

Amendment C236mbek Engagement report

June 2026



1. Overview of Amendment C236mbek

Amendment C236mbek proposes to introduce Council's new municipal-wide Development Contributions Plan (Hill PDA, March 2026) (DCP 2.0) into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

It seeks to do this by:

- Adding Schedule 2 to Clause 45.06 Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO2) and applying the DCPO2 to all land in the Merri-bek municipal area.
- Amending Schedule to Clause 72.04 Incorporated documents to include a reference to the Development Contributions Plan March 2026 incorporated document

The proposed DCP 2.0 & DCPO2 is needed to continue to collect contributions from new development to help fund the necessary infrastructure to support Merri-bek's growing population. It does this through an established framework that allows Council to collect and allocate development levies in an equitable way to fund priority transport, drainage, public realm and community infrastructure projects.

Chronology of events

Table 1 – Chronology of events	
Date	Event
2023-2025	Pre-amendment steps – preparation of DCP 2.0 and amendment documents
14 May 2025	Council resolution to seek authorisation
30 May 2025	Letter received from the Department of Transport (DTP) advising the amendment is on review
3 March 2026	Letter of authorisation from DTP with conditions received
11 May 2026 to 17 May 2026	Exhibition of C236mbek in accordance with the engagement plan outlined in Gateway 1 Council report – 14 May 2025 (summarised in Section 3 of this report)

2. Authorisation

A letter of authorisation to progress C236mbek was received via Ministerial delegation on 3 March 2026 that included conditions and a further recommendation. Table 2 and 3 outline how council and the amendment appropriately responded to these conditions and recommendation.

Conditions of authorisation

Table 2 – Conditions of authorisation	
Condition of authorisation	How the condition was addressed
1 Update the Explanatory Report using the current explanatory report template and to address the following matters: a) Removal of reference to Ministerial Direction 9 as it has been revoked b) The response to Ministerial Direction 11(MD11) to reflect the recent changes to MD11 and VC283. c) Any other changes recommended by DTP in the attached track version of the explanatory report.	The explanatory report has been updated to address these matters as follows: a) Reference to Ministerial Direction 9 has been removed. b) Additional content has been added to respond to updated Ministerial Direction 11 to describe how the amendment is consistent with the delivery of the relevant housing target set out in the Planning Policy Framework. c) All updates made as per DTP's track version except the suggestion to include a table with a list of all affected land. C236mbek is a municipal wide DCP and as such applies to every property in Merri-bek municipal boundary. That equates to about 78,000 properties. A table listing all properties is excessive and unnecessary to communicate what land is affected by the amendment. A description that the amendment applies to all land in Merri-bek in conjunction with a map is as concise, useful and suitable approach to communicate how the DCP and DCPO will apply. An email was sent to DTP seeking support of this approach on 4/3/2026. DTP replied on 12/03/2026 supporting council's alternative approach, confirming Council's updates to the explanatory report would comply with this authorisation condition.
2 Update Schedule 2 to the DCP in accordance with the Ministerial Direction The Form and Content of Planning Schemes as follows: a) Delete Table 1 and associated notes as it is information only that is contained within the DCP and does not provide any information to assist a developer to understand their DCP obligations.	The DCPO has been updated as per the authorisation as follows: a) Table 1 and associated notes have been deleted b) Summary of contributions heading has been deleted and the Summary of Levies Payable heading moved to its place.

