



17.3 FISHERMANS BEND - MONTAGUE PRECINCT
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this confidential report is to:
- (a) Determine Council's response to the draft Montague Precinct Implementation Plan (MPIP) in PART 1;
 - (b) Approve communication of Council's response to the MPIP to the State Government,
 - (c) When required, incorporate Council's response to the MPIP into a formal public submission to the State Government.
 - (d) Approve engagement with any State Government appointed Advisory Panel, noting that funding for Council's engagement will be progressed through the Council budgetary process (PART 2); and
 - (e) Approve Council's approach to community engagement in PART 3.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the contents of the (draft) Montague Precinct Implementation Plan (MPIP) and acknowledges the effort of Council and DJPR officers to develop this document;
- 2.2 In-principle supports the content of the MPIP subject to the State Government addressing to Council's satisfaction the matters identified in **Part 1** of this report including a satisfactory resolution the funding and finance arrangements and the need for further detail to provide clarity and certainty of issues as identified in **Part 1** of this report.
- 2.3 Authorises the Mayor to write to the Minister for Precincts, thanking him for the opportunity to participate in the development of the MPIP and detailing Council's position as per **recommendation 2.2**.
- 2.4 Authorises the public release of a formal submission including Council's response to the MPIP as per **recommendation 2.2** as part of any State Government consultation on the MPIP noting that there may be changes to **Part 1** to elaborate Council's position and to provide editing and formatting changes.
- 2.5 Authorises Council to be represented at any Planning Panel appointed by the State Government to support Council's position as set out in **recommendation 2.2**, to seek to resolve matters detailed in **Part 1** of this Report, to respond to matters raised at the Panel and to otherwise represent the interests of Council. Further, Council notes that funding for Council's representation will be sought through the Council Budget process.
- 2.6 Authorises Council participation in any State Government community engagement process on the MPIP as per **Option 2** so that the State Government leads engagement and Council provides support to maximise opportunities for community engagement including through the use of Council social media and other platforms.



3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Fishermans Bend Framework (the Framework), approved by the State Government in 2018, is the overarching long term strategic plan for the development of Fishermans Bend to 2050. The Framework designates five linked precincts (Montague, Lorimer, Sandridge, Wirraway and the Employment Precinct) and provides for the preparation of a Precinct Plan for four Capital City Zoned precincts (not including the Employment Precinct).
- 3.2 This report deals with the first Precinct Plan, the (draft) Montague Precinct Plan (MPIP). The State Government has released the MPIP to Council on a confidential basis until the document is publicly released by the State Government.
- 3.3 On 22 September 2021, Councillors received a confidential briefing from the Fishermans Bend Taskforce (DJPR) on the MPIP. This report seeks to include the Councillor feedback from the briefing.
- 3.4 Council has approved a Partnership Agreement between Council and the State Government which enshrines a cooperative, 'no surprises' approach to the delivery of the vision for Fishermans Bend. Using the principles approved in the Partnership Agreement Council officers and the State Government have agreed the following process for the MPIP:
 - a) The State Government will provide a confidential briefing on the draft MPIP to Councillors. **Confidential Briefing – 22nd September 2021;**
 - b) Council can provide feedback on the MPIP to the Minister for Precincts (**this report considers Council's feedback**);
 - c) The MPIP will be released for public consideration providing Council with an opportunity to provide a public response to the MPIP (estimated for early 2022) (**this agreement considers Council's role in community engagement**);
 - d) The MPIP, including any public submissions will be considered by a State Government appointed Advisory Panel providing Council with an opportunity to make a submission. (estimated mid 2022) (**this report recommends Council's engagement in the Panel Process**); and
 - e) The outcomes of the Advisory Panel including any recommendations will be considered by the State Government in the development of amendments to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme (estimated late 2022).

4. THE (DRAFT) MONTAGUE PRECINCT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - CONTEXT

- 4.1 The Framework provides the context and scope of the precinct plans. The Framework provides a vision for Montague that is "*A diverse and well-connected mixed-use precinct celebrating its significant cultural and built heritage and network of gritty streets and laneways*".
- 4.2 The MPIP sets the precedent for future Precinct Plans and will guide the assessment of planning permit applications and frame future development, infrastructure, land use and investment. The Precinct Plan needs to provide sufficient detail and direction to enable separate implementation actions by the different stakeholders (Council, State departments and developers) that combined, will deliver the vision for the precinct. The MPIP will be reviewed every five years.
- 4.3 The MPIP is structured around five key moves.



