

MINUTES



Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Held at the
Civic Centre
511 Burwood Highway
Wantirna South
On
Tuesday 14 March 2023

The Agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, Tuesday 14 March 2023, forms part of these Minutes and is attached in full at the end of the Minutes.

These Minutes are considered draft until adopted and confirmed at the next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7:08pm.

PRESENT:

<i>Cr M Timmers-Leitch (Chairperson)</i>	<i>Collier Ward</i>
<i>Cr Y Allred</i>	<i>Baird Ward</i>
<i>Cr J Dwight</i>	<i>Chandler Ward</i>
<i>Cr S Grasso</i>	<i>Dinsdale Ward</i>
<i>Cr M Baker</i>	<i>Dobson Ward</i>
<i>Cr S Laukens</i>	<i>Friberg Ward</i>
<i>Cr D Pearce (Via Zoom)</i>	<i>Taylor Ward</i>
<i>Cr N Seymour</i>	<i>Tirhatuan Ward</i>
<i>Mr B Dobson</i>	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>
<i>Mr G Thorne</i>	<i>Director - Infrastructure</i>
<i>Ms S Widan</i>	<i>Acting Director - City Liveability</i>
<i>Mr G Curcio</i>	<i>Director - Customer & Performance</i>
<i>Ms J Chalkley</i>	<i>Acting Director - Connected Communities</i>
<i>Ms N Lorkin</i>	<i>Chief Financial Officer</i>
<i>Mr A Dowling (Via Zoom)</i>	<i>Manager - Governance & Risk</i>
<i>Ms L Westberry</i>	<i>Manager- Strategy and Transformation</i>

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1 Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Cooper.

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

The Chairperson, Councillor Timmers-Leitch invited Councillors to raise any opposition to the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Monday 13 February 2023. There being none, the Chairperson declared the Minutes be confirmed.

4 Considering and Ordering Upon Officers' Reports

4.1 ICT Capital Works Report

SUMMARY: Chief Information Officer, Scott Coleman

The ICT Capital Works Report shows projects on Council's ICT Capital Works Program and indicates the monthly status of each project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the ICT Capital Works Report, as at 23 February 2023.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Dwight

SECONDED: Councillor Baker

That the Committee receive and note the ICT Capital Works Report, as at 23 February 2023.

CARRIED

4.2 Capital Works Program Monthly Report

SUMMARY: Coordinator – Capital Works, John Bixby

The Capital Works Program Report shows projects on Council’s Capital Works Program and indicates the status of each project as of 27 February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the Capital Works Program Report as of 27 February 2023.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Baker

SECONDED: Councillor Grasso

That the Committee receive and note the Capital Works Program Report as of 27 February 2023.

CARRIED

4.3 Proposed Motion for the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting 2023

SUMMARY: Director City Liveability, Matt Kelleher

To seek Council's formal endorsement of the submission of a motion for consideration at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting in June 2023, calling on the Victorian State Government to introduce exemptions for Local Government from its Windfall Gains Tax (WGT) set to be introduced in 1 July 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee, endorse the following motion and supporting rationale (as set out in this report) for submission to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 May 2023:

- "That the MAV play a lead role in working with local government as part of advocacy with the State Government to secure exemptions for local government from being subject to the Windfall Gains Tax".

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Dwight

SECONDED: Councillor Laukens

That the Committee:

1. Endorse the following motion and supporting rationale (as set out in this report) for submission to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 May 2023:

- "That the MAV play a lead role in working with local government as part of advocacy with the State Government to secure exemptions for local government from being subject to the Windfall Gains Tax".

2. Endorse the following motion for submission to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 May 2023 and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and approve the supporting rationale:

- "That the MAV advocate to the State Government (via DEECA) for a State Government sponsored tree canopy aerial mapping service to provide communities across Victoria with consistent, comparable, long term tree canopy measurement data to facilitate understanding and reporting movements in tree canopy to support aligned local and State Government vegetation and climate change policies.

CARRIED

5 Motions for Which Notice has Previously Been Given

Nil.

6 Supplementary Items

Nil.

7 Urgent Business

7.1 Urgent Business

Nil.

8 Confidential Items

Nil.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7:24pm

Minutes of Meeting confirmed at the
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday, 11 April 2023

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Chairperson

The Agenda for this meeting is attached in full at the end of the Minutes.

AGENDA

Meeting of the Strategic Planning
Committee of Council



To be held at the
Civic Centre
511 Burwood Highway
Wantirna South

On

Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7:00 PM

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Bruce Dobson
Chief Executive Officer

1 Apologies

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Confirmation of Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 13 February 2023

4 Considering and Ordering Upon Officers' Reports

4.1 ICT Capital Works Report

SUMMARY:

The ICT Capital Works Report shows projects on Council's ICT Capital Works Program and indicates the monthly status of each project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the ICT Capital Works Report, as at 23 February 2023.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises Council's ICT Capital Works Program for the 2022/2023 financial year. The aim of this report is to provide a regular and succinct status summary of each project over the last month.

The ICT Capital Works Report is included as an attachment. Highlights of the ICT Capital Works Report include:

- The Early Years Project has successfully completed the role out of iPads and the new parent Sign In/Sign Out functionality across kindergartens. Decommissioning of the outgoing system data is underway ahead of transition to business and project closure.
- The Asset Management Information System project is facing challenges such as resourcing within the Asset Strategy team, cost and scope pressures, which have led to a red health status. Recommendations are to be presented to governance bodies in late February 23.
- The Cloud Migration project commenced in February 23. Initial workshop with key stakeholders scheduled for 3 March 23. Microsoft has been engaged to do research and provide solution options and costings.
- The Intranet project: Prototypes have been developed for the key intranet pages and content development workshops are in progress with various business areas. The Business Case has been finalised and is progressing through the Governance bodies, with approval expected on 27 February 23, enabling contract negotiations to be finalised in early March 23.

2. CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential information is contained in Attachment 1 in the confidential agenda, in accordance with Sections 3 and 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020* as the information relates to contractual matters; and the premature disclosure of the information could be prejudicial to the interests of Council or other persons.

Report Prepared By: Project Centre lead, Elly Liu

Head of IT PMO, Shona Richards

Report Authorised By: Chief Information Officer, Scott Coleman

Attachments

1. Council Report SPC March (1) [4.1.1 - 5 pages]

Project Name & Status	Status
In progress - On track	
<p>Asset Management Information System</p> <p>Council is replacing their current asset management system 'Lifecycle' with a more modern and flexible system called 'Confirm'. The project is divided into two phases, with the first phase delivered in December 23, implementing Confirm to the Parks and Works teams and the second phase covering the implementation of the remaining Infrastructure departments is underway. Phase II has four workstreams: aligning Confirm with Infrastructure's operational processes, testing Confirm's compatibility with other Council systems, transferring historical data from Lifecycle to Confirm, and ensuring the contract meets project goals.</p> <p>The project has entered its Phase II and is currently reviewing ongoing activities while making progress in design and integration. However, various challenges such as resourcing, cost, scope, and contractors have led to a red status RAG, and options are being prepared for the related governance bodies to approve a way forward. To address these issues, a revised proposal will be submitted by week ending March 3rd, 2023 to outline a way forward for review and consideration.</p>	RED
<p>Cloud Migration</p> <p>This project aims to detail, prioritise and migrate systems and applications from On-Premises to the Cloud. Cloud solutions increase operation and storage flexibility of our IT systems, improves business continuity risk, improves staff accessibility, and ensures ease of regular automatic updates. Cloud solutions reduces maintenance cost of hardware, software, resource and energy costs. A review of network architecture was conducted in early 2022 as a precursor to a project.</p> <p>Project has commenced in February 23. Initial workshop with key stakeholders scheduled for 3 March 23. Microsoft has been engaged to do research and provide solution options and costings.</p>	GREEN
<p>Corporate Reporting Solutions</p> <p>The Corporate Reporting project will replace Interplan with a new system, Pulse, to manage strategic, risk and audit reporting, improving transparency, efficiency and ability to make data and risk-based decisions. Pulse will also give better visibility of the delegations and policies that apply to staff. Pulse will be rolled out in 2023 in the following phases; Audit - February, Corporate Reporting - April, Risk - June, Corporate Indicators - July and Polices & Delegations - August.</p> <p>The Audit module was rolled out to end users this month for 3rd quarter updates and audit reporting is now being produced from Pulse, replacing an inefficient manual process. The Corporate Reporting module's design and configuration was completed and is awaiting final sign off. The design has our future-state in mind with a subset of plans to be loaded initially, and the allowance to load all Council strategies and plans in future once the current review of these is complete.</p>	GREEN
<p>DCCT Program - Ph-2 Intranet Redevelopment</p> <p>This project replaces the current staff intranet with a contemporary digital solution, enabling staff to efficiently connect with colleagues, information, ideas and systems across Council. The project will be delivered in three stages: Stage 1 due September 23, includes rewriting content, a Sharepoint Platform and provision of core functionality such as staff directory, news hub, and the ability for staff to access the intranet without having to log into Council's network. Stage 2 due December 23, includes improvements to complex forms and movement of information. Stage 3 due March 24, includes staff collaboration functionality.</p>	GREEN