b) Delete the subheading “Summary of Contributions” and replace “Summary of Levies Payable” c) Amend the Table for Levies payable by Non-Residential Development (4) by changing the column headings for Commercial and Industrial from “per square metre (sqm) of floorspace” to “per square metre (sqm) of gross floorspace”. d) Retain the following notes and delete the remaining notes after viii: i. The levies are current as at 1 July 2024. ii. The main development types identified in the Merri-bek Development Contributions Plan 2 (HillPDA, April 2025) are Residential, Commercial and Industrial. Commercial refers to retail, office or other commercial uses. For development that does not fall within one of the three development types, the development contribution that applies to Commercial development will apply in default unless the Collecting Agency agrees in writing to a different development type. iii. Where the Merri-bek Development Contributions Plan 2 (HillPDA, April 2025) provides for a Community Infrastructure Levy at the Maximum Dwelling Amount as determined in accordance with section 46L(3) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, it will be adjusted to the Maximum Dwelling Amount each year. iv. Where the Merri-bek Development Contributions Plan 2 (HillPDA, April 2025) provides for a Community Infrastructure Levy of less than the Maximum Dwelling Amount, that levy will be adjusted annually on the 1st of July each year (or first practical date thereafter) in accordance with the Building Price Index for Melbourne shown in the Rawlinsons Australian Construction Handbook. v. The Development Infrastructure Levy will be adjusted annually on the 1st of July each year (or first practical date thereafter) in accordance with the Building Price Index for Melbourne shown	c) The column names in the Levies payable by non-residential development table has been updated to refer to 'gross floorspace'. d) The notes have been reduced, modified and re-ordered as directed in the authorisation letter.
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	in the Rawlinsons Australian Construction Handbook. vi. A list showing the current contribution amounts may be viewed at Merri-bek City Council's website or by contacting the planning department.	
3	Make any consequential changes required to reflect updates (in project timings, costings etc) that occurred since the authorisation request was submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP).	The DCP has been updated to reflect changes in project costings and funding to align with Councils 2026-2031 Budget and Capital Works Program. It also included the removal of one project, Brunswick Baths Plant Rehabilitation - Mechanics and BMS, given its priority and viability had changed.

Response to other recommendations in the letter of Authorisation

Table 3 - Other recommendation in the C236mbek Authorisation letter		
DTP's recommendation		Council response
1	DTP's Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program (TTZACP) team has recently engaged with Merri-bek officers regarding the Infrastructure Contributions Plan (ICP) proposed for Brunswick and Coburg activity centres. It is requested that you engage with the TTZACP team prior to submitting the amendment documentation for the municipal wide DCP exhibition to confirm timeframes and alignment with the Infrastructure Contribution Plan (ICP).	Email was sent on 4/3/2026 to DTP's TTZACP and ICP team seeking their views on the exhibition dates proposed for C236mbek. Council received a response on 5/3/2026 stating they had no issues with the proposed exhibition dates.

Impact of the amendment

The Planning and Environment Act 1987 s16N sets out impact categories for planning scheme amendments with associated procedural steps. This amendment preceded the application of Low, Medium or High categorisation through the authorisation process.

3. Exhibition

Amendment C236mbek was publicly exhibited for just over five weeks (38 days) from Monday 11 May 2026 to Wednesday 17 June 2026. The first day of notice is marked by the posting of letter notices on the 11 May 226.

To support the public exhibition, direct notices were given to:

- Prescribed Ministers, relevant state government departments and authorities
- Adjoining local Councils
- Industry bodies with a development focus
- Planning permit applicants for buildings and works and subdivision across a 26-month period (1 January 2024 to 5 March 2026) via an email notice.

- Building surveyors who registered permits across a 26-month period (1 January 2024 to 5 March 2026) via an email notice, or, a letter notices where email addresses were not known.
- To reach the wider community and ensure the community had an opportunity to learn about the Amendment, the following notification was also undertaken:
 - Public notice in the Government Gazette on the 14 May 2026
 - Public notice in the The Age newspaper on 18 May 2026
 - Public notice in the Herald Sun on 18 May 2026 and 25 May 2026. The second notice was undertaken to correct a typo by News Corp in the publication of the notice in the hard copy notice (incorrect amendment number was used).
 - Focussed Facebook post on 18 May 2026
 - A dedicated [C236mbek webpage](#) that provides information about the amendment, including access to all the amendment documents, background documents and series of FAQs. The website also contains information on how to make a submission, including an online form to make it easy for people to make a submission.
 - Advertised on the state government's [Browse Amendments – C236mbek amendment page](#)

Strategic Planning Officers were available for phone calls to talk about the Amendment with any member of the community.

Appendix 1 includes copies of notices sent via email, gazette, newspapers and Facebook.

4. Submissions - Summary of the issues raised in submissions, Officer responses and recommendations

Table 4 provides a summary of all the submissions received during the exhibition period documenting the themes included in each submission and the Council Officer recommended response and direction on each submission.

