



BABBAGE & OVERTON WARDS COMMUNITY FORUM MINUTES

**HELD ON MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2017
ST MARYS PARK CLUBROOMS**

Chair: Cr David Munro (Babbage Ward)

Elected Members in attendance:

- Mayor Glenn Spear
- Cr David Munro (Babbage Ward)
- Cr Yvonne Todd (Babbage Ward)
- Cr Nicholas Economos (Overton Ward)
- Cr John Sanderson (Overton Ward)

Other Elected Members in attendance:

- Cr Stephen Fisher (Gault Ward)
- Cr Lindy Taeuber (Craigburn Ward)
- Cr Andrew Tilley (Boorman Ward)

Staff in attendance:

- Matt Pears (Chief Executive Officer)
- Howard Lacy (Director Engineering & Horticulture)
- Kate O'Neill (Director Organisational & Community Development)
- Lyn Young (Secretary)

Community attendees: 47

The meeting commenced at: 7:00 pm

The Mayor welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and introduced the Elected Members and staff present. He also acknowledged the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of the land. The Mayor welcomed Annabel Digance (Member for Elder) and acknowledged an apology from Martin Hamilton Smith (Member for Waite).

The Mayor then handed the meeting to the Chair, Cr Munro

Cr Munro welcomed attendees and advised them of housekeeping matters in accordance with WHS requirements. A short explanation was given of the procedures for the evening. It was requested that attendees submit their questions in writing to formally record their questions or maintenance requests so that Administration can respond in due course.

Cr Munro then asked for questions from the floor. Questions received in writing are listed below.

NAME	ISSUES AND COMMENTS	RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE
Dionysia Palmer, Manager St Francis Community Centre	<i>Our community centre St Francis Community Centre, has been asking for some years now for permission to make the drive entrance to our carpark a clean, uninterrupted one. Currently it is quite difficult to do a sharp turn from Dinwoodie Avenue into our carpark (which originally many years ago was a basketball court). Apparently there is a national restriction on the width of a driveway, but I notice that Cartek business across the road from us seems to have a v wide driveway. Could you help us to develop a plan to have our driveway widened?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> There is currently a 3.2m wide section of upright kerb within a section of driveway the church uses for off-street parking. The section of upright kerb probably coincides with a space for a street tree which has now been removed.</p> <p>Driveways are for the purpose of vehicular access to a property; not to allow 90 degree angle off-street car parking. Council's standard driveway specifies a maximum width of 8m. This provides a reasonable verge crossing width for access to a property and also ensures that pedestrians can find safe refuge when vehicles are accessing a property. The business across the road from the Church referred to in the question does have an 18m wide driveway, however this is not fully accessible as the central section of the driveway is blocked by a fence at the boundary line, effectively creating two distinctive cross over points of approximately 8m each.</p> <p>In the case of the Church's driveway, one section of the current driveway is approximately 12m wide whilst the other crossover is approximately 6.2m wide. The section of kerbing is about 3.2m long. If the central kerb section was removed, the single driveway width would be around 21.2m. Importantly the section of raised kerb does provide a safe refuge for any pedestrian walking along the footpath so that they can wait in the protected area if vehicles are moving across the verge.</p>		
Dionysia Palmer, Manager St Francis Community Centre	<i>Also we are in the process of putting together plans, permissions and titles in an aborist report, so that we can lodge a request to have two huge gumtrees removed from church property. This process is quite time consuming for church elders and it should be streamlined. Obtaining a land title for our church property was not an easy exercise. Surely businesses should be able to get an inspection first with some sort of answer, before having to get and pay for expensive advice.</i>	Development & Compliance
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council does not provide inspections of trees on private property. Council does however on occasion go onto private property prior to receiving a development application to determine whether a tree is considered regulated or significant and provide advice what that means in relation to the application and planning process. Council cannot inspect/assess a tree until an application is lodged and the application is really assessed on the information provided, including arborist report etc. Undertaking this preliminary inspection can provide the land owners with some degree of certainty (or otherwise) around whether or not the trees can be supported for removal from an arboriculture perspective.</p>		

