



City of Port Phillip Membership Review 2021





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Association of Bayside Municipalities

Brief Description	The Association of Bayside Municipalities (ABM) advocates and undertakes joint projects to benefit councils around Port Phillip Bay.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership of the ABM supports delivery of the 'Liveable Port Phillip' and 'Sustainable Port Phillip' Directions in the draft Council Plan 2021. Specifically, actions that respond to marine and coastal issues and maintaining the health of Port Phillip Bay to ensure the ongoing economic benefit to the region.
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: All ten Councils around Port Phillip Bay are members.</p> <p>No other Council membership organisations focusses exclusively on issues and opportunities relevant to local governments situated on the Bay.</p>
	<p>Unique perspectives: Council officers work closely with ABM to develop shared priorities and deliver agreed outcomes, share knowledge and directly influence regional and state programs and investment in the planning and management of the Bay.</p> <p>The ABM's targeted focus, specialised knowledge and skills means ABM adds to Council's understanding of the issues impacting its own municipality, coastline, and part of the Bay.</p> <p>The ABM is recognised by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and Victorian Government as the key local government representative in relation to the sustainable management and health of Port Phillip coastline and Bay. ABM is well-respected and has good relationships with the Victorian Government (DELWP, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, Maritime Safety Victoria, Victorian Coastal Council, EPA, VicPorts, Port of Melbourne consortium and Life Saving Victoria).</p> <p>The ABM provides a forum for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information exchange, innovation and best practice in coastal management; • advocacy – representing the collective views of member councils; • networking and collaboration between member councils, other Bay stakeholders and coastal organisations; • leadership in coastal planning and practice: and • integrated, whole-of-bay outcomes for Port Phillip Bay
	<p>Unique opportunities: The ABM provides unique opportunities to represent and leverage CoPP interests with advocacy, networking and partnership opportunities.</p>



<p>Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months</p>	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: ABM advocacy has spanned issues such as coastal hazards, jet skis, beach renourishment, emergency management preparedness, plastic bags, spider crabs and boat ramps.</p> <p>In 2020 ABM moved online and launched Talk of the Tide – knowledge sharing forums, relevant to local government, on marine and coastal management in Port Phillip Bay.</p> <p>Examples of ABM advocacy in the past 12 months includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission to the Victorian Marine and Coastal Strategy and Policy, directly influencing changes that better reflect the needs and concerns of local government as coastal Crown Land managers. • Effectively advocated for early release of the Victorian Siting and Design Guidelines for coastal structures and instigated 1 year review to enable councils to identify any issues and update the guidelines. • Coastal Marine Management Plan guidelines – DELWP instigated a review sooner than was planned in direct response to ABM advocacy. • Submissions regarding waterway rules / jet ski use on Port Phillip Bay. <p>These projects have assisted Council officers with the effective management of its coastal crown land, facilities and buildings.</p> <p>In addition, ABM has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivered diverse opportunities for professional development and knowledge sharing across councils, universities, industry and government; and • Lead local government input to the Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment for Port Phillip Bay. <p>A copy of the ABM Achievements Report for 2017-2021 can be found at https://abm.org.au/abm-strategic-plan/</p>
	<p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): In the last financial year ABM held ten (10) events, including workshops, shifting to an online format in 2020 due to COVID.</p> <p>CoPP was represented at all ABM workshops which focused on Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment, grey to green engineering, coastal erosion, Shoreline tracking, Blue carbon opportunities.</p> <p>Total ABM event attendance for 2019/20 was 293 participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Port Phillip Councillors and Officers attended nine of ten events. - Total attendance by CoPP was 29 (13 different Officers / Councillors) <p>ABM engaged presenters from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia and had a significant increase in participation from each</p>



	<p>Member Council. Talk of the Tide will become an ongoing feature of the ABM business plan.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: Online activities resulting from COVID-19 increased the reach and involvement of other organisations with the ABM.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (20/21) \$10,115 (ex. GST)</p>
	<p>Next Payment (21/22): ABM Executive Committee to set fee. Fees have remained at \$10,115 for the past four years. ABM anticipate there will be no increase for 2021/22. Invoices will be sent to council in June 2021.</p>
	<p>Annual Officer Hours: 50 CoPP officers attend a range of ABM meetings, including Executive Meetings (supporting CoPP Councillors), Officer Meetings, workshops and forums.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: The ABM has identified the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input to the new Victorian Government Marine and Coastal Strategy which is changing Councils management of the coastal crown land. • Input to the State Coastal Hazard Assessment Decision Support System. • ABM is renewing its strategic plan, identifying the issues and priorities for the next four years, such as coastal climate adaptation, investment in coastal management and risk, support for councils preparing Coastal and Marine Management Plans. • Continuing advocacy and partnerships on beach renourishment, coastal asset protection and management, litter, jet skis, boating, water quality/beach closures, coastal management and coastal access. <p>The project priorities for ABM are determined by the Member Councils.</p>
	<p>Challenges Officers have not identified any challenges for the membership in the coming financial year.</p>
	<p>Additional Comments: From the ABM: <i>"The ABM has been operating for over 45 years. We are one of the longest running and effective local government associations, primarily due to the value we provide each individual Member Councils and our ability to cooperate as a 'power of ten' to advocate, influence and partner to achieve far greater outcomes than the remit of an individual council. We continue to uphold our reputation as "the voice of local government for Port Phillip Bay"."</i></p>
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership to the Association of Bayside Municipalities.</p> <p>Membership saves CoPP time and resources by sharing project delivery responsibilities, by acting collectively ABM enhances advocacy outcomes and provides valuable training forums for staff.</p>



Australian Library Information Service

Brief Description	Provides Library and public-sector advocacy, training, and development. Supports community engagement, learning and participation.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership supports the delivery of the “Vibrant Port Phillip” Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Specifically, delivering high-quality library spaces and collection services that provide opportunities for people to connect and learn, and deliver on key actions outlined in the Library Action Plan (once adopted by Council).
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: The Australian Library and information Association (ALIA) is the national peak body for library and information services.</p>
	<p>Unique Perspectives: ALIA is unique in providing support across all library sectors – public, academic, specialist (e.g. law, health) and private, individual memberships, with professional development options for library and information workers.</p> <p>ALIA works across a range of areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy: to increase public awareness of the value of libraries and information. • Education: working with academics and researchers to ensure that library and information science courses produce graduates equipped for the modern workplace. • Literacy: Helping people develop the literacy skills they need at school, work and in everyday life. • Training and Transformation: training to share best and next practice. • Preservation: Preservation of the published and documentary record in all formats, and to ensuring access to information.
	<p>Unique Opportunities: ALIA is connected across local, State and National Government and works across departments e.g. Education, Health and Regional Development.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: ALIA supports and coordinates nationwide campaigns and initiatives including Cybersafety, Children’s Book Week, Australian Reading hour, National Simultaneous Storytime, Indigenous health and literacy outcomes, public access to information etc. CoPP’s involvement includes running events and initiatives.</p> <p>ALIA assisted libraries during this COVID-19 pandemic, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitored the impact of COVID-19 on Australian public libraries and created an interim report summarising feedback more than 200 libraries. • Created a strategic checklist to support the library reopening process, including information on staff support and services that need to be phased in (or out), communications, planning and safety precautions.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched a campaign toolkit to support libraries, ‘We’re back! Tell us how you missed us.’ • Celebrated Library and Information Week 2020, and National Reconciliation week with streamed events. • Published its guidance on record keeping for contact tracing during COVID-19. • Launched a new professional development webpage, which features a selection of learning opportunities. • Released The future of library and information science education in Australia which followed an ALIA issues paper published in 2019. • The ALIA Information Online ran as a virtual conference on 8 February 2021. <p>These projects have assisted Council officers with the effective management of our library facilities and programs over the past year.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): ALIA runs staff development workshops, online webinars and skills-based tutorials aimed at up-skilling library staff, particularly in digital skills and online resources.</p> <p>CoPP has 6 memberships to access library and information resources, discounted training courses, professional development, discounted conference registrations, networking opportunities and subscriptions for industry magazines. Approximately 15-20 CoPP staff attend ALIA training/professional events each year.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: While libraries were closed to the general public during the pandemic ALIA provided online resources and support, including establishing a Relief Fund.</p> <p>ALIA, the Australian Publishers Association and the Australian Society of Authors made an industry agreement at the start of the COVID-19 lockdown, so public libraries could livestream and record story times using children’s picture books during the pandemic without being in breach of copyright.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (20/21): \$1245 (ex. GST).</p> <p>Next Payment (21/22): \$1245 (ex. GST) due 17 June 2021</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 55 Staff commitments relate predominantly to campaigns and advocacy.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: The ALIA Board developed the ALIA Strategic Plan 2020-2024 which has a four-fold approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting a resilient, diverse workforce • Developing alliances and collaborative ventures • Succeeding through advocacy



