## **Asset Planning and Funding**

## **Community Engagement Plan**

| PROJECT TITLE:  | Asset Planning and Funding (Title of the campaign we take to the Community will need to be discussed: Waverly 2010 program was packaged as "Service Plus")   |  |
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| Position:   | Corporate Planning Co-ordinator  |  |
| Department:   | Corporate  |  |
| Other staff or parties<br>involved in this project that<br>need to be notified (e.g.,<br>Media & Marketing,<br>Information Resources,<br>Customer Services) | <ul> <li>Infrastructure Services</li> <li>Media and Marketing</li> <li>Finance</li> <li>Information Resources</li> <li>Customer Services</li> <li>Community Services</li> </ul>  |  |
| What are the objectives of this project?  | <ul> <li>To educate community on asset provision and service delivery and our current position</li> <li>To, in consultation with community, determine levels of service on community assets</li> <li>To enable ongoing consultation around the implementation of the Community Strategic Plan</li> <li>To identify our future asset needs and gaps</li> <li>To identify funding options for the maintenance, renewal, upgrade of existing assets and creation of new assets</li> </ul> |  |
| Identify the key issues<br>involved:  | <ul> <li>Determining levels of service and community expectations v need</li> <li>What we can afford to provide and where we get the money from</li> <li>Considerations:         <ul> <li>Broad range of stakeholders to be engaged</li> <li>Resources need to be allocated to engagement process (budget/staff)</li> <li>Timeframe for IPART applications if approved (consultation must be concluded by early November 2013 to meet deadlines)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                |  |
| Is there a need to do<br>community engagement for<br>this project?  | Legislative<br>Best Practice<br>Collaborate  |  |

| Who are the key<br>stakeholders?<br>Which community<br>members/groups could be<br>affected by these issues? | <ul> <li>Community – all rate payers</li> <li>Organisations &amp; service users including – sporting groups, open space groups and volunteers, Progress Associations, venue hirers, Advisory Groups, WEPA, Access Committee, online panel and recruited community members, visitors to the area e.g. shoppers</li> </ul>  |  |
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| What level of engagement will be taking place?  | Inform<br>Consult<br>Involve<br>Collaborate<br>Empower  |  |
| What information are we<br>going to convey?   | <ul> <li>Our need to prepare an asset strategy for the next 10 to 15 years that links community aspirations articulated through this process and the Willoughby City Strategy/Asset Plans/Recreation Plan/LTFP and current asset planning models</li> <li>Community has an input into the LTFP and determination of future priorities and how these activities will be funded</li> <li>Extent of service delivery provided by Council through our assets (current)</li> <li>Extent of service delivery provided by Council through our assets (future predictions)</li> <li>How we fund our assets and service delivery</li> <li>Condition of existing assets and where the short falls are</li> <li>Future asset projects</li> <li>Where we see our priorities over the next 10 to 15 years</li> <li>What our funding options are</li> <li>What steps Council will take to address the issues</li> </ul> |  |

| Which engagement methods  | Informing through advertising and publications<br>Media Release           |              |
|---|---|--------------|
| are we going to use?  | Willoughby City News  |              |
| Tick one or more boxes  | eNewsletters  |              |
|   | Advertisement in Metropolitan Paper                                       |              |
|   | Advertisement in Local Paper  |              |
|   | Advertisement in Progress Association Newsletter                          |              |
|   | Council Rates Notice Insert   |              |
|   | Flyers  |              |
|   | Letterbox Drop  |              |
| 2   | Fact Sheet  |              |
|   | Promotional Material  |              |
|   | Advertisement on Facebook   |              |
|   | Displays  | Real<br>Real |
|   | Stalls at Council and Community Events                                    |              |
|   | Public Exhibition Community Signs and                                     |              |
|   | Noticeboards  |              |
|   | Display on Digital Advertising Screens                                    |              |
|   | Display in Council Foyer  |              |
|   | Posters   |              |
|   | Outdoor Banners   |              |
|   | Talks, Meetings and Forums  |              |
|   | Steering Committee of Community Members<br>Meet with Community Committees |              |
|   | Public Meeting, Forum, Focus Group or Workshop                            |              |
| Which engagement methods are we going to use?   | Community Conference  |              |
| Tick one or more boxes  | Talks at Progress Association Meetings, and<br>Events                     |              |
| * Council will develop a Social<br>Media Policy to assist the use of<br>some online tools. In the   | Attend Existing Meetings  |              |
| meantime all use of social media<br>should be approved by Corporate<br>Services prior to engagement. For<br>further information call 1021 | Direct and Face to Face Engagement<br>Face to Face Interview              |              |
|   | Telephone Call  |              |
|   | Consultations   |              |
|   | Letter  |              |

|   | Online Tools<br>Council Website  |
|---|--|
|   | Email  |
|   | e.Newsletter   |
|   | Facebook*  |
|   | Twitter*   |
| 2   | You Tube*  |
|   | Online Survey  |
|   | Online Forum   |
|   | Other<br>Recorded Phone Message  |
|   | Suggestion Boxes on Sites  |
|   | Community Profiling  |
|   | Other TBA  |
|   | Internal Communication<br>General Manager's Update   |
|   | Council Intranet   |
|   | Personal Briefing  |
|   | Email  |
|   | Staff Meetings   |
| Access Plan:<br>How do we ensure that all<br>stakeholders have access to<br>engagement? | <ul> <li>Information will be provided in community languages (extent of translation provided will be decided as the program rolls out)</li> <li>Information and feedback options provided in hard copy and online</li> <li>Officers will take the conversation out to organisations throughout the process</li> <li>Public information sessions will be offered at various times and venues</li> <li>Child care will be considered depending on demand</li> <li>Consider time, venue, parking, public transport, childcare, language barriers and any other relevant access issues.</li> </ul> |
| Proposed date of<br>commencement  | March 2012   |
| Proposed date of<br>completion  | November 2013 (Report findings to Council)   |