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	<p>For significant trees the Development Act prescribes that for significant trees an expert or technical report relating to the tree shall be provided with a development application. This is required so that an appropriate assessment can be made against the provisions of the Development Plan – such technical advice may be from an Arborist or structural engineer depending on the reasoning behind why the tree is wanting to be removed, these being;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the tree dead, diseased or dying; or • Does it represent an unacceptable risk to public or private safety; or • Is the tree shown to be causing or threatening to cause substantial damage to a substantial building or structure of value; and • All other remedial treatments and measures have been determined to be ineffective <p>If the tree is able to be assessed first off by Council's Horticulture team this will assist in guiding what technical advice/report is required to be submitted with the development application that follows.</p>	
Leslie Muggleton	<i>What is the Status of Springbank Road upgrade? Now will into the current Financial Year and virtually no sign of any action. There have been some painted marks on the footpath, but that is all. What is the timeframe for start / completion?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) have been advised of Council's resolution of June 2016 in support of the full painted median scheme option for the Upgrade of Springbank Road. The Springbank Road Upgrade Project is a DPTI delivered project so detailed timeframes on when construction is likely will be subject to DPTI delivery resources and timescales. The latest update Council has received from DPTI on their progress with the scheme is that the detailed design process is currently ongoing and site works are likely to commence early in 2017. DPTI can be contacted on 1300 794 880 or via email DPTI.CommunityRelations@sa.gov.au for further updates on the project.</p> <p>This information is also available on Councils website at http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/Springbankroadupgrade</p>	
Leslie Muggleton	<i>Status of Bunnings. Local Messenger says closer to approval. Article 18 January 2017 says that Mayor wants it approved and Council's opinion is that it should be approved yet the second application by Bunnings was rejected in December 2016. I am confused as to what is really going on. I understand that Bunnings have been very cooperative with Council, but they can only do so much before they go to Government as a major project, or cancel.</i>	Development & Compliance

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<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The Bunnings application was considered by Council's Development Assessment Panel (CDAP) who resolved to refuse the application. As the application was a 'Non-Complying' form of development, and as a result, Bunnings did not have a right of appeal against the refusal. The decision was, however, appealed to the Court by a resident who supports the proposal. As part of this appeal, Bunnings presented CDAP with amended plans for consideration which occurred in December 16, and the amendments were not supported. Further amended plans are expected to be presented to the CDAP in March. It is important to note that the CDAP is a decision maker that is independent of the Council. While the Mayor is supportive of the Bunnings Proposal, the CDAP has not been supportive of the plans presented to date.</p>		
<p>Lou McLennan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Flooding of properties in Rockville and Day Ave:- have tried to have a meeting with Elected Members and no response. We need the flooding to stop and have been advised this is up to Elected Members to bring forward the project. We cannot have our properties flooded any more. Council has photos and videos. What will happen and when can the guttering start?</i> 2. <i>How is making the park in Daw Ave going to stop the flooding and what works happen to make this occur. What is the Council's plan ie come onto properties, dig up, need clear guidelines.</i> 	<p>Engineering & Horticulture</p>
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Administration have met with Cr Economos and Cr Sanderson regarding this project and advised them that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockville Ave was on the forward works plan for full reconstruction • In advance of the works, Administration undertook a drainage study as there is a trapped low point that drains through an easement in private properties from Rockville Ave to Day Dr and discharges into the street • In the interim the easement pipe has been cleaned to prevent the risk of blockages or reduced capacity • The reconstruction was planned for 2017/18, so ahead of this we were doing a detention basin in Day drive reserve that will improve the operation of the easement pipe hydraulically (provide an additional 1m head) • The reconstruction works for Rockville Ave itself in 207/18 will include some relief drainage pipes installed to divert some water into Morgan Ave, and also modify street levels to prevent any flooding into properties in a major storm. <p>The works in Day Ave Reserve would reduce the risk of flooding, however for major storms the risk of flooding will only be removed once the Rockville Ave drainage and road reconstruction works are undertaken.</p> <p>The works for Rockville Ave will cost approximately \$800k-\$1m. If the works were to be brought forward the works would not be able to commence until April/May and would likely carry forward into the following year due to weather.</p>		

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Colonel Light Gardens Resident	<i>Could Councillors Sanderson and Economos please talk about what they have done to understand the Heritage values of Colonel Light Gardens and what they have done to preserve and enhance the heritage of Colonel Light Gardens?</i>	Cr John Sanderson and Cr Nick Economos
<p><i>Responses:</i></p> <p>Cr Economos:- <i>I have an understanding of the heritage value of Colonel Light Gardens. I have read the Conservation Management Plan. Mitcham Council has a Local Heritage Supervisor. There has been an enhancement of Mortlock Park by Mitcham Council and Colonel Light Gardens Primary School by adding a playground. Further, there has been improved drainage and Mitcham Council has built a rotunda. Mitcham Council has developed a concept master plan for Mortlock Park. A signage strategy seeking to improve signage for all of Colonel Light Gardens is currently before Council.</i></p> <p>Cr Sanderson:- <i>I have an overall understanding of the Heritage values of Colonel Light Gardens and I have read the Conservation Management Plan and apply that to Colonel Light Gardens West in Overton Ward, which includes Richmond Ave (northern side) Penang Ave, Rozells Ave, Corunna Ave, Light Place, Marlesham Court. Council has had a Local Heritage Adviser for some to assist residents in Colonel Light Gardens, and has developed and enhanced a Master Plan for Mortlock Park. Colonel Light Gardens is under State Heritage and is tightly controlled by that Department. There has been numerous application submitted for National Heritage, but to date have not been approved.</i></p>		
Colonel Light Gardens Resident	What is Mitcham Council doing to celebrate and preserve the heritage of Colonel Light Gardens as a Model Garden Suburb as the planning 100 year anniversary arrives?	Organisational & Community Development
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>The planning of a model garden suburb for Adelaide took many years and there are many milestones which should be acknowledged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 1915 State Government purchased the 300 acre Grange farm (now CLG) to establish a model garden suburb. Planning put on hold due to WW1. Army training camp for all SA enlistees commenced 1 April 1915 and operated until 1920. • October 1917 Charles Reade's preliminary design for the Mitcham Garden suburb released at the First Town Planning and Housing Conference and Exhibition in Adelaide • 1919 Parliament passed the Garden Suburb Act. Unprecedented legislation as the administration was to be controlled by a Garden Suburbs Commissioner not the local Council. • April 1921 Garden suburb officially named Colonel Light Gardens • August 1921 First blocks released for sale (NE part of CLG) • 1922 Additional land releases • 1924 Additional land releases: CLG selected for 700 home sites under the State Government's returned serviceman's low cost housing scheme: "Thousand Homes" <p>At this stage there are no definite plans to celebrate the October 1917 milestone.</p>		

