

His Worship the Mayor
Councillors
CITY OF MARION



**NOTICE OF
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1999 that a General Council meeting will be held

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2017

Commencing at 7.00 p.m.

In the Council Chamber

Council Administration Centre

245 Sturt Road, Sturt

A copy of the Agenda for this meeting is attached in accordance with Section 83 of the Act.

Meetings of the Council are open to the public and interested members of this community are welcome to attend. Access to the Council Chamber is via the main entrance to the Administration building on Sturt Road, Sturt.

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Abby Dickson
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

29 September 2017

**CITY OF MARION
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA
FOR MEETING TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**



1. OPEN MEETING

2. KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

3. DISCLOSURE

All persons in attendance are advised that the audio of this General Council meeting will be recorded and will be made available on the City of Marion website.

4. ELECTED MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST (if any)

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8. MEETING CLOSURE

Council shall conclude on or before 9.30pm unless there is a specific motion adopted at the meeting to continue beyond that time.

**CITY OF MARION
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
4 OCTOBER 2017**

Originating Officers: Craig Clarke, Unit Manager Communications,
Amy Liddicoat, Open Space & Recreation Planner

Corporate Manager: Karen Cocks, Manager Customer Experience
Fiona Harvey A/General Manager City Development

General Manager: Abby Dickson, General Manager City Development

Subject: Fund My Neighbourhood

Report Reference: SGC041017R01

REPORT OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to assist Council to short-list the Fund My Neighbourhood projects that will be released for community vote.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has launched its Fund My Neighbourhood program enabling community members to submit project ideas.

City of Marion received 75 submissions over a range of categories with the applications predominantly open space upgrades. About 2500 projects were submitted across the State.

As the nominations are on Council-owned land, DPC requires the City of Marion to review the submissions to determine project feasibility and whether Council supports the nomination prior to projects being uploaded to an online community vote. An internal assessment of all projects has been completed. Council must notify DPC of all short-listed projects by no later than 6 October.

RECOMMENDATIONS

DUE DATES

That Council:

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| 1. Advises the Department of Premier and Cabinet that the following Fund My Neighbourhood projects be put forward for a public vote:
<i>(Council to insert projects as identified through review of attachment 1)</i> | 4 October 2017 |
| 2. Receives a report of the successful projects following the public voting process with recommendations for resourcing and/or reprioritising the current works program. | December 2017 |

BACKGROUND

On 26 September 2017 Council resolved to:

1. Notes that Administration will undertake an internal assessment of all submissions in accordance with Council's strategic directions, project feasibility, funding parameters and ability to deliver within DPC timeframes.
2. A Special General Council meeting shall decide a shortlist of projects to the Department of Premier and Cabinet to go forward to a public vote.
3. Notes that Administration will provide Elected Members with a summary of the internal assessment for Elected Member information.
4. Receives a report of the successful projects following the public voting process with recommendations for resourcing and/or reprioritising the current works program.

Fund My Neighbourhood was included in the 2017-2018 state budget in June 2017 and launched on 6 August 2017. The program invited the community to submit ideas to improve their neighbourhood.

The total value of the program is \$40 million, with funding divided into two \$20 million rounds of funding over two years. One-off grants of between \$10,000 and \$150,000 are available. About \$3.8 million is available this round to share among the southern Adelaide region which includes the Councils of Marion, Onkaparinga and Mitcham.

The process involves the community submitting ideas via the Fund My Neighbourhood website. Project proposals are assessed by the DPC against its criteria in six categories:

1. Open space, sport and recreation.
2. Mobility, transport and safety.
3. Health, wellbeing and inclusion.
4. Arts and culture.
5. Environment and sustainability.
6. Innovation and technology.

Ideas that will not be funded include:

- Operational or maintenance costs.
- Projects that are not accessible to the broader community.
- Projects from which the proposer or their immediate family will profit.
- Projects that have commenced or have been completed prior to the application being submitted.
- Illegal, malicious or discriminatory activities.
- Feasibility studies, research/study placements, business cases

Funding for initiatives can only be provided to eligible organisations with which the State Government can enter a legally binding grant agreement and that have an ABN. These include councils, incorporated community groups, schools, childcare centres, kindergartens and sporting clubs.

Individuals, businesses, and organisations with a gaming-machine licence cannot receive funding.

If the DPC approves a proposal that is on land owned or managed by a council, that project will be forwarded to the relevant council with a request for support. The DPC anticipates proposals will need to be scoped and costed. It advises detailed plans are not required at this stage.

Should Council support a project, it will be considered by the DPC for inclusion in a public vote to decide which projects are funded. It is expected that the majority of the project funding will be administered by Council to manage the projects through to delivery.

DISCUSSION

The community has proposed 75 projects under the Fund My Neighbourhood program on Council-owned land. The projects have been submitted across a number of categories as detailed below.

Program Category	Applications
Open Space, Sport and Recreation	48
Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion	11
Mobility, Transport and Safety	6
Environment and Sustainability	6
Arts and Culture	3
Innovation and Technology	1
	75

Before any projects proceed to a public vote, Council needs to decide whether to support them or not. The program is an opportunity for Council to obtain funding to develop projects for which there is demonstrated community support.

Internal assessment

DPC has asked Councils to scope each project to determine whether it is feasible and to estimate its cost. They have asked for Councils to provide a response to the following questions;

- Does this project fit with council strategic management plan(s) directions? (Y/N)
- Does this project fit with council's asset management plans and/or Annual Business Plan 2017/18? (Y/N)
- Is the project or any part of it identified in council's 2017/18 budget (Y/N)
- The general site proposed would be suitable for a project of this nature (Y/N)
- If the site is not suitable, indicate an alternative nearby site (where possible) to allow project to proceed to voting phase.
- What other land/site considerations will require review ie community land management plan, lease/licence, easements, services, arboricultural (tree assessment) environmental factors (ie drainage, stormwater, biodiversity), DDA Access.
- Project is likely to cost in the order of (including project management/delivery costs):
- Ongoing whole of life costs (operating and maintenance) are in the order of:
- Has previous consultation been undertaken or will consultation with the community and or adjoining landholders/other stakeholders be required?