Key Move 1 - *Establish a Place Creation Presence;*

Key Move 2 - *Deliver Destination Laneways and Integrate Existing Character;*

Key Move 3 - *Create People Focused Streets and Parks;*

Key Move 4 - *Foster a Vibrant Activity Centre;*

Key Move 5 - *Connect Montague to the CBD, the River and the Bay*

PART 1 - Montague Precinct Implementation Plan – Council submission

- 4.4 This briefing recommends Council's response to the MPIP. It recommends that Council is broadly supportive of the MPIP subject to further development of the details of the MPIP including the risks to Council. The key risk for Council is the lack of detail which introduces a level of uncertainty regarding implementation. This risk impacts council as in our capacity to provide, maintain, manage and fund infrastructure in Fishermans Bend. Council's suggested response to the MPIP is detailed below.
- 4.5 Council is broadly supportive of the Montague Precinct Implementation Plan. Council welcomes the State Government's engagement in the development of the MPIP and would like to work closely with the State Government on its finalisation and implementation. This includes working with the State Government to identify and address local transport constraints that, if not resolved, will impede delivery of the Fishermans Bend vision.
- 4.6 Council believes that the MPIP:
- a) is engaging and introduces creative ideas;
 - b) recognises and builds on the unique character and location on the Montague Precinct;
 - c) takes a visionary approach and sets a high bar for the future of the precinct;
 - d) accurately articulates the challenges and opportunities to achieving the vision
 - e) has strong community focused outcomes;
 - f) focuses on place creation which has the potential to deliver creative and outcomes in partnership with local residents and businesses;
 - g) develops the laneways which will continue Melbourne's love affair with lanes, highlight local character and create cosy and human centred spaces.
 - h) develops the wide streets and in creating linear people centred parks, has the potential to develop a strong urban statement;
 - i) develops an activity centre which is critical in making Montage a place of its own and the Montague walk is a good response to the challenges of the precinct;
 - j) connects the precinct into its surrounds, capitalises on the enviable location and improves some of the current significant barriers to movement.
 - k) establishes an urban forest using the streets, open spaces and private realm initiatives and addresses the effects of increased urban heat by increasing tree canopies and combining them with a biodiverse range of understory plant species.

Montague Precinct Implementation Plan – Key Concerns

- 4.7 While Council is broadly support of the MPIP, Council's ongoing support of the MPIP is subject to the conditions and concerns identified below being addressed. Council looks forward to ongoing engagement with the State Government to resolve these concerns



as part of the ongoing development and implementation of the MPIP. The issues in need of further consideration are as follows;

- (a) Council seeks further details, clarity and testing of the outcomes proposed in the MPIP. Without practical urban design detail and rigor in the proof of concepts developers, planners and other stakeholders may be confused as to their role in implementation of the vision. The lack of clear implementation direction, risks conflict between stakeholders at the permit application stage and in the design and construction of infrastructure. Council's concern is that, following operational handover, these gaps become Council's responsibility as Council is the public land and assets manager. Council's risk is that it may have to manage and maintain infrastructure that is not fit for purpose, does not deliver the MPIP vision and places an unnecessary financial burden on ratepayers. The areas where additional details are required are detailed later in this report.
- (b) Council receiving and reviewing the planning controls that deliver the proposed zones, overlays, policies, etc, that will form part of the planning scheme that implements the MPIP. Until Council sees the controls, it is unclear to what extent issues identified by Council have been addressed, and whether there are any new issues. Consistent with Council's partnership agreement with the State Government, Council seeks engagement with the State Government on the draft controls prior to their public release and seeks their public release as part of the MPIP community engagement.
- (c) Council receiving a full and comprehensive understanding of how community infrastructure will be funded. The funding and finance arrangements must acknowledge
 - that Council's primary funding role will be the ongoing maintenance and renewal of local infrastructure and the delivery of local community services,
 - that, almost all government revenue in Fishermans Bend will be raised by State and Federal governments and
 - Council's limited capacity to fund infrastructure in Fishermans Bend.
- (d) Consistent with Council's partnership agreement with the State Government, Council seeks engagement with the State Government on the funding and finance arrangements prior to their public release and seeks their public release as part of community engagement.

