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Parking Permits / Review of Parking Permit Policy			
1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 44, 45, 46, 65	Lack of parking in Fairfield and request for restrictions to be implemented, and additional permits made available to residents	<p>The current Council Plan seeks to review the Residential Parking Permit Policy to improve access for those that need it most:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Action Plans #20 • Darebin City Council indicators: Completion of parking permit policy • Action #9: Review Council's parking permit policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to improve access for people with special needs ○ to allow owners of single lot dwellings that exist on their own Torrens title, the option to have an additional residential parking permit at the same price as current parking permits ○ to allow single lot dwellings built after Dec 2004 that are greater than 300sqm property with three or more bedrooms and that exist on their own Torrens title (even if the property was previously subdivided), to have the same entitlements to parking permits as dwellings built before Dec 2004 ○ to ensure that renovations of a property that is still a single lot on its own Torrens title and is greater than 300sqm with three or more bedrooms are still entitled to parking permits. <p>Officers' recommend that the specific parking permit requests put forward in this submission is best considered through a comprehensive policy review process that includes community engagement, analysis of all options and consultation with industry stakeholders and experts. Officers will recommend an approach for a detailed policy review with community engagement at the 26 July 2021 Council meeting, as requested at the 26 April 2021 Council meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That Council note this report and ensures the report comes back to Council after community consultation for the Council Plan is completed.</i> (MINUTE NO. 21-110) 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
9	Concern that Council is trying to re-introduce severe parking and restricts parking options for residents	<p>At least two residents have requested parking changes for Cain Avenue, Northcote. Because of current parking demand in Cain Avenue, officers have confirmed they will review parking in Cain Avenue, in line with Council's Parking Change Request process. That said, due to current demand and a backlog of requests due to Covid 19, Council's website states "...there will be a delay in actioning parking change requests during this sensitive time. We are not yet able to confirm when Council will be in a position to commence investigating the change requests."</p> <p>When the parking change processes do recommence, it will include community engagement, as was recently undertaken for the Gillies Street and Railway Place parking change request. The Parking Permit Policy review put forward in the Council Plan (Big Action # 20 and Action #9) will review the circumstances that permits are available to residents. It is not intended to review and develop broader parking strategy considerations, such as how street parking changes are considered.</p> <p>Regarding South Crescent, officers are currently planning implementation of Council's 22 March 2021 resolution regarding parking removal, and will brief Council shortly on the proposed approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Council: "... 2. Consult on a further option of trialling a 'no standing section' on the south side of South Crescent between Plant Street and Simpson Street." 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
19	Opposed to any changes to modify Parking restrictions in Cain Avenue Northcote	This is not specifically related to the Council Plan, but relates to the current operational process that Council uses to review parking restrictions in a street – based on community requests.	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<p>In this case, at least two residents have requested parking changes for Cain Avenue, Northcote. Because of current parking demand in Cain Avenue, officers have confirmed they will review parking in Cain Avenue, in line with Council's Parking Change Request process. Council has not yet started investigating or consulting in relation to the request from residents in this location, and it could still be a long time before local changes are considered in this location.</p> <p>There is currently a long waiting list for requests seeking to introduce parking restrictions – officers are working through the timeline so that we can provide community a clear update on timing</p> <p>When the parking change processes do recommence, it will include community engagement, as was recently undertaken for the recent Gillies Street and Railway Place parking change request.</p> <p>The Parking Permit Policy review put forward in the Council Plan (Big Action # 20 and Action #9) would not change restrictions in Cain Ave. It would review the circumstances that permits are available to residents.</p>	
21	Request to change parking restrictions on East and West side Gillies St to 5 hours to support Fairfield Bowls Club	<p>This relates to an operational matter.</p> <p>Parking changes to Gillies Street have recently been considered through the <i>Parking Change Request</i> process, which included consultation. Officers' final recommendation will be sent to residents shortly.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
28	Parking issues on Mitchell St Northcote between Andrew St and Derby St	<p>This relates to an operational matter.</p> <p>At least two residents have requested parking changes for Mitchell Street, Northcote. Because of current parking demand in Mitchell Street, officers have confirmed they will review parking in Mitchell Street, in line with Council's Parking Change Request process.</p> <p>There is currently a long waiting list for requests seeking to introduce parking restrictions – officers are working through the timeline so that we can provide community a clear update on timing.</p> <p>Officers have referred this submission to its customer inquiry system, to assess the other safety matters raised in this submission.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
Aged Care / Home Care Packages			
13, 24, 26, 39, 43, 45, 46, 50, 64	Council should register to become a Home Care Package provider	<p>In line with Council resolution from 8 April 2021, Council will look at options, benefits and way forward to becoming a Home Care Packages (HCP) provider, including resource implications. Furthermore, the draft Council Plan 2021-2025 addresses this submission, with the Big Action number 10 as follows: "Deliver Age Friendly Darebin and expand aged care direct services, as well as Council to formally register to become a registered home care package provider."</p> <p>Council is committed to supporting to older people and their families in their homes and the community through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provision of services funded by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme - the trial of new and innovative programs such as the Positive Ageing (over 170 residents assisted with HCP between October and 2020 and April 2021) and the Current Home Care Program continuity of service trial, - empowerment and social participation, - improving accessibility, and - advocacy to other levels of government. 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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52	<p>Can the Darebin council assist the large elderly population of Darebin to navigate the federal packages for home care?</p> <p>Because of the large population of people between 50 and 90 in Darebin we would like to hear more from the council about how we can be assisted to become aware of and access services.</p>	<p>Council is a provider and contributor for funding of aged care services under the Commonwealth Home Support Program, about 3000 residents receive a diverse range of aged care services from Council annually, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged Care Assessment • Domestic Assistance • Personal Care • Individual Respite • Social Support Individuals – including shopping • Home delivered meals • Home maintenance • Social Support Groups <p>Council is the sole funder of a number of services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Transport. • Windows and gutters cleaning. • Older persons clubs and groups • Meeting spaces for older adults at a large number of venues, including six Senior Citizens Centres, these were refurbished in 2020. <p>In 2019 Council endorsed the Age Friendly Darebin report and since have been implementing the 98 recommendations and have introduced a number of programs and trials, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Ageing, assistance with the navigation of the aged care system including Home Care Packages. • Intergenerational co-gardening trial • Café meals vouchers trial • Digital learning support trial <p>A Council officer has contacted the submitted to provide more information about our services.</p>	<p>No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)</p>
Road Safety			
37	<p>Concerned with road safety</p>	<p>The draft Council Plan includes several actions that will increase safety on Darebin Streets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darebin City Council indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase in number of traffic calming devices ○ Increase in length roads with reduced speed limits ○ Action #1: Improve road safety and the cycling, walking and wheeling network by constructing high priority improvements ○ Action #2: Investigate and prioritise road safety, accessibility, cycling, walking and wheeling improvements over the whole city using a Local Area Placemaking approach where one third of the city is reviewed, with community, each year ○ Action #6: With State approval, reduce speed limit in more streets across the City of Darebin Action #118 Blackspot design and construction program. <p>Officers will soon brief Council on their intended approach to deliver Action #2 (Local Area Placemaking) and then seek Council endorsement to commence the program.</p> <p>Council officers recommend that a new action be included in the Council Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate to the State Government that they increase annual funding for road safety infrastructure, driver behaviour campaigns and law enforcement, and work collaboratively with Darebin and other Local Governments to implement the <i>Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030</i>. <p>Officers are currently receiving increased resident inquires about poor driver behaviour. The Department of Transport has advised Darebin that other Councils are also reporting increased poor driver behaviour during COVID recovery.</p>	<p>To include a new action '<i>Advocate to the State Government that they increase annual funding for road safety infrastructure, driver behaviour campaigns and law enforcement, and work collaboratively with Darebin and other Local Governments to implement the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030</i>'</p>