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	<p>With regards to preserving Colonel Light Gardens – it already has legislative heritage protection as the whole suburb is listed as a state heritage place. Development is very tightly controlled and must be approved by the State Heritage Unit. There have been a number of submissions for National Heritage listing over the years but to date, these have been unsuccessful.</p>	
<p>Brian Triplow</p>	<p><i>There is a service pit located in the small grassed “reserve” area bounded by Goodwood Road, Grandview Drive and Florida Court (I suspect it is a Telstra pit). The pit is over one metre deep and the concrete surround is broken, hence the “lid” is not in place. It is surrounded by a safety fence which was installed at least two years ago. Since then it has been left open and untouched. The grass in the reserve is presumably cut periodically, and the open pit and fence remain untouched and unreported. A repair is obviously needed and long overdue.</i></p> <p><i>Is this a Council reserve and does the Council know which authority is responsible for maintenance of this pit?</i></p>	<p>Engineering & Horticulture</p>
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The pit and fencing on Grandview Drive is around a Telstra pit. There have been numerous emails between Council and Telstra staff regarding repairs to this pit. Telstra maintains that the pit was damaged by Council staff and that repairs will only be undertaken when Council offers to pay for repairs. Council is insistent that the damage was caused by a contractor working for the gas company when the gas services were renewed two years ago and as such is not responsible for any costs of repairs. In December 2016, agreement was finally reached with Telstra that they would undertake repairs to the pit, however there could be a 4 month wait. Council staff have followed up again in February 2017 and are waiting for a further update from Telstra when the structure may be repaired.</p>	
<p>Brian Triplow</p>	<p><i>Hood Reserve - During one of the storms in early January, a dead tree fell onto the bridge which spans the creek at the southern end of the reserve. Orange plastic mesh bunting was fixed to the hand rails of the bridge railing and bollards set up with signs warning that the bridge was closed. The tree was duly removed together with some of the bunting and bollards, but part of the plastic bunting and four bollards were left beside the path. They are still there one month later together with the plastic zip ties still attached to the handrails of the bridge. Whilst this report may be deemed trivial, it appears sloppy and does not reflect well on the attitude or efficiency of those responsible. Was this work performed by Council staff or SES?</i></p> <p><i>There are also a number of broken tree branches from the recent storms which I am sure will be removed in time. I fully understand that priorities needed to be put in place to deal with the large volume of fallen trees.</i></p>	<p>Engineering & Horticulture</p>

