

2.1 NOTTING HILL AND MULGRAVE DRAFT COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS (SM: File No.)

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Notes the attached draft Community Action Plans for Mulgrave and Notting Hill.*
- 2. Supports further community consultation on the draft Community Action Plans prior to endorsement at a future Council Meeting.*

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to consider the draft Notting Hill and Mulgrave Community Action Plans and to endorse further community consultation.

BACKGROUND

Following initial community consultation the Draft Community Action Plans for Notting Hill and Mulgrave were created. They are now ready for further community consultation. The plans outline a range of projects and initiatives that respond to issues or opportunities that collectively will have an impact and work towards strengthening the liveability and social connection in these two suburbs. Following endorsement of the draft plans further consultation with the Notting Hill and Mulgrave communities will be undertaken in April and May 2019.

DISCUSSION

The draft Community Action Plans have been created following initial consultations and are primarily a list of projects and initiatives that will assist to address local issues and opportunities in Notting Hill and Mulgrave. The plans will help strengthen local communities and liveability of these suburbs as places to live and work.

Community Action Plan: Strengthening Notting Hill (Draft) Attachment 1

This initial consultation has identified that there is limited places to meet (schools, sporting facilities, shops) in Notting Hill, therefore presenting an opportunity to establish more places and programs for residents to connect. Some of the key proposed projects include;

- Development of a directional and measured walking loop to encourage local walking and interaction.
- Further provision of infrastructure to encourage people to interact in local open space.
- Development of a local community leaders group to prototype new social programs.

- Development of neighbourhood based pedestrian and place making plans, improving access/safety, identifying places to rest, meet and interact.

Community Action Plan: Strengthening Mulgrave (Draft) – Attachment 2

As Mulgrave has six residential or business areas all separated by major roads, it has been identified that opportunities with local involvement need to be created to strengthen a greater sense of place and community in each area. Some of the key proposed projects include;

- Development of a local community leaders group to prototype new social programs.
- Development of a neighbourhood based pedestrian and place making plans, improving access/safety, identifying places to rest, meet and interact.
- Consider the needs of each of the six separated residential and business communities across Mulgrave and look to improve communication and a local sense of belonging.

Follow up consultation and discussion within the Notting Hill and Mulgrave communities in April/May 2019 will confirm and assist to further define the proposed projects in each area.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Notting Hill and Mulgrave Draft Community Action Plans support the key actions within Council's *A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021*.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Notting Hill and Mulgrave Draft Community Action Plans are strong advocacy tools for local change. The plans seek to build a sense of community, provide stronger links to community services, improve health and wellbeing, education and skills through the project work.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The Notting Hill and Mulgrave Draft Community Action Plans are strong advocacy tools for the protection and progression of human rights at a local level.

CONSULTATION

Identification of local community issues and development of the plans was via a wide range of consultative methods including; two local listening posts, numerous interception surveys, discussions with local groups and providers (Neighbourhood Houses) and several online / mail out surveys.

Four “drop in sessions” were also organised at local venues and were well attended. Site posters with Council Officer contact details were added across the subject areas, existing contact databases were used and community dialogue has remained open. The draft plans will be used to continue to explore issues and opportunities raised further. The plans will continue to accumulate detail, identify issues and test ideas going forward.

Early drafts of the Community Strengthening Plans for Notting Hill and Mulgrave were widely circulated for comment and review by a number of different Council function areas. Further detail and cross-referencing of other policy work and projects has been added to these two planning documents.

Follow up consultation and discussion within the Notting Hill and Mulgrave communities in April and May 2019 will confirm and help define further the proposed plans and projects in each area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council will explore external opportunities for funding through Federal and State Grants and as part of Council’s annual budget bid process.

CONCLUSION

Further consultation on the Notting Hill and Mulgrave Draft Community Action Plans and potential projects will be undertaken prior to presenting these plans to Council for adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Action Plan: Strengthening Notting Hill
2. Community Action Plan: Strengthening Mulgrave