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		<p>Victorian Police officers have advised Council officers that there are limited resources to enforce transport road rule compliance, including policing hooning across the western and northern suburbs of Melbourne.</p> <p>Officers will refer this submission to its customer inquiry process to investigate the specific concerns of Ms Hackett.</p>	
39	Issues with traffic management, 40k zones and broader road safety	<p>The Council Plan includes the following Action to reduce speed limits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator: Increase in length of roads with reduced speed limits Action #6 With state approval, reduce speed limit in more local streets across the City. <p>Research shows that a pedestrian is four times less likely to be killed if struck by a car travelling at 40 km rather than at 50 km per hour – and will almost certainly be killed if the vehicle is travelling at 60 km per hour or over. If a crash does occur, lower speeds reduce the severity of an injury, particularly to pedestrians and bike riders. Our approach is in line with the <i>Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-30</i> which nominates reduced speeds as providing safer conditions for those who are walking or riding a bike.</p> <p>Darebin Council's <i>Safe Travel Strategy</i> takes a proactive approach to road safety by focusing on vulnerable road users (pedestrians and bike riders, older adults and children) and contains many actions to encourage and protect vulnerable road users including advocating for reduced speed limits.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
Multiculturalism and Diversity			
20, 42, 48, 49, 62, 74	Lack of priorities / actions for LGBTIQA+ people in the Council Plan	<p>A number of the proposed actions outlined in the draft Council Plan Priority document intend to engage with and support LGBTIQA+ people, however it is acknowledged that this is not specified or clear in draft document.</p> <p>This document also doesn't include reference to a range of existing programs that Council will continue to deliver, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reservoir Leisure Trans Swim nights IDAHOBIT events and participation in Pride March and Midsumma. The draft will be updated to make this commitment clearer. Our Creative Culture and Events team includes LGBTIQ artists, issues and topics in many of our productions and programming. This includes supporting a range of arts industry/development e.g. implementation of the Creative Victoria-funded Escape Velocity project to increase representation & visibility of young TGD people in the public realm - in partnership with St Martin's Theatre and Minus 18. Early Years/Families programs continues to support all new parents, including those in same-sex relationships and supports printing and also distribution of <i>Who's in Your Family</i> and posters to all early childhood settings. Council continues to be guided by the advice of Council's Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diverse Advisory Committee. We undertake an Equity Impact Assessment and Gender Impact Assessment regarding all new/reviewed initiatives and policies. Community Grants that support the inclusion and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ people 	<p>Officer reinstated the missing action from the priorities document '<i>to undertake the Rainbow Tick accreditation process for Council services</i>'</p> <p>And to include a new action '<i>Council continue to support the inclusion, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQA+ communities and work to combat homophobia, biphobia and Transphobia.</i>'</p>

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		Further to this, \$50,000 has been allocated as part of the draft 2021/22 budget to undertake the Rainbow Tick accreditation process for Council services. This action was omitted from the draft Council Plan priority document in error and will be included in the next iteration. It is anticipated that the accreditation process will identify a range of actions required to achieve accreditation and improve Council services and programs to be more inclusive of LGBTIQ+ people.	
35	Support increase multicultural community access to council services	<p>The Council Plan includes a range of objectives and action which seek to achieve the outcomes proposed in this submission. In particular, this will be through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Action #16 Focus on supporting Darebin multicultural communities, through reduction in racism and significant improvement in access to Council's services and sporting assets. • #50 Develop programs to support international students in Darebin • #177 Facilitate and support volunteer opportunities with Council across diverse communities to strengthen community connection and skill development • #178 Implement actions to increase access of CALD and broader diverse community to Council venues and participation in services where participation is low. • #174 Deliver initiatives which support truth telling and provide opportunities for culturally diverse and broader community to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history • #37 Initiate an annual cultural diversity and social cohesion oration as part of the FUSE festival events • #163 Continue to implement the Towards Equality Framework and Equity impact Assessment to address inequities in the distribution of resources and the needs of the most vulnerable are prioritised. • #165 Work with DECC, local community and local organisations to create projects biannually which foster respect and address systemic racism. • #166 Continue to implement the Welcoming Cities Standard with the aim to become a 'mentoring' level Council. • #167 Work with local organisations to create an active Community Leader network comprising of community leaders from our culturally diverse community groups across Darebin. <p>These actions, along with a range of existing work, such as activities and events at the libraries and through the library collection, ongoing programming of the Intercultural Centre, work with the Darebin Interfaith Council and through our community partners (such as DECC and various multicultural community organisations and leaders) will provide a platform to promote inclusion and belonging of all migrant communities and foster interfaith and intercultural harmony.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
68	Support for newly arrived and emerging Migrant Communities	<p>Darebin Council looks forward to establishing stronger connections with the Nepalese community through a range of actions outlined in the draft Council Plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Action #1 Construction of major facilities, including Preston Precinct Intercultural Centre. • #50 Develop programs to support international students in Darebin • #228 Develop a cultural diversity action plan to significantly improve access to services and infrastructure for culturally diverse communities • #177 Facilitate and support volunteer opportunities with Council across diverse communities to strengthen community connection and skill development. • #178 Implement actions to increase access of CALD and broader diverse community to Council venues and participation in services where participation is low. • Actions outlined under Strategic Direction: Work towards a discrimination and systemic racism free Darebin and reduce the impact of poverty and disadvantage. <p>Mental health and wellbeing are identified in the plan as a key health and wellbeing priority. There are a number of actions where the mental wellbeing needs of new and emerging</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<p>communities will be specially considered, such as those outlined in Strategic Direction: Increase social connection to reduce isolation, loneliness and support positive mental health.</p> <p>There are also actions not listed in the draft Council Plan which form part of Council's ongoing work in this space such as community grants, events and programs at Darebin libraries and Intercultural Centre programming.</p> <p>The draft Council plan currently includes actions on supporting Darebin multicultural communities including through a significant improvement in access to Council's services and sporting assets and increase access and participation of people from culturally diverse & disadvantaged backgrounds in sporting and recreational clubs.</p> <p>These include: #40 Support and promote a significant increase (in particular: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, girls, all abilities and multicultural and diverse communities) in participation in Darebin's sports clubs. #41 Encourage and reward sporting and leisure groups/sporting teams that use Council's recreation spaces by reducing user fees to those who demonstrate inclusion for, in particular: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples, women, girls, all abilities, multicultural and diverse communities. #183 Work with clubs to increase access and participation of people from culturally diverse & disadvantaged backgrounds in sporting and recreational clubs.</p> <p>Council's ten-year capital works plan also includes a number of sporting pavilion upgrades that provide fit for purpose female friendly facilities. Council officers will engage with members of the Nepalese community to further understand their specific needs and barriers to participation.</p>	
	Health and Wellbeing		
29	Women's sexual and reproductive health was not listed as a priority	<p>Council recognises Women's Health in the North (WHIN) as a key stakeholder and partner in our efforts to increase gender equity and the full participation of women in the Darebin community. Council will continue to work closely with WHIN on the health and wellbeing identified in the Plan.</p> <p>In recognition of Council's role in promoting sexual and reproductive health, including as a supporter of WHIN's Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy for the Northern Metro region. To reflect this an additional action will be proposed for inclusion under <i>Strategic Objective Continue to be a local government leader in the prevention of violence against women and gender equity</i>. The proposed action will be that <i>'Council continue to support regional work to promote women's sexual and reproductive health and advocate for a dedicated sexual and reproductive health service in the Northern region'</i>.</p>	To include a new action <i>'Council continue to support regional work to promote women's sexual and reproductive health and advocate for a dedicated sexual and reproductive health service in the Northern region'</i> .