Project Name & Status	Status
<p>Prototypes have been developed for the key intranet pages and content development workshops are in progress with various business areas. The Business Case has been finalised and is progressing through the Governance bodies, with approval expected on 27 February 23, enabling contract negotiations to be finalised in early March 23.</p>	GREEN
<p>Early Years Platform</p> <p>The Early Years Project will review service requirements, ensuring the correct solution is in place to meet process and technical requirements whilst delivering a better experience for our Kindergarten and Childcare communities. The Project delivered the core system for the ongoing Early Years solution (Phase 1) in late 2022. A second phase will deliver Sign In / Sign Out and the decommissioning of existing systems will conclude the project outcomes in mid-2023.</p> <p>User acceptance testing for the new Sign In / Sign Out app was completed and iPads were installed at the kindergartens. Go live approval was provided by the IT Change Approval and Project Boards on 17 and 19 January 23 respectively. The administrative, leadership and educational teams undertook training in the week prior to go live and the solution went live on 30 January 23 at Council's 24 kindergartens. Families have since registered to use the app and are signing their children in and out of the service. Educators are undertaking head counts and sending messages to families using the new solution. Planning for decommissioning KEYS and KN Enrol systems is well underway.</p>	GREEN
<p>Enterprise Integration Platform</p> <p>To develop an organisational capability which can enable the sharing of data easily between systems, reducing the risk of integration failure and disruption to business, and enabling Knox City Council's transformation and customer experience goals. The project conducted a Proof of Concept in 2022, which proved the use of the Mulesoft Platform for complex integration between two core legacy systems (Document Management KX and Pathway).</p> <p>A contract for Mulesoft licensing has been executed. The request for quote has commenced in February 23 for a Partner to assist with the rollout of the backlog of prioritised system integrations across Council. A business case is underway in parallel to vendor selection which will be presented to governance bodies in March 23.</p>	GREEN
<p>Project Management Office</p> <p>Project Management Office oversees quality aspects of the overall Portfolio of ICT. The PMO is used for PMO resource costs, and non-project specific charges, including annual leave and admin/team activities.</p> <p>The budget for this function continues to be managed according to plan.</p>	GREEN
<p>Project Management Office - ICT Governance</p> <p>This budget allocation is to cover costs associated with ICT governance including independent members of the ICT Governance Committee.</p> <p>The allocation continues to track to plan.</p>	GREEN
On hold	
<p>Master Data Management</p> <p>Master Data Management (MDM) is a cultural change program focused on the collaborative effort between service areas, people, systems and processes to form a common understanding of how the Council will maintain and support key datasets.</p> <p>Recruitment of the new Data Capability team is underway with Karen O'Shanesy joining in February 23 as the Data Enablement Lead to program manage the Master Data Management initiative, design and run</p>	RED

Project Name & Status	Status
data governance and data management. Once a new plan is in place for the program, a new baseline will be established and agreed with governance bodies, to return the project to Green status.	
<p>Spatial Capability</p> <p>Spatial information is all about the location of people, properties, and objects. Council uses spatial information to better understand its community, assets and resources and ensure that it provides the high-quality services, policies, and programs. This project centres on how to increase spatial capabilities across a range of functions across council. Existing GIS systems were successfully upgraded in June 20, with the business users now taking advantage of improved functionality for Intramaps and QGIS.</p> <p>In late 2022 vendor negotiations were finalised, and a new contract put in place to extend the current On-Premise Intramaps arrangement until June 25. Recommencement of the spatial capabilities scope will now be considered in the context of the ICT Strategy refresh which is in development.</p>	RED
Not started	
<p>Customer Relationship Management</p> <p>Customer Relationship Management refers to all strategies, techniques, tools, and technologies used by Council for effectively servicing our community-based customers.</p> <p>This project is now due to commence in late 2022 in line with the completion of the Customer Experience Strategy expected in October 2022.</p>	GREY
<p>DCCT Program - Ph-3 Integration Phase</p> <p>This phase will expand on earlier delivery of the Digital program, with the implementation of a secure portal to Knox staff, a Knox business hub and additional integration with Knox systems.</p> <p>The phase will commence 2023.</p>	GREY
<p>Facilities Booking Solution - Phase 2 Community Facilities Booking Solution</p> <p>This project is the second phase of the facilities booking project. Phase 1 deployed the Primavira solution and this second phase will be to extend the booking solution to the community for facilities booking, including access to 300+ facilities such as halls, pavilions, ovals etc.</p> <p>This project will commence when resource capacity becomes available from the Asset Management Project over the next 12 months.</p>	GREY
Completed	
<p>Business Intelligence</p> <p>The Business Intelligence Project aims to build and continually improve Council's business intelligence capability, and work with the business to develop BI solutions which provide crucial insights to drive improved strategy development, evidence based planning and business improvement.</p> <p>This project was completed in 2021. The Business Intelligence (BI) Project has finalised its set objectives to enable Council teams with BI and Analytics capability by implementing a structured approach to address BI and data related requests. Through the project implementation a total of 16 use cases across 11 departments were delivered over the last 12 months. Power Users were identified and provided with advanced training on BI tools. The Strategy and BI team will continue to support business on BI and Analytics requirements following project closure in July 2021.</p>	GREEN
<p>Community Engagement Platform</p> <p>Assisting Strategy and Business Intelligence to deliver a centre-led community engagement approach, which includes effective processes, tools, data management and technology integration. This will be supported by a new community engagement digital platform to facilitate external and internal</p>	GREEN