- The project can be delivered within 12 months (including concept design, consultation, detail design/engineering, development/landholder approvals, procurement, onground construction)
- If not likely to be completed in 12 months, estimated time to complete project. Council is willing, subject to the provisos linked above, to be the sponsor/grant recipient and manage this project if approved.
- Council supports this project, subject to the provisos linked above, to proceed to public voting phase (Y/N)

DPC has also advised that Council may support, not support or provide suggested site changes or scope changes that would better align a project to Council strategic directions and project parameters.

Where Council has suggested a major change in scope to a project the DPC have advised that they will go back to the nominator to see if they are happy for the new project to proceed to voting.

In order to provide Council with guidance on the assessment of applications administration have completed an initial Traffic Light Assessment to shortlist the projects into the below categories;

Yes	Project aligns to the current works program and Council strategic goals.
Maybe	Project is not in current works program but aligns with Council strategic goals.
No	Project is not in current works program and does not align with Council strategic goals or is unable to be achieved in a 12 month timeframe. Project already funded within Council's 17/18 budget and therefore not eligible

The initial assessment of projects is attached as Appendix 1.

A further spreadsheet with a response to the DPC questions is attached as Appendix 2.

Ongoing financial implications

As the majority of projects put forward for Marion are of a capital nature, there is the potential for ongoing funding requirements. When deciding which projects to shortlist, this ongoing expenditure needs to be given consideration.

Estimated figures for operating, maintenance and depreciation have been included in the internal assessment. Due to the brief scopes provided, assumptions of 2% for operating and 5% for maintenance have been used. Depreciation (and therefore asset renewal) has been based upon estimated useful lives of assets similar to those included in the proposed projects.

Next steps

The finalised short list of projects is required to be sent to DPC by Friday, 6 October.

DPC is still to announce the voting arrangements, however, preliminary advice from DPC indicates that every project that is approved by council is likely to be posted online for public voting. The community will likely vote for a minimum of three and a maximum of five projects within a 5km radius. Voting will continue until all the funding in that region is exhausted.

DPC has indicated that voting will occur over the period of a month from about mid-October to mid-November. Once the voting process is completed, DPC will enter into a funding agreement with the councils. This will be the final opportunity to accept or reject any project.

Once the agreement is signed there is an expectation the funds will be managed by councils and the project will be delivered by November 2018.

CONCLUSION:

The Fund My Neighbourhood program is an opportunity to hear from the community their aspirations for the suburbs as well as obtain State Government funding to deliver these projects.

Traffic Light Assessment

Yes

Maybe

No

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Key

Supported: Project aligns to the current works program and Council strategic goals.

For review: Project is not in current works program but aligns with Council strategic goals

Not supported:Project is not in current works program and does not align with Council strategic goals or is unable to be achieved in a 12 month timeframe. Project already funded within Council's 17/18 budget and therefore not eligible.

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COM cost estimate to include design and project management costs where applicable.

Appendix 1 - Initial Assessment of Projects

	Location	Project	Additional Information	Application Category	Cost Estimate by applicant	COM Cost Estimate	Annual Operating & Maintenance Estimate	Additional COM \$ Required	Traffic Light	Ward	Administration Comment
1	Appleby Reserve	Reserve Upgrade	Proposed playground upgrade lacks youth facilities. Youth Flying Fox, extend irrigated turf to north, verge improvements, removal of permapipe bollards.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500		Yes	Mullawirra	Local Reserve. Playground will be upgraded in 2017/18. The additional elements could be added to the upgrade.
2	Bounty Road and Manunda Way, Hallett Cove	Walking/cycling trail	Trail to link streets	Mobility, Transport & Safety		\$ 35,000	\$ 2,450		Yes	Coastal	Native vegetation site and placement will need careful consideration but a pathway along the fenceline could be supported as it could double as a fire break. The reserve area between Manunda Way and Bounty Road appears to be a fairly under-utilised space. It is evident the main users are pedestrians finding a short route through the road network, as defined by the goat track that has been formed. Hence the formalisation of a footpath would be a fairly logical step.
3	Central Avenue Reserve	Reserve Upgrade/ dog park	Replace playground equipment and new fenced dog park.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		Yes	Coastal	High priority upgrade in works plan. Existing playground installed in 1990. Support Local Playspace but not the dog park. Currently investigating Dog Park locations across Marion.
4	Gully Road Reserve North	Dog Park and Exercise Equipment	Fenced dog park, walking path, seating, shelter, water taps, dog obstacles. Adult exercise equipment, BBQ, picnic tables.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		Yes	Southern Hills	Scope change to support exercise equipment and trail. 475m pathway would require the majority of the funds but could also incorporate fitness equipment. Would suggest that a dog park would not suit the amenity of this reserve, and retain as informal dog exercise only. Current upgraded playspace in construction incl. BBQ and picnic tables.
5	Gully Road Reserve South	Pathway between Gully Road and Davenport Terrace	The local community use the southern part of Gully Road Reserve to access playgrounds and the Davenport Terrace Bus Terminus. In winter the ground becomes wet and boggy making the walk to the bus as well as using the area for walking can be difficult.	Mobility, Transport & Safety		\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		Yes	Southern Hills	In conjunction with Gully Road Reserve North upgrade as per 2017/18 works program.
6	Hendrie Street Reserve	Playground completion	Complete the planned all inclusive playspace incl. bike track, shade sails, lighting, sand/water play.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	n/a	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		Yes	Mullawirra	Funding will help towards Stage 2 of existing playground upgrade. Stage 1 of the playground is being constructed in 2017/18.
7	Marion Cultural Centre and Library	Marion Christmas Bazarre	Festive Market support artists and markets and connecting the community	Arts & Culture	\$ 11,366	\$ 15,000	\$ -		Yes	Warracowie	Project seeks to increase utilisation of MCC and Plaza, supports eco dev of local business owners through market stalls whilst contributing to positive community connections and social interaction enhancing community wellbeing. Contributes to a prosperos community vision to provide a welcoming city offering both residents and visitors a range of leisure and cultural experieinces.
8	Marion Outdoor Pool	Upgrade	Water playground, BBQ area near toddlers pool, upgrade kiosk to a year round coffee shop.	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion		\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	300,000	Yes	Mullawirra	Project has been endorsed by Council for design and costing - seeking to deliver in 18/19 + dependant on Council endorsement Feb 2018 (year round coffee shop not endorsed). Scope change to include BBQ picnic area, landscaping and disability access.
9	Mitchell Park Oval	Playground	New Playground within walking distance of house	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 85,500	Yes	Warriparinga	Funding will help towards existing playground upgrade scheduled in the 2017/18 works program.

