

*‘Monash 2012 – A Strategy for the Future...’  
(2006 update)*

**‘Snapshot Report’**

**December 2008**

## **Executive Summary**

The Snapshot Report aims to provide a report to the community as to accumulative progress of the City of Monash on achievement of the goals of '*Monash 2012 – a Strategy for the Future...*'

The long-term strategy was developed in late 2002 and adopted by Council in 2003. The first report to the community was prepared in 2006 culminating in the development of a revised and updated document '*Monash 2012 – A Strategy for the Future – 2006 Update*'.

This report has been prepared providing a snapshot of Council's progress against the strategy to December 2008. The Executive Summary briefly outlines achievements and progress between June 2006 and December 2008 towards the vision and strategies for each of the ten themes of the long-term strategy.

The 'Snapshot Report' is available in both an Executive Summary and a Full Report form. Both versions can be viewed at Council's libraries or be downloaded from Council's website at [www.monash.vic.gov.au/publications/monash2012.htm](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/publications/monash2012.htm)

## **Theme 1: Community**

*The Council's goal to improve the social, cultural and physical lifestyles of our residents is being achieved through:*

- The launch of the *Monash Public Health Plan 2007-2010* in July 2007 and the actions implemented to address current and emerging health issues.
- The Council's continued facilitation of the *Responsible Gambling Taskforce* and to implement the *City of Monash Gaming Action Plan*.
- Opportunities for community participation provided for in the *Neighbourhood Renewal Program*, as well as in the development of new, major infrastructure projects such as the Clayton Community Centre and Oakleigh Pool redevelopment.
- Continued support for the *Disability Consultative Committee* to ensure equitable access to all Council services and facilities.
- Development of Partnerships with the not-for-profit sector to provide early intervention support and counselling services.
- Delivery of five annual community festivals, over fifty exhibitions and educational talks at the *Monash Gallery of Art* and the installation of public artwork at Wellington Reserve Community Centre and the Clayton Community Centre.

## **Theme 2: Youth and Family Services**

*Council's goal to support families and young people to thrive and succeed is demonstrated by:*

- Strengthened co-ordination for service delivery at the new Clayton Community Centre by co-location of services for maternal and child health, pre school, occasional care, youth services, library, recreational facilities and a strong partnership with the State Government for the delivery of allied health services through Monash Link.
- Continued lobbying of the State and Commonwealth governments for increased funding for early childhood services particularly for capital improvements to facilities and playgrounds.
- Implementation of the *Municipal Early Years Plan* and the promotion of initiatives toward the integration of early childhood services.
- The conduct of seven youth-orientated events annually, a youth film group, short film festival and a range of youth and family workshops.

## **Theme 3: Aged Health and Community Care**

*Council's aim to provide quality aged care services to an increased number of clients, with the financial assistance of the Federal and State Government has been achieved through:*

- Council's continued maintenance of over 300 volunteers for its *Meals on Wheels* program and support to our partnership with the *Monash Volunteer Resource Centre*.
- Council's expansion of the *Meals On Wheels program* to include menu choices more suitable for members of the CALD community was widely accepted by the broader community as well as by our residents from CALD backgrounds
- Promotion of healthy living through the *Positive Ageing Lifestyles Program*, *Older Persons Reference Group* and *Ethnic Senior Citizens Forum*.
- Commencement of a research study on the future needs of the Baby Boomer generation.
- Council's lobbying of the Federal and State Governments to increase funding for *Home and Community Care* and *Residential Care* as well as supported the allocation of bed licenses for private aged care providers.
- Implementation of a number of improvements to the *Community Transport Service* for additional passenger comfort and safety.
- Hosting by *Monash Public Library Service* of regular seniors group visits via the community bus.
- Council's *Respite Care Services* were extended during school holidays for children with disabilities and their families.

## **Theme 4: Cultural Diversity**

*Council's goal to provide support for multicultural communities to become active and equal members of the Monash community has been demonstrated by:*

- Implementation of the *Multicultural Framework and Action Plan 2006 – 2008*.
- Consultation with advisory committees to ensure the needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities are met.
- Introduction of the *Monash Language Assist* interpreter service and translation of Council publications into languages other than English.
- Establishment of an ethnic media database covering 68 languages.
- Provision of financial support for cultural events and activities through the *Community Arts Grants* and *Community Grants Program* to support Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Senior Citizens Groups in Monash.
- Provision of an Inclusion Support Program for children of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse families.
- Commencement at the *Monash Library Service* of a program aimed at developing English language skills amongst adults.
- Council's agreement to support two more major multicultural events from 2009 in addition to Monash's five annual community festivals.
- Increased spending to \$110,000 on our Culturally and Linguistically Diverse library collections.