COUNCIL'S DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE MONTAGUE PRECINCT PLAN.

4.8 The next part of the report provides a more detailed consideration of how the MPIP deals with transport, water management, heritage and sequencing. It identifies areas of concern for Council. Council believes that many of these issues can be addressed through ongoing engagement between council and the State Government, the Planning Panel process and the development of precinct plans.

- a) The vision of a walkable community with significant tree canopies providing a safe and attractive shared space is welcomed. However, it is unclear how this vision will co-exist with vehicle access requirements for properties particularly along Buckhurst St. Detailed design is needed including a street by street, block by block approach with designated plant species.



- b) Laneways are proposed to provide many functions (access to properties, deliveries, hospitality, movement through Fishermans Bend, walkways etc.). However, the basic service function is unresolved, and more work needs to be done to confirm if the proposal will deliver good connections into the pedestrian network to deliver destination laneways.
- c) There is a concern that the proposed green space is fragmented and may not deliver biodiversity corridors or sufficiently support the management of inundation. In addition, while the proposal to alternate green space on both sides of Buckhurst St instead of providing a linear space along one side and having a 'shared space' (a plaza/mall), is consistent with central capital city locations such as Bourke St is untested and may not be feasible on Buckhurst Street.
- d) There is a need to manage the staging and sequencing of underground infrastructure to avoid repeatedly digging up roads and pavements to insert developer, State, Council and utility infrastructure (water, power, sewage, telecommunications). Failure to coordinate the delivery of infrastructure will be disruptive, will undermine the longevity of roads and footpaths and be a major impediment to the development of the street canopy. Further work is required to ensure transitional work builds towards the preferred long-term outcome and that major infrastructure upgrades are appropriately staged.
- e) More broadly, the MPIP does not sufficiently identify the location or timing of necessary State, Council, utility and developer infrastructure. This requires an ongoing annual planning review to identify priorities and develop an implementation schedule. This would include the scheduling works identified in the MPIP to manage drainage such as increased pipe capacity, pumps and levees, combined with existing requirements for water tanks and recycled water pipes (noting that the MPIP does not include the location of these required works).
- f) The MPIP needs to be developed to fully incorporate the Framework's sustainability goals of 'a low waste community' and 'a low carbon community' and the management of area's contaminated soil and groundwater'.

4.9 The next part of the report identifies Council's response to how the MPIP deals with Transport, Sustainability and Water management and Heritage.

TRANSPORT OUTCOMES

- 4.10 The relatively flat topography of Fishermans Bend and proximity to key destinations make it generally well-suited to walking and cycling. However, without reliable and accessible alternatives to cars including significant improvements in public transport and cycling and walking infrastructure, significant traffic congestion remains a high risk.
- 4.11 A key target of the Framework is that, by 2050, 80% of trips within and through Fishermans Bend are made via sustainable transport. This target is an acknowledgement that the constrained road network cannot accommodate the volume of traffic that would be generated should the majority of new trips be made by car, and that creating the road network to cater to a car based development of this scale is not practicable or preferable.
- 4.12 To deliver the sustainable transport target, the Framework recognises the need for long-term sustainable transport and notes that, as a result, less car parking will be required. Consequently, developments with no car parking are strongly recommended and the MPIP provides little provision for on-street parking.