41		<p>Council has an integrated approach to delivering health and wellbeing initiatives. This is in recognition that many departments across Council contribute to creating better health outcomes for the community across the environments for health. As a result, several objectives are likely to overlap. This allows for collaborative delivery of health and wellbeing initiatives across department to minimise duplication and maximise use of Council resources.</p> <p>The Council Plan intends to increase physical activities, with a focus on vulnerable community members. This includes an action to identify opportunities to increase access to low cost and free physical activity in East Preston and East Reservoir.</p> <p>This will also be supported through actions intended to increase perceptions of safety for vulnerable populations groups including women and children. One of the Council's big actions is</p>	

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		<p>to improve the appearance, safety, lighting and viability of shopping strips, streetscapes and business activity areas.</p> <p>Other actions that are intended to increase perceptions of safety include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to gather data about gendered experience in public spaces and use this to inform community safety initiatives. • Develop and implement a Community Safety Framework. <p>The Council Plan Priority document has the following actions to address social isolation and loneliness in order to improve connectedness and mental health and wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate and support volunteer opportunities with Council across diverse communities to strengthen community. • Connection and skill development. • Implement actions to increase access of CALD and broader diverse community to Council venues and participation in services where participation is low. • Provide grants, deliver and facilitate programs, services and events that address loneliness through supporting social connectedness and positive mental health. • Work with clubs to increase access and participation of people from culturally diverse & disadvantaged backgrounds in sporting and recreational clubs. • Increase opening hours at Reservoir Library to include Sundays (to align with opening hours at Northcote and Preston). <p>These actions are intended to increase opportunities for Darebin residents to interact and connect with others.</p> <p>The Council Plan Priority document includes actions intended to encourage residents to walk and cycle. These actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve road safety and the cycling, walking and wheeling network by constructing high priority improvements. • Investigate and prioritise road safety, accessibility, cycling, walking and wheeling improvements over the whole city using a Local Area Placemaking approach where one third of the city is reviewed, with community, each year. • With state approval, reduce speed limit in more local streets across the City. • Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include increase shade in activity centres to support footpath. • Review the Transport Strategy and Bicycle Refresh Strategy. This Strategy aims to enable all Darebin residents to go wherever they want with ease while addressing the environmental and social issues caused by our existing car-based transport system. <p>In addition, Council Plan Priority document uses the 'Environments for Health' framework approach in addressing the health and wellbeing priorities. This approach recognises that many factors that contribute to health inequalities and ill health lie in the complex social, economic, physical and natural environments in which people are born, grow up, live, work and age. The approach recommends working to improve those environments in order to promote, protect and improve health and wellbeing of individuals.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that this approach is not discussed in the Council Plan Priority document. It is outlined in the Draft Darebin Health and Wellbeing Profile Report, which will form part of the Council Plan. The Report also discusses risk factors that contribute to chronic illnesses—including sedentary lifestyle and lack of physical activities. In this report, it is acknowledged that</p>	

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		physical activity is a modifiable health risk, and this will be reflected in the future version of the Council Plan.	