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Member value <p>Planned initiatives include Online Storytime Pilot 2021 so children's books are recorded and read in libraries and the Professional Pathways program to expand opportunities for staff involvement with ALIA.</p> <p>The full plan can be read on the ALIA website.</p>
	<p>Challenges: Officers have not identified any challenges for the membership in the coming financial year.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2021/22</p>	<p>That Council maintain its membership to the Australian Library and Information Association</p> <p>ALIA is the only CoPP membership that focuses on library services within the City of Port Phillip. The membership provides an advocacy network, operational resources and supports to CoPP libraries including training.</p>



Climate Emergency Australia – NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Brief Description	Climate Emergency Australia (CEA) is a national network of local governments across Australia that provides support to member councils as well as a national platform for advocacy for urgent action to address climate change.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of “Sustainable Port Phillip” in the draft Council Plan. Specifically, “We will facilitate and advocate for...Increased Victorian and Australian Government support to drastically reduce carbon emissions and to deliver policies and projects to enable community members to reduce their emissions”</p> <p>The membership is consistent with Council’s resolution relating to the Declaration of a Climate Emergency (p.5), where Council agreed to “Advocate to the State and Federal Government and Parliaments to declare a climate emergency and take action to drastically reduce warming emissions in Australia and across the world.”</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: CEA is hosted by the City of Melbourne and includes 70 Councils from urban, regional and rural areas from every State and Territory.</p> <p>Full membership is only available to local governments who have declared a Climate Emergency. CoPP has been invited by CEA to become a member.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: The CEA’s priority is to have all levels of government acknowledge and respond to the Climate Emergency. It does this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advocating on behalf of member councils to the Australian Government. • supporting networking and information exchange, and • developing and implementing national projects <p>Other Council memberships such as SECCCA address climate change and sustainability at a local, regional and Victorian level. However, the CEA is the only group with a national membership.</p> <p>Unique opportunities: CEA provides CoPP with the unique opportunity of working with leading Councils across Australia, such as the City of Sydney, to advocate on climate change. Further, membership will support delivery of the draft Council Plan advocacy commitment.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: CEA is less than 12 months old. In the last year, the group has offered a free membership, engaged with local government councillors and officers and developed a governance structure for delivery in 2021-22.</p> <p>Achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing and managing an active online forum for council officers • input into a submission to the Climate Change Bill being considered by the Australian parliament • development of an advocacy strategy



	<p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): Officers have attended an online webinar at no cost.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: The organisation was formed during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a national organisation committed to reducing emissions, activities will necessarily continue online.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (20/21) Nil – during the foundational year, membership was free</p>
	<p>Next Payment (21/22): \$3,000 due date not yet known.</p>
	<p>Annual Officer Hours: If City of Port Phillip nominates an officer to participate on the Executive or a working group, then approximately 30 hours per year. If not, officer time is minimal.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: Completion and delivery of an advocacy strategy</p>
	<p>Challenges: The organisation is new, and membership was previously at no cost. There may be challenges recruiting and retaining fee paying members</p>
Additional Comments:	None
Recommendation 2021/22	That Council resolves not to join the Climate Emergency Australia membership for 2021/22.
	Whilst membership could deliver the draft Council Plan commitment (and Council decision) to advocate to the Australian Government on climate change, Councils membership to SECCA also performs a similar function.



Committee for Melbourne

Brief Description	An independent, broad-based member organisation which advocates and undertakes activities to support Melbourne’s economy and development.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of the ‘Well-Governed Port Phillip’ Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Including:</p> <p>Working with other Councils, the Victorian Government and other entities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share best practice, knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. <p>Working with other councils to advocate for a reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government.</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: Committee for Melbourne has over 150 members from Greater Melbourne’s business, academic and community sectors to shape Melbourne as a leading global city in the Asia-Pacific.</p> <p>Port Phillip and City of Melbourne are Foundation Members.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: The Committee has an elected board (14 members), and focuses on future economy, liveability, urban optimisation, infrastructure & sustainability</p> <p>Unique opportunities: The Committee has a broad membership base and brings together stakeholders to progress Council priorities. For example, on Fishermans Bend, the CfM is aligned to the Chair of the Fishermans Bend Board, the University of Melbourne and developers in Fishermans Bend</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: In 20/21 CfM continued the Melbourne 4.0 program being a range of scenario planning workshops and individual interviews to look at possible futures for Melbourne. The City of Port Phillip has previously organised Melbourne 4.0 training for officers. More information can be found here: https://melbourne.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/melbourne-4.0-summary-report_web.pdf</p> <p>CfM’s Covid-19 Road to Recovery campaign, included advocacy on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Education Economy and the importance of international students • Affordable Housing post-Covid-19 • A report on Integrated Transport and new transport models • Visitor Economy, place management, aviation and events • Future Skills and the impact of Covid-19 on our workforce • Government submissions for our Arts & culture sector • Shaping Melbourne: Fishermans Bend as an integrated community • A report on AI and Digital Imperatives



	<p>CfM also wrote several submissions, published report and hosted events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissions: Nine submissions to Federal and State Governments. • Published Reports: 85 thought leadership pieces and submissions (a number featuring City of Port Phillip) including on the Visitor Economy, Arts & Culture sector, Housing Affordability, Artificial Intelligence, Integrated Transport and the Not-for-Profit sector. • Events: March to October, over 60 events with 280+ organisations and 4,000 attendees (32 from City of Port Phillip staff/council members) <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): The City of Port Phillip involvement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events and forums (60 per year) are free for City of Port Phillip staff and Councillors. • 25 staff/council members subscribe to communicate and event invitation lists which are transferable within the City of Port Phillip. • City of Port Phillip Councillors and staff have presented at panel sessions and workshops. • Featuring twice this year in CfM industry Communique profiling Council’s assistance to the ratepayers during Covid-19 and in a recap of the Fisherman’s Bend forum • Social media coverage of the City of Port Phillip placemaking and place management activities. • Upcoming events include a meeting with the State Treasurer (June 7) and a ministerial and thought leadership events in July and August. <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: In response to COVID-19, CfM moved events online and pivoted advocacy priorities to responding to and recovering from, the impacts of COVID-19.</p> <p>Of 150 members, CfM ‘hibernated’ over 15 members (including the City of Port Phillip). This has been offset by Foundation Members contributing extra funds, JobKeeper and new members responding to our Road to Recovery campaigns.</p>
<p>Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)</p>	<p>Current Payment (20/21) The membership fee for the City of Port Phillip was waived by CfM in 20-21.</p> <p>Next Payment (21/22): CfM has three memberships tiers: Foundation Membership (\$15,000 plus GST); Corporate membership (\$7,500); and, Not-for-Profit Membership (\$3,800)</p> <p>CoPP and the City of Melbourne are Foundation Members, while councils such as City of Greater Dandenong and Hume City Council are Corporate Members.</p> <p>The annual fee for foundation membership is due 30 days post June 30.</p>