- 4.13 The Fishermans Bend Parking Overlay requires a permit if car parking rates for listed uses / developments exceed the following ratios: 0.5 cars per one- and two-bedroom dwelling, 1 car per three-bedroom dwelling and 1 car per 100m² for employment uses for employment uses except Supermarket (2 cars per 100m²) and Industry (1 car per 150m²). Reductions from this rate (including to zero) do not require a permit.
- 4.14 In summary, for this precinct to succeed investment in public transport, walking and cycling infrastructure is essential. However, these issues have not or have not been adequately addressed in the MPIP. For example:
- Given the population increases, increasing public transport capacity is under emphasised and should be an action of the MPIP.
 - No traffic modelling has been undertaken to test if the proposed destination laneways or signalised intersections can support the expected traffic volumes or adequately provide service and access requirements. Congestion will be a critical issue and no interventions to address this have been proposed.
 - Cycling will play a key role in shifting trips to sustainable modes and at present cycling infrastructure and safety is underdone. Cycling has been designated for key corridors and provides useful connections within and through the precinct. However, cycling priority and safety treatments at the street level needs to be identified to further define the likely interactions between cyclists, pedestrians and vehicles to ensure efficient and safe trips.
 - The plan for reduced and consolidated parking is untested and the mechanisms for delivery are unclear. Limited private car parking will require an innovative design of car parks to allow for future conversion so parking can be managed by the owner's corporation and leased to property owners. Further investigation needs to be undertaken to establish a parking plan for the Montague Precinct.

Sustainability and Water Management

- 4.15 The Montague precinct is low lying, with a high-water table and is subject to periodic flood events. Without mitigation, these impacts will increase in severity and frequency due to sea level rise and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns related to climate change.
- 4.16 The Framework has targets for flood reduction and to improve water quality and reduce nutrients and pollutants flowing to the Bay. However, in the MPIP, there is a lack of clarity on how climate change, urban ecology and water quality outcomes will be achieved. Each key move should describe how it will contribute to creating a climate-resilient precinct living with water and mitigating heat and wind.
- 4.17 The MPIP does provide that most private development and public land need to incorporate flood mitigation and water sensitive urban design features. Council and the State Government have collaborated on a development of a **Fishermans Bend Water Sensitive City Strategy** (endorsed by Council in March 2020) which identified a range of interventions to address these issues. Since then, the Strategy has been further developed and refined into a design document for publication. Council seeks the public release of the Strategy. In addition, further work on how the Strategy will translate into place-based actions in Montague is necessary and it is yet unclear how implementation of the Strategy will be funded.
- 4.18 The State Government is undertaking further studies including an Urban Ecology Study to detail how the MPIP aspirations should be integrated into the design of public realm



works. While this is welcomed, there need to be tangible actions to ensure that any required works in the Montague Precinct are planned, delivered and funded.

- 4.19 Working with the State Government Council has commenced preliminary work required to ensure effective water management. This includes, Integrated Water Management case studies to help developers understand how they can deliver on the Water Sensitive City requirements in the Framework and planning controls. These case studies have been published and the study's recommended changes need to be incorporated in future planning scheme amendments as part of the implementation of the MPIP.

Heritage Approach

- 4.20 Council commissioned the preparation of a Montague Heritage Study from RBA Consultants. This recommends that a Heritage Overlay be applied to the properties in Table 1.
- 4.21 Council believes that the review should be publicly released and considered in the drafting of the planning controls as part of the MPIP implementation. This approach:
- Ensures a single Advisory Panel considers both the planning and heritage controls simultaneously, so heritage is integrated in the strategic precinct planning process. This is particularly important in Montague where heritage is central to the vision for the neighbourhood.
 - Benefits stakeholders including the community, affected landowners and Council, who will have a single consultation and planning scheme amendment process to consider the impact of a heritage overlay on future development. This will avoid the need for a separate planning scheme amendment, avoiding additional costs and time impacts and minimising uncertainty, for all parties.

Citation No.	Name + Address	Description
2137	Wayside Inn and Shops 446, 448, 450-452 City Road, South Melbourne	Federation period corner hotel with adjacent group of three shops.
2394	Neal & Meighan Garage (former) 81-85 Thistlethwaite Street, South Melbourne	Interwar period, Moderne style garage.
2396	Factory (former) 123 Thistlethwaite Street, South Melbourne	Single storey, Interwar period factory.
2397	Produce Store (former) 427 City Road, South Melbourne	Two storey, Federation period produce store.
2406	Electricity Substations Serial Listing 62 Buckhurst Street, 31 Brady Street, 56 White Street and 98 Johnson Street, South Melbourne	Four Interwar period substations 98 Johnson Street has an existing individual heritage overlay (HO470)
2407	Montague Row Houses Serial Listing 34 Boundary Street, 126 & 128 Montague Street, 181, 183, 185, 187 & 190 Gladstone Street, South Melbourne	Eight single storey brick residences of the Victorian and Federation periods.