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10	Nimboya Road Reserve	Reserve Upgrade	Hill slide, basketball court, local history walk, shade, BBQ, seating.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	n/a	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	85,500	Yes Support at Bandon Terrace Reserve	Coastal	The level of facilities requested are at a Neighbourhood park level. Support upgrade at alternative nearby site (Bandon Terrace Reserve) where the planning and design for an upgrade has already commenced.
11	Oaklands Estate Reserve	Playground Upgrade	Play area/nature play space which enhances existing setting.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	n/a	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 85,500	Yes	Warracowie	Funding will help towards existing playground upgrade scheduled in the 2017/18 works program.
12	Sixth Avenue Reserve	Lighting	Lighting will deter graffiti and dumping of rubbish whilst extending usable hours.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500		Yes	Woodlands	Upgrade of playground within 17/18 works program. Lighting could be added.
13	Spinnaker Reserve	Shared use pathway	Replace existing well used 'goat-track' with shared use path.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	n/a	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,800		Yes	Southern Hills	Reserve upgraded in 2012/13. Pathway was considered but insufficient funds at the time.
14	Trott Park Community Centre	Upgrade Community Garden	Replace deteriorating temporary garden surrounds, replace drip feed hoses with more effective type, two new taps, extend garden bed area by 50%	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	\$ 13,800	\$ 13,800	\$ -		Yes	Southern Hills	Further land assessment to check that gardens can be physically extend eg no encumbrances or impact on site operations Determine if there is sufficient community demand to warrant garden extension. The project would need to be undertaken in accordance with Councils Community Gardens guidelines.
15	Barton Drive Reserve	Exercise Equipment	Encourage adults/parents to be active	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500		Maybe	Southern Hills	Recently upgraded in 2011/2012 included passive sports rec. Additional amenities would fit within the reserve classification.
16	Brolga Place Reserve	Reserve Renewal	Basketball court upgrade, seating, BBQ and nature play.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 90,000	\$ 6,300		Maybe	Warriparinga	Recently upgraded 2010/2011 included passive sports rec. Additional amenities would fit within the reserve classification.
17	Cadell Street Reserve	Off-leash dog area	Partition off the northern end of the reserve and dedicate a fenced area for dogs.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$0-100000	Maybe	Southern Hills	Currently investigating Dog Park locations across Marion as part of the 2017/18 new dog park project.
18	Cosgrove Hall	Nature Playground	Nature play similar to Jervois Street	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,800		Maybe	Warriparinga	Upgraded in 2005. Low priority on works list. Minor nature play elements could be considered.
19	Cove Sports and Community Club	Playground Upgrade	There is a tired and out of date Playground at The Cove Sports & Community Club, This playground is used by all the Community and visiting Community Members. The playground is unsafe and requires an upgrade.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 100,000	Maybe	Southern Hills	Medium priority on works List. Existing playground installed in 2006.
20	Cove Sports Club	Canteen upgrade	Existing Canteen over 30 years old.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 95,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 4,900		Maybe	Southern Hills	Funding will assist in green lighting of this project
21	Cove Sports Club	Kitchen upgrade		Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 80,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 7,700		Maybe	Southern Hills	Funding will assist in green lighting of this project
22	Cove Sports Club	Oval Lighting Upgrade	The football oval lighting does not meet current Australian Standards for Sports lighting.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 12,600	\$ 30,000	Maybe	Southern Hills	Proposed project will be scoped for CFPP funding in early 2018 with a contribution from clubs as per preferred CFPP model. As there are many existing projects from the Cove it is unlikely all will be successful on proposed voting process.
23	Cove Sports Club	Main signage upgrade	Upgrade entrance sign on highway.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,800		Maybe	Southern Hills	Again many projects have been proposed for the Cove which would dilute voting poll leading to unlikely success.
24	Cove Sports Club	Toilet upgrade	Original toilet block constructed in 1984.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 150,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 50,000	Maybe	Southern Hills	Project is currently captured within the Office of Recreation and Sport Female Facilities Funding for which a submission has been prepared and is to be submitted