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<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Over the last 3 months there has been extensive damage to trees and infrastructure due the ongoing storms and inclement weather, Council staff are working diligently to collect trees branches and undertake repairs. Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention. Field staff have been informed and will follow up these actions.</p>		
<p>Brian Triplow</p>	<p><i>Lynton Green Waste - Since the new concrete walls and metal bins have been completed, I have twice been instructed to take my trailer of green waste up to the old dirt dumping site whilst the new tip area remained unused. I was able to use it once when it was first completed but had to throw the green waste over the gate barrier which was not easy, inefficient and time consuming.</i> <i>I am curious as to why this new facility is not being used by the public as it was my belief that this was the intention.</i></p>	<p>Engineering & Horticulture</p>
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> When the facility was first opened and a procedure was not in place and all resident were being instructed to use area G. When the bins are full or there is a large volume of traffic at the facility staff do direct the public to area G. This would be the exception not the accepted practice. The design and build of the facility requires that debris has to be thrown over or through the gates as identified through various working parties and risk assessments. Staff will allow debris to be placed on the concrete pad and will use the FEL to place in the bins if demand is low. It is being investigated as to how else to empty trailers and vehicle without increasing the risk to users.</p>		
<p>Christopher Gellie</p>	<p><i>The Water Sensitive Urban Design feature (involving collection of stormwaters from neighbouring street), which I believe is due to begin this month (February 2017) at Norman Reserve. It would be helpful if some information sheets of the scheme were available at the meeting. This scheme is a superb idea.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>However, when will it be operative? On an initial basis, provided we have substantial winter rains this year?</i> • <i>Babbage Ward is well endowed with reserves. Is there a prospect of similar schemes in our area?</i> 	<p>Engineering & Horticulture</p>
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> The system works by diverting flows from Aurrichio Ave and adjoining streets (that would otherwise just remain in the underground piped system that ultimately discharges to the Patawalonga) into Norman Reserve for the two fold benefit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Utilising the water for sustaining a number of new (and existing) tree and vegetation plantings, and increasing the green space to help reduce the heat island effects of the otherwise unirrigated grass. (2) Removing pollutants from the water (nitrogen/phosphorous/hydrocarbons) to improve the water quality, so that any water, not taken up by the reserve plantings, that does bypass the system discharges to the ocean of a high quality to reduce pollution to the beaches, fish, and sea grass. 		

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	<p>The works are expected to be completed by April/May, and in terms of operational it will be 'on line' treating the water and providing subsurface irrigation for plantings from the first rain event. The system (and plants) is designed to withstand long periods without rain, but also wetter winters.</p> <p>Ideally these WSUD features could be in all reserves (we are currently constructing one in Day Ave reserve, Melrose Park) however they need careful consideration to balance the usability of the reserve versus the size required to get adequate water quality improvements (and the cost). As part of a stormwater management plan for the catchment we will be investigating other reserve locations to implement similar schemes.</p> <p>To date we have been successful in sourcing funding from both the EPA and the NRM Board which helps reduce the upfront capital cost to Council.</p>	
Christopher Gellie	<p><i>The question of present and future "dividends" to Council from Centennial Park. I believe written replies are supposed to be posted in reply to written questions asked at Ward Forums. I asked at the last two forums for the exact amounts of Centennial Park 'dividends'. Nothing arrived in the mail, which was very frustrating. I also could not find the info on the internet. This time could you arrange for someone in Council to post me what exactly was the dividend from the Park to Council this financial year 2016/17 and how did it compare with that of the previous financial year.</i></p>	Corporate Services & Innovation
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council receives a contribution in the form of a Liability Guarantee Fee from the Centennial Park Cemetery Authority (CPCA), which is paid to owners (the Cities of Mitcham and Unley) being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 - \$196,000 • 2014/15 - \$196,000 • 2015/16 - \$207,000 • 2016/17 – to date the City of Mitcham has received 2 payments (of the 4 anticipated instalments). The final amount received will be made public in the Centennial Park Cemetery Authority's annual report, but the 2016/17 forecasts and budgets reports received by Council from CPCA are dealt with confidentially at this stage. <p>The minutes from the 2016 Forum are available on the Council's website and the minutes of the 2017 forums will be placed on the Council's website (http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au/communitywardforums) within 28 days of the meeting date. A copy of the minutes will also be forwarded to those who have provided written questions either by mail or email.</p>	
Neil Baron Spokesperson, Panorama Clapham Community Group	<p><i>A number of residents have requested a full explanation and rationale of statements of Councillor Todd reported in the January 29, 2017 editions of the Eastern Courier Messenger, The Advertiser by Celeste Villani headed: 'Mitcham councillor Yvonne Todd claims WWI Remembrance Day event will 'radicalise' children to fight in wars'</i></p>	Cr Yvonne Todd