Table 1.

Montague Precinct Implementation Approach

- 4.22 Council has identified the following key implementation priority requirements:



- (a) Expediting greenery works in Montague
- (b) Commencing land acquisition as soon as possible;
- (c) Resolving the layout of Montague St which divides the precinct and considering an elevated crossing on Montague St to provide for sustainable transport outcomes
- (d) A governance model to ensure delivery of the MPIP vision.
- (e) Place creation and intervention to establish community;
- (f) Improvements to 109 Tram Stop at Meaden St
- (g) Improving disability access
- (h) Consider City Rd alignment with broader outcomes with Montague Precinct.
- (i) Improve First Nation representation;
- (j) Elaboration of how on-site waste will be managed;

Road Implementation Schedule

- 4.23 The MPIP identifies 'clusters' of street upgrades and proposes a timeline for their development (see Figure 3).
- 4.24 Noting the pattern of current development, likely population growth and to provide a more coordinated delivery of infrastructure, Council supports the following changes to 'clusters' detailed in Figure 3,
- a) the upgrade Normanby Road should be moved from cluster 2 (for delivery by 2028) to cluster 1 (for delivery by 2025)
 - b) the upgrade of the Westgate undercroft at the end of Meaden Street could be moved from cluster 1 (for delivery by 2025) to cluster 2 (for delivery by 2028).
- 4.25 Council also recommends that, to provide certainty to landowners and to ensure the availability of parcels of land when required to deliver open space, the purchase of land for the delivery of infrastructure commence immediately. Priority should be given to land where there is a willing seller and where there is an infrastructure need. In Figure 3 this will require moving the "Reservation / Purchase of all Montague open space" from Cluster 3 (for delivery by 2031) to Cluster 1 (for delivery by 2025).