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25	Enginehouse Reserve	Community Garden	Sheidow Park Food and Recreation Bowl	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ -		Maybe	Southern Hills	Recommend alternative location - Hallett Close Reserve. Project subject to community interest in participating in the garden.
26	Glandore Community Centre	Reserve Upgrade	Upgrade Playground and surrounds (focused on for 2-5 year olds).	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 100,000	Maybe	Woodlands	Council would need to add an additional \$100,000 to meet the standard service level for Neighbourhood parks (\$250k)
27	Hallett Cove Beach Tennis Club	Clubhouse refurbishment	Replace kitchen and bar, replace windows with sliding doors, extra storage, tennis viewing deck with pergola, BBQ and drink fountain.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 148,000	\$ 148,000	\$ 10,360		Maybe	Coastal	Funding will assist in realization of long term stratgeic plan for the club in line with the Tennis & Netball review
28	Hamilton Park Reserve	Reserve Upgrade	Playground upgrade, refurbish netball/tennis courts and make accessible to public, BBQ facilities and public toilets.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 100,000	Maybe	Warracowie	This site is a medium priority (4-8 years) in the works plan. Playground was installed in 1996.
29	Hamilton Park Reserve	Reserve Upgrade	Running track, playground upgrade, community garden.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 100,000	Maybe	Warracowie	This site is a medium priority (4-8 years) in the works plan. Support community garden as a separate application to the playground. Council would need to add an additional \$100,000 to meet the standard service level for Neighbourhood parks (\$250k).
30	Hamilton Park Reserve	Quirky' Loo	Support 'get to know your neighbour' event held in park.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 50,000	Maybe	Warracowie	Cost estimate based on new exeloo free standing toilet. However project could investigate modifying existing building to enable external access to toilet.
31	Harbrow Grove Housing Trust, Seacombe Gardens	Community Garden	12 local Housing Trust tenants interested. On-going costs funded by S.A. Housing	Environment & Sustainability	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Community garden to fund ongoing operating and maintenance costs		Maybe	Warracowie	SA Housing Trust is the sponsor. Council generally supportive of the concept. The project would need to be undertaken in accordance with Councils Community Gardens guidelines.
32	Hindu Centre, Dwyer Street Oaklands Park	Landscaping verge	Grass and flowers on verge	Arts & Culture		\$ 10,000	Nil. Ratepayer is expected to maintain this area.		Maybe	Warracowie	Works would be need to be undertaken by community member or owners of Hindu building and maintained by verge owner. Supported if Hindu association are sponsoring body. Any additional funds could be used to landscape within the Hindu centre to enhance the community facility.
33	Hugh Johnson	Playground Upgrade	Replace old playground equipment	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 750,000	Maybe	Southern Hills	Regional Playground. Medium priority site on works list (4-8 years). Playground installed in 1998.
34	Light Square - intersection Nixon and Market Street	Rejuvenation	The historic 'Birthplace of the City of Marion'. Official stop on heritage walking trail. Irrigation, decorative fencing, interpretive signage, perennial plants, street signs.	Environment & Sustainability	\$ 16,150	\$ 14,050	\$ 984		Maybe	Warriparinga	Rejuvenation is in line with Marion Historic Village streetscape program. Discussion with group has confirmed antique fencing no longer required and cost estimate updated to reflect this.
35	Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre	Internal refurbishment	Install airconditioning & heating to main gymnastics hall.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 145,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 8,750		Maybe	Mullawirra	External funding would assist in seeing this project. There is no air conditioning in the section of the building, while it is not on the current capital works program consideration should be given
36	Marion Library	Tool Library	Rent garden and house tools	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion		\$10,000 - \$45,000	Tool Library should be self sustaining and manage whole of life costs via membership.		Maybe		This concept is supported provided that the tools are not electric or motorised and would require some more scoping as well as an appropriate location would need to be found.
37	Marion Sports and Community Club - Sturt Road	Kitchen Renovation at Marion Bowls Club	Services more than 200 local community social members and 300 club members.	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	\$ 100,385	\$ 100,385	\$ 7,027		Maybe	Warriparinga	Funding would assist this project which would fall under councils leasing and licensing policy as councils responsibility.
38	N/A	Community Group Backyards and Beyond	Community based activities to empower people to develop their ideas and access/share existing community resources.	Environment & Sustainability	\$ 49,000	\$ 60,000	None		Maybe		Generally supportive of the concept but doesn't have the capacity to run the project. A consultant/other organisation would need to be engaged to deliver the project.

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39	Plympton Glenelg RSL	Battery Storage System for Solar Power	Help club respond to rising electricity prices.	Innovation & Technology		\$ 15,000	\$ 1,050		Maybe	Mullawirra	As this would assist the club to reduce costs it would be in line with Councils direction to support energy efficiency
40	Reserve Street Reserve	Exercise Equipment	Keep adults fit and healthy. Dynamic fitness equipment.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	n/a	\$ 75,000	\$ 5,250		Maybe	Southern Hills	Recently upgraded in 2015/2016 included passive sports rec. Additional amenities would fit within the reserve classification.
41	Scarborough Terrace Oval	Nature Playground	Add nature play to popular sport and recreation area.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 85,500	Maybe	Warracowie	Medium Priority upgrade on works list(4-8 years). Existing playground installed in 2001. Support complete upgrade of playground including nature play elements.
42	Sheidow Park - roads linking to reserve	Lighting upgrade	There is only lighting on one side of the road. Needs to be brighter for safety.	Mobility, Transport & Safety		\$150,000 Increased lighting tariffs for public road, but not rail corridor.	\$10,500 Increased tariffs in running costs will depend on the number of lighting columns		Maybe	Coastal	Existing lighting will need to be evaluated by SAPN officers to determine whether the street lighting is adequate and/or meets the necessary standards in lighting. Whilst a pedestrian might want to have street lighting increased, their benefit may be to the disliking or detriment of residents who receive a new light directly in front of their home.
43	Skipper Close Reserve	Playground and fitness circuit.	Playground, walking/running track, exercise equipment.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 75,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		Maybe	Southern Hills	New playground part of playground framework to be endorsed by Council
44	Stanley Street Reserve (Tennis Club)	Reserve Upgrade	Upgrade playground and provide new shelter.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 100,000	Maybe	Mullawirra	Although low priority on works list, courts recently upgraded and low area of open space. Playground installed in 1995.
45	Warradale Park	Reserve upgrade	Nature play, water play, toilets, fencing	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500		Maybe	Warracowie	Upgraded in 2013/2014. Additional nature play elements only. Toilet not supported, review access to club toilet.
46	Warriparinga	Cultural and leadership training for Aboriginal Youth	To build resilient, flourishing Aboriginal Youth (aged 15-30). Teaching social and practical life skills.	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Would depend on any on-going need to deliver the program		Maybe	Warriparinga	This program will support succession planning for Kaurna community and Kaurna Community Leadership Groups such as Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association, Kaurna Yerta (native title) and Kaurna Wirra Pintyanthi (Kaurna Language Group). It also supports the work that Council and the Kaurna Community are currently engaged in to develop a joint funded, Community Governance model for Living Kaurna Cultural Centre and supports aims, aspirations and representation of younger Kaurna people in the delivery and further development of the City of Marion Reconciliation Action Plan.
47	Warriparinga	Native food and medicine Garden	Share the understanding of traditional use of indigenous plants while improving the biodiversity of the environment.	Environment & Sustainability	no cost supplied	\$ 45,000	\$ 3,150		Maybe	Warriparinga	Project supports the visitor experience for Warriparinga as well as providing educational information and practical availability of native foods, medicine and plants for cultural practices for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal visitors to the site.

