a natural environment that is protected now and into the future, accelerating climate action and celebrating cultural heritage.

- 139 planning compliance cases resolved
- 483 planning applications determined
- 901 drainage pits cleaned and 5,001 inspected
- 31,777 pets registered
- 11,707 tonnes of kerbside waste diverted from landfill
- 170 kms of beaches cleaned



## Strategic Objective 1.1

An accessible and unique natural environment that helps our community to be healthy and well.

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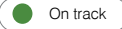

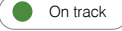

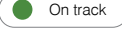
- On track
- Attention
- No Activity
- Health and wellbeing priorities

Strategies	Commentary
<b>Strategy 1.1.1</b> Protect natural sites of cultural and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander significance.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <span style="color: green; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">●</span> On track                     </div> The Shire continues to follow the Aboriginal Heritage Act. The Shire's Cultural Heritage Advisor is working across the organisation's Coastal Management, Infrastructure and Planning teams to engage the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation in protecting natural sites and promoting Bunurong heritage.
<b>Strategy 1.1.2</b> Work with our community to raise awareness about the value of our natural environment.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <span style="color: green; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">●</span> On track                     </div> Volunteers in our Friends Groups were busy over the quarter with Spring planting and weeding. With over 130 working bees we had over 700 volunteers contributing over 1,700 hours of their time to protect and enhance biodiversity values in local bushland and foreshore reserves.  We also hosted more than 70 volunteers at an Environmental Volunteer Networking event, the first since COVID-19, where volunteers could connect and talk with other passionate volunteers.
<b>Strategy 1.1.3</b> Look after our public spaces through our Open Space Strategy and site-specific plans.	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <span style="color: green; font-size: 1.2em; margin-right: 5px;">●</span> On track                     </div> Over the quarter we completed a background review, communications and a community engagement plan for the draft Open Space Strategy, with community consultation expected to begin in early 2024.  <b>Actions:</b> Draft the Open Space Strategy, completing mapping and gap analysis. Develop and adopt the Urban Forest Strategy. Develop and adopt the Tree Management Policy.
	We engaged a consultant to lead the research, analysis and development of the Shire's Urban Forest Strategy. Work has started and early engagement with Councillors and our Citizens' Panel was completed in the quarter. We also started a demonstration planting project to design and plant street trees in up to three locations across the Peninsula.  The development of our Tree Management Policy is due to begin in early 2024 and will be guided by our Urban Forest Strategy.



Image: Draft Open Space Strategy Consultation

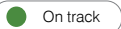
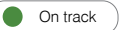
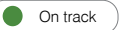


Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 1.1.4</b>  <b>Improve our trail network to achieve connection and advocate for funding.</b> </p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop a Strategic Implementation Plan for the Peninsula Trail project, commence the construction of the Somerville to Baxter section and finalise the route alignments.</p>	<p>We continued working on a draft Strategic Implementation Plan for the Peninsula Trail project, which will help us visualise what the Peninsula Trail will look like and prioritise the development of trail sections. The Plan includes a Strategic Framework and Vision to realise its potential as a premier walking and cycling experience for the Mornington Peninsula and includes a trail overview and delivery implementation. The draft Plan is expected to be released for community consultation in early 2024. A more detailed Trails Masterplan, which includes recommendations on the preferred trail types, is expected to be developed with consultants in early 2024.</p> <p>We continue to make progress on the Peninsula Trail's Somerville to Baxter link while working through some added fencing requirements that were highlighted during the design phase of the project. The design is expected to be finalised soon with tenders for construction to be advertised in early 2024. The construction of the Somerville to Baxter link will start in 2024 with an estimated completion date announced after the design is finished.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.1.5</b>  <b>Continue putting the Climate Emergency Plan into action and build community resilience to mitigate the effects of the climate emergency.</b> </p>	<p>Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 48 for actions completed during the quarter and where we are at with our Climate Emergency Plan.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.1.6</b>  <b>Run programs to reduce the impact of the climate emergency on the health and wellbeing of our community.</b> </p>	<p>We delivered community environmental education programs including 'Electrify everything', 'Permaculture for beginners', 'Make your own sustainable Christmas decorations' and 'Low cost and DIY home upgrades' for renters and homeowners.</p> <p>Additionally, a further five volunteers were trained in the quarter and are now able to provide free energy advice to our community through our 'Free energy consultations program.'</p>



## Strategic Objective 1.2

**A healthy ecosystem, in which our coastline, bushland, wildlife and green wedge is resilient to the climate emergency and development.**

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 1.2.1</b> <b>Work with our community to protect native flora and fauna and coastal foreshores.</b> </p> <p><b>Action:</b> Deliver the Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan.</p>	<p>The Shire's Natural Systems team continued planning and started preparation works to deliver on-ground action with the implementation of the Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan before mid-2024. The focus for this year's works includes targeted pest animal control to protect significant fauna values within the Tootgarook Wetlands complex and the upgrading of trails and associated infrastructure in the Shire-managed Tootgarook Wetlands Reserve to better connect the community to the wetland.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.2.2</b> <b>Implement Coastal and Marine Management Plans, including the Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy, to look after our coastal heritage and marine wildlife.</b> </p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Develop the Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy – Part A. Develop a new Shire Bathing Boxes Policy.</p>	<p>The Our Coast Our Future Coastal Strategy went out for community consultation with 11 community pop-up stalls held and completed over the quarter. Website engagement is running through until February to allow our community more opportunities to have their say.</p> <p>The Watercraft Removal Program, part of our Portsea Coastal Marine Management Plan, is now underway. The program is important for our foreshores and will result in stronger, healthier dune systems that are more resilient to the impacts of climate change. If you have unauthorised watercraft on the foreshore – now's the time to safely remove it and take it home.</p> <p>The Shire's Bathing Box Policy is being updated to align with new guidelines from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action for managing existing bathing boxes and boatsheds on coastal land.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.2.3</b> <b>Protect the green wedge using the Green Wedge Management Plan and advocate for maintaining its special role and character.</b> </p>	<p>The Shire hosted the Agriculture Victoria Planning Advisory Service at an internal planning meeting to inform planners about the service and educate them on issues to consider when assessing Farm Management Plans (FMPs).</p> <p>We provided feedback to Agriculture Victoria on a draft eGuide to FMPs and circulated the final guide internally.</p> <p>We also provided advice and comments to several media requests on Green Wedge related articles, which were published in Stock and Land and Weekly Times.</p>



Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 1.2.4</b> Protect our biodiversity and wildlife in both urban and bush settings in the face of the climate emergency by implementing the Biodiversity Conservation Plan with the community and partners.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Deliver actions from the Biodiversity Conservation Plan.</p>	<p>We celebrated National Biodiversity Month with two special events – the Biodiversity Blitz 2023 and guided walks in local bushland reserves. Results from the two events came back during this quarter with the Mornington Peninsula Shire finishing on top of Greater Melbourne for species recorded.</p> <p>On the Mornington Peninsula we had 283 people record 6,057 observations of 1,480 species, a record-breaking event. Biodiversity Blitz is a nature-based citizen science event encouraging people across greater Melbourne to head outdoors and take photos of nature finds and upload them to the iNaturalist app.</p> <p>Additional actions progressed from our Biodiversity Conservation Plan throughout the quarter include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing content for Biodiversity Landholder Information Packs.</li> <li>• Planning for the second round of the Nature Stewards Program and the 2024 Birds in Schools program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategy 1.2.5</b> Implement the Domestic Animal Management Plan to promote responsible animal management.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Implement the Domestic Animal Management Plan. Implement the Dogs in Public Places Policy.</p>	<p>We finished phase 1 of our Implementation Plan of the Dogs in Public Places Policy, an action within our Domestic Animal Management Plan, which included signage and communication around leash free and dog prohibited areas on Mornington Peninsula Shire managed land.</p> <p>Council continues to actively patrol beaches and foreshores and started planning for Phase 2 of the Implementation Plan from our Dogs in Public Places Policy.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.2.6</b> Continue towards our goal of zero waste to landfill by 2030, by strengthening our circular economy as part of our Beyond Zero Waste Strategy.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Plan for Resource Recovery Centre infrastructure upgrades and concept redevelopments. Close Rye Landfill and transition to Post Closure Notice requirements.</p>	<p>We engaged a consultant to complete master planning around our Rye Resource Recovery Centre infrastructure upgrades and concept redevelopments. Conceptual Masterplan layouts were being prepared with budget estimates and a project timeline developed. We also started consulting with the Environment Protection Agency and the site operator Solo. The Rye Resource Recovery site upgrade will meet the Shire's commitment to Beyond Zero by 2030, provide a better service to residents and ensure that discarded items are kept within a circular resource economy whenever possible. The upgrade will result in a brand-new Circular Economy hub where residents can drop off discarded materials which will help develop and stimulate a new local economy.</p> <p>With Rye Landfill expected to be full and closed in 2025 we are continuing to work on the design detail and regulatory approvals for an engineered landfill cap to protect the environment once the landfill closes.</p>



## Strategic Objective 1.3

A sustainable built environment that respects the natural environment and protects the community from the impacts of the climate emergency.

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 1.3.1</b> Invest in renewable energy and energy efficiency programs.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Implement and manage our Virtual Energy Network. Strengthen community understanding of, and support for energy resilience and adaptation.</p>	<p>The Shire is continuing to explore innovative ways to reduce emissions associated with the use of grid-sourced electricity. The design for a 20-site Virtual Energy Network pilot project to explore opportunities for renewable energy, which will save ratepayer money and reduce emissions, has been completed. We are currently awaiting final approvals from our electricity retail partners with the pilot due to begin in early 2024. The pilot will run for 12 months upon which we will assess the Virtual Energy Network's future viability.</p> <p>Over the quarter we installed an additional 102kW of solar on 9 Shire-owned tenanted buildings through our Tenanted Solar Incentivisation Program.</p> <p>We recently installed heat pump hot water systems at the Foreshore Camping amenity blocks, which has helped us achieve efficiency savings of up to 70% and helped our transition away from gas energy supplies. Additionally, the hot water systems at the Rye Civic Hall are currently undergoing electrification.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.3.2</b> Encourage responsible use of water sources on the Peninsula by implementing the Smart Water Plan.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Deliver the actions within the Catchment Scale Integrated Water Management Action Plan. Review the Shire's Wastewater Management initiatives.</p>	<p>The Shire successfully advocated for priority projects to be included in the draft Integrated Water Management Action Plans. The five priority projects are the Tyabb Somerville Recycled Water Scheme, Urban Forest Strategy, Major Flood Mitigation, Water Sensitive Asset Masterplan implementation and the Briars Recycled Water Scheme.</p> <p>We appointed a consultant for the development of the Wastewater Management Plan, identified high risk areas and began stakeholder engagement.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.3.3</b> Incorporate Indigenous culture in all project planning and design.</p>	<p>The Shire successfully implemented its new Project Management Framework (PMF) across the organisation with the PMF including a provision for evaluating how built assets can be fortified to withstand the effects of climate change. More information on the PMF can be found in Strategy 1.4.2.</p>

“...installed heat pump hot water systems at the Foreshore Camping amenity blocks, which has helped us achieve efficiency savings of up to 70%...”



Strategies

Commentary

**Strategy 1.3.4**  
Implement the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy for Shire buildings and civil works.

On track

Our Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy (ESD) for Council buildings and civil works continues to be implemented within our capital works program. Examples of these include:

- Incorporating low carbon concrete and recycled material into the boardwalks at the Mount Martha Eco Park Active Hub.
- Incorporating ESD elements to reduce our carbon footprint and overall energy use into the ongoing construction of the Southern Peninsula Youth Hub.
- Including recycled material in our road resealing pavements.

Further information on our Major Projects and Capital Works program highlights can be found from page 49.

**Strategy 1.3.5**  
Advocate for environmentally sustainable design principles to be integrated into the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme.

On track

Planning Scheme Amendment C232morn was approved by the Minister for Planning on 15 November 2023. The amendment introduces an Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Local Planning Policy into the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme to guide Environmentally Sustainable Design outcomes in new residential and non-residential (i.e., commercial and industrial) development across the Shire.

Council continues to advocate, via the Municipal Association of Victoria's Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), to the Minister for the introduction of elevated ESD targets to all Victorian Planning Schemes.



Image: Mount Martha Eco Park Active Hub



Strategies

Commentary

**Strategy 1.3.6**  
Manage stormwater and build resilience to flood as it affects our community, our environment and infrastructure.

On track

In partnership with Melbourne Water, the flood mapping of the Shire's many catchments continued across the quarter and is on track to be completed by October 2024.

**Action:**

Undertake Flood mapping in collaboration with Melbourne Water and a consultant to fully flood map the Shire.

**Strategy 1.3.7**  
Revise the planning scheme with consideration to our vulnerability to flooding and bushfires and the protection of native vegetation.

On track

The Shire publicly exhibited Amendment C241morn from 2 November to 15 December 2023.

**Actions:**

Exhibit Amendment C241morn – Balcombe Estuaries. Continue Bushfire Planning Reforms Evidence Base Advocacy Position.

Planning Scheme Amendment C271morn to introduce planning controls to ensure that development considers the impact of climate change (inundation and erosion) along the coastline of Western Port Bay.

Concerning the Bushfire Planning Reforms Council resolved to:

- Adopt the Mornington Peninsula Shire Strategic Planning Bushfire Assessment (Kevin Hazell Bushfire Planning, May 2023).
- Write to the State Government seeking a review of BPA and BMO mapping in specific areas of Sorrento and Portsea as recommended by the Assessment.
- Write to the Minister for Planning outlining Council's advocacy position for change to bushfire planning controls and request that the Minister engages relevant experts to undertake work to review and refine controls using Mornington Peninsula Shire as a pilot case.
- Write to major stakeholder groups and all incorporated township community associations regarding the above and undertake associated publicity.
- Consider budget measures for additional work in the 2024-25 Council Budget

Officers are reviewing submissions received during community consultation on the Heritage reviews and will bring a report with recommendations to Council early in 2024. Council is still awaiting Ministerial approval of the amendment C271morn.

**Strategy 1.3.8**  
Deliver strategies to minimise the impact of the climate emergency on our built assets.

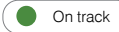

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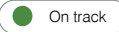

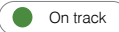
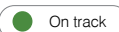
In the quarter the Shire implemented its new Project Management Framework (PMF) across the organisation (refer to Strategy 1.4.2 for further detail on the PMF). One element of this framework was the requirement to consider how built assets can be made more resilient to the impacts of climate change. Please see our Climate Emergency summary on page 48 for progress on our Solar Incentivisation Program for Tenanted Buildings.



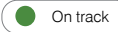
## Strategic Objective 1.4

An accessible built environment that supports diverse, current and future community needs.

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 1.4.1</b>  <b>Apply universal design principles in the construction, refurbishment and use of Shire owned facilities, public spaces and open spaces.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Deliver the Universal Design Policy implementation plan.</p>	<p>Implementation of the Universal Design policy has included the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalising Universal Design Guidelines.</li> <li>Delivering Rosebud Library Access key as part of International Day of People with Disability.</li> <li>Incorporating Universal Design Principles into our updated Access and Inclusion Best Bites Accreditation criteria for small/medium food businesses on the Mornington Peninsula.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategy 1.4.2</b>  <b>Build and maintain Shire infrastructure and facilities based on community needs and facility condition.</b></p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Develop and implement a holistic project management framework including new tools, training and system. Undertake a Business Case and Feasibility Study recommending a preferred Operating Model, Location(s) and High-Level Costs for a Future Shire Workplace.</p>	<p>The launch of our Project Management Framework aligned with the preparation for the Project Proposal submissions for the 2024-25 Budget. This was coordinated through the new and improved My Project application with all submissions completed through the application. All requests for project funding will follow the new Project Management Framework and are currently being reviewed to be presented to Councillors early next year as part of the budget process.</p> <p>Planning for a Future Shire Workplace that will greatly improve the customer experience and ensure we are better equipped to meet the changing demands of modern workplaces is continuing. With much of our current office infrastructure old and becoming unsafe, the costs of maintaining multiple workplaces is becoming increasingly difficult to manage.</p> <p>In November, Council endorsed an Operating Model and Site Analysis Report and requested we move to an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to identify potential partnership (public and private) opportunities. Feasibility studies will now start on seven shortlisted Tier 1 (main consolidated office) sites. The locations at Mornington, Rosebud and Hastings have been selected as they provide opportunities to improve service delivery while also being able to accommodate both council and community spaces.</p> <p>Planning for trial 'Tier 3' customer support facilities at key locations across the Peninsula to strengthen our customer experience will also begin. Community consultation is planned for 2024.</p> <p>Over the quarter we also completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somerville Mechanics Hall and Rye Community House upgrades</li> <li>water, power and toilet blocks upgrades along our Foreshore Camping</li> <li>kindergarten playground upgrades at our Seawinds Community Hub</li> <li>Flinders Pier Shed renewals</li> <li>Emil Madsen septic renewal.</li> </ul>

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 1.4.3</b>  <b>Develop a Community Facilities Infrastructure Strategy, to plan for shared community facilities that meet the current and future needs of our communities.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Draft the Community Facilities Infrastructure Strategy.</p>	<p>We have started developing the draft strategy and plan to release it for community feedback by mid-2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.4.4</b>  <b>Continue to implement the Triple A Housing Plan.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Implement the Triple A Housing Plan.</p>	<p>Council put forward a submission to the National Housing and Homelessness Plan. The Plan is a 10-year strategy for how all levels of government can work together and with the private and community sector to better support people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.</p> <p>We also organised meetings for the Triple A Committee, the Peninsula Housing Network and continued exploring options for crisis accommodation.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.4.5</b>  <b>Develop an Affordable Housing Policy to facilitate contributions in private developments.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Adopt the Affordable Housing Development Contributions Strategy and Policy.</p>	<p>A draft Affordable Housing Development Strategy and policy is currently being finalised and will be released for community feedback by mid-2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 1.4.6</b>  <b>Advocate to state government for additional social and affordable housing and better housing support services.</b></p>	<p>Council continues to advocate to the Victorian Government for more social, affordable and better housing support services and in response to their recent Housing Statement released a media release. We welcome the opportunity to work closely with the Victorian Government, but further work is needed to avoid poor outcomes for the Mornington Peninsula and to ensure the Peninsula community is not significantly worse off under these reforms. The full statement can be found on our website <a href="https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/housing">mornpen.vic.gov.au/housing</a></p>

Strategies

**Strategy 1.4.7**   
**Improve our unique townships and villages by developing and maintaining accessible public spaces.**

**Actions:**  
Complete the Civic Reserve Master Plan.  
Complete the Dromana and Arthurs Seat Management Plan.  
Finalise the David Macfarlan Reserve Masterplan.  
Finalise the RWStone Reserve Masterplan and bike jumps.  
Undertake a planning scheme amendment to implement the Western Port Coastal Villages and Surrounding Settlements Strategy.

Commentary

The draft Civic Reserve Master Plan was released for community feedback and we are currently reviewing feedback to finalise the master plan.

The Dromana and Arthurs Seat Management Plan has been deferred until such time as we can recruit a planning officer to undertake the project.


We have compiled community feedback from the public exhibition of the draft David Macfarlan Reserve master plan and sought further information from clubs to finalise the plan.

The RW Stone Reserve Master plan was adopted on 3 October 2023. The Shire is currently seeking resources to deliver the dirt jumps project at the reserve.

Council is still awaiting Ministerial approval of the amendment to implement Western Port Coastal Villages and Surrounding Settlements Strategy.

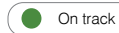
The Shire also:

- Installed a new foreshore playground along the Safety Beach foreshore in November.
- Undertook a minor project at the Eco Park to extend the playground's useful life expectancy. These works included the removal and replacement of timber, new foundations, sanding, painting and/or oiling of surfaces to enhance the playground with the development of the new skate park.
- Delivered a minor project for turf on the Red Hill senior's sporting oval. These works included line planting (sprigging), monitoring and additional weed treatment and pest control.
- Installed new turf at the Dromana oval.

**Strategy 1.4.8**   
**Advocate for stronger universal design guidance in the State Planning Scheme and encourage best practice for privately owned buildings.**


We don't need to advocate further as Universal Design is addressed under the Victoria Planning Provisions at a State Level and within the Building Regulations.

Strategies

**Strategy 1.4.9**   
**Deliver actions in the Housing and Settlement Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study to manage demand for housing and population growth.**

**Actions:**  
Adopt Amendment C219morn which implements Council's adopted Housing and Settlement Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study.

Undertake the Residential Height Controls project with draft landscape assessments and recommended planning controls prepared for community consultation.

**Strategy 1.4.10**   
**Protect built sites and features of cultural significance and history.**

**Action:**  
Finalise the Area 4 (Western Port and Hinterland) Heritage Review and the Stage 5 (Watchlist) Heritage Review.

Commentary

Council is currently undertaking additional strategic work as per the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel that assessed the C219morn amendment and public submissions in 2022-23. The outcomes of this work and final version of the amendment are scheduled to be presented to the Council for adoption in June 2024.

The Residential Height Controls project has started and a consultant has been appointed. The overall aim of the project is to ensure that future residential built forms protect the distinctive and significant landscapes of the Mornington Peninsula, while appropriately managing reasonable view-sharing to valued landscapes and waterbodies.

Officers are reviewing submissions received during community consultation on the Heritage reviews and will bring a report with recommendations to Council early in 2024.

“...future residential built forms protect the distinctive and significant landscapes of the Mornington Peninsula...”



# Theme TWO

## Quarterly community highlights

Over the quarter we celebrated Mornington Peninsula businesses at the 2023 Business Excellence awards at RACV Cape Schanck resort. The awards recognise the local businesses and industries that demonstrate innovation, sustainability and excellence.

The winners of the 2023 Business Excellence Awards were:

**Agriculture and manufacturing:**  
Yolky Dokey

**Creative:**  
Little Woodworkers

**Health and community:**  
Your Move Health

**Hospitality:**  
Elements Eatery

**Professional services:**  
Sarah's Domestic Bliss Cleaning

**Retail:**  
Artisan's Alley

**Start up:**  
The Cambium

**Tourism:**  
Moonraker Dolphin Swims

**Trade, building and construction:**  
Buchanan Crane Hire

The top prize of **Business of the Year** went to Elements Eatery



The 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards, hosted by the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC), highlighted the exceptional achievements of Mornington Peninsula's tourism industry at a Gala Ceremony at the Palladium at Crown during the quarter.

The Awards hosted annually, honours business excellence and performance within the Victorian Tourism industry, showcasing some of the most innovative experiences in Victorian tourism. A huge congratulations to all the winners from the Mornington Peninsula:

**Gold and Hall of Fame winner:**  
Major Tour and Transport Operator  
– Searoad Ferries

**Gold:** Tourism Restaurants and Catering Services – Red Gum BBQ

**Gold:** Tour and Transport Operators (Yarra valley based with Mornington Peninsula Experiences)  
– Hop It

**Silver:** Visitor Information Services  
– Sorrento Beachside Visitor Information Centre

**Silver:** Adventure Tourism  
– Mornington Boat Hire

**Silver:** New Tourism Business  
– Alba Thermal Springs and Spa

**Bronze:** Cultural Tourism  
– Mornington Boat Hire

**Finalist:** Cultural Tourism  
– Peninsula Hot Springs

**Finalist:** Major Tourist Attraction (Highly Commended)  
– Arthurs Seat Eagle

We invited small business owners and operators to take part in free mental health training. The program was very well received, and the four sessions in Rye, Mornington, Hastings and Dromana were well attended by 45 local businesses.

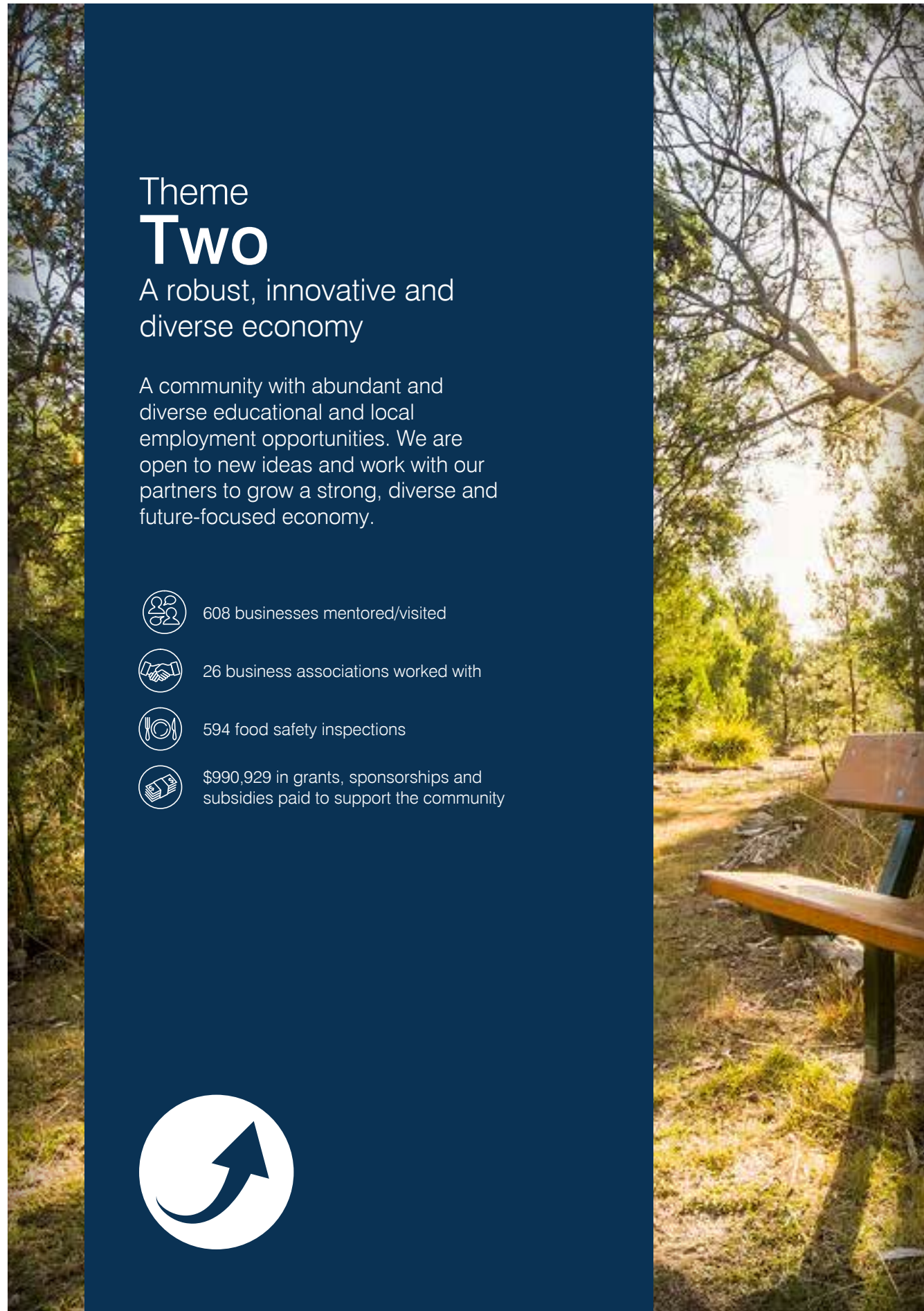
Local mental health support business Speak and Share delivered the training and talked

to participants about the issues and tactics with mental health in the workplace, as well as the impending changes to WorkSafe's Psychosocial legislation. This legislation will recognise psychological hazards as being equally harmful to employee safety and wellbeing as physical hazards. These reforms aim to underscore the significance of psychological health and safety in the workplace.

Businesses were given the opportunity to pledge their commitment to fostering a safe and harmonious workplace for their employees. A mentally healthy workplace is beneficial for both businesses and their employees, resulting in:

- increased productivity and job satisfaction
- more engagement and better energy in the workplace
- less sick leave
- improved overall employee health.





Ten Minutes by Tractor was the lucky winner of a tailored Speak and Share mental health and wellbeing program for their business valued at \$1,500, benefiting all employees at their winery restaurant.




## Theme **Two**

### A robust, innovative and diverse economy

A community with abundant and diverse educational and local employment opportunities. We are open to new ideas and work with our partners to grow a strong, diverse and future-focused economy.

-  608 businesses mentored/visited
-  26 business associations worked with
-  594 food safety inspections
-  \$990,929 in grants, sponsorships and subsidies paid to support the community



## Strategic Objective 2.1

A community that has access to world class local learning opportunities through all stages of life.

**Legend for commentary**

● On track  
 ● Attention  
 ● No Activity  
 ♥ Health and wellbeing priorities


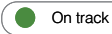



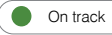
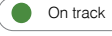
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.1.1</b> <span style="color: lightblue; font-size: 0.8em;">♥</span>                      Connect schools, education providers and businesses to improve social and economic outcomes.</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 0.8em;">● On track</p>	<p>We promoted Chisholm TAFE courses through mpbusiness.com.au and our business newsletter. We also participated in the Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network open day.</p> <p>The Shire is partnering with Oakwood School which are supporting disengaged young people to complete their schooling at our Youth centres. Our Youth Services team work closely with Oakwood to provide social connection and wellbeing programs to their students. We also continued to provide personal development programs for students in grades 5-12 for all schools on the Mornington Peninsula.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.1.2</b> <span style="color: lightblue; font-size: 0.8em;">♥</span>                      Advocate for additional training and education services and centres of excellence.</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 0.8em;">● On track</p>	<p>The Shire continued to attend the Peninsula Education Roundtable meetings as part of our commitment to additional training and education services across the Peninsula.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.1.3</b> <span style="color: lightblue; font-size: 0.8em;">♥</span>                      Work in partnership with a wide range of education providers to promote lifelong and inclusive learning opportunities.</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: green; font-size: 0.8em;">● On track</p>	<p>The Shire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referred 15 children to Gathering Places through our kindergarten registration service.</li> <li>Delivered four Child and Family Partnership Network Meetings with Family Child Care.</li> <li>Hosted three Cultural Immersion Tours for child and family professionals at Willum Warrain.</li> <li>Hosted three Early Years Yarning Circles with Koorie Engagement Support Officers and Family Child Care.</li> <li>Registered 2,007 children for kindergarten.</li> <li>Enrolled 40 children in Early Start Kindergarten.</li> <li>Allocated 741 kindergarten places to 3-year olds and 1,141 sessional kindergarten places to 4-year olds for 2024.</li> </ul>

“ ...we promoted Chisholm TAFE courses through MPbusiness.com.au and our business newsletter ”



## Strategic Objective 2.2

A strong food economy, promoting growth to enhance community access.

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.2.1</b>   <b>Foster access to affordable local healthy food options by working with our key partners implementing our Agroecology Strategy.</b></p>	<p>We ran a priority setting workshop and followed up with our newly created Food Economy and Agroecology Strategy taskforce to identify top projects for resourcing over the next two years. Key partners include Peninsula Health, Frankston Mornington Peninsula Local Learning and Employment Network and Mornington Peninsula Wine.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.2.2</b>  <b>Support and foster the growth of our farmers through a variety of food business e.g., farm gates, sea gates, food trucks, local stalls and local farmers markets.</b></p>	<p>We ran a market gardener discussion group at Tedesca Farm and a farmer discussion group on multi-species cropping with guest speaker Jade Killoran, an independent multispecies cover crop advisor and researcher working mainly in Victorian grazing systems.</p> <p>We also held a Farmers Digging Deeper field day at Luxton Park. Farmers Digging Deeper is a grant funded program increasing landholder knowledge of soils with two demonstration sites on the Mornington Peninsula, Uncommon Folk and Luxton Park. The 1-year multispecies cropping trial consists of 2 field days and a training program.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.2.3</b>   <b>A strong food economy that supports food relief, rescue and re-distribution programs.</b></p>	<p>The Shire contributed to The Community Plate and the South East Food Network and completed a Local Food Environment Policy Index. A local Food EPI benchmarks and prioritises local government food policy actions, including those related to nutrition and environmental sustainability.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.2.4</b>  <b>Continue to implement the Green Wedge Management Plan prioritising and encouraging productive use of the green wedge.</b></p>	<p>We continue to review Farm Management Plans submitted with planning permit applications in the Green Wedge Zone to provide feedback and ensure continued productive use of our Green Wedge.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.2.5</b>  <b>Help our food businesses by delivering programs to grow a circular food economy.</b></p>	<p>As one of our advocacy priorities for 2023-24 the Shire continues to advocate for Recycled Water to secure an alternative and high-quality water supply for agriculture and other uses. Over the quarter we began preparing to meet with Minister Shing, the Victorian Minister for Water, around the Tyabb-Somerville Recycled Water Scheme.</p> <p>We also started stakeholder engagement around the Green Wedge Waste to Bioenergy project with surveys now completed and our consultant MRA reviewing the data.</p>


Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.2.6</b>  <b>Promote the Mornington Peninsula food economy including promoting the (MPP) brand.</b></p>	<p>We started implementing pillar 2 of our newly released Food Economy and Agroecology Strategy, which is securing markets and sales and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reinvigorating and re-launching the Mornington Peninsula Produce (MPP) brand</li> <li>• expanding the program criteria for MPP</li> <li>• an Annual MPP and Buyers Expo</li> <li>• a MPP Procurement Pledge.</li> </ul> <p>We promoted locally grown food through the MPP trademark via our seasonal newsletter, social media, new MPP podcast, print and distribution of Get Fresh at Farm Gate map.</p>



Image: Food and Agroecology Strategy taskforce to identify top projects for resourcing over the next 2 years.



## Strategic Objective 2.3

A thriving entrepreneurial economy, with a vibrant tourism sector, that provides accessible employment to our diverse community.


