15. Major Projects

Item 15.1 CDG1174 King Island Hub Update for February 2024

Reporting: **Growth & Strategy Manager – Helen Thomas**

SUMMARY:
This report provides an update on activity on the King Island Hub through February 2024. This includes:

- Construction program update
- Grant variation process
- Temporary closure of footpath between Currie Museum and Lens Room

DISCUSSION

Construction program update

During February our managing contractor, Evolve Commercial, and project architect, Core Collective, updated the construction program for the Lighthouse Street site. This revised program reflects the change in structure from concrete to cross-laminated timber (CLT). As reported in previous months, while the switch to CLT created the need to re-work engineering plans and other documentation for the building permit, the construction process is significantly faster than the planned concrete structure. As such, the program still indicates a practical completion date of December 2024.

Works will begin on site in late April, subject to permits being issued and site survey being completed as planned.

Grant variation process

The finalisation of the construction program is the final piece of information required to inform a variation to the grant deed with the Commonwealth. This variation has been planned with the grant administrators since the engagement of the managing contractor in mid-2023 and a conversation to determine the particular milestone dates is scheduled for mid-March. Following that conversation, a formal request will be lodged by Council and a variation subsequently issued by the grant administrators for execution.

Temporary closure of footpath

The new Hub building sits immediately adjacent to an existing footpath connecting the Currie Museum to the Lens Room and Lighthouse. To ensure public safety, and the safety of our construction team, this footpath will be closed while early construction works are completed. Based on the current construction schedule, this will be from late April through to mid-September 2024.

Museum visitors will be encouraged to drive to the car park at the Lighthouse in order to see the Netherby Room and original Cape Wickham lens.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The activities detailed above are included within approved budgets, except where indicated otherwise.

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the King Island Hub Project Report for February 2024.

Moved Cr V Philbey
Cr I Cooke

That Council receive and note the King Island Hub Project Report for February 2024.

CARRIED unanimously

64/24