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48	Warriparinga	Environmental Upgrades to Warriparinga Wetlands	•Interpretive signage to highlight Kaurna and ecological features. •Wetland planting. •Viewing platforms. •Bird and possum boxes. •Removal and control of pest fish, feral animals	Environment & Sustainability		\$ 75,000	\$ 5,250		Maybe	Warriparinga	CoM to work closely with the Kaurna Community to deliver this project.
49	Warriparinga Coach House Arts Centre	A place to practice, teach and exhibit Kaurna Arts.		Arts & Culture	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		Maybe	Warriparinga	This project will be dependent on the work proposed by Gateway South on the exterior of the Coach House. The development of the Fairford House Coach House was in the original vision for Warriparinga. It is a State Heritage Listed building and needs to be preserved. This project will enable further aspirations of the Kaurna Community for Warriparinga to be reached and enables the general public to access a State Heritage Listed asset - an example of early settlement history - in a creative and constructive way.
50	Yapinga Street Reserve	Playground Upgrade	Current equipment is for older children. Need equipment for age 0-6years. South Plympton Kindergarten is adjacent to the site.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 2,800		Maybe	Woodlands	Additional junior play elements supported to complement existing playground
51	Adams Road, Trott Park	Increase speed limit	Increase 50km/h to 60km/h	Mobility, Transport & Safety			Not Applicable.		No	Southern Hills	Speed limit signs require separate approval of the Commissioner of Highways. They would require significant reasons and warrants to alter such speeds. 60km/hr is simply not an option along the residential lengths of Adams Road as this does not conform with appropriate speed limits in urban areas, our road hierarchy and authorisation from the Commissioner of Highways would be required - which would be extremely unlikely. The 50km/hr zone likely extends as far north as it does to make safe entry and
52	Cove Sports Club	Access and lighting	Improve access and lighting from carpark to clubhouse.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,100		No	Southern Hills	Some work has already been undertaken to improve the lighting with the installation of solar lights. Further information on scope of works is required at it was understood that a spot light on the building would improve lighting and this could be managed within the maintenance budget. In discussions with the club they have indicated a non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted.
53	Cove Sports Club	Sculptured bike rack	A secure space to store bikes. Preference would be for a local artist design with shelter.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 700		No	Southern Hills	In discussions with the club it has been identified as non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted.
54	Cove Sports Club	Car park lighting	There is currently no lighting in the carpark.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500		No	Southern Hills	In discussions with the club it has been determined as non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted. Further discussions with the club to scope the works to consider in future capital works program.

	Location	Project	Additional Information	Application Category	Cost Estimate by applicant	COM Cost Estimate	Annual Operating & Maintenance Estimate	Additional COM \$ Required	Traffic Light	Ward	Administration Comment
55	Cove Sports Club	Grandstand	A grandstand with shelter and seating for the football club oval.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 350,000	No	Southern Hills	Any further redevelopment of the site should take into account the outcome of BMX and Soccer facilities which may impact on oval utilization. In discussions non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted.
56	Cove Sports Club	Car parking around oval	Carparking to northern side of oval - trees will require removal.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 1,750		No	Southern Hills	Any major capital works programs to the site excluding the clubrooms are on hold until the outcome of BMX and Soccer relocoations and impact on oval utilization
57	Cove Sports Club	Balcony heaters	To add to existing balcony.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 700		No	Southern Hills	In discussions non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted.
58	Cove Sports Club	Outdoor blinds	To add to existing balcony.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -				No	Southern Hills	In discussions non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted.
59	Cove Sports Club	Gym equipment	Fitness gym to benefit player recovery.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,050		No	Southern Hills	Non priority project that has been red lighted and has limited community benefit.
60	Elura Avenue Reserve	Playground equipment	Playground equipment was removed and not replaced.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	n/a			No	Southern Hills	Equipment removed from site. An upgraded playground is within 260m. A playground at this location is not within the playground framework.
61	Hallett Cove Beach	Two disability access mats	One opposite Boat Shed Café, one at northern end near boardwalk entrance.	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion					No	Coastal	Operational issues - mats require daily set up, supervision and management which is unavailable at Hallett Cove beach. Topography (rocks) would also be an issue for laying out mats.
62	Hallett Cove Skatepark (Capella Drive Reserve)	Skatepark Upgrade	Lights and sufficient cleared area for safety. Additional skate facilities and street art.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	n/a			No	Coastal	The skatepark upgrade is to be considered in conjunction with the Capella Reserve Precinct plan which requires further investigation. It is unlikely that it could be upgraded in the time frame required.
63	Hallett Cove. Site close to Capella Drive Skate Park.	BMX Track	Connects to existing bike path which links to Cove Train station. Sponsored by The Cove BMX club.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500		No	Coastal	The area surrounding the skatepark is to be considered in conjunction with the Capella Reserve Precinct plan which requires further investigation. It is unlikely that it could be upgraded in the time frame required.
64	Hazelmere Reserve	Playground Upgrade	Playground Equipment suitable for toddlers and older kids. Sensory activities, tunnels, bridge, nature play, bigger slides, shade sail.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 130,000	\$ 9,100		No	Mullawirra	Playground upgraded in 2010/11. Not in our 10year playground works program. The budget for Regional Playgrounds is \$900k +
65	Hume Street Reserve	Playground Upgrade	900mm high fence and playground for access by local community and Kindergarten.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	n/a			No	Southern Hills	This site is a road reserve which has not been deemed suitable for a playground. Not in our current playspace policy. Cadell Street Reserve is located within 500m.