Table 4 – Summary of issues raised in submissions, Officer responses and recommendations, including details on how any submissions have been resolved.							
Submission number	Affected property address	Submission type	Summary of submission	Themes	Council Officer response to submission	Recommended Decision 1 – Recommended action in response to each submission pursuant to s23 of the P&E Act.	Recommended Decision 2 – Whether the submission is of a nature precluded from referral to a Panel pursuant to section 23(6) of P&E Act.
1.	No specific property address stated	Supportive	Submission stated they had no objection to the amendment, highlighting there being a suitable exemption for the types of works undertaken by the submitter.	Exemptions / Transitional provisions	Support noted	No changes proposed to the amendment	No
2.	No specific property address stated	Supportive	Submission stated they do not oppose the amendment, noting that with the expiry of Merri-bek's current DCP, the proposed DCP will support the ongoing collection of DCP levies.	Continuation of DCP program	Support noted	No changes proposed to the amendment	No
3.	No specific property address stated	Supportive	Submission stated they do not oppose the amendment as exhibited, highlighting that the DCP is an appropriate mechanism to equitably fund and deliver drainage infrastructure required to manage flood risk and support sustainable development.	Equitable mechanism Supports required infrastructure upgrades	Support noted	No changes proposed to the amendment	No
4.	20 Leinster Grove Brunswick East	Not supportive & change requested	Opposes the DCP being applied to current planning permit applications, in particular their current planning application at 20 Leinster Grove Brunswick East comprising for 130 dwellings. Submission requests: a) Exclude any planning permits lodged prior to the gazettal of C236mbek from a DCP liability on the basis the additional levy creates an additional cost that has not been considered in the design and financially modelling at the time of lodgement. b) Ensure the DCP liability is coordinated with the Victorian Government's proposed Infrastructure Contribution Plan (ICP) to ensure a development is not subject to duplicated or excessive infrastructure contributions.	Financial implications Exemptions / Transitional provisions ICP/DCP relationship	a) The DCP provides a fair and consistent mechanism for new developments to contribute to essential infrastructure required to support population growth. It uses population and development projections from 2026-2041 to inform the DCP levy rates and projected income. The DCP is proposed to apply to new developments that occurs following gazettal of C236mbek, regardless of when a planning permit application was lodged. This is consistent with the approach taken in all current and past DCPs in Victorian Planning Schemes. It is important that this approach is retained, as these developments will trigger a demand for infrastructure and were included in the demand assumptions used in the DCP. A development of 130 dwellings in Brunswick East would generate a requirement to pay a total of \$36,920 in	Refer the submission to a panel	No

			c) Keep the submitter informed of the progress of C236mbek, including panel haring or further opportunity to be heard.		DCP levies or \$284 per dwelling. On balance, this is not considered an onerous cost and will support improved infrastructure the development will benefit from. b) The Victorian Government is proposing to apply an ICP to the Sydney Road corridor of the Brunswick Activity Centre, the Coburg Activity Centre and their associated catchments (land in the Housing Choice and Transport Zone). The submitter’s site at 20 Leinster Grove Brunswick East is not within any of these areas where the ICP is currently proposed to apply. Nevertheless, there will be some sites in the Merri-bek municipality where both the proposed DCP and ICP will apply, meaning that a site will be subject to two different levies. In those circumstances, to avoid unreasonable financial burden on development, the State Government has proposed for the ICP levy payable for a development to be reduced by the total amount of DCP levy payable for that development. This means that total amount of paid by a development under the ICP and DCP system will not exceed the standard ICP amount. c) The request to remain involved in the amendment process has been noted.		
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Appendix 1 - Engagement documents

Notice of preparation

The below Notice of preparation was included as an attachment to all email and letter notices and formed the copy for notices in the Government Gazette and newspapers (The Age and Herald Sun).

Planning and Environment Act 1987

MERRI-BEK PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of the preparation of an amendment to a planning scheme

Amendment C236mbek

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Details of the amendment

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The amendment proposes to:

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- Incorporate the Development Contributions Plan (March 2026, Hill PDA)

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at:

- Department of Transport and Planning website www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.
- Merri-bek City Council website at www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/amendment-c236mbek or on request, during office hours, at the office of the planning authority (Coburg Customer Service Centre, 90 Bell Street Coburg) by contacting 9240 1111 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.

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The closing date for submissions is **Wednesday 17 June 2026**.

Email submissions to strategicplanning@merri-bek.vic.gov.au. Alternatively mail to:

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Alayna Chapman
Strategic Planning Unit Manager

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Email notice

Merri-bek Amendment C236mbek | Giving notice



Nia Kolokas
To



14/05/2026



Notice of Preparation of Amendment C236mbek.pdf
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Good Morning

Amendment C236mbek – Merri-bek Planning Scheme

Council wishes to advise you of proposed Amendment C236mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme. The purpose of the Amendment is to enable Council to collect development contributions to fund new and upgraded infrastructure required to support Merri-bek's current and future communities.