	<p>Corporate and Foundation memberships have many of the same benefits such as hosting events, participating in roundtables and taskforces and attending ministerial briefings. However, Foundational memberships also have 'regular discussions with Committee, CEO and Secretariat, voting rights on CoM decisions, invitations to events such as annual parliamentary drinks, state budget briefings with the Treasurer and priority invitations to all other events.' These additional benefits have largely not been taken up by Council officers.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: Officer time is mainly related to attending events.</p>
<p>Plans for coming year</p>	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: The Committee is currently rejuvenating their four pillars. The current four pillars have 12 Taskforces, five of which include The City of Port Phillip (Future Skills, Housing Mix, Integrated Transport, Metropolitan Collaboration and Arts & Culture).</p> <p>The Committee for Melbourne are undertaking the following projects relating to Greater Melbourne and The City of Port Phillip.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Seaboard Megaregion: report released calling for planning for an Eastern Seaboard Megaregion – Melbourne-Sydney-Brisbane • Visitor Economy Reference Group: Seeking greater collaboration between government and private sector. • Artificial Intelligence: Recommendations for accelerating AI in Australia whilst balancing equity and security • Liveability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brand campaign to bring Melburnians and visitors back • Urban Optimisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing mix – Affordable Housing: Recognising affordable housing as social infrastructure for economic good. Currently in discussions with the Victorian Government. • Infrastructure and Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated transport: report released in May 2020 calls for an integrated transport plan • Airport Link <p>Challenges The City of Port Phillip, alongside the City of Hume and the City of Melbourne, represent the voice of Local Government. If CoPP withdraw, Council representation on the CfM will be impacted.</p>
<p>Additional Comments:</p>	<p>In 2020, Council endorsed a recommendation to withdrawal from the CfM. Subsequently, an agreement was reached with the CEO, to re-join, with a waived membership fee.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2021/22</p>	<p>That Council resolves not to renew its membership to the Committee for Melbourne.</p>



	<p>Whilst the Committee for Melbourne runs a range of advocacy campaigns and training, council officer engagement is low. Many of the proposed projects and advocacy are targeted at Greater Melbourne and are quite broad.</p>
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Green Building Council of Australia

Brief Description	The Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) is a national authority on sustainable buildings, communities, and cities with links to the World Green Building Council. They provide advice and direction to the development industry through Green Star assessment tools.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership aligns with the 'Sustainable Port Phillip' and 'Liveable Port Phillip' Strategic Directions in the draft Council Plan 2021, supports delivery of Council's Act and Adapt, Sustainable Environment Strategy and aligns with Council's Declaration of a Climate Emergency.
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: Membership consists of over 600 organisations across Australia. Members include local governments, State and Federal government departments, universities, property developers, planners, architects, engineers, and construction companies.</p>
	<p>Unique perspectives: The diversity of membership provides a national platform for industry professionals to work together to improve sustainability outcomes in built form.</p> <p>The GBCA is the only organisation in Australia that offers Green Star certification that rates the sustainability of buildings, fit outs, and communities. Members receive a discount of up to \$5,000 for the certification fee per project.</p> <p>GBCA play a key role educating industry and government, promote green building programs and practices and advocate for policies and programs that support sustainable design outcomes.</p>
	<p>Unique opportunities: Council's membership allows council officers access to tools, support and education that supports sustainable design outcomes in Council's construction projects and to improve outcomes in new developments in the City through the planning process.</p> <p>This is particularly relevant in Fishermans Bend where the Planning Scheme mandates a minimum Green Star rating for new developments. Fishermans Bend is also pursuing a precinct-wide 'Green Star Communities' rating. Council officers are required to maintain knowledge of Green Star rating tools and requirements in order to assess planning applications and engage with developers to influence the sustainable design of new developments in Fishermans Bend. Council's membership of GBCA enables a discount of up to \$250 per person on GBCA course registrations.</p>



<p>Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months</p>	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: GBCA is updating the Green Star rating system and tools to increase sustainability outcomes.</p> <p>A new rating tool for ‘New Buildings’ was released in October 2020 and Council officers were involved in an expert reference panel for the new tool.</p> <p>Consultation with government and industry occurred in 20/21 for the ‘Performance’, ‘Homes’ and ‘Communities’ rating tools.</p> <p>Guide to Local Government Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Commenced development of a Guide to Local Government ESD to assist local governments implement Green Star sustainability provisions. Council officers participated in the working group for this project and will be acknowledged as a contributing council to this guide.</p> <p>In 20/21, GBCA also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a carbon positive roadmap for new developments and embedded this in existing rating tools. • Advocated for Residential National Construction Code (NCC) with GBCA on National Construction Code technical committee. This led to specific Green Star pathways for compliance with the NCC. • released the new homes standard for single residential buildings, a sector of the building industry that had not previously been GBCA focus. • Council officers attended a National Local Government roundtable to discuss strengthening ESD standards through the planning system. <p>These projects provide guidance and support for the development industry in Port Phillip to improve design of developments and help Council officers to support residents and developers to reduce emissions, increase vegetation, better manage water and waste and adapt to climate change.</p> <p>EcoCentre The designs for the EcoCentre redevelopment progressed in 20/21 is seeking registration as a 6-star Green Star Design. Council officers presented this design at a recent National Local Government Roundtable promoting Port Phillip to a national audience. This project has recently been funded under the 21/22 Victorian State Budget. As the project progresses to construction, certification will be sought for this building in 21/22. As a member of GBCA, Council would receive a discount on the Green Star project registration fee of \$5,000 (\$13,300, compared to \$18,300 for non-members).</p>
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	<p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): GBCA membership includes discounts on education programs and training, including professional development activities for Green Star Accredited Professionals (GSAPs), access to research papers & updates. Three Council officers are registered Green Star Accredited Professionals or Green Star Associates.</p> <p>Membership of GBCA will help train Council officers on Green Star requirements, including statutory, strategic planning and sustainability officers.</p> <p>GBCA offer events and forums annually which provide learning and networking opportunities for staff. Council's membership of GBCA enables a discount of up to \$250 per person on GBCA course registrations.</p>
	<p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: COVID did not affect membership. Training and groups moved online platform.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (20/21) \$2,450</p>
	<p>Next Payment (21/22): \$2,450 (ex GST) due 30 June 2021. In recognition of the impact of COVID on member budgets, the GBCA has not increased member fees.</p>
	<p>Annual Officer Hours: 30 hours total officer hours.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 21/22: Projects planned in 21/22 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering with government to increase uptake of Green Star with a focus on schools, hospitals and government office developments • Measure member achievements towards net zero emissions and increase the number of member organisations targeting net zero • Continue to increase digital offerings and content • Release of the Guide to Local Government ESD <p>The GBCA strategy can be accessed via https://new.gbca.org.au/rate/green-star-strategy/carbon-climate-change</p>
	<p>Challenges: None</p>
Additional Comments:	None
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership of the Green Building Council of Australia.</p> <p>The GBCA provides training, advocacy, and is the only Australian organisation that provides Green Star certification that rates the sustainability of buildings and communities. This is particularly important to Fishermans Bend, where</p>



	new developments are required to achieve a minimum Green Star rating. Should the EcoCentre proceed, the discount received on certification by being a member, is more than the membership cost.
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Inner Metro Partnerships