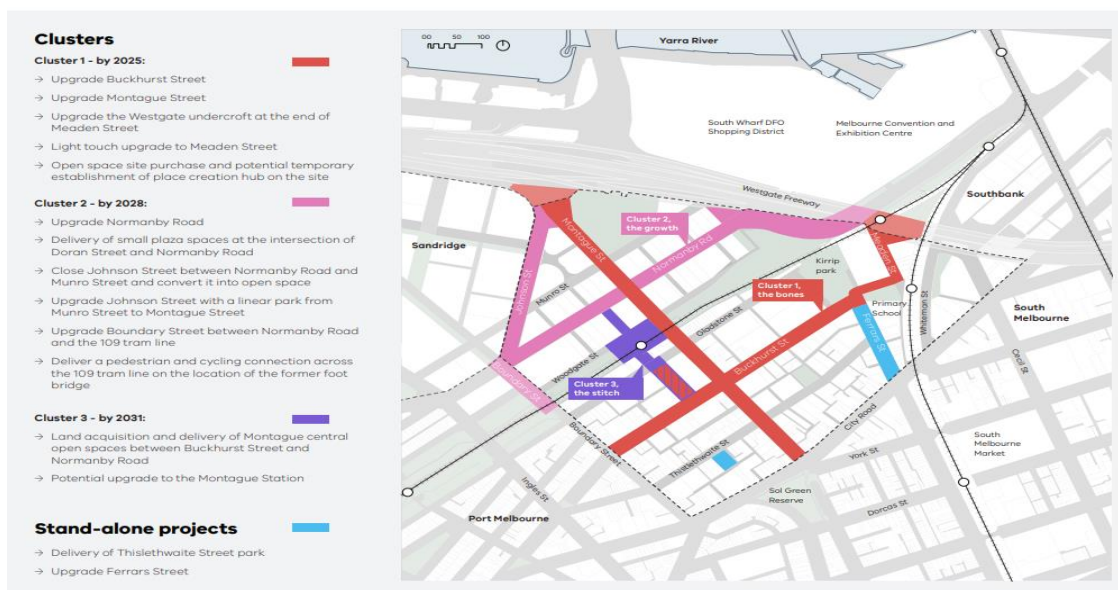


Figure 3 – Implementation Cluster Approach

PART 2 - PARTICIPATION IN THE ADVISORY PANEL PROCESS

- 4.26 The State Government has advised that, following community engagement an independent Advisory Panel may be appointed to review the MPIP (including submissions) and make recommendations on planning scheme amendments to implement the MPIP.
- 4.27 Engagement with Advisory Panel is an important opportunity for Council to minimise planning scheme amendment risks to Council. Council requires legal representation at the Advisory Panel and will need to call expert witnesses. Representation at the Panel will require:
- Retaining Maddocks Lawyers or other suitably experienced legal representative (noting Maddocks represented Council at the Fishermans Bend Framework panel).
 - Retain a Heritage expert to address the heritage study, a Traffic expert to address Council's traffic concerns, a planning expert and/ or Urban design expert to address Council's planning and design concerns and, potentially, an Infrastructure expert to support Council's position on any funding/ financing arrangement.
- 4.28 The total cost of Council's representation at the Panel is in the order of \$150,000 depending on the nature of Council's submissions, the duration of any hearing and the number of experts Council retains. Funding for Council's representation will be sought at the quarterly budget review.

PART 3 - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.29 After the Councillor briefing, the Minister for Precincts will be asked to consider any changes recommended by Council before formally releasing the MPIP for community engagement. While Council and the State Government can jointly undertake engagement, the recommended approach is that the State Government led the engagement and that Council provides support to maximise the opportunities for



community engagement including the use of Council social media and other web platforms. The recommended approach allows Council to separately release a public submission identifying any concerns or limitations in the MPIP.

- 4.30 There has been no significant communication with the community since endorsement of the Framework. There is a need for an overarching communications campaign that provides context and a foundation for more targeted MPIP engagement.
- 4.31 The overarching communications campaign must allow time for community and other stakeholders to gain an informed understanding of where planning for Fishermans Bend is currently at, and what is included in the MPIP. Without a comprehensive communications campaign there is a risk that community feedback will be inadequate and there is a risk of community dissatisfaction with the engagement process.
- 4.32 The State Government has identified the following objectives of the engagement process:
- To present Montague as an exemplar of future urban renewal.
 - To build on previous engagement and demonstrate how feedback has been used in the MPIP.
 - To build awareness and understanding of the proposed changes to Montague.
 - To provide meaningful and accessible opportunities for stakeholders and members of the community to provide feedback on the five draft 'key moves', catalyst initiatives and implementation approach;
 - To provide ideas for the activation of places and spaces within the precinct.
 - To build support from the community and stakeholders to create change in Montague
- 4.33 A comprehensive set of activities supporting community engagement is being developed including:
- (a) **FAQs:** providing "answers" to commonly asked or expected questions about the project, continually updated and used to respond to all engagement enquiries
 - (b) **Webpage and online engagement:** The existing web page will be updated with information including a link to Engage Victoria for people to provide their feedback.
 - (c) **Email:** to all known stakeholders to announce the project and encourage participation in the engagement.
 - (d) **Poster/postcard/flyer:** to present and summarise the key points in the MPIP and available support information
 - (e) **Newsletter:** a 2-page newsletter to be sent to all previous participants via the extensive subscriber list and also on the project webpage.
 - (f) **Video:** short video (two minutes in length) to explain key elements of the project and outlining opportunities to participate.
 - (g) **Project Hotline:** dedicated phone number that community members can call to seek further information about the project or get support to participate in the engagement.



- (h) **Social Media:** will promote engagement such as the Engage Victoria page, register to participate, read the newsletter or provide feedback.
- (i) **Workshop Series:** 2 x 2-hour online for key stakeholder groups such as community members, local business, and community service providers. The workshops will build participant knowledge, seek detailed feedback and connect community members with each other.
- (j) **Focus Groups:** 4 x 1.5-hours for key community cohorts will build participant knowledge around a key discussion topic and to seek detailed feedback.
- (k) **'Walk and Talk' Events:** Self-guided walk and 'walk and talk' events designed by Victoria Walks in conjunction with Fishermans Bend Development Board member Janet Bolitho; to take people on a journey around the precinct.
- (l) **Industry Forum:** 2-hour online industry forum for representatives from development sector will provide them the dedicated opportunity to discuss the project and provide their feedback.