To achieve this, the Amendment proposes to introduce Council's new municipal-wide Development Contributions Plan (also referred to as DCP 2.0) into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme by:

- Applying a Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO2) to the entire Merri-bek Council municipal area
- Incorporating the Development Contributions Plan (March 2026, Hill PDA) into the scheme.

The date by which Council can collect levies under the current Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO1) has now expired. The introduction of DCPO2 will allow Council to continue collecting contributions from new residential, commercial, and industrial development.

This email and attachments are for your information only and you do not have to act. However, any person may make a written submission to Council. Information on how to make a submission is in the attached 'Notice of Preparation of an Amendment'. **The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 17 June 2026.**

Please be aware that submissions are public documents that Council must make available for viewing by any person as part of the planning process. We will deal with your submission in line with our privacy notice at [Privacy \(merri-bek.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/privacy). This includes removing your personal information when we make your submission available online.

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You can access extra information about the proposed changes by going to www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/amendment-c236mbek and at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website [Planning Scheme amendments on exhibition](https://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-amendments-on-exhibition).

If you need more information or have any questions about this matter, please contact Council by email at strategicplanning@merri-bek.vic.gov.au or telephone 9240 1111.

Your sincerely

Nia Kolokas
Principal Strategic Planner
Merri-bek City Council

www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au



Merri-bek City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways in the area now known as Merri-bek. We pay respect to their Elders past, present, and emerging, as well as to all First Nations communities who significantly contribute to the life of the area.

Letter notice

Included with the letter notice was a copy of the Notice of preparation as documented above.

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11 May 2026

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Προτεινόμενες αλλαγές στο Πρόγραμμα Πολεοδομικού Σχεδιασμού του Moreland [Moreland Planning Scheme] που δύνανται να σας επηρεάσουν. Παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε με τη γλωσσική σύνδεση αν χρειάζεστε βοήθεια.

التغييرات المقترحة على برنامج تخطيط Moreland (Moreland Planning Scheme) والتي قد تؤثر عليك. يرجى الاتصال برابط اللغة إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة.

Proposte di modifica al Quadro di pianificazione per Moreland (Moreland Planning Scheme) che potrebbero riguardarvi. In caso abbiate bisogno di assistenza, vi preghiamo di contattare [language link](#).

对 Moreland 规划方案 (Moreland Planning Scheme) 提出的修改建议可能会影响到您。如果您需要帮助, 请联系语言帮助热线。

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Planning and Environment Act 1987
WHITTLESEA PLANNING SCHEME

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Newspaper notice – The Herald Sun

First notice on 18 May 2026 with incorrect amendment number in print copy.

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SMITH, D.
SMITH, P.

This summary is a complimentary service. All care is taken to ensure that all names from the notices appearing today, however there are circumstances when this is beyond our control and some names may be omitted. Please read all advertisements within the Death and Funeral Notices column for comprehensive list. However, possible we endeavour to place death and funeral notices into "family order". There are circumstances when this is beyond our control.

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Deaths

CADD, Brenton Ross
 07 Apr 1952
 02 May 2026

Passed away after a brave fight with leukaemia. Devoted husband of Debra. Loving father & father-in-law of Emma, Michael & Jane. Adored Pop to Isaac & Max. Remembered with love by all who knew him. May the fish always be biting and the plants always in bloom.

CROWE, Louis Alan
 19 Mar 1968
 13 Apr 2026

Son of June and Adrian, sibling of Michael, Brian, Cathy, Chris, Theresa, Mick. Passed away at home. R.I.P. Privately Cremated.

SAYERS, Maxwell David
 10 Jun 1934
 10 May 2026

Max aged 91 passed away in Cape Sound. Loved son of Vivian and Geoffrey. Dear brother of Vivienne and Alison. Resting peacefully.

SMITH, Dorothy
 14 Oct 1934
 09 May 2026

Dorothy Amy Smith (Nee Bryant). Loving sister-in-law of Kathleen (dec) and Charlie. Loving Aunt of Glenn and Fiona. In Gordon's arms again. In God's care.

SMITH, Patricia (Pat)
 Passed away peacefully May 10 2026.