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Was Ms Todd basing her statement on evidence or her opinion?</i> 2. <i>Did she canvas Babbage Ward residents for their views on this issues and if so how and when?</i> 3. <i>"It is promoted to a group of students ... at a very developmental age and I do not think council staff have the expertise to run an event like this," she said. What did she mean by this statement?</i> 4. <i>Does Ms Todd believe that ANZAC ceremonies promote war mongering by her statement, "I would call this radicalisation of young people (and) encouraging them to think war is OK?"</i> 5. <i>What is Ms Todd's comprehension of 'radicalise'?</i> 	
<p><i>Cr Todd's Response:</i></p> <p>In response to questions about my comments about the WW1 Wartime Historic fair I want to say that as you all know the Media will always focus on the sensational and not the important details. Please note that the motion has been passed and so I must respect that.</p> <p>It is normal to have respectful debate in the chamber with 2 opposite views being shared. Every motion gets debated and it would be a sad world if we all held exactly the same views. It is important that two sides are considered and questioned before making a decision. This project is like building a plane while in the air, and Elected members on the night wanted to change the name, the schools involved, the purpose, and the funding arrangements on the night. I could only look at what was proposed on the night, and argue against it as presented, not what it might turn out to be.</p> <p>My reasons for not voting for the motion on the night were many, but basically I believe that the project is poorly planned, is an inappropriate project for Council to be delivering, and that spending that amount of money is a poor use of rates which won't benefit the majority of Babbage Ward.</p> <p>I do have personal deeply held views about peace and how it is created but it is important for you to know that I fully support our returned soldiers and I believe as a community we should spend on assisting soldiers return to civilian life. There are many returned soldiers who do not have access to services they need and at every opportunity I advocate for them. For every criticism I received I got at least 10 positive comments supporting my views. I am not the only person in this community who thinks that \$20,000 of their rates could be better spent. And I was not the only elected member to vote against the motion.</p> <p>Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a long list of unfunded historic projects that should be approved ahead of this. Mitcham's history is much more diverse and not defined by war and one place. There is no reason given why this one was put in advance of all the others that now have to wait. I believe council could showcase Mitcham's history better. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RSL provide quality Remembrance Day commemoration services. Hank Dirksen on radio commented that he had not heard of this event but would support it if he could. The motion was put without the RSL being involved. Why would council compete with the RSL for providing such services? And why are the other RSL clubs not receiving the same funding support. No fairness or equity in this arrangement. Another problem I have with the project is that the papers' on the night promoted it as an education project for primary school students and that 4 schools would be asked to provide \$10,000 towards the project. How will children in school who have suffered from war and been displaced through war in other countries respond to this. Surely education is the responsibility of the Education department, and don't we have enough work. <p>I would like to see Council focus on essential services that build our whole community and to spend funding sensibly.</p>	
Neil Baron Spokesperson, Panorama Clapham Community Group	<i>A number of residents have expressed an interest in the two Babbage Ward Councillors providing details of their achievements and how these have benefited the ratepayers since the 2014 election?</i>	Cr David Munro, Cr Yvonne Todd
	<p><i>Responses:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Todd - working hard to raise the profile of Babbage Ward and advocates strongly for residents. The multicultural fair was held in Babbage Ward. Attending all Council meetings. Has regular contact with people in this Ward and always gets back to anyone who contacts her. She is on the Pasadena High School Governing Council and has worked hard to have Pasadena High stay open. Council has worked hard to achieve a good outcome for the City of Mitcham regarding the Southern Expressway Extension project including a joint Council meeting with the City of Marion to lobby the State Government on both Councils' concerns. Council has reduced the deficit and we are now operating in a surplus, spending money wisely and making common-sense decisions to benefit the whole community Good debate is had in the chambers amongst Councillors and all Councillors are working for the benefit of the whole community 	
Neil Baron Spokesperson, Panorama Clapham Community Group	<p><i>In the City of Mitcham you have three options for disposing of organic material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Set up a compost bin or worm farm.</i> <i>Utilise the green organics kerbside collection service.</i> <i>Take garden waste to Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility.</i> <p><i>Mitcham residents can take excess organic material such as tree and shrub prunings (branches no larger than 200mm (8 inches) in diameter), grass cuttings and clippings to the Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility, Beagle Terrace at Lynton. Soil will not be accepted. The Lynton Green Organics Drop-off Facility is open from 9 am to 3 pm on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month (excluding public holidays). Fees apply and proof of residency within the City of Mitcham is required.</i></p>	Engineering & Horticulture