Project Name & Status	Status
<p>engagement. Together the project will deliver improved outcomes to the community, by ensuring that the community voice is included in decisions made by Council.</p> <p>This project was completed in February 2021, when the Knox "Have Your Say" platform went live. The solution underpins the policy and framework for Knox's engagement with the community on decision making that affects them. Additional staff awareness sessions and on-demand training are available to support the ongoing use of the tool.</p>	GREEN
<p>DCCT Program - Ph-1 Website Redevelopment</p> <p>Digital Customer Channels Transformation Program. The project replaced the existing website, with a new digital solution which delivers a quick, convenient and rewarding digital interactions with Council. Content on the site was refreshed and a new operating model agreed to ensure the website meets Community expectations into the future.</p> <p>This project was completed in June 2021 following the successful deployment of Council's new website. Ongoing support has been handed over to the newly established Digital Experience Team. All final project tasks including the decommissioning of the old website have been completed.</p>	GREEN
<p>Facilities Booking Solution - Phase 1 Staff Room Bookings</p> <p>The project has successfully implemented a contemporary facilities booking solution called Primavira, to facilitate staff bookings of Civic Centre function rooms, fleet vehicles, staff meeting rooms and staff meeting rooms in Knox Community and Leisure Centres (50+ additional rooms available for staff reservation).</p> <p>This project was successfully completed in 2019.</p>	GREEN
<p>HR Systems</p> <p>The Enhancing our People Systems project is made up of three work packages 1. PageUp Recruitment, Learning, Variations and Onboarding (delivered in 2020), 2. Humanforce Time & Attendance and (delivered in 2021) 3. PageUp Performance and Succession (delivered in 2021)</p> <p>This project was completed in 2021. New systems are in place and formal handover has occurred with People & Culture.</p>	GREEN
<p>Pathway Program</p> <p>This program delivers enhancements to the Pathway system, which manages customer requests and enquiries, rates, payments, infringements, animal registrations and permit and renewal applications. The key outcomes include developing online services with an improved customer experience, enable seamless integration between systems, and optimise the use of available functionality within Pathway such as dashboards and electronic document delivery.</p> <p>The ICT funding for Pathway enhancements has concluded and ongoing development transitioned to BAU operations in September 2021. The program has delivered significant benefits to Council. IT will continue to support Pathway and ePathway development as a core application at Knox.</p>	GREEN
Removed	
<p>Active Aging System Platform</p> <p>This project will review Carelink Plus, the key system, and related processes currently used by Community Access and Support, to improve their experience and optimise the data shared with other systems.</p> <p>Initiation phase found the Carelink Plus application is broadly meeting business needs and is now used by only a small number of users. An upgrade is required and some improvement opportunities were identified for the Community Transport team. A change request was endorsed by the ICT Steering</p>	GREEN

Project Name & Status	Status
Committee in November to descope this project from the ICT program and instead manage delivery of the changes by Technical Services as part of their regular upgrade cycle.	

4.2 Capital Works Program Monthly Report

SUMMARY: Coordinator – Capital Works, John Bixby

The Capital Works Program Report shows projects on Council’s Capital Works Program and indicates the status of each project as of 27 February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receive and note the Capital Works Program Report as of 27 February 2023.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report summarises Council’s Capital Works Program for the 2022/23 financial year.

The aim of this report is to provide a regular and succinct status summary of each project over the last month. The Capital Works Report as of 27 February 2023 is attached as Attachment A.

Highlights of the Works Report as of 27 February 2023 include:

- Llewellyn Reserve, Wantirna South - Masterplan Implementation - Pathway works completed at Llewellyn Reserve
- Public Tennis / Netball / Basketball Court Renewals – including Rowville Tennis Club, Park Ridge Reserve public tennis courts, Cornelius Reserve public basketball - Project completed
- Adele Avenue, Ferntree Gully – Construction – Project completed
- Schultz Reserve, Wantirna - Pavilion Refurbishment - Tendered works to both ground and first floor – Project completed.
- Modular Building Program - Gilbert Park Modular Pavilion – Project completed.
- VARMS (Victorian Association of Radio Model Soaring) clubhouse and runway are complete and in operation. New turn lane to access the site to be completed early March.

Council has a number of projects well progressed and nearing completion. Several projects are presently out to quote/tender and under construction, with expectation of reaching completion in the March/April period which is positive. It is noted that many projects were delayed due to wet weather, material and labour shortages.

1. CONFIDENTIALITY

There are no items of a confidential nature in this report.

Report Prepared by: Acting Coordinator – Capital Works, John Bixby

Report Authorised by: Director Infrastructure, Grant Thorne

Attachments

1. Capital Works Program - Works Report as at 14 March 2023 - Attachment A [4.2.1 - 17 pages]

Knox City Council Project Status Report

27-Feb-2023

Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1	Bridges Renewal Program	\$855,820
All Wards	Brenock Park Drive Pedestrian Bridge Design finalised and commencing fabrication shortly. Bridge and Culvert rehabilitation package is out for quotation with works expected to commence in April.	
4	High Risk Road Failures	\$300,000
All Wards	Major patching program being scoped and anticipate works to take place April/May	
7	Road Surface Renewal Program	\$4,187,200
All Wards	The next package of road resurfacing works is about to commence with most of the remaining works programmed for March and April.	
8	Drainage Pit and Pipe Renewal Program	\$2,600,000
All Wards	Drainage renewal works prior to resurfacing about to be completed at Rankin Road. Francis Crescent renewal works to commence in March. Full budget has been expended / allocated so all other high priority projects have been postponed.	
9	Footpath Renewal Program	\$2,430,850
All Wards	Several of our footpath renewal contractors are back working in the Knox area with works underway at various locations. Remaining works have been allocated and we anticipate completion of the program by the end of May.	
10	Bicycle and Shared Path Renewal Program	\$688,000
All Wards	Shared path renewal works are in progress at various locations including Ferny Creek Trail near Willow Road.	
16	Building Renewal Program	\$3,959,251
All Wards	Expenditure is on track. Inspections are ongoing to finalise program of kitchen/bathroom refits and floor covering replacements with intention of going to the Builders Panel for RFQ by 10 March. Quotes for painting works due for submission by Monday 27 February. Quotes for minor renewal works requested from Facilities Management Contractor, with intention of raising work orders in March. Works completed since last update include Knox Leisureworks pool plant renewals, HVAC installations in preschools, LED lighting upgrades, exhaust fan and switchboard upgrades. HVAC renewal at Rowville Community Centre has been committed and should be delivered in March.	
17	Playground Renewal Program	\$1,509,500
All Wards	Knox Playspace Renewal 2022-23: Second round of community consultation is expected to commence early March. Stud Park Playground renewal is currently out for public tender, closing early March. The consultant is currently working on a draft concept for Tim Neville Arboretum Playground with consultation scheduled for March.	
22	Fire Hydrant Replacement Program	\$147,000
All Wards	Expenditure is not likely required, until late June.	

Knox City Council Project Status Report

27-Feb-2023

Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
24	Carpark Renewal	\$560,000
All Wards	Mountain Gate shopping centre carpark (west side), Dobson Reserve Carpark and Thaxted Parade Carpark added to program. Concrete and Asphalt contractors have been awarded works. Works to commence March/April	
25	Plant & Machinery Renewal Program	\$2,260,000
All Wards	Fleet renewal program underway. Expected delays due to ongoing supply issues across manufacturing. To date Council has 46% of funds committed and 26% of funds expended.	
26	Street Tree Replacement Program	\$524,519
All Wards	Program funds fully committed with majority of bulk tree planting completed.	
31	Stamford Park Redevelopment	\$6,000,000
Tirhatuan	Construction - Recent works have included expansion of the Kelletts wetland, foundations for the pedestrian bridge and the swale outlet structure. Mounding is also occurring south of the Adventure Play Precinct to provide additional flood protection to properties.	
104	Roadside Furniture Renewal Program	\$100,000
All Wards	Retaining wall structures require rehabilitation and renewal at various locations. The retaining wall in Harnett Street is likely to be completed with the remaining budget for this year. Other projects will be able to commence when new budgets become available next financial year.	
147	Energy Retrofits for Community Buildings	\$150,000
All Wards	LED lighting upgrades at Bayswater and Wally Tew Pavilion completed. Further lighting upgrades, insulation and heat pump projects are expected to be completed by June.	
229	Building Code Australia Compliance	\$40,000
All Wards	BCA Compliance Budget has been utilised for Defect Notes from Fire Services Inspections at both Early Years Hubs, Stamford House and the Operations Centre as well as Defects from Annual Essential Safety Measure Reports (AESMR) for other Council buildings.	
345	Asbestos Removal	\$40,000
All Wards	Small asbestos removal jobs completed at Scoresby Reserve Tennis and Chandler Park Pavilion. Small asbestos removal jobs completed at Scoresby Reserve Tennis, Chandler Park Pavilion and nearing completion at Dobson Park Pavilion. Further works to occur at Gilbert Park Softball Pavilion. Expenditure will be 85% complete once invoices are submitted for the above.	
347	Miscellaneous Industrial Roads - Pavement Rehabilitation	\$200,000
All Wards	Works programmed to occur over the coming months including renewal of Acacia Road Upper Ferntree Gully.	
409	Parks Furniture Renewal	\$72,000
All Wards	Realignment of dining settings at Benedikt Reserve to allow for better wheelchair and pram access completed.	

