

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 2 July 2013

To be held
Swan Hill Town Hall,
Council Chambers,
McCallum Street, Swan Hill
Commencing at 1:00 PM

COUNCIL:

Cr LT McPhee – Mayor

Cr JN Katis

Cr GW Norton

Cr GI Cruickshank

Cr JA Kiley

Cr CM Adamson

Cr JB Crowe

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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- **Acknowledgement to Country**

- **Prayer**

- **Apologies**

- **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.13.81 SWAN HILL RIVERFRONT MASTERPLAN PRESENTATION

Source: Procedural
Department: Infrastructure
File Number: 42-52-213

Summary

The Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan has been made possible through funding provided by Regional Development Victoria and Council. TRACT Consultants were appointed in December 2012 who with the support of Council Officers undertook a rigorous community consultation process seeing close to two thousand people involved in the development of the Masterplan which is now ready to be formally presented to Council.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Facilitate and provide services for health and wellbeing - Council will provide or facilitate a range of services that maintain community health, and provide opportunities and infrastructure that contribute to the educational, recreational, cultural and leisure needs of our community

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan as a guide to future staged development of the Riverfront.**
- 2. Undertake detailed designs on the various elements.**
- 3. Acknowledge that each of the various elements of the Riverfront Masterplan requires individual endorsement by Council at the appropriate time.**

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Council has allocated a financial contribution to the implementation of the Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan in the coming financial years. There are opportunities to seek external funding from government bodies and to have private sector investment.

Triple Bottom Line Impact

The Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our community, improve public and private investment, and create new opportunities for employment, development, tourism and growth within our region.

Background

The Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan is being developed by Council with a contribution from Regional Development Victoria (RDV) and Council. Council and RDV have formed a partnership and are involving the community and key stakeholders.

TRACT Consultants worked closely with Council to develop a consultation strategy and a communication plan which has resulted in close to 2,000 people being involved in the process.

Priority projects identified through community consultation which can be implemented following endorsement of the plan are:

- Expression of interest for the development of the lodges;
- McCrae Street pedestrian crossing;
- Lift bridge underpass and pathway;
- McCallum Street crossing upgrade works;
- Cadell Wharf and the ten steps upgrade (canoe steps).

The following actions have already occurred:

- TRACT Consultants were appointed on 14 December 2012;
- The first inception meeting was held 19 December 2012;
- Community Consultation commenced 26 January 2013 and concluded 10 May 2013;
- This Plan has gained the support of people within our region and also has full support of the project management team and others who have been involved with the process;
- The Plan has been finalised to formally present to Council.

Issues

Nil

Consultation

The following section summarises the community consultation process.

- Commenced at the Australia Day Breakfast Celebrations with 9 young people interviewing 279 attendees of which 95% were local.
- The first Riverfront Open House was held in February which saw 126 people attend and contribute to the information.
- TRACT, through their sub-contractors Local Logic Place, facilitated many groups including primary and secondary students, health services and community organisations, clubs and groups to collect information for the Masterplan.
- Surveys and response forms were developed which saw a huge up-take from young people.
- The second component of the community consultation provided community members with feedback, and a further opportunity to provide more information.
- The second open-house was attended by 106 people.
- Information has been sent to our rural communities to inform them of the process.
- All of the Councillors have had the opportunities to feed information into the Masterplan.
- Council Staff have also provided information in relation to technical matters, people with disabilities, artists and young people.

Options

Council can choose to or not to adopt the recommendations as listed.

Conclusion

The Swan Hill Riverfront has evolved from engaging professional consultants who worked closely with the local community, key stakeholders, government bodies and Council to use their information to create the Swan Hill Riverfront which is reflective of those involved in the process.

Attachments

Nil.