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	<p><i>The existing process appears very limiting to many ratepayers and could result in unnecessary vegetation being kept on properties. It must be noted that a portion of Babbage Ward is adjacent or included within the Higher Fire Risk Area. Having only one day, that being Saturday is unreasonable for many who have to work or are responsible for family duties including sporting events. With a limited timeline on these limited days, it is conceivable that extended time is required to facilitate dumping.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. It is suggested that an effective review of the existing green waste process be initiated with involvement with ratepayers to ensure that this ratepayer facility is useful and able to be patronised.</i> <i>2. Since ratepayers are already paying for green waste removal through their rates, that a voucher or coupon system be implemented to prevent further financial imposts with ratepayers trying to keep their properties tidy.</i> <i>3. To be more flexible in having hours during the week for dumping of green waste.</i> 							
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The decision to undertake a formal Service Review is generally taken by Elected Members at the same time they endorse the budget each year based on staff recommendations. Reviews require a considerable investment of Council resources and can, and do, result in changes to service levels offered by the Council. Whether a service review is required of the greenwaste disposal scheme operating at the Lynton Transfer Station is necessary or not will be a decision by Elected Members. <p>Council spends some \$1.3m on kerbside collection of greenwaste and for operation/disposal of the greenwaste service at Lynton. Residents always have the option of using a paid disposal service or taking their waste to a commercial transfer station if needed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Council provides a fortnightly kerbside greenwaste service to residents. This service accounts for 82% of the cost of the overall greenwaste services provided by Council. The greenwaste recycling service at Lynton provides residents with 3 opportunities per month (1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month - excluding public holidays). Whilst fees are charges to residents to use this service, these fees do not recover the full cost of providing the service. <p>During November and December each year, Council provides a number of greenwaste days at the Lynton Transfer Station free of charge. This free service is provided to allow residents to dispose of greenwaste in the lead up to the bushfire season and encourages residents to prepare for the fire season. In 2016, there were 12 planned free greenwaste days during November and December on both Saturdays and Mondays as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="176 1344 716 1432"> <tr> <td>Mondays:</td> <td>Saturdays:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/11/16</td> <td>12/11/16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14/11/16</td> <td>19/11/16</td> </tr> </table>	Mondays:	Saturdays:	7/11/16	12/11/16	14/11/16	19/11/16	
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	<p>21/11/16 27/11/16 5/12/16 12/12/16</p> <p>26/11/16 3/12/16 10/12/16 17/12/16</p> <p>Council does at times also schedule additional free greenwaste days if circumstances dictate – eg after major storms. The decision to implement additional days is dependent on the time of year, the nature of the event, and the proximity of any scheduled free greenwaste days.</p> <p>Providing a Voucher or Coupon system would allow residents to access a free service at their time of choice, but introduces additional costs to council to run the service. There has also been rorting of voucher systems in other Council's and so there are also a number of issues that would need to be resolved.</p> <p>3. The Lynton Transfer Station normally operates from 9 am to 3 pm on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of each month (excluding public holidays). Fees apply and proof of residency within the City of Mitcham is required.</p> <p>During November and December each year, Council provides a number of greenwaste days at the Lynton Transfer Station free of charge. This free service is provided to allow residents to dispose of greenwaste in the lead up to the bushfire season and encourages residents to prepare for the fire season. In 2016, there were 12 planned free greenwaste days during November and December on both Saturdays and Mondays which are listed in question 2, above.</p>	
<p>Neil Baron Spokesperson, Panorama Clapham Community Group</p>	<p><i>A number of residents have expressed confusion over the criteria and role of Ward Councillors including their obligations and time requirements. Could the following questions be answered to ensure that residents have a better understanding of what the position entails?</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Necessary requirements for a person to nominate for Council?</i> 2. <i>Necessary knowledge level to successfully be able to fulfil the role of Councillor?</i> 3. <i>What are the compulsory obligations of a Councillor?</i> 4. <i>Is there an obligation to attend a certain number of functions per year?</i> 5. <i>Is there any financial penalty for non-attendance?</i> 6. <i>Is there any necessary obligation to inspect or have an onsite view of a proposal prior to voting?</i> 7. <i>What formula or criteria is used to vote on an issue and is there any attempt to canvas resident opinion prior to voting?</i> 8. <i>How does a Councillor ensure that they are best representing the interests of the Ward residents they represent?</i> 	<p>Organisational & Community Development</p>