Knox City Council Project Status Report

27-Feb-2023

Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
410	Parks Signage Renewal	\$15,000
All Wards	Scoping of further works for the current financial year under way.	
412	Water Sensitive Urban Design Renewal	\$155,000
All Wards	Contractor for Starlight Reserve wetland renewal has been appointed, works programmed from start of March to mid April. Scope for Juniper Rd Sediment pond to be informed by vegetation thinning in March. Brief to be issued by end March.	
441	Significant Municipal Site Renewal	\$313,559
All Wards	Path Renewal works between bridge and amphitheatre at Tim Neville Arboretum underway.	
443	Reserves Paths Renewal	\$75,000
All Wards	Tarrago Reserve walk though path renewal completed.	
492	Food Act Compliance - Kitchen Retrofitting	\$25,000
All Wards	Minor repairs works required for Kings Park Baseball Pavilion, scheduled for March. Refit still expected for HV Jones kitchen to utilise remainder of budget. Will go to Builders Panel for RFQ in coming weeks.	
536	Parkland Asset Renewal	\$68,000
All Wards	Basin path renewal works completed.	
537	Roadside Plantings Renewal	\$64,000
All Wards	Scoping further works for the current financial year.	
566	Artwork Renewal	\$80,000
All Wards	Renewal projects planned FTG Placemaking totem, Tiriki Onus restoration and reinstallation, Alley Oop, Knox Skate Park restoration. Budget will be fully expended June 30. With ongoing renewal projects planned for future years scheduled, requiring ongoing budget renewal allocation \$80,000 per year.	
576	Emergency Warning Systems in Early Years Facilities	\$100,000
All Wards	Scoresby West installation has commenced with completion expected over coming weeks. Duress Pendant Upgrades have also progressed and should all be complete by March. Berrabri still planned for EOFY.	
675	Public Art Project	\$317,000
All Wards	Variety of major public art project scheduled for delivery in 22/23, including FTG placemaking, Erica Ave, Knox Library, Stamford Park, numerous murals and light boxes. Digital Public Art trail underway, requires some carry forward to deliver this council plan item.	
708	Cricket Run Up and Goal Square Renewal Works	\$70,000
All Wards	Sites chosen for turf replacement.	