70, 75B	Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training	<p>Council remains committed to supporting positive mental and mental health and wellbeing outcomes for your people in our community. Mental health and emotional resilience remain key issues that affect young people in both a pre and post COVID world.</p> <p>While the provision of training for teachers in Mental Health First Aid is important, this is investment that should be provided by the State Government's Department of Training and Education (DET).</p> <p>The Council Plan includes a range of actions that seek to promote positive mental health outcomes, most notably under the Strategic Objective of "Increase social connection to reduce isolation, loneliness and support positive mental health". The specific needs of young people will be included in the design and delivery of these actions.</p> <p>New actions included in the Council Plan which will seek to improve the mental health of young people include (but not limited to):</p> <p>Big Action 7 COVID relief and recovery packages to support businesses and the most vulnerable member of our community impacted by COVID</p> <p>Big Action 16 Focus on supporting Darebin multicultural communities, through reduction in racism and significant improvement in access to Council's services</p> <p>Big Action 17 Community designed programs for the East Preston and East Reservoir to improve the local built environment and health and wellbeing of these communities.</p> <p>Big Action 18 Expansion of the assertive outreach program to support people rough sleeping and experiencing homelessness</p> <p>#40 Support and promote a significant increase (in particular: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, girls, all abilities and multicultural and diverse communities) in participation in Darebin's sports clubs.</p> <p>#41 Encourage and reward sporting and leisure groups/sporting teams that use Council's recreation spaces by reducing user fees to those who demonstrate inclusion for, in particular: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples, women, girls, all abilities, multicultural and diverse communities.</p> <p>#50 Develop programs to support international students in Darebin</p> <p>#169 As part of Council's Youth Strategy, develop and implement programs to support the participation and leadership of young people from disadvantaged and culturally diverse backgrounds.</p> <p>#170 Mitigate the impacts of climate change on the health and wellbeing of already disadvantaged communities</p> <p>#177 Facilitate and support volunteer opportunities with Council across diverse communities to strengthen community connection and skill development</p> <p>#178 Implement actions to increase access of CALD and broader diverse community to Council venues and participation in services where participation is low.</p> <p>#179 Work in partnership to address the digital divide for public housing and high risk accommodation residents, CALD and other exclude groups, incl those impacted through COVID</p> <p>#180 Provide grants, deliver and facilitate programs, services and events that address loneliness through supporting social connectedness and positive mental health.</p> <p>#183 Work with clubs to increase access and participation of people from culturally diverse & disadvantaged backgrounds in sporting and recreational clubs.</p> <p>#227 Program to support middle years students (later primary school and early secondary school) from across Darebin schools to connect with each other and take actions on systemic racism issues together</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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71, 75A	Darebin Youth Voice Program	<p>Amplifying the voice of young people is a core function of the Youth Services Team and a strong commitment across the organisation. Currently, a range of existing programs delivered by the Youth Services team, support the function of 'Youth Voice' e.g. Young Citizen Jury and Darebin Speak.</p> <p>Existing work that commenced in 20/21 to develop a Child and Youth Engagement Protocol will continue into 21/22. The protocol aims to strengthen Council's ability to engage with and listen to children and young people and amplify their voices so that more of our decisions are informed by the views of children and young people.</p> <p>In 21-22, Council will be hosting a series of youth forums including students from Darebin schools, co-designed and led by the Young Citizen Jury. These forums aim to identify the key issues affecting young people to ensure that the current Youth Services strategic goals remain relevant to young people.</p> <p>There are also actions not listed in the draft Council Plan which form part of Council's ongoing work supporting the voices of young people including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Citizen Jury led projects and activities • Victorian Youth Week annual events are designed and delivered by young people for young people ensuring that their voices and passions are reflected in the program (June/July 2021) • Spotlighting You(th) is a social media campaign that shares the stories, achievements and voices of young people in our community • Darebin Speak develops the capacity of marginalised and vulnerable young people to amplify their voice and lead local change in their school and/or community 	<p>Amend actions 226 and 227 to include the words 'to support student voices'</p> <p># 226 Develop a program to support middle-years students (later primary school and early secondary school-aged) from Darebin schools to connect with each other, to support student voices and take action on climate and waste issues together</p> <p># 227 Develop a program to support middle years students (later primary school, and early secondary school-aged) from Darebin schools to connect with each other, and take action on systemic racism issues together</p>

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	Community		
75G	The importance of Local History	<p>This can be considered at part of the ongoing delivery of Council's open space strategy as well as ongoing discussions regarding important sites and places in and around Darebin.</p> <p>Bundoora Park Precinct Currently, through the Equity and Wellbeing Unit are identifying opportunities to create place markers, heritage walking trails in the precinct. The project scope and details are being determined, however, the importance of our Aboriginal history in that place and decolonisation efforts are the underpinning drivers of this initiative.</p> <p>History on High – FUSE Festival Regarding current projects, our recent FUSE Festival delivered three self-guided heritage walking tours in 2020 that enabled locals during lockdown (and now still available for download on the FUSE website) to connect with the social history and architect of the spine of High Street. <i>History on High</i> provides a snapshot of Darebin's rich and diverse history. Three walking tours can: Dundas Street to Tyler Street, Queens Parade to Separation Street, Separation Street to Dundas Street. All are available at https://www.fusedarebin.com.au/festival-info/online-events/</p> <p>Public Art in Darebin Available through the Darebin Arts website is the Darebin Public Art Discovery Map. It's a way to connect with and find local artworks in our gardens and streets in Darebin. The map is available for download and information regarding the artists and works enables a meaningful experience for our community and visitors to Darebin.</p> <p>This Place Projects Community can also experience connections to significant places in Darebin through writing projects that have commissioned local writers to publish new literary work about significant places in Darebin. As a result of COVID lockdown this place did not occur in 2020. The 2019 project can be download online at. www.darebinarts.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Darebin-This-Place-2019.pdf</p> <p>Darebin Play Maps http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Darebin-Living/Community-support/FamiliesandChildren/FamilySupport</p> <p>Darebin Play Maps is an innovative way for children to discover ways that can play and connect with a range of places in Darebin. Maps can be downloaded from Council's website and provide an alternative and child-led experience of Darebin.</p> <p>People's Tours of Reservoir Another local initiative that Darebin co-produced with Reservoir locals is the People's Audio Tours that profiles a range of locals from Reservoir. Visit http://www.truenortharts.com.au/the-peoples-tours-of-reservoir/ to listen and download locals guide you through their favourite</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<p>places and personal stories about Reservoir. Emma Peel and Nelly Thomas are some of our Reservoir locals featured in the project.</p> <p>Libraries have dedicated resources and provide ongoing opportunities for connection to Darebin's heritage, the range of resources are available through www.heritage.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au</p>	
75H	Concern with crime rates	<p>Council understands how important community safety and feeling safe is to ensure all residents can fully participate in the community and live their lives well. Community safety is recognised as a key Health and wellbeing priorities as part of the draft Council Plan.</p> <p>While Council is not involved directly in responding to crime or supporting the victims of crime, which is a role provided by Victoria Police, there are a number of important roles Council can play that seek to reduce the likelihood of crime and make people in the community feel safer.</p> <p>This includes ongoing work such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build and design spaces that use Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles (CPTED) that seek to deter crime and make people feel safe. - Undertake community safety infrastructure upgrades in public spaces where people feel unsafe - Maintain the amenity and cleanliness of the city, i.e. graffiti and dumped removal, renewal of landscapes, supporting murals and street art. - Support and facilitate opportunities for people to feel connected to their neighbours and community, including through increased levels of community volunteering - Create and foster a respectful community and work to address racism. - Continue to support the local family violence service system - Develop and maintain partnerships with Victoria Police and other key agencies to jointly address issues through education and enforcement through taking a systems approach. <p>The draft Council Plan makes new commitments to increase our investment and response to improving community safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Objective: Design and create public spaces where people feel safe, welcome and respected to including improving lighting and safety for people walking, wheeling, cycling and driving - Big action #11 Improving the appearance, safety, lighting and viability of shopping strips, streetscapes and business activity areas - #5 Develop and implement a Community Safety Framework - # 53 Continue to gather data about gendered experience in public spaces and use this to inform community safety initiatives <p>There are also several indicators in the Plan to measure of progress in this work such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of gender and community safety audits across Darebin at relevant consultation / project sites (2 per year) - Number of community safety audits held per annum (>4) - Increase in the city-wide perceptions of safety over four years (> by 1%) <p>Community safety and increasing perceptions of safety will remain a key focus of Council's work going forward. We look forward to sharing the outcomes and impact of this work and welcome further opportunities to understand and address the specific needs and experiences of young people regarding community safety.