Wife of Jack (dec). Loving Mother of Ross and Lynne. Mother-in-law of Jill and Alf. Nan to Roisin, Laura, Ailsa and Angus and Great Grandmother to Harlen, Asta, Lola, Noah and Harry. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. Rest in peace.

Funerals

CADD, Brenton Ross
 A Memorial Service to Celebrate the life of Brenton Ross Cadd will be held at The Mornington Golf Club Tallis Road Mornington on Friday 29th May 2026 at 11am.

Please go to the White Lady Funerals website, Up and Coming Funerals for the live streaming link.

WHITE LADY FUNERALS
 Mornington 03 5975 9292

LAMPLUGH

The Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of Dianne Lamplugh will be held at the Heidelberg Golf Club (Eaglemont Room), 8 Main Road Lower Plenty on Thursday the 21st of May at 11:00am.

Dianne requested a flower or cutting from your garden to be placed on her Coffin.

Private Cremation.

Gabrielle Walsh
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SINCLAIR, Robert
 A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mr. Robert Anderson Robertson Sinclair will be held at Mornington Golf Club, Tallis Drive, Mornington on Thursday 21st May, commencing at 3pm.

Private Cremation

Live streaming can be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/RobSinclair>

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 1300 788 891
candourfunerals.com.au

Le Pine
 FUNERALS
 CROYDON 05 9725 7777

SMITH, Patricia (Pat)

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Patricia (Pat) Smith will be held in the Le Pine Chapel, 132 Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon on Friday May 22nd at 11:00am.

Family have requested that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to Dementia Australia in Memory of Pat.

<http://bit.ly/490AELX>

WATKINS, Phillip

The funeral service to celebrate the life of Mr Phillip Watkins will be held in the Cirrus Chapel, Sunnyside Memorial Park on Thursday 21st May at 12 noon. View service at: australianpensionerfunerals.au

Australian Pensioner Funerals
 9419 0004

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WOODS

The Service to Celebrate the Life of Donald Francis Woods will be held in the Boyd Chapel at Springvale Botanical Cemetery, 600 Princess Hwy Springvale on Friday 22nd May 2026 Commencing at 12.30pm. Following the chapel service Donald will be laid to rest within the Cemetery grounds.

If you cannot attend or wish to view via the livestream please head to www.heritagefunerals.com.au/upcoming-services

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Planning and Environment Act 1987 Merri-bek Planning Scheme Notice of the preparation of an amendment to a planning scheme Amendment C236mbek

Overview

The Amendment introduces Council's new municipal-wide Development Contributions Plan into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

For further details, refer to the explanatory report about the amendment.

Details of the amendment

The Merri-bek City Council planning authority has prepared Amendment C236mbek to the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

The land affected by the amendment is all land in the Merri-bek City Council municipal area.

The amendment proposes to:

- Introduce and apply the Development Contributions Plan Overlay Schedule 2 (DCPO2) to all land in the municipality.
- Incorporate the Development Contributions Plan (March 2026, Hill PDA)

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at:

- Department of Transport and Planning website www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or by contacting 1800 787 386 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.
- Merri-bek City Council website at www.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/amendment-c236mbek or on request, during office hours, at the office of the planning authority (Coburg Customer Service Centre, 90 Bell Street Coburg) by contacting 9240 1111 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.

Any person may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details of submitters are required for the planning authority to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend planning authority meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions.

The closing date for submissions is **Wednesday 17 June 2026**.

Email submissions to strategicplanning@merri-bek.vic.gov.au. Alternatively mail to:

Strategic Planning
Submission to Amendment C236mbek
Merri-bek City Council
Locked Bag 10
Brunswick VIC 3056

The planning authority must make a copy of every submission available at its office and/or on its website for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

Alayne Chapman
Strategic Planning Unit Manager

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ANDREATTA, M.
BECK, J. K.
CREED, K. W.
CROSS, J. V.
DINGLE, B.
FARNAN, B. L.
FARRAR, S.
FORDEN, L. J. P.
JONES, G. M.
KILLEEN, B.
KLIMAS, A. A.

LING, D.
MARRARI, G.
MARSH, M. B.
MCFARLANE, G.
PELLEGRINO, K.
PHELAN, B. J.
SMITH, N.
SWEETEN, G. M.
VALENTI, A. J.
WOODS, B.

