



TOWN OF  
**VICTORIA PARK**



# COVID-19 Response Working Group Notes – 15 October 2020



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## **1 Opening**

### **Acknowledgement of country**

*Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.*

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

## 2 Attendance

<b>Mayor</b>	Mayor Karen Vernon
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife
<b>Councillor</b>	Cr Claire Anderson
<b>Chief Community Planner/Local Recovery Coordinator</b>	Natalie Martin Goode
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	Anthony Vuleta
<b>Chief Operations Officer</b>	Ben Killigrew
<b>Chief Financial Officer</b>	Michael Cole
<b>Manager Community</b>	Alison Braun
<b>Strategic Projects Manager</b>	Nicole Anns
<b>Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor</b>	Rebecca Waghorne
<b>Minute Secretary</b>	Christy Neems
<b>Presenters</b>	David Doy Lisa Tidy Adrian Borthwick
<b>Apologies</b>	Ben Killigrew Rebecca Waghorne Christy Neems

### 3 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status
COVID Action Taskforce to develop a Project Matrix which can be used to determine the level of risk with a project with the intention that 'high risk' project proposals go to CRWG for approval.	COVID Action Taskforce	Complete
Gallipoli Street proposal to go to Council as part of the COVID Action Plan as a means of socialising the project with elected members.	Tracy McQue	Report submitted to October OCM
Night Markets proposal to go to Council as part of the COVID Action Plan	Ellie van Rhyn	Report submitted to October OCM
Suzanne Caren to provide Scorecard Resilience Report to CRWG members	Christy Neems	Open – Christy to obtain information and circulate to CRWG members
David Doy to provide CRWG members with planning statistics breakdown of applications including dollar values. David Doy to liaise with Planning team to source the information.	David Doy	Continue to provide statistics to CRWG
Rebecca Waghorne to proceed with developing a COVID Action Taskforce Communications Plan		In progress
David Doy to liaise with Carrie Parsons to determine the amount allocated to the COVID Action Taskforce communications budget		Closed - budgets embedded in Project budget

## 4 COVID Action Taskforce update

The CRWG were provided with a progress update on consumer spending and economic development across the Town.

### Outcome

The Town have access to Commbank data which includes EFTPOS transactions. The data is being used to analyse consumer spending across the Town and includes CommBank transactions under \$5000.

The Town hosted the Business Advisory Group and Industry Round Tables. Food and Beverage and retailers have reported 20-30% increase in business while other businesses that aren't relying on footfall, aren't doing as well.

Businesses have reported a change in clientele with more public visitors than corporate visitors.

The Town will monitor consumer behaviour over the coming months, noting the impact of a reduction in Job Keeper payments on the local economy, consumer desire to support local businesses and the easing of travel restrictions.

There is a recommendation to invest in new pedestrian counting technology to track patron numbers across the Town.

The Town has reported an increase in building approvals which are the result of builders lodging applications pre-empting changes to legislation. The proposed changes were delayed. Builders are asking for government extensions to allow for the increases in work generated from the additional number of applications approved.

The development application and the LDP for the Old Archive site will be lodged mid to late October.

Colliers have reported that the vacancy for apartments in the city will be low in 2021. Rental, sales value and numbers data to be presented regularly as part of an update to CRWG.

The Town will look to capitalise on local migration resonating from Cannington and Armadale.

**5 Communications update**

Nil

**6 Recovery Action Plan update**

Nil

**7 Presentations**

Nil

## **8 Items for discussion**

### **8.1 COVID Safe Events**

Nil

## **9 General business**

The working group recommend that the CRWG meeting be held every two months with the ability to meet monthly depending on the number of projects requiring consideration.

## **10 Close**

Meeting closed 2:10pm