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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75l	Homelessness	<p>Council remains concerned regarding the increase of people experiencing homelessness in our city and the draft Council Plan makes commitments to increase our investment to responding to this issue. While Council is not a homelessness service or housing provider, Council can play a key role by providing funding to the homelessness and emergency relief sector to support localised services, ensuring our Council services and programs are accessible to people experiencing homelessness and through advocacy to the State government.</p> <p>Council also undertakes advocacy and facilitates the development of affordable, social and public housing in Darebin. For example, this can be through the provision of Council owned land, including airspace to be used as temporary housing for people at risk or experiencing homelessness or for social housing developments.</p> <p>The additional commitments to address homelessness are outlined in the following areas of the draft Council Plan:</p> <p><i>Strategic Objective: Support the human rights, housing and wellbeing needs of people experiencing homelessness in Darebin and the following actions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #192 Expand the assertive outreach program to support people rough sleeping and experiencing homelessness. This program currently funds two dedicated homelessness outreach workers to support people in Darebin and connected them in with local services and supports. The expansion of this program will explore other issues and gaps that need to be addressed. • #193 Expand the shower access program and support rough sleeper access to Council services and programs. • #194 Continue to support the High-Risk Accommodation Response (HRAR) focussing on high risk accommodation settings and emergency relief sector through coordination, support and funding. (Note – this includes a strong focus on rooming houses and other settings where people are at risk of becoming homeless). <p><i>Strategic Objectives: Facilitate more affordable, social and public housing in Darebin to meet community need</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #19 Enable and facilitate more affordable and social housing in the City of Darebin HW • #20 Partner with state government to ensure their social and public housing investment meets • Darebin's needs, and to ensure it creates liveable connected communities through how it is built. <p>Responding to the human rights, housing and wellbeing needs of people experiencing homelessness in Darebin will remain a key focus of council's work going forward. We look forward to sharing the outcomes and impact of this work and welcome further opportunities to understand and address the specific needs of young people who experience homelessness in the community.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
Major Facilities / Infrastructure			
24, 45, 46, 64	Rebuild Reservoir Leisure Centre	One of the Council Plan Big Action items is to commence planning for the redevelopment of Reservoir Leisure Centre, with budget allocated to progress this work in 21/22	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
24	To reconsider spending \$63.5M on NARC and instead invest a good proportion of it on housing in partnership with State Government	A condition report identified that the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, built in 1968, is at the end of its life and requires a redevelopment. The redevelopment plans a range of programs and services for a growing Darebin community include aquatic facilities including a	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<p>hydro pool for senior citizens and a Learn to Swim Pool as well as health and fitness facilities including a gymnasium and multipurpose group fitness program rooms.</p> <p>A number of proposed actions outlined in the draft Council Plan intend to improve the health and wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping across Darebin, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand the assertive outreach program to support people rough sleeping and experiencing homelessness. It is anticipated that this will also aim to increase participation of people experiencing homelessness in Council services and increase the number of housing and homelessness services who receive community grants. - Expand the shower access program and support rough sleeper access to Council services and programs. 	
24, 45, 46, 64	To rebuild and repair Edwards Lake Boathouse to become a leisure resource for the community	<p>Council Officers have established a sub-committee of the Property Assessment Committee to progress the direction of the Edwards Lake Boathouse, with a commitment to invest approximately \$350K in base infrastructure to enhance the attraction of a tenant. Works are underway to secure a planning permit to support the improvement works, with an EOI to secure a tenant to follow.</p> <p>The activation of the Boathouse is also being addressed as part of the review of Council's Unused & Underutilised Buildings.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
75J	Bike Paths	<p>The Council Plan includes achieving 20 Minute Neighbourhoods as a key strategic objective. One of the most important parts of working towards this outcome is ensuring that everyone is within a 20-minute walking, wheeling or cycling trip of key services, jobs and other destinations.</p> <p>The Plan and draft 2021-22 Budget include a number of items for Council to work towards this and support safe cycling in Darebin. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Darebin Transport Strategy and refresh of the Bicycle Strategy • Reducing speed limits in more local streets • Advocacy on key transport priorities (including cycling infrastructure) <p>In addition, we will continue to offer our wide range of community events and programs to support riding a bike. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting community organisations such as WeCycle • Running bike skills workshops • Promoting riding a bike in Council publications and at key events <p>Our capital works investment proposes \$1.5 million to be allocated for footpaths and cycleways in the 2021-22 Financial Year. This includes maintenance of paths which include consideration of key walking, wheeling and cycling routes (e.g. the Principal Pedestrian Network) in prioritising works to be completed.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
	Waste Management		
40	Waste management should be higher priority	<p>Overall the timing of the waste reform work in the Council Plan has been carefully considered and sequenced in the draft council plan to ensure that the Waste Charge reform is prioritised in year one. This is important for enabling future reform.</p> <p>The views put forward in this submission broadly aligns with the draft Council Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator: % recycled or reused content used in Council managed services • Indicator: % reduction in total amount of waste generated 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action #115: Plan for adjustments in waste service due to landfill levy and landfill gate fee increases effective 1 July 2021 #116: Plan for adjustments in contracts and compliance relating to the recycling contract #117: Provide to address Contaminated Land solutions #119: Food Waste into Green Bin Introduction #138 Undertake waste reform and take action toward a circular economy. HW #140 Waste Reform - Undertake Waste Charge Reform in response to changing legislation and future operational requirements #143 Waste Reform - Reduce the impact of illegal dumping <p><i>Recycling education</i> Recycling education has been a major focus for Council for many years and will always continue to be. However, we agree that recycling can be confusing – especially as there are many differences between councils. That's why Council welcomes the Victorian Government announcement in the <u>Recycling Victoria</u> policy to standardise waste and recycling across the state. This will make it much clearer for people to know how to recycle. Since this announcement Council officers have assisted the Victorian Government on this standardisation, and Council intends on supporting the new education when it is developed, while allowing more resources to focus on promoting Darebin's other waste services.</p> <p><i>Nappies</i> Regarding nappies, Council acknowledges the significant waste challenges that disposable nappies create, including finding providers who will compost the compostable varieties. Darebin is committed to tackling the waste issues created by nappies. In the Darebin <u>Waste and Recycling Strategy</u> there is an action item to "explore innovative ways to divert nappies and other household products from landfill". This will be explored when implementing Action #138.</p> <p>Like most Councils, Darebin does not provide disposal services itself and instead relies on third parties for recycling processing, composting and landfilling. These specialist services are very expensive, highly technical and rely on operating at a large scale to be viable. For this reason, they are better delivered by companies who have these capabilities. However, Darebin is committed to tackling the waste issues created by nappies by asserting influence on the market.</p>	
	Environmental / Climate Action		
14	Installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure	<p>The draft Council Plan includes actions that support electric vehicle charging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator: Number of electric car charging points Action # 12 Establish policy about what basis council would permit commercial or private EV charging infrastructure on public streets Action # 105 Investigate and establish programs to achieve step change increase in uptake of renewable energy by community and business. <p>The Council plan has prioritised a new EV policy in year one because this could facilitate commercial operators providing infrastructure, as well as assist homeowners without off street parking to charge vehicles on street. Officers advise that these solutions are a higher priority than infrastructure investment because of the potential for them to be rolled out more widely, and because of the other high priority demands on council's infrastructure investment</p> <p>There is one public charging station (two public charging points) in Darebin and 9 planned for NARC. For many EV users, charging at home is preferred and sufficient. However, there are specific challenges for houses with no onsite parking (largely occurring in the south).</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		If council were to consider adding an additional charging station, \$75K would need to be added in year one.	