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66	Marino Town Hall	Upgrade	Small café, new facilities, mural artwork, seating, IT equipment, audio system etc.	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	\$ 149,692	\$ 149,692	\$ 10,478		No	Coastal	Council is currently developing a Community Facilities Strategy to guide redevelopment and renewal of facilities, at this stage this site is not considered a priority for redevelopment. Funding will assist in this project which falls within the Community Facilities Strategy
67	McKay Street Reserve	Playground Upgrade	Upgrade playground within walking distance of house	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	n/a			No	Warracowie	Playground upgraded in 2010/11. Not in our 10year playground works program. Preferable to upgrade nearby Scarborough Terrace Reserve - due for renewal in 4-8 years.
68	Morphettville Park Cricket Club	Playing surface upgrade	New pitch laid covered with synthetic grass.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 700		No	Mullawirra	Report went to Council on 26 Spetember 2017 GC260917R12 and approval given to fund across all ovals in CoM within 17/18 budget, therefore not eligible for FMN.
69	Neighbourhood backstreets	Creating Child friendly Street Space	Traffic control devices to reduce 'ownership' of cars on local roads	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	n/a				No		Idea needs more investigations to determine location and feasibility. Likely to exceed 12 months for planning and development.
70	No location	Community Streetlets' Prototype	Recreate the 'village vibe' with a variety of traffic calming devices so local streets become shared spaces safe for families. Reduce speed limits and 'rat-runs'. Trial project in a local street.	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion		No	The whole of life costs are unknown, but may be far more expensive in comparison to a normal road because of the potentially different pavement treatments.		No		Idea needs more investigations to determine location and feasibility. Likely to exceed 12 months for planning and development. As this is not a typical street installation, there are a number of points that would need to be addressed, including analysis of risk for a scheme that is not consistent with the Code of Practice, appropriate locations for such a scheme, the acceptance of residents, impacts to private property access, development of a priority matrix.
71	Oaklands Estate Reserve (Bombay Street)	BMX Track	Existing space has amateur local made course. Install track similar to Brighton Pump Jump Track. Connects to bike path adjacent railway line.	Open Space, Sport & Recreation	\$ 40,700	\$ 150,000	\$ 10,500		No	Warracowie	Renewal SA precinct planning for housing renewal.
72	Park Holme Community Hall	Upgrade	Pergola at rear of building	Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion	\$ 18,739	\$ 18,739	\$ 1,312		No	Mullawirra	Need to determine that this would not impact on on site carparking. This is the committees plan not Councils works program, Council will be required to maintain and replace . Funding will assist in realzation of project which falls within the sites strategic plan
73	Railway Terrace, Edwardstown	Traffic stopping device	Physical barrier to stop cars entering dead-end street	Mobility, Transport & Safety		No cost established as it is not considered necessary.	N/A		No	Woodlands	Increased and improved signing has been provided in May 2017 to increase the awareness of drivers. This should hopefully improve this situation in the future.
74	Robert Street, Edwardstown	Traffic control & safety	Speed humps to provide safer street for children. Sensor lights to reduce vandalism.	Mobility, Transport & Safety			Whole of life costs have not been determined.		No	Woodlands	Traffic counter analysis has not indicated any serious problem associated with traffic in the street. Robert Street also performs as an important collector road for to the area. Installation of any traffic control device should not be undertaken on individual locations without further detailed investigations on the impact of the surrounding road network. Based on existing evidence, there is no warrant for traffic control in this street. In addition, speed humps have fallen out of favour with the City of Marion, as they create other undesirable effects. Speed humps have been removed in other locations through Marion because of subsequent resident complaints.
75	The Cove Community and Sports Club	Create a Natural Entrance to Cove Sports & Community Club	A small retaining wall around the grounds, new trees, shrubs and flowers to brighten up the area. It will create an attractive Complex to visit, paths will also become safer. Art pieces and a slick of paint to enhance the entrance will also help.	Environment & Sustainability		\$ 30,000	\$ 2,100		No	Southern Hills	Any major capital works programs to the site excluding the clubrooms are on hold until the outcome of BMX and Soccer relocations and impact on oval utilization. Club has made 13 applications to the fund. In discussions non priority or high risk projects have been red lighted.

**CITY OF MARION
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
4 October 2017**

Originating Officer: Jaimie Thwaites, Unit Manager Governance and Records
Corporate Manager: Kate McKenzie, Manager Corporate Governance
General Manager: Vincent Mifsud, General Manager Corporate Services
Subject: Australia Day
Ref No: SGC041017D01

SPEAKER:

Mr Michael Laing

COMMENTS:

Mr Michael Laing, as a constituent of the Marion Council and an Elder within an Aboriginal community, has requested to give a five-minute deputation to Council relating to the Australia Day motion.

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Subject: Australia Day
Ref No: SGC041017D02

SPEAKERS:

Aunty Dorcas Miller
Ms Rose Miller
Mr Robert Miller

COMMENTS:

Aunty Dorcas Miller, Ms Rose Miller and Mr Robert Miller, as Aboriginal Elders, have requested to give a five-minute deputation to Council relating to the Australia Day motion.

**CITY OF MARION
GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
4 OCTOBER 2017**

Notice Received from: Councillor Bruce Hull

Subject: Potential Property Acquisition Opportunities

Report Reference: SGC041017M01

MOTION:

- That Council requests administration to ensure that our Property Department monitors potential property acquisition opportunities near open space and Council facilities that would be of strategic interest to Council.
- That staff advise Elected members when such property acquisition potential arises.

COMMENTS: Councillor Hull

Nil

COMMENTS: Carol Hampton, Manager City Property

Council provides an extensive range of open space and facilities from multipurpose sites including playing fields, halls, community gardens, commercial, tennis and netball clubs, and kindergartens.