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ANDREATTA, Mark (Greaser)
17.4.1961 - 22.5.2026
Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family.
Loved husband to Mary (dec.).
Loving Dad and father-in-law to Kylie & Dan, Bianca (dec.), Jade & Dylan, Rhys & Kara. Adored Pop to Logan and Noah.
Loved brother to Sharon and Neil (Zorba).
'Up the Bloods'
For funeral details and live-streaming go to www.liveandvanderdorpfunerals.com.au

BECK, James Kenneth
21st May 1939 - 20th May 2026
Son of Kenneth and Bridget. Loving husband of Patricia. Much respected father of Kenneth, Debra, Michael and Darren. Adored grandfather and great grandfather. Cherished for the example he set for his daughter, granddaughters, great granddaughters and all the women in his family. A loyal friend to many and greatly respected by all who knew him. Rest in Peace, we'll love you

BECK, James
21 May 1939 - 20 May 2026
I am so proud to say I'm the grandson of James 'Jimmy' Beck. He was and always will be my hero. A man that worked to no end to make sure his family would never go without. A man that always made sure we felt loved and protected and a man that would always be there when we needed him most. The affect he has had on not only myself but all his grandchildren and great grandchildren can never be measured. Thanks for everything Jimmy Boy. Love you mate, until next time. "Keep your head over the ball" Nick, Hannah and Charlie.

FARNAN, Barbara Lee (nee Cunningham)
13.08.1933 - 22.05.2026
Passed away peacefully on Friday 22nd May 2026. At Maculata Place Aged Care, Shepparton. Aged 92 Years. Dearly loved wife of Brendan (Dec). Cherished mother of Tim, Robyn, Christine, Michael and Louise and their Partners. Adored Mummy to 10 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren.

FARRAR, Shirley
30 Sep 1932 - 21 May 2026
Dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother & great grandmother. A beautiful woman forever in our hearts. Lee & family

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FORDEN, Lorraine Jo-Anne Patricia
06 Oct 1951 - 21 May 2026
Lorraine passed peacefully aged 74.
Adored wife of John. Loved mother of Shane and Narelle, and cherished grandmother of Isabelle, Sioyah and Lucinda. Loved and missed always.

JONES (nee DUCK) Genevieve Mary
Passed away suddenly on 8 May 2026.
Beloved mother to Cath, Monica, David, Yvette and Alister. Proud and loving Nanna to Amelia, Luca, Harvey, Talullah, Leila and Gemma. Eldest sister to Paul, John, Helen, Catherine, Tim, Mary and Simon. Forever in our hearts.
A life that touches others goes on forever

KILLEEN, Bruce
25 Dec 1936 - 22 May 2026
Much loved husband, father and grandfather. A true honest, hard-working Aussie and family man. I'm proud to bear your name. The way you always treated Mum was an inspiration. Your wisdom and advice was cherished. Forever with us. Your loving son Michael and daughter-in-law Shanny.

KLIMAS, Algis Alexander
14.9.1941 - 21.5.2026
Passed away peacefully. Loving husband of Dana. Much loved father of Eugene, Justin, Saul and Marcelle (deceased). Father-in-law of Lisa, brother of Victor and uncle of Andrew. Adored Grandpa of Tex. Always loved and forever in our hearts. Rest in peace.

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LING, Debbie
07 Nov 1967 - 19 May 2026
Passed away too soon aged 58.
Much loved partner of Matt. Loving mother of Jasper. Cherished daughter of Priscilla (dec) and Bert. Much loved sister of James and sister-in-law of Candy. Adored aunt of Hugo and Oscar. Her unique personality and spirit will be missed by everyone who knew her. Please contact the family for details about the celebration of her life.

MARRARI, Giovanni
06/11/1936 - 21/05/2026
Wonderful Father of Debbie and Linda. Beloved Nanna of Mason, Adriana, Daniel, Kyle, Robbie, Olivia, Dana, Gabi and Dante. A cherished friend to many. Forever in Our Hearts. Rest in Peace.

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ELTHAM 03 9439 0401

MARSH, Moira Bernadette
12 Jul 1946 - 24 May 2026
Passed away peacefully on 24 May 2026. Dearly loved daughter of Arthur and Lorna and step-daughter of Adrienne. Beloved wife of Peter of 54 years. Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Nicole and Rohan, Lisa and Andrew, Paul and Kathryn and Megan and Adam. Adored Nanna of Alice, Sophie, Lucy, Anna, Will, Tom, Jane, Patrick, Sam, Grace, Edward and Matilda. Loved sister of Jim, John, Clare, Terry, Denise and Kathryn. Now with God in heaven. The family sincerely thanks the staff of The Mayflower, The Alfred and Peter MacCallum for their care and compassion.