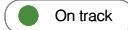

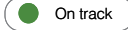

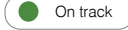
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.1</b> Work closely with all sectors including hospitality, manufacturing, tourism, retail, education, health and agriculture so they are strong and grow through COVID recovery and beyond.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Review the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law.</p>	<p>On track</p> <p>Council has postponed the review until more details on registering short stay rentals of the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law are available from the Victorian Government. Please find our full response back to the Victorian Government's announcement to introduce a 7.5 percent short stay accommodation tax which will override our Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law here: <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/accommodationTax">mornpen.vic.gov.au/accommodationTax</a></p> <p>We celebrated Mornington Peninsula businesses at the 2023 Business Excellence Awards at RACV Cape Schanck Resort. The awards recognise the local businesses and industries that demonstrate innovation, sustainability and excellence. For the list of winners please see our Theme 2 Community highlights.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.2</b> Deliver a new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop and implement year 1 actions from the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.</p>	<p>On track</p> <p>We released our Draft Economic Development and Tourism strategy over the quarter. The Strategy has been informed by industry experts, local business and community members through thorough consultation earlier this year. The final draft is to be presented to Council for endorsement in early 2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.3</b> Work with the Regional Tourism Board and other key stakeholders to deliver a new Tourism Destination Management Plan.</p>	<p>On track</p> <p>Four Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillors have been nominated as delegates to attend the Mornington Peninsula Regional Tourism Board's (RTB) Local Area Action Plans and aid in the development of a Destination Management Plan.</p>



Image: Elements Eatery, 2023 Business of the Year

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.4</b> Work with tourism stakeholders to promote the Mornington Peninsula as a premier tourism destination focussing on encouraging visitation throughout the Peninsula, off-peak visitation, and business and corporate events.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Increase visitation to and connection with Police Point and Briars. Implement The Briars Master Plan. Develop and deliver the Police Point Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>On track</p> <p>To increase visitation and connection to Police Point and The Briars we delivered Stage 2 of our education programs to over 50 school groups during the quarter. We also completed development of an events package with the promotion to be completed by June 2024.</p> <p>We engaged a new heritage architect to re-commence works on The Briars' Homestead with works to recommence in early 2024.</p> <p>Community consultation on our draft Police Point Strategic Plan provided some great ideas that have been integrated into its development. A budget bid was submitted for the development of a values package through the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. The values package submission is the first step in improving the Aboriginal story-telling onsite, which was the most suggested action from the community.</p> <p>Please see our Theme Two Community Highlights for more information on the Mornington Peninsula business winners from the 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.5</b> Support our creative economy by delivering on the Our Arts and Culture Plan.</p>	<p>On track</p> <p>As part of Mornington Peninsula Shire's Our Arts and Culture Plan 2024, we are committed to delivering an exciting and accessible arts program to our Peninsula community.</p> <p>That is why we have come up with CREATE, a fantastic range of workshops where you can discover your creative flair. Our workshops include everything from drawing, sun art and ceramics through to lost wax jewellery, edible cake decorations, linocut and more.</p> <p>These workshops are a great way to try a new artistic pursuit without the time or financial commitment of a long-term course. Bookings will open 6-8 weeks before the start of each workshop, and new workshops will be added every few weeks. We recommend you bookmark our Arts and Culture web page and check back regularly to avoid disappointment: <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/creativeworkshops">mornpen.vic.gov.au/creativeworkshops</a></p>




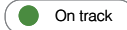

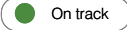

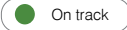

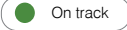
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.6</b>   <b>Deliver on the Reconciliation Action Plan, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and employment opportunities.</b></p>	<p>Over the quarter we continued developing our Reconciliation Action Plan for 2024-2026 and we finalised our draft First 1000 Days Implementation Plan. First 1000 Days Australia is a First Nations model aimed at strengthening all families so they can give their children the best start in life and aims to ensure that services recognise and strengthen family resilience while fostering leadership and promoting local innovation.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.7</b>   <b>Work in partnership with other levels of government and service providers to promote grants, programs and services to encourage inclusive employment and volunteering opportunities.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Implement the Volunteer Policy.</p>	<p>Our Volunteer Management software solution is currently in phase 1 of development and is being customised with our volunteers' requirements in mind. Development is scheduled to continue throughout the next quarter.</p> <p>The Shire organised a range of activities to promote volunteering. These included a Governance Session aimed at enhancing the capacity and capabilities of Boards of Management for eight different organisations, a pop-up volunteering engagement stall in October at Mt Martha Village, partnering with five volunteer organisations to engage over 30 potential volunteers for roles across the Mornington Peninsula, a volunteer training session in October to support volunteers through organisational change at Hastings Community Hub and a Cultural Immersion Tour at Willum Warrain in November. The tour was focused on promoting cultural inclusion and understanding in the volunteer sector.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.3.8</b>   <b>Advocate for planning system changes to support affordable housing initiatives in our townships and access to local employment for our businesses.</b></p>	<p>Following Council's resolution of 11 July 2023, Council wrote to the Minister for Planning on 15 August 2023 urging action to address the Housing Crisis in Victoria, including introducing a Secondary Dwelling Code to increase the supply of affordable housing options on the Peninsula.</p> <p>On 14 December 2023, the Minister approved Amendment VC253 to the Victoria Planning Provisions. This amendment introduced new planning controls to make it easier to build Small Second Dwellings, otherwise known as 'tiny houses', on lots with an existing dwelling. These planning controls are now included within the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme.</p>

“...new planning controls to make it easier to build Small Second Dwellings...”



## Strategic Objective 2.4

A diverse economy, with green and renewable opportunities, encouraging entrepreneurship, investment and innovation.

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 2.4.1</b>   <b>Provide an environment where new and existing businesses are supported to grow and transition to a green economy.</b></p>	<p>In December, Repower held a webinar to promote Environmental Upgrade Finance to local businesses. Attendees heard from other businesses who have taken up the offer and were encouraged to explore new ways to create sustainable change. The webinar was a great success with 23 businesses registering to attend and was supported by the Shire, Sustainable Australia Fund and Want A Sparky.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.4.2</b>   <b>Investigate and develop a Performing Arts and Cultural Precinct with a specific focus on a performing arts centre, advocating for funding opportunities.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Undertake a Business Case and Concept Development for the Performing Arts Centre and Future Arts Precinct.</p>	<p>The Shire has hired expert consultants to create a Business Case and Concept Development plan for a Performing Arts Centre in Mornington Peninsula Shire. The consultants collected data on the potential site in Hastings and conducted internal workshops with Council members while also engaging with our arts community. With all this information they will be able to present the Business Case to Council in early 2024.</p> <p>Architects also started creating preliminary drawings for the space's concept development. The project's progress will depend greatly on the community's involvement with community engagement planned for 2024 to help shape the design development.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.4.3</b>   <b>Use our industrial and commercial land to aid business growth and attract new and emerging industries to help diversify our economy.</b></p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Implement the Industrial Land Use and Infrastructure Assessment and Rezoning Strategy – Planning Scheme Amendment C243morn (Somerville Industrial Rezoning). Implement the Industrial Land Use and Infrastructure Assessment and Rezoning Strategy – Proposed Hastings Industrial Precinct Amendment.</p>	<p>Following community consultation of the amendment in June 2023 the submissions for Amendment C243morn have been reviewed and a report is being prepared for Council recommending the next steps, including whether to refer the amendment and submissions to an independent planning panel for review.</p> <p>At the end of December 2023, advocates of the privately led Proposed Hastings Industrial Precinct amendment were undertaking detailed technical assessments and preparing a planning scheme amendment request for Council's consideration.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 2.4.4</b>   <b>Collaborate with the community about the future role of the Port of Hastings and the surrounding port-related land.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Support Council's Port of Hastings Advocacy and lead Council's representation on any Technical Reference Group for Environmental Effects Statement (EES).</p>	<p>The Minister for Planning has determined that an Environmental Effects Statement assessment (EES) is required for the proposed Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal. An inter-governmental agency Technical Reference Group has been established with the advocate preparing the EES.</p> <p>An Environmental Effects Statement assessment of any potential environmental impacts or effects from the Kawasaki Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) projects at the Port of Hastings is due to start later in 2024.</p>



# Theme Three

## Quarterly community highlights

1 November marked the eighth and final Citizens' Panel session for 2023.

The panel gathered at the Safety Beach Sailing Club to reflect on their year and were joined by CEO John Baker, Mayor Councillor Steve Holland and Councillors Dixon, Gill, Mar and O'Connor. Mayor Holland presented each member with a certificate of appreciation and gift voucher to thank them for their contribution.

Since their initial meet and greet session in March, our Citizens' Panellists have been instrumental in providing feedback on a range of complex issues including our Open Air Burning Local Law, Visitor Paid Parking Pilot, Waste Collection, Urban Forest Strategy, Safer Speeds and our Road Safety Strategy.

This is the third year of our Citizens' Panel. An innovative initiative that began in 2021 when the first panel created a Community Vision for the Peninsula. The Mornington Peninsula Shire holds a unique position in the local government

sector with their commitment to a standing Citizens' Panel each year.

Panel member Sherie said she had a great experience explaining that "Being part of the Citizen's Panel really educated me on exactly what Council does."

"It was empowering to see how our feedback helped shaped the decisions made by Councillors. I have enjoyed my time with the Citizens' Panel!"

Invitations for the 2024 Citizens' Panel will be posted to 10,000 random Peninsula addresses in early 2024. Stay tuned for more updates by visiting our website: [mornpen.vic.gov.au/citizenspanel](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/citizenspanel)

Building on the momentum of last year's Positive Ageing Summit (held at Mornington) and recent Seniors Festival the Mornington Peninsula Shire held three Positive Ageing on the Peninsula – Community Conversation events during November.

The purpose of this year's events was to monitor the progress of the

Shire's Positive Ageing Strategy – to learn what's working well and what needs improving to age well on the Peninsula – through conversations with residents with lived experience. The new format saw over 150 community members attend half-day events at Hastings, Rye and Mornington, making sure that a diverse range of feedback was captured from across the Peninsula.

A common thread among many participants was a need for more adequate transport (including suitable paths for walking and beach access), housing affordability and opportunities for social connection. Attendees also heard from two guest speakers on the benefits of volunteering, the role of Peninsula Transport Assist and the brand-new Keeping Active, Involved and Informed directory – a directory of physical activity groups and other information for older people; produced by Peninsula Health in collaboration with the Shire and Frankston City Council.

The Shire would like to thank everyone who attended and helped to make this year's Community Conversations a success, particularly our valued community and members of the Peninsula Advisory Committee of Elders.

Mornington Peninsula Shire will again be proudly marching at the Midsumma Pride March on Sunday 4 February 2024 alongside the Frankston Mornington Peninsula LGBTIQA+ Collaborative. Together with the Collaborative, we invite all local LGBTIQA+ community members and allies to march with us on the day.

Each year, the Midsumma Pride March sees Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Agender, Aromantic + (LGBTIQA+) community members and allies take to Fitzroy Street in St Kilda to celebrate solidarity in sexuality, sex and gender diversity. Over 45,000 people line the streets and balconies along the march route to show their support.

The march will start on the corner of Fitzroy Street and Lakeside Drive, St Kilda, at 11am and will proceed down Fitzroy Street towards the bay. At the end of the march, attendees will enter Catani Gardens for celebrations and entertainment, including DJs and live performances.

# Theme Three

A flourishing, healthy and connected community



An inclusive and creative community that values safety, physical and mental health and wellbeing. A community with accessible services and transport to keep us connected.

-  12,610 rounds of golf played
-  227,484 aquatic centre visitations
-  30 enrolments in Shire delivered mental health courses
-  11,059 young people attending Shire delivered youth programs and activities
-  450 kms of unsealed roads graded
-  4,495 potholes filled and 256 individual requests for potholes received
-  247,850 Community library loans
-  3,343 kms of streets swept






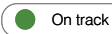

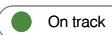

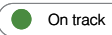


## Strategic Objective 3.1

A healthy and self-determined community where everyone feels valued, supported and safe.

Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.1</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">● On track</span></p> <p><b>Deliver the Gender Equality Strategy in partnership with community organisations.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Implement the Gender Equality Strategy.</p>	<p>The Shire took part in the 16 Days of Activism campaign as part of our commitment to increase gender equality and prevent violence against women and their children. The 16 Days of Activism campaign started on 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ran until 10 December, International Human Rights Day. We promoted several events to our community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree of Respect art installation at Hastings Market.</li> <li>• Our Libraries had colouring-in sheets for kids and a curated book selection on gender equality.</li> <li>• Upstander training for community groups to learn essential skills to help make our community safer, equal and respectful.</li> <li>• Under Cover, a documentary about the hidden faces of homelessness at Rosebud Cinema.</li> <li>• White Ribbon event at Mount Martha Uniting Church.</li> <li>• Walk Against Family Violence at Parliament House Steps, Spring Street Melbourne.</li> </ul> <p>We completed our Year 3 Annual Report and Year 4 Action Plan of our Gender Equality Strategy and continued rolling out our Gender Impact Assessments across the organisation.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.2</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px;">● On track</span></p> <p><b>Deliver the Reconciliation Action Plan, guided by the traditional owners, respecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop a new Reconciliation Action Plan.</p>	<p>We continued developing our Reconciliation Action Plan for 2024-2026 and strengthened our commitment to reconciliation. The Shire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held an internal Reconciliation Action Plan working group workshop at Willum Warrain. This included a tour and strategic planning session for officers.</li> <li>• Offered an Indigenous student placement opportunity within the Community Inclusion team.</li> <li>• Planned for the 2024 NAIDOC Week Festival.</li> <li>• Invested significant time in community relationship building with traditional owners, local indigenous businesses and gathering places.</li> </ul>



Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.3</b>   <b>Deliver the Communities That Care Action Plan increasing connection for young people.</b></p>	<p>We have redirected resources from Our Communities That Care Action Plan to develop a broader Inclusion Strategy. The Inclusion Strategy will help us realise our ambition to create equal opportunities for all of our community regardless of culture, age, gender, ability, sexuality, gender or religion.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.4</b>   <b>Deliver on a new lifespan strategy that will enhance the health and wellbeing of all generations.</b></p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Develop an overarching Inclusion Strategy with an intersectional lens that contains all wellbeing strategies. Implement the Disability Inclusion Plan.</p>	<p>We have redirected resources from the development of a lifespan strategy to develop a broader Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>The strategy will help us direct our efforts towards supporting inclusion on the Peninsula and replace our existing population-based social strategies, including the Positive Ageing Strategy 2020-2025, Disability Inclusion Plan 2018-2022, Early Years Action Plan, Youth Action Plan, LGBTQIA+ Action Plan.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.5</b>   <b>Support and participate in local and regional programs to improve sexual and reproductive health.</b></p>	<p>The Shire worked with WHISE (Women's Health in the South East) to analyse evaluation data from our October training session. As a result our data analysis, we also undertook planning for further training sessions throughout 2024 to address gaps identified.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.6</b>   <b>Provide a harm minimisation approach to alcohol through our Alcohol Management Policy.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Review and implement Alcohol Management and Gambling Policies.</p>	<p>Last financial year, the Shire secured a VicHealth grant of \$10,000 to deliver an alcohol harm prevention initiative across the municipality. In the quarter we undertook a Stakeholder Engagement Forum and started developing a Community Alcohol Profile.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.7</b>   <b>Deliver the Positive Ageing Strategy promoting the respectful inclusion of older people.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Deliver the annual actions within the Positive Ageing Strategy.</p>	<p>Throughout November, we held three community conversations in Rye, Hastings, and Mornington on positive ageing. The forums captured the diverse experiences of older people on the Peninsula and identified issues that Council could advocate for or address. They also provided an opportunity for residents to connect, discover what is available in their community and learn about the latest initiatives in the positive ageing space. Over 150 community members attended across the three forums. Please see our Theme 3 Community Highlights for more information..</p>





Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.8</b>   <b>Carry out an Active Living Census to better understand people's activity levels and preferences.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Plan and develop a Health and Social Data Management single collection point.</p>	<p>As reported last quarter the Active Living Census will not go ahead as planned with resources redirected to a Health and Wellbeing Survey, which was undertaken with local sports clubs. Data on health and wellbeing areas to address priority areas identified through sports club development opportunities is currently being collated and prepared for community presentation on our website.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.1.9</b>   <b>Healthy eating options are available at Shire owned and managed facilities and events.</b></p>	<p>The Shire continues to ensure that healthy eating options are available at Shire owned and managed facilities and events as per our Healthy Food and Drink Policy.</p>



Image: Community conversations



## Strategic Objective 3.2

A resilient and confident community where everyone connects and is supported.


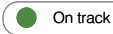

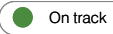

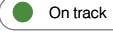
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.1</b>  <b>Develop a range of community, creative and business support grants.</b> </p> <p><b>Action:</b> Manage Community Partnership Grants Programs.</p>	<p>In the previous quarter, Council released its 2023-24 grants and subsidies program with \$4.1M available to support community initiatives. The total grants awarded during the quarter were 108:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35 grants were awarded under Theme 1 for Biolinks, Climate Action and Heritage Grants</li> <li>• 23 grants were awarded under Theme 2 for Creative, Community and Destination Events</li> <li>• 49 grants were awarded under Theme 3 for Community Support, Flexigrants, Placemaking, Local Area Community Capital Infrastructure and Access and Inclusion.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.2</b>  <b>Collaborate with our community to prepare for the climate emergency.</b> </p>	<p>Previously we had reported that we signed a contract with the Federal Government for a \$500,000 grant, secured through the 'Community Batteries for Household Solar' program, to buy and install a community battery in Flinders.</p> <p>We started preparing community engagement for the Flinders Community Battery project with a location to be confirmed in early 2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.3</b>  <b>Deliver the Shire's COVID-19 recovery program, including grants and key projects.</b> </p>	<p>To ensure we are meeting the ever-changing needs of our business community we undertook a review of our Business Development grant stream during the quarter.</p>



Image: Social media promotion of community grants


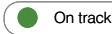

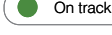
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.4</b>  <b>Increase social connection and reduce social isolation in our community.</b> </p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Support increased use of community facilities by community and commercial organisations. Support the sustainability and inclusivity of community groups.</p>	<p>To support the increased use of community facilities by community and commercial organisations we rolled out our new Community Facilities Hire Policy and new booking systems. We also delivered various development programs, including Drug and Alcohol management training to our sport and community groups.</p> <p>Our Youth team engaged with over 11,000 young people, children, and families across 72 facilitated programs in youth centres, schools and the community. We created a safe and age-appropriate space on Rye foreshore for Peninsula Schoolies to dance and enjoy from 25 November to 1 December 2023. Each night featured a different line-up of talented local DJs and party themes with support teams, including our Youth Services team, DanceWize and Red Frog volunteers, on hand to make sure schoolies could celebrate and stay safe.</p> <p>We also held an Intergenerational Rainbow High tea with 10 young people and 10 older people who came together for a day of connection and supplied support and services through our Dial-A-Bus and Health Access Transport programs.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.5</b>  <b>Deliver programs to prevent, recognise and respond to mental health and wellbeing concerns.</b> </p>	<p>The Shire supported and promoted the new Frankston Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub that will service the Mornington Peninsula. The new service seeks to actively support the recovery of people with emerging or existing emotional and mental health concerns to ensure our community gets the support they need.</p>



Image: Community Facilities Hire new booking system






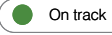

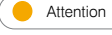
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.6</b>  <b>Develop a Community Strengthening Strategy to improve social inclusion, boost volunteering and build resilience.</b> </p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop an approach to community development via local area planning.</p>	<p>We have redirected resources from the development of a Community Strengthening Strategy to develop a broader Inclusion Strategy and a Community Emergency Management and Resilience Strategy.</p> <p>We are also continuing to explore an approach to community development through local area planning.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.7</b>  <b>Support and participate in local and regional initiatives that focus on suicide prevention and positive mental health and wellbeing.</b> </p>	<p>We invited small business owners and operators to take part in free mental health training. There were four sessions in Rye, Mornington, Hastings and Dromana which were attended by 45 local businesses. Please see our Theme 2 Community highlights for more information.</p> <p>The Shire also supported and promoted the new Frankston Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub, which will provide services and mental health support to residents on the Peninsula.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.2.8</b>  <b>Advocate for improved telecommunication networks to ensure a strong digital connection and increase social inclusion.</b> </p>	<p>No further action has been taken since we released a 'Shout out for the Peninsula' advocacy campaign that focused on 10 priorities, including Mobile Coverage, in the lead up to the State and Federal elections last year.</p>



Image: Free Mental Health training for businesses

## Strategic Objective 3.3

**A community in which people from all generations, backgrounds and abilities can access local services.**




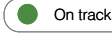
Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.3.1</b>  <b>Remove barriers so people of all abilities can participate and access services.</b> </p> <p><b>Action:</b> Relaunch, review and revamp the mobile library service which will incorporate outreach services across the Shire.</p>	<p>VQuip has finished the fit out of our new mobile library with Progress Signs currently applying a corporate wrap to the body of the vehicle. The fitting and testing of mobile technology are scheduled for the next quarter before the mobile library and outreach service is launched by March 2024.</p> <p>We launched our second-ever Access Key at a community morning tea on 1 December to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disability on 3 December. Members of our Disability Advisory Committee, community members, Shire staff and Councillor Lisa Dixon were on hand to see Judy O'Connor and Maxine Parker, Co-Founders of Access Ability Australia, present the Rosebud Library Access Key to the community. Access Keys are visual and text-based guides that provide convenient information about accessing a particular experience, event, facility or program. They are professionally prepared by Access Ability Australia and designed with universal design principles in mind. This means they are suitable for a wide range of people, including those with disability.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.3.2</b>  <b>Explore partnership opportunities for programs that address tobacco-related and gambling harm.</b> </p>	<p>In partnership with Peninsula Health we continued to rollout Smoke Free beaches along the Mornington Peninsula. According to the survey conducted in the previous quarters, 42% of local businesses reported a reduction in cigarette butt litter near their establishment. The Safety Beach-Dromana Beach Patrol volunteers also observed a significant decrease in cigarette butt litter by monitoring the usage of butt bin facilities.</p> <p>In partnership with Frankston City Council, we marked the start of Gambling Harm Awareness Week 2023, which featured the theme, 'Talk. Share. Support'. In conjunction with the Consultative Committee on Gambling, Connect Health and Frankston City Council we held a forum that included hearing personal stories of recovery.</p> <p>We encouraged the community to educate themselves on the harms of gambling across themselves, their family, friends, workplace and community.</p>



Image: Rosebud Library Access Key



Strategies

Commentary

**Strategy 3.3.3**  On track  
**Deliver programs, services and events that engage and empower children, young people and their families.**

**Actions:**

Commence Youth Services programming for the Southern Peninsula Youth Hub.  
Implement the Child Safe Standards Action Plan.  
Review Child and Family Health Services to increase the accessibility of services for children aged 8+ months.

Please see our Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights on page 54 for information on the progress of the Southern Peninsula Youth Hub.

We held three community Child Safe Information sessions to increase community understanding and engagement with Child Safety Standards and released a new Child Safety CEO video on our Child Safe webpage. We also developed and uploaded Child Safety resources to the Shire website for community access. An article on Shire Child Safe policy and commitment was included in the Summer PenWide 2023 edition.

We started offering additional non-government funded vaccines to Mornington Peninsula Shire families who can now access all recommended vaccines for their children through the Shire's immunisation program.

The program is proving popular with families as it has reduced their overall costs and time. Between October and December 2023, the Shire's Universal Maternal Child Health (MCH) Service delivered 3,314 consultations which included Key Age and Stage health and development consultations, lactation consultations, and specific family violence consultations. The Enhanced MCH Service delivered approximately 1,200 hours of service delivery supporting families who have multiple complexities and needs.

The Shire also identified 354 eligible families for Supported Playgroup through our kindergarten registration. 145 families connected with us and 16 families enrolled.



Image: Child Safety achievements



Strategies

Commentary

**Strategy 3.3.4**  On track  
**Engage with LGBTIQ+ community members and deliver programs to support them.**

We continued working with the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula LGBTIQ+ Collaborative to prepare for Midsumma Pride March on 4 February 2024. We will be proudly marching and invite all local LGBTIQ+ community members and allies to march with us on the day. Please see our Theme 3 Community Highlights for more information.

**Strategy 3.3.5**  On track  
**Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to self determine community services and programs as required.**

We finalised our draft First 1000 Days Implementation Plan and we had 30 community members attend First 1000 Days regional training. First 1000 Days Australia is a First Nations model intended to strengthen all families so they can give their children the best start in life and aims to ensure that services recognise and strengthen family resilience while fostering leadership and promoting local innovation.

**Strategy 3.3.6**  On track  
**Advocate for more local services to meet current and future community needs.**

Following the Victorian Government's decision to cut the budget for community health services' health promotion last year, Council submitted letters to Ministers advocating for the reintroduction of preventative health services. Council is concerned about the negative impact this reduction will have on the health sector in Victoria, particularly in our local community. Without this support, the Shire will not have the necessary resources to deliver essential public health and wellbeing initiatives.

We also sent letters to Ministers advocating for immediate investment in homelessness support services. Due to the lack of dedicated crisis accommodation on the Mornington Peninsula, increasing rents and property values, there is a growing number of residents who are at serious risk of becoming homeless. This includes many elderly residents and women and children who are disproportionately affected, often due to family violence.



Image: Midsumma Pride March



## Strategic Objective 3.4

A community with vibrant arts, culture, sport and recreational opportunities that foster connections and participation across generations, backgrounds and abilities.

### Strategies


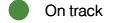
### Commentary

**Strategy 3.4.1**   **In partnership with our community, using Universal Design Principles, improve access to and promote cultural, sport and recreational opportunities.**

**Action:**

Finalise the Sports Capacity Plan Volume 2 and 3.

The draft Sports Capacity Plan has been completed and will be released for community consultation in early 2024.

**Strategy 3.4.2**   **Implement the Shire's Our Arts and Culture Plan, creating an environment in which the arts thrive.**

**Actions:**


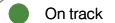
Review the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Strategic Plan.

Continue to deliver on and review the Arts and Culture Plan 2024.

Due to the hosting of the Archibald Prize Exhibition, work on the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Strategic Plan is postponed until mid-2024.

We delivered a new public artwork, titled Ngalamba: to stop and wait a while, which saw a 'living wall' come to life in Napier Street, Rye. With metal wall sculptures and native plants, the work of art tells the story of Bunurong's five seasons. It is produced by artists David Wood of Bent Metal, Daniel van de Wiel of It Stands Out and Shanai Kellett of Maloga Art.

We also relaunched ARTREK, which allows some of our public art to come to life using our augmented reality app, created a working group to assist with the delivery of our Music Plan and delivered 10 creative workshops.

**Strategy 3.4.3**   **Engage with culturally and linguistically diverse communities to share and protect cultural heritage, beliefs, traditions and stories.**

As part of our core identity and values, we are committed to promoting and celebrating Aboriginal cultural heritage on the Peninsula through reconciliation and impactful actions with the community. The development of our new Reconciliation Action Plan is the next step in the continuation of meaningful engagement with our First Nations.


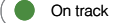


Image: Ngalamba artwork



### Strategies


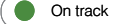
### Commentary

**Strategy 3.4.4**   **Implement a Library Strategy to provide accessible services and programs for our diverse community.**

**Action:**

Develop and Implement Our Library Strategy 2024-2029.

Given the important role libraries play in our community, we want to ensure they meet the changing needs of our townships. A draft Our Library Strategy 2024 – 2029 was put out for public exhibition on 29 September with community consultation closing on 10 November 2023. We expect to take our new Strategy to Council in April 2024.

**Strategy 3.4.5**   **Support and deliver inclusive events and festivals.**

**Actions:**

Attract, support and deliver events that engage the community and attract visitation to the Peninsula.

Deliver a Major Projects Celebration Program including Opening Events for Flinders Community Hub, Mornington Civic Soccer and Athletics Building and Mount Martha Eco Park.

In true festive fashion, Main Street Mornington was transformed into a joyous destination on 17 December 2023 for the Mornington Christmas Festival. Main Street, between Barkly Street and The Esplanade, was closed for the day to accommodate the Yuletide activities and entertainment.

Residents and tourists connected with fellow community members, picked up a last-minute gift and enjoyed roving street performances and festive music. There was even free gift wrapping and kids' fun. Santa and his helpers also made an appearance at the 3MP Giving Tree zone, where generous residents donated vouchers and gifts to the Mornington Community Support Centre.

Mornington Christmas Festival is run by the Mornington Chamber of Commerce, with Mornington Peninsula Shire supporting the event through a \$10,000 Community Events Grant.

We also officially opened the Mount Martha Eco Park this quarter. Please refer to our 'Major Projects and Capital Works' section to get the latest updates on our highlights.



Image: Mornington's Christmas Festival



## Strategic Objective 3.5

A community that is well connected through sustainable, accessible and integrated transport options.













Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.1</b>  <span style="float: right;"> On track</span></p> <p><b>Advocate for more accessible and frequent public transport services, including connected pathways, trails, buses and trains for the Mornington Peninsula.</b></p>	<p>As a result of Council advocacy and the success of our Better Buses campaign, the Minister for Public Transport announced last year an extra \$36.4 million to this year's budget to deliver a cross-Peninsula bus service. Ongoing discussions with the Department of Transport and Public Transport Victoria are continuing with the Shire requesting an increase in the frequency of bus services and for the inclusion of more townships along bus routes.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.2</b>  <span style="float: right;"> On track</span></p> <p><b>An accessible built environment that supports diverse, current and future community needs.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Implement the Visitor Paid Parking Pilot at three select foreshore locations.</p>	<p>We officially launched our Visitor Paid Parking Pilot on 1 December 2023. The project aims to share the cost of maintaining our foreshore assets by asking visitors to contribute to its upkeep. The Pilot has been rolled out at three Mornington Peninsula foreshore carparks, with changes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors to pay for their stay</li> <li>• Residents need an ePermit to park for free at the sites</li> <li>• Timed parking restrictions at Schnapper Point, Mornington.</li> </ul> <p>Visitors who plan to park at Schnapper Point foreshore carpark (Mornington), Sunnyside Beach foreshore carpark (Mount Eliza) or Flinders Pier foreshore carpark (Flinders) are encouraged to download the PayStay app and follow the prompts to pay for your stay. Alternatively, you can pay by calling PayStay or visiting their website on the day of your visit.</p> <p>Residents who park at the sites must obtain a free ePermit via our website, to ensure they park without charge: <a href="https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/epermits">mornpen.vic.gov.au/epermits</a></p> <p>For further information on our Visitor Paid parking Pilot please go to: <a href="https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/VPPP">mornpen.vic.gov.au/VPPP</a></p>



Image: Social media promotion of Visitor Paid Parking



Strategies	Commentary
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.3</b>  <span style="float: right;"> On track</span></p> <p><b>Deliver on the Pedestrian Access Strategy, creating safe, accessible and connected pedestrian networks.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Undertake and adopt the Pedestrian Access Strategy Review.</p>	<p>We know how important footpaths are to the local community and the vital role they play in keeping us active, safe and connected. To help guide the future allocation of funds and to determine which footpaths receive priority and when, we've come up with a Draft Pedestrian Access Strategy 2023, which was released for community consultation from 15 September to 5 November 2023. We are currently reviewing community feedback to finalise the Strategy.</p> <p>We also started a thorough assessment of our 690-kilometre network of footpaths. You might have seen one of our asset inspection contractors riding a small quad bike style vehicle with cameras attached, filming the footpath structure only, travelling at a brisk walking pace. The findings from these assessments will give us important information about the condition of our footpaths and help us maintain our network of footpaths more effectively.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.4</b> <span style="float: right;"> On track</span></p> <p><b>Advocate for an expansion of the electric vehicle charging network and promote the use of electric vehicles.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop an Electric Vehicle transition plan.</p>	<p>Our existing Electric Vehicle transition plan continued to be developed throughout the quarter with the transition plan reviewed by our internal climate oversight group.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.5</b>  <span style="float: right;"> On track</span></p> <p><b>Implement the Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy in our continued commitment to zero road deaths and serious injuries towards 2050.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Implement the Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy and develop a shire-wide speed limit action plan.</p>	<p>We ran the concept of our Speed Limit Action Plan by our Citizens' Panel who discussed reducing speed limits to minimise road trauma. Panellists provided a diverse range of insights and recommendations all of which will be considered. The scope of work is being defined for the action plan with further development to continue in early 2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.6</b> <span style="float: right;"> Attention</span></p> <p><b>Deliver on the new Integrated Transport Strategy to create a connected, accessible and sustainable transport network.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Develop an Integrated Transport Strategy.</p>	<p>The Integrated Transport Strategy was deferred until the completion of the Pedestrian Access Strategy. Work on the Strategy will recommence in early 2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategy 3.5.7</b>  <span style="float: right;"> Attention</span></p> <p><b>Deliver on the new RideSafe Strategy to create a safe and accessible cycling network that accommodates the needs of all users.</b></p>	<p>Our RideSafe Strategy was deferred until the completion of the Pedestrian Access Strategy. Work on the strategy will begin in 2024-25.</p>



# Climate Emergency

## Climate Emergency Plan Delivery Status

Of the 172 tasks within the plan, 156 (90%) are in progress, ongoing or completed.

Between October and December 2023, we:

- Published our third Climate Emergency Plan Annual Progress Report and Annual Progress Summary.
- Adopted the terms of reference for the Climate Emergency Community Reference Group.
- Funded 19 new community projects via our Climate Action Grants.
- Continued to partner with our volunteer Energy Heroes to provide free energy saving consultations to the community.
- Partnered with Repower Mornington Peninsula to encourage local businesses to become more sustainable.
- Completed the installation of 102kW of solar on nine separate community buildings for our Solar 4 Tenants Program.
- Partnered with the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to set up three Energy Resilience Systems.
- Partnered with the CFA to deliver emergency preparedness workshops and information sessions to the community.
- Commenced the community engagement stage for the Flinders Community Battery project.
- Launched the Harvest Exchange program at the Eco Living Display Centre.
- Educated 321 students from 8 schools through our Shire-run Environmental Education program.
- Had 95 community members attend our Shire-run environmental / sustainability workshops.

Achievements to date: In total

- Number of community solar installations: 23,805 (22.8% of residential buildings and 144,000 tonnes of CO2-e avoided annually)
- Number of solar systems on Shire operated buildings: 54 (1,437 tonnes CO2-e avoided annually)
- Number of solar systems on Shire-owned tenanted facilities: 57 (586 tonnes CO2-e avoided annually)
- Number of take ups of Solar and Energy Bulk Buy Program: 68
- Energy Savvy Upgrades completed: 79 upgrades for 73 households (566.41 tonnes CO2-e saved over the life of the products)
- Number of Shire Electric Vehicles (EVs): 14

- Number of Shire Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers installed: 15
- Number of public fast Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers facilitated: 4
- Area of biolinks created: 182 hectares, 55,600 trees and shrubs planted
- Number of FOGO bins or caddies delivered to households: 20,815
- Total number of households using FOGO service: 53,898
- Number of farmers undertaking Shire-funded regenerative farming training: 43 farmers, covering 1,563 hectares of land.

## Climate Emergency Plan Annual Progress Report

The Shire's 2022-23 Climate Emergency Plan Annual Report and the Progress Report Summary have been published, highlighting actions the community and Shire have made towards reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2040. In 2022-23, these achievements have resulted in at least \$5.11m reduced energy costs for the community and reduced over 22,500 tonnes of greenhouse gases.

[mornpen.vic.gov.au/climateemergencyplan](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/climateemergencyplan)

## Climate Action Grants

We received 33 applications for the Climate Action Grant Round 4, totalling \$276,835, which is the most applications we've received for this program. Of the 33 applications, 19 were funded, totalling \$103,490 from the \$103,500 available.

## Solar Incentivisation Program for Tenanted Buildings

The Shire has partnered with tenants of Shire-owned buildings to participate in our ongoing Solar 4 Tenants program. Stage one is now complete and has resulted in the installation of 102kW of solar on nine separate community buildings including pre-schools, sporting facilities, community centres, retailers, and yacht clubs. To date, the program has seen 154kW of solar installed and will facilitate the generation of an estimated 202MWh of renewable energy and 172tonnes of avoided CO2-e. For our tenants this will result in a cumulative annual bill deduction of approximately \$30,000 and a cumulative return on investment over 20 years of approximately \$350,000.

## Flinders Community Battery Project

We started community engagement for the Flinders Community Battery project with a location to be confirmed in early 2024. A \$500,000 Federal Government grant, secured through the Community Batteries for Household Solar program, will fully fund the purchase and installation of the battery. Once installed, the battery will allow the local community to store solar energy for use during peak times, and to share excess solar-generated power with other households in their area. More information can be found at:

[mornpen.vic.gov.au/renewableenergy](https://mornpen.vic.gov.au/renewableenergy)

# Major Projects



## Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



### Mount Martha Skate Park

Total project value \$880,985

Developed in partnership with the Victorian Government our Eco Park Active Hub delivers new play and recreation facilities in Mount Martha.

