

NAME OF MEETING:	Let’s Talk Kangaroo Flat
WARD:	Lockwood
DATE:	Tuesday July 26, 2016
TIME:	7pm
LOCATION:	Kangaroo Flat RSL Sub Branch Hall
ATTENDEES	
COUNCILLORS:	Cr Barry Lyons, Cr Elise Chapman
APOLOGIES	Cr Rod Fyffe
CITY of GREATER BENDIGO EMPLOYEES:	Natasza Purser – (Manager of Waste Services), Andrew Cockerall (Coordinator Strategic Planning), Ben Jones (Customer Support Officer)
COMMUNITY ATTENDEES:	10 residents signed the attendance sheet

PURPOSE OF NOTES:	Please note the purpose of these notes is to record the information presented, the topics discussed and the details of any works or action requests raised at the meeting. They are not formal minutes.
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AGENDA ITEMS	
1.	Welcome & Introductions
2.	Acknowledgment of Country
3.	New Organics Service- Natasza Purser (Manager Waste Services)
4.	Housing Strategy Issues and Opportunities Paper- Andrew Cockerall (Coordinator Strategic Planning)
5.	Information Items
6.	General Business
TOPICS DISCUSSED	
3.	<p>New Organics Service- Natasza Purser: Natasza advised that we are in the process of rolling out the organics collection service across urban Bendigo and Marong. She described the environmental benefits of the service, which includes the significant reduction in the amount of waste going to our landfill. On average approximately half of the waste in a regular garbage bin is organic. If this organic material is placed in landfill it produces methane gas which is very hazardous to the environment. All organics bins will include a caddy, a roll of caddy liners and an information pack. The aim is to deliver approximately 10,000 bins a week with the goal to have them all delivered over the next four weeks.</p>
4.	<p>Housing Strategy Issues and Opportunities Paper- Andrew Cockerall (Coordinator Strategic Planning): Andrew advised that the CoGB has been looking at the type of housing is currently being built and what type of housing will be needed in the future. Bendigo needs 900 new houses a year. 85% of these are being built in the central area and 15% in rural communities. Housing affordability is a problem with house ownership levels dropping in the last few years. We want people to be able to ‘age in place’ and will be asking the community how important it is to be able to facilitate that. The availability of smaller houses or units in areas like Maiden Gully and Strathfieldsaye is limited and these areas need to provide more choice.</p> <p>The COGB is asking the community questions about how important it is for people to be able to ‘age in place’, and also to think about the design and environmental sustainability of new buildings. The CoGB Strategy Unit is asking for submissions within the next week.</p> <p>https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/Services/Planning/Strategic_Planning/Current_Projects/Greater_Bendigo_Housing_Strategy#.V5qZn8tf270</p>

5.	<p>Information Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Plan (CDIP) Some key points of the CDIP are: It is a community wide, multi-agency, 3 year plan. Actions included in the Draft Plan contribute towards the following goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Greater Bendigo community that understands and respects cultural and religious differences and supports multiculturalism: 2. Residents from culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse backgrounds have equal opportunities to access culturally appropriate services and participate fully in the Greater Bendigo community 3. Religious and racial discrimination is prevented and / or addressed effectively 4. Greater Bendigo is a leading organisation for cultural inclusion: 5. Ensure capacity to implement the CDIP and apply <p>Feedback on the Draft Plan can be provided in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ via the website www.Bendigo.vic.gov.au/culturaldiversity. ➤ emailing culturaldiversity@bendigo.vic.gov.au ➤ attending the listening post on Wednesday, July 27 from 3 pm – 6pm in Activity Room 1 of Bendigo Library • Update on trees in High Street A number of City work units have been further considering the “Tree Management Options’ in High Street, Kangaroo Flat. They have also been considering other alternative treatments for street trees throughout the City (particularly those in the commercial areas). Options will continue to be developed and evaluated and a tree management / replacement strategy will be developed later in the year which will provide direction in regards to rectification of the problems that many of the street trees are creating. • Next Round of Community Grants Next round of Community Grants open 4 July 2016 and close 1 August 2016 (for projects commencing from 1 December 2016). Community Grants provide an opportunity for not-for-profit incorporated groups to develop projects that complement areas identified as priorities for the City of Greater Bendigo. Grants of up to \$5,000 can be applied for under the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Development ➤ Environmental Sustainability ➤ Arts and Culture ➤ Community Events ➤ Active and Healthy Communities ➤ Print and Digital publications ➤ Driver Education for Youth (DEFY)
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6. GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A resident raised concern about the busy traffic on High Street, Kangaroo Flat which makes it very difficult to cross the road from Wireless Street, Kangaroo Flat over High Street to the park. The resident suggested that an island in the middle of the road would help residents cross the road safely. Cr Lyons advised that this may have been put to Vic Roads in the past with no clear response but we are happy to log a request with them again. 	
The following requests for service were received. These have been logged and details are as follows.	
WORKS REQUEST REF NUMBER	WORKS REQUEST TYPE

1623804	Request for the construction of a traffic island to in High Street, Kangaroo Flat near Wireless Street.
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*For updates on the above requests please call CoGB Customer Support Unit on 5434 6000 or email requests@bendigo.vic.gov.au and quote the relevant works request ref number.