Knox City Council Project Status Report

27-Feb-2023

Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
717	Knox Central Package	\$300,000
Dinsdale	The purchase of the parcel of land to enable the future road corridor has been finalised. The review of the masterplan will confirm the nature and location of the road corridor.	
746	Revegetation Plan	\$100,000
All Wards	Priority revegetation sites and being prepared and mulched for planting in May/June/July.	
755	Talaskia Reserve, Upper Ferntree Gully - Masterplan Implementation Stage 2	\$60,000
Dobson	Talaskia Masterplan Implementation works completed.	
834	Oversowing of Sports Fields	\$70,000
All Wards	Over-sowing to commence in March.	
837	Westfield Library (Permanent) - Design and Fitout	\$3,444,205
Dinsdale	Fit out contract on temporary hold awaiting further cost report.	
867	Knox Regional Netball Centre Extension	\$4,010,722
Dobson	Construction of the new facility is complete and opened to the public in mid-February. Refurbishment works of the existing facility has now commenced. This includes an upgrade of the existing netball centre's administrative areas, foyer, amenities and installation of a lift. Demolition works are currently in progress.	
868	H V Jones, Ferntree Gully - Masterplan Implementation Stage 3	\$805,000
Friberg	Delivery of Stage 3 of the HV Jones Masterplan includes upgrades to the netball courts and renewal of the existing carpark. Construction has commenced.	
869	Gilbert Park, Knoxfield - Masterplan Implementation Stage 3	\$40,000
Friberg	Currently open for community consultation on the draft design, closed 26 February 2023.	
871	Energy Performance Contract Implementation	\$218,065
All Wards	Construction stage of all projects completed and implemented. Fine tuning and final Operations and Maintenance Manuals are currently being prepared (expected in late March). The final stage of the project will involve comprehensive Measurement and Verification process.	
935	Scoresby (Exner) Reserve - Tennis Court Renewals	\$38,900
Tirhatuan	(1) Discussions and negotiations with original contractor and Council's insurer continuing around surface defects issue. Insurance claim on surface issues submitted and accepted by Council's insurer. Officers are now investigating remedial treatment proposals and costing with Contractor in accordance with recommendations from independent industry expert with proposals to be presented to Council's insurers for approval. (2) Courts 4 & 5 - Detailed Design completed.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
941	Knox Regional Netball Centre - Court Renewals	\$129,600
Dobson	On target to spend by June 30.	
944	Knox Central (Former Operations Centre)	\$350,000
Dinsdale	The final report is currently being drafted by the consultant, in preparation for the Auditor.	
948	Modular Building Program	\$1,677,000
All Wards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lakesfield Reserve Carpark: Funding shortfall addressed and Contractor appointed. Project combined with Rowville Recreation Reserve Carpark. Works have commenced and anticipate completion to occur around late April. 2) Marie Wallace Modular and Marie Wallace Junior Football Pavilion refurbishment expected to be completed/handover mid - late March. 3) Gilbert Park Modular Pavilion completed. Contractor has commenced on existing Pavilion refurbishment with completion expected by May. 	
950	Family & Children's Services Buildings & Facilities	\$350,000
All Wards	Project is expected to be completed by end of February.	
951	Community Toilet Replacement Program	\$277,000
All Wards	Chandler Reserve toilet block expected to proceed to request for quotes in April 2023 with contractor appointed in May 2023.	
995	Peregrine Reserve, Rowville - Masterplan Implementation Stage 2	\$411,126
Taylor	Construction of the new Junior BMX pump track and outdoor gym equipment now complete and officially open.	
997	Llewellyn Reserve, Wantirna South - Masterplan Implementation	\$31,606
Scott	Pathway works completed at Llewellyn Reserve.	
999	Lewis Park, Wantirna South - Masterplan Implementation - Stage 1 - Waterways	\$1,000,000
Dinsdale	Construction - Melbourne Water is managing delivery of these works.	
1003	Wantirna Reserve, Wantirna - Masterplan	\$30,000
Collier	Urban Initiatives have progressed the Draft Master Plan and presented to internal stakeholders on 9 February. Comments/feedback were requested from stakeholders by 16 February. All comments to be reviewed by Urban Initiatives and applied to the Master Plan where appropriate/relevant, prior to Public Consultation.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1054	Knox Regional Sports Park - Stages 2 and 3 (VARMS)	\$1,528,456
Scott	The expansion of the State Basketball Centre is being managed by the State Government through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) and Development Victoria (DV) on behalf of stakeholders including Council as project partner. The new VARMS (Victorian Association of Radio Model Soaring) clubhouse and runway are complete and in operation. The new Stud Road left turning lane into the site is in the final stages with asphaltting and line marking expected to be completed in early March.	
1119	Wantirna Reserve, Wantirna - Tennis Court Renewals	\$1,646,389
Collier	Contract works nearing completion and around 85 % complete. Laying of Classic Clay surface scheduled imminently and testing of lighting to follow. Minor remaining works to follow after that with final completion anticipated around mid-March.	
1123	Public Tennis / Netball / Basketball Court Renewals	\$100,000
All Wards	Project Completed.	
1124	Sportsfield Fencing Renewals	\$50,000
All Wards	On track to complete all works by 30 June.	
1162	Templeton Street, Wantirna - Linemarking and Intersection Treatments	\$39,557
Collier	Construction work has been completed.	
1163	Renou Road, Wantirna South - Intersection Treatments	\$106,577
Collier	Construction work has been completed.	
1173	Quarry Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Masterplan Implementation Stage 3	\$527,428
Dobson	Quarry Reserve Toilet Block: Construction of the new toilet block has been completed, with the toilet block open for Christmas. Quarry Reserve City Skyline Lookout: A contractor has been appointed for the design & delivery of the project. Geotechnical survey work has been completed. Final structural design works are currently being undertaken based on the Geotechnical survey findings. Once design and preconstruction works are completed by the contractor, construction work are expected to start later in the financial year.	
1176	Solar in Community Facilities	\$130,000
All Wards	Procurement to be completed by end of February for installation in April/May.	
1180	Forest Road to Koolunga Reserve, FTG - Wetland Construction	\$386,000
Chandler	A Stormwater Quality Study looking at options to improve water quality in the reserve is underway. The next stage of engagement on the project will occur in April.	
1184	Egan Lee Reserve - Wetland Construction	\$35,000
Scott	Consultant appointed to carry out a flood modelling study of possible flood mitigation options. Report expected by end of March 2023.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1238	BAMP Facility Upgrades	\$50,000
All Wards	Project brief being developed for fee proposals to be submitted by end of March. Project priority listing to be provided as part of consultancy report recommendations by end of June.	
1262	Cultural Facilities - Knox Pop Up Events Trailer & Kit	\$2,000
All Wards	Audit of current equipment undertaken to help inform replacement of damaged gear or gaps in kit for 2022/23. Council has begun to make purchases to update kit as required.	
1265	Park Crescent Children and Family Centre, Boronia - Refurbishment Scoping	\$50,000
Baird	Concept plan is currently under review. Detailed design is expected to be completed by April if the project goes ahead.	
1267	Early Years Facilities - Landscaping Upgrades	\$100,000
All Wards	Priority projects completed, project delays have been faced due to labour and materials shortages. Liberty Avenue Play Space upgrade to be completed by March. Schedule scoping continues for lower priority works to remove unsafe outdoor play space structures with works to be completed in April School Holidays	
1269	Rosa Benedikt Community Centre, Scoresby - Minor Upgrade	\$52,288
Tirhatuan	The project is now fully completed.	
1281	Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield (O'Connor Road and Henderson Road)- Shared Path	\$40,000
Tirhatuan	Consultation is being sought with the private landowners.	
1297	Amesbury Avenue, Wantirna - Intersection Treatments	\$43,094
Collier	Construction work has been completed.	
1300	Parking Management Plan Implementation	\$50,000
All Wards	Parking surveys for The Basin, Mountain Gate and Rowville have been conducted by the consultant in early February and we are waiting for their final reports.	
1308	Kevin Ave, Ferntree Gully Flood Investigation - Scoping	\$200,000
Dobson	Scoping revised after detail design consultation with Stormwater. Awaiting further drainage analysis. Once analysis completed and revised scope confirmed, design can resume.	
1309	1825 Ferntree Gully Road - Flood Mitigation Works	\$256,390
Friberg	Detail design and engineer's estimate completed - this has highlighted funding shortfall. Project deferred until full funding is available.	
1310	Flood Mitigation Reactive Complaints Upgrade Works	\$100,000
All Wards	Viewgrand Rise, Lysterfield - Reviewing scope of works. Conyers Street, The Basin - Consultant assessing benefit of proposal.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1311	Major Roads LED Streetlight Replacement	\$126,587
All Wards	481 lights have now been replaced. A further 8 new lights along Dorset Rd is expected to be completed by March.	
1315	Fairpark Reserve - Pavilion Upgrade (incorporating U3A extension)	\$8,363,296
Baird	Construction update - roof sheeting works are complete, brickwork and internal wall framing continue to progress.	
1316	Rowville Recreation Reserve - Car Park Upgrade	\$317,736
Taylor	Funding shortfall addressed and Contractor appointed. Contract works combined with Lakesfield Reserve Carpark. Anticipate construction to commence around Mid-March with completion anticipated around late April.	
1319	Gilbert Park Reserve, Knoxfield - Batting Cage Renewal	\$118,875
Friberg	Works to be completed by the end of February.	
1320	Eildon Park Reserve, Rowville - Tennis Court Renewals	\$445,104
Taylor	Contractor appointed and works underway. Temporary fence erected but works have been delayed due to investigation of Lighting issues. Cause of lighting issue with courts 4-7 have been identified and electricians engaged to resolve issue. Estimated completion of tennis court renewal late July.	
1322	Glenfern Park (FTGTC) - Tennis Court Renewals	\$100,000
Dobson	(1) Courts 5 & 6 - Contract works have now reached Practical Completion with final acrylic layer constructed. Practical Completion Inspection has occurred and minor defects identified. (2) Courts 1 - 4 - Detailed Design completed with minor modification to be included followed by final review.	
1363	Lupton Way Shared Zone Construction and Public Art Lighting	\$336,528
Baird	All Civil works completed.	
1386	Parks - New Tractor	\$120,000
All Wards	Tractor now due for arrival in May/June.	
1389	Egan Lee Reserve Renewal - Top Oval Renewal	\$1,380,000
Scott	Currently being re-designed to include sportsfield lighting and natural turf pitch. Carry forward required.	
1391	Knox Hockey Facility Development	\$3,270,000
Collier	Construction - Capping layer have been certified and crushed rock layer is about 75% complete. Drainage works are complete. Fencing and electrical works are in progress.	
1406	Miller's Homestead - Upgrade	\$141,061
Chandler	Stage one works are in progress and expected to be completed by April.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1411	Mountain Hwy, Bayswater, (Scoresby Road to Jersey Road) - Shared Path Baird Construction work has been completed.	\$172,605
1413	Kings Park Reserve, Upper Ferntree Gully - Masterplan Implementation Dobson Currently open for community consultation on the draft masterplan, closing early March.	\$40,000
1414	Cardiff Street - Flood Mitigation Works Baird Quote for flood modelling assessment to be sought in March.	\$688,000
1415	Olivebank to Underwood & Alexander Reserve, FTG - Wetland Treatment - Scope & Analysis Dobson Liaising with Construction Team about integrating drainage upgrades with road and drainage rehabilitation works in Alexander Crescent and Forest Road.	\$40,000
1422	Gilbert Reserve - Wetland (Scoping & Analysis) Friberg Design being finalised with input from Open Space and Landscaping Design.	\$35,000
1426	The Basin Triangle Masterplan Chandler Consultation findings from the Draft Masterplan engagement process will be incorporated into the upcoming 2023 Basin Parking Management Plan project. Council Officers will re-engage with the community for both projects once they are ready for consultation.	\$5,000
1437	1000 Steps Car Parking and Shared Use Path Bridge Dobson Council has assess the design requirements of the pedestrian bridge which are not viable. Council are currently in consultation with the Federal government to terminate the project and will provide an update to stakeholders and the community when the outcome of the discussions with the Federal government are known.	\$0
1439	Mossfield Avenue, Ferntree Gully - Construction Baird Construction delayed due to lead-time delay in supply of drainage pipes. Construction commencement to occur as soon as pipe supply is delivered and is now anticipated to occur by mid-March.	\$375,000
1440	Mountain Gate Drive, Ferntree Gully - Construction Friberg Construction works nearing completion and now only awaiting asphalt works to occur. This has been delayed due to unavailability of supplier and is now expected to take place by Mid-April.	\$615,000
1441	Studfield Shops, Rear Laneway, Wantirna South - Construction Dinsdale Construction works around 85 % complete and awaiting availability of asphalt sub-contractor. Works anticipated to be completed by Mid-April.	\$375,000