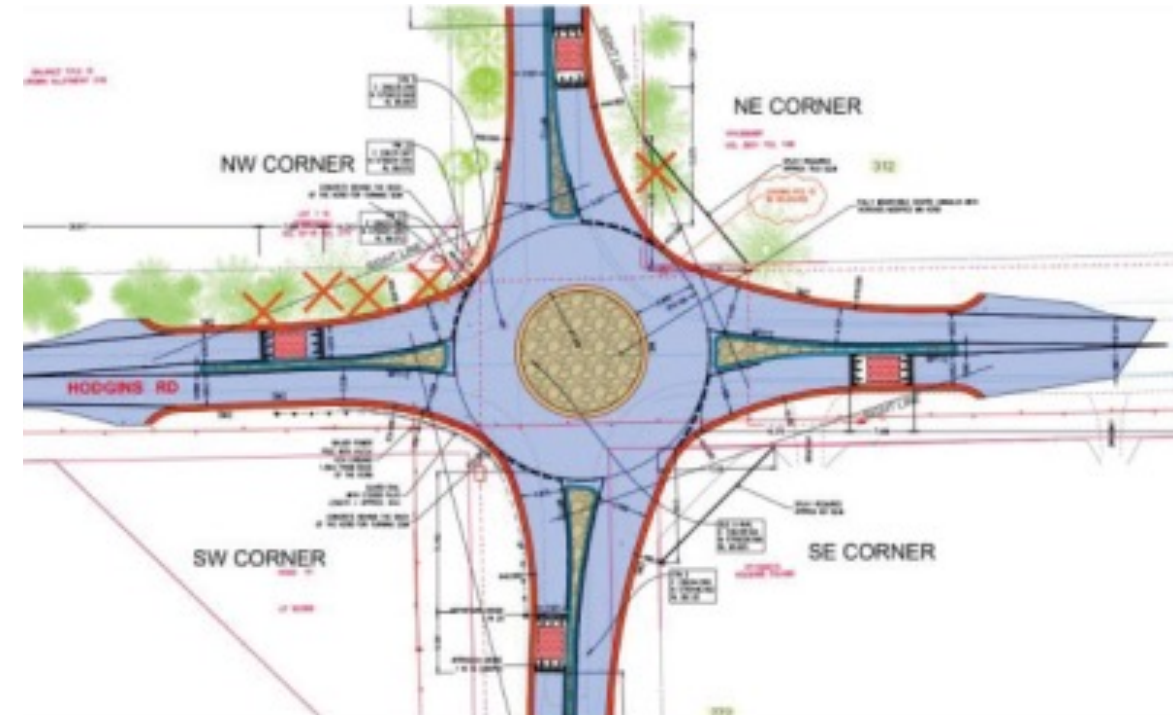
The community can now enjoy:

- a skate and scooter bowl with pockets, hips, waterfalls, transfers and scooter loop.
- refreshed combination play equipment.
- scooter path.
- swing set.
- all access carousel.
- picnic tables.
- mini trampolines.

Following community input and feedback in 2020, the final concept plan was endorsed by Council on 25 August 2020. The design explored options for recycled content in the footpath and boardwalk, and prioritising trees with high biodiversity and habitat value. Tenders were advertised in October 2022 and evaluations completed in February 2023.

Construction commenced in April 2023 and was completed in September 2023. The park opened to the public at the end of September and an official opening took place on the 23 November with the Mayor, Councillors and the State member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh.

## Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



### Tuerong: Blackspot Program Hodgins/Stumpy Gully Rd Roundabout

Total project value \$1,300,000

A proposal to improve the safety of the intersection of Hodgins and Stumpy Gully Road in Tuerong was granted funding as part of the 2020-21 Federal Blackspot/Black Length Program.

Works planned to be undertaken include the construction of a compact roundabout, the installation of raised platforms and improved lighting.

Detailed design was completed in early September with the project released for tender in October 2023. A contractor was appointed at the end of 2023.

The project aims to reduce the potential of any future crashes at the intersection with work to start in early 2024.

## Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Sorrento: Point Nepean Road/Hotham Road Intersection Improvement Total project value \$2,500,000

As part of the Sorrento Ferry Terminal Upgrade Project, funding of \$2.5 million has been provided to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council by the State Government, through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

This fully funded project aims to improve the roads close to the Sorrento ferry terminal. The Shire will work with Searoad Ferries, Department of Transport (VicRoads) and Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions to deliver this project.

The proposed works include:

- Construction of a roundabout at Point Nepean Road/ Hotham Road in Sorrento
- Upgrades to Hotham Road between The Esplanade and Point Nepean Road
- 40km/h speed zone on Ocean Beach Road and surrounding areas.

As part of the design process, Council officers collaborated with several design and approvals teams from within the Department of Transport to streamline the overall design and approvals process.

Construction started in April 2023 with works completed at the end of December 2023 prior to the busy summer tourist season.

## Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Merricks: Merricks Station Grounds Upgrade

Total project value \$1,964,100

The Mornington Peninsula Shire received \$982,050 in funding from the State Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) to implement the Merricks Station Ground Master Plan. The Council has matched this funding dollar for dollar, resulting in a total budget of \$1,964,100 to ensure the successful delivery of the Plan.

The delivery of the Merricks Station Ground Master Plan includes:

- Community Space Upgrade – An enjoyable space for the community (picnic shelter and seating)
- Amenities Block upgrade – Extensive renovation of current toilet block
- Reserve Upgrades – Improvements to the Reserve for the community.

Construction on the Community Space Upgrade began in November 2023. On site preparation works have started and materials (shelter, fitness equipment and picnic furniture) have been delivered. The Community Space Upgrade will include the installation of a:

- Picnic shelter
- Accessible picnic tables
- Seats
- Bins
- Stretching/Fitness station
- Landscaping
- Granitic sand pavement
- Bike racks.

The Community Space upgrade was completed at the end of December 2023.

## Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Rosebud: Southern Peninsula Youth Hub

Total project value \$13,010,000

The Shire secured \$4.3 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund and \$1.5 million from the Australian Government for our Southern Peninsula Integrated Youth Services Hub project.

The new Youth Hub will help close the health, support and services gap for the youth of the Southern Peninsula and deliver a two-storey fully accessible building offering a one-stop-shop for the region's youth. Adopting the No-Wrong-Door initiative, the Youth Hub will offer a drop-in centre, classrooms, art and craft space, clinical support services, recreational spaces, holiday programs, employment and education assistance, meeting rooms, workspaces, IT hub and more.

As of 31 December 2023, works were continuing with the installation of the electrical kiosk, glazing to windows and doors, safe roof access system and sewer works upgrades all complete. Installation of external cladding and internal wall linings and plastering was continuing with upcoming works to include the set out of the car park upgrade works, external façade, cladding and eaves painting.

The construction phase of the project is still on track to be completed by early 2024 with services starting later in 2024. The centre is expected to be opened and operational by November 2024.

## Major Projects and Capital Works Highlights



Tyabb: Bunguyan Reserve Sports Field Lighting

Total project value \$ 350,000

Oval number two at the sports field at Bunguyan Reserve has been upgraded with brand new lighting.

The sports field has two ovals but only one had field lighting. The installation of Australian standards LED sports lighting will significantly increase the capacity of community sport

in Tyabb and ensure the reserve can cater for more training sessions and competitions.

Work began in October to install the poles with the electrical work completed by the end of December 2023.

## Quarterly Financial Report

### Chief Financial Officer's Message

I am pleased to report on the latest highlights and developments in our second quarterly financial report, covering the period from 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The Council's financial health remains robust, characterised by strong cash flows, substantial reserves, and a stable balance sheet. Key highlights include:

- Operating Income: At \$250.6M year-to-date, we are aligned with the Approved Forecast and have seen a 7% increase compared to the same period last year.
- Net Operating Position: Currently at \$131.8M year-to-date, we anticipate this will decrease as we progress with capital works and services throughout the year.
- Capital Works Spend: At \$26.4M year-to-date, this is \$6.2M below the Approved Forecast. To date, we have committed or spent 44% of our total annual FY24 budget for Capital Works.
- Community Investment Funding: \$2.4M in grants, subsidies, and sponsorships have been approved for payment year-to-date, leaving \$1.7M still available in the FY24 budget.
- Interest income: The increase in interest rates has favorably impacted our financial position, resulting in an additional \$2.6M in interest income.



- Loan repayments: Total repayments of \$1.9M, including \$1.5M in principal, have reduced our loan balance to \$34.0M, in line with our scheduled repayments.
- Cash and Financial Assets: Our cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets at 31 December 2023 is \$120.7M of which \$83.1M is invested in term deposits, \$29.0M held in at call accounts and \$8.6M of funds are held in Trust. The Trust monies relate to bonds and deposits for works, subdivisional maintenance, hall hire bonds, asset protection bonds, contract retentions etc. The Shire reviews its treasury position monthly to optimise interest on cash assets.

In summary, our financial trajectory aligns well with the Approved Forecast. We remain committed to sustaining our strong financial standing, ensuring solid reserves and cash flows. Our focus continues to be on delivering optimal financial outcomes for our community. Thank you for your continued support and trust in our endeavours.






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Chief Financial Officer

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# Finance Highlights

## 2nd Quarter

### Strong Financial Performance compared to Forecast Year To Date (YTD)

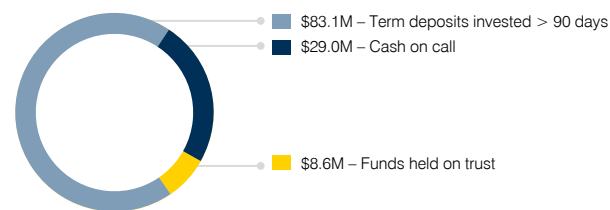
-  Net Operating position of \$131.8M YTD – an 11% increase to Forecast YTD
-  Materials and services spend is 31% of Annual Forecast
-  Interest Income ahead of Forecast YTD by \$2.6M
-  YTD spent on Capital Works projects is \$26.4M (net \$14.0M)
-  \$1.5M in loan repayments YTD has reduced total borrowings to \$34.0M







The overall Financial Performance is crucial for evaluating the financial stability and sustainability of the Shire. The key indicators contributing to a 'strong' year-to-date (YTD) assessment include:

- Net Operating position
- Materials and services spend
- Interest income
- Spend on Capital Works Projects
- Loan repayments

Our Cash Position remains robust, encompassing term deposits, cash on call, and Funds held in Trust (including bonds and deposits for works, subdivisional maintenance, hall hire bonds, asset protection bonds, contract retentions, etc.). Additionally, the Shire conducts monthly reviews of its treasury position to optimise interest earnings on cash assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents \$37.6M  
Other Financial Assets \$83.1M

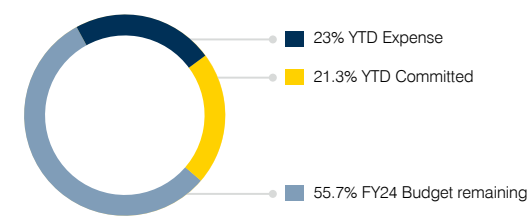


-  229 Funded Capital Works Projects and Programs
-  44% Capital Works Spent or Committed
-  32 Funded Operating Projects
-  42% Operating Projects Spent or Committed
-  \$2.4M Value of Grants, Subsidies and Sponsorships Approved and Paid
-  \$1.7M Value of Grants, Subsidies and Sponsorships Remaining

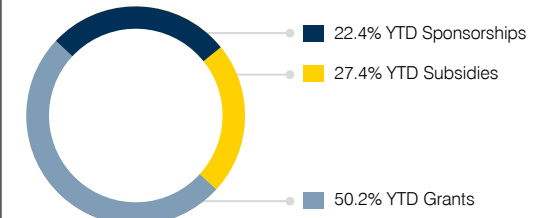
Key activities impacting the financial performance, year to date, include:

- Capital Works Projects – YTD spent on and committed to Capital Works projects is \$51.0M.
- Operating Projects – YTD spent on and committed to Operating projects is \$3.5M.
- Grants, Subsidies and Sponsorships – YTD approved is \$2.4M.

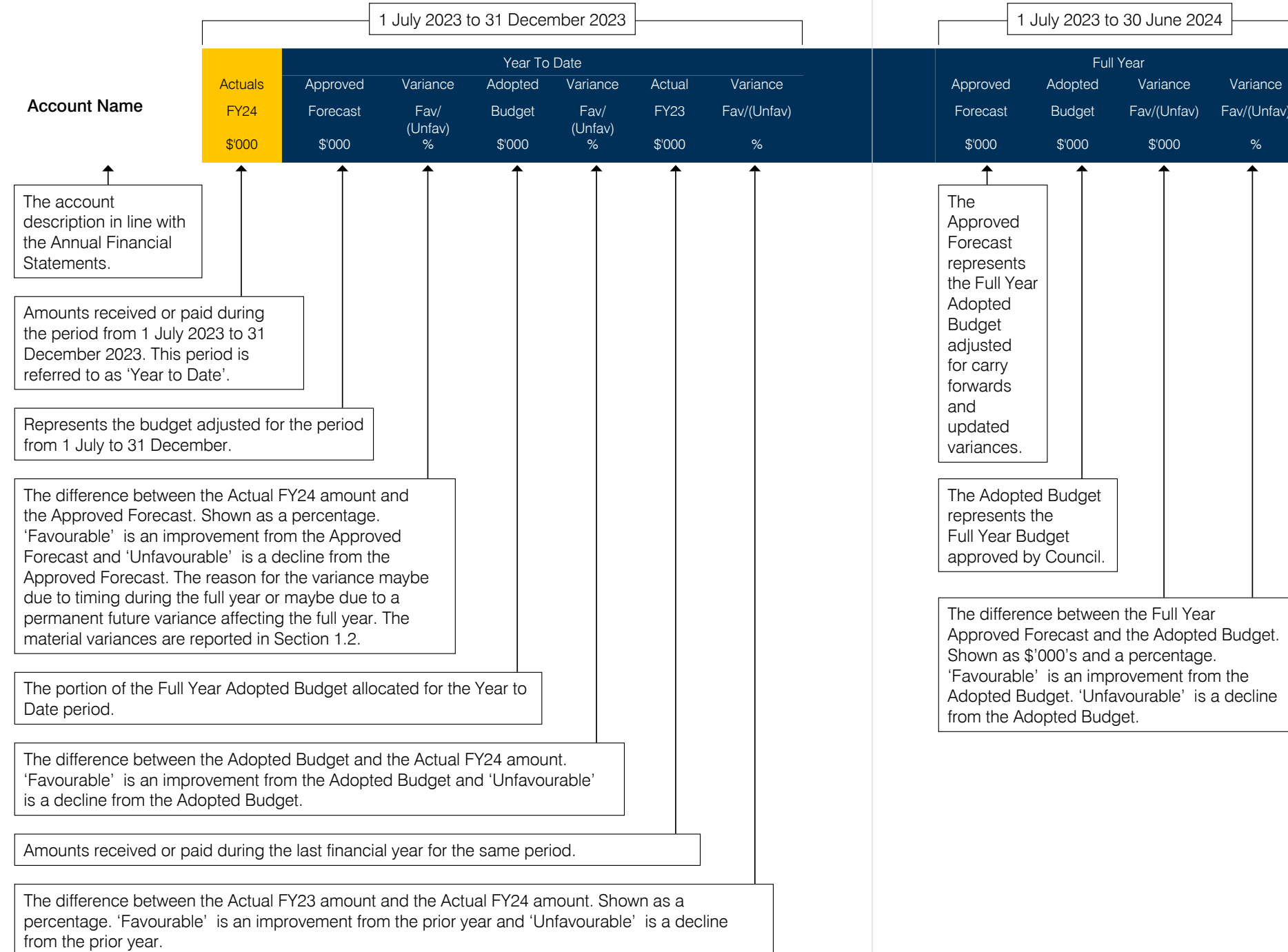
### FY24 Capital Works Expenditure Budget – \$115.2M



### FY24 YTD Grants, Subsidies, Sponsorships approved and paid Budget – \$4.1M



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## Overview

### 2nd Quarter FY2023-24

Cash position remains strong at \$120.7M driven by prior year Capital works carry forwards.

Net Operating position of \$131.8M YTD representing an 11% increase to Approved Forecast YTD.

YTD spent on Capital Works projects is \$26.4M (net \$14.0M).

\$83.1M invested in term deposits, \$29.0M held in at call account and \$8.6M of funds held in Trust. The average interest rate during the second quarter was 5.22%, reflective of the competitive investment markets and rates.

YTD interest income is \$4.1M which is ahead of forecast by \$2.6M.

Material and services spend is 31% of full year forecast.

\$1.5M in loan repayments YTD has reduced total borrowings to \$34.0M.

Section 1.2 – Financial Performance Statement

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Year To Date						Full Year			
		Approved	Variance	Adopted	Variance	Actual	Variance	Approved	Adopted	Variance	Variance
		Forecast	Fav/ (Unfav) %	Budget	Fav/ (Unfav) %	FY23	Fav/(Unfav) %	Forecast	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) %	Fav/(Unfav) %
	\$'000	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
Rates and charges	223,346	222,429	0%	222,429	0%	206,760	8%	222,442	222,442	-	0%
Grants and subsidies	6,047	5,854	3%	5,854	3%	8,752	(31)%	9,520	9,520	-	0%
User charges	17,095	16,677	3%	14,642	17%	16,220	5%	31,298	31,298	0	0%
Grants Commission	161	161	0%	3,480	(95)%	912	(82)%	6,961	6,961	0	0%
Other income	3,977	2,280	74%	2,125	87%	2,629	51%	4,129	4,129	-	0%
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>250,626</b>	<b>247,401</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>248,530</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>235,274</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>274,349</b>	<b>274,349</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0%</b>
Employee costs	(44,729)	(46,936)	5%	(45,477)	2%	(41,319)	(8)%	(92,005)	(89,161)	(2,844)	(3)%
Materials and services	(18,735)	(25,850)	28%	(20,669)	9%	(17,424)	(8)%	(59,713)	(43,559)	(16,154)	(37)%
Materials and services – contracts	(50,612)	(50,724)	0%	(50,724)	0%	(46,390)	(9)%	(101,221)	(101,221)	-	0%
Other Expenses	(4,714)	(4,685)	(1)%	(3,746)	(26)%	(4,472)	(5)%	(9,933)	(8,538)	(1,395)	(16)%
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>(118,790)</b>	<b>(128,195)</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>(120,617)</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>(109,605)</b>	<b>(8)%</b>	<b>(262,871)</b>	<b>(242,478)</b>	<b>(20,393)</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income/Funds Available</b>	<b>131,836</b>	<b>119,207</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>127,913</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>125,668</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11,478</b>	<b>31,871</b>	<b>(20,393)</b>	<b>64%</b>
Capital Works (Net)	(13,988)	(29,169)	52%	10	>(100)%	(14,434)	3%	(73,363)	(35,623)	(37,740)	(106)%
Land acquisitions	(20)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(679)	-	(679)	-
Land sales	-	-	-	-	-	2,458	(100)%	7,908	2,000	5,908	295%
Interest Income	4,047	1,449	179%	1,449	179%	1,535	163%	2,900	2,900	-	0%
Interest Expense	(450)	(543)	17%	(543)	17%	(548)	18%	(1,086)	(1,086)	-	0%
Debt Servicing Principal	(1,451)	(1,451)	0%	(1,451)	0%	(1,997)	27%	(2,971)	(2,971)	-	0%
New Borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,877	3,877	-	0%
Lease liability repayments	-	(473)	100%	(473)	100%	-	-	(946)	(946)	-	0%
<b>Total Other Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>(11,863)</b>	<b>(30,186)</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>(1,007)</b>	<b>&gt;(100)%</b>	<b>(12,986)</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>(64,360)</b>	<b>(31,849)</b>	<b>(44,328)</b>	<b>(102)%</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>119,973</b>	<b>89,020</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>126,906</b>	<b>(5)%</b>	<b>112,682</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>(52,883)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>(64,721)</b>	<b>&gt;(100)%</b>

## Section 1.2 – Financial Performance Statement

Year to date net operating income (as per FPS) is \$132M which is \$13.0M (7%) more as compared to the Approved Forecast YTD. Major YTD operating income and expense variances against Approved Forecast are detailed below.

Operating income variances against Approved Forecast			
Category	Permanent Variance \$'000 Fav/(UnFav)	Timing Variance \$'000 Fav/(UnFav)	Commentary
Other Income	624	1,073	Permanent one-off unbudgeted income for insurance settlement. Timing difference is for the strong performance of recreation and aquatic centre which is providing a return. This is being reviewed as part of the mid-year reforecast.

Operating expense variances against Approved Forecast			
Category	Permanent Variance \$'000 Fav/(UnFav)	Timing Variance \$'000 Fav/(UnFav)	Commentary
Employee Costs	500	1,707	Permanent savings due to position vacancies less increased Workcover Premiums (\$800k+).
Materials and Services	58	7,058	Permanent savings relating to insurance premiums whereas favourable timing variance is due to various areas (such as operating projects including corporate system replacement, future parking management along with utilities and materials and equipment for community facilities). These timings are being reviewed in the mid-year reforecast.

## Section 1.3 – Capital Works

Capital Works items have an annual gross forecast expenditure of \$115.2M. Total Income for Capital Works is ahead of forecast due to the treatment of recognition for grants received against forecast. YTD expenditure is currently \$26.4M spent, \$6.2M behind forecast of \$32.6M.

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Year To Date				Full Year Approved Forecast \$'000
		Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Actual FY23 \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) %	
<b>Income</b>						
Grants – capital	12,236	3,290	>100%	3,228	>100%	36,631
Contributions – monetary	10	136	(93)%	393	(97)%	5,176
Special Charge Scheme	180	-	>100%	-	>100%	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>12,425</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>&gt;100%</b>	<b>3,621</b>	<b>&gt;100%</b>	<b>41,807</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Land	(153)	(217)	30%	(96)	>(100)%	(3,165)
Buildings	(14,082)	(16,703)	16%	(6,226)	>(100)%	(40,238)
Plant, machinery and equipment	(360)	(1,228)	71%	(91)	>(100)%	(1,911)
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	(2)	(11)	81%	(36)	94%	(127)
Artworks	(59)	(84)	29%	(50)	>(100)%	(109)
Library Books	(747)	(803)	7%	(686)	>(100)%	(1,140)
Roads	(2,766)	(3,379)	18%	(2,809)	2%	(22,751)
Drainage	(1,497)	(2,104)	29%	(1,306)	>(100)%	(7,472)
Bridges	(7)	(23)	67%	(10)	30%	(346)
Footpaths and cycleways	(1,446)	(2,209)	35%	(1,296)	>(100)%	(10,770)
Recreational, leisure and community facilities	(3,856)	(3,350)	(15)%	(2,984)	>(100)%	(11,591)
Parks, open space and streetscapes	(1,329)	(1,902)	30%	(1,624)	18%	(14,505)
Marine structures	(106)	(592)	82%	(841)	87%	(1,065)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(26,413)</b>	<b>(32,604)</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>(18,055)</b>	<b>&gt;(100)%</b>	<b>(115,190)</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(13,988)</b>	<b>(29,178)</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>(14,434)</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>(73,383)</b>

## Section 1.4 – Treasury

As detailed below, MPS paid \$0.87M in scheduled principal debt repayments during the second quarter (\$1.5M YTD). Full year principal debt repayments are on schedule, with a forecasted closing position of \$36.4M. Interest expense for the full year is forecast at \$1.1M with a weighted average interest rate of 2.63%, which will be offset by forecast interest income of \$2.9M.

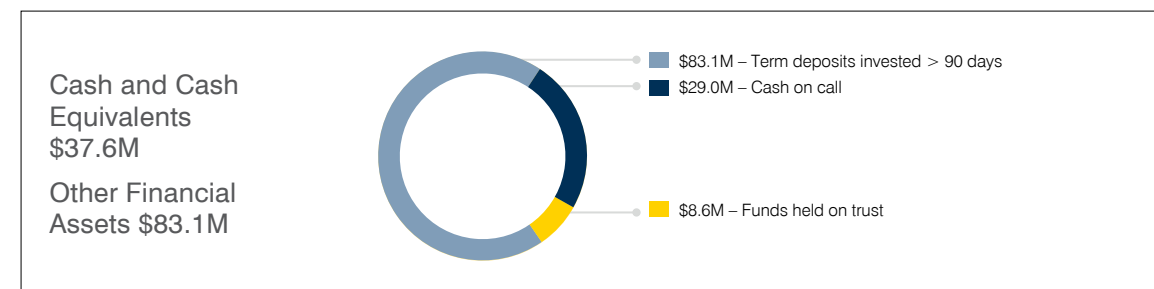
MPS has \$83.1M in term deposits earning an average interest rate of 5.22%. As term deposits mature, funds will be reinvested where appropriate and equitable with longer maturity dates

(>90 days) to more efficiently manage the Shire's funding requirements dependent on favorable interest rates.

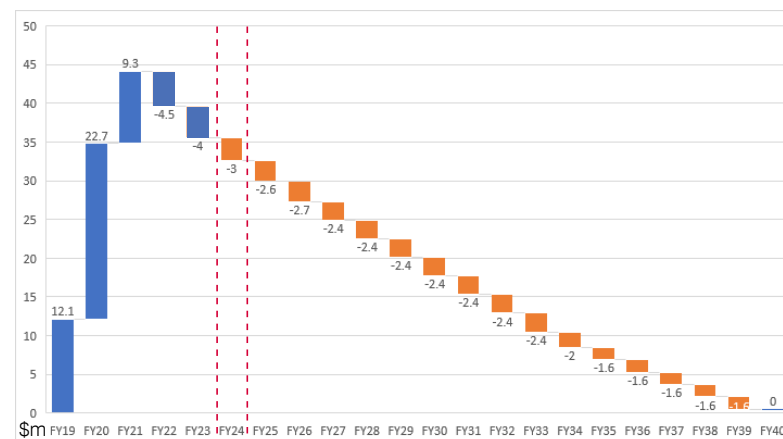
Funds held in trust consists of holding bonds and deposits for works, subdivisional maintenance, hall hire bonds, asset protection bonds, contract retentions etc.

The Shire reviews its treasury position monthly to optimise interest on cash assets. Surplus funds are invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

	Q2				Full Year			
	Opening Balance	Principal Repaid	New Borrowings	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Forecasted Repayments	Forecasted New Borrowings	Forecasted Closing Balance
<b>Loans Maturing</b>	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Current Loans	2,391	(871)	-	1,520	2,971	(2,971)	-	0
Non Current Loans	32,559	-	-	32,559	32,559	-	3,877	36,436
	<b>34,950</b>	<b>(871)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,079</b>	<b>35,530</b>	<b>(2,971)</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>36,436</b>



Debt Repayment Schedule (FY24-FY40)



# Finance Statements

## Section 2.1 – Income Statement

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Year To Date						Full Year			
		Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Actual FY23 \$'000	Variance Fav/ (Unfav) %	Approved Forecast \$'000	Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) %
<b>Revenue</b>											
Total rates and charges	223,526	222,429	0%	222,429	0%	206,760	8%	222,442	222,442	0	0%
Total statutory fees and fines	3,725	4,762	(22)%	4,762	(22)%	3,584	4%	9,527	9,527	0	0%
Total user fees	15,128	11,194	35%	9,621	57%	13,093	16%	21,343	21,343	0	0%
Total grants – operating	6,208	6,015	3%	9,334	(33)%	9,665	(36)%	16,480	16,480	0	0%
Total grants – capital	12,191	3,290	>100%	-	-	3,228	>100%	36,631	14,523	22,108	>100%
Total contributions – monetary	523	441	19%	305	71%	859	(39)%	5,737	5,601	136	2%
Total contributions – non monetary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000	0	0%
Total other income	6,542	4,155	57%	3,537	85%	3,240	>100%	6,916	6,916	0	(0)%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>267,843</b>	<b>252,286</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>249,989</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>240,430</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>322,076</b>	<b>299,833</b>	<b>22,243</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>											
Total employee costs	44,849	46,936	4%	45,477	1%	41,319	(9)%	92,005	89,161	(2,844)	(3)%
Total materials and services	69,960	76,574	9%	71,393	2%	63,832	(10)%	161,234	145,079	(16,154)	(11)%
Total depreciation	20,700	19,497	(6)%	19,497	(6)%	18,262	(13)%	38,994	38,994	0	0%
Total amortisation – intangible assets	37	74	50%	74	50%	74	50%	149	149	0	0%
Total amortisation – right of use assets	120	473	75%	473	75%	277	57%	946	946	0	0%
Total Bad and Doubtful Debts	0	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	-
Total borrowing costs	443	517	14%	517	14%	540	18%	1,034	1,034	0	0%
Total finance cost – leases	7	26	73%	26	73%	8	16%	52	52	0	0%
Total other expenses	4,841	4,685	(3)%	3,746	(29)%	4,454	(9)%	9,633	8,238	(1,395)	(17)%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>140,957</b>	<b>148,782</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>141,204</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>128,767</b>	<b>(9)%</b>	<b>304,047</b>	<b>283,654</b>	<b>(20,393)</b>	<b>(7)%</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>126,886</b>	<b>103,504</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>108,785</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>111,662</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>18,029</b>	<b>16,179</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>11%</b>
Total Other items	7	-	100%	-	100%	149	95%	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>126,892</b>	<b>103,504</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>108,785</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>111,811</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>18,029</b>	<b>16,179</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>11%</b>

Section 2.2 – Balance Sheet

	Actuals FY24 \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000	Year to Date		Actual FY23 \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Full Year Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000
				Adopted Budget \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000					
<b>Assets</b>										
<b>Current Assets</b>										
Cash and cash equivalents	37,554	22,300	15,254	10,300	27,254	42,048	(4,494)	20,000	20,000	0
Trade and other receivables	178,175	183,518	(5,343)	176,074	2,100	159,930	18,245	12,154	12,457	(302)
Other financial assets	83,092	51,973	31,119	24,064	59,028	70,586	12,506	46,973	43,405	3,568
Inventories	218	218	0	192	26	192	26	218	192	26
Non current assets classified as held for sale	1,258	1,258	0	-	1,258	-	1,258	-	-	-
Other assets	5,772	5,304	467	2,875	2,897	4,386	1,386	5,304	2,875	2,429
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>306,068</b>	<b>264,571</b>	<b>41,497</b>	<b>213,506</b>	<b>92,562</b>	<b>277,142</b>	<b>28,926</b>	<b>84,650</b>	<b>78,929</b>	<b>5,721</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>										
Trade and other receivables – NC	-	21	(21)	51	(51)	51	(51)	21	51	(30)
Other financial assets – NC	46	46	0	45	1	45	1	46	45	1
Property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	3,393,332	3,400,829	(7,497)	3,236,187	157,145	3,187,461	205,870	3,467,596	3,273,968	193,629
Right of use assets	932	579	353	390	542	381	551	1,388	1,746	(358)
Investment Property	10,280	10,280	0	10,266	14	10,280	-	10,280	10,266	14
Intangible assets	1,851	1,813	37	2,352	(502)	2,501	(650)	1,739	2,278	(539)
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>3,406,440</b>	<b>3,413,568</b>	<b>(7,128)</b>	<b>3,249,291</b>	<b>157,149</b>	<b>3,200,719</b>	<b>205,721</b>	<b>3,481,070</b>	<b>3,288,354</b>	<b>192,716</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,712,508</b>	<b>3,678,140</b>	<b>34,368</b>	<b>3,462,797</b>	<b>249,711</b>	<b>3,477,862</b>	<b>234,646</b>	<b>3,565,720</b>	<b>3,367,283</b>	<b>198,437</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>										
<b>Current Liabilities</b>										
Trade and other payables	25,633	21,218	(4,414)	13,612	(12,021)	20,912	(4,720)	22,296	23,286	990
Trust funds and deposits	24,126	18,650	(5,476)	18,519	(5,607)	21,955	(2,171)	8,650	8,519	(131)
Unearned income	26,226	25,239	(987)	11,893	(14,333)	31,244	5,018	4,051	3,951	(100)
Provisions	14,376	14,914	539	18,414	4,038	13,736	(640)	14,914	18,930	4,016
Interest bearing liabilities	1,448	2,971	1,522	4,008	2,560	2,012	564	2,971	2,971	1
Lease liabilities	878	497	(381)	1,235	356	594	(285)	647	646	(1)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>92,687</b>	<b>83,489</b>	<b>(9,198)</b>	<b>67,680</b>	<b>(25,007)</b>	<b>90,453</b>	<b>(2,234)</b>	<b>53,530</b>	<b>58,303</b>	<b>4,773</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>										
Trust funds and deposits – NC	(0)	-	(0)	-	0	1,547	1,547	-	-	-
Provisions – NC	16,188	16,024	(164)	12,986	(3,202)	12,569	(3,619)	16,024	13,350	(2,674)
Interest bearing liabilities – NC	32,630	31,108	(1,522)	30,110	(2,520)	35,581	2,950	33,465	33,504	39
Lease liabilities – NC	539	539	0	2,282	1,743	539	0	1,197	1,197	0
Total suspense	97	-	(97)	-	(97)	(12)	(109)	-	-	-
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>49,454</b>	<b>47,671</b>	<b>(1,783)</b>	<b>45,378</b>	<b>(4,076)</b>	<b>50,223</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>50,686</b>	<b>48,051</b>	<b>(2,635)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>142,141</b>	<b>131,160</b>	<b>(10,981)</b>	<b>113,058</b>	<b>(29,083)</b>	<b>140,676</b>	<b>(1,465)</b>	<b>104,216</b>	<b>106,354</b>	<b>2,138</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>3,570,367</b>	<b>3,546,980</b>	<b>23,388</b>	<b>3,349,739</b>	<b>220,628</b>	<b>3,337,186</b>	<b>233,181</b>	<b>3,461,504</b>	<b>3,260,929</b>	<b>200,575</b>
<b>Equity</b>										
Accumulated surplus	1,094,942	1,094,942	0	1,091,863	3,079	1,076,284	18,658	1,094,942	1,076,283	18,659
Reserves	2,348,534	2,348,534	0	2,149,091	199,443	2,149,091	199,443	2,348,534	2,168,468	180,066
Net Income	126,892	103,504	23,388	108,785	18,107	111,811	15,081	18,029	16,179	1,850
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>3,570,367</b>	<b>3,546,980</b>	<b>23,388</b>	<b>3,349,739</b>	<b>220,628</b>	<b>3,337,186</b>	<b>233,181</b>	<b>3,461,504</b>	<b>3,260,929</b>	<b>200,575</b>

Section 2.3  
– Cashflow Statement

	Actuals FY24	Year to Date		Approved Forecast	Full Year Adopted Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)
		Approved Forecast	Variance Fav/(Unfav)			
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>						
Rates and charges	81,711	67,373	14,338	222,442	222,442	-
Statutory fees and fines	3,849	6,550	(2,701)	17,623	11,046	6,577
User fees	18,055	12,661	5,394	23,193	23,193	(0)
Grants – operating	4,084	6,015	(1,931)	16,480	16,480	(0)
Grants – capital	7,559	3,290	4,269	36,631	14,523	22,108
Contributions – monetary	1,427	(4,044)	5,471	(20,182)	(1,731)	(18,451)
Interest received	2,190	1,449	741	2,900	2,900	-
Dividends Received	4	1	2	3	3	-
Trust funds and deposits received	(139)	-	(139)	-	-	-
Other receipts	1,605	1,532	73	2,704	2,704	-
Net GST refund/payment	(474)	-	(474)	-	-	-
Employee costs	(43,454)	(46,936)	3,481	(92,005)	(89,161)	(2,844)
Materials and services	(59,071)	(70,624)	11,553	(155,506)	(143,004)	(12,502)
Short term low value lease	(948)	(699)	(249)	(1,399)	(1,399)	-
Other payments	(3,314)	(3,014)	(300)	(5,661)	(3,614)	(2,047)
<b>Cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>13,084</b>	<b>(26,444)</b>	<b>39,528</b>	<b>47,222</b>	<b>54,381</b>	<b>(7,159)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>						
Payments for property infrastructure plant and equipment	(26,434)	(32,604)	6,171	(115,869)	(55,206)	(60,663)
Proceeds from sale of assets	7	-	7	7,908	2,000	5,908
Net Redemption of financial assets	17,336	48,353	(31,017)			
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(9,091)</b>	<b>15,749</b>	<b>(24,840)</b>	<b>(107,961)</b>	<b>(53,206)</b>	<b>(54,755)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>						
Finance Costs	(443)	(517)	74	(1,034)	(1,034)	-
Proceeds from Borrowings	-	-	-	3,877	3,877	-
Repayment of Borrowings	(1,451)	(1,451)	0	(2,971)	(2,971)	-
Interest Paid – lease liability	(7)	(26)	19	(52)	(52)	-
Repayment of Lease Liabilities	-	(473)	473	(946)	(946)	-
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities</b>	<b>(1,901)</b>	<b>(2,467)</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>(1,126)</b>	<b>(1,126)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>(13,162)</b>	<b>15,254</b>	<b>(61,865)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>(61,913)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	35,462	35,462	0	135,788	63,382	72,406
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>37,554</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>15,254</b>	<b>73,923</b>	<b>63,431</b>	<b>10,492</b>