24, 45, 46, 64	Develop the natural beauty and features of Edwards Lake Precinct	Council is making significant investment into Edwardes Lake Precinct and its environs. In 21/22 Council will establish an Edwardes Lake Task Force to explore water quality and related issues including amenity improvements.	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
54	Important Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action • Reducing carbon footprint • Youth Voices • Sustainable/Inclusive/Creative Spaces • Waste Management - zero waste/sustainable waste practices 	<p>Council is in the process of developing a Child and Youth Engagement Protocol. The protocol aims to strengthen Council's ability to engage with and listen to children and young people so that more of our decisions are informed by their views. It will embed meaningful child and youth engagement across the whole organisation so that child and youth voices are heard in all decisions that affect them. The protocol will outline why it is important for Council to listen to children and young people and provide guidance to staff on how to do this ethically and meaningfully. The protocol will be informed by a review of the literature of child and youth engagement completed by leading experts at Melbourne University (completed), a baseline assessment of current practice across the organisation in engaging with children and young people (in progress) and focus groups with children and young people to ensure that our approaches align with how children and young people want to be engaged.</p> <p>The draft Council Plan seeks to address the involvement of youth in environmental matters and reduce emissions and waste via the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action #226 in the draft Council Plan: "Program to support middle years students (later primary school and early secondary school) from across Darebin schools to connect with each other and take action on climate and waste issues together (226)". The program will be an opportunity to work together with young people to help address some of the issues around sustainability, climate and waste that are the most pressing. • Actions #HW98: "Climate emergency plan review with deep community engagement" and 225: "Undertake an assessment of current and future climate risks facing the Darebin community, and identify actions that Council and other levels of government must take to provide maximum protection for people, property and the natural environment in response to assessed climate risks" • Action #HW 140: "Undertake waste reform in response to changing legislation and future operational requirements (<i>and take action toward a circular economy</i>)" and Action # 138: "Waste reform – reduce the impact of illegal dumping" • Action # HW97: "Support solar installation and energy efficiency retrofits for vulnerable households including public and social housing and renters (through Solar Saver 4-year program)" 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
15/ 47	Natural Environment and Biodiversity	<p>Broadly the submission seeks an increase in investment from council towards biodiversity, water sensitive urban design and climate emergency. It seeks this investment into capital improvements as well as in detailed strategy and plan development work relating to biodiversity and programs. It is also seeking that changes be made to the council plan itself to articulate the importance of the priority matters to DNT in a different way to how the draft currently does.</p> <p>In regards to increasing investment in capital improvements, the Council Plan includes completing the work to implement a higher Open Space Levy. This is the most significant thing that council can do to enable it to consider increasing investment into capital improvements in open space. The Council plan also includes work to implement the DCP and a voluntary contributions scheme for WSUD. These are also significant things that council is doing that</p>	<p>No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)</p> <p>The submission will be referred to for reference in the development of the Darebin Nature Plan</p>

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		<p>could increase the investment that is possible into WSUD and flood management infrastructure into the future.</p> <p>The plan currently includes a range of improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #90: Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Continue to deliver street tree planting program prioritising areas without coverage, with disadvantage and in activity centres. • #91 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Create a roadmap for reaching 40% canopy cover by • 2050 (prioritise areas with poor coverage) including the development of a community planting guide in partnership with the • Darebin Nature Trust • # 92 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Prioritise rehabilitating existing grasslands with burns • # 93 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Universal planting standards + tracking progress • # 94 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Indigenous ranger program HW • #131 Land Acquisition to Create New Parks • #110 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include establish partnerships to improve Edwardes Lake Precinct, including water quality and water quality more broadly in the City. HW • #111 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Fix Edwardes Lake & reforest Edgars Creek – achieve significant & measurable improvement in biodiversity by 2025 HW • #112 Advocate with Melbourne Water to secure funding to support the Dole Wetlands Project HW • #233 Establishing and adequately resourcing the Edwardes Lake Taskforce to significantly improve the water quality and amenity of Edwardes Lake • #234 Advocate with Melbourne Water to secure funding to improve the water quality of Edwardes Lake <p>In regards to the policy suggestions and requests to develop new strategies and plans, the council plan includes provision for development of a Darebin Nature Plan and officers recommend that the specific suggestions in the submission be referred for consideration in this plan. Officers note that the various plans that the submission suggests council develop overlap with a number of current strategies and plans that council has, as well as with plans that are in progress including the Biodiversity Management Plan. Officers note that the number and detail of plans suggested would be costly and officers regard it as more effective to put less focus on such detailed, broad planning and put focus on specific planning required to enable works in highest priority areas and activities. The funding proposed for the Darebin Nature Plan would not enable the level of detailed planning to be done that the submission is seeking, but nor do officers recommend this as necessary or a priority.</p> <p>The nature plan items in the Council plan currently include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Action: Establish the Darebin Nature Plan • #173 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include Begin discussions with Traditional Owners to understand the feasibility and resources required of Council handing back land and land management. • #10 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include increase shade in activity centres to support footpath trading HW • #127 Action through the establishment of a Darebin Nature Plan to include streetscape improvements COVID recovery 	

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58	Concern with wood smoke pollution	<p>This Council Plan submission calls for budget to address woodsmoke, to go beyond what Council currently does.</p> <p>The draft Council Plan includes some actions where Council can prioritise encourage measures that reduce wood smoke pollution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action #97 Support solar installation and energy retrofits for vulnerable households including public and social housing and renters (through Solar Saver 4 year program) • #99 Support community who are in fuel poverty to prevent heating and freezing. <p>Council also does education through its annual operational budget, although this is not as extensive as the submitter is seeking.</p> <p>Council's local law and environmental health teams also play a role in education and enforcement. This is an operational role, and Council investigates woodsmoke complaints. In many cases, investigations don't find grounds for enforcement under the current state government legislation relating to smoke – which can be frustrating. Council does not proactively monitor smoke – it relies on community reports of issues.</p> <p>Council does not proactively monitor smoke – it relies on community reports of issues, however, even if Council were to proactively monitor smoke, under the current state legislation it would be unlikely to be able to effectively enforce in many cases.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
51, 55, 56, 59, 60, 62,	Concern that Council is not taking urgent action to mitigate climate change	Officers understand that the submitter's are seeking more investment in climate action than the current Council Plan proposes.	To include a new action ' <i>Undertake a whole of Council review of existing policies and practices to identify where climate emergency outcomes could</i>

