

You Did Make a Difference! Your Membership Counts!

Thank you to all HNA members whose membership and support has resulted in Bayside Council agreeing to explore alternate options for the planned upgrade to our important Hampton Activity Centre / Willis Street Precinct.

Thank you also to our Committee members and members who have spent time speaking to Councillors and attended the Council meeting on Tuesday night.

We are pleased to advise that Item 10.1 (the sale of the scout hall site, rerouting of bus routes and associated traffic impacts on Hampton Street) has been deferred while all involved find a better solution to the traffic and other issues in the Hampton Willis Street precinct. This was a great outcome and HNA looks forward to working with all key stakeholders including the Hampton Traders Association, Hampton Community Centre and VicTrack to work together and come up with better solutions. HNA will be beginning this work ASAP.

How did this unfold?

- HNA has been actively engaged in the planning process for over a year
- HNA contacted all Councillors by email.
- Committee members met with some Councillors last week prior to the Council meeting.
- Committee members had a productive meeting with Mayor Frederico, Councillor Lowe and Strategic Planner Matt Kelleher prior to Tuesday night's Council meeting.
- HNA tabled 7 questions at the Council meeting to obtain clear responses to matters that had never been clearly explained.
- Our two HNA speakers presented the community position as discussed at the HNA General Meeting on August 10 to the Councillors.
 - The Council Officers recommendation to adopt Option A had already been dismissed by all stakeholders as the worst outcome.
 - That Council and the community would not get a fair sale price for the Scout Hall site.
 - This had all come about because the VicTrack EOI process had ignored Council's Urban Design Framework and then VicTrack had refused to incorporate the Scout Hall site into the development
- HNA pressed the Councillors to take a bit more time to make the best decision about traffic movement and also to protect the value of the Council's Scout Hall site.

HNA was also very grateful for the engagement of the President of the Hampton Traders Association (HTA) and their support for the HNA's position on item 10.1. HTA also spoke of the need to get the decision right rather than foist poor decisions on the community.

With regard to Item 10.1, Councillor Long moved that Council:

1. Defers the matter for 3 meeting cycles.
2. Investigates further options for traffic management within the precinct and communicates with stakeholders.
3. Receives a further report no earlier than the November Ordinary Meeting of Council outlining the outcomes of the traffic investigations

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4. Receives a separate and further report no earlier than the November Ordinary Meeting of Council regarding the future use or sale of 6A Willis St Hampton (former scout hall site). Options in the report to include future use for:
 - public open space and or playground
 - car park
 - residential purposes
5. Consults with all stakeholders and interested parties and individuals and
6. Writes to all submitters of Council's decision in this matter.

During the debate Councillor Stewart made the observation that we appear to be 'marching to the beat of the developer's drum" rather than putting community needs first.

Councillor Long's proposal was seconded by Councillor Lowe and all Councillors were in favour.

HNA is grateful to Bayside Councillors and appreciate their acceptance of our position.

Bayside Councillors and officers made themselves available to hear and understand the HNA's point of view, despite a tight time frame and this was greatly appreciated.