Appendix A  
Capital Works  
Expenditure  
Listing

### Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
<b>Artworks</b>							
300301	MPRG – Artworks acquisition	1	-	1	25	-	-
300237	MPRG Kinetic Wind Powered Drawing Machine	60	25	85	84	-	-
<b>Artworks Total:</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Bridges</b>							
300010	Briars Culvert Bridge	1	284	284	296	-	-
300118	Road Bridges and Major Culvert Repairs	7	-	7	50	-	-
<b>Bridges Total:</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Buildings</b>							
300001	Alexandra Park Redevelopment	3,745	5,442	9,187	9,104	5,720	1,220
300006	Balnarring Preschool Upgrade	0	-	0	287	-	-
300020	Community Animal Shelter Redevelopment	106	0	106	1,263	-	5
300023	Design works for Kindergarten Strategy	-	-	-	9	-	-
300029	Early Years Learning Facility Rye Renewal and Improvements	-	-	-	155	-	-
300032	Emil Madsen Reserve Soccer and Netball Pavilion	-	25	25	-	-	-
300033	Fenton Hall – OHandS Infrastructure Improvements	29	22	51	29	-	-
300034	Flinders Civic Hall Redevelopment	2,154	398	2,552	2,108	1,789	1,467
300039	Foreshore Camping Renewal and Improvement Works	-	23	23	200	-	-
300055	Marna Reserve Dromana – Pavilion Renewal and Upgrade	1	-	1	673	-	-
300060	Civic Reserve Mornington Athletics/Soccer Pavilion	1,160	325	1,485	2,233	301	201
300067	Police Point Master Plan Implementation	-	-	-	15	-	-
300068	Portable Change Facilities	65	193	259	250	-	-
300070	Public Toilet – John Butler Reserve	74	-	74	90	75	75
300071	Public Toilet – Mount Martha North Foreshore	12	-	12	518	-	-
300073	Public Toilet – Safety Beach opposite Victoria Avenue	3	-	3	9	-	-
300074	Public Toilet – Sorrento Park	8	1	9	80	-	-
300076	Red Hill Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade	520	2,785	3,305	3,462	3,329	520
300077	Red Hill Recreation Reserve – Pavilion Upgrade (Show Sheds)	1	2	3	25	-	-
300080	Yawa Aquatic Centre	6	-	6	35	-	-
300082	Southern Peninsula Youth Hub	4,729	4,688	9,417	8,551	2,619	2,365
300090	Shire Office Renovations	145	153	298	1,466	-	-
300095	Sorrento Community Centre Renewal and Improvements	38	4	42	42	-	-
300097	Sorrento Museum Storeroom Addition and Essential Works	15	13	28	1,089	-	-
300101	Tootgarook Early Years Learning Facility Renewal	-	12	12	21	-	-
300104	Tyabb Unisex Change Rooms	-	-	-	-	150	150
300107	Waterfall Gully MCHN Centre Renewal	12	-	12	12	-	-
300110	Connect Shire Facilities (Buildings) to Sewerage	-	-	-	198	-	-
300130	Emil Madsen Football Cricket Pavilion	35	37	72	656	-	-
300132	Community Capital	0	-	0	24	-	-
300133	Building Compliance and Risk Management Works	5	15	20	550	-	-
300134	Minor Renewal Works – Community Facilities	595	316	911	2,776	-	-
300154	Meals on Wheels – New Freezer	-	-	-	100	-	-

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				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
300198	Wallaroo Preschool Upgrade	4	6	2	704	441	-
300201	Bittern Public Hall Amenity Block Renewal	-	-	-	55	-	-
300202	Crib Point Pool Facility Upgrade and Asset Renewal	125	-	125	171	-	-
300206	Historical Collections Storage Area Upgrade	-	-	-	75	-	-
300207	Briars Restaurant – Critical improvements	-	-	-	227	-	-
300209	Rosebud Library public toilet refurbishment	10	-	10	50	-	-
300210	Pelican Park Rec Centre – Facility Upgrade and Asset Renewal	42	-	42	256	-	-
300212	Oak Hill Gallery Kiln Power Upgrade Investigation	-	-	-	25	-	-
300213	Dromana Community Hub	18	-	18	172	-	-
300238	MPRG Collection LAB	16	-	16	86	11	-
300240	Emergency Relief Centres – Alternative Energy Solutions	-	99	99	200	-	-
300244	Foreshore Camping Amenity Renewal Program	238	-	238	300	-	-
300245	Briars Homestead Occupancy Permit Works	-	-	-	250	-	-
300246	Solar Incentivisation for Tenants Program	115	73	188	224	224	7
300247	Foreshore Camping Electrical Upgrade Program	-	-	-	200	-	-
300248	Civic Reserve Rec Centre CCTV and Fob Access	62	-	62	190	-	-
300251	Hastings Club Electrical Compliance Upgrade	-	-	-	120	-	-
300253	Somerville Rec Centre – Compliance Upgrade	-	-	-	80	-	-
300264	Fishermans Beach South Renewal of Public Amenity	-	-	-	50	-	-
300265	Civic Reserve Rec Centre – Stadium Renewal	-	-	-	50	-	-
300266	Wannaeeue Place Renewal	-	-	-	50	-	-
300267	Pelican Park Cafe – Building Renewal Works	-	-	-	50	-	-
300269	Citation Army Hall Heritage and Relocation Investigations	-	-	-	50	-	-
300270	Due Diligence Investigation Kindergarten Funding Submissions	-	-	-	40	-	-
300289	Rosebud Memorial Hall – Infrastructure Improvements	-	-	-	530	-	-
<b>Buildings Total:</b>		<b>14,082</b>	<b>14,632</b>	<b>28,714</b>	<b>40,238</b>	<b>14,659</b>	<b>6,009</b>
<b>Drainage</b>							
300004	Balcombe Estuary sediment minimisation program	5	-	5	5	-	-
300007	Bike Safe Pit Lids Replacement	114	31	145	200	-	-
300019	Civic Reserve, Mornington – Wetland and rain gardens	12	2	14	101	-	-
300024	Development engineering minor works contributions	-	-	-	30	-	-
300026	Drainage at Boneo Reserve	37	382	419	436	-	-
300027	Drainage design and investigation	74	-	74	310	-	-
300028	Drainage soak pit upgrades	62	-	62	300	-	-
300030	Elgan Avenue Rye – Coastal Bio Infiltration Basin	69	-	69	46	-	-
300031	Emergency Drainage Works	651	314	965	1,000	-	-
300123	Briars Recycled Water Project	28	209	238	2,031	1,176	28
300129	Drainage Upgrade – Arundel Crt-Walkers Rd, Mount Eliza	-	-	-	286	-	-
300173	McGregor Avenue, Mt Martha – Drainage	26	-	26	163	-	-
300176	Bay Road Mt Martha Landslip	225	-	225	175	-	-
300187	Civic Reserve Stormwater Pipe Reconstruction	98	113	210	270	-	-
300190	Shoreham – Drainage and outfall upgrade	14	-	14	172	-	-
300192	WSUD Rectification Works	-	-	-	200	-	-
300211	Mornington Library courtyard rectification	3	-	3	120	-	-

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				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
300242	Drainage Flood Mitigation Program	62	299	362	1,000	-	-
300254	Coastal Risk Response Program	-	-	-	80	-	-
300255	Stormwater Outfall Upgrade Program	-	-	-	80	-	-
300256	Mt Arthur Road Drainage	-	-	-	75	-	-
300257	Winona Rd to Bellbird Rd, Mt Eliza Drainage	-	-	-	75	-	-
300259	Tyabb Landfill Stormwater and Leachate Mgmt	5	44	48	70	-	-
300261	Rosebud Golf Course Drainage	-	-	-	50	-	-
300262	Potton Avenue Drainage	-	-	-	50	-	-
300263	Mt Martha Public Golf Course – Mains Water Renewal	-	-	-	50	-	-
300268	Portsea Pier Stormwater Outfall Repair	-	-	-	50	-	-
300271	Dromana Bowls Subsidence Rectification	12	15	28	30	-	-
300272	Ferrero Reserve Irrigation System Replacement	-	10	10	15	-	-
<b>Drainage Total:</b>		<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>7,472</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Fixtures, fittings and furniture</b>							
300079	Replacement of library assets	2	4	6	55	-	-
300258	Public Bin Infrastructure Upgrade and Renewal	-	71	71	72	-	-
<b>Fixtures, fittings and furniture Total:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Footpaths and cycleways</b>							
300003	Baden Powell Footpath, Mt Eliza	17	34	50	58	-	-
300008	Boardwalk Replacement	15	11	26	492	-	-
300087	Camp Hill Road Footpath R2R	14	673	686	694	-	-
300091	Small missing pathlink projects	13	-	13	143	-	-
300094	Peninsula Trail – Somerville to Baxter	63	-	63	2,881	1,810	27
300112	Footpath Renewal for Risk Management	292	108	400	695	-	-
300131	Hotham Road Footpath	28	9	38	48	-	-
300155	Footpath Renewal Program	735	31	766	2,000	-	-
300159	Peninsula Trail – Anthony's Nose, McCrae	5	-	5	297	-	-
300160	Peninsula Trail – Moorooduc to Mornington	27	-	27	686	-	-
300163	Priority Footpath Projects	0	-	0	32	-	-
300165	Priority Footpath – Nepean Hwy Mornington to Mt Eliza	13	37	51	71	-	-
300166	Small missing pathlink Projects – Pt Nepean Rd Rosebud	58	-	58	61	-	-
300180	Beleura Cliff Path Stability Assessment	75	58	132	185	-	-
300182	Peninsula Trail – Blairgowrie Yacht Club	5	-	5	199	-	-
300183	Peninsula Trail – Hughes Rd	2	-	2	140	-	-
300184	Peninsula Trail – Merricks-Balnarring and Balnarring-Bittern	2	-	2	95	-	-
300185	Peninsula Trail – Whitecliffs	6	-	6	199	-	-
300186	Safety Beach Access Upgrades	34	14	48	415	-	-
300205	Peninsula Trail – Priority Links Design	5	-	5	61	-	-
300282	Alma and Field Street Footpath – Stage 2	37	30	67	928	-	37
300284	Briars Boardwalk Replacement	-	-	-	200	-	-
300286	Dromana Shared Path along Boundary Road (connection to DSC)	-	-	-	65	-	-
300287	Mt Martha Village Parking and Watsons Road Footpath	-	-	-	125	-	-
<b>Footpaths and cycleways Total:</b>		<b>1,446</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>10,770</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>64</b>

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				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
<b>Land</b>							
300224	Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works – Crib Point	2	10	12	437	-	-
300049	Landfill Capping Rehabilitation Works, Mt. Eliza	59	53	111	1,751	-	-
300124	Leachate Infrastructure Upgrade – Rye Landfill	65	122	186	828	-	-
300161	Legacy Landfill Site Bore Installation Program	26	24	50	90	-	-
300204	Rye Landfill – Cell 2 Capping Layer	2	-	2	59	-	-
<b>Land Total:</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Library Books</b>							
300050	Library Book Stock Non Print Materials	129	52	181	180	-	-
300051	Library Book Stock Print Materials	328	235	563	670	-	-
300052	Library eAudio and eBooks	290	-	290	290	-	-
<b>Library Books Total:</b>		<b>747</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Marine structures</b>							
300042	Hastings Boat Ramp	-	1	1	-	-	-
300054	Marine Structure Renewal	62	-	62	324	-	-
300188	Fishermans Beach Retaining Wall Replacement	-	44	44	211	-	-
300216	Mothers Beach and Fishermans Beach Boat Ramps	36	15	51	260	78	-
300288	Pontoon Upgrade Hastings Boat Ramp	8	362	370	271	271	136
<b>Marine structures Total:</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Parks, open space and streetscapes</b>							
300040	French Street Community Environment Park, Rye	-	-	-	51	-	-
300045	Hillview Reserve Pathway	40	0	40	3,859	3,771	27
300064	Playspace Olivia Way Hastings	488	4	492	492	485	244
300078	Regulatory and Directional Signage	14	-	14	50	-	-
300084	Rye Township Plan – Growing Suburbs	111	183	294	3,645	-	-
300088	Safety Beach Master Plan Implementation	4	1	5	558	-	-
300096	Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan Implementation	11	-	11	95	-	-
300100	Timber Structures Renewal	226	52	278	651	-	-
300102	Township Placemaking Implementation	85	22	107	732	-	-
300106	Urgent lighting requests	28	4	32	27	-	-
300302	Safer Speed Limits	-	34	34	32	-	-
300111	Corporate Signage upgrade/renewal	-	2	2	25	-	-
300117	Resource Recovery Centre Renewal and Upgrades	207	20	227	323	-	-
300127	Briars Improvement Mornington Peninsula Astronomical Society	-	-	-	10	-	-
300152	Emil Madsen Oval 2 Rehabilitation	-	4	4	-	-	-
300189	Foreshore Camping Fire Services Project	-	-	-	300	-	-
300197	Hastings Foreshore Masterplan Implementation	10	23	33	395	-	-
300208	Smoke Free Environments policy implementation	29	-	29	515	-	-
300215	Briars Sanctuary Expansion	66	60	126	2,257	1,918	44
300243	Briars Recycled Water Irrigation Infrastructure	10	-	10	330	-	-
300260	Car Parking Signage Renewal and Improvements	-	-	-	60	-	-
300285	Crib Point – Playground/Skate Park Upgrade	-	50	50	100	-	-
<b>Parks, open space and streetscapes Total:</b>		<b>1,329</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>14,505</b>	<b>6,174</b>	<b>315</b>

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Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
<b>Plant, machinery and equipment</b>							
300002	Aquatic and Recreation – Pool Plant and Equipment	42	68	109	897	-	-
300012	Briars fleet management	-	74	74	101	-	-
300109	Community Halls – Equipment Renewal/Replacement	76	-	76	284	-	-
300179	Airwell leachate pumps – Rye Landfill	-	-	-	82	-	-
300191	CCTV Upgrades – Mornington and Hastings Police Stations	-	-	-	291	-	-
300194	MMPGC – Irrigation Pump filter and shade structure	5	-	5	28	-	-
300203	MPSC Offices – IT Video Conferencing Upgrade	78	-	78	78	-	-
300250	YAWA Pool Plant and Equipment Renewal	-	-	-	150	-	-
300296	Flinders Community Battery	152	-	152	-	-	100
300304	Wash Against Waste Trailer	7	33	40	-	-	20
<b>Plant, machinery and equipment Total:</b>		<b>360</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Recreational, leisure and community facilities</b>							
300005	Balnarring Civic Reserve Master Plan Implementation	46	-	46	45	-	-
300021	Crickets Nets Renewal Program	395	0	396	840	10	-
300022	Dallas Brooks Reserve Upgrade	967	232	1,199	3,509	2,684	-
300046	Informal recreation asphalt renewal	0	-	0	-	-	-
300058	Merricks Station Grounds Master Plan	498	621	1,119	1,307	982	260
300062	Narambi Reserve Junior Oval	3	-	3	-	-	-
300063	Playspace Strategy Planning and Design	15	-	15	137	-	-
300098	Sports Growth Lighting Package	215	-	215	216	-	-
300108	Westernport Athletics Track – Storage Shelter Installation	25	-	25	29	-	-
300115	Playspace Component Renewal Works	229	86	315	278	-	-
300121	Sorrento Netball Courts	0	-	0	192	-	-
300122	Sports Fields Lighting Renewal	125	-	125	262	-	-
300140	Somerville Soccer Club New Premises Project	4	-	4	4	-	-
300148	Mount Eliza Tennis Court Reconstruction	49	27	76	61	25	25
300149	Mount Martha Tennis Court Redevelopment	297	1,205	1,502	1,777	230	200
300153	Main Ridge Oval Rehabilitation	13	-	13	30	-	-
300156	Dromana Recreation Reserve – New Netball Court	24	156	180	859	158	24
300157	Emil Madsen Reserve Main Soccer Field	6	-	6	42	-	-
300158	Sports Capacity Plan Implementation	29	12	41	100	-	-
300172	RW Stone Recreational MTB and BMX Park	0	-	0	93	-	-
300193	Dunns Road Fitness Equipment Replacement	1	6	7	150	-	-
300196	Red Hill Recreation Reserve – Senior oval rehabilitation	77	127	204	300	-	-
300199	Playground access improvements	6	33	39	51	-	-
300214	Tennis Court Lighting Main Ridge	1	-	1	1	9	-
300241	Tyabb Oval 2 Lighting Project	197	18	215	344	147	84
300249	Hastings Foreshore Fitness Equipment Replacement	2	-	2	150	-	-
300252	Netball Court Resurfacing	15	114	129	110	-	-
300290	Rye Skate Park Renewal and Upgrade	8	22	29	75	-	-
300294	Mornington Tennis Lighting	22	-	22	26	-	-
300295	Somerville Cricket Nets	0	-	0	-	-	75
300305	RJ Rowley Irrigation System Renewal	-	50	50	-	-	-
<b>Recreational, leisure and community facilities Total:</b>		<b>3,856</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>6,572</b>	<b>11,591</b>	<b>4,275</b>	<b>669</b>

### Capital Works Expenditure Listing

Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure		Income	
				Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000	Actuals \$'000
<b>Roads</b>							
300014	Capital Works Program Design	6	-	6	100	-	-
300015	Car Park Accessibility Works, Shire Wide – Improvements	1	-	1	60	-	-
300025	Drainage and Road Rehabilitation Broadway Road, Rosebud	33	1	34	1,770	1,610	-
300047	Kerb and Channel Renewal	836	581	1,417	1,600	-	-
300059	Minor Road Infrastructure Risk Reduction Works	26	69	95	229	-	-
300075	R2R – Reconstruction of Bentons Road Moorooduc	0	-	0	19	-	-
300081	Yawa Aquatic Centre Traffic signals installation	1	-	1	-	-	-
300099	St Johns Wood Road Blairgowrie	-	7	7	22	-	-
300105	Unsealed road investigations	-	-	-	50	-	-
300300	Black Spot Data Analysis Reporting and Council Contribution	14	52	65	100	-	-
300113	Guard Rail Renewal and Upgrade	50	28	78	135	-	-
300114	Pedestrian Refuge Arthur's Seat Road Red Hill	-	-	-	-	50	-
300119	Roundabout Merricks and Stanleys Road, Balnarring	313	-	313	458	-	-
300120	Safer Local Roads Contract Works	-	-	-	4,000	-	-
300307	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure	-	-	-	-	2,901	2,192
300128	Creswell Street East Crib Point Development Cont Plan	13	65	78	551	-	-
300135	Sorrento Ferry Terminal Road Works	968	720	1,688	1,802	1,802	877
300136	Black Spot – Shoreham Road Safety Upgrade	65	-	65	65	1,691	1,810
300137	Black Spot – Myers / Hendersons Road Compact Roundabout	0	-	0	-	-	-
300138	Black Spot Hodgins/Stumpy Gully Rd Intersection Upgrade	18	2	19	1,245	1,269	-
300139	Black Spot – Hastings Township 40 km/h area	2	0	3	5	-	0
300141	Mount Martha Landslip	2	1	4	2,136	-	-
300162	Canadian Bay Carpark and Surround	27	-	27	1,259	129	27
300164	Patterson Grove – Flinders Road/Vegetation Project	-	-	-	30	-	-
300303	Finance Project	-	-	-	3,621	-	-
300175	Grant Rd Somerville – Pedestrian Safety Improvements	6	-	6	7	-	-
300177	Black Spot Craigie Rd and Osborne Dve Mt Martha	66	39	105	1,313	1,321	-
300178	Black Spot Rye and Tootgarook Local Area	106	1,043	1,149	1,608	1,673	-
300181	Golf Course Lane, Safety Beach – Road Reconstruction	-	183	183	183	-	-
300283	Balnarring Beach/Library Road Traffic Design and Works	4	-	4	75	-	-
300297	Black Spot – Dunns Road Mt Martha	7	4	11	-	-	-
<b>Roads Total:</b>		<b>2,766</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>5,660</b>	<b>22,751</b>	<b>13,363</b>	<b>4,906</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>26,413</b>	<b>24,594</b>	<b>51,008</b>	<b>115,189</b>	<b>41,807</b>	<b>12,247</b>
<b>Net Total</b>		<b>13,988</b>					

## Appendix B Operating Projects Listing

### Operating Projects Listing

Project Code	Project Name	FY24 Actuals \$'000	FY24 Commitments \$'000	Expenditure Actuals Plus Commitments \$'000	Annual Forecast \$'000
<b>Financial Services</b>					
510599	Commercial Services Asset Mgmt Plans	-	-	-	150
510601	Demolition - Pound Road Animal Centre (Hastings)	8	-	8	50
510602	Demolition - Sorrento Toilet Block TB36	4	-	4	25
510605	Rec and Aquatic New Mgmt and Operation Contract	18	55	73	175
510624	Land Acquisition Red Hill Recreation Reserve	-	-	-	55
<b>Financial Services Total:</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>455</b>
<b>Programs and Project Management Office</b>					
510538	Future of Parking Management	91	454	546	899
510547	Performing Arts Centre/Precinct	183	48	231	869
510548	Future Workplace	190	3	192	598
510549	Peninsula Trails Strategy	169	24	192	106
<b>Programs and Project Management Office Total:</b>		<b>633</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>2,472</b>
<b>Strategic and Infrastructure Planning</b>					
510550	Community Facilities Framework	9	-	9	63
510551	Sporting Assessment and Stadium Strategy	-	-	-	59
510552	Heritage Review - Area 2	19	-	19	182
510553	Transport to 2050	-	-	-	110
510554	Mountain Bike and BMX Strategy	7	-	7	67
510555	Boundary Road Quarry EES - Experts	-	-	-	150
510556	Mornington Peninsula Open Space Strategy	45	199	244	427
510557	Kindergarten Strategy and Infrastructure Project	18	-	18	93
510560	Sorrento Parking and Transport Plan	-	-	-	32
510603	Public Amenity Strategy 2023	-	-	-	50
510621	Dromana and Arthurs Seat Plan	-	-	-	225
510623	Somerville Soccer Club Facilities Investigation	-	-	-	100
<b>Strategic and Infrastructure Planning Total:</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1,560</b>
<b>Infrastructure Services</b>					
510543	Biodiversity Action Plan Implementation	29	47	75	238
510544	Tootgarook Wetland Management Plan	2	10	13	32
<b>Infrastructure Services Total:</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Climate Change and Sustainability</b>					
510540	Integrated Water Management Strategic Plan	4	-	4	10
510541	Mornington Peninsula Coastal Strategy	52	187	240	415
510546	WSUD Asset Management	6	-	6	6
510604	QR Codes for Reporting Overflowing Bins (Trial)	-	-	-	50
510606	Municipal Major Roads Streetlight Upgrade	1	1,498	1,498	2,470
<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Total:</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>2,952</b>
<b>Arts, Culture and Community Services</b>					
510598	Arts and Culture Strategy 2025-2028	-	-	-	65
<b>Arts, Culture and Community Services Total:</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Destination Recreation and Community Connection</b>					
510539	Briars Masterplan Implementation	79	59	138	220
510542	Outdoor Dining Program	10	21	32	455
510600	Community/Neighbourhood House Program Strategic Review	-	-	-	50
<b>Destination Recreation and Community Connection Total:</b>		<b>89</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>725</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>945</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>8,498</b>

## Appendix C Contracts and Tenders

### Contracts and Tenders Awarded

To meet the needs of the community and enable the functions of business, Council conducts procurement processes (tenders) and awards contracts for Infrastructure (works), Goods and Services.

In accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's - Instrument of Delegation all contracts over \$1,000,000.00 will be awarded at a formally constituted Council meeting. Contracts falling under the delegated limit will be awarded by delegated Officers, noting that Council has the right to call in any tender to be considered at a Council meeting.

The following is a public summary of all contracts awarded at Council or under delegation during the 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 period:

## Contracts and Tenders

### Contracts Awarded at Council

Contract Number and Name	Award Date	Contract Type	Supplier	"Contract Term "	Estimated Contract Value (ex GST)	Estimated Contract Value (inc GST)
2744: Installation Services - Municipal Major Roads Streetlight Upgrade	17/10/2023	Lump Sum	Ventia Australia Pty Ltd	2 Years	\$1,580,947.25	\$1,739,041.98
2745: Materials - Municipal Major Roads Streetlight Upgrade	17/10/2023	Lump Sum	Aldridge Traffic Systems (ATS)	2 Years	\$1,299,410.80	\$1,429,351.88
2635: Roads Corridor	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd	12 Years		Commercial in Confidence
2639: Open Spaces	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Citywide Services Pty Ltd	12 Years		Commercial in Confidence
2640: Tree Management	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Ventia Australia Pty Ltd	12 Years		Commercial in Confidence
2641: Bushland Management	12/12/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Nature Links Pty Ltd	12 Years		Commercial in Confidence
2689: Waste Collection Services and Recycling Processing	31/10/2023	Schedule of Rates	Solo Resource Recovery / Cleanaway Pty Ltd	15 Years		Commercial in Confidence
2613: Hodgins Road and Stumpy Gully Road Intersection Upgrade	28/11/2023	Lump Sum / SOR	Maw Civil Pty Ltd	8 Months	\$1,621,107.70	\$1,783,218.47

### Contracts Awarded under Delegation

Contract Number and Name	Award Date	Contract Type	Supplier	"Contract Term "	Estimated Contract Value (ex GST)	Estimated Contract Value (inc GST)
2630: Integrated Planning and Reporting Technology Solutions	3/11/2023	Lump Sum	CA Technology Pty Ltd (CAMMS)	5 Years	\$499,800.00	\$549,780.00
2701: Strategy for Economic Development and Tourism	23/12/2023	Lump Sum	SC Lennon & Associates Pty Ltd	1 Year	\$53,450.00	\$58,795.00
2705: Dromana Cricket Net Upgrade	24/11/2023	Lump Sum	Smart Grass Pty Ltd	6 Months	\$444,470.00	\$488,917.00
2749: Visitor Paid Parking Pilot Application	3/11/2023	Lump Sum	Orikan Australia Pty Ltd	1 Year	\$269,225.00	\$296,147.50
2779: Office Products and Workplace Consumables PA 2606/0845	16/10/2023	Schedule of Rates	Complete Office Supplies Pty Ltd (COS)	5 Years	\$681,818.18	\$750,000.00
2770: Somerville Cricket Net Upgrade	14/11/2023	Lump Sum	Landscape Two Pty Ltd	6 Months	\$235,000.00	\$258,500.00
2740: Peninsula Wide Magazine Printing and Postage	20/10/2023	Lump Sum	Printgraphics Printgreen	3 Years	\$751,890.00	\$827,079.00
2765: Urban Forest Strategy	26/10/2023	Lump Sum	Mosaic Insights Pty Ltd	2 Years	\$84,679.00	\$93,146.90
2742: Camp Hill Road, Somers - Pedestrian Footpath - Stage 2	20/10/2023	Lump Sum	DM Roads Pty Ltd	4 Months	\$610,764.86	\$671,841.35

## Contract Over Expenditure

### Contract Over Expenditure - Approved under Delegation

Contract Number and Name	Date Approved	Awarded Contract Value	Revised Contract Value (Previous Variations)	Variation	Revised Contract Value	% increase
2616: Sorrento Ferry Terminal Road Upgrades	8/11/2023	\$1,547,529.09	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$1,672,529.09	11%

Due to changes in timing, quality, risk and scope of projects, occasionally an awarded contract may require additional budget (contract over expenditure) to deliver the project. In accordance with the Chief Executive Officer's Instrument of Delegation, contract over expenditure exceeding more than 30% of the original contract price or \$200,000.00 must be approved at a formally constituted Council meeting, contract expenditure under these amounts may be approved by delegated Officers.

The above is a list of contracts that have required an over expenditure over the original awarded contract amount, within the 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 period:

### Contact Mornington Peninsula Shire

 1300 850 600 (24 hours) or 5950 1000

TIS: 133 677 then ask for 1300 850 600

NRS: connect to NRS on [www.relayservice.com.au](http://www.relayservice.com.au)  
then ask for 1300 850 600

 [customerservice@mornpen.vic.gov.au](mailto:customerservice@mornpen.vic.gov.au)  
Private Bag 1000, Rosebud 3939 DX 30059

 [facebook.com/mornpenshire](https://facebook.com/mornpenshire)

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### Mornington Peninsula Shire Service Centres

Rosebud

90 Besgrove Street, 3939

Mornington

2 Queen Street, 3931

Hastings

21 Marine Parade, 3915

Somerville







1085 Frankston-Flinders Road, within Somerville Library, 3912

 [mornpen.vic.gov.au](http://mornpen.vic.gov.au)

# October-December 2023 Community Report Summary



## Fast facts How you engaged with us

-  **33,128** Calls taken  
54% of enquiries resolved at first contact
-  **7,820** Correspondence received  
80% of enquiries resolved on time  
(Includes letters and emails)
-  **3,068** Webchats  
90% of enquiries resolved at first contact
-  **7,371** Customers visiting our Customer Service Centres
-  **21,105** Service Requests received  
(Includes Snap Send Solve requests)  
45.5% of enquiries resolved on time
-  **1.53M** Web page views

## Oct-Dec 2023

### Key Service Highlights

- **483** planning applications determined
- **139** planning compliance cases resolved
- **11,707** tonnes of kerbside waste diverted from landfill
- **4,495** potholes filled. We received 256 requests
- **450** kilometres of unsealed roads graded
- **\$990,929** in grants, sponsorships and subsidies paid in support of community

### Legend for commentary

- On track
- Attention
- No Activity
- ♥ Health and wellbeing priorities

Theme 1	Key highlight
<p><b>Strategic Objective 1.1</b> An accessible and unique natural environment that helps our community to be healthy and well.</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> On track</p>	<p>With over 130 working bees we had over 700 volunteers contributing over 1,700 hours of their time to protect and enhance biodiversity values in local bushland and foreshore reserves.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 1.2</b> A healthy ecosystem, in which our coastline, bushland, wildlife and green wedge is resilient to the climate emergency and development.</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> On track</p>	<p>The Our Coast Our Future Coastal Strategy went out for community consultation with 11 community pop-up stalls held and completed over the quarter. Website engagement is running through until February to allow our community more opportunities to have their say.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 1.3</b> A sustainable built environment that respects the natural environment and protects the community from the impacts of the climate emergency.</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> On track</p>	<p>Over the quarter we installed an additional 102kW of solar on 9 Shire-owned tenanted buildings through our Tenanted Solar Incentivisation Program. We also installed heat pump hot water systems at the Foreshore Camping amenity blocks, which has helped us achieve efficiency savings of up to 70% and transition us away from gas energy supplies.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 1.4</b> An accessible built environment that supports diverse, current and future community needs.</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> On track</p>	<p><span style="color: blue;">♥</span> Council welcomed the Victorian Government's new Housing Statement, but we think further work is needed to avoid poor outcomes for the Mornington Peninsula. The full media release outlining our position and concerns can be found on our website <a href="http://mornpen.vic.gov.au/housingreforms">mornpen.vic.gov.au/housingreforms</a></p>

## Finances

- Strong cash position at **\$120.7M**
- Net Operating position **\$131.8M** YTD
- YTD spent on Capital Works projects is **\$26.4M** (net \$14M)
- **\$2.4M** in grants, subsidies approved and paid YTD
- **\$83.1M** invested in term deposits. The average investment rate during the first quarter was 5.22%
- **\$1.5M** in loan repayments year to date with total borrowing reduced to \$34.0M



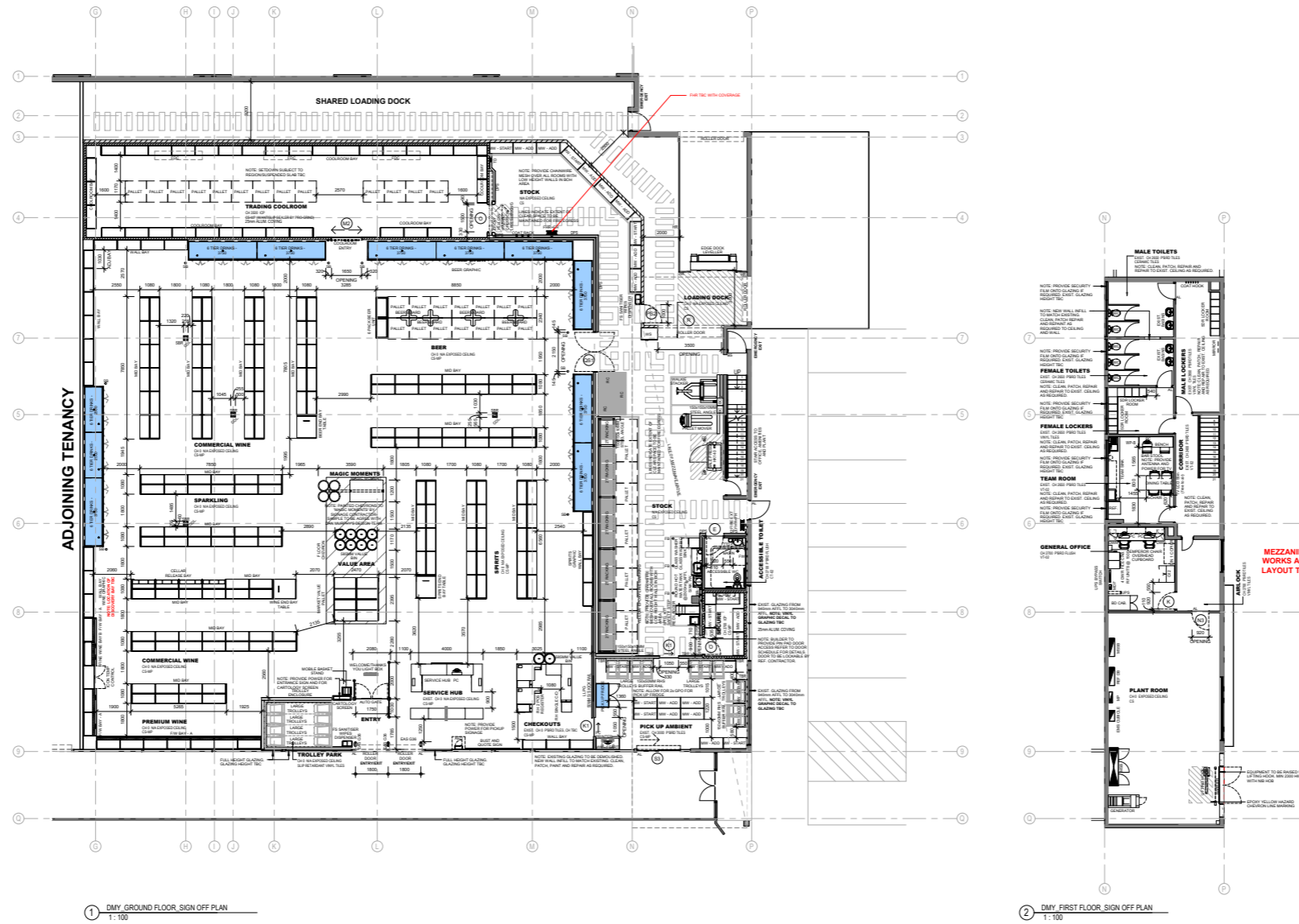
Theme 2	Key highlight
<p><b>Strategic Objective 2.1</b>  A community that has access to world class local learning opportunities through all stages of life.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>The Shire is partnering with Oakwood School which are supporting disengaged young people to complete their schooling at our Youth centres. Our Youth Services team worked closely with Oakwood to provide their students with wellbeing programs and social connection.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 2.2</b> A strong food economy, promoting growth to enhance community access.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>We ran a market gardener discussion group at Tedesca Farm and a farmer discussion group on multi-species cropping with guest speaker Jade Killoran, an independent multispecies cover crop advisor and researcher working mainly in Victorian grazing systems.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 2.3</b> A thriving entrepreneurial economy, with a vibrant tourism sector, that provides accessible employment to our diverse community.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>We celebrated Mornington Peninsula businesses at the 2023 Business Excellence Awards at RACV Cape Schanck Resort. The awards recognise the local businesses and industries that demonstrate innovation, sustainability and excellence. The overall winner was Elements Eatery. For the full list of winners, please see our Theme 2 Community highlights on p22.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 2.4</b>  A diverse economy, with green and renewable opportunities, encouraging entrepreneurship, investment and innovation.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>In December, Repower held a webinar to promote Environmental Upgrade Finance to local businesses. Attendees heard from other businesses who have taken up the offer and were encouraged to explore new ways to create sustainable change. 23 businesses attended the webinar with support from the Shire, Sustainable Australia Fund and Want A Sparky.</p>

Theme 3	Key highlight
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3.1</b>  A healthy and self-determined community where everyone feels valued, supported and safe.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>Throughout November, we held three community conversations in Rye, Hastings, and Mornington on positive ageing. The forums captured the diverse experiences of older people on the Peninsula and identified issues that Council could advocate for or address.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3.2</b>  A resilient and confident community where everyone connects and is supported.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>108 grants were awarded during the quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35 grants for Biolinks, Climate Action and Heritage Grants</li> <li>• 23 grants for Creative, Community and Destination Events</li> <li>• 49 grants for Community Support, Flexigrants, Placemaking, Local Area Community Capital Infrastructure and Access and Inclusion.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3.3</b>  A community in which people from all generations, backgrounds and abilities can access local services.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>VQuip has finished the fit out of our new mobile library with Progress Signs currently applying a corporate wrap to the body of the vehicle. The fitting and testing of mobile technology are scheduled for the next quarter before the mobile library and outreach service is launched by March 2024.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3.4</b>  A community with vibrant arts, culture, sport and recreational opportunities that foster connections and participation across generations, backgrounds and abilities.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>We delivered a new public artwork, titled Ngalamba: to stop and wait a while, which saw a 'living wall' come to life in Napier Street, Rye. With metal wall sculptures and native plants, the work of art tells the story of Bunurong's five seasons. It is produced by artists David Wood of Bent Metal, Daniel van de Wiel of It Stands Out and Shanai Kellett of Maloga Art.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Objective 3.5</b>  A community that is well connected through sustainable, accessible and integrated transport options.</p> <p> On track</p>	<p>We started a thorough assessment of our 690-kilometre network of footpaths to check on their condition. You might have seen one of our asset inspection contractors riding a small quad bike style vehicle with cameras attached, filming the footpath structure over the quarter.</p>

ATTACHMENT 1 - GROWING SUBURBS FUND 2022 SHORTLIST

TINY TOWNS FUND - 2024							
Priority	Project	Estimated total project cost	TTF funding sought	Aligns with TTF criteria	Project grant-ready and can fit within TTF construction timeframes	Entire Project identified for Council funding as a Category 1 or 2 in Draft FY25 CWP	Comments
<b>PROPOSED APPLICATION</b>							
1	Bittern Public Hall Amenity Block Renewal	\$290,000	\$50,000	✓	✓	X	If successful, this project will be brought forward and offset Council's renewal requirement.
<b>SHORTLISTED PROJECTS</b>							
2	Fenton Hall Remediation	\$816,000	\$50,000	✓	✓	X	Success in TTF will restrict this project from being submitted to a more suitable program such as GSF, where half the total cost could be secured. Not recommended to receive Council funding in time to match Round 1 TTF grant guidelines.
3	Placemaking Project/s	To be determined.	\$50,000	✓	X	✓	There are currently no individual placemaking projects in qualifying townships that are grant-ready. Placemaking projects could be submitted to future rounds of the TTF.
4	Crib Point Playground and Skate Park	To be determined.	\$50,000	✓	X	X	Project is not grant-ready. Depending on total project cost estimates, this project could be submitted to future rounds of the TTF, or to the GSF.
<b>CATEGORY 3 PROJECTS</b>							
5	Flinders Park Enhancement and Public Toilet	\$400,000	\$50,000	✓	X	X	Not recommended to receive Council funding in time to match grant guidelines. Success in TTF will restrict this project from being submitted to a more suitable program such as GSF, where half the total cost could be secured.
6	Stringers Reserve Playspace and BBQ	To be determined.	\$50,000	✓	X	X	Project not grant-ready.
7	Sorrento Foreshore Master Plan - Detailed Design of Websters Corner, Sullivan Bay and/or Western Sister	\$750,000	\$50,000	✓	X	X	Project not grant-ready.
8	Flinders Coastal and Marine Management Plan Implementation	\$75,000	\$37,500	✓	X	X	Project not grant-ready. Project does not maximise the funding opportunity of TTF.