## **Theme 5: Environment**

*Council's goal to apply the principles of sustainability in all of its operations and to continually improve the natural environment within the city was achieved through:*

- Implementation of a *Stormwater Harvesting System* to irrigate the Glen Waverley Golf Course, saving up to 30 million litres of drinking water a year.
- Continuation of the restoration of Scotchman's Creek, Damper Creek and Valley Reserves with volunteer groups.
- Council establishment of an *Environmental Advisory Committee* to address sustainability issues within the City.
- Continued implementation of energy conservation measures in Council facilities.
- Implementation of the *Water-Use Management Strategy* included planting of drought tolerant grasses, installation of rainwater tanks and low-flow showerheads at Council facilities.
- Council's facilitation of the diversion of 56% of household waste from landfill to recycling in the community.
- Continued improvement of *public open space* through landscape and enhancement works.

## **Theme 6: Residential Development**

*Council's goal for residential development in the city balanced in providing a variety of housing styles while also remaining sympathetic to existing neighbourhood character was achieved by:*

- Participation in the State Government review of the residential zone provisions of the *Monash Planning Scheme*.
- Support for the development of higher density student accommodation in close proximity to Monash University.
- Evaluation and review of development policies including *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage legislation, Draft Student Accommodation and Office of Housing* guidelines.
- Encouraging a range of dwelling types and lot sizes within large development sites.

## **Theme 7: Economic Development**

*Council commitment to business to thrive and expand in Monash was achieved by:*

- Development of a new *Economic Development Strategy 2008 – 2012*.
- Facilitation of fourteen *Monash Business Awards* events since June 2006.
- Expansion of the *Monash Enterprise Centre* by 40% with the assistance of Commonwealth funding.
- Successfully lobbying Vic Roads for improvements to the road network.
- Delivery of five workshops as part of State Government sponsored programs, 16 additional business workshops and sponsored the Young Achievers Award.
- Encouragement of high quality design in new and existing commercial precincts.

## **Theme 8: District and Activity Centre Development**

*Council's wish to see Glen Waverley continue to develop as a major entertainment, accommodation and retail centre and to support further residential and commercial development in Oakleigh in order to stimulate economic growth in the centre was demonstrated by:*

- Completion of the Ibis Hotel and office complex following the sale of Council-owned land.
- Facilitation for the progression of the Hub Precinct redevelopment in Glen Waverley.
- Continued implementation of the *Parking Precinct Plans* in Glen Waverley and Oakleigh.
- Commenced preparation of a structure plan for the Oakleigh Major Activity Centre.

- The structure plan for the Specialised Activity Centre at the Monash University Technology Precinct has been completed and is with the Minister for approval and gazettal.
- The structure plan for the Wheelers Hill Neighbourhood Activity Centre Structure Plan has been completed and is with the Minister for approval and gazettal.
- The Brandon Park Structure Plan has been drafted and will be presented to Council in early 2009 requesting authorisation to proceed.
- Installation of banner poles in both major and principal Activity Centres for marketing/branding purposes to promote economic activity at the local level.

## **Theme 9: Transport and Traffic Management**

*Council's goal to minimise traffic congestion in the city wherever possible, to support improvements to public transport and to improve transport options for residents without cars was achieved by:*

- Successfully lobbying of the State Government to increase the number of Smart Buses and new routes on Springvale Rd, Blackburn Rd, Wellington/North Roads and Warrigal Rd.
- Support for the completion of the EastLink Tollway to include the comprehensive integration with the Monash freeway, which opened in May 2008.
- Continued enhancement of the Scotchmans Creek path and completion of the Station Trail along the Dandenong Railway Line.
- Continuation of the program of Local Area Traffic Management Works to address Traffic Management issues in local streets. Over 40 individual roads have been upgraded under the program since 1998.
- Completion of major drainage improvement works to address issues of local flooding and drainage management in residential areas.

## **Theme 10: Council Facilities**

*Council's goal to maintain the standard of its facilities as a minimum and to improve that standard wherever possible was achieved by:*

- Completing the construction of the \$24.2 million Clayton Community Centre, which opened in April 2008.
- Opening of the completed \$1.8 million Wellington Reserve Community Centre in Mulgrave April 2008.
- Commencing construction of the \$9.2 million re-development of the Oakleigh Aquatic Centre and refurbishment of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre
- Completing the refurbishment of the Tally Ho Pavilion in November 2007.
- Opening by the Mayor of the Wilkinson Pavilion redevelopment following completion in April 2008.
- Finalising the design and the tender process for the construction of the Electra Reserve Community Centre to commence in January 2009.