In January 2017 the Open Space Policy was endorsed by Council (GC240117R02). The policy applied the following principles that will guide the provision, development and management of an open space works plan:

- Accessibility and amenity
- Multi-functional and adaptability
- Environment protection and sustainability
- Placemaking and community involvement

Using these principles, along with strategic mapping, an Open Space Plan is being developed. The City of Marion Business Plan 2016 – 2019 identifies that an Open Space plan will be developed that meets the needs of a growing and changing community into the future.

The plan, over a ten-year period, should deliver open spaces that contribute to neighbourhood character, provide opportunities for active living and community engagement, and protect and enhance natural environments.

At the Elected Member forum on 15 August 2017 members discussed the Open Space Plan.

At the Infrastructure and Strategy committee meeting in June 2017 (ISC060617R7.2) an overview of the Community Facilities Strategy was provided for discussion and feedback.

The Community Facilities Strategy is being developed to ensure the facilities in the City of Marion are appropriate for the needs of the community now and in the future.

Council has identified that current facility provision, although adequate, requires a vision for either the upgrade, replacement or review of its community facilities to ensure we meet the current needs and plan for future community needs. The strategy will guide decision-making, the long-term financial plan, resource allocation, prioritisation, planning and asset management, including property acquisitions and disposals.

The Community Facilities Strategy and Open Space Plan are currently being developed, these will provide strategic direction and priorities for the development of community facilities and open space which would include the acquisition of property.

Administration will continue to identify opportunities through public open space requirements through developments, renewal projects and feedback from Elected Members on opportunities identified in the wards, these will be reported to Council as they arise.

It is recommended that once Council adopts the Community Facilities Strategy and Open Space Plan that the City Property and City Activation teams monitor potential property acquisition opportunities near open space and Council facilities in line with the adopted Strategy and Plan.

**CITY OF MARION
SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING
4 October 2017**

Notice Received from: Councillor Hull
Subject: Australia Day
Ref No: GC041017M02

MOTION:

That Council:

- (1) Acknowledges that [January 26](#) marks the beginning of the British invasion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and oppression of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and is therefore not an appropriate date for an inclusive national celebration.
- (2) Acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people never ceded sovereignty of their land and have continuously cared for their country for over 60,000 years as the World's Oldest Living Culture.
- (3) Acknowledges the first Day of Mourning was held on January 26, 1938, being the 150th anniversary of the British invasion. The Day was attended by Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous supporters in protest of the national holiday and the 'callous treatment' of Aboriginal people and continues to be held annually.
- (4) From 2018 onwards, hosts an inclusive and culturally-appropriate event on an agreed date in partnership with Kurna Community and the City of Marion Reconciliation Advisory Panel (RAP) that recognises and celebrates the World's Oldest Living Culture.
- (5) Supports the #changethedate campaign and initiates an ongoing conversation, in partnership with the Kurna Community and the City of Marion RAP Committee, to build better understanding with the broader Marion community of Australia's history and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's pain in relation to the significance and history of [January 26](#). This includes referring to [January 26](#) merely as [January 26](#) in all communications.
- (6) Commits to engaging with Marion's diverse community, including established and newly arrived communities, to raise community awareness and understanding.
- (7) Advocates to the Federal Government to change the date in line with the resolution passed by the National General Assembly of Local Government in June 2017.
- (8) Seeks opportunities to collaborate and partner with regional Councils and other relevant stakeholders to support each other's events, advocacy and education initiatives.
- (9) Continues to recognise excellence and service in Marion, renewed as the Marion Community Awards, and to be awarded on a day other than [January 26](#).
- (10) In collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, introduce new categories within the Awards that recognise and celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work or study in Marion.

(11) Reaffirms our commitment to holding citizenship ceremonies in a positive and timely way on dates as required that will not include [January 26](#).

COMMENTS: Councillor Hull

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/jun/21/local-councils-across-country-push-for-australia-day-date-change>

(Appendix 1)

Extract of the Jabiru Statement by the Hon Michael Gunner Chief Minister, NT Government
(Appendix 2)

COMMENTS: Craig Clarke, Unit Manager Communications

Australia Day activities

Australia Day celebrations in the City of Marion are limited to the presentation of awards to locals who have made an outstanding achievement to the community and a citizenship ceremony. Both events are low-key and invitation only.

A Kurna acknowledge precedes the Australia Day celebrations as a mark of respect to the indigenous community.

On 12 September 2017, Adelaide City Council received advice from its Reconciliation Committee on future Australia Day celebrations. They resolved to meet with the Australia Day Council to discuss additional protocols to Australia Day activities to better recognise the history of Aboriginal people.

Implications for citizenship ceremonies

Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Alex Hawke, has warned he will revoke Council's powers to conduct citizenship ceremonies if they use the ceremonies "as a tool to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January". (See Appendix 3)

He says the practice would be a "serious breach" of the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code, which states:

"Citizenship ceremonies are non-commercial, apolitical and secular. They must not be used as forums for political, partisan or religious expression or for the distribution of material which could be of a commercial, political or religious nature."

If Council loses its citizenship powers, it would place in jeopardy the next ceremony on 7 October 2017. About 75 adults and 21 children are due to receive their Australian citizenship. Future ceremonies for new Australians living in Marion might need to be undertaken by neighbouring Councils or Immigration.

Reconciliation

The City of Marion through its 2016-19 Reconciliation Action Plan has demonstrated a strong commitment to reconciliation through:

- Annual Reconciliation Week arts and cultural events.
- An ongoing relationship between Council and the local Kurna community over maintaining Warriparinga and the Living Kurna Cultural Centre.
- Delivering cultural and education programs and services through the LKCC.
- Working with peak Aboriginal groups.

Community reaction

As at 21 September 2017, the City of Marion has received 168 letters, telephone calls and emails in response to this motion. Of those, 114 were emails and letters where the author provided their contact details. A breakdown of the correspondence shows:

Supportive of the motion – 8

Against the motion – 105

Unsure – 1

A further 54 telephone calls were also received from the community. Contact details of most callers were not provided. A breakdown of the calls is not readily available.