PRELIMINARY



DMY_AREA - RATIO		
TYPE	AREA	RATIO
Trading	907.40 m <sup>2</sup>	75%
Non-Trade	362.79 m <sup>2</sup>	25%
Total	1270.19 m <sup>2</sup>	

DMY_AREA - TRADING		
DEPARTMENT	AREA	RATIO
Beer	192.94 m <sup>2</sup>	21%
Checkouts	28.67 m <sup>2</sup>	3%
Commercial Wine	261.15 m <sup>2</sup>	26%
Coolroom	118.17 m <sup>2</sup>	13%
Empire/Cell	30.37 m <sup>2</sup>	3%
Magic Moments	12.74 m <sup>2</sup>	1%
Premium Wine	25.35 m <sup>2</sup>	3%
Service Desk	31.22 m <sup>2</sup>	3%
Sparkling	89.95 m <sup>2</sup>	8%
Spirits	102.85 m <sup>2</sup>	11%
Value Area	31.98 m <sup>2</sup>	4%
Grand total	907.40 m <sup>2</sup>	

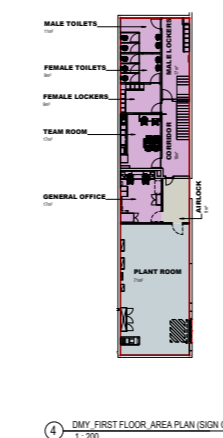
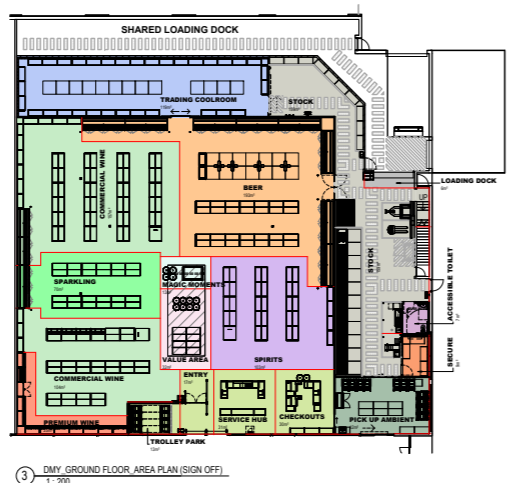
DMY_AREA - NON TRADE		
DEPARTMENT	AREA	RATIO
Admin/IT	52.23 m <sup>2</sup>	15%
Gen	8.87 m <sup>2</sup>	3%
Loading	6.17 m <sup>2</sup>	2%
Misc	176.88 m <sup>2</sup>	56%
Office	15.97 m <sup>2</sup>	5%
Pick Up	41.67 m <sup>2</sup>	14%
Grand total	362.79 m <sup>2</sup>	

DMY_AREA - EXCLUDED		
DEPARTMENT	AREA	RATIO
Plant	70.87 m <sup>2</sup>	100%
Grand total	70.87 m <sup>2</sup>	

POWER FOR FIXTURES LEGEND	
	CEILING DROPPED POWER SUPPLY
	DOUBLE GPO IN FLOOR REQUIRED FOR BACK LIGHTING & LED STRIPS. FLOOR GPO'S TBC.
	WALL MOUNTED DOUBLE GPO REQUIRED FOR PRODUCE REFRIG.
	WALL MOUNTED DOUBLE GPO REQUIRED FOR LED STRIPS TO 2 SHELVES. MOUNTING HEIGHT TBC.
	WALL MOUNTED DOUBLE GPO REQUIRED FOR LED STRIPS TO 3 SHELVES. MOUNTING HEIGHT OVER TBC.
	WALL MOUNTED DOUBLE GPO REQUIRED FOR LED STRIPS TO 4 SHELVES. MOUNTING HEIGHT TBC.
	POWER REQUIRED FOR STORAGE AND FINE WINE COOL UNITS REFER TO ELEVATIONS
	DENOTES SHELVING TO HAVE FLEXIBLE

REFRIGERATION POWER REFER TO CONSULTANTS LAYOUT  
ALL FUTURE LED SHELF LOCATIONS TO BE DONE TO EPW'S DESIGN AND DETAIL UNLESS NOTED.

GENERAL LEGEND	
BS	BRASS STRIP
BSN	BASIN
BW	BARRIADNER
BWU	BOILED WATER UNIT
BCWU	BOILED & CHILLED WATER UNIT
CBR	COOLROOM BUFFER RAIL
CLS	CLEANERS BINK
CP	CHECKERPLATE
CP-1200	1200mm HIGH CHECKERPLATE ON WALL @ 100mm AFFL.
CP-1200-BOH	1200mm HIGH CHECKERPLATE ON WALL @ 100mm AFFL.
CRR	TAMBER CHAIR RUB RAIL
CW	COLD WATER
	REFER TO DOOR SCHEDULE
DP	DOWNPIPE
DPS	DEFLECTION PROTECTION SYSTEM
DWR	DRAINER UNIT
EAS	SECURITY DEVICE
EMS	ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FAC	FIRST AID CABINET
FB	FIXED BOLLARD
FOC	FORCED DRAUGHT COOLER
FE	FIRE EXTINGUISHER
FHR	FIRE HOSE REEL
FHRFH	FIRE HYDRANT & HOSE REEL
FW	FLOOR WASTE
FIP	FIRE INDICATOR PANEL
GW	GLASS WASHER
GSA	GAL. STEEL ANGLE
GSC	GAL. STEEL CHANNEL
HC*	HOT/COLD WATER MUSER
HR	HANDRAIL
HW	HOT WATER
HWS	HOT WATER SYSTEM
KR	KICKRAIL
MDF	TELSTRA MAIN DISTRIBUTION FRAME
MP	METERING PANEL
MSB	MAIN SWITCH BOARD
MSBB	MECHANICAL SERVICES SWITCH BOARD
MW	MICROWAVE OVEN
PD	PALLET DISPLAY
RB	REMOVABLE BOLLARD
RBD	ROLLER SHUTTER DOOR
SB	STAINLESS STEEL BOLLARD
SGD	SEWER GRATED DRAIN
SK	SINK
SSA	STAINLESS STEEL ANGLE
SSC	STAINLESS STEEL CHANNEL
ST	STORM WATER
SW	SEWER
TBR	TAMBER BUFFER RAIL
TD	TUNDRUSH
TTBR	TROLLEY TAMBER BUFFER RAIL
UR	URNAL
VP	VENT PIPE
WB	WELDED BOLLARD
WC	WATER CLOSET
WG	WINDL GATE



**GENERAL NOTES**

- REFER TO FINISHES AND FIXTURES SCHEDULE FOR FURTHER MATERIALS AND FINISHES INFORMATION.

**TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH**

- CURRENT DAN MURPHY'S DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION BRIEF
- CURRENT DAN MURPHY'S SERVICES SPECIFICATIONS
- CURRENT DAN MURPHY'S SCHEDULE
- CURRENT DAN MURPHY'S DOOR SCHEDULE
- DD900 CONSTRUCTIONS DETAILS DRAWING SET



**REVISION DETAILS**

REV.	REVISION DETAILS	DATE	BY
A	FIRST ISSUE - SIGN OFF PLAN	01/06/2023	FCV/DL/BCJ

**PROJECT ADDRESS:** 11 HIGH STREET, HASTINGS VIC 3915

**DRAWING NAME:** SIGN OFF PLAN

**SCALE:** As Indicated @ A4

**REGION / STATE:** VIC

**DRAWING NO.:** DMA101

**REVISION:** A

**DOC STAGE:** DMA100 | PRE APPROVAL

**KIT VERSION:** DMS 2021.1

**PROJECT:** HASTINGS

**ISSUE TO:** BC\_EDG

**STAKE NO.:** JXXX

**APPROVED BY:** EDG

**DRAWN BY:** FCV/DL/TRG

PRELIMINARY



PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENCE

Licence No. 32001167

Subject to the provisions of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998 and any conditions specified in the licence, the licensee is authorised to supply liquor up to and including 31 December 2023

Licensee	RITCHIES STORES PTY LTD (ACN:005 041 814)		
Address for service of notices	P.O. BOX 2051 SEAFORD BC SEAFORD 3198	Licensed premises address	CNR HIGH & SALMON STREETS HASTINGS 3915
Trading as	RITCHIES IGA PLUS LIQUOR (HASTINGS)		

*Additional person(s) endorsed on licence*

PAUL ANTHONY WAIN - approved as nominee, and is liable as if the licensee, until ceasing to manage and control the licensed premises.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A liquor licence does not override local laws, planning schemes and conditions on planning permits. It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure they comply with these and all conditions of a planning permit above what is specified on the liquor licence. Where the trading hours on your planning permit are less than the trading hours on this liquor licence, you must comply with the hours on the planning permit.

TYPE OF LICENCE

This licence is a packaged liquor licence and authorises the licensee to supply liquor in sealed containers, bottles or cans on the licensed premises for consumption off the licensed premises during the trading hours specified below.

The licensee must comply with any Ministerial Order determined by the Minister pursuant to Section 18D of the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998.

TRADING HOURS

On any day other than Sunday, Good Friday, ANZAC Day or Christmas Day	Between 9am and 11pm
Sunday	Between 10am and 11pm
ANZAC Day	Between 12 noon and 11pm

End of Conditions - Printed on 29/05/2023

## Planning Delegate Report - P23/1456



Mornington Peninsula Shire

APPLICATION SUMMARY	
<b>Planner</b>	Thomas Gamble
<b>Date</b>	03/10/2023
<b>Application Number</b>	P23/1456
<b>Proposal</b>	USE OF LAND TO SELL AND CONSUME LIQUOR (INCREASE THE AREA THAT LIQUOR IS ALLOWED TO BE SUPPLIED) GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBMITTED PLANS
<b>Address</b>	Lots 7 and 8 SP 37610 Commonly-known as 7/11 High Street HASTINGS
<b>Applicant</b>	PAJ Liquor Licensing
<b>Planning Scheme</b>	Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme
<b>Zone &amp; Overlays</b>	C1Z DDO27, PO1
<b>Permit Triggers</b>	52.27 - Use land to sell or consume liquor
<b>Restrictions on title</b>	No
<b>Advertising</b>	Yes
<b>Objections</b>	Yes
<b>Referrals</b>	Internal – Shire’s Social Planner
<b>CHMP required?</b>	No

### OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a direct or indirect interest requiring disclosure.

### PROPOSAL

The application seeks to extend the area in which liquor can be sold and consumed. The ‘red line’ area in which liquor can be sold to the entire interior ground floor area of the premises. The land is subject to an existing packaged liquor licence (reference: 32001167).

The sale of liquor is proposed in conjunction with the use of the land for a bottle shop (a Section 1 use under the Zone). The premises is to be converted from a supermarket with ancillary bottle shop to solely a bottle shop.

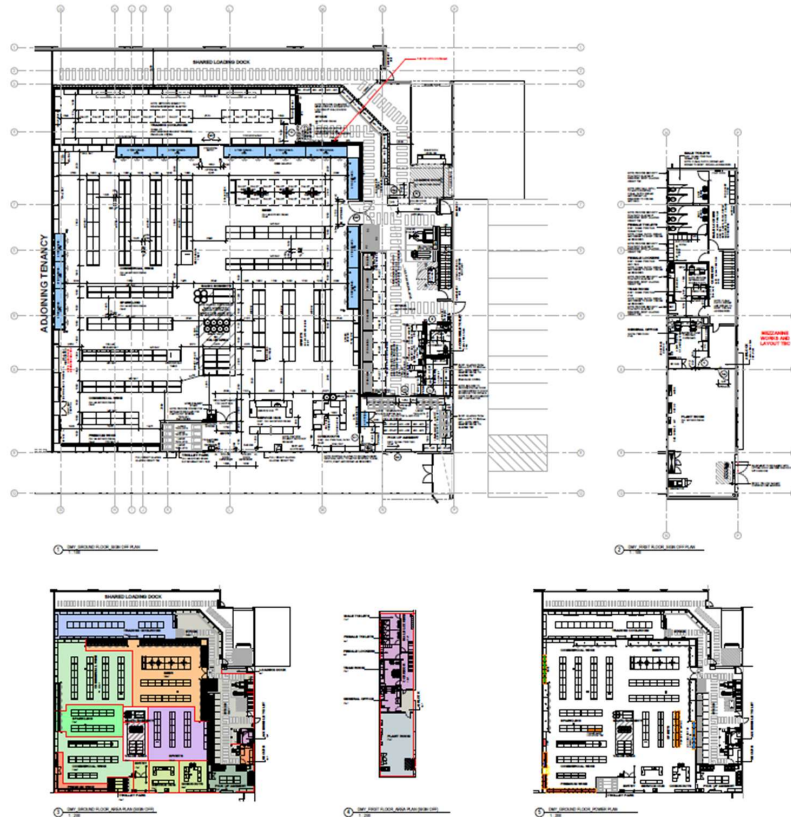
Hours of operation are not proposed to be altered, and are consistent with the ordinary hours as defined in s. 3 of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1995* :

- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
- Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
- ANZAC Day: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.;
- Good Friday and Christmas Day: No trade.

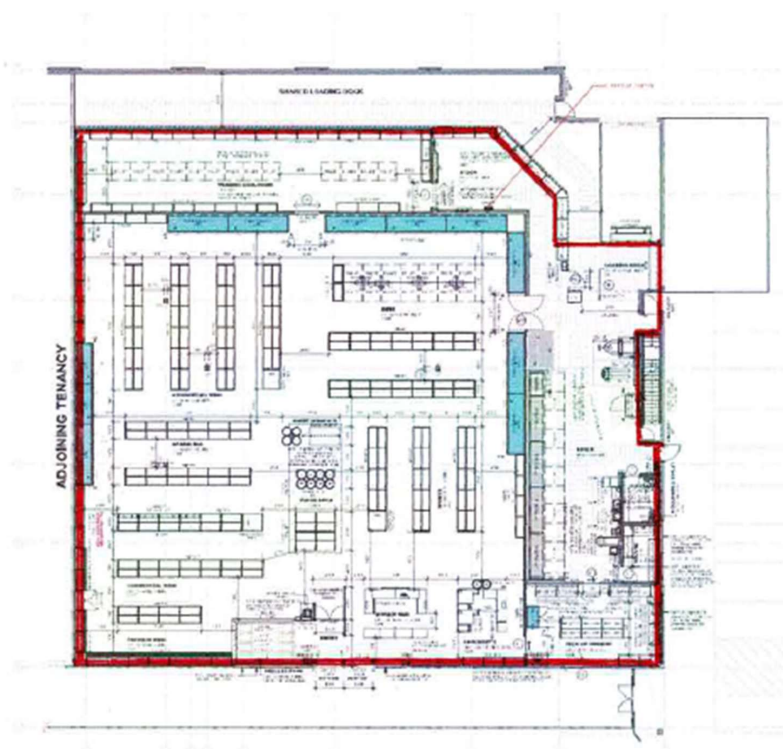
No development is proposed with the application.

**Floor Plan:**

PRELIMINARY



**Red Line Plan:**



**ZONE/OVERLAYS**

Zone/Overlay	Permit Trigger?	Rationale
C1Z	No	The use of land for a bottle shop is a Section 1 permit not required use under the Zone. No buildings or works are proposed under this application.
DDO27	No	No buildings or works are proposed under this application.
PO1	No	No permit requirement exists under the PO1.
Clause 52.05 (Signs)	No	The application does not include signage. Non-illuminated business identification signage up to 8 square metres in display area does not require a planning permit. Signage internal to the shopping centre building also does not require a planning permit.
Clause 52.06 (Car parking)	No	No permit is required under Clause 52.06 as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of car parking spaces required under the schedule to the Parking Overlay is equal to the number of car parking spaces required for the existing use of the land.</li> <li>The number of car parking spaces provided in connection with the existing use is not being reduced.</li> </ul>
Clause 52.27 (Licensed premises)	Yes	A permit is required to use land to sell or consume liquor if the area that liquor is allowed to be consumed or supplied under a licence is to be increased.

**SUBJECT SITE**

**Permit/Site history**

Council's records indicate that there are no recent planning decisions/applications made relevant to the assessment of this application.

**Restrictions on title**

There are no restrictions on the title.

**Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP)**

A CHMP is not required as the proposal is not a high impact activity.

**Subject Site**

The subject land consists of lots 7 and 8 on Strata Plan 37610 within the Coastal Village Shopping centre at 11 High Street, Hastings.

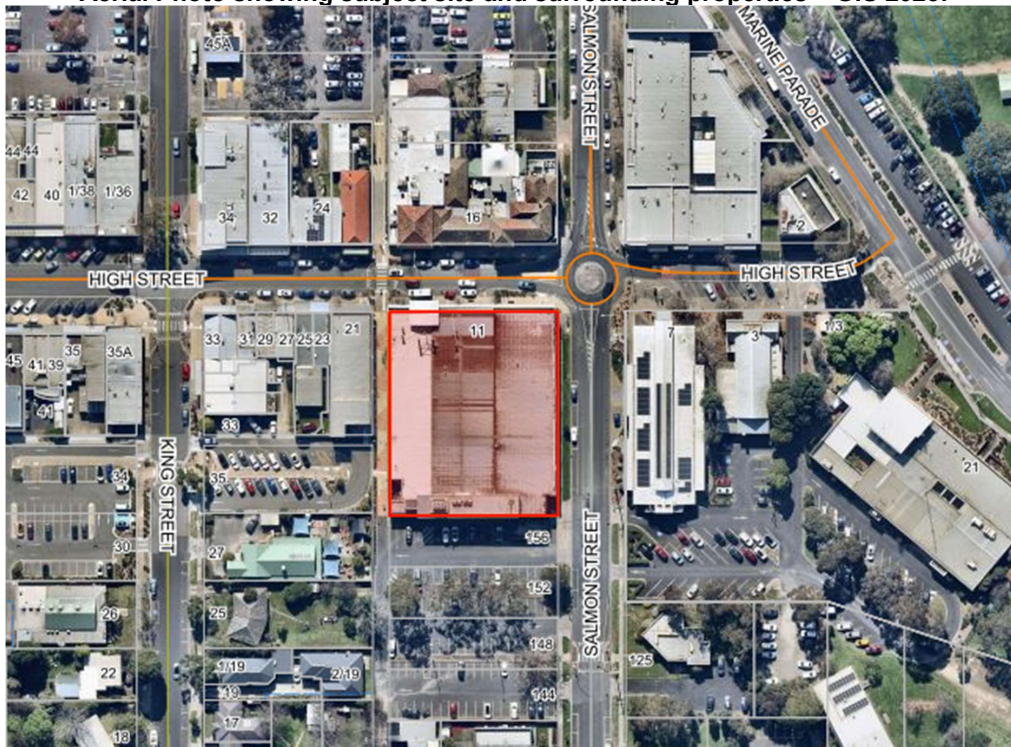
The shopping centre is located on the corner of High Street and Salmon Street within the Hastings Activity Centre, totalling 3049 square metres in area and consisting of a double storey shopping centre building taking up the entire land.

The relevant retail tenancy is located at the southern portion of the land. Access to the premises is through an internal walkway within the shopping centre, accessed through High Street and a Shire-owned car park at 148-156 Salmon Street.

The tenancy was previously used as a supermarket with an ancillary bottle shop and is subject to a liquor licence (Licence No. 32001167). The current trading hours permitted are:

- Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
- Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
- ANZAC Day: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.;
- Good Friday and Christmas Day: No trade.

Aerial Photo showing subject site and surrounding properties – GIS 2023:



**SURROUNDING PROPERTIES**

<b>North</b>	<b>16 High Street:</b> Westernport Hotel, currently used as a hotel with bottle shop.
<b>East</b>	<b>7 High Street:</b> Hastings Library.
<b>South</b>	<b>148-156 Salmon Street:</b> Shire-owned car park with direct pedestrian access to the subject site.
<b>West</b>	<b>21 High Street:</b> Shop <b>35 King Street:</b> Shire owned car park. <b>27 King Street:</b> Childcare centre.

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

**Advertising**

The application was advertised by sending direct notice to adjoining properties and erecting a sign on site for 14 days.

**Objections**

To date, 18 objections have been received. Their concerns can be summarised as follows:

- Clustering of bottle shops in Hastings;
- Impact on local packaged liquor premises;
- Social impacts of liquor consumption;
- Safety impacts;
- Lack of need;
- Traffic impacts;
- Character impacts of exterior design of the bottle shop.

**Public Consultation**

No public consultation was undertaken.

**REFERRALS**

Referral	Internal/External	Response	Additional Comments? (where required)
Shire's Social Planner	Internal	Provided advice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPDATED 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.</li> </ul>	Approaches and understandings of harm, particularly around where new licenced outlets are established. As this is an alteration to an existing outlet, objection not raised.

**PLANNING POLICY & PROVISIONS**

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)
Clause 11.03-1S Activity centres
Clause 11.03-1L Activity centres – Mornington Peninsula
Clause 11.03-1L-04 Hastings activity centre
Clause 13.07-1S Land use compatibility
Clause 13.07-1L Land use compatibility – Mornington Peninsula
Clause 17.02-1S Business
Particular Provisions
Clause 52.27 Licensed premises
General Provisions
Clause 65 Decision Guidelines

**ASSESSMENT**

The proposed use is consistent with the objectives of Clause 52.27 and the above policies and provisions on the following basis:

**Clause 11.03-1S Activity centres**

Hastings is defined as a major activity centre on the Mornington Peninsula. The overriding objectives of this clause are to encourage the concentration of major retail, residential, commercial, administrative, entertainment and cultural developments into activity centres that are highly accessible to the community. The proposal, and the continued commercial use of the premises, is consistent with this objective being located within the commercial centre of Hastings and adding to the range of retail and commercial premises and the viability of the area.

**Clause 13.07-1S Land use compatibility**

The objective is to protect community amenity, human health and safety whilst facilitating appropriate commercial, infrastructure or other uses with potential adverse off-site impacts, by, amongst other things, ensuring that the use or development of land is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.

Whilst the land use itself is not changing (i.e., retail shop), the proposed extended red line area would not significantly impact on surrounding land uses as it is located within an established major activity centre containing a wide range of retail and commercial premises. Furthermore, the location of the shop is appropriate, facing the adjacent car park and not directly towards any sensitive uses such as residential areas. The extended red line area does not alter the interface with this car parking area.

**Clause 17.02-1S Business**

The objective of this clause is to encourage development that meets the community's needs for retail, entertainment, office and other commercial services by, amongst other things, locating commercial facilities in existing or planned activity centres and providing shopping facilities in commercial centres or in convenient locations to meet the needs of local residents. The proposal is consistent with these objectives being located in the existing commercial centre of Hastings.

**Clause 52.27 Licensed premises**

The purpose of Clause 52.27 is as follows:

- *To ensure that licensed premises are situated in appropriate locations.*
- *To ensure that the impact of the licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area is considered.*

The decision guidelines include the following matters:

*Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:*

- *The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.*
- *The impact of the sale or consumption of liquor permitted by the liquor licence on the amenity of the surrounding area.*
- *The impact of the hours of operation on the amenity of the surrounding area.*
- *The impact of the number of patrons on the amenity of the surrounding area.*
- *The cumulative impact of any existing licensed premises and the proposed licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area.*

The proposal is for an extension to the red line area where a bottle shop ancillary to an existing supermarket already exists on the land. The premises within which the bottle shop is proposing to operate is located within the commercial centre of Hastings (a Major Activity Centre) and is located within a central complex of shops and other commercial premises. It is noted that 'bottle shop' is an as-of-right use under the Zone.

While the proposal would result in an expanded footprint in which liquor can be sold, there would not be an increase in the total number of licenced premises in the immediate vicinity. The proposed red line area appropriately remains contained within the existing building, with the premises interfacing to the adjacent car park to the south at 148-156 Salmon Street with access to High Street through an internal walkway in the shopping centre.

While the increased red line would likely result in an increased number of patrons able to be present within the licenced area at any one time, as the proposal is only for the sale of packaged liquor (as opposed to on-premises consumption), matters of patron density or anti-social behaviour are not significant concerns resulting from the increased red line area. A cap on patronage is not warranted for a packaged liquor premises.

To ensure adequate amenity protection, it is recommended that the applicant be required to provide a management plan to the Shire detailing the management of the premises in accordance with standards for the responsible service of alcohol. It is also recommended that a condition be imposed on the permit detailing security and lighting arrangements for the management and deterrence of anti-social behaviour.

As the operating hours are not proposed to be altered, there would be no additional impact on the amenity of the surrounding area resulting from the operating hours of the use.

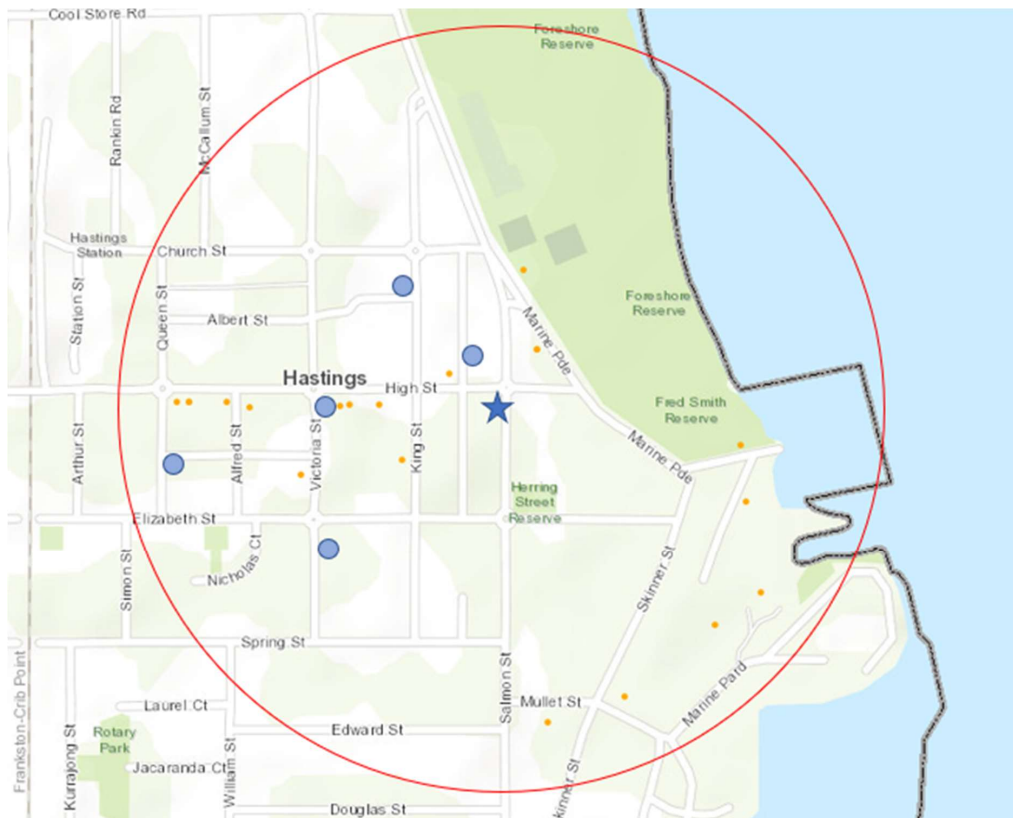
Cluster of licenced premises and cumulative impact

Planning Practice Note 61: Licensed premises: assessing cumulative impact (PPN61) provides guidance on assessing cumulative impact of licenced premises as part of a planning permit application.

Under PPN61, a cluster of licenced premises occurs when:

- three or more licenced premises (including the proposed premises) within a radius of 100 metres from the subject land; or
- 15 or more licenced premises (including the proposed premises) within a radius of 500 metres from the subject land.

The following map shows the location of licenced premises (all categories) in central Hastings:



(Source: VCGLR)

- Subject premises = ★
- Packaged liquor premises = ●
- Other licenced premises = ●
- 500 metre radius = ○

There are five (5) licenced premises within 100 metres of the subject land and 23 premises within 500 metres and is located within a cluster.

There are five (5) other bottle shop premises spread out through the Hastings town centre within a 500 metre radius of the subject land:

Premises name	Address	Licence type	Licence number
Westernport Hotel/Thirsty Camel	16 High Street	Late night (general)	31912373
Hastings Cellars	63 High Street	Packaged liquor	32071007
Aldi	9 Queen Street	Packaged liquor	32064686
BWS (Woolworths)	11-23 Victoria Street	Packaged liquor	32059102
Liquorland (Coles)	15 Church Street	Packaged liquor	32023478

An assessment against PPN61 is found at Appendix 1 to this report. Given that the subject site is located within an existing Major Activity Centre, the proposal is for the sale of packaged liquor only and the subject site benefits from an existing packaged liquor licence, the cumulative impact of the proposed premises is within reason.

Social impacts associated with the consumption of liquor

The application was referred for advice to the Shire's Social Planner, who provided initial advice at the time of referral and a revised one, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, to correctly refer to the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Alcohol Management Policy.

The decision guidelines of Clause 52.27 and the considerations of PPN61 generally limit consideration of cumulative impact to direct amenity impacts resulting from a licensed premise. Broader social harm of alcohol availability, including in disadvantaged areas such as the site surrounds, are outside of the remit of Council and fall to the Victorian Liquor Commission (VLC) through the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.

In *Hunt Club Commercial Pty Ltd v Casey CC (Red Dot)* [2013] VCAT 725, the Tribunal held that significant social effects could, in theory, be relevant to a clause 52.27 consideration. However, it also made it clear that it considered that in practice the relevance of such considerations would be limited, with planning assessments turning instead on more traditional spatial and amenity concerns:

14. *Although the significant social effects of a planning decision may conceivably be a relevant consideration in a given case, as a matter of general principle, a broad concern about the social harm caused by alcohol, the accessibility of alcohol in the community generally, or the potential for the abuse or misuse of alcohol, will rarely (if ever) be a relevant consideration in the exercise of discretion for a particular licensed premises under clause 52.27. These matters are more commonly relevant to the complementary regulatory framework under the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998, albeit that there is some overlap between the liquor licensing and town planning frameworks.*
15. *Town planning is not a panacea for all perceived social ills, nor is planning decision-making a forum for addressing all issues of social or community concern. At its heart, planning is about the use, development and protection of land. It has a spatial context that is primarily concerned with the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land. Town planning does not involve itself in moral judgements nor, subject to this locational or spatial perspective, in the operation of a competitive market economy in which certain goods and services are lawfully made, sold or consumed. Whilst town planning seeks to secure a pleasant, efficient and safe working, living and recreational environment, it is not the role of town planning to address all issues of public health, nor to regulate the pricing or general availability of a product to manage the health and wellbeing of a society.*

In all, social impact with respect to packaged liquor outlets has been tested at the tribunal at least 21 times since *Hunt Club*. In these cases, responsible authorities and/or objectors seek to raise issues of social harm, and in all cases, the Tribunal has held that social harm is of limited weight. Only once has the Tribunal refused to grant permission, but on the basis of lack of information in relation to cumulative impact in a neighbourhood activity centre context and not on any significant social harm grounds. The Tribunal later granted a permit in a repeat appeal.