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	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i></p> <p>1. Anyone can stand for election as a Council Member regardless of qualifications, religion, gender or employment provided they are eligible.</p> <p><u>Eligibility Criteria</u> A person must be on the Council voters roll to be eligible to stand as a candidate in Local Government elections. Anyone can stand for election as a Council Member, either Mayor or Councillor, if they are:</p> <p>(a) an Australian citizen; or have been a member of a Council between 5 May 1997 and 1 January 2000; and are (b) an elector for the area; or the nominee for a body corporate or a group which has its name on the voters roll for the area.</p> <p>A person is not eligible to stand if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are a State or Commonwealth Parliamentarian • are an undischarged bankrupt • are disqualified from holding office by a court order • are an employee of the Council for which you are considering nominating • are a candidate for office as a Council Member in another Council area, or • have been sentenced to imprisonment and are, or could become, liable to serve the sentence or the remainder of the sentence. <p>2. There are no prerequisite skills or knowledge for the role of Councillor. Council Members are required to undertake a mandatory induction program within the first 12 months of being elected and thereafter participate in ongoing training and professional development during their term of office to enable them to effectively perform their roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>3. Councillors have responsibility for carrying out the duties and exercising the powers conferred on the Council by the <i>Local Government Act 1999</i> and other relevant State legislation.</p> <p>The Act specifies that Council Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • represent the interests of ratepayers and residents • provide community leadership and guidance • facilitate communication between the community and the Council. <p>The role of a Council Member involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attending and participating in the decision-making process at Council and Committee meetings • participating in the deliberations and civic activities of the Council • keeping the Council's objectives and policies under review so as to ensure that • they are appropriate and effective 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keeping the Council's resource allocation, expenditure, activities and the efficiency and effectiveness of its service delivery under review • attending informal gatherings (e.g. planning sessions associated with the development of policies and strategies, briefings, training sessions, workshops, etc). <p>4. With respect to Council meetings, a Council Member must not be absent, without leave of the Council, from 3 or more consecutive ordinary meetings. A contravention of this requirement may result in the Member being removed from office. With respect to attendances at Council Committee meetings and other functions or activities of Council, there is no such obligation.</p> <p>5. With respect to Council meetings, a Council Member must not be absent, without leave of the Council, from 3 or more consecutive ordinary meetings. A contravention of this requirement may result in the Member being removed from office. With respect to attendances at Council Committee meetings and other functions or activities of Council, there is no such obligation.</p> <p>6. There is no prescribed obligation for a Councillor to inspect or have an onsite view of a proposal prior to voting. The decision to inspect or not is at the Councillor's discretion.</p> <p>7. The procedure for voting on an issue at meetings of Council and Committees are governed by the <i>Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2013</i> and are set out in the Council's Code of Practice – Meeting Procedures available on the Council's website. They only prescribe how a vote is to be conducted and does not outline any additional formula, criteria or consideration that a Ward Councillor must take into account or adhere to when voting on an issue. Generally, unless the matter before Council is subject to public consultation requirements (in which case residents is given opportunity to provide their feedback prior to report going up to Council), it is up to the individual Ward Councillor to seek resident opinion as necessary.</p> <p>8. A Councillor may achieve this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staying in touch with the community (e.g. participate in local activities) • communicating with the community • being available to discuss individual concerns • being aware of the needs and wishes of the community as a whole • being prepared to initiate change and bring to the Council ideas and activities as community needs change and evolve • keeping abreast of matters affecting the whole Council area (e.g. read, watch or listen to local media). <p>For further information, refer to the LGA Booklet "So you want to be on Council", available on the internet at: https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/2014_SoYouWantToBeOnCouncil_final_090714_LR.pdf</p>	

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<p>Neil Baron Spokesperson, Panorama Clapham Community Group</p>	<p>Springbank Road Updgrade (including consultation process and areas taken into consideration in reaching a decision): <i>As a matter of public interest and to ensure a transparent process could you please provide detailed answers to the following resident concerns and how these matters were considered prior to the Council voting?</i></p> <p><i>Could the Babbage Ward Councillors please explain their process of ensuring that resident's interested were promoted and protected in this matter? Could Council please provide answers and rationale for the questions below and how they came to those conclusions?</i></p> <p><i>Following the DPTI proposed Springbank Road upgrade:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Will it be easier and SAFER for local residents to access Springbank Road in both right and left turns?</i> • <i>Will pedestrians be SAFER in crossing Springbank Road, particularly the elderly, those with children and pets?</i> • <i>Will the over 168,000 vehicles that flow through the area each week be able to achieve the task easier and reduce the need to use side street detours?</i> • <i>Will the upgrade reduce the ever increasing amount of 'RAT RUNNING' through residential streets as a result of traffic delays on Springbank Road?</i> • <i>Will the FUNNELLING from four lanes at the Belair Road and Goodwood Road ends into two lanes only increase the continuous lines of traffic, that make exiting and entering DANGEROUS?</i> • <i>Will it be SAFE for busses to enter and leave Eliza Place and Kent Road to continue their journeys without being restricted to left only turns for major periods during the day?</i> • <i>Will the substantial traffic increases on BARRATTS ROAD reduce as locals will no longer have to 'detour' using this strategy to enter and leave the area?</i> • <i>Is the placement of cycle lanes on Springbank Road LOGICAL, when suitable alternatives on side streets are what are being used by cyclists, now?</i> • <i>Will residents who live on Springbank Road be FURTHER DISADVANTAGED by increased parking restrictions due to cycle lanes?</i> • <i>Will residents who live on Springbank Road be better off in GETTING IN AND OUT of their properties with traffic funnelled into one lane?</i> 	<p>Cr Dave Munro and Cr Yvonne Todd</p>