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1442	Avalon Road, Rowville - Construction Tirhatuan Construction now well underway following delay in pipe supply - and approximately 30% complete. South side significantly advanced with kerb & channel works completed.	\$835,000
1444	Adele Avenue, Ferntree Gully - Construction Friberg Works completed - Practical Completion Inspection to follow.	\$370,000
1445	Marlborough Road, Bayswater - Construction Dinsdale Works nearing completion with only asphalt works remaining. Asphalt works has been delayed due to unavailability of supplier and is now expected to occur by Mid-April.	\$160,000
1448	Fairpark Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Netball Court Renewals Baird Project Completed.	\$184,126
1450	Reta Matthews Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Tennis Court Renewals Baird Contract works mostly completed and modifications on shared path and site clean-up being finalised. Testing of lighting still to occur and Practical Completion inspection to follow.	\$592,747
1455	Talaskia Reserve, Upper Ferntree Gully - Cricket Net Renewal Dobson Project is completed.	\$187,080
1456	Dobson Park, Ferntree Gully - Cricket Net Renewal Baird Project is completed.	\$187,080
1459	Lewis Park, Wantirna South - Oval 1 Floodlighting Dinsdale All floodlighting poles and light fittings are now installed, the electrical contractor will run the electrical cabling early March with the testing, commissioning and aiming to follow soon after (weather permitting).	\$129,666
1460	Templeton Reserve, Wantirna - Floodlighting Upgrade Collier All floodlighting poles and light fittings are now installed, the electrical contractor will run the electrical cabling early March with the testing, commissioning and aiming to follow soon after (weather permitting).	\$128,101
1461	Kings Park, Upper Ferntree Gully - Oval 1 - Floodlighting Dobson All light poles are now operational, aiming works scheduled for early March. New floodlighting switching enclosure installed within pavilion. Old light towers are still operational, and will be cut over when new lights are lux tested.	\$171,337
1462	Knox Athletics, Knoxfield - New Shade Structures Friberg Shade Structure, a component of larger refurbishment, including track renewal and lighting has been Tendered. Tender responses received and are a lot higher than expected. Internal conversation around possible redesign and re-tender are underway.	\$95,874

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1464	Schultz Reserve, Wantirna - Pavilion Refurbishment	\$75,000
Collier	Tendered works to both ground and first floor have been completed.	
1465	Knox Park Athletics, Knoxfield - Lighting to Track	\$382,400
Friberg	Tender responses received and are a lot higher than expected. Internal conversation around possible redesign and re-tender are underway.	
1466	Schultz Reserve, Wantirna - Shade Structure	\$50,000
Collier	The building permit has been approved and the shade structure is currently in production, with installation to take place mid March.	
1467	Fairpark Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Safety Netting (Southern End)	\$50,000
Baird	Safety netting design has been finalised and presented to the club for review to ensure it meets their functional needs. Works expected to commence not long after club approval.	
1470	Electronic Entry to Sporting Pavilions.	\$60,000
All Wards	Liberty Avenue Sports Pavilion and Colchester Reserve Pavilion scheduled for end of tenancy due to no availability over Christmas holiday period. Funding will be provided towards electronic locking at Marie Wallace Bayswater Park Pavilion and Gilbert Park Pavilion as part of upgrades following the addition of Modular Pavilion to both sites.	
1472	Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Car Park Upgrade	\$77,295
Dobson	Project Completed	
1476	Community Placemaking Program - Murals and Lighting - Scope	\$55,000
Dobson	FTG Creative Placemaking Plan is in implementation stage. Complemented with funding through DJPR \$110,000 (grant expenditure over two years until June 2024). Artworks include murals, lightboxes and creative elements for retail and train station precinct, laneways and parklets. Cap works budget will be fully expended by 30 June.	
1478	Locker Program - Council Kindergartens	\$43,000
All Wards	Project has fully completed.	
1479	Liberty Avenue, Rowville Kindergarten - Verandah Replacement - Design	\$100,000
Taylor	Project complete	
1492	Francis Crescent, Ferntree Gully - Footpath Construction	\$20,000
Dobson	Construction work has been completed.	
1494	1726 Ferntree Gully Road, Ferntree Gully - Footpath Scope	\$15,000
Friberg	Initial scoping discussion has occurred and resident consultation to be carried out by Traffic & Transport. On hold until the land is sold and/or redeveloped. Once consultation is completed and scope confirmed design will commence.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1495	Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby - Footpath Construction Tirhatuan Works scheduled for a start date in March.	\$49,765
1496	Short Street, Boronia - Footpath Construction Baird Works scheduled for a start date in March.	\$51,785
1499	Buckingham Drive, Rowville - LATM Treatment Taylor Works scheduled to start during March.	\$120,000
1500	Liberty Avenue, Rowville - LATM Installation Tirhatuan Speed humps have been installed. The line marking and signage will be completed in conjunction with Buckingham Dr LATM.	\$250,000
1505	Mountain Highway, Boronia - Shared Path - Design Chandler Currently finalising a shared path alignment plan with comments.	\$76,255
1514	Carrington Park, Knoxfield - Masterplan Implementation Friberg An onsite meeting took place at Carrington Park with the Construction team present. The construction of future path connections will be delivered and completed by April/May.	\$150,000
1515	Major Crescent Reserve, Lysterfield - Landscape Plan Taylor Undertaking the detailed design of Major Crescent Reserve which will be completed by June.	\$25,000
1518	Schultz Reserve, Wantirna - Landscape Plan Collier (1) Carpark - Layout plan submitted for feedback as there was discussion on the potential relocation of cricket netting from the carpark area. Recent advice received from Parks that cricket nets are to be located within the carpark area. Detail design underway and 20% complete. Review anticipated for around late March. (2) Landscape - Final landscape plan has now been finalised, shared with Councillors and published on Knox City Council's 'Have Your Say' webpage. Detailed design now initiated.	\$25,000
1521	Erica Avenue Streetscape Renewal Baird Construction of Stage 1 (north eastern side of the street) has been completed, with linemarking to be delivered shortly. Stage 2 construction expected to commence in April/May.	\$598,971
1522	Essex Court - Design Dinsdale Geotech investigation and survey completed. Detailed Design underway and 85% complete. Review planned for March '23.	\$20,000
1523	Harley Street North - Design Friberg Geotech investigation and survey completed. Detailed Design underway and 85% complete. Review planned for March.	\$35,000