- *Ashwerth Pty Ltd v Stonnington CC (Correction) [2013] VCAT 1018 (2 October 2013)*
- *Blueprint Developments (Vic) Pty Ltd v Bayside CC [2014] VCAT 1251 (2 October 2014)*
- *Tonlan Pty Ltd v Kingston CC [2015] VCAT 277 (17 March 2015)*
- *O'Donnell v Boroondara CC [2015] VCAT 606 (6 May 2015)*
- *Sawan v Frankston CC [2015] VCAT 604 (7 May 2015)*
- *Tuhan v Moira SC [2016] VCAT 235 (22 February 2016)*
- *Kohii v Glen Lira CC [2016] VCAT 740 (9 May 2016)*
- *Yunchun Pty Ltd v Banyule CC [2016] VCAT 1597 (23 September 2016)*
- *Cansiz v Hume CC [2016] VCAT 2198 (23 December 2016)*
- *Curry v Banyule CC [2017] VCAT 430 (5 April 2017)*
- *Empire State Holdings Pty Ltd v Kingston CC [2017] VCAT 506 (13 April 2017)*
- *Lawrence v Moonee Valley CC [2017] VCAT 662 (12 May 2017)*
- *Zhang v Yarra Ranges SC [2020] VCAT 300 (10 March 2020)*
- *Skyways Pty Ltd v Greater Dandenong CC [2020] VCAT 482 (5 May 2020)*
- *Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd v Stonnington CC (Corrected) [2020] VCAT 751 (6 July 2020)*
- *BB Family Pty Ltd v Southern Grampians SC [2021] VCAT 252 (22 March 2021)*
- *Endeavour Group Ltd v Bayside CC [2022] VCAT 23 (20 January 2022)*
- *GAA One Pty Ltd v Mornington Peninsula SC [2022] VCAT 103 (9 February 2022)*
- *Northcote Devco Pty Ltd v Darebin CC [2022] VCAT 515 (11 May 2022)*
- *Fabcot Pty Ltd v Glen Eira CC [2022] VCAT 1025 (7 September 2022)*
- *Glen Iris Devco Pty Ltd v Stonnington CC [2022] VCAT 471 (9 May 2022)*
- *Endeavour Group Ltd v Bayside CC (Corrected) [2023] VCAT 416 (17 May 2023)*

While Tribunal decisions are not law, they are indicative of the limited weight that Clause 52.27 imparts to significant social impact (which is distinct from social impacts generally). Whilst social issues have been raised as a concern by the Objectors, the scope of Clause 52.27 is more limited to amenity concerns.

In the context of a Major Activity Centre and given that there would be no net increase in the number of bottle shops operating in Hastings, the issue of significant social impact does not raise to a level that would warrant refusal of the application.

#### **Response to submissions**

The matters raised in the objection are generally summarised as follows:

- Clustering of bottle shops in Hastings;
- Impact on local packaged liquor premises;
- Social impacts of liquor consumption;
- Safety impacts;
- Lack of need;
- Traffic impacts;
- Character impacts of exterior design of the bottle shop.

#### Clustering of bottle shops

Refer to body of report above and Appendix 1 below. The proposed premises would not result in a net increase in packaged liquor outlets in Hastings.

Impact on local packaged liquor premises

Commercial competition is not a relevant consideration to whether the proposal is acceptable.

Social impacts of liquor consumption

Refer to discussion above. Social impacts are generally outside of the scope of consideration of this application.

Lack of need

Need (or lack thereof) is not a relevant consideration to whether the proposal is acceptable.

Traffic impacts

Traffic is not a relevant consideration to this application. The use of the land for a bottle shop is as-of-right under the Zone, and Clause 52.06 is not a permit trigger.

Character impacts of exterior design of the bottle shop.

The application does not seek permission for signage or exterior alterations to the building. It is noted that a permit may not be required for signage, but should permission be required this can be subject to a further planning permit application.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposed extended red line area for the sale of packaged liquor is acceptable having regard to the relevant provisions of the Planning Policy Framework and Clause 52.27. The use is well located within a Major Activity Centre and would not result in a net increase in the number of bottle shops operating in Hastings. The extended red line is contained within the existing building and does not alter the interface to surrounding sensitive land uses. Given this, the proposed use is acceptable, and it is recommended that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit be issued.

**DECISION**



That Council having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* decides to issue a Notice of Decision to grant a permit under the provisions of the Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme in respect of the land known and described as Lots 7 and 8 SP 37610 commonly-known as 7/11 High Street Hastings in accordance with the endorsed plans, subject to the following conditions:

**CONDITIONS**

- 1 Before the use starts amended plans to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and three copies must be provided. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans forming part of the application but modified to show the following:
  - (a) The location of all security camera(s) and lighting required in accordance with condition 7;
- 2 The layout of the use on the endorsed plan must not be altered without the written consent of the responsible authority.
- 3 This permit only provides for the sale of packaged liquor to be consumed off-site.

- 4 The display and sale of packaged liquor must not occur outside of the area identified for the sale of liquor under the relevant liquor licence as shown on the endorsed plans.
- 5 The sale of packaged liquor from the bottle shop shall not occur outside of the following hours:
  - (a) Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
  - (b) Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
  - (c) ANZAC Day: 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m.;
  - (d) Good Friday and Christmas Day: No trade.
- 6 Before the use starts, a management plan to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. The management plan must provide for the operation and management of the bottle shop and which outlines the bottle shop manager will implement Responsible Service of Alcohol Practices. The approved management plan must be complied with and not be altered or modified without the consent of the responsible authority.
- 7 Before the use starts, security lighting and a video surveillance recording system must be installed on the land to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The video surveillance recording system must be able to clearly identify individuals and must record the date and time and provide continuous images of all persons entering and exiting the bottle shop. The security lighting and a video surveillance recording system must be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 8 The use must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected by the use through the:
  - (a) Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land;
  - (b) Appearance of any building, works or materials;
  - (c) Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil; or
  - (d) Presence of vermin.
- 9 This permit will expire if the use does not commence within two (2) years of the date of this permit.

In accordance with Section 69 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, an application may be submitted to the Responsible Authority for an extension of the periods referred to in this condition.

	
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## Planning Delegate Report - P23/1456



Mornington Peninsula Shire

### APPENDIX 1 – Cumulative Impact Assessment

#### Checklist Items

<b>“Checklist” item</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p><b>Seating ratios</b> What is the ratio of seating to standing? Premises that provide little or no seating are associated with excessive alcohol consumption and potential for increased violence. Patrons from these venues are therefore more likely to have an adverse impact on the surrounding area.</p>	Not applicable given the proposed premises will be a packaged liquor outlet (ie, sales of liquor for consumption off the premises). No seating.
<p><b>Meals</b> Are meals served or is food available? Venues that serve food or meals are shown to be less at risk of excessive alcohol consumption. This does not include venues that only serve basic snacks</p>	Not applicable given the proposed premises will be a packaged liquor outlet (ie, sales of liquor for consumption off the premises). No meals.
<p><b>Management</b> How will the venue manage patrons entering and leaving the venue, including security and queuing? Management of patrons entering and leaving a venue can have a significant impact on the amenity of the area due to potential patron noise, anti-social behaviour and public disturbance.</p>	Not applicable given the proposed premises will be a packaged liquor outlet (ie, sales of liquor for consumption off the premises).
<p><b>Music</b> Will the proposal feature background, live or recorded music? The way music is played and the hours it is played can influence the type and number of patrons attending the venue, the level and type of alcohol consumption, and the potential impacts on local amenity.</p>	Not applicable given the proposed premises will be a packaged liquor outlet (i.e., sales of liquor for consumption off the premises). Although any music would be the same as any supermarket, i.e., low level background music only.
<p><b>Capacity and hours</b> What is the proposed capacity and what are the operating hours? Proposed capacity levels and operating hours may add to existing cumulative impact problems in the area, due to the release of a large number of patrons onto the street at closing time.</p>	<p>This is only applicable to a premises where consumption is authorised on the premise such that there may be a rush of patrons onto the street late in the evening.</p> <p>The proposed use of the premises is a shop, with a closing time of 11pm. Patrons numbers, as standard, are generally not capped under packaged liquor licences.</p>
<p><b>Transport and car parking</b> What type of transport and car parking is provided? The availability of transport for use by patrons to and from the venue can impact on the amenity of the surrounding area. There may be additional amenity issues resulting from patrons waiting for a taxi or travelling on foot.</p>	<p>There is abundant customer/public car parking available directly to the front of the proposed premises and within the immediate surrounding area.</p> <p>No permit trigger arises out of Clause 52.06 (Car parking).</p>

The location and availability of car parking can impact the dispersal patterns and behaviour of patrons. Car parks with poor lighting or natural surveillance may place patrons at a high risk of violence.	
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**Cumulative Assessment**

**Planning Policy Context**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
What are the policy, zoning and other planning controls that are relevant to the surrounding area?	C1Z, adjacent areas of MUZ. Relevant policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clause 11.03-1S Activity centres</li> <li>• Clause 11.03-1L Activity centres – Mornington Peninsula</li> <li>• Clause 11.03-1L-04 Hastings activity centre</li> <li>• Clause 13.07-1S Land use compatibility</li> <li>• Clause 13.07-1L Land use compatibility – Mornington Peninsula</li> <li>• Clause 17.02-1S Business</li> </ul>
What amenity, land use and other planning outcomes do these controls encourage?	There is no specific guidance under these controls with respect to liquor, however in general: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of the land for a ‘bottle shop’ is a section 1 use under the Zone.</li> <li>• Local Planning Policy broadly encourages the focussing of commercial uses within the Shire’s activity centres, within an activity centre hierarchy. Hastings sits at the top of this hierarchy.</li> <li>• Activities within commercial areas should have reference to potential impacts to surrounding residential zones.</li> <li>• Clause 11.03-1L-04 specifically seeks to encourage commercial development that enhances the focus of High Street as the centre spine for activity.</li> </ul>
Is the proposal consistent with the planning outcomes encouraged by policy, zoning and other planning controls of the area?	The proposed liquor land use is in association with a commercial land use (bottle shop) that is as-of-right under the Commercial 1 Zone. The subject site is located within a Major Activity Centre. No buildings and works are proposed.
<b>Planning Policy Context – Acceptable?</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Surrounding land use mix and amenity**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Does the subject land adjoin sensitive uses?	No. The proposed building to be licenced does not adjoin a sensitive use. The proposed licenced area is 25 metres from the nearest sensitive use. These uses are separated by a car park.
What is the relationship between the licensed premises and other uses in the area?	The proposed licence premises is part of a small shopping complex in Hastings and is to provide a liquor offering. The proposal would result in the licensed premises largely being

	surrounded by shops fronting to the existing car park to the south. This premises is already used for the sale of liquor.
What are the local crime statistics related to licensed premises?	Not available specific to the licensed premises.
Are there other premises open after 11pm?	<p>Yes. There are six (6) premise trading after 11pm within the 500 metre assessment radius:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hastings Bowling Club – consumption under restricted club licence permitted to 11:30pm on Saturdays.</li> <li>• Hastings RSL – consumption under club licence permitted to 1am Fridays and Saturdays.</li> <li>• Hastings Yacht Club – consumption under limited licence permitted until midnight.</li> <li>• Marina Restaurant Bistro &amp; Bar – consumption under a general licence permitted to 1am Monday to Saturday.</li> <li>• Westernport Angling Club – consumption under restricted club licence to 1am.</li> <li>• Westernport Hotel – consumption under general licence permitted under 3am variously. Packaged liquor sale permitted until 11 pm only.</li> </ul> <p>None are package liquor premises that operate after 11pm. As the proposed premises would only be for the sale of packaged liquor, closing at 11pm, it is not considered that adjacent premises trading past 11pm are of concern.</p>
What is the existing level of amenity in the area?	The existing level of amenity in the area is defined by the commercial nature of the land and its surrounds. The surrounding shops, offices and retail premises provide a diverse range of uses to the Hastings Activity Centre.
What are the reasonable amenity expectations in the area?	Given the nature of existing licenced premises in the area, it is reasonable to expect a higher standard of amenity when it comes to new licences premises. The operation of the proposed premises is consistent with existing premises and doesn't introduce any operations, such as on-site consumption, which may impact on the surrounding amenity. The land is already licenced for packaged liquor sales.
Will the proposal significantly increase the number of patrons near sensitive uses at any time?	No. It is noted that there would be no patron limits under the permit as the proposal is a bottle shop under a packaged liquor licence.
Given the location and planning policy context, will the proposal generate amenity impacts beyond what is reasonable?	<p>No. The proposal is a bottle shop, as opposed to a nightclub or bar. Operations are to be limited to an 11pm closing time, which is consistent with the surrounds.</p> <p>The amenity impacts of the use are foreseeable as a scenario where people will purchase alcohol and then go and drink it in nearby residential streets and cause nuisance. This is a matter governed by local law and can be further addressed through the provision of lighting and surveillance details.</p>

	Furthermore, there exists multiple bottle shops in the surrounds which mean that packaged liquor is readily available in the area – it is not expected that an additional bottle shop would create or further contribute to this being an issue. Issues of oversaturation are a matter of supply/demand and it's not considered that the use would induce further nuisance behaviour in the community that doesn't already exist.
<b>Surrounding land use mix and amenity – Acceptable?</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The mix of licensed premises

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
What is the mix of licensed premises in the area?	The 23 total licenses within 500 metres of the proposed premises consist of a diverse range of licence types. These consist of a mix of restaurant/café, BYO, packaged liquor and club licences, with two general licences.
Do any licensed premises cater for more than 200 patrons?	Yes – the Westernport Hotel and Marina Restaurant Bistro & Bar both serve in excess of 200 patrons.
How many and what type of licensed premises (especially high capacity venues and packaged liquor outlets) operate after 11pm?	Six (6) premises operate after 11pm. Two of these are high capacity venues. None are packaged liquor outlets.
Do licensed premises commonly operate at capacity and is queuing outside common?	The land has not been observed during night operations.
Do many licensed premises in the area show a high ratio of standing to seating?	The majority of premises provide a high ratio of seating, except for the six (6) operating bottle shops.
Are there any local laws regulating consumption of liquor in public spaces?	Yes. The <i>Consumption of Liquor Local Law</i> is applicable to the area. The possession of liquor in open containers outside of private property or licensed area is prohibited in the area.
Is there any evidence of problems apparent in the area, such as property damage or littering, that may be attributed to alcohol related incidences?	The land has not been observed during night operations.
Are complaints (for example, to council or Victoria Police) about licensed premises already being generated in the area?	Yes.
Are there any known enforcement proceedings against licensed premises in the surrounding area?	No. Council records have been checked.
Does the proposal contribute to the diversity of activities and vibrancy in the area?	No. The proposal effectively replaces and adjunct bottle shop within the existing supermarket. It is not a use which would contribute to the vibrancy of the area.
Will the proposal reinforce any existing or create any new impacts arising from the mix of uses in the area?	No. Proposed operating hours would not reinforce issues associated with existing late night premises. The proposed premises is in place of an existing packaged liquor outlet with an existing liquor licence.

<b>The mix of licensed premises – Acceptable?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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Transport and dispersal

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Do closing hours between venues coincide closely or is there a spread of closing hours?	The closing hours of venues, in particular restaurants, generally coincide at 11pm.
Is there a high number of patrons on the streets after 11pm?	The land has not been observed during night operations.
What public transport is available to patrons leaving the licensed premises at closing time?	The nearest public transport to the subject site is a bus stop on King Street. This is served by the 782 bus route; however, services do not run past 10pm.
Are taxi ranks conveniently available to patrons leaving the licensed premises at closing time?	There is no nearby taxi rank.
Is there car parking available and where is it located?	Car parking is readily located within the surrounding precinct.
How do people disperse from the area after leaving a licensed premises?	Primarily by car.
Is the movement of patrons through the area known to be an existing problem?	No.
Are there any identified issues with accessing public transport such as frequency or capacity of services?	Yes. The area lacks sufficient access to public transport. This is a recognised issue for the whole Mornington Peninsula.
Is the proposed licensed premises' location or characteristics such as operating hours likely to contribute to any problems for patron dispersal?	No. While there are acknowledged issues with transport access in the area, as the proposal is a bottle shop, it is not likely that there will be any issues with dispersal upon closure of the premises at night. It is not expected that that patrons will cluster on the land at night or towards closing hours, instead patrons will largely be steady throughout the day.  It is expected that the majority of patrons to the premises will use vehicular transport or walk to the premises.
Will the proposal reinforce any existing or create any new impacts arising from licensed premises closing times and patron dispersal within the area?	No. There would be no net increase in packaged liquor licences to the area. Given the ready availability of packaged liquor in the immediate surrounds, it is not considered that a new liquor offering would reinforce existing issues resulting from dispersal of patrons through the area.
<b>Transport and dispersal – Acceptable?</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Impact mitigation

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
Are there sufficient public amenities available for patron use, including toilets and rubbish disposal?	Yes. Toilets are provided within the adjacent foreshore. There is sufficient rubbish disposal in the surrounds.

Are there any relevant public safety or enforcement initiatives in the area?	No.
Has the area been developed according to principles of good urban design and safe design?	Not as current, however the Hastings Structure Plan seeks to improve urban design conditions in the area. The buildings and works associated with the proposed would improve urban design conditions by providing pedestrian spaces and additional shops fronting High Street. Significant improvements to the urban design quality of High Street have recently been made.
Will the proposal provide mitigation measures to address any negative cumulative impacts?	Not as enforceable under a permit, however the applicant would be subject to standard RSA requirements, such as requesting ID from patrons.
Can any identified negative cumulative impact be satisfactorily reduced by changes to the proposal?	No.
<b>Impact mitigation – Acceptable?</b>	<b>Yes</b>

<b>Is the proposal likely to increase or create a cumulative impact in the area?</b>	<p>No. The proposal does not result in a net increase in licensed premises, being the extension of a red line area to an existing premises.</p> <p>The proposal is located in the best and most appropriate zone of the use and is to be located on a site that provides adequate separation from sensitive uses.</p> <p>The proposal is consistent with the existing spread of licences in the area, with the majority being for the purpose of packaged liquor. These premises generally close at 11pm.</p> <p>As the proposal is located in an area where packaged liquor is readily available (First Choice, Aldi, Liquorland) to customers, it is not considered that the proposal would induce demand or create a market for packaged liquor in the Hastings area that doesn't already exist. Unlike a nightclub, where a cluster can induce people to travel to the area (with consequent direct amenity impacts) it is more likely that the proposal would capture a portion of an existing market. It is again pertinent to note that the proposal does not result in a net increase in packaged liquor outlets as the existing adjunct bottle shop located on the subject site will be closed as a result of the proposal. Given this, while there may be a relatively large number of packaged liquor offerings in the area, it is not considered that the proposal creates a 'tipping point' of cumulative amenity impact.</p> <p>Some considerations under Practice Note 61 are not applicable to packaged liquor outlets (dispersal, queuing, etc.), and it is considered that these have limited weight.</p>
<b>Is the likely negative cumulative impact reasonable or unreasonable?</b>	N/A
<b>Can the negative cumulative impact be reduced and adequately managed through additional mitigation measures?</b>	N/A

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Will the proposal provide mitigation measures to address any negative cumulative impacts?	Not as enforceable under a permit, however the applicant would be subject to standard RSA requirements, such as requesting ID from patrons.
Can any identified negative cumulative impact be satisfactorily reduced by changes to the proposal?	No.
<b>Impact mitigation – Acceptable?</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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<b>Is the likely negative cumulative impact reasonable or unreasonable?</b>	N/A
<b>Can the negative cumulative impact be reduced and adequately managed through additional mitigation measures?</b>	N/A



**Figure 1:** Southern facing perspective of Salmon Street from 156 Salmon Street, Hastings (rear car park).



*Figure 2: Northern facing perspective of 16 High Street (Westernport Hotel) from 11 High Street.*



**Figure 3:** Southern facing internal perspective of the Coastal Village Shopping Centre with the subject premise shown (left).



**Figure 4:** Northern facing internal perspective of the Coastal Village Shopping Centre out toward High Street.



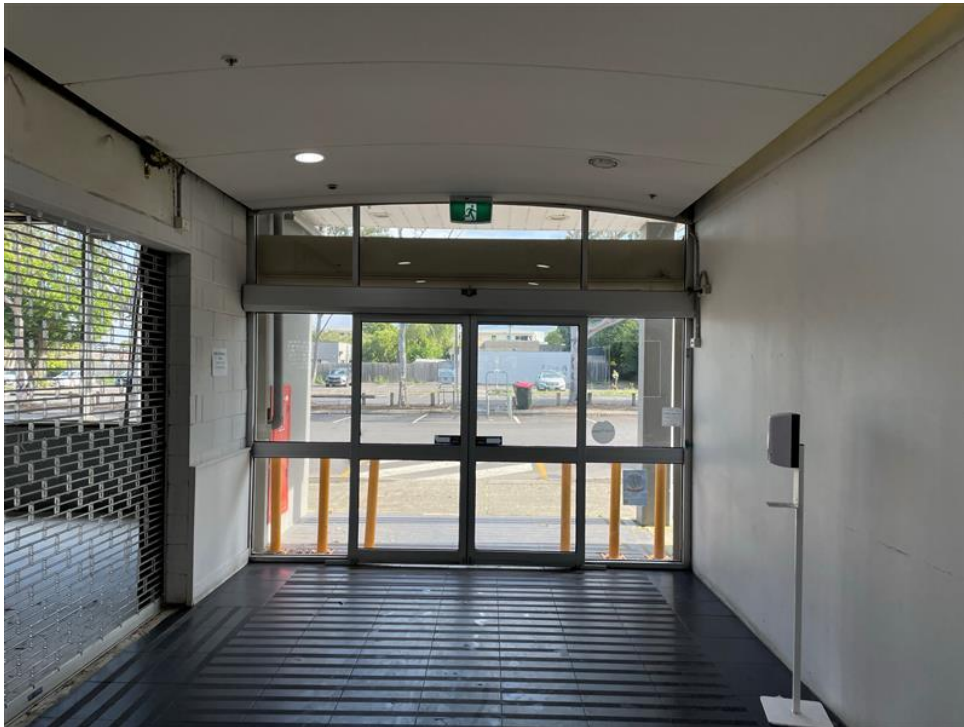
*Figure 5: Southern facing internal perspective of the Coastal Village Shopping Centre.*



**Figure 6:** Northern facing internal perspective of the Coastal Village Shopping Centre out toward High Street.



*Figure 7: One of the vacant premises within the Coastal Village Shopping Centre.*



*Figure 8: Southern facing internal perspective of the Coastal Village Shopping Centre with the subject premise shown (left) taken out toward the rear car park at 156 Salmon Street.*



*Figure 9: South-eastern facing perspective of the rear car park (156 Salmon Street).*



*Figure 10: Eastern facing perspective of the rear car park (156 Salmon Street).*



*Figure 11: South-eastern facing perspective of the rear car park (156 Salmon Street).*



*Figure 12: South-eastern facing perspective of the rear car park (156 Salmon Street).*



*Figure 13: Northern facing perspective of 11 High Street from 156 Salmon Street (rear car park).*



**Figure 14:** Northern facing perspective of 11 High Street from 156 Salmon Street (rear car park).



*Figure 15: North-eastern facing perspective of 11 High Street from 156 Salmon Street (rear car park).*



**Figure 16:** Southern facing perspective of the entrance to the Coastal Village Shopping Centre from High Street.



*Figure 17: Southern facing perspective of the public pedestrian walkway between 11 and 21 High Street.*



**Figure 18:** Southern facing perspective of the entrance to the Coastal Village Shopping Centre as taken from 24 High Street.



**Figure 19:** *South-western facing perspective of 11 High Street from the corner of Salmon and High Street.*



**Figure 20:** North-western facing perspective of 16 High Street (Thirsty Camel) from Salmon Street entrance.



*Figure 21: Eastern facing perspective of 16 High Street (Thirsty Camel) from 4 High Street.*



*Figure 22: South-eastern facing perspective of 16 High Street (Westernport Hotel) from 4 High Street.*



*Figure 23: South-western facing perspective of 11 High Street from the corner of Salmon and High Street from 4 High Street.*

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VC148

## LICENSED PREMISES

### Purpose

To ensure that licensed premises are situated in appropriate locations.

To ensure that the impact of the licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area is considered.

### Scope

These provisions apply to premises licensed, or to be licensed, under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.

### Permit required

A permit is required to use land to sell or consume liquor if any of the following apply:

- A licence is required under the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.
- A different licence or category of licence is required from that which is in force.
- The hours of trading allowed under a licence are to be extended.
- The number of patrons allowed under a licence is to be increased.
- The area that liquor is allowed to be consumed or supplied under a licence is to be increased.

This does not apply:

- To a limited licence.
- To a licence to manufacture liquor.
- If the schedule to this clause specifies that a permit is not required to use land to sell or consume liquor under a particular type of licence.
- To a variation that reduces the hours of trading allowed under a licence.
- To a variation that reduces the number of patrons allowed under a licence.
- To a variation that reduces the area within which liquor is allowed to be consumed or supplied under a licence.
- To a variation of licence at the initiative of the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, pursuant to Section 58 of the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*.
- To a variation of licence for a variation prescribed in Part 6, Regulation 31 of the Liquor Control Reform Regulations 2009.
- If a different licence or category of licence is required solely as a result of changes to licence categories.
- To a licence to sell only packaged liquor for consumption elsewhere issued before 8 April 2011.

The schedule to this clause may specify that a permit may not be granted to use land to sell or consume liquor under a particular type of licence.

### Referral of applications

An application must be referred and notice of the application must be given in accordance with Clause 66 of this scheme.

### Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

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- The impact of the sale or consumption of liquor permitted by the liquor licence on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The impact of the hours of operation on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The impact of the number of patrons on the amenity of the surrounding area.
- The cumulative impact of any existing licensed premises and the proposed licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area.

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**COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **B1Z** , **B2Z** , **B5Z** or **C1Z** .

**Purpose**

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To create vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses.

To provide for residential uses at densities complementary to the role and scale of the commercial centre.

**Operation**

A schedule may apply under this zone to a planning scheme outside of metropolitan Melbourne. That schedule may:

- specify the maximum leasable floor area for office
- specify the maximum leasable floor area for shop (other than restricted retail premises).

**34.01-1**  
14/12/2023  
VC253

**Table of uses**

**Section 1 - Permit not required**

Use	Condition
<b>Accommodation (other than Community care accommodation, Corrective institution, Rooming house and Small second dwelling)</b>	Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres (other than a bed and breakfast and caretaker's house).
<b>Art and craft centre</b>	
<b>Automated collection point</b>	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.13-3 and 52.13-5.  The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 50 square metres.
<b>Child care centre</b>	Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres and access must not be shared with a dwelling (other than a caretaker's house).
<b>Cinema</b>	
<b>Cinema based entertainment facility</b>	
<b>Community care accommodation</b>	Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres.  Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.22-2.
<b>Education centre (other than Child care centre)</b>	
<b>Exhibition centre</b>	
<b>Home based business</b>	
<b>Informal outdoor recreation</b>	

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Use	Condition
Office	The leasable floor area for all offices must not exceed any amount specified in the schedule to this zone.
Place of worship	The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 250 square metres.
Railway Retail premises (other than Shop)	
Rooming house	Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres. Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.23-2.
Shop (other than Adult sex product shop)	The leasable floor area for all shops must not exceed any amount specified in the schedule to this zone.
Tramway	
Any use listed in Clause 62.01	Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01.

Section 2 - Permit required

Use	Condition
Adult sex product shop	Must be at least 200 metres (measured by the shortest route reasonably accessible on foot) from a residential zone or, land used for a hospital, primary school or secondary school or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, primary school or secondary school.
Agriculture (other than Animal production and Apiculture) Container deposit scheme centre Grazing animal production	
Industry (other than Automated collection point and Container deposit scheme centre)	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.
Leisure and recreation facility (other than Informal outdoor recreation, Major	

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Use	Condition
<p><b>sports and recreation facility and Motor racing track)</b></p> <p><b>Place of assembly (other than Carnival, Cinema, Cinema based entertainment facility, Circus, Exhibition centre and Place of worship)</b></p>	
<p><b>Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)</b></p>	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.
<p><b>Warehouse</b></p>	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.

Any other use not in Section 1 or 3

**Section 3 - Prohibited**

Use
<p><b>Animal production (other than Grazing animal production)</b></p> <p><b>Corrective institution</b></p> <p><b>Major sports and recreation facility</b></p> <p><b>Motor racing track</b></p> <p><b>Small second dwelling</b></p>

**34.01-2 Use of land**

15/07/2013  
VC100

A use must not detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood, including through the:

- Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land.
- Appearance of any building, works or materials.
- Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil.

**34.01-3 Subdivision**

31/07/2018  
VC148

A permit is required to subdivide land.

**VicSmart applications**

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

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Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Subdivide land to realign the common boundary between 2 lots where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent.</li> <li>• The general direction of the common boundary does not change.</li> </ul>	Clause 59.01
Subdivide land into lots each containing an existing building or car parking space where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The buildings or car parking spaces have been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this scheme or a permit issued under this scheme.</li> <li>• An occupancy permit or a certificate of final inspection has been issued under the Building Regulations in relation to the buildings within 5 years prior to the application for a permit for subdivision.</li> </ul>	Clause 59.02
Subdivide land into 2 lots if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works on the land:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been approved under this scheme or by a permit issued under this scheme and the permit has not expired.</li> <li>• Has started lawfully.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The subdivision does not create a vacant lot.</li> </ul>	Clause 59.02

**34.01-4 Buildings and works**

01/12/2023  
VC217

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works.

This does not apply to:

- The installation of an automatic teller machine.
- An alteration to an existing building façade provided:
  - The alteration does not include the installation of an external roller shutter.
  - At least 80 per cent of the building facade at ground floor level is maintained as an entry or window with clear glazing.
- An awning that projects over a road if it is authorised by the relevant public land manager.

An apartment development must meet the requirements of Clause 58.

**VicSmart applications**

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

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Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to \$500,000 where the land is not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone.</li><li>• Used for a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.</li><li>• Used for an Adult sex product shop.</li></ul>	Clause 59.04

**Transitional provisions**

Clause 58 does not apply to:

- An application for a planning permit lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC136.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act, if the original permit application was lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC136.

**Maintenance**

All buildings and works must be maintained in good order and appearance to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

**34.01-5 Neighbourhood and site description and design response**

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VC142

An application for any of the following must be accompanied by a neighbourhood and site description and a design response as described in Clause 54.01 or 55.01, as appropriate:

- Construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot of less than 300 square metres.
- Construction of a dwelling if there is at least one dwelling existing on the lot.
- Construction of two or more dwellings on a lot.
- Extension of a dwelling if there are two or more dwellings on the lot.
- Construction or extension of a dwelling on common property.
- Construction or extension of a residential building.

Clause 34.01-5 does not apply to an apartment development.

**Satisfactory neighbourhood and site description before notice and decision**

If the responsible authority decides that the neighbourhood and site description is not satisfactory, it may require more information from the applicant under Section 54 of the Act.

The responsible authority must not require notice of an application to be given or decide an application until it is satisfied that the neighbourhood and site description meets the requirements of Clause 54.01 or 55.01 and is satisfactory.

This does not apply if the responsible authority refuses an application under Section 52(1A) of the Act.

**34.01-6 Application requirements**

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VC203

**Use**

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An application to use land must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- The purpose of the use and the types of activities which will be carried out.
- The likely effects, if any, on adjoining land, including noise levels, traffic, the hours of delivery and despatch of goods and materials, hours of operation and light spill, solar access and glare.
- The means of maintaining land not required for immediate use.
- If an industry or warehouse:
  - The type and quantity of goods to be stored, processed or produced.
  - Whether a Development Licence, Operating Licence, Permit or Registration is required from the Environment Protection Authority.
  - Whether a notification under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 is required, a licence under the *Dangerous Goods Act 1985* is required, or a fire protection quantity under the Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2012 is exceeded.
  - The likely effects on adjoining land, including air-borne emissions and emissions to land and water.

**Buildings and works**

An application to construct a building or construct or carry out works must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- A plan drawn to scale which shows:
  - The boundaries and dimensions of the site.
  - Adjoining roads.
  - The location, height and purpose of buildings and works on adjoining land.
  - Relevant ground levels.
  - The layout of existing and proposed buildings and works.
  - All driveway, car parking and loading areas.
  - Proposed landscape areas.
  - All external storage and waste treatment areas.
  - Areas not required for immediate use.
- Elevation drawings to scale showing the colour and materials of all buildings and works.
- Construction details of all drainage works, driveways, vehicle parking and loading areas.
- A landscape layout which includes the description of vegetation to be planted, the surfaces to be constructed, site works specification and method of preparing, draining, watering and maintaining the landscape area.

An application to construct or extend an apartment development, or to construct or extend a dwelling in or forming part of an apartment development, must be accompanied by an urban context report and design response as required in Clause 58.01.

**34.01-7 Exemption from notice and review**

31/07/2018  
VC148

An application to subdivide land or construct a building or construct or carry out works is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act. This exemption does not apply to land within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone, land used for a hospital or an education centre or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital or an education centre.

**34.01-8 Decision guidelines**

20/12/2021

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VC174

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

**General**

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The interface with adjoining zones, especially the relationship with residential areas.

**Use**

- The effect that existing uses may have on the proposed use.
- The drainage of the land.
- The availability of and connection to services.
- The effect of traffic to be generated on roads.
- The interim use of those parts of the land not required for the proposed use.

**Subdivision**

- Provision for vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal and emergency services and public transport.
- The effect the subdivision will have on the potential of the area to accommodate the uses which will maintain or enhance its competitive strengths.

**Building and works**

- The movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal, emergency services and public transport.
- The provision of car parking.
- The streetscape, including the conservation of buildings, the design of verandahs, access from the street front, protecting active frontages to pedestrian areas, the treatment of the fronts and backs of buildings and their appurtenances, illumination of buildings or their immediate spaces and the landscaping of land adjoining a road.
- The storage of rubbish and materials for recycling.
- Defining the responsibility for the maintenance of buildings, landscaping and paved areas.
- Consideration of the overlooking and overshadowing as a result of building or works affecting adjoining land in a General Residential Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone or Township Zone.
- The impact of overshadowing on existing rooftop solar energy systems on dwellings on adjoining lots in a General Residential Zone, Mixed Use Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone or Township Zone.
- The availability of and connection to services.
- The design of buildings to provide for solar access.
- The objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 54 and Clause 55. This does not apply to an apartment development.
- For an apartment development, the objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 58.

**Transitional provisions**

The objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 55 of this scheme, as in force immediately before the approval date of Amendment VC136, continues to apply to:

- An application for a planning permit lodged before that date.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act, if the original permit application was

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lodged before that date.

Clauses 55 and 58 of this scheme, as in force immediately before the approval date of Amendment VC174, continue to apply to:

- An application for a planning permit lodged before that date.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act, if the original permit application was lodged before that date.

**34.01-9 Signs**

31/07/2018  
VC148

Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 1.

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**SCHEDULE TO CLAUSE 34.01 COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE**

**1.0**  
22/07/2021  
C255morn

**Maximum leasable floor area requirements**

<b>Land</b>	<b>Maximum leasable floor area for Office (square metres)</b>	<b>Maximum leasable floor area for Shop (other than Restricted retail premises) (square metres)</b>
70 Mountain View Road, Mount Eliza	None specified	270 sqm

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**43.02 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY**

31/07/2018  
VC148

Shown on the planning scheme map as **DDO** with a number.