Brief Description	Advisory group established by the Victorian Government
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of the 'Well-Governed Port Phillip' Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Including:</p> <p>Partner with other Councils, the Victorian Government and other entities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share best practice, knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. <p>Partner with other councils to advocate for a reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government.</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: IMP membership includes nine local community and business representatives, the CEOs of the Cities of Melbourne, Yarra and Port Phillip and a senior State Government executive.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: The Partnership is unique in that it was established by the State Government (Office of Sustainable Development) and has State Government representation.</p> <p>In 2017, 2018 and 2019 the Partnership provided advice to the Victorian Government on priorities for the Inner Metropolitan Region. The State Government provides a "Report Back", with Government strategies and projects that address the issues raised.</p> <p>Unique opportunities: The IMP administrators the Metropolitan Partnerships Development Fund, which provides State Government funding for projects across IMP municipalities. CoPP has benefited from this fund.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: The IMP provides State Government updates to Council on upcoming programs and funding opportunities. The Minister for Local Government, Shaun Leane, has attended several meetings.</p> <p>The IMP's 2020 engagement program focused on the economy and inclusion.</p> <p>Economic Growth and Recovery Panel' on 11 September 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80 stakeholders across business and government were engaged (panellists were Danielle Wood (CEO, Grattan Institute) and Stuart Moseley (CEO, Victorian Planning Authority)). The issues discussed included: reimagining the CBD; doing density better; growing suburban jobs; setting infrastructure priorities; better decisions faster. <p>Inclusive Futures Housing Roundtable' on 18 September 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 stakeholders with industry expertise were engaged to address homelessness in the inner metropolitan suburbs (guest speaker was Rob Pradolin (Housing All Australians))



	<p>In 2020, the IMP progressed the following projects:</p> <p>Economic Growth – Enterprise and Creative Industries (\$80,000) The project identifies ways to accelerate growth and amenity in three case study sites in the Inner Metropolitan Region, including South Melbourne, Fishermans Bend and Cremorne. The project is due for completion in March 2021. The toolkit report (pending) incorporates precinct ‘opportunity plans’ for the three case study locations.</p> <p>Supported Housing Best Practice Project (\$122,400) This project develops a best-practice approach to ‘housing first’ supported housing projects, encouraging social housing that delivers long-term, supported housing to people experiencing homelessness who have high needs. The project is due for completion in March 2021.</p> <p>The overarching strategy is that, people experiencing chronic homelessness are offered an affordable, appropriate and a safe home permanently. By integrating housing and support services, tenants are supported and are helped to sustain their tenancies.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): The IMP held a range of Round Table events and runs stakeholder workshops as part of Metro Partnerships Development Fund projects.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: The works of IMP was largely not impacted by COVID-19. The forum transitioned to online meetings and digital engagement.</p>
<p>Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)</p>	<p>Current Payment (20/21) NA</p> <p>Next Payment (21/22): NA – the IMP does not have a membership fee.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 37 IMP requires a significant CoPP resourcing at CEO, GMs, Manager and Officer levels. Over the year there are several meetings, events attended by the CEO (or a proxy). There is also significant officer work on current funded projects</p>
<p>Plans for coming year</p>	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: IMP will continue to operate a collaborative forum that provides advice to Minister for Suburban Development on local priorities.</p> <p>CoPP has a received in-principle approval for MPDF funding, for a 21/22 project that focuses on supporting local high-streets in South Melbourne, Ripponlea and Fitzroy Street.</p>
<p>Additional Comments:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Recommendation 2021/22</p>	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership of the Inner Metropolitan Partnership.</p> <p>The IMP offers a unique opportunity to work directly with the State Government.</p>



Local Government Professionals (LG Pro)

Brief Description	Peak body for Local Government professionals in Victoria.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of the 'Well-Governed Port Phillip' Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Including:</p> <p>Partner with other Councils, the Victorian Government and other entities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share best practice, knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. <p>Partner with other councils to advocate for a reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government.</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: LGPro is member association for people working in Local Government. LGPro has two tiers of membership, a Council Subscription and individual membership for people working in Local Government.</p> <p>LGPro is part of the Local Government Professionals Australia federation with offices in NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC and WA., and a national office in Canberra. Each state division operates as autonomously.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: Council is a part of other organisations such as MAV and VLGA who advocate and undertake work in the Local Government space. However, LGPro provides a unique perspective with its focus on professional development.</p> <p>LGPro aims & objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy on behalf of Local Government professionals on all professional matters • Representation of Local Government professionals in Victoria in inter-governmental relations and decision making and policy direction • Networking and communication among Local Government professionals • Developing partnership mechanisms which recognise both the separate and combined values, needs and opportunities for policy and program development in strengthened relationships between Local Government professionals, Councillors, Councils and related organisations. <p>Unique Opportunities: LGPro is the only membership that represents Local Government officer interests at Federal and State Government levels.</p> <p>LGPro also provides access to over 30 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) to network, share best practice and learn about new developments in areas including communications, arts and culture, biodiversity, customer service and corporate planning. The SIGs also contributed to submissions about new legislation and policies of other levels of government.</p>



	<p>CoPP officers are active in several SIGS, particularly the Governance SIG which provided important information and support on the implementation of the Local Government Act, including assisting CoPP develop new compliance documents required under the Act.</p>
<p>Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months</p>	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy:</p> <p>LGPro provided advice and support in developing Election Period (or Caretaker) policies and procedures and assisted Councils to understand how they can operate effectively during the election period for the Council elections in October 2020.</p> <p>LGPro represent the officer perspective to State and Federal Government and other key stakeholders, through an advocacy program, that has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved gender diversity in Local Government: LGPro advocated for better representation and advancement of women in senior roles. LGPro joined the Department of Premier and Cabinet’s Office for Women’s discussions on the Gender Equity Policy regulation changes and represented members views on the Ministerial Roundtable for Women. Together with the Office for Women, LGPro are building a workforce planning tool with a comprehensive data set and collection methodology, encompassing councillors and council staff. • Work Safety: LGPro support female council officers who are abused or assaulted while carrying out duties, such as local laws, animal control and parking officers by advocating for authorised Council officers to be afforded the same protection as emergency workers. • Local Government Act: LGPro made submissions on behalf of members in the development of the new Local Government Act, attending online meetings with the Local Government Act Implementation Project Board, the Minister, and the Minister’s Chief of Staff. • Consultation and participation: Advised on projects, involving the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission Strategic Assessment 2019, Digital Cadastre Modernisation Project, Land Use Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning along with Environment Protection Authority Victoria. <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings):</p> <p>LGPro delivers professional development activities and training. This includes the LGPro Australian Management Challenge, where CoPP enters a team. Training opportunities include the LGPro Sector Secondment Program and ‘in-house’ training programs. LGPro training is well-utilised by CoPP officers.</p> <p>Last financial year saw two new online series focusing on the skills, knowledge and leadership competencies. Experts included prominent researchers, industry partners, change management specialists and a Queens Counsel. The Future Local Government two-hour workshops were free, and the Webinar Series presented free fortnightly lunchtime sessions.</p>



	<p>LGPro offers the Awards for Excellence that celebrate the outstanding initiatives developed and implemented by Local Government. LGPro also delivered 30 individual council workshops, seven management and leadership programs with 120 participants, 18 one day workshops with 330 registered, and ten caretaker period workshops with 180 attendees.</p> <p>In the last financial year, 75 Port Phillip City Council staff were registered in LGPro conferences, webinars, SIG meetings, the Future Local Government webinar series and attended a highly sought-after leadership program. Additionally, 94 are registered within the SIG Network and have access to online resources and other members to keep abreast of sector initiatives and best practice.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: LGPro shifted professional development programs online and provided free webinars on topics including conducting council meetings online, managing working from home and stress-relieving meditation.</p>
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	Current Payment (20/21) \$4,185 (ex. GST)
	Next Payment (21/22): \$4,185 (ex. GST)
	Annual Officer Hours: unknown Staff engagement with LGPro is significant and difficult to quantify due to the range of officers and projects that are involved.
Plans for coming year	Organisations priorities for 20/21: LGPro will continue professional development opportunities including: Conferences, forums and seminars, Awards, Sector Secondment Program, Online Learning courses and SIGs connecting people working in similar roles across the sector. The LGPro President and CEO hold regular meetings with the Minister for Local Government and Local Government Victoria to provide input and discuss issues of common interest. LGPro is regularly invited to sit on panels to provide input on behalf of the Local Government sector.
	Challenges: There are no significant challenges as the development opportunities, and the advocacy and information campaigns offered by LGPro can be delivered online.
	Additional Comments: None
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership to LGPro.</p> <p>LGPro is one of the only memberships that supports officers working in Local Government. The LGPro runs a range of important programs and trainings, including supporting women's representation in senior levels. Council officer</p>



	participation is high through the SIGs, which offer important networks and resource sharing platforms.
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M9