|           | January 2014          | January 2014 (Lodge application to IPART if approved) |   |  |
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| What Now? | Manager's<br>Approval | Complete CE Checklist                                 | Fill out CE Evaluation<br>on completion |  |
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## Community Engagement Draft Timeline\*

\*Dates are yet TBC. The timeline needs to be discussed by the Asset group following the Councillor workshop.

| STAGE 1: PLANNING   |           |   |  |
|---|-----------|---|--|
| Activity  | When      | Objective   |  |
| Scope Asset<br>Engagement<br>Program                              | Completed | Produce draft program   |  |
| Prepare brief for<br>Community<br>Satisfaction<br>Survey          | Completed | To finalise brief, in consultation with staff, for EOI.   |  |
| Councillor Asset<br>Workshop                                      | Completed | Discuss service levels and financing options. Present draft community engagement program  |  |
| Finalise draft<br>asset<br>Engagement<br>program with<br>staff    | Completed | Staff to agree to timeframes and lock into work plans.<br>Possibly draft report to Council outlining program.<br>(Depends on outcome of workshop)   |  |
| STAGE 2: EDUCATION PROGRAM<br>(Information Out)<br>September 2012 |           |   |  |
| Activity  | When      | Objective   |  |
| Media Releases<br>and Info Out<br>(NST, web,<br>WCN)              | October   | Start education campaign (what do we mean by assets and levels of service; ongoing consultation program beginning)                                  |  |
| Fact<br>sheets/Brochure   | October   | Promote the services we currently provide. Identify<br>our objectives & how the community can get<br>involved.                                      |  |
| Community<br>presentations<br>(first round)                       | October   | To share message with community groups about<br>where we are presently, where we would like to be &<br>how we can get there (what are the options?) |  |
|   |           |   |  |

|   |             | 3: FIRST ROUND CONSULTATION   |  |
|---|-------------|---|--|
| (Broad co   |             | back required; identifying priorities & case building)<br>Begins February 2013 (TBC)                  |  |
| Activity  | When        | Objective   |  |
| Media releases  | February    | To promote the consultation process   |  |
| Budget<br>Allocater   | March       | To identify priorities  |  |
| Online survey   | March       | Ascertain satisfaction levels of community with current assets and levels of service                  |  |
| Online panel  | March       | Ascertain satisfaction levels of community with<br>current assets and levels of service               |  |
| Community<br>Satisfaction<br>Survey   | Completed   | Ascertain satisfaction levels of community with current assets and levels of service                  |  |
| Community<br>Information<br>Sessions ( x 2)                                       | March/April | To identify priorities/levels of service  |  |
| Interim internal report   | May         | Prepare summary of online results   |  |
| Review results<br>and prepare<br>information for<br>second round<br>consultations | Мау         | Present results and prepare information for Manex<br>and Council approval (second round consultation) |  |
|   |             | : SECOND ROUND CONSULTATION   |  |
|   |             | input required: test first round results)   |  |
| Activity  | When        | Objective   |  |
| Community<br>presentations<br>(second round)                                      | June        | To present results so far and get feedback (test first round outcomes)                                |  |
| Media releases  | June        | To promote results so far and opportunities to feedback   |  |
| Mail Out  | June        | Interim feedback and follow up with participants  |  |
| Online panel  | July        | To present results so far and get feedback (test first round outcomes)                                |  |
| Councillor<br>workshop  | July        | To present results so far and get feedback (test first round outcomes)                                |  |
| Focus Groups  | July        | To present results so far and get feedback (test first round outcomes)                                |  |
| Information to  | August      | Summary of results so far and opportunities to  |  |
| Ratepayers  |             | feedback – include in rates notices   |  |
| (Community fee  |             | 5: THIRD ROUND CONSULTATION<br>ed: Confirm consultation outcomes & recommendations)                   |  |
| Report to   | September   | Update on results of consultation & any   |  |
| Council   |             | recommendations stemming  |  |
| Media release   | September   | Feedback results & recommendations  |  |
| Website   | September   | Feedback results & recommendations  |  |
| Online panel  | September   | Feedback results & recommendations  |  |

| Mail out                         | September   | Feedback results & recommendations to all groups engaged in person |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| StreetFair                       | September   | Promote results & recommendations at general info<br>stall         |
| IPART meeting                    | October   | To present argument for possible IPART application                 |
|                                  | F   | INALISATION OF PROCESS   |
| States States and                |   | (Decision by Council)  |
| Close<br>consultation<br>process | Cut off date<br>of late<br>October for<br>formal<br>submissions | Prepare consultation results                                       |
| Report to<br>Manex               | Early<br>November<br>2013                                       | Present results to Manex for approval                              |
| Report to<br>Council             | November<br>2013  | Present results & recommendations                                  |
| Application to<br>IPART          | January<br>2013   | Pending approval by Council  |