**Purpose**

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To identify areas which are affected by specific requirements relating to the design and built form of new development.

**43.02-1 Design objectives**

19/01/2006  
VC37

A schedule to this overlay must contain a statement of the design objectives to be achieved for the area affected by the schedule.

**43.02-2 Buildings and works**

14/12/2023  
VC253

**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to:

- Construct a building or construct or carry out works. This does not apply:
  - If a schedule to this overlay specifically states that a permit is not required.
  - To the construction of an outdoor swimming pool associated with a dwelling unless a specific requirement for this matter is specified in a schedule to this overlay.
  - To the construction of a building or construction or carrying out of works for a small second dwelling if all the following requirements are met:
    - The building height must not exceed 5 metres.
    - The building must be finished using muted tones and colours.
- Construct a fence if specified in a schedule to this overlay.

Buildings and works must be constructed in accordance with any requirements in a schedule to this overlay. A schedule may include requirements relating to:

- Building setbacks.
- Building height.
- Plot ratio.
- Landscaping.
- Any other requirements relating to the design or built form of new development.

A permit may be granted to construct a building or construct or carry out works which are not in accordance with any requirement in a schedule to this overlay, unless the schedule specifies otherwise.

**VicSmart applications**

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Construct a fence.	Clause 59.05

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Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
<p>Construct a building or construct or carry out works for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A carport, garage, pergola, verandah, deck, shed or similar structure.</li> <li>- An outdoor swimming pool.</li> </ul> <p>The buildings and works must be associated with a dwelling.</p>	Clause 59.05
<p>Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to \$1,000,000 where the land is in an industrial zone.</p>	Clause 59.05
<p>Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to \$500,000 where the land is in a commercial zone or a Special Use, Comprehensive Development, Capital City, Docklands, Priority Development or Activity Centre Zone.</p>	Clause 59.05

**Exemption from notice and review**

A schedule to this overlay may specify that an application is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act.

**43.02-3 Subdivision**  
31/07/2018  
VC148

**Permit requirement**

A permit is required to subdivide land.

This does not apply if a schedule to this overlay specifically states that a permit is not required.

Subdivision must occur in accordance with any lot size or other requirement specified in a schedule to this overlay.

A permit may be granted to subdivide land which is not in accordance with any lot size or other requirement in a schedule to this overlay, unless the schedule specifies otherwise.

**VicSmart applications**

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
<p>Subdivide land to realign the common boundary between 2 lots where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent.</li> <li>- The general direction of the common boundary does not change.</li> </ul>	Clause 59.01
<p>Subdivide land into lots each containing an existing building or car parking space where:</p>	Clause 59.02

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Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
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- The buildings or car parking spaces have been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this scheme or a permit issued under this scheme.
- An occupancy permit or a certificate of final inspection has been issued under the Building Regulations in relation to the buildings within 5 years prior to the application for a permit for subdivision.

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Subdivide land into 2 lots if:

Clause 59.02

- The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works on the land:
  - Has been approved under this scheme or by a permit issued under this scheme and the permit has not expired.
  - Has started lawfully.
- The subdivision does not create a vacant lot.

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**Exemption from notice and review**

A schedule to this overlay may specify that an application is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act.

**43.02-4 Signs**

31/07/2018  
VC148

Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05 unless otherwise specified in a schedule to this overlay.

**43.02-5 Application requirements**

31/07/2018  
VC148

An application must be accompanied by any information specified in a schedule to this overlay.

**43.02-6 Decision guidelines**

31/07/2018  
VC148

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The design objectives of the relevant schedule to this overlay.
- The provisions of any relevant policies and urban design guidelines.
- Whether the bulk, location and appearance of any proposed buildings and works will be in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings, the streetscape or the area.
- Whether the design, form, layout, proportion and scale of any proposed buildings and works is compatible with the period, style, form, proportion, and scale of any identified heritage places surrounding the site.
- Whether any proposed landscaping or removal of vegetation will be in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings, the streetscape or the area.
- The layout and appearance of areas set aside for car parking, access and egress, loading and unloading and the location of any proposed off street car parking

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- Whether subdivision will result in development which is not in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings, the streetscape or the area.
- Any other matters specified in a schedule to this overlay.

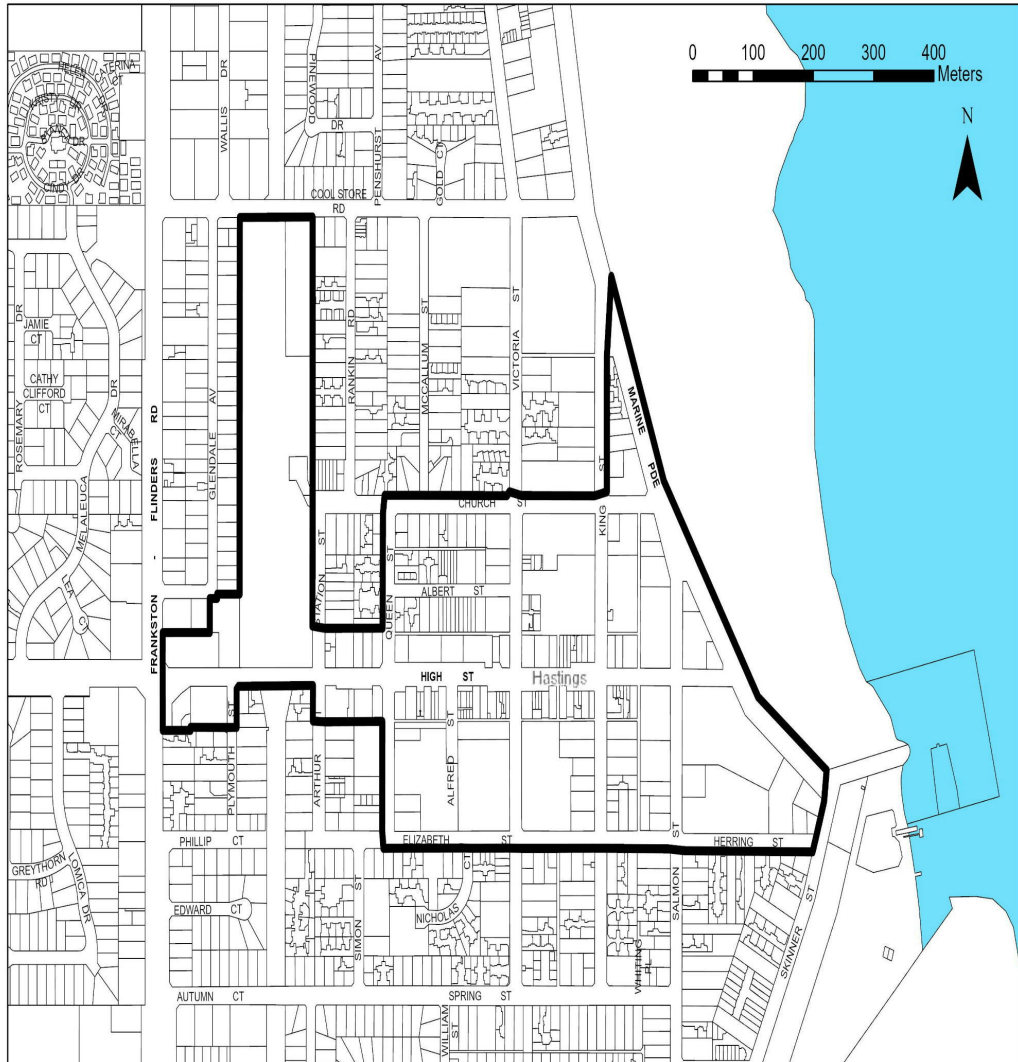
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**SCHEDULE 27 TO CLAUSE 43.02 DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as DDO27 .

**HASTINGS ACTIVITY CENTRE RETAIL CORE**



1.0  
19/12/2019  
C190mom

**Design objectives**

- To ensure that development makes a positive contribution to the low scale, ‘country town on the coast’ character of the Hastings Activity Centre.
- To ensure that development enhances the unique character of High Street, including the scale, shape and rhythm of built form and the variety of building heights, roof forms, setbacks and building designs.

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- To ensure that buildings along Queen, Church, Elizabeth and Herring Streets provide a sympathetic interface with residential development on the opposite side of those streets.
- To ensure development incorporates environmentally sustainable design principles.
- To encourage the rear or side elevation of buildings that open onto laneways or public spaces to have an 'active frontage' to these spaces.

**2.0**

19/12/2019  
C190mom

**Buildings and works**

**Permit required**

The following requirements apply to an application to construct a building or construct or carry out works.

**General requirements**

- An application to construct a building that exceeds a building height of 7 metres should be accompanied by a site context and design response report that demonstrates how the proposal achieves the design objectives and the requirements of this schedule.
- Buildings should be:
  - of a high quality in terms of architecture and urban design, make a positive contribution to the 'country town on the coast' character of High Street and reinforce that character in all other streetscapes.
  - designed to respond to the existing scale and character of streetscapes when viewed from the pedestrian network.
  - designed to address all adjoining streets and open space reserves.
  - designed to provide continuous active frontages at ground level and weather protection along key pedestrian links.
  - designed to ensure that visual bulk to the street is minimised by the use of materials and colours and detailing and articulation of facades.
  - designed in a way that respects the view lines from the public realm to Western Port and the foreshore.
  - designed to minimise the visibility of car parking facilities from adjoining land, street reserves and other reserves.
  - oriented towards the foreshore environment, where applicable, to maximise opportunities for views over the foreshore and water, both at the ground level and upper level balconies.
- A 'roof deck', being an area that is located above the upper storey of a building that is designed and used as open space for any use in the building, should:
  - be setback at least 2 metres from the roof edge on all sides.
  - not include any structures or elements that exceed a height of 1.7 metres, apart from an access structure.
  - be accessed by a structure that does not enclose any useable floor space (other than for the purpose of access) and does not exceed 2.4 metres in height (measured from floor level at the point of access onto the roof deck).
- Building frontages in the core retail areas and along main pedestrian links should have at least 75% 'active' frontages, to add to the activity and vitality of the streets. This can be achieved through design elements such as clear glazing, locating entrances off principal street spaces, providing balconies or terraces at the upper levels and others.
- Minimise the width of driveway entrances and the visual impact of garage doors on building frontages.
- Provide vehicle access from rear laneways wherever possible.

**Height and setback requirements**

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- Building heights should not exceed 11 metres (3 storeys).
- Any first (ground floor) and second storey should be setback 3 metres from Queen, Church and Elizabeth Street.
- Any third storey should be setback:
  - 5 metres from High Street
  - 9 metres from Queen, Church and Elizabeth Street
  - 3 metres from any other road reserves
  - 9 metres from land in the General Residential Zone.

*Note: references to storeys do not include any basement.*

**3.0 Subdivision**

19/12/2019  
C190mom

A permit is not required to subdivide land.

**4.0 Signs**

19/12/2019  
C190mom

None specified.

**5.0 Application requirements**

19/12/2019  
C190mom

None specified.

**6.0 Decision guidelines**

19/12/2019  
C190mom

The following decision guidelines apply to an application for a permit under Clause 43.02, in addition to those specified in Clause 43.02 and elsewhere in the scheme which must be considered, as appropriate, by the responsible authority:

- The extent to which proposed buildings respect the preferred scale and form of development, particularly when viewed from the pedestrian network.
- Whether the design of public spaces increases the planting of indigenous vegetation.
- Whether proposed buildings obscure view lines from the public realm to Western Port or the foreshore.
- Whether the proposal applies Environmentally Sustainable Design and Water Sensitive Urban Design techniques.

Before making any determination of an appropriate building height the responsible authority must consider:

- The site context
- Impact on amenity of adjoining buildings.
- Impact on overall excellence in architectural design.
- Implementation of environmental sustainability principles.
- Achievement of heritage restoration and adaptive re-use, where applicable.
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- Any impact on the amenity of public land, where applicable.

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**45.09**  
31/07/2018  
VC148

**PARKING OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as **PO** with a number.

**Purpose**

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To facilitate an appropriate provision of car parking spaces in an area.

To identify areas and uses where local car parking rates apply.

To identify areas where financial contributions are to be made for the provision of shared car parking.

**45.09-1**  
19/04/2013  
VC95

**Operation**

This overlay operates in conjunction with Clause 52.06.

A schedule to this overlay may:

- Vary the requirements of Clause 52.06 as allowed by this overlay.
- Specify additional requirements to the requirements of Clause 52.06 as allowed by this overlay.
- Specify requirements for the provision of a financial contribution as a way of meeting the car parking requirements of Clause 52.06 or this overlay.

**45.09-2**  
19/04/2013  
VC95

**Parking objectives**

A schedule to this overlay must specify the parking objectives to be achieved for the area affected by the schedule.

**45.09-3**  
25/05/2017  
VC133

**Permit requirement**

A schedule to this overlay may specify that:

- The exemption from the requirement for a permit in Clause 52.06-3 does not apply. If the exemption does not apply, a permit is required for any of the matters set out in Clause 52.06-3.
- A permit must not be granted to reduce (including reduce to zero) the number of car parking spaces required under Clause 52.06-5 or this overlay.
- A permit must not be granted to provide some or all of the car parking spaces required under Clause 52.06-5 or this overlay on another site.
- A permit must not be granted to provide more than the maximum parking provision specified in a schedule to this overlay.
- A permit is not required under Clause 52.06-3.

**45.09-4**  
19/04/2013  
VC95

**Number of car parking spaces required**

A schedule to this overlay may:

- Vary the car parking rate and measure for any use listed in Table 1 of Clause 52.06-5.
- Specify the car parking requirements for any use of land not listed in Table 1 of Clause 52.06-5.
- Specify maximum and minimum car parking requirements for any use of land.
- For any use listed in Table 1 of Clause 52.06-5, apply Column B in the Table to that use.

**45.09-5**  
25/05/2017

**Application requirements and decision guidelines for permit applications**

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Before deciding on an application under Clause 52.06-3, in addition to the relevant decision guidelines in Clause 52.06-7, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The parking objectives of the relevant schedule to this overlay.
- Any application requirements and decision guidelines specified in a schedule to this overlay.

**45.09-6 Financial contribution requirement**

19/04/2013  
VC95

A schedule to this overlay may allow a responsible authority to collect a financial contribution in accordance with the schedule as a way of meeting the car parking requirements that apply under this overlay or Clause 52.06.

A schedule must specify:

- The area to which the provisions allowing the collection of financial contributions applies.
- The amount of the contribution that may be collected in lieu of each car parking space that is not provided, including any indexation of that amount.
- When any contribution must be paid.
- The purposes for which the responsible authority must use the funds collected under the schedule. Such purposes must be consistent with the objectives in section 4 of the Act.

**45.09-7 Requirements for a car parking plan**

25/05/2017  
VC133

A schedule to this overlay may specify additional matters that must be shown on plans prepared under Clause 52.06-8.

**45.09-8 Design standards for car parking**

25/05/2017  
VC133

A schedule to this overlay may specify:

- Additional design standards.
- Other requirements for the design and management of car parking.

Plans prepared in accordance with Clause 52.06-8 must meet any design standards and requirements specified in a schedule to this overlay.

**45.09-9 Decision guidelines for car parking plans**

25/05/2017  
VC133

Before deciding whether a plan prepared under Clause 52.06-8 is satisfactory, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 52.06-10, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate, any other matter specified in a schedule to this overlay.

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**SCHEDULE 1 TO CLAUSE 45.09 PARKING OVERLAY**

Shown on the planning scheme map as PO1 .

**HASTINGS, MORNINGTON AND ROSEBUD MAJOR ACTIVITY CENTRES**

**1.0**  
24/02/2022  
C281mom

**Parking objectives to be achieved**

- To support the long term visions for the Hastings, Mornington and Rosebud Major Activity Centres as thriving commercial hubs that service the surrounding region.
- To provide appropriate levels of car parking to support the vibrancy of each of the Activity Centres.
- To ensure that car parking resources within each of the Activity Centres are efficiently and effectively managed as a finite resource.
- To support car parking being provided according to user needs.

**2.0**  
24/02/2022  
C281mom

**Permit requirement**

None specified.

**3.0**  
24/02/2022  
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**Number of car parking spaces required**

If a use is specified in the Table below, the number of car parking spaces required for the use is calculated by multiplying the *Rate* specified for the use by the accompanying *Measure* .

**Table: Car parking spaces**

Use	Rate	Measure
Dwelling	1	To each one or two bedroom dwelling, plus
	2	To each three or more bedroom dwelling (with studies or studios that are separate rooms counted as a bedroom) plus
	1	For visitors to every 5 dwellings for developments of 5 or more dwellings

For all other uses listed in Table 1 of Clause 52.06-5, the *Rate* in Column B of Table 1 in Clause 52.06-5 applies.

**4.0**  
24/02/2022  
C281mom

**Application requirements and decision guidelines for permit applications**

None specified.

**5.0**  
24/02/2022  
C281mom

**Financial contribution requirement**

None specified.

**6.0**  
24/02/2022  
C281mom

**Requirements for a car parking plan**

None specified.

**7.0**  
24/02/2022  
C281mom

**Design standards for car parking**

None specified.

**8.0**

**Decision guidelines for car parking plans**

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None specified.

**9.0**

24/02/2022  
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**Background document**

- *Mornington Peninsula Major Activity Centres: Hastings Major Activity Centre Parking Precinct Plan* (GTA Consultants now Stantec, 2021)
- *Mornington Peninsula Major Activity Centres: Mornington Major Activity Centre Parking Precinct Plan* (GTA Consultants now Stantec, 2021)
- *Mornington Peninsula Major Activity Centres: Rosebud Major Activity Centre Parking Precinct Plan* (GTA Consultants now Stantec, 2021)

## Social Planning Referral Liquor Licence Application



<b>Application No.</b>	P23/1456
<b>Address</b>	7/11 High St Hastings
<b>Objective Reference</b>	A12519867
<b>Date of Referral</b>	13 February 2024

### 1. Summary

The applicant is a packaged liquor outlet seeking to extend the area of their liquor licence to sell packaged liquor within the hours of:

- 9am to 11pm Monday to Saturday
- 10am to 11pm Sunday

### 2. Guiding principles of harm prevention

When implementing harm prevention principles across local government, the following are considered:

- alcohol and other drug problems are viewed primarily as a health and social issue rather than as a criminal justice issue;
- the broad goal of local government initiatives aim to prevent or at least reduce the harms associated with alcohol and other drug use for individuals, their friends and families, and the broader community; and
- the need to address the broad social, economic and cultural issues that influence alcohol and other drug use and their related problems, as well as to respond to specific problems.

### 3. Evidence

Evidence regarding the impact of alcohol has been reviewed for the Mornington Peninsula Shire's *Alcohol Management Policy*. Findings suggest that the following points are important to consider in planning permit applications for liquor licensed premises:

<b>3.1 Trading Hours</b>	Evidence suggests that late trading (after 1am) contributes to increased alcohol consumption and violence and that even small changes in hours are associated with significant local impact.  In order to avoid "preloading", "side-loading" and "post-loading", it is recommended that licensed premises close at 11pm.
<b>3.2 Clustering/ Cumulative Impact</b>	As a general guide, a cluster would occur where there are: three or more licensed premises (including the proposed premises) within a radius of 100 metres from the subject land; or 15 or more licenced premises (including the proposed premises) within a radius of 500 metres from the subject land.  Evidence suggests that areas with a large cluster of licensed venues have higher crime rates and experienced almost twice as many alcohol-related problems.  Research has shown that having eight or more bottle shop stores within a one-kilometre network distance more than doubles the odds

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	of consuming alcohol at levels associated with short term harm at least weekly.
<b>3.3 Outlet Type</b>	Evidence suggests that premises most likely to be associated with 'alcohol-related harms' include late night licences (e.g. hotels, bars and nightclubs) operating after 1am. There is also some evidence that sporting clubs are venues where 'short-term risky drinking' occurs, which can also cause harm.
<b>3.4 Venues and Locations</b>	Research suggests that inadequate access to public transport has been identified as a contributing factor to alcohol-related harm.  Research suggests that licensed premises which have few chairs, shelves or other furniture for the use of patrons results in patrons being forced to stand (vertical drinking) and this may foster more excessive alcohol consumption, leading to increased alcohol related harm.

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Source: VicHealth

### 4.1 Trading Hours

The applicant is seeking a liquor licence with hours of operation:

- Monday to Saturday - 9am to 11pm
- Sunday - 10am to 11pm
- ANZAC day - 12noon to 11pm
- Good Friday and Christmas Day – no trade

These hours are in line with the VicHealth evidence and are not associated with increased alcohol related harms.

### 4.2 Outlet Density- Cumulative Impact

There are an estimated 3 liquor licences within 100 metres of the proposed venue. This is over the threshold of increased alcohol related harms. The other nearby venues include a hotel and a restaurant.

Within a 500m radius, there are approximately 24 liquor licenses, including this one. This exceeds the definition of a cluster of licensed venues, which is linked with higher crime rates and increased alcohol-related harms.

Additionally, in specific reference to packaged liquor outlets, it is of note that research on clustering/cumulative impact is said to occur when there are 8+ bottle shops within a 1 km radius, this application forms a total of 7 packaged liquor outlets, just below the threshold.

### 4.3 Venues and locations

The venue is located less than 200 metres from bus stop 36/37 on King Street, Hastings on route 782.

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### RECOMMENDATION

There is evidence to suggest that the extension of space for the packaged liquor license in this area will result in an increased risk of harm due to alcohol consumption. This recommendation is based on the:

- A cluster of 3 licensed venues within 100 metres and
- The cumulative impact of 24 liquor license venues within a 500 metre radius.

Regards

Kathleen van der Weerden

Social Planning Officer

Mornington Peninsula Shire - Financial Performance Statement YTD

	Actuals YTD Dec FY24 \$'000	Approved Forecast \$'000	Full Year Q2 Forecast \$'000	Variance Fav/(Unfav) \$'000
Rates and Charges	223,346	222,442	223,381	940
Grants and subsidies	6,047	9,520	10,140	620
User Charges	17,095	31,298	30,483	(815)
Grants Commission	161	6,961	6,961	0
Other Income	3,977	4,129	6,688	2,559
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>250,626</b>	<b>274,349</b>	<b>277,653</b>	<b>3,304</b>
Employee Costs	(44,731)	(92,005)	(91,524)	481
Materials and Services	(18,741)	(59,713)	(61,055)	(1,342)
Materials and Services - Contracts	(50,612)	(101,221)	(103,995)	(2,774)
Other Expenses	(4,714)	(9,933)	(10,236)	(303)
<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>(118,798)</b>	<b>(262,871)</b>	<b>(266,810)</b>	<b>(3,938)</b>
<b>Net Operating Income/ Funds Available</b>	<b>131,828</b>	<b>11,478</b>	<b>10,844</b>	<b>(634)</b>
Capital Works (Net)	(13,988)	(73,363)	(73,282)	81
Land acquisitions	(20)	(679)	(679)	-
Land sales	-	7,908	7,908	-
Interest Income	4,047	2,900	7,154	4,254
Interest Expense	(450)	(1,086)	(1,021)	65
Debt Servicing Principal	(1,451)	(2,971)	(2,971)	0
New Borrowings	-	3,877	3,877	-
Lease liability repayments	-	(946)	(946)	0
<b>Total Other Income/ Expenditure</b>	<b>(11,863)</b>	<b>(64,360)</b>	<b>(59,961)</b>	<b>4,400</b>
<b>Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>119,965</b>	<b>(52,883)</b>	<b>(49,117)</b>	<b>3,765</b>

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## Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to highlight the financial implications faced by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council (MPSC) due to the ongoing practice of cost shifting by the State and Federal Governments. Over the years, this has posed a significant financial challenge, jeopardizing both the provision of essential services and the financial sustainability of local governments.

Cost shifting manifests when other tiers of government:

- Reduce the funds allocated to Local Government in real terms, yet expect the same, if not higher, level of service delivery.
- Introduce new responsibilities for Councils without accompanying them with adequate resources.

This report identifies numerous instances of cost shifting, often resulting from State or Federal Governments implementing legislation or programs that mandate Local Government participation. Examples include the recent kindergarten reforms, the Recycling Victoria kerbside reform, and the management of the expansive Foreshore. Regrettably, these mandates often come without sufficient funding, considering the level of service expected.

As illustrated in the subsequent tables, due to cost shifting, MPSC anticipates an expenditure of \$38.1M in operational costs for 2023/24, with projections reaching a staggering \$234M over the subsequent five years.

Capital expenditure, influenced by cost shifting, is projected at \$6.4M for 2023/24, amassing to \$38.4M over the next half-decade.

Item	Operating				
	FY24 Costs	Estimated cost FY25	Estimated cost FY26	Estimated cost FY27	Estimated cost FY28
Food Organics Garden Organics			1,690,994	1,741,724	1,793,976
Electrical Line Clearance	991,000	1,026,676	1,059,530	1,091,316	1,124,055
Inspection and Reactive Pruning Program	213,200	220,875	227,943	234,782	241,825
Statutory Planning	4,418,376	4,577,437	4,723,915	4,865,633	5,011,602
Building Services & VBA requirements	1,053,330	1,091,250	1,126,170	1,159,955	1,194,753
Libraries	2,105,062	2,180,844	2,250,631	2,318,150	2,387,695
Maternal and Child Health	258,272	267,570	276,132	284,416	292,948
Early Years	138,171	143,145	147,726	152,158	156,723
Local Emergency Relief Services	1,076,580	1,115,337	1,151,028	1,185,558	1,221,125
Immunisation	320,514	332,053	342,679	352,959	363,548
SEW Fire Hydrant Maintenance	200,000	207,200	213,830	220,245	226,853
School Crossings	691,736	716,638	739,571	761,758	784,611
Mowing	110,000	113,960	117,607	121,135	124,769
CCTV	109,200	113,131	116,751	120,254	123,862
Climate Change Response and Mitigations	4,632,711	4,799,488	4,953,072	5,101,664	5,254,714
Foreshore Management	8,431,276	8,734,802	9,014,316	9,284,745	9,563,287
Kindergartens	650,000	673,400	694,949	715,797	737,271
Emergency Management	4,934,661	5,112,309	5,275,903	5,434,180	5,597,205
Environmental Health	59,444	61,584	63,555	65,461	67,425
Planning Compliance on State own land	6,466	6,698	6,913	7,120	7,334
Short Stay Tax	887,500	919,450	948,872	977,339	1,006,659
<b>Total Cost Impact to Shire</b>	<b>31,287,499</b>	<b>32,413,849</b>	<b>35,142,086</b>	<b>36,196,349</b>	<b>37,282,239</b>
Landfill Levy	6,771,246	7,015,010	7,239,491	7,456,676	7,680,376
Glass Recycling Stream				1,800,000	1,854,000
Food Organics Garden Organics			6,300,000	6,489,000	6,683,670
Bin Lid Standardisation					2,400,000
<b>Total Cost Impact to Community</b>	<b>6,771,246</b>	<b>7,015,010</b>	<b>13,539,491</b>	<b>15,745,676</b>	<b>18,618,046</b>
<b>Total Cost Impact</b>	<b>38,058,744</b>	<b>39,428,859</b>	<b>48,681,577</b>	<b>51,942,024</b>	<b>55,900,285</b>

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Item	Capital				
	FY24 Costs	Estimated cost FY25	Estimated cost FY26	Estimated cost FY27	Estimated cost FY28
Foreshore Management	1,150,000	1,360,000	865,000	1,420,000	875,000
Kindergartens	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Local Emergency Relief Services	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Libraries	1,245,000	1,409,442	1,182,030	1,199,871	1,222,968
<b>Total Cost Impact to Shire</b>	<b>6,395,000</b>	<b>6,769,442</b>	<b>6,047,030</b>	<b>6,619,871</b>	<b>6,097,968</b>
Glass Recycling Stream			4,650,000		
Food Organics Garden Organics			1,800,000		
<b>Total Cost Impact to Community</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,450,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Cost Impact</b>	<b>6,395,000</b>	<b>6,769,442</b>	<b>12,497,030</b>	<b>6,619,871</b>	<b>6,097,968</b>

Furthermore, MPSC is set to pass on a significant \$6.8M to the Community via the Waste Service Charge in 2023/24, culminating in \$68.1M over the ensuing five years. Additional one-off costs include:

Street Lighting Upgrade	\$2.5M
Extreme weather events:	\$2.0M
Council Elections:	\$0.8M

With 81% of MPSC's revenue originating from rates, the Council finds itself in a precarious position, shouldering the brunt of these shifted costs.

The government's 'Fair Go Rating System' further complicates matters. This system mandates an annual limit on rate increases, set by the Minister for Local Government. Any proposed increase beyond this limit requires the Essential Services Commission's endorsement.

The 'Fair Go Rates System', since its inception, has been a thorn in MPSC's side, challenging its long-term financial viability. The system curtails the Council's ability to generate necessary revenue for maintaining service standards and investing in community assets.

It's noteworthy that Local Government expenses have surged significantly beyond the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This is primarily attributed to a limited supplier pool and the escalating costs of infrastructure delivery. The rate cap becomes even more restrictive when juxtaposed with the more pertinent Local Government Cost Index. As a result, MPSC's capability to deliver services and address infrastructure renewal needs is on a downward trajectory. This underscores the pressing issue of cost shifting, which jeopardizes the municipality's financial sustainability.

Regrettably, Local Government has a limited arsenal to counteract cost shifting, and all potential solutions carry repercussions for the local community. The following strategies remain viable:

- Trimming investments in other services to accommodate cost-shifted services within the existing budget.
- Expanding the operating budget to finance cost-shifted services, which would eat into the surplus typically reserved for capital works.
- Augmenting the operating budget and seeking an exemption from the rate cap to elevate rates beyond the stipulated limit, although this might not garner State Government approval.
- Lobbying for supplementary funding from the State and Federal governments to alleviate the financial strain associated with cost-shifted services.

The following section of the report outlines in detail each area of Council that has a cost shifting impact.

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## Food Organics Garden Organics

Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) recycling is the separation of all food scrap and organic material, inclusive of green waste from general waste. Food waste makes up about 45% of the Mornington Peninsula's waste. When placed in the rubbish bin, it is landfilled where methane, a green house gas 25 times stronger than carbon dioxide, is created.

Recycling Victoria states an intent to improve regulation and planning for recycling services in general. A kerbside reform package exists to standardise services, which includes rolling out mandatory FOGO in 2026/27 for households still not covered with all households covered by 2030.

MPSC currently offers an opt in Green Waste service which is a user pays service. This service currently contributes \$1.7M per annum to the operating surplus, aiding in the recovery of overheads and supporting other essential services. However, once FOGO is mandated in 2026/27, this will constitute lost revenue.

MPSC has adopted a full cost recovery process for waste services. Therefore, any costs incurred by Council to deliver FOGO will also be passed on to the community via the Waste Service Charge, which is predicted to be a \$1.8M initial capital investment and an annual operational cost of \$6.3M totalling to an estimated additional cost to the community of \$21.3M over the next 5 years. This is driven by additional bins, processing costs and collection costs as the bin numbers increase from 50,000 to approximately 99,000. Initial costs are expected to be incurred in 2025/26.

The above costs are an estimation only and subject to change dependent on the final service delivery model. In addition, it may not adequately account for rising waste and recycling costs associated with global fuel rises, inflation and supply chain issues up until the service is fully rolled out.

## Electrical Line Clearance

Electrical Line Clearance (ELC) helps prevent vegetation from growing too close to electrical lines. The absence of these measures can result in safety risks such as electrocution, fire (including bushfire) and diminished reliability of electricity supply.

Under the Electricity Safety Regulations imposed by Energy Safe Victoria, MPSC is responsible for the preparation of an:

- ELC Management Plan
- Annual proactive inspection program for electrical spans
- Annual proactive pruning program to maintain vegetation compliance of street trees in Hazardous Bushfire Risk Areas (HBRA)
- Biennial proactive pruning program to maintain vegetation compliance of street trees in Low Bushfire Risk Areas (LBRA).

In addition, MPSC must ensure that any reactive request or report is responded to and managed for compliance as per the obligations set out in the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulation 2020.

MPSC has over 40 townships, with 16,828 spans within the Declared Area and 646 identified as HBRA. The compliance requirements continue to increase with each review of the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulation 2020, completed on average every 5 years. These increased compliance obligations in addition to Energy Safe Victoria enforcements (each non-compliance amounts to \$4,544 per tree) adds pressure on service delivery and in turn, the financial burden to MPSC.

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As legislation and regulations have been amended over the years, each change has presented additional challenges to MPSC including but not limited to:

- Safety obligations, including suitably qualified resources.
  - Increase in mandatory training for non-electrical workers has gone from a "Limits of Approach" 1 day course with a half yearly refresher, to an 11 day "ESI Certificate II" course and a 1-day annual refresher resulting in higher training and employee costs.
- Plant and Equipment requirements for the safety of workers.
  - Original requirements did not include insulated bucket on an Elevated Work Platform with a quarterly testing requirement.
- Increased requirements, auditing and monitoring for compliance which results in a need for additional resources within MPSC.
- Programming in relation to ELC. Each change to regulations requires a review of the services to deliver vegetation compliance which may result in ESV enforcement and financial penalties. This is of concern for MPSC, as there are limited opportunities to increase revenue to fund the service changes surrounding this process.

Further to considering the impact of these increased financial and operational obligations, it is important to note the necessity for the role of Local Government to be clearly defined under appropriate legislation. This will ensure Local Government responsibilities are clear, whilst also clarifying any entitlement to an allocation of financial and other counter-disaster resources from State Government level that is available.

As it stands, MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to ELC will be \$991k in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$5.3M over the next 5 years.

## Inspection and Reactive Pruning Program

MPSC undertakes maintenance programs that include tree inspections, vegetation pruning, street tree replacement, bushland management and much more.

MPSC is responsible for roadside vegetation management on 'urban' roads. If a speed change is made permanent of 60km or less by Head, Transport for Victoria (HTfV) the road is reclassified as an 'urban' road and maintenance then becomes the responsibility of MPSC.

HTfV is not required to fund works to bring the road and vegetation management up to an acceptable level required where MPSC is the responsible road authority and these tasks fall to MPSC. This may include, tree inspections, pruning and possible removals of risk trees.

In addition to this, MPSC has entered into an Operational Works Maintenance Agreement with HTfV for delivery of services along roads where HTfV is the Responsible Road Authority. This agreement has been renewed for over 10 years and includes: Grass Mowing, Edge Trimming, Grass and Weed Control, Tree and Shrub Management, Noxious Weed Control, and Litter Control. This agreement doesn't take into consideration community reputation which would be impacted if MPSC choose to cancel this agreement. Costs to carry out this service also continue to increase due to the current volatile market and resource limitations.

MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to Inspection and Reactive Pruning Program will be \$213k in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$1.1M over the next 5 years.

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## Statutory Planning

A planning permit is required for new use or development of home or land.

MPSC is responsible for receiving and assessing planning applications and ensure that they comply with legislation and our strategic planning scheme.

The set statutory planning fees by State Government to Councils for Planning Applications provides only a small proportion of the cost to deliver the planning services to the municipality. There have also been increased costs associated with the administration of VCAT matters and duplicate work given delays with having planning scheme amendments approved by the Planning Minister.

MPSC continues to receive the most planning permit applications than any other Council in the State which means a higher workload per planner.