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1524	Harley Street - Design	\$34,000
Friberg	Survey and Geotech investigation completed. Detailed Design underway and 80 % complete. Engaging underground service locator to assist with drainage design.	
1525	Allister Close - Design	\$33,000
Friberg	Geotech investigation and survey completed. Detailed Design essentially completed and reviewed. Minor modification to design required as a result.	
1526	The Haven - Design	\$15,000
Dinsdale	Geotech investigation and survey completed. Detailed Design underway and 85% complete. Review planned for March.	
1527	Richards Avenue - Design	\$90,000
Friberg	Survey and Geotech investigation completed. Detailed Design underway and 80 % complete. Engaged underground service locator to assist with drainage.	
1528	Chandler Road - Design	\$48,000
Chandler	Direction received from Boronia Renewal Strategy panel. Project scope identified and now includes 'Greenspine' shared path project between Tormore Reserve and Albert Avenue, along with road renewal from Dorset Road to Albert Avenue. Survey underway and expect to be able to commence design work around late March.	
1529	Knox Athletics Track Renewal & Upgrades	\$3,250,000
Friberg	Tenders for the works have closed and are being assessed. The responses received are higher than budget amount.	
1531	Guy Turner Reserve - Sportsfield Renewal	\$1,425,000
Dinsdale	On track to complete by June.	
1532	Batterham Reserve Oval 1 - Sportsfield Renewal	\$20,000
Chandler	Draft design due by the end of February.	
1533	Kings Park 1 - Sportsfield Renewal	\$20,000
Dobson	Draft design due by the end of February.	
1534	Bayswater Oval - Sportsfield Renewal	\$20,000
Dinsdale	Draft design due by the end of February.	
1535	Templeton Reserve - Fencing Renewal	\$37,000
Collier	Project completed.	
1536	Knox Gardens Reserve Oval 1 - Fencing Renewal	\$55,000
Scott	Project completed.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1537	Bayswater Oval - Cricket Net Renewal	\$350,000
Dinsdale	Initial design came in over allocated budget. Council is working with stakeholders to develop a design that fits within the budget. Funds will be carried forward for this project	
1538	Guy Turner Reserve - Cricket Net Renewal	\$336,000
Dinsdale	Construction is tracking well.	
1539	Schultz Reserve - New Cricket Nets	\$250,000
Collier	Construction is tracking well.	
1540	Pickett Reserve - Cricket Net Renewal	\$11,000
Baird	Project completed.	
1541	Golf Practice Nets	\$40,000
All Wards	Project is completed.	
1543	Sportsfield Infrastructure program replacement	\$0
All Wards	Funds transferred to the Guy Turner Cricket Net Renewal project.	
1544	Irrigation Infrastructure Program Replacement	\$60,000
All Wards	Ongoing irrigation reactive/renewal replacement program.	
1545	Walker Reserve - extension of safety netting	\$10,000
Scott	Scope and cost investigations progressing, redesign in progress.	
1546	Rowville Recreation Reserve - DDA and Baby Change Facilities Upgrade	\$20,000
Taylor	Design changes caused some delays, a meeting with the clubs to discuss additional options to early March.	
1547	Kings Park (Baseball) - Floodlighting Upgrade	\$400,000
Dobson	Revised project plan to complete site services by February with view to prepare tender documents for tender release in late March for appointment mid-April and late April commencement.	
1548	Guy Turner Reserve - Floodlighting Upgrade	\$300,000
Dinsdale	Revised project plan to complete site services by February with view to prepare tender documents for tender release in late March for appointment mid-April and late April start.	
1549	Boronia Bowls Club - Green Lighting	\$120,000
Dinsdale	Contractor has been appointed and works have commenced on site. Pits and conduits have been installed and footing installation has commenced.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1550	Park Ridge Reserve Existing Pavilion Refurbishment - Design	\$50,000
Taylor	Internal investigations of requirements underway with concept design to align with proposed modular building construction.	
1551	Knox Community Art Centre Theatre Equipment Renewal	\$20,000
Dinsdale	Lighting rig service complete and successful, upgraded moving lights delivered, and stage furnishings purchased. Underspend to offset contract overspend for Seating Bank Upgrade Project #1552	
1552	Knox Community Arts Centre - Seating Bank Upgrade	\$200,000
Dinsdale	Contract signed and 40% deposit paid in preparation for installation in May. Final quote came in slightly over the \$200K budget (\$204,814). This overspend will be offset by underspend in Theatre Equipment Project #1551.	
1553	FW Kerr Bathroom Upgrade	\$10,000
Dobson	First draft of concept design is ready for providing feedback. Final version of concept design is expected to be completed by end of March.	
1554	The Basin Community House - portico	\$25,000
Chandler	Design works completed, Tendering/Quotation in progress.	
1555	Community Facilities Signage - Upgrades	\$60,000
All Wards	Delivery and installation anticipated to occur June.	
1556	Rose Street - Footpath Design & Construction	\$45,000
Dobson	Works scheduled for a start date in March.	
1557	Sundew Avenue, Iris Crescent and Herbert Street, Boronia - LATM Treatment Design	\$15,000
Tirhatuan	Consultation with residents is now completed and surveys are being reviewed.	
1558	Napoleon Road Stage 4 - Shared Path Construction	\$330,000
Taylor	Consultant has been engaged to prepare construction plans. Awaiting plans prior to programming works with contractors.	
1559	Upper Ferntree Gully Rail Link - Shared Path Construction	\$150,000
Dobson	As a full Metro Trains Melbourne/VicTrack engagement process is needed through a works application submission, this project may need to be delayed.	
1560	Liverpool Road west side Salvation Army to Retarding Basin - Shared Path Design	\$160,000
Chandler	A preferred supplier has been selected. A purchase order is being raised currently to facilitate the design work.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1561	Harold Street Onroad Bicycle Facilities - Design	\$0
Collier	Design of cycle link and path to be reviewed with attention to pedestrian/motorist conflict points. We are currently seeking a quote for a survey to determine the use of existing nearby cycle links.	
1562	Meridian Parade - Onroad Bicycle Facilities - Construction	\$40,000
Taylor	Arranging an authorisation of works for the section of path between Meridian Parade and High Street Road where there is a steeper grade.	
1563	Stud Road Onroad Bicycle Facilities - Design	\$45,000
Taylor	Concept design completed and presented to Traffic & Transport. Awaiting outcome of consultation with owners/stakeholders. Once completed, feedback to be provided and detail design will commence.	
1564	Victoria Road - school crossing kerb outstands	\$60,000
Dobson	Project delayed due to concerns raised by an affected resident. Project on hold until Easter School Holidays in April.	
1565	Napoleon Rd - Electronic 40km/h signs at school crossings	\$80,000
Dobson	Community Consultation (Have your say) underway. Review of responses to be carried out in March.	
1566	Brenock Park Drive Footpath and Bus Stop works	\$30,000
Dobson	Awaiting advice from DoT regarding possibility of removing/modifying the bus indent.	
1567	193 Forest Rd, Boronia Stormwater Upgrades - Scope	\$5,000
Dobson	Project being investigated for possible solutions.	
1568	EV Charging stations in Council facilities for fleet charging	\$50,000
All Wards	Awaiting receipt of quotes. Installation expected by June.	
1569	Knox Regional Netball Centre, Ferntree Gully - Masterplan Implementation	\$15,000
Dobson	The carpark works have been completed as part of the Netball Centre upgrade works.	
1571	Lewis Park, Wantirna South - Masterplan Implementation - Stage 2 - Sport & Play Hub	\$500,000
Dinsdale	Design - Pavilion design to be further refined with stakeholders and work to commence on the Design Development phase of the project.	
1572	Community Gardens Facility - scope	\$120,000
Dinsdale	Preparation for site investigation works and detailed design is underway.	

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Project Number	Project Name	Total Adjusted Budget
1573	Lupton Way Future Public Art Lighting	\$100,000
Baird	Earmarked fund for public art lighting along Lupton Way, State Government commitment. Unable to deliver 22/23 until Erica Ave redevelopment is complete, and the Boronia Station Masterplan timeline and scope is understood. Keen to locate works on Council owned land to avoid Vic Track sites.	
1574	Fairpark Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Cricket Net Renewal	\$13,000
Baird	The design has been pushed back as the pavilion will not be demolished until July/August. The cricket nets are being installed where the pavilion currently sits. Funds will need to be carried forward.	
1575	Templeton Reserve, Ferntree Gully - Cricket Net Renewal	\$13,000
Collier	Design in progress.	
1576	Ambleside Homestead Upgrade Review	\$45,000
Dobson	Needs analysis report have been completed. Concept designs will be developed during 2023.	
		Total: \$78,303,376

4.3 Proposed Motion for the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting 2023

SUMMARY: Director City Liveability, Matt Kelleher

To seek Council's formal endorsement of the submission of a motion for consideration at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting in June 2023, calling on the Victorian State Government to introduce exemptions for Local Government from its Windfall Gains Tax (WGT) set to be introduced in 1 July 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee, endorse the following motion and supporting rationale (as set out in this report) for submission to the MAV State Council Meeting on 19 May 2023:

- “That the MAV play a lead role in working with local government as part of advocacy with the State Government to secure exemptions for local government from being subject to the Windfall Gains Tax”.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting will be held on 19 May 2023. Motions from member councils on issues of state-wide significance to local government are due by 20 March 2023.