Local councils across country push for Australia Day date change

Representatives from councils back plan to consider ideas on ways to lobby federal government to switch date from 26 January



Thousands of Indigenous Australians and their supporters marked 26 January this year by calling for the date of Australia Day to be changed. Photograph: Jacqueline Le/AAP

Representatives from local councils across Australia have backed a plan to come up with ideas on ways to lobby the commonwealth to switch **Australia Day** from 26 January, a date that marks the arrival of the first fleet from England.

The Australian Local Government Association said its board would consider what action to take at a meeting in July.

“The ALGA board noted the level of debate and the closeness of the result of the debate and will take these matters into consideration when determining a course of action,” the association said.

In a close 64-62 vote on Tuesday, council representatives at the annual national general assembly of the ALGA in **Canberra** voted to back a motion by Hobart city council for councils to consider efforts they could take to lobby the government for a date change.

The vote came ahead of a planned address by the Australia Day Council chairman, Ben Roberts-Smith, to delegates on the final day of the assembly on Wednesday. **Hobart** city council has been at the forefront of growing calls for Australia Day to be changed from 26 January, a date many Indigenous people regard as “Invasion Day”. City councillors in April voted in favour of lobbying the federal government to find a new date and said they would consult with the local Aboriginal community to find an alternative one.

Across the country in Perth, the City of Fremantle **moved some of its Australia Day events to 28 January this year**, citing cultural sensitivities and calls from local Aboriginal elders that 26 January was not a day to celebrate.

But Melbourne’s lord mayor has branded the push “ridiculous”. “It’s a wonderful celebration of our nation and I think these sorts of calls are just a waste of time,” Robert Doyle told 3AW on Wednesday.

Brisbane city council also opposes any change. “It will not support any further moves to change the date,” a council spokesman said.

The growing calls for change face stiff opposition from federal politicians.

The assistant minister for immigration and border protection, Alex Hawke, said most Australians want 26 January to remain Australia Day. “Even this local government conference was hopelessly divided on moving Australia Day with a vote of 64-62,” he said.

“This sort of top-down, elitist conversation will not build a national consensus on important questions such as our national day.”

The Greens senator Rachel Siewert **failed in her attempt in February to get the Senate to support a date change**, with Liberal, Labor and crossbench senators voting against a motion acknowledging 26 January as a day of mourning for many Indigenous people.

Thousands of Indigenous Australians and their supporters **marked Australia Day this year by marching in protests in major cities**, calling for the date to be changed.

The prime minister, Malcolm Turnbull, has said that while everyone is entitled to debate the date of Australia Day, the government does not support a change.

Extract of the Jabiru Statement by the Hon Michael Gunner Chief Minister, NT Government

Australia Day for all

Ladies and gentlemen we are blessed to call Australia home. January 26, 1788, marked the beginning of our modern nation.

It marked the beginning, good and bad, of the co-existence of the First Australians and the new Australians.

This is our history and it is important.

The arrival of Arthur Phillip at Sydney Cove also marked the landfall of the disease and dispossession – and for many Australians, it is a date of mourning.

The Northern Territory is alive to this more than anywhere in Australia.

It is clear in my own caucus, which has five Aboriginal Australians. It is clear when I travel around the Territory.

I want to stand with my colleagues and friends and acknowledge everything our forebears have contributed and struggled against to get us where we are, be it over four generations, or a thousand generations.

Australia Day should be about unity, not division, and for the health and harmony of our nation, Australia Day must evolve.

January 26 must hereon meaningfully acknowledge the entire story of our nation.

This means more than acknowledgement of country and a smoking ceremony.

It means a genuine celebration of the Aboriginal contribution to our national identity.

A celebration of all this continent's waves of immigration.

And acknowledgement of the frontier trauma passed from generation to generation and still killing people today in the guise of grog, suicide and sickness.

Can we hit a balance between commemoration and respectful celebration? That is a discussion to have and I'm open to all conversations.

I have written to the NT Australia Day Council, of which I am the president, to explore new ways forward.

The Territory should and will lead how we best celebrate Australia Day together



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THE HON ALEX HAWKE MP
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Dear Mayor,

Australian citizenship ceremonies

I am writing in regard to Australian citizenship ceremonies which are conducted by Councils such as yours under an authorisation by the Minister responsible for citizenship matters, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, and in accordance with the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code* ('the Code').

This letter has been prompted by reports that a small number of Councils have used Australian citizenship ceremonies as a tool to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January.

Page 6 of Code provides that:

"Citizenship ceremonies are non-commercial, apolitical, bipartisan and secular. They must not be used as forums for political, partisan or religious expression or for the distribution of material which could be perceived to be of a commercial, political or religious nature."

The Commonwealth Government is committed to ensuring that citizenship ceremonies are treated in the 'non-commercial, apolitical, bipartisan and secular' manner prescribed by the Code. Where a Council uses a citizenship ceremony, or the ability of its office-holders to preside over one, as a tool to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January, I will consider this a serious breach of the *Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code*, and will revoke the authorisation of office-holders of the Council as persons who may receive a pledge of commitment.

While citizenship ceremonies may be arranged for any date throughout the year (noting that, wherever possible, citizenship ceremonies should not be scheduled on parliamentary sitting days), a citizenship ceremony should not be used as a forum to protest the practice of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January. This includes arranging a citizenship ceremony to align with an 'anti or alternate Australia Day celebration'.

Further, research undertaken by the National Australia Day Council indicates that Australia Day is the most popular day for our newest citizens to attend their citizenship ceremony. As long as Australia Day is celebrated on 26 January, this is a

fitting date for a citizenship ceremony to take place and I encourage you to continue to hold ceremonies on that date.

Importantly, the Government wants to thank the vast majority of Councils for holding citizenship ceremonies in the manner prescribed by the Code.

I also wish to thank you for the contribution your Council makes through regularly hosting citizenship ceremonies. I appreciate that councils such as yours host the majority of citizenship ceremonies and play a vital role in welcoming our newest Australian citizens into their local community.

Yours faithfully



ALEX HAWKE

14 / 8 / 2017