Planning reform has reduced the involvement of Council as primary decision maker in some types of applications, but still expect Council to undertake work in a referral capacity— there are no fees or funding for this. Some examples are:

- A new Development Facilitation Program (key worker accommodation application in Sorrento & gas energy facility in Hastings);
- New Planning Rules including applications under Clause 53.19 for non-Government Schools

The below information is based on data provided from June 2023 Local Government Performance Reporting Framework:

Cost per application \$2,361  
Revenue per application \$1,575  
Net cost \$786 per application

This is based on 2,422 planning applications received with cost of \$5.7M offset by revenue of \$3.8M. This identifies a gap of \$1.9M 2022/23. In 2023/24, the shortfall is expected to be \$4.4M (\$8.7M of expenditure offset by \$4.3M revenue) with an impact of \$23.6M over the next 5 years.

## Building Services & VBA requirements

The common services of the Statutory Building Team includes:

- Report and consent (Part 5 & Part 10 - Siting and flood approvals)
- - Building Compliance (General & Pool & Spa safety barrier compliance)
- - Place of Public Entertainment Approvals
- - Record Keeping under the Building Act 1993
- - Provision of copies of records

Since the initial deregulation of the building industry in the early 1990's there has been an incremental shift in responsibility to Councils as part of the building system. This has come primarily from legislative change which has resulted in greater inspection and oversight for Municipal Building Surveyors (MBS) including Essential Services Inspections, Swimming Pool and Barrier Compliance. The Building, Planning and Heritage Legislation Amendment (Administration and Other Matters) Bill 2022 was introduced into Parliament on Thursday 23 June 2022. This Bill has since expired however highlights the significant attempt to cost and risk-shifting for councils to address combustible cladding and other non-compliant / defective building works. Under this bill, it is considered unreasonable and unworkable to expect an MBS to identify

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non-compliance once a build is almost complete when previous documentation approval and mandatory inspections have been undertaken by a private building surveyor (PBS).

There are hundreds of high and extreme risk buildings that are being managed by the Victorian Building Authority (VBA), many of which remain unresolved. This includes minimum 21 buildings in the MPSC at this point in time. The return of the MBS function from the VBA to councils for high and extreme rated buildings with combustible cladding, will result in Council taking on significant risk and cost.

Council has concerns with orphaned building permits where the appointed PBS is no longer the relevant building surveyor for unfinished building projects. This results in further shifts of the liability and burden of response to Council. This approach exposes Council and the MBS to liability as they do not have the same immunity under the Building Act as the VBA has per Section 127 the Act.

The expected net cost for MPSC to deliver the building service in the 2023/24 financial year is \$1M (\$3M of expenditure offset by \$2M revenue) and impact is expected to be \$5.6M over the next 5 years. This is expected to increase further should potential changes proposed by the State Government putting greater responsibility on the MBS in relation to inspections of completed developments, combustible cladding and orphaned building permits be implemented.

## Libraries

MPSC Library Service strives to provide equal access to information, ideas and lifelong learning opportunities through a range of services and programs. Our libraries are situated at Mornington, Rosebud, Hastings and Somerville while our Mobile Library visits 16 towns each week.

The library service is an integral part of the community and based on June 2023 Local Government Performance Reporting Framework there are almost 25,000 active library borrowers for 2022/23 with over 1M items borrowed across our five library sites.

In 2022 a state-wide survey of around 34,000 Victorian public library users was undertaken and 48% of MPSC Library users rated our library service "10 out of 10" and our average customer satisfaction score was 8.5 out of 10. Respondents also noted that they felt safe in the library and "felt better" at the library.

Traditionally, the funding model for public libraries has been 50/50 with contributions equally from the Victorian Government and Local Government. Victorian Government funding to MPSC has since declined to just 17% of public library operating costs, with MPSC now contributing 83% of the \$6.4M total cost per 2023/24 budget. The expected grant income from State Government is \$1M, leaving a \$2.1M shortfall. MPSC works closely with Public Libraries Victoria who advocate for improved funding to this valuable service.

In terms of economic benefits, a 2016/17 study found that Victorian public libraries collectively generated around \$1.1billion in benefits to the community. Despite what public libraries bring to the community, Victorian Government funding is not keeping pace with inflation, rising costs and increases in demand for library services.

MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to our Library service will be \$2.1M in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$11.2M over the next 5 years. Capital Works incurred will be \$1.2M in 2023/24 and \$6.3M over the next 5 years. This is per the Long Term Capital Works plan and doesn't account for any emergency works required.

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## Maternal and Child Health

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Service is a universal program that provides a critical service in promoting the health, development, wellbeing, and safety outcomes for children up to school age and their families. Early identification of health, social, and wellbeing risks ensures early referrals to intervention services, thereby improving outcomes for children and their families. MPSC currently has 9,218 infants/children enrolled in the service.

The Universal MCH program is provided through a partnership between the Department of Health (DH) and MPSC and is funded in accordance with the principles outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which outlines a (50:50) contribution between DH and MPSC. However, MPSC is estimated to contribute 66% in 2023/24. This is a projected shortfall of \$258k.

The Universal MCH Service is primarily delivered through 10 Key Age & Stage (KAS) consultations as outlined in the KAS framework, with 6.75 hrs of funding allocated per child. This framework was developed in 2004 and implemented in 2009 however has not been reviewed in the intervening 18 years.

Since 2004, multiple mandatory assessment initiatives have been added to KAS consultations in addition to the additional workload created with the introduction of the Child Information Sharing Scheme [CISS] and the Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme [FVIS] responsibilities. Each initiative requires additional consultation time for screening, record keeping and reporting, however no further funding has been provided to adjust KAS appointment times to incorporate the additional workload.

Families are presenting with increased complexities including increased mental health concerns, family violence, early discharge from hospital and limited community supports and services, requiring longer and more frequent MCH assessments and consultations.

The cumulative effect of these added initiatives, increased complexities and subsequent increased demand on consultation times, means that the MCH service can no longer be sustained with the currently funded 6.75 hrs hours allocated to each child. MPS MCH service currently delivers 7.45 hrs service per child to complete the 10 KAS consultations.

MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to our MCH service will be \$258k in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$1.4M over the next 5 years.

## Early Years

Best Start is a Victorian Government early years initiative. Localised and targeted approaches are used to support children (0 – 8 years old) and families to achieve their hopes and aspirations for a bright future.

MPSC work in partnership with agencies, services and community to:

- Strengthen collaboration and continuity between early childhood services
- Provide culturally safe environments for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
- Boost access and participation in playgroups, kindergarten, and maternal and child health services

MPSC receives Kinder Central Registration & Enrolment Scheme (CRES) funding which supports 0.6 FTE Early Years Planning and Support Worker who provides a single point for families to apply for multiple kindergarten services within a local government area and helping them secure a place that meets their needs and encourages closer links between Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and family support services,

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kindergartens and councils, to improve the early identification and engagement of families who need more support

The expectation of the State Government is that the funding is used to provide training and upskilling of the best start partnership, community engagement initiatives, content development, data analysis, etc. With the increase in the scope of work within the team as a result of the increase workload generated by the Kindergarten Reform, the Early Years Planning and Support Worker (0.6 FTE) is significantly short to support families, service providers and internal and external stakeholders through the reform.

MPSC does not receive any funding from the State Government for its role as a municipal planner for early years services. The requirement for Councils to strategically plan for early years services and facilities has grown since 2009 when significant Commonwealth and State Government reform agendas were first announced (with subsequent policies announced since then); and there will continue to be a requirement for this due to the Victorian Government's recent announcement of free kindergarten from 2023 and increasing the weekly hours of 4 year-old kindergarten from 15 to 30 from 2025.

These reform agendas rely on Councils and private service providers to plan for facilities that meet demand, There have previously been one-off planning grants for local government, but these do not fully cover the cost, nor are they sources of on-going funding. Council has limited resources at its disposal and is obligated to allocate them equitably to benefit the whole community. Any additional investment toward infrastructure to support the implementation of the reform may compromise broader community infrastructure needs. Further consideration needs to be given to whether Council has the capacity to provide additional financial support and investment for the roll out of the State Governments significantly expanded kindergarten services, through the provision of renewed, redeveloped or additional new infrastructure, on behalf of the Department of Education.

MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to our Early Years service will be \$138k in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$738k over the next 5 years

## Local Emergency Relief Services

There are many Organisations that Council provides funding for emergency and vulnerable person relief that are the responsibility of the State Government. Due to the lack of contribution from the State Government Council is needing to provide continual support to address the gaps.

The below is funding for the direct subsidies to support these groups operations based on 2023/24 budget:

Peninsula Legal Aid Service	\$54,855
Vinnie's Kitchen	\$3,933
Community Houses	\$310,500
Community Support Centres	\$707,292
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,076,580</b>

There is also insignificant indirect support from Council in the form of provision of buildings, maintenance, and land in some instances.

MPSC's contribution to the Community Support Centres has been paid under the Funding Agreement dating back to 2001 which shows an increase from \$24K (2001) to \$235,764 (2023/2024) so significant increases in base funding over the years and totalling over \$2.8 - \$2.9 Million to each centre. State Government does not provide any funding to support these services.

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Due to the lack of social housing on the Mornington Peninsula, Council has committed \$10M worth of land assets to support the development of social housing, which is the responsibility of State Government.

MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to our Emergency Relief Services will be \$1.1M in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$5.7M over the next 5 years.

Also due to the lack of social housing on the Mornington Peninsula, MPSC has committed \$10M worth of land assets to support the development of social housing, which is the responsibility of State Government.

## Immunisation

The Immunisation Service provides vaccines in accordance with the National Immunisation Schedule including:

- Childhood (six weeks to four years old) immunisation program for the community
- School age (year 7 and year 10) immunisation program to 11 Secondary Schools and 2 Special Development Schools
- Vaccines for population groups identified as more vulnerable to infectious diseases for example, Influenza vaccines for pregnant women.

These vaccinations are funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.

MPSC also fully funds Influenza vaccines for MPS staff.

Funding provided does not fully cover the costs to service the program and based on projected 2023/24 budget figures, expected grant will cover 22% of budgeted cost, leaving a \$321k shortfall. There is potential for additional grant amount to be received based on number of immunisations delivered which would reduce this gap but this is unknown at this stage.

MPSC has budgeted that the costs relating to our Immunisation service will be \$321k in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$1.7M over the next 5 years.

## Fire Hydrant Plug Maintenance

MPSC are responsible for maintaining fire hydrant plugs within the municipality.

The responsibility lies with Council because fire hydrants are considered to be part of the public infrastructure, and the council is responsible for the maintenance of all public infrastructure.

MPSC had previously included this service in the maintenance contracts, until South East Water (SEW) informed MPSC that they would be taking over the activity and charging us for the service. Following meetings and correspondence, SEW took on the maintenance service and MPSC receive an annual invoice from SEW for maintenance of fire plugs across the municipality, which is approximately \$200k per year.

The Water Act 1989 states that a "council may require an Authority that has a water supply district situated wholly or partly within the council's municipal district to fix fire plugs to any of the works of the Authority within the water supply district in suitable locations for the supply of water for fire-fighting purposes, and a council must meet the costs of providing, installing, marking and maintaining all fire plugs that the council requires under subsection (1) to be installed in its municipal district". However, the primary purpose of fire plugs is access to water for emergency operations, which is usually the CFA.

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The CFA documentation states, "Hydrants allow Victoria's fire services to access water during emergency operation and their identification is important so that precious time is not wasted trying to locate them." CFA have a reference document for Councils, water authorities, contractors, land developers and any other parties responsible for provision and maintenance of the identification components of street hydrants for firefighting purposes in Victoria. However, the main use and access for water from fire plugs is CFA and other authorities.

Therefore MPSC is contributing \$200k in 2023/24 and an estimate of \$1.1M over the next 5 years, on the maintenance of Fire hydrants that are used by CFA and other State authorities.

## School Crossings

MPSC has 76 supervised Schools Crossings.

The School Crossing Supervision Program was introduced in 1975 under a joint funding arrangement between the State (Department of Transport formally VicRoads) and Councils, however over the years this contribution has diminished. There is currently no subsidy process as Department of Transport are working on a risk assessment-based subsidy scheme. Until this has been rolled out, they are just paying us a lump sum for all crossings in operation.

MPSC receives funding for approximately 30% of the salary of a school crossing supervisor. This does not include additional costs such as onboarding, uniforms, training, PPE etc. The State also doesn't fund Infrastructure requirements.

Local Governments are not obligated to provide any school crossings under the Local Government Act, however if this service wasn't provided the results would be dire.

Victorian Government funding to Mornington Peninsula Shire for School Crossings has now declined to 23%, with MPSC now contributing 77% of the \$2.5M total cost per 2023/24 budget. The expected grant income from State Government is \$0.6M, leaving a \$0.7M shortfall. This assumes a 50/50 split.

Therefore MPSC is contributing \$692k in 2023/24 and an estimate of \$3.7M over the next 5 years to the School Crossing Supervision Program to ensure there are safe school crossings for our community.

## Mowing

MPSC maintenance teams are responsible for the upkeep of grass in some open space areas such as parks, reserves, foreshore, sports fields, roadsides and bushlands. These areas are managed by our contractors who have crews proactively completing programmed works as well as reactively responding to community requests.

MPSC has entered into an Operational Works Maintenance Agreement (OWMA) with the Head, Transport for Victoria (HTfV) for delivery of services along roads where HTfV is the Responsible Road Authority (RRA). This agreement has been renewed for over 10 years and includes: Grass Mowing, Edge Trimming, Grass and Weed Control, Tree and Shrub Management, Noxious Weed Control, and Litter Control.

The agreement sets out the HTfV requirements for services, including primary obligations regarding the management and payments and then the council works, response times, insurance and indemnity.

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The services HTFV provide has a direct focus on road safety and do not allow for amenity or align to the services MPSC provide along roads where MPSC is the responsible RRA.

The value of the agreement doesn't financially cover the cost of service and MPSC have budgeted that cost of mowing roadsides where MPSC is not the Responsible Road Authority is \$110k in 2023/24 and an estimate of \$587k over the next 5 years

## CCTV

Due to community safety expectations, MPSC install and maintain CCTV on behalf of Victoria Police (VicPol) which consists of 44 cameras, across 7 townships. The cameras are used by VicPol for public safety and MPSC do not have sight of the vision.

The original CCTV Servicing agreement commenced under a lump sum agreement in July 2017 which included:

- 6- monthly cycle clean and maintenance of the cameras on the networks at Hastings, Mornington, Mt Martha , Mt Eliza and then Rye added in 2019
- During and after hours call outs to CCTV issues by our electrical team
- Any replacement parts and Contractor CCTV technician call outs was billed under works order.

MPSC currently has a capital renewal project for replacement of systems in Hastings and Mornington for public areas. State government offers grants for the installation but does not cover the ongoing maintenance costs.

The current monthly costs for CCTV adjust depending on the cyclic inspections, cleaning, servicing, and call outs. This on average is approximately \$4,100 per month with additional work order costs associated with technician callouts, including replacement parts which continue to escalate as assets reach end of life (approximately \$15k per quarter).

Therefore MPSC is contributing \$109k in 2023/24 and an estimate of \$583k over the next 5 years to install and maintain CCTV used by State Government.

## Climate Change Response and Mitigations

MPSC recognises that the climate emergency presents an unprecedented challenge and we are proud to be part of an international movement taking urgent action to reduce emissions and to address climate change impacts. Our Climate Emergency Plan provides a clear plan to achieving net zero carbon emissions for the entire Mornington Peninsula by 2040. We have a number of projects and collaborations underway to achieve this ambitious goal.

MPSC is responsible for climate change adaptation and the promotion of climate change mitigation under legislation including the Climate Change Act 2017 and Local Government Act 2020.

MPSC declared a Climate Emergency in August 2019 and adopted its Climate Emergency Plan in August 2020. This plan outlines how Council will respond to the challenge of climate change out to 2030, including how Council will work with their community and other levels of government. In consultation with community, a net zero emission by 2040 target was set along with key targets and actions under seven key summits including Leadership and Governance, Advocacy, Zero Carbon Energy, Resilient and Adaptive Community, Sustainable Transport and Travel, Sustainable Land Use and Environmental Restoration and Circular Economy and Zero Waste.

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Councils continue to take on roles that practically should be led by State Government including coordination and investment in renewable energy, development of planning controls and emission reduction plans for community.

The dedicated Climate Change Team in place costs approximately \$2.8M per annum per 2023/24 budget. The estimated amount provided is a minimum and it's difficult to quantify the full amount of Climate Change Response, Adaptation and Mitigation across the whole Organisation. Councils also wear a significant cost impact in mitigating and dealing with the effects of climate change, particularly in relation to public infrastructure, climate change adaptation and managing climate change risk. Resources are committed to identifying, monitoring, and implementing controls in strategic and statutory planning activities, public infrastructure construction and management and general service provision.

Additional related costs in 2023/24 budget include Water & Coasts Team, Urban Forest Strategy & Biodiversity Plan, and one-off cost for street lighting energy efficiency upgrade (\$2.47m).

Overall, MPSC is contributing an estimated \$4.6M in 2023/24 and an estimate of \$24.7M over the next 5 years towards climate change response and mitigations.

## Foreshore Management

Mornington Peninsula makes up 10% of Victoria's coastline (192 km) in total. MPSC is the Committee of Management for 62km of this total area and is responsible for the maintenance and management of foreshore Crown land. Our coastlines are enjoyed by all Victorians and provide significant economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits. With growing pressures of increased visitation, impacts of climate change and public risk management, the cost of coastal management is continuing to increase substantially.

Each year around 8 million people visit the Mornington Peninsula enjoying its unique coastal environment, villages and hinterland. The cost for MPSC to maintain infrastructure on foreshore land, keep beaches clean, safe and accessible currently exceeds \$8M per annum. These costs continue to rise as service levels are driven to increase along with the higher numbers of visitors during peak periods.

Changes in legalisation and the development of new Policies at a State level have led to uncertainty around roles and responsibility for the funding and management of actions between State and Local governments. Since the release of the Marine and Coastal Policy 2020, more and more of the cost of managing our coasts has shifted from the State to Local government.

Climate change is affecting our coasts now. Rising sea levels and more frequent intense storm events cause widespread damage to infrastructure and the environment.

Instead of just being responsible for 'business as usual' maintenance and immediate risk, Councils now must respond to and plan for the immense costs that will result from the impacts of climate change on our foreshores and coastal communities. This includes immediate action to address issues like landslips and developing long term adaptation strategies to meet the challenges ahead.

The risks associated with coastal inundation and erosion hazards are extensive. The ongoing risk assessment and management of this influences:

1. Emergency/event response and public safety management,
2. ongoing maintenance and management of our coastline and the existing natural and built assets, and
3. forward planning, with consideration to the most up to date climate change predictive scientific data regarding sea level rise, storm surges, inundation, and the relationship with flood events and stormwater flows.

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MPSC has budgeted that the operational costs relating to Foreshore Management will be \$8.4M in 2023/24 with costs estimated at \$45M over the next 5 years. Capital Works incurred will be \$1.2M in 2023/24 and \$5.7M over the next 5 years. This is per the Long Term Capital Works plan and doesn't account for any emergency works required.

## Kindergartens

MPSC support Kindergartens through coordination of the Kindergarten Central Registration (KCR) and use MPSC-owned buildings.

Early Childhood Education and Kindergarten is the responsibility of the State Government through the Department of Education (DE). There is no explicit obligation to provide early years infrastructure in the Local Government Act. Despite this, MPSC, along with many other Local Governments, have historically facilitated multiple roles in the early years sector to support children and families to have access to services. MPSC provides a central enrolment service for some of the kindergartens across the municipality. It is important to note that MPSC Council is NOT a direct provider of kindergarten services however has historically provided some of the infrastructure required to deliver kindergarten services. Kindergarten providers, through Committees of Management and an Early Years Manager currently operate out of 28 Council facilities.

The State Government has introduced the largest reform of early childhood education in Victoria's history, fundamentally redesigning the kindergarten service system so all Victorian children can access two years of funded kindergarten prior to formal schooling. In 2022 the Victorian Government expanded the Best Start, Best Life program, which included providing 15 hours of 3-year-old kindergarten (increasing from 5 hours) and making kindergarten "free" for families state-wide. Over the next decade, four-Year-Old Kindergarten will now also need to transition to 'Pre-Prep', increasing by 15 hours to a 30 hour a week program.

Requirements to deliver the reforms is a significant infrastructure challenge for all local governments including MPSC, as existing older facilities cannot be easily modified to meet demand. 20 out of 28 of MPSC's kindergarten facilities (71%) are more than 40 years old, not fit for purpose and many on constrained sites. Total preliminary minimum infrastructure costs for Council owned facilities housing kindergarten programs, should Council address the demand generated by the reform at 16 of the 28 sites is estimated to be nearly \$54M. Council is eligible to apply for funding through the Victorian School Building Authority to offset some of these costs however there is no guarantee that grant applications would be successful nor is it likely to cover the majority or full cost of any projects. This estimate does not include the increased operational or maintenance costs placed on Council to manage additional/ expanded facilities. The increased funding that was announced by the State Government in April 2023 is acknowledged, however it still falls short with regards to Councils ongoing capacity to continue to provide and invest in those facilities currently being used for kindergarten services on behalf of the State Government, within its broader Capital Works Program.

According to MAV analysis, in the period between 2014 and 2018, Local Governments across Victoria invested a combined total of \$478M in early years infrastructure which is three times the amount invested by the State Government (\$123M) in the same period. The DE's Kindergarten Infrastructure Services Plan (KISP) with MPSC, a joint plan between local governments and DE, provides an indication of the growth in demand for kindergarten places and infrastructure out to 2029 across the municipality as a result of the State Government reform. With the recent announcements of expanded kindergarten reform, the KISPs now need to be updated to reflect the additional impact of pre-prep. Regardless, this plan is not a commitment by Council to sustain current supply or meet the unmet demand for kindergarten places through the provision of further infrastructure investment.

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It is estimated that MPSC will invest \$650k in 2023/24 on basic operating costs related to kindergarten (including central enrolment service resourcing) and basic facility maintenance, and \$3.5M over the next 5 years. We also expect to incur \$2M per year in capital works expenditure.

## Emergency Management

MPSC has obligations under the Emergency Management Act 2013 to prepare and respond to municipal emergencies. In December 2020 there were reforms to the Emergency Management Act which legislated the positions of Municipal Emergency Management Officer (MEMO) and Municipal Recovery Manager (MRM) as senior Council Officers. These positions are responsible for coordinating resources and community recovery for emergencies.

Council is obligated to have these positions and receive no funding for the roles by state. Council has paid \$16k in 2022/23 for over award payments to have staff on call 24 hour per day. To not have staff available 24 hours per day puts Council at risk of not meeting obligations under the Act, including relief accommodation (including DFFH clients) after a single incident emergency at the cost of Council which used to be fulfilled by Australian Red Cross.

The inadequacy of State funding of VicSES and CFA have left Council to provide grants, funding, fuel cards, vehicles, permit waivers, signage and peppercorn leases to help these agencies service the community since the 70s. In 2021/22, Council provided \$300k of funds across CFA groups to assist with emergency services and some installation of key infrastructure. Examples in addition to this include rent assistance for Westernport Coast Guard and subsidy payment to Surf Life Saving Victoria.

Council is required to absorb costs in the response phase of an emergency such as traffic management, heavy machinery for clearing of which Council contractors are used at Council cost as well as Council staff ordinary hours spent on response, relief and recovery are not recoupable. This coupled with the complicated Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) system makes it increasingly difficult to recoup funds spent on emergency response.

Fire agencies require Council to assess essential water used, replace it and get funding back from DECCA for water component with no funding for Council officer time. Further, Neighbourhood Safer Place - Places of Last Resort; fire agencies deem when there is a need for one and this is usually at a Council facility and must be maintained to a certain standard and signed at the expense of Council.

Based on 2023/24 budget and 2022/23 expenditure, Council spends approximately \$4.9M per year from our operational budget on Emergency Management obligations and this is estimated to be \$26.4M over the next 5 years. This excludes one-off emergencies such as the October 2022 storm damage clean up.

## Environmental Health

MPSC's Environmental Health Team is responsible under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act for investigating environmental issues that are impacting on the health of residents. This can include a range of issues such as asbestos, pest control and infectious disease control. MPSC's Environmental Health Team supports and assists the State Government Department of Health and Human Services to investigate cases and outbreaks of infectious diseases through inspections, sampling and questionnaires.

While there is no financial cost shifting in terms of direct service delivery, there is a significant increase in officer time due to legislative changes and increased obligations on Council Environmental Health teams. This relates to the following core environmental health areas:

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1. **Food Safety:** Recent changes to the Food Act and food business risk classification system will require increased officer time to roll out during annual premises registration and inspection. This applies to our admin staff and Environmental Health Officers. We estimate this will add 15-20 minutes to the annual inspection of our 1,260 registered food businesses (300 - 400 hours). This change has already added around 5 days of officer time to our annual renewal of registration process and the pending introduction of the FoodTrader online registration system for temporary food premises will require around 40-50 hours of officer time for training and data management, with further time needed to educate food businesses and community groups. Estimate up to 80 hours across the team. Based on this data, annual estimate cost is \$30k.
2. **Environment Protection Act:** The amended Act places increased obligations on Councils and property owners in relation to septic system management. Complexity in information management, powers of entry and enforcement processes from this State Government framework requires increased time for both our Wastewater Officers and the admin staff. Without the \$20K DECCA funding and the SEW MoU we would not be able to fully implement these changes. After implementing these changes since 2021, we estimate that the complexity requires 0.25 FTE of a Band 5 Wastewater Officer, plus considerable time spent by our Legal team on EP Act interpretation. Based on this data, annual estimate cost is \$24k.

Changes to the EPA Officer for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLE) program have led to more commercial pollution issues being managed by MPSC. Cases and projects previously handled by our embedded EPA OPLE are now dealt with by Environmental Health, Planning Compliance or Litter Prevention teams. The change to OPLE's based at South Metro Region has detrimentally affected our Environmental Health services. we estimate at least 20 additional cases (30 hours approximately). Based on this data, annual estimate cost is \$2k.

3. **Gastro Outbreak Investigation:** Recent changes to the definition of an unknown gastro outbreak by DFFH caused an increase in the number of outbreaks reported to Council. Estimate 10 additional outbreaks over 12 months, 6 hours of officer time per outbreak. Based on this data, annual estimate cost is \$4k.

Overall, MPSC is contributing an additional \$59k in 2023/24 and an estimate of \$317k over the next 5 years due to legislative changes and increased obligations on Council.

## Planning Compliance on State own land

The Planning and Asset Compliance team is currently responsible for the enforcement of the Planning Scheme, the Planning and Environment Act and Council Local Laws on land that is not managed or owned by MPSC.

The primary example of this involves enforcement on public infrastructure land (such as road reserves, drainage reserves and bushland/coastal reserves) that are owned and managed by other public State authorities. These authorities include but not limited to Department of Transport (DoT).

There does not appear to be any agreements between authorities as to who is responsible for the enforcement of these laws on the varying areas of land. (E.g., which authority is responsible for the enforcement of advertising signage on a freeway road reserve.) Technically, both Council and DoT have enforcement powers to regulate signage on land however it is not clear who is responsible in particular situations, however, DoTs website direct people to Council to make a complaint.

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The time commitment for these complaint calls is approximately 2 hours per week which is an approximate cost to Council of \$6k in 2023/24 and \$35k over the next 5 years.

## Landfill Levy

Council pays a landfill levy on every tonne of waste that is disposed to landfill.

MPSC pays a waste levy directly due to waste received at the MPSC's Rye Landfill and indirectly through solid inert waste from the MPSC's resource recovery centres taken to the Grosvenor Lodge landfill in Tuerong.

The purpose of the landfill levy is to incentivise waste reduction and fund waste prevention initiatives in Victoria.

Since 2019-20 the landfill levy has increased by 91 per cent to \$125.90 per tonne.

Councils have not seen a commensurate re-investment of this money back into local resource recovery. Further, Councils understand that this funding has been invested in the establishment of regulatory bodies, supporting EPA and other state government agencies, rather than on ground, sector-based action.

MPSC will pay landfill levy of \$6.8M based on 2023/24 budget and \$36.2M over the next 5 years. This cost is passed on to the Community via a Waste Service Charge.

## Glass Recycling Stream

As part of the Victorian Government's "*Recycling Victoria: A New Economy*" policy and plan, MPSC are working towards meeting all the specified requirements.

This includes the provision of a separate glass collection service by 2027 for all Victorian households. MPSC has not yet set a date for the introduction of a separate glass service. We are waiting until the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) is introduced (in November 2023) to understand how this may impact glass recycling, before considering possible timelines and options.

Initial projections for the cost of rolling out and collection of glass is \$4.7M initial capital investment and an annual operational cost of \$1.8M. These costs are an estimate only and subject to change dependent on the final service delivery model.

The recycling processing facilities will still maintain the ability to sort glass from mainstream recycling material. No business case analysis has been provided by the State Government to support a separate glass service vs impacts of CDS.

In addition, it may not adequately account for rising waste and recycling costs associated with global fuel rises, inflation and supply chain issues up until the service is fully rolled out.

The need for a glass only collection service has been determined prior to understanding the impacts of the Container Deposit Legislation (CDS) to commence in November 2023. It's likely the CDS will remove a significant volume of glass from the mainstream recycling. In addition, there is an opportunity for the State Government to expand the list of items that fall under the CDS eg: wine bottles to further reduce the volume of waste in the mainstream recycling stream.

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Once rolled out, the annual estimated cost is \$1.8M per year and \$9.3M over 5 years. In addition to this, there will be an initial capital works expenditure incurred of \$4.7M. This cost is passed on to the Community via a Waste Service Charge.

## Bin Lid Standardisation

The State Government is creating a standardised system for recycling and waste — the aim is for all households to recycle and sort waste the same way, no matter where you live.

This includes standardised bin lid colours, therefore, MPSC is required to change the colour of the bin lids for our household waste (green to red) and recycling (blue to yellow) to meet this requirement.

MPSC has commenced this transition to new bin lid colours and is practicing a gradual approach with damaged or new bins being issued in the new colours to begin with.

MPSC has approximately 200,000 bins which require this change. Other than the change required by the State Government there is not considered to be any other reason to have these bin lids changed.

To meet the required target of a complete changeover by 2030 it's estimated that we will be required to undertake a bulk changeover of bin lids estimated at approximately 120,000 lids.

The bulk changeover will likely incur a cost of \$2.4M. These costs are an estimation only and subject to change dependent on the final service delivery model. In addition, it may not adequately account for rising waste and recycling costs associated with global fuel rises, inflation and supply chain issues up until the service is fully rolled out. This cost is passed on to the Community via a Waste Service Charge.

## Urban Stormwater

The responsibility of drainage infrastructure is shared between Council and Melbourne Water. Generally, this responsibility is determined by the 60ha rule. Catchments greater than 60ha are the responsibility of Melbourne Water and catchments less than 60ha are the responsibility of Council. This rule is currently being reviewed within the Melbourne Urban Stormwater Institutional Arrangements Review (MUSIA).

A significant proportion of Council drainage drains to Melbourne Water infrastructure. There are situations where reducing the flood risk in Council assets necessitates the upgrade of Melbourne Water assets. There are also cases where the Melbourne Water assets back flow into Council assets resulting in flooding. In both these scenarios the responsibility currently resides with Council as the flooding is from Council pits but the assets that need upgrading belong to Melbourne Water. On ground solutions that mitigate localised flooding often require extensive upgrade or redesign of drainage infrastructure that can cost in the millions of dollars for a single project. Ongoing and comprehensive investment in drainage network is beyond the capacity of the Council's capital works budget and projects are prioritised and delivered on a case-by-case basis.

Another scenario where the responsibility and the cost of mitigation is challenging is with regards to the generation and treatment of pollutants. The source of the pollutants, the damage caused by the pollution and the recommended solution to reduce the impacts may be in three separate locations with different responsibilities. For example, Balcombe Estuary, has an issue with sediment deposition from unsealed roads. There are shared responsibilities between Melbourne Water, who are responsible for the health of the Estuary, and Council, who are responsible for the roads.

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Melbourne Water is an important partner when reducing pollutants in our waterways and bays, and reducing flood risk and we will continue to work with them to deliver critical infrastructure. We request that there is clarification on the financial responsibility of our organisations and a consistent application of who should pay.

MPSC are currently progressing with a long-term sedimentation plan which is estimated to cost \$2.46M but it is unclear on how much should Council contribute to the cost. MPSC currently have no funds budgeted for these projects.

## Landslips

Much of the Mornington Peninsula's 192km of coastline comprises of rocky cliffs that continue to naturally erode overtime. Impacts from extreme weather events and changes in hydrology because of built housing and infrastructure can increase the instability of coastal cliffs, resulting in more severe erosion events and landslips.

As Committee of Management for foreshore Crown Land, MPSC has a responsibility to manage immediate risk and does so by making areas safe by removing dangerous material and installing temporary fencing and signage.

Landslips and cliff overhangs can block access to foreshores, damage infrastructure and pose a risk to public safety.

These reactive risk management works cost MPSC more than \$200,000 per annum.

The costs of repairing infrastructure, including stairs, carparks, paths, retaining walls and other protective structures is much higher. Who is responsible for these costs can be unclear due to mix of land ownership and/or land manager obligations.

For example, a series of rockfalls and landslips following high intensity rainfall events during 2022 have impacted the cliff path at Beleura Hill, Mornington. This scenic, 100-year-old path is now closed to the public as it is unsafe after several sections have fallen away and others remain unstable. MPSC is completing a risk assessment and options report at the cost of \$85,000 to investigate what needs to be done to reopen the path. A further \$100,000 has been committed to begin design work for construction. Any engineering options for re-opening the path will be extensive due to the steep terrain, limited access and complex land ownership (a mix of private, Crown and MPSC owned land). High level estimates for works required range between \$2M – 4M. This level of investment is simply beyond the capacity of Council and funding from State and or Federal government will be required if reopening the path is to succeed.

In another example, during September 2020, a roadside landslip occurred in Mount Martha, blocking the Esplanade and access to residential properties. Emergency works to make the area safe, reopen the road and access to homes was undertaken by MPSC, with some assistance from the Department of Transport and Planning. These reactive works to date have cost MPSC \$300,000. Again, there is a mix of land management arrangements here with a combination of Crown, Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) owned and MPSC managed land. Remediation works to restore stability to the slope and protect from further slippage are estimated to cost around \$4M. Who will fund these works, either fully or in a shared agreement has not yet been finalised between the different land managers, with the DTP recently indicating that there is no State budget available for this project. This is yet another example where the limited resources available to MPSC in a rate capped environment are being spent in response to the damaging effects of extreme weather on infrastructure where there is a shared responsibility between State and Local government levels.

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## Short Stay Tax

Over 1.6 million people stay overnight when visiting the Peninsula each year, making it the third largest short stay rental accommodation destination in Australia. The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council welcomes greater numbers of visitors to the region, but must also ensure that the local communities continue to enjoy the benefits the area has to offer.

In May 2018, MPSC adopted the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law, providing clear guidelines on the required standards for the operation of this type of accommodation. The Local Law places the responsibility for occupant behaviour on the owner of the property.

This law requires the owner to:

- Register the property with Council
- Appoint a designated contact person to respond to neighbour complaints within two hours
- Ensure occupants adhere to the Code of Conduct
- Provide adequate off-street parking and garbage bins
- Display your registration number on all online platforms that advertise the property

The short stay registration income is budgeted to be \$871k in 2023/24.

In September 2023, it was announced that Victoria will become the first state in Australia to tax short-stay accommodation such as Airbnbs in an attempt to combat the housing crisis.

From 2025, a 7.5 per cent levy on short-stay accommodation revenue will be introduced, with the funds raised to be used to fund social and affordable housing.

A quarter of that tax revenue will go towards the construction of homes in regional Victoria.

It is expected with the introduction of this new tax, MPSC will no longer be able to charge the short stay registration fee, resulting in lost revenue of \$888k in 2023/24 and \$4.7M over 5 years.