Knox City Council is a member of the MAV and is represented by its delegate Cr Susan Laukens. The MAV is a membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. Motions are being sought from member councils on issues of state-wide significance to local government. Motions must be submitted online and must have been the subject of a Council resolution. Councils may amend their submitted motions up until 12 April 2023.

Motions for the MAV State Council must be aligned to the MAV Strategy. The MAV Strategy 2021-25, adopted at the May 2021 State Council meeting identifies 6 MAV strategic outcomes:

1. Economically sound councils
2. Healthy, diverse and thriving communities
3. Well-planned, connected and resilient built environment
4. Changing climate and a circular economy
5. Sector capability and good governance
6. Effective and responsive MAV.

The Victorian Government's introduction of the Windfall Gains Tax and its applicability to Local Government across the state is considered an appropriate motion to put forward that meet's the MAV requirements.

2. DISCUSSION

The Victorian Government's new Windfall Gains Tax (WGT) is an issue of state-wide significance for local government in Victoria that warrants further advocacy by the MAV. The WGT comes into effect on 1 July 2023 and applies to the value uplift of land that is rezoned on or after its introduction. Local government is not exempt from the new WGT and its application upon councils across the state has the potential to have an enduring financial impact in an environment within which revenue is already being constrained by State Government.

The following Motion has been prepared for Council's consideration.

Name of Motion: Exemption of Local Government from Windfall Gains Tax

Motion: That the MAV play a lead role in working with local government as part of advocacy with the State Government to secure exemptions for local government from being subject to the Windfall Gains Tax.

Rationale: The Victorian Government Windfall Gains Tax (WGT) comes to effect on 1 July 2023 and applies a tax on the value uplift of land rezoned on or after that date. While that WGT may have been introduced to capture significant value uplift enjoyed by land speculators upon rezoning, the new tax will equally apply to local government and other public bodies. The application of the WGT has the potential to have an enduring detrimental financial impact upon councils across Victoria, in an environment within which revenue is already being constrained by State Government and inflationary pressures.

State Government rate capping is constraining local government revenue and the rate cap itself is significantly falling short of matching inflation, intensifying its ongoing compounding impact on local government revenue and financial sustainability. While councils are being encouraged to optimise their assets and operations, the application of the WGT has a direct counterproductive impact in doing so with Council landholdings. The WGT is not only a discouragement for councils to efficiently manage their assets, any uplift that is achieved from the rezoning and disposal of underutilised land is hypothecated by the state for consolidated revenue, and lost from its reinvestment in important local community facilities and infrastructure. Councils hold a disproportionately high amount of public zoned land, which once rezoned are likely to experience a disproportionately higher impact from the WGT. The WGT tax robs councils and communities from the capital needed for important community projects.

By way of example, in recent times Knox developed two modern purpose built early years hubs to meet the changing and growing needs of its children and families. To achieve this goal, Council disposed of a range of outdated, smaller facilities in dispersed locations, a number of which required rezoning. The business case for the construction of the new early years hubs was reliant on securing the full uplift and disposal of these properties. If the WGT was in place at that time, Council would never have been able to afford this important investment in community facilities.

Now with revenue increasingly constrained, Council would have needed to borrow the funds, which has its own constraints, or cut services to fund the project. This is a real example facing many councils across Victoria in the face of ongoing State Government kindergarten reforms. The State is placing increasing pressure on councils to provide infrastructure, resources and capacity to support the State's kinder reforms, while at the same time constraining rate revenue, fee revenue and now stripping councils of the majority of the value uplift from rezoned properties that rightly should be invested into local communities.

Unlike the Growth Areas Infrastructure Contribution (GAIC) which directly supports state infrastructure projects in urban growth areas, the WGT is taken from councils and communities and goes directly to State Government consolidated revenue. At the 24 June 2022 MAV State Council Mitchell Shire Council submitted a motion which was subsequently resolved, calling on the State Government to ensure WGT funding be distributed to LGAs where the tax was generated to assist councils with funding local community infrastructure projects. While this motion deals with all WGT proceeds, it highlights the need for the funds to be reinvested in the local communities from which they were collected. It is considered that this proposed motion supporting LGAs to be exempt from the WGT is complementary to the above motion of June 2022 and is more specific in its intent.

Some exemptions to the WGT are provided for, however these only apply in a limited range of circumstances, and are unlikely to apply in the example above. Universities and Charities have been granted with exemptions from the WGT by the State Government, however Local Government has not. Consultation on the WGT with LGAs and the MAV was limited and if this had occurred more extensively, these implications could have been understood and avoided. If this outcome was an unintended consequence of the WGT, there doesn't appear to be any clear move to address it.

Senior officers from a range of Melbourne councils have commenced a dialogue to further understand the implications of the WGT for local government and consider options for further advocacy. Councils need the support and leadership of the MAV to advance this important work and advocacy with the Victorian Government to pursue an exemption for LGAs from the WGT.

3. CONSULTATION

Endorsing and submitting a motion to the MAV State Council Meeting enables the canvassing of the issue with all other local governments across Victoria, to gain their support for the motion.

A collection of metro-based local government Directors have been engaged in discussions focused on the implications of the WGT upon councils and options for further advocacy to pursue exemptions for local government from the new tax. Those participating Directors have been advised of this proposed motion, with many interested in supporting the motion with their councils.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS

Implementation of the recommendation is considered to have no direct implications or has no direct impacts upon Council's Net Zero 2030 target, the Community Net Zero 2040, exposure to

climate risks or climate change adaptation. While limited, the impact of the WGT on Council and its ability to transact property assets will impact on its financial capacity to support achievement of its Net zero 2030 target and the Community Net zero 2040 target.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL/AMENITY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct environmental or amenity implications for this report.

6. FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

The application of the WGT on local government and its commencement from 1 July 2023 will have an impact on Council's financial capacity from proceeds it could have received from the sale of land holdings that require rezoning. Council from time to time rezones and disposes of property assets that are no longer fit for purpose, or does so to reinvest those proceeds in new, fit for purpose facilities at required locations. The Wantirna and Bayswater Early Years Centres are a good example of such an approach. Under the new WGT, Council would be liable to pay WGT on the uplift in value of any properties in which it rezoned to enable sale. As many of Council's properties are within a public zone, the value uplift and therefore the tax impact is more acute.

For a rezoning of land that results in a taxable value uplift, the following tax rates will apply depending on the amount of value uplift:

- More than \$100,000 but less than \$500,000, the tax will apply at a marginal rate of 62.5% on the uplift above \$100,000; or
- \$500,000 or more, a tax rate of 50% will apply to the total uplift.

The tax has a distorting affect and is counterproductive to enabling Council to optimise the performance of its property asset portfolio, particularly for land within a public zone.

7. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the financial and economic implications, the WGT will diminish Council's ability to secure maximum proceeds from property disposals to invest in fit for purpose community facilities.

8. RELEVANCE TO KNOX COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

Neighbourhoods, Housing & Infrastructure

Strategy 2.2 - Create, enhance and maintain places and spaces for people to live, work, play and connect.

Connection, Resilience & Wellbeing

Strategy 4.1 - Support our community to improve their physical, mental and social health and wellbeing.

Civic Engagement & Integrity

Strategy 5.2 - Manage our resources effectively to ensure financial sustainability and improved customer experience.

9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officers contributing to and responsible for this report have no conflicts of interest requiring disclosure under Chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Knox City Council.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

There is no content in this report that meets the definition of confidential information from the Local Government Act 2020.

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Attachments

Nil

5 Motions for Which Notice has Previously Been Given

6 Supplementary Items

7 Urgent Business

7.1 Urgent Business

8 Confidential Items