Brief Description	M9 is an alliance of nine inner Melbourne councils.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of the 'Well-Governed Port Phillip' Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Including:</p> <p>Partner with other Councils, the Victorian Government and other entities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share best practice, knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. <p>Partner with other councils to advocate for a reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government.</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: The Committee comprises the cities of Darebin; Hobson's Bay; Maribyrnong; Melbourne; Moonee Valley; Moreland; Port Phillip; Stonnington; and Yarra.</p> <p>Additional Membership can be granted by unanimous approval of all member Councils.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: M9's objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To undertake strategic, evidence-based, targeted and effective advocacy campaigns; • To engage strategically with key decision-makers to advocate on priority areas and build genuine partnership with government representatives; and • To enable best practice to be shared across Greater Melbourne Councils <p>Unique opportunities: The M9 represents the inner city and is a coalition of the nine inner councils. The seeks to be a major influence on State and Commonwealth policy and funding, as it represents 18% the Victorian population, or almost 1.2 million people.</p> <p>The Chair will be the Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: The M9 is new and is an expanded and more focused iteration of the Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP), resulting from a 2020 review which found that IMAP had a fragmented agenda, focused on micro issues, had slow project delivery, and lacked media and political influence.</p> <p>On 5 May Council agreed to join M9 for 2021/22.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): The M9 is intended to primary focus on joint advocacy. The group has not identified any training or development opportunities.</p>



	<p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: This is a new organisation. M9's predecessor, IMAP, provided a forum for inner-metro Councils to share information on COVID-19 responses and develop joint advocacy strategies.</p>
<p>Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)</p>	<p>Current Payment (20/21) NA</p>
	<p>Next Payment (21/22): The amount to be contributed by M9 members will be determined annually.</p> <p>Council agreed that IMAP's unexpended funds will support M9.</p>
	<p>Annual Officer Hours: TBC As the membership is new, officer commitment will be determined by the final scope of the group.</p>
<p>Plans for coming year</p>	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: The primary focus of M9 will be advocacy, with a focus on three to five key strategic issues. These issues are to be determined, but could include affordable housing and homelessness, economic recovery and job creation.</p> <p>Advocacy efforts would include regular engagements with key Ministers.</p> <p>The City of Port Phillip will host M9 in August, with Minister for Housing, Richard Wynne, in attendance.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2021/22</p>	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership M9.</p> <p>M9 presents a unique opportunity for the inner metro councils to advocate to key State and Federal government stakeholders on shared priorities.</p>



Metro Transport Forum

Brief Description	Advocacy group of Melbourne metropolitan local governments with associate members from transport companies and State Government and environment group participants.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership supports the delivery of the “Liveable Port Phillip” Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. This includes improvements to the way people move around our City by delivering on commitments outlined in Council’s ‘Move, Connect, Live Strategy’.
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: The MTF is composed of 26 Melbourne Councils, that is a forum for information sharing, projects and advocacy for better transport solutions.</p> <p>Of the 26 metropolitan local governments are members of MTF, each nominates a councillor and officer delegate - there are also twelve associate members from across the transport sector.</p> <p>The MTF is the only member organisation that focuses on, and specialises in, transport infrastructure, services, and outcomes.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: MTF has relationships with others in the transport sector including the MAV, regional local government transport groups such as Eastern Transport Coalition, Western Transport Alliance, and state-based groups such as the Department of Transport and Infrastructure Victoria. Most meetings include a presentation from an industry or government expert.</p> <p>Unique opportunities: MTF works closely with other like-minded advocates like MAV, Victoria Walks and riding groups, and have stated that they are looking to develop partnerships.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: Over the past year the MTF have orientated newly elected councillors, hosted monthly member meetings (Minister Ben Carroll in speaking in June) and developed and adopted a new Strategy for the new 12 months (started in March 2021).</p> <p>The MTF has also advocated on transport issues of importance to local governments, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Transport: securing State government funding to implement the Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-28. • Buses: Lifting bus patronage through better services, and additional state funding of buses to support their own ambitious patronage goals. • Choices: Giving all Melbournians competitive alternatives to private cars as the transport mode of choice (for commuting, leisure and education). <p>Other achievements of the MTF include recently appointing a Walking Ambassador and coordinated a bus user survey in April 2021.</p>



	<p>These projects have assisted Council officers with the delivery of priorities in the Move, Connect, Live strategy.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): The MTF meets monthly to discuss transport topics of interest, distributes information across the sector, hosts events, makes submissions to government and conducts research to better inform policy. These meetings are attended by a CoPP officer.</p> <p>In addition, MTF held a bicycle infrastructure workshop for councillors and officers in April 2020 and a "Working with Rail authorities" workshop in December 2020 for officers.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: Meetings and presentations were conducted online but continued monthly. MTF reported that participation levels have increased with electronic meetings, with meetings now also recorded, and the presentation available for members to view if they miss the meeting.</p> <p>Advocacy and strategic work continued (as detailed above).</p> <p>A membership price increase was deferred for 12 months due to Covid impact (this year is the first in increase in 10 years).</p>
<p>Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)</p>	<p>Current Payment (20/21) \$1,500 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (21/22): \$2000 (ex. GST) due 30 September 2021</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 69 CoPP Strategic Transport Coordinator / Senior Transport Planner attends monthly MTF meetings. However, recent attendance at meetings has been infrequent due to clashes with council meetings.</p>
<p>Plans for coming year</p>	<p>21/22 Organisation Projects and Advocacy: The current Strategic Plan continues into 21/22 and will inform advocacy planning for the State election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Transport: securing State government funding to implement the Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-28. • Buses: Lifting bus patronage through better services, and additional state funding of buses to support their own ambitious patronage goals. • Choices: Giving all Melbournians competitive alternatives to private cars as the transport mode of choice (for commuting, leisure and education). <p>MTF are not involved in CoPP transport priorities such as the Fishermans Bend Tram or Metro 2.</p> <p>Challenges: Meetings conflict with Council meetings making it difficult for Councillors and some staff to participate.</p>



Additional Comments:	None
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership to the Metro Transport Forum.</p> <p>The MTF is the only CoPP membership that focuses exclusively on Transport. As the CoPP is one of the most densely populated municipalities in Victoria, finding transport solutions are becoming increasingly important. The MTF advocacy for bikes and buses in particular, supports the goals identified in CoPP’s Move, Connect, Live strategy. Participation in the MTF also reduces CoPP officers and Councillors time by not needing to work in isolation or having to work individually with other Councils to advocate for key shared transport priorities.</p>



Municipal Association of Victoria

Brief Description	The MAV the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of the ‘Well-Governed Port Phillip’ Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Including:</p> <p>Partner with other Councils, the Victorian Government and other entities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share best practice, knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. <p>Partner with other councils to advocate for a reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government.</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: Membership of the MAV is voluntary and all 79 Victorian councils are members. The Board and president are elected by member councils every two years. 12 regional Board members are elected by their region. State Council is the MAV governing body, made up of representatives from each of the member council.</p> <p>Liability mutual scheme: All 79 Councils are part of the MAV LMI scheme. MAV are looking to make the scheme compulsory.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: MAV is the Victorian member of the Australian Local Government Association. MAV offers unique perspectives including:</p> <p>CASBE/BESS: The CASBE consists of 31 Local Governments under the auspices of the MAV. Port Phillip is a founding member. The CASBE helps local governments improve environmental outcomes through the planning system. No other organisation provides this service.</p> <p>CASBE helps councils develop and implement Planning Policy and improve processes to inform the design of private developments to minimise energy use, water, and waste, improve environmental outcomes and amenity and reduce ongoing running costs.</p> <p>CASBE helps council provide a streamlined and consistent methodology to request, receive, and assess built environment sustainability outcomes through the planning process. CASBE membership includes access to two full time staff, with a background in strategic planning and sustainable design.</p>