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63, 66, 67		<p>Council is committed to taking action on the climate emergency and mitigate climate change in the draft Council Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #102: Progressively incorporate into Council buildings solar, batteries, and energy efficiency • #103: Develop and offer a group power purchase agreement (similar to our LG project) • Drive community and business solar, batteries and efficiency through advocacy • #105 Investigate and establish programs to achieve step change in uptake of renewable energy by community and business. • #97: Support Solar installation and energy retrofits for vulnerable households including public and social housing and renters (through Solar Saver 4 – year program) <p>The draft plan also includes several actions that continue Darebin’s climate leadership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #98: Climate emergency plan review with deep community engagement • 99: #Support community who are in fuel poverty to prevent heating and freezing • #225: Undertake an assessment of current and future climate risks facing the Darebin community, and identify actions that Council and other levels of Government must take in order to provide maximum protection for people, property and the natural environment in response to assessed climate risks • Program to support middle years students from across Darebin schools to connect with each other and take action on climate and waste issues together 	<i>be achieved in the areas of mitigation, resilience education and advocacy’</i>
65	Business Solar Savers Program	<p>The draft Council Plan includes the 4 year Solar Saver program (Action #97), but with clear direction that the program support vulnerable households and renters.</p> <p>The draft plan also includes two actions that provide scope for supporting businesses to use renewable energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action #103: Develop and offer a group businesses power purchase agreement • Action #104: Drive community and business solar, batteries and efficiency through advocacy • Action #105 Investigate and establish programs to achieve step change increase in uptake of renewable energy by community and businesses. <p>Officers consider that there may be merit in supporting small, home based cottage industries through the solar saver program if the recipient is considered vulnerable – the existing Action wording would facilitate this. Officers intend on bringing a briefing and report to Council, to confirm the approach to implementing the Solar Saver program where details such as home business support can be considered.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
69	Climate Action	<p>Officers expect more State Government grants to be made available for community batteries, and it will work with community groups to explore options and partnerships.</p> <p>Officers will contact the submitter to discuss their proposal.</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
75C	Wildlife	<p>Thankyou for your submission regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop local sanctuaries (recent bushfires have destroyed habitats and ruptured our eco systems). • Promote and fund brands that are eco-friendly and focus on the need for banning animal testing. Council to purchase from these companies and present it to the wider community. <p>In relation to developing sanctuaries this has been a focus for Darebin for many years, Bundoora Park, Cherry Street Grassland and Ngarri djarrang (Central Creek Grasslands), the Darebin, Central, Edgars and Merri Creek Corridors all provide refuge and linkages for our local flora and fauna. These sites equate to around 550 hectares dedicated towards providing</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<p>habitat and are a key focus to keep enhancing to improve their value. In addition, Council's rewilding program supports these sanctuaries.</p> <p>Council's current Social and Sustainable Procurement policy encompasses an environmental weighting when purchasing. Social and sustainable procurement builds on initiatives already undertaken by Council in enhancing socially and sustainably responsible practices and initiatives with strategic procurement practice, enabling procurement to effectively contribute to building stronger communities - Eco friendly is the preferred option where that option exists.</p>	
75D	Sustainability in Schools and Businesses	<p>This submission includes many great ideas that Council can support through actions in the draft Council Plan, and by advocating to the State Government. Please see the table below.</p> <p>To ensure young people continue to be included in Council's climate work, officers recommend that the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee be refreshed to include diverse members of our community including young people.</p> <p>Submission recommendation: Lend money to businesses to support them financially in investing in renewable energy.</p> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council does not loan money to businesses. • A State Government program – called “Energy Upgrade Agreements” allows financiers to loan a business money to make environmental improvements, and then pay the money back through their rates. Darebin participates in this program. • One Darebin Business has already used an “EUA” to install solar panels, and Council can encourage and support more businesses to use this program. <p>Submission recommendation: Especially support schools to invest in renewable energy.</p> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Victorian Government runs a “Greener Government Schools Program” and Council can encourage Darebin schools to apply. • Schools could also choose to participate in the Renewable energy PPA for businesses (Action #103) <p>Submission recommendation: Pressure businesses in reducing the single use plastics. This can be implemented by suggesting plastic bags and coffee cups should be bought NOT FREE! (e.g. 10 cents buy) Education for consumers to understand the harm of single use plastic and the ease of just bringing your own bag</p> <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor has asked the Environment Minister that Darebin businesses pilot the single use plastic ban. • Action #138 “...take action towards a circular economy” is an opportunity to look at more action on plastic 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
75E	Electric Vehicles	<p>Encouraging the uptake of electric vehicles is very important.</p> <p>The draft Council Plan includes actions that support electric vehicle charging and active transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicator: Number of electric car charging points • Action # 12 Establish policy about what basis council would permit commercial or private EV charging infrastructure on public streets 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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75F	Renewable Energy	<p>These are great recommendations, and there are many actions in the draft Council Plan that will encourage renewable energy uptake:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #12 Establish policy about what basis council would permit commercial or private EV charging infrastructure on public streets #97: Support Solar installation and energy retrofits for vulnerable households including public and social housing and renters (through Solar Saver 4 – year program) #98: Climate emergency plan review with deep community engagement 99: #Support community who are in fuel poverty to prevent heating and freezing #225: Undertake an assessment of current and future climate risks facing the Darebin community, and identify actions that Council and other levels of Government must take in order to provide maximum protection for people, property and the natural environment in response to assessed climate risks Program to support middle years students from across Darebin schools to connect with each other and take action on climate and waste issues together #102: Progressively incorporate into Council buildings solar, batteries, and energy efficiency #103: Develop and offer a group power purchase agreement (similar to our LG project) Drive community and business solar, batteries and efficiency through advocacy #105 Investigate and establish programs to achieve step change n uptake of renewable energy by community and business. 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)
	General		