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	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Following the DPTI proposed Springbank Road Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme provides protected right turn lanes that will allow safer access/egress to side roads and properties along Springbank Road • Three new pedestrian refuges are proposed as part of the project to facilitate safer access across Springbank Road which will benefit all pedestrians by providing a staged crossing. • The scheme provides protected turning lanes that will allow better and more efficient traffic flow and capacity along Springbank Road. • The provision of a more efficient traffic flow along Springbank Road will be a disincentive for motorists to use the side roads. • There are no changes proposed to the existing carriageway lanes on Springbank Road as an outcome of the community consultation process on this project • There are no proposed changes to bus movements at this intersection as an outcome of the community consultation process on this project. • It is anticipated that there will be minimal distribution of traffic as a result of the proposed scheme. • The placement of cycle lanes along Springbank Road was the most favoured option as result of the of the community consultation process on this project. • Indented parking bays have been provided along Springbank Road to facilitate for off street parking for residents • The provision of a central median island will allow for safer access in and out of residential properties along Springbank Road. 	
Pauline Gray	<i>Leila and Edgar Street Bedford Park footpaths - In 1998 when we asked Council for a footpath we were informed that they were on the Council footpath list for 2001....My question is, after nearly 20 years isn't it time we got 1 footpath in our street</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> There have over the years, been a number of requests made for footpaths in both Leila street and Edgar street Bedford Park. As there are no footpaths in these streets currently, the funding for any new footpath would need to be drawn from footpath capital new funding, which allocated approx. \$450,000 per annum. The assessment for new footpaths is based on criteria adopted by Council in 2009, which was again reviewed in 2010 with more criteria added to assist staff in assessing priorities for new footpaths.</p> <p>At this time the assessment when applied to both Edgar and Leila Streets and compared with a City wide priority list, does not support the construction of footpaths in this area as Council's next priority.</p>	
Pauline Gray	<i>Can the white line by Frances Street exit be repainted and the Ranger check the parked cars alongside of it?</i>	Development & Compliance
	<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Customer Action request Number 3548/2017 has been raised in regards to having the line repainted at Frances Street. The Rangers have also been advised of this issue and will check the area periodically.</p>	

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Pauline Gray	<i>Who will and how often will the parking be reviewed in Leila & Edgar Street Bedford Park?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Parking in these streets was reviewed recently. A further review is likely late 2017 to mid 2018, after the construction works at the Flinders Hospital are completed (possibly in November 2016).</p>		
Pauline Gray	<i>Why can't the Ranger do something about the bins left out days after the collection day?</i>	Development & Compliance.
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> In accordance with the Council's Waste Management By-law, household waste and recycling bins need to be removed from the verge on the same day as the collection of bins has occurred. Whilst the By-law is specific about bins being brought in on the same day, we are mindful that this may not be able to be achieved and bins may be taken in the following day. If Council is contacted about bins left out in a particular location, a Ranger may be able to inspect and issue a warning notice if appropriate, depending on their availability.</p>		
Pauline Gray	<i>When will the fence by the Sturt River and Children's Playground at Riverside Drive, Bedford Park be fixed from the storms last September?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council is looking to tender these works shortly and have works completed before the winter.</p>		
Pauline Gray	<i>Some trees in Milton Street, Bedford Park need cutting back above the footpaths</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Request noted and has been forwarded to Depot for actioning.</p>		
Bob Kinnane	<i>When the South Road extension flows into Ayliffes Road with no traffic lights between McLaren Vale and Pasadena, we will not be able to get onto Fiveash Drive before Pasadena Shopping Centre. For Quinton Hill and Quinlan Avenue there will be difficulty entering the road and it will be unsafe to cross on foot. What is the Council doing to give gaps in the traffic and enable pedestrian crossings?</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council staff are in discussion with DPTI regarding the traffic movement for the St Marys area and Council is seeking further reassurance from DPTI as to how the traffic in this area will be managed successfully.</p>		

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Ralph Leonard	<i>When was the modification to make Vancouver Avenue a left turn only decided and how was the impact on other streets addressed? Left turn only at Vancouver will create more right turns at other streets and make right turns from those streets more difficult. This comment was submitted to DPTI.</i>	Engineering & Horticulture
<p><i>City of Mitcham response:</i> Council were not involved in the design of the Springbank Road upgrade, which is currently out for consultation by DPTI. Further comments may be made to DPTI when the outcomes of the consultation are made public.</p>		

A number of questions were raised from the floor and discussion followed on the following topics (in addition to the above):

- The Council has received a bust of Mr Benjamin Babbage.
- Traffic issues with traffic entering Daws Road from Cashel Street – Council is working with DPTI on this issue.
- Rotunda in Mortlock Park
- Intersection of Goodwood Road and Springbank Road – this intersection is controlled by DPTI – Council is working with State and Federal Government to raise the priority of this intersection.
- The Development Assessment Panel is an independent Panel set up to assess applications received by the Council and is made up of 2 Elected Members and Independent Panel Members.
- Impact of the NBN on tree assets in the area. Council has a good relationship with NBN and is working closely with the contractors to ensure Council's assets are not impacted.
- Closure of Balyana and availability of hydro therapy pool within the City of Mitcham.
- Staff & Elected Member Christmas Party.
- Council is bringing in new systems to provide greater focus and support to our customers.
- Handling of insanitary conditions – this is a difficult matter and staff work closely with community professionals to deal with individual situations
- Timing of the collection of waste bins – the Director Engineering & Horticulture will follow up with staff to ensure the EPA rules are adhered to.
- An update on Bunnings Development Application was provided.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.