	<p>These in-house skills mean the CASBE is uniquely positioned to engage with the Victorian Government on key issues relating to sustainable development.</p> <p>The Port Phillip Planning Scheme includes Local Planning Policies relating to Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD). CASBE provides support to implement the ESD and WSUD policies. CASBE implements the Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) tool. The BESS tool provides planning applicants with free access to a policy compliance tool. The tool makes it easier and faster for council officers to assess planning applications in relation to our planning policy and provides clear and consistent information to the development community.</p> <p>Unique opportunities: MAV offers services to council members including specialist policy and advocacy, governance and legislative advice, sector development, insurance and procurement services.</p> <p>Liability mutual insurance: The MAV Liability Mutual Insurance (LMI) scheme delivers a public liability and professional indemnity insurance product to the local government sector. The service provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • free legal advice on potential liability risks • tailored risk management services based on detailed knowledge of claims drivers and member risk • targeted appraisals and risk management assessments • claims management support from a team of specialists • best practice forums, Insurance conferences and seminars. <p>Procurement: MAV Procurement is a not-for-profit unit focused on achieving better procurement outcomes for local government. The Minister for Local Government approved access to MAV Procurement contracts to ensure Best Value and maintain Probity principles in the procurement process. MAV Procurement’s core service is an aggregation service whereby they invite tenders on behalf of the sector and develop pre-approved supplier panels in a range of different categories. They also provide Procurement, Probity, Development and Training opportunities for the sector. The benefit for CoPP of accessing MAV procurement contracts has been significant. By leveraging the combined purchasing power of councils, MAV achieve better value on products and services. Working through MAV CoPP are able to reduce procurement costs, simplify processes, and improve services.</p>
<p>Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months</p>	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy:</p> <p>CoPP works with MAV across a range of areas, including governance, advocacy, projects groups, insurance, technology and procurement.</p> <p>Governance:</p>



	<p>MAV worked closely with Councils to analyse and submit comprehensive responses on the State’s review of local government rates. Through the implementation of the Local Government Act, MAV has assisted with sector-wide advice and support, and workshopping of governance processes, protocols and conduct matters.</p> <p>The MAV delivered Council’s series of Stand for Council Community and Candidate Information Sessions: interactive online sessions which provided community members and prospective candidates information about the role and purpose of local government; the role, responsibilities and expectations of a councillor and the electoral process.</p> <p>CASBE/BESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevating Targets project: In 20/21, the project working group, in consultation with technical experts, reviewed the objectives and standards in the ESD Policy in ensure it is best practice. New ESD targets will form the basis of a new ESD Planning Policy aimed at promoting buildings with low greenhouse gas emissions, reduced environmental impacts and that are resilient to changing climate. This will contribute to Council’s community goals of zero net emissions by 2050, reducing potable water use and waste to landfill, as well as ensuring that our built environment provides healthy, liveable spaces. • BESS Governance Board: Port Phillip officers are involved in the governance of BESS. This allows us to influence continuous improvement to the tool and ensure that it meets the needs of Port Phillip users. • Advocacy: CASBE contributes submissions to policy discussions at state and national level. CASBE is on DELWP’s Stakeholder Reference Group for the ‘Environmentally Sustainable Development Roadmap’ to improve ESD outcomes in the Victorian Planning Scheme. Other key advocacy activities in 20/21 included responses to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EPA Stormwater Guidelines ○ Federal Government Climate Change Bill 2020 ○ Victorian Planning Authority Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines update. <p>Procurement: MAV procurement have continued to provide access to pre-approved supplier panels, which reduces the need for CoPP inviting their own public tenders. This has been especially important in categories such as Energy , Insurance , etc whereby volume commitment is a key consideration.</p>
	<p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings):</p> <p>The MAV has an annual conference, State Council meetings and provides E-learning and training materials.</p>



	<p>The MAV runs the councillor development program which offers councillors professional development options, from introductory skill development workshops and sessions, to accredited higher-education pathways.</p> <p>Events and programs attended by CoPP officers and Councillors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 outbreaks – sharing lessons for local government’ (2 officers) • 2020 Councillor Induction (2 councillors) • 2020 MAV Stand for Council Community and Candidate Information Sessions (Online) (1 officer) • 2020 Mayoral Induction (Mayor attended) • Animal - 3Rs (Recognise Respond and Refer) (6 officers) • Arts and Culture: Whose responsibility is it? (6 officers) • Communication • Expression • Listening • Self-care (8 officers) • Complete Streets Victoria Workshop (3 officers) • Cultural Infrastructure Re-opening Forum (6 officers) • Culture Counts Local Government Victorian Snapshot (1 officer) • DHHS and Local Government - Rooming House Information Webinar (1 officer) • DHHS aquatic facility regulation forum and MAV update (1 officer) • DHHS Local Government Briefing: Public Health Approach to Public Drunkenness (1 officer) • Electric Line Clearance Forum (2 officers) • Enhanced MCH IRIS Training (2 officers) • Environment Protection Reforms Update (7 officers) • Glass Recycling Forum - 24 March 2020 (4 officers) • Health & Social Planners Forum (2 officers) • Integrating Environment Protection Reform and Land Use Planning (1 officer) • Lessons from delivering walking and bike riding projects (2 officers) • LG Arts and Culture Network (1 officer) • LG Arts and Culture Network Meeting (5 officers) • LibMark in Lockdown Conference (1 officer) • MAV Aged & Community Care State-wide Meeting (1 officer) • MAV Combined Metropolitan & Rural/Regional Forum - 26 March 2020 (1 officer) • MAV Health & Social Planners Forum (2 officers) • MAV Human Services Directors Meeting (1 officer) • MAVTV Webinar (1 officer) • MAVTV Workshop - WHICH BIN? (3 officers) • Melbourne Urban Stormwater Institutional Arrangements Reform Workshop (3 officers) • Office 365 Workshop - MS Teams for Local Government (1 officer) • Safe and respectful workplaces (COVID19 Edition) workshop and brief overview of the VAGO Sexual harassment in local government survey (2 officers)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solving Snap Send Solve - Victorian Council Workshop Outcomes (1 officer) • State-wide MCH Conference - 30 October 2020 (23 officers) • Summer preparedness for local government: public safety on public land and waterways (4 officers) • Sustainable Subdivision Framework Launch (1 officer) • Tele-practice. Confident Practitioners and Connected Families (5 officers) • Urban Stormwater Management Update (1 officer) • Walking & cycling - through COVID-19 and beyond - MAV forum for councillors (1 councillor) <p>CASBE/BESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous improvement: CASBE convenes working groups for council officers on improving sustainable design in the planning process. This allows council officers to discuss common issues and opportunities and share knowledge. Council officers participate in the WSUD and Planning Referral working groups. • CASBE Network meetings: Meetings, held every two months, provide an opportunity for councils to share experiences and collaborative on programs and initiatives. Short presentations from key industry stakeholders are generally included at each meeting. <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: Activities continued online with a focus on maintaining collective input online and in person where the restrictions allowed.</p> <p>MAV has provided assistance in advocating for and promoting Councils' response to COVID-19 https://www.mav.asn.au/what-we-do/policy-advocacy/councils-response-to-covid-19</p>
<p>Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)</p>	<p>Current Payment (20/21) MAV \$63,568 (ex. GST) CASBE Membership - \$7,000 (ex. GST) BESS Subscription - \$9,000 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (21/22): MAV \$63,568 (ex. GST) due Sep 2021 (Procurement is covered under MAV fees) CASBE Membership - \$8,000 (ex. GST) due Sep 2021 BESS Subscription - \$10,000 (ex. GST) due Sep 2021</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours:</p> <p>CoPP Officers engage MAV at a range of levels, including meetings, conferences, working groups. As listed above, over 50 officers and councillors attended MAV events during the year. The Governance team regularly engage with MAV and CoPP's insurance officer connects weekly with MAV.</p> <p>CASBE/BESS: 220 hours total officer hours of which 80 are specific to the ESD</p>