72	Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan - Strategy	<p>The Council Plan Priority document uses the ‘Environments for Health” framework approach in addressing the health and wellbeing priorities. This approach recognises that many factors that contribute to health inequalities and ill health lie in the complex social, economic, physical and natural environments in which people are born, grow up, live, work and age. The approach recommends working to improve the determinants of health – conditions in which people are born, grow up, live, work, and age – in order to enhance better health and wellbeing outcomes. It is acknowledged that this approach is not discussed in the Council Plan Priority document. However, this approach is included in the Draft Darebin Health and Wellbeing Profile Report, which will sit along the Council Plan.</p> <p>The Environments for Health framework is consistent with the approach taken by Victorian Government Department of Fairness, Families and Housing and the Victorian Public health and wellbeing plan 2019–2023.</p> <p>A number of proposed actions outlines in the Council Plan Draft priority document intend to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of the Darebin community, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement public health approaches to address problematic public drinking, including advocate to State Government to prioritise health and wellbeing impacts in planning applications to reduce the saturation of packaged liquor outlets Continue to gather data about gendered experience in public spaces and use this to inform community safety initiatives; and develop and implement a Community Safety Framework Using an intersectional approach, continue to implement and expand the Gender Equality and Preventing Violence Against Women Action plan 	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and promote a significant increase (in particular: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women, girls, all abilities and multicultural and diverse communities) in participation in Darebin's sports clubs Redevelop and rebuild the Reservoir Leisure Centre, incorporating opportunities to enhance health, wellbeing and socio-economic outcomes <p>A <i>big action</i> in the Council Plan Draft Priority document includes in partnership, deliver annual projects that respond to local community issues and need. This would see partnerships developed and projects co-designed and implemented to address place-based socioeconomic disadvantage and health inequity in East Preston and East Reservoir and is allocated \$160,000 the draft 2021/22 budget.</p> <p>The draft 2021/22 budget includes an allocation of \$50,000 to work in partnership to address the digital divide for public housing and high-risk accommodation residents, CALD and other excluded groups, incl. those impacted through COVID-19 and \$200,000 to provide in sports grant for increased participation of women, girls, all abilities, multicultural and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in community sports.</p> <p>The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 requires the Plan to specifically consider the impact of climate change on the health and wellbeing of the community. This is reflected in the draft Council Plan Priorities document through <i>action 170: Mitigate the impacts of climate change on the health and wellbeing of already disadvantaged communities</i> and will be a key consideration in Council placed based work in already disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>There are a range of actions in the draft Council Plan to support our community to address broad ranging issues such as addressing energy poverty, supporting solar installation and energy retrofits for vulnerable houses through Solar Saver, and reviewing the Climate Emergency Plan with deep community engagement.</p> <p>It is also acknowledged that draft Council Plan Priority document does not mention other strategic documents that guide actions on improving the natural environment. Darebin Council's Breathing Space provides the overarching framework and strategic direction for improving public open space in the City of Darebin. The Strategy's vision is that the future of Darebin will be one with more and better open spaces that respond to the climate emergency. The Strategy will contribute to better health and wellbeing health of Darebin residents, create better connected communities, and deliver a positive contribution to the character of neighbourhoods.</p> <p>In addition, Council will continue implementing the Darebin Climate Emergency Plan¹ that aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide maximum protection for the community of Darebin and for people, civilisation and species globally, especially the most vulnerable restore a safe climate at emergency speed by eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and enabling drawdown of excess carbon dioxide in the air encourage research to find safe ways to protect people, species and civilisation from near-term dangerous temperatures, while zero emission and carbon dioxide drawdown strategies are being enacted enable our community to be resilient in the face of any unavoidable dangerous climate impacts to engage, empower and mobilise governments, communities and organisations to take action on and achieve these goals with certainty and at emergency speed. 	

¹ Darebin City Council. 2017. Climate Emergency Plan 2017-2022. Accessed 18 March 2021. Available www.darebin.vic.gov.au

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		Council will consider how it can continue to build reliance and capacity in the community to respond to and adapt to change. This will be considered through a number of areas outlined in the Council Plan but also as part of Council's Emergency management Plan and work which isn't listed in the current document but is a legislated requirement that Council develops and implements in partnership with a range of emergency services and community organisations.	
	COVID 19 Response		
51	Greater support for the community to respond to COVID-19	<p>Council recognises the social and wellbeing impacts that COVID-19 has had on the community and has used this as a key considered to inform our proposed health and wellbeing objectives and action. The Council Plan includes a number of new actions which recognise and seek to address these impacts such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Objective: Support the human rights, housing and wellbeing needs of people experiencing homelessness in Darebin and the associated actions • Strategic Objective: Work in partnership to address place-based socioeconomic disadvantage and health inequity in East Preston and East Reservoir • Strategic Objective: Increase social connection to reduce isolation, loneliness and support positive mental health and the associated actions • #50 Develop programs to support international students in Darebin • # 55 Identify opportunities to support the economic participation of women as part of Council's COVID-19 recovery work • #163 Continue to implement the Towards Equality Framework and Equity impact Assessment to address inequities in the distribution of resources and the needs of the most vulnerable are prioritised. • #175 Increase support to Aboriginal community led organisations through incorporating a specific funding stream as part of the community grants program. • #200 Partner with community organisations to support welcoming community lunches <p>These are new actions which will be delivered in addition to ongoing supports provided by Council such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual funding to the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network to deliver a range of social support programs and activities • Events and programs delivered at Darebin libraries and Council community centres and hubs • Provision of community grants <p>The Strategic Objective of <i>COVID Economic Recovery</i> in the draft Plan also focuses on creating jobs for people who face employment barriers. This will be achieved by attracting new industries, working with our partners, other levels of government and businesses. By creating access to local new and diverse jobs and skills can provide residents will have multiple benefits outside of economic outcomes.</p> <p>While action #179 focuses on "Work in partnership to address the digital divide for public housing and high-risk accommodation residents, CALD and other excluded groups, incl. those impacted through COVID", Council will continue to support and provide other services and programs for residents to increase their digital literacy. This will include programs delivered as part of our Age Friendly Darebin work, through libraries and through Councils ongoing support of the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network who provide a range of digital literacy programs.</p> <p>Council agrees that the community support and connection that was generated during 2020 in response to COVID 19 is a key asset to harness and use as a platform to increase community</p>	No changes are recommended to the Council Plan (incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan)

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		<p>connection and reduce social isolation. This will be undertaken in partnership with local organisations and community groups in the co-design and delivery of a range of actions, such as those that seek to reduce social isolation and promote volunteering.</p> <p>Likewise, Council will consider how it can continue to build reliance and capacity in the community to respond to and adapt to change. This will be considered through a number of areas outlined in the Council Plan as well as in Council's Emergency Management Plan and work - this isn't listed in the current document but is a legislated requirement that Council develops and implements in partnership with a range of emergency services and community organisations.</p>	
	Miscellaneous		
There were 9 submissions that were lodged with 1 or 2 words or a sentence and cannot be responded to due to limited submission content.			