

**MM44/24 MEET THE MAYOR - LOCAL PARK VISITS - Mayor,
Councillor Trenton Brown****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP24/962**

In 2025, I am keen to hold a number of small events in local parks to allow nearby residents or those who wish to attend, to meet with me to discuss issues of concern or interest to them.

Similar events were held in 2018 and were a popular way to promote community and neighbourhood connection and to provide an informal way for people to raise issues with Council.

I propose to conduct three events initially, over the months of February, April and May.

The location of the events will be dependent on availability of the parks, but updates will be provided to Councillors through the CIB.

The events would run from 10.30am to midday and would be designed to appeal to families.

Activities such as face painting and a jumping castle would be provided and there would be the provision of sandwiches, vegetable sticks and drinks for children and a coffee cart for adults.

Advertising of the event would be through the Mayoral column, Council's website, social media and potentially a local letter box drop.

A Council owned marquee will be provided for events where there is no natural shade.

Staff involvement will be minimal, with the exception of opening park grounds for delivery of the jumping castle etc and the setting up of the marquee when required.

I believe the conduct of these local events would enhance the communities engagement with Council through the informal raising of issues of concern with me. It would also provide me with an opportunity to keep the community abreast of Council's plans for topics of major interest.

The cost of each event would be approx. \$2,200.00. This covers the face painter, jumping castle, children's food, coffee cart, advertising and an allocation for staff time on the day.

I intend to fund the activities from my Councillor Discretionary Fund and have completed the Application Form which has been received and approved by the CEO.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse the conduct of three “Meet the Mayor” events to be held in local parks during early 2025.
- (b) That the cost of the events be funded from the Mayor’s Councillor Discretionary Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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