	<p>Procurement: The procurement team engage with MAV procurement daily. Officers have estimated 161 hours. Whilst this was a significant amount of time, access to the MAV saves officer time.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21:</p> <p>Governance: MAV is working with Local Government Victoria and Councils on guidance material and policy options relating to the Local Government Act.</p> <p>CASBE/BESS: CASBE’s strategic goals for 2021 – 2023 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevating Targets project: CASBE is developing a Memorandum of Understanding for councils to share costs and resources to update ESD requirements in the Planning Scheme. This includes developing a strong, evidence-based approach. This project will inform advocacy to Victorian and Federal Governments. • Continuous improvement: A new ‘ESD Compliance working group’ will support council’s planning and compliance teams to ensure new developments comply with planning permit requirements. • Advocacy: Key advocacy priorities include continuing to engage with DELWP on their ‘ESD Roadmap’ project. Advocate for changes to the Planning and Environment Act that better reflect and align to the requirements of the Climate Change Act. • BESS Governance Board: Future upgrades that incorporate the changes from the Elevating Targets project will be phased into the planning and development of the tool.
	<p>Challenges None identified</p>
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its membership of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and subscriptions to CASBE and BESS.</p> <p>MAV memberships provides a range of business-essential services to council across a range of areas, including governance, advocacy, sustainability, insurance, and procurement. Membership to MAV saves CoPP time and resources by sharing project delivery responsibilities.</p>



South East Councils Climate Change Alliance

Brief Description	The South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) is one of nine regional alliances across Victoria helping councils achieve their emissions reduction and climate resilience goals. 78 of the 79 councils in Victoria are currently members of a regional climate change/greenhouse alliance.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	Membership supports delivery of the 'Sustainable Port Phillip' Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan 2021. It also aligns with outcomes and actions outlined in Council's Act and Adapt, Sustainable Environment Strategy and Council's Declaration of a Climate Emergency.
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>Membership: Membership consists of nine local governments in the south east region. Cities of Port Phillip, Bayside, Kingston, Greater Dandenong, Frankston, Mornington Peninsula, Casey, Cardinia and Bass Coast councils.</p> <p>Unique perspectives: SECCCA focuses on projects that support councils and communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and respond to the risks associated with climate change by leveraging the benefits of working regionally.</p> <p>A Councillor Advisory Group, set up in 2019, captures Councillor perspectives and guides collaborative advocacy efforts.</p> <p>Unique opportunities: SECCCA provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economies of scale, by enabling councils to undertake projects collaboratively, sharing costs, resources and knowledge. • A network to share effort and knowledge – this translates to improved access to information, research and best practice approaches. • Opportunities to strengthen Council's influence on state and federal government policy. • Opportunities to access external funding and partnerships for projects tailored to the South East Region which individual councils would otherwise not be eligible.
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>Project and advocacy highlights in 20/21 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Vulnerability Assessment Project: This project models the impact of climate change on council buildings, roads and drainage. The Elwood foreshore is one of four case studies that provides cost benefit analysis of adaptation options. This is due to be completed in July 2021. Council paid an additional fee of \$25,000 to participate in this project. • Asset Vulnerability Assessment Toolkit: A 'how to guide' to enable council staff to build capacity in decision-making regarding climate change impacts (funded by DELWP) is due to be completed in July 2021. • Regional Community Climate Change Action Planning: An evidence-based community action plan to reduce carbon emissions.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Advocacy Group: Enables Councillors to share climate change knowledge and expertise. It provides a platform to develop regional climate change advocacy positions. Cr Copsey represents COPP. • Zero Carbon Homes advocacy: SECCCA developed recommendations based on the New Homes Energy Service and Residential Energy Efficiency Scorecard projects. The recommendations looked at solutions that were affordable, where technology is available and can be readily implemented. SECCCA have promoted these recommendations to the National Construction Code review, the Master Builders Association, key building companies, Building Victoria’s Recovery Taskforce (calling on the uptake of the recommendations in social and public housing), the DELWP led ESD Roadmap. SECCCA advocated the widespread implementation of the Residential Energy Efficiency Scorecard to measure the energy performance of a home. • Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into how Communities are Tackling Climate Change: SECCCA made a submission and presented to the Parliamentary Committee. • POST-COVID Economic recovery: Together with the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances, SECCCA developed a range of projects to deliver economic benefits and climate change outcomes. The prospectus included proposals for Upgrading streetlights, EV Infrastructure, Accelerating Green infrastructure, a Statewide food & organics program. • Electricity Distribution Price Review: SECCCA assisted development of a submission supporting recommendations in the areas of public lighting, demand management, climate resilience and stakeholder engagement. For the City of Port Phillip, the resulting determination will provide Operating Savings (2021-26) of \$53,269, and Regulated asset base (RAB) Savings (20 years post-2026) of \$68, 821. • EV Situational Analysis: With the support of Deakin University, SECCCA has reviewed councils' current fleet and future plans. The analysis details opportunities, barriers and incentives for electric vehicle adoption, and benefits and costs associated with the transition to 100% council EVs and recommended next steps. • SECCCA facilitated Council’s involvement in a grant submission to the Federal Government’s ARENA Future Fuels Funding application. This grant is to support the delivery of fast Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure at no cost to Council. If successful, it is likely one fast electric vehicle charger will be installed in Port Phillip at no cost to Council. <p>SECCCA have released a 2020 Annual Report detailing activities over the year.</p> <p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Training):</p> <p>SECCCA runs workshops and training events for council staff to increase capacity to respond to climate change. Officers from Council’s Sustainability,</p>
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	<p>Finance, Risk and Compliance, and Statutory Planning teams attended workshops throughout 2021. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gas Forum</i> - looking at the future role of natural gas in the residential and business sector. Four CoPP officers attended. • <i>Local Government Roles and Responsibilities</i> - Workshop provided support to embed Local Government Act 2020 requirements to consider mitigation and planning for climate change risks. Three CoPP Officers attended. • <i>Financing Physical Risk Infrastructure Workshop</i> - Workshop, with Insurance Council of Australia, to explore the availability of private sector finance to fund physical risk mitigation infrastructure. CoPP's Chief Financial Officer participated in the panel discussion and three CoPP Officers attended. • <i>Legal Advice on climate risk and disclosure liability</i> – SECCCA engaged lawyers to prepare advice on councils' responsibilities to act on climate modelling that reveals impacts on the residential sector. A representative from CoPP's Statutory Planning team participated in the panel discussion and four additional CoPP officers attended. <p>SECCCA contributed to the development of the Councillor training program 'Your Council and Climate Change – Understanding the Risks and Learning to Adapt', run by DELWP. CoPP Councillors attended this training.</p> <p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: COVID did not affect the delivery of projects and advocacy. Meetings of the Management Committee, sub-committees and Councillor Advisory Group transitioned to being held online.</p>
<p>Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)</p>	<p>Current Payment (20/21) In 20/21, Council chose to join on an annual basis, at a cost of \$43,800 (ex. GST)</p> <p>Next Payment (21/22): SECCCA offers three membership options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A three-year membership with the following costs (ex GST): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21/22 - \$37,415 - 22/23 - \$38,350 - 23/24 - \$39,690 • A two-year membership, which includes an additional 10% fee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 21/22 - \$41,156 - 22/23 – \$42,185 • An annual membership, which includes an additional 20% fee. The cost to council for an annual membership in 21/22 would be \$44,898 (ex. GST). <p>SECCCA also offers non-members to participate in their projects on a user-pays basis, with a 40% premium for non-members.</p>