MCFARLANE, Geoff (2658)
Fire Rescue Victoria regrets the passing of our former fire and rescue service colleague. His service to the community will be remembered. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Geoff's family and friends.

PELLEGRINO, Konrada Rob AKA Konrada
17.04.1932 - 15.5.2026
Late of Port Melbourne. For further details contact Tobin Brothers Funerals (03) 9373 7000

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PHELAN, Bernard John
9.11.1945 - 18.05.2026
Bernie, the much loved and loving husband of Carmen passed away peacefully on May 18, 2026, aged 80. Devoted father to David, Peter and Gregory (dec); loving father-in-law of Maree; and adored Pa of Elise. Loved brother of Judith (dec), Patricia, Kathryn, Noelene, Kevin and Robert. Bernie will be sadly missed by all his family, relatives and friends in Australia and overseas. Loved and Remembered Always.

SMITH (HALL), Noela
21.11.1937 - 23.5.2026
Formerly of Beazleys Bridge. Daughter of Thomas (Bricky) and Laura Hall (both dec). Sister of Lorraine, Aileen (dec), Clare, Maree and Glenda. Sister-in-law of Craig Chessman.

SWEETEN, Gladys Marian
Gladys Marian Sweetten (nee Kemp) passed away peacefully, aged 102 on Tuesday 19th May at Arcare, Craigieburn. Beloved wife of John (dec), loved Mother of Peter & Janette. mother-in-law of Maureen & Paul and grandmother of Jarryd, Jenna Lee & Bradley, also great grandmother of Ethan & Daniel. In God's care.

VALENTI, Anthony James
15 May 1998 - 07 May 2026
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Anthony James Valenti on 7th May 2026. Much loved son, brother, uncle & friend. A beautiful soul who touched the lives of so many and will be deeply missed beyond words. Your kindness, laughter and love will remain in our hearts forever. The emptiness left behind can never truly be filled, but we are grateful for every memory shared with you. Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever in our hearts.

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WOODS, Brian (1568)
Fire Rescue Victoria regrets the passing of our former fire and rescue service colleague. His service to the community will be remembered. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brian's family and friends.

Funerals

BECK, James Kenneth
21 May 1939 - 20 May 2026
Funeral service for the late James Kenneth Beck will be held at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, 92 Monash St, Sunshine on Tuesday 2nd June, 2026 commencing at 10.30am. Rosary prior to service. Cortege will proceed to Altona Memorial Park for interment.

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Sunshine 9310 2500

FARNAN, Barbara Lee
13 Aug 1933 - 22 May 2026
FARNAN, Barbara Lee (nee Cunningham)
Funeral Prayers for the repose of the soul of the late Barbara Lee Farnan will be held at St Brendan's Catholic Church 121 Knight Street, Shepparton. Friday 28th May, 2026 Commencing at 10.00am. Following which the cortege will proceed to the Pine Lodge Lawn Cemetery.

FERRUCCIO (BAWDEN), Wilma Jean
28 Jul 1935 - 17 May 2026
Family and Friends are invited to attend the funeral service in celebration of Wilma to be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, Bruce Street, Leongatha, Saturday 30th May, 2026 at 12:00 noon. Followed by burial at Leongatha Lawn Cemetery.

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Submissions are now open for Amendment C236mbek, which proposes to introduce a new Council-wide Development Contributions Plan (DCP) and Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO) into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

A DCP is a document that explains how new developments will help pay for the extra services and infrastructure that Council needs, such as roads, drainage and community facilities.

The DCPO2 is the planning scheme tool to action the plan and require developers to pay a levy (fee) to contribute to the cost of the infrastructure projects listed in the DCP.

Money collected from the DCP will help fund improvements to our early years centres, libraries, pools and upgrades to local roads and drainage.

Find out more and make a submission by Wednesday 17 June: <https://brnw.ch/21x2zyl>

Image description: an adult and a group of children reading a book outside a library. See less



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Publication of Submission on Council's Website

Council will make all submissions available to view online on its website during the Planning Scheme Amendment Process. All submissions made available online will be redacted to remove personal names, telephone and address details. Submissions will be removed from the website once the Amendment is finalised.

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