4.34 The following options are presented to determine the extent of Council participation in the engagement process:

<p>OPTION 1 'Arm's length' approach</p>	<p>OPTION 2 Shared delivery approach (recommended)</p>	<p>OPTION 3 Parallel delivery approach</p>
<p>Objectives Ensure community understands and is aware of opportunities to participate in State-run consultation</p> <p>Communicate to our community that CoPP is a stakeholder in this process.</p>	<p>Objectives Ensure CoPP community understands and is aware of opportunity to participate in State-led consultation</p> <p>Monitor community sentiment to inform officer recommendations to Councillors</p> <p>Communicate to our community that CoPP is a stakeholder and partner in this process.</p>	<p>Objectives Communicate CoPP position / priorities to community</p> <p>Ensure CoPP community understands and is aware of opportunity to participate in State-led consultation</p> <p>Monitor community sentiment to inform officer recommendations to Councillors</p> <p>Communicate to our community that CoPP is a stakeholder and partner in this process.</p> <p>Conduct CoPP-led conversations and gather feedback specifically from our community.</p>
<p>Approach Support State-produced communications through sharing of social media</p>	<p>Approach Support State-produced communications through sharing of social media posts</p>	<p>Approach Deliver separate engagement program to State, potentially focusing on areas of</p>

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posts and updated information on CoPP website directing people to State's consultation site

Direct queries to State project hotline (unless query is specifically relevant to CoPP)

and updated information on CoPP website directing people to State's engage. Vic consultation site

Publish article in Divercity Online (subject to timing) promoting engagement

Direct queries to State project hotline (unless query is specifically relevant to CoPP)

Provide technical officer support at key engagement activities as subject matter experts (e.g. Industry forum, Workshops, Hackathon) to provide information to participants from CoPP and state perspective and to hear feedback

Develop and distribute CoPP-specific messaging to share via Council communication channels (e.g. social media, stakeholder emails / newsletters, etc.) outlining CoPP's role and aspirations for Fishermans Bend and Montague Precinct and encouraging people to participate in the consultation.

Reconvene FB Community Forum for State to make a presentation on the draft MPIP.

disagreement to inform Council's formal position / submission (as stakeholder) to the State.

Develop and distribute CoPP-specific messaging and consultation material and distribute via Council communication channels (e.g. social media, stakeholder emails / newsletters, Divercity Online) to assist our community to understand and respond to the draft MPIP

Conduct information sessions / workshops for our community

Conduct online engagement activities through Council's Have Your Say engagement website

Reconvene FB Community Forum and conduct workshop on elements of the draft MPIP that are unresolved for Council and potentially extending the workshop to FB business forum and other key stakeholder groups.

- 4.35 Council created a community forum comprising of community members and business representatives, although this has not convened for several years. Council were able to use the forum to progress the discussion on key topics relating to Fishermans Bend and advise the community of MPIP recommendations and outcomes.
- 4.36 Officers' recommended approach is **Option 2** – a shared delivery approach. This approach supports the current collaborative approach, is consistent with Council's partnership agreement with the State Government and provides an opportunity to receive community feedback to inform Council's response to the MPIP. It allows community members to engage with CoPP officers and provide a CoPP-specific perspective. Other than Council staff time no significant costs are anticipated.



4.37 A parallel engagement approach is not recommended. It will require additional council resourcing, risk community confusion about the two engagement programs and is unlikely to deliver a significantly better outcome for Council or the community.

5. PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 Late 2021 – A confidential briefing on the finance and funding (subject to Ministerial approval) and on the draft MPIP planning controls (subject to release date).
- 5.2 Early 2022 (prior to community consultation and engagement) – Report to Council on Heritage Review with prior notice given to affected properties.
- 5.3 Early 2022 – community consultation and engagement (subject to State Government timelines).
- 5.4 Mid 2022 Advisory Panel hearing (subject to State Government timeline).

6. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 6.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any material or general interest in the matter.

ATTACHMENTS Nil