	<p>Membership of SECCCA is generally for a 4-year period. Councils joining on an annual basis pay an additional 20% fee.</p> <p>Annual Officer Hours: 80 – 90 hours CoPP officer time is at Councillor and Executive advisory groups, and project subcommittees.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 21/22 Projects planned for the coming year include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Small Business Energy Saver</i> - SECCCA has submitted a grant application for the Small Business Energy Saver Program to support businesses in the nine council areas to undertake equipment upgrades through the Victoria Energy Upgrade Program. A decision on the grant is expected in June 2021. • <i>Ensuring Victoria’s planning & building systems effectively tackle climate change</i> - SECCCA, other greenhouse alliances and the Council Alliance for the Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), are undertaking research and an advocacy to update the planning and building systems to address climate change. • <i>Climate Resilient Councils</i> – Project to develop an understanding of the costs and benefits of adapting community assets and infrastructure to be resilient to climate change. The project will develop a cost-benefit analysis framework for each major asset class and a robust methodology for assessing and prioritising adaptation options. • <i>Sustainable procurement</i> - Utilising the collective experience of member councils, SECCCA will develop a sustainable procurement guide to help councils transition their supply chain to zero carbon. • <i>Guide to assist Councils convert assets from natural gas to electric</i> – SECCCA will develop a guide to assist asset managers convert Council buildings from gas to electricity. • <i>Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Mapping</i> – Project to assess demand for electric vehicle infrastructure and guidance on how to deliver this infrastructure to support the transition to electric vehicles. <p>Challenges: All other members are committed to a four-year MOU. Loss of COPP’s membership will impact staff levels and delivery of projects.</p>
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>That Council resolves to maintain its South Eastern Council’s Climate Change Alliance membership for a further 12 months (22/22).</p> <p>SECCCA assist Council in the delivery of its sustainability goals. Projects such as the Climate Resilient Councils and Small Business Energy saver potentially offsets some of the membership costs.</p>



Victorian Local Government Association

Brief Description	Supports Councils, Councillors and Communities in Good Governance.
Criteria 1: Strength of Alignment	<p>Membership supports the delivery of the 'Well-Governed Port Phillip' Strategic Direction in the draft Council Plan. Including:</p> <p>Partner with other Councils, the Victorian Government and other entities to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • share best practice, knowledge and to identify opportunities to adopt common policies and practices to provide consistency. • share better practices in procurement and contract management and to collaborate on major procurements to achieve best value. <p>Partner with other councils to advocate for a reduction in cost shifting from the Australian and Victorian Governments to local government.</p>
Criteria 2: unique perspectives opportunities	<p>VLGA Council Membership is open to all Councils in Victoria.</p> <p>Unique perspectives:</p> <p>The VLGA provide opportunities for councillor networking, professional development and information exchange including with key policymakers and stakeholders to advocate for priorities for local government and support good governance at the local level.</p> <p>The VLGA provides member services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy & Policy: to protect, advance and advocate for local government. • Local Government Support: support and assistance for councillors. • Good Governance Leadership: provide resources, information and education and projects that support good governance and leadership. • Events: Organise panels of professionals, agency leaders and senior bureaucrats and Ministers. <p>Council is also a member of other organisations such as MAV who also advocate and undertake work/provide training for Local Government.</p> <p>Unique opportunities:</p> <p>The VLGA seeks to strengthen and support good governance that will enable/promote/facilitate trust and confidence in the sector.</p>
Criteria 3: Demonstrated outcomes over last 12 months	<p>20/21 Organisation Projects and Advocacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Resources: After COVID-19 the VLGA created VLGA Connect - a 68 Episodes of interviews with prominent people in the sector and beyond. VLGA delivered a further 99 episodes, including live panel discussions. • VLGA collaborated with the Local Government Information Unit ('LGIU'), whose membership comprises councils and other organisations from England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Australia. VLGA convened two Global CEO Live Panels, featuring local and global panellists. • Local Government News Round-up: VLGA presents a twice weekly Local Government News Round-up, featuring local, national and international local government news.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Support: In the lead up to the elections, the VLGA provided virtual Candidate Information Sessions. 60 sessions were conducted, including a session for Port Phillip on 25 August. • Leadership for Mayors and Councillors: Following the elections, the VLGA delivered over 35 councillor induction sessions at 19 councils, including Port Phillip. In February 2021, the VLGA held its signature FastTrack Councillor Leadership program with panels on leadership, resolving conflict and achieving public value over the term of the Council. Given the success of Fast Track 2021 it is proposed to hold a Fast Track 2021 #2 in September. • Local Women Leading Change Program: Delivering a module aimed to inspire women to run for council in the 2020 election. • The VLGA represents and advocacy includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Act 2020 Project Control Board • Department of Jobs & Regional Precincts (DJCS) COVID-19 Local Government Roundtable • COVID-19 Response CEO Forum • The Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) Steering Committee • Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability's Reference Group • Ministerial Gender Equality Advisory Committee • Stakeholder Reference Group – Officers for the Protection of the Local Environment • Rural and Regional Councils Sustainability Steering Group • Essential Services Commission Engagement & Performance Technical Working Groups (Rate Capping)
	<p>Development Opportunities (Events, Forums, Workshops & Trainings): Over the past year Councillors and Council officers have attended VLGA events, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VLGA Connect Live Forum EY & VLGA discuss climate emergency action plans (1 officer) • VLGA Connect Live Panel: Infrastructure Victoria, Recycling & Resource Recovery (Mayor + 2 Council officers) • 2020 Candidate Information Session City of Port Phillip 18 participants, including registrations from 6 current councillors: • VLGA Connect Live Panel Discussion: Election-Related Integrity Issues and New Local Government Standards of Conduct (Mayor + councillor) • Circular Economy Lunch & Learn: VLGA Connect (1 council officer) • City of Port Phillip Councillor Induction (All councillors) • Transport for Melbourne Forum: The Future We Must Plan For (2 Council officers) • VLGA Annual General Meeting (1 Councillor) • VLGA Celebrates IWD 2021 (1 Councillor) • Councillor Briefing: Gender Equality Act 2020 (1 Councillor)



	<p>Impact of COVID-19 on organisation/membership: VLGA pivoted their delivery methods, to provide content online, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government 101 video content • 13 Local Government 101 online workshops (all sold out) • Candidate Development 101 video content • 20 Candidate Development online workshops.
Criteria 4: Cost (Money & Resources)	<p>Current Payment (20/21) \$28,500 (ex. GST)</p>
	<p>Next Payment (21/22): \$28,905.35 (ex. GST). Memberships due for 2021/22 on July 1, 2021. The 'Rules' (Constitution) of the VLGA provide that 6 months-notice of resignation is required.</p>
	<p>Annual Officer Hours: 20 While CoPP officers have attended VLGA forums and training, Councillor involvement has been the focus of VLGA programs and training.</p>
Plans for coming year	<p>Organisations priorities for 20/21: Advocacy, Stakeholder Engagement & Policy: The VLGA represents member councils through regular meetings with key government departments, the Minister for Local Government, portfolio ministers and their advisors, and works with agencies whose work impacts the local government sector – such as IBAC, Local Government Victoria (LGV), the Municipal Inspectorate, the Victorian Auditor General, the Victorian Ombudsman and the VEC. Additional priorities for the short to medium term include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance, including community confidence in government, governance development (e.g. community leadership and staff new to local government) and induction training. • Inclusion & Diversity program - supporting women; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; Victorians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and young people to take leadership roles. • Supporting continued innovation and improvement in local government, including supporting values-based and positive-action legislation. • Strengthened relationships with stakeholders (including Ministers). • Progress on approach to risk; and development of a risk management strategy as required when working to principles-based legislation.
	<p>Challenges: VLGA relies on its membership and has a pricing model to ensure that members receive pay 50% less than non-members.</p>
Recommendation 2021/22	<p>Council officers have not made a specific recommendation for the VLGA. Given VLGA is largely a Councillor-orientated organisation, many of the benefits of membership flow to Councillors. For example, the VLGA offers a range of services, including training, support and orientation for Councillors and advocacy work (some of these are also provided by MAV). It is therefore recommended that Councillors resolve whether to maintain or withdraw from the membership.</p>