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Dear Ms Mooney

Re: Portarlington Community Hub

Thank you for your letter dated 21 October 2016 acknowledging the City's community engagement initiatives in the development of the Portarlington Community Hub. My fellow Administrators and I greatly value community and stakeholder engagement and are pleased to hear your feedback. I understand that this high level of engagement is continuing.

As you are aware, the establishment of the Portarlington Community Hub is in response to community aspirations to see expanded use of Parks Hall, and the result of investigations to secure a long term suitable location for the Portarlington Neighbourhood House (PNH).

On 4 November Council officers met with the Portarlington Community Association (PCA). Following this meeting it was pleasing to hear of Debra Sheard, PCA President, thanking Council for our collaboration and cooperation regarding the Portarlington Community Hub and pointing out that PCA members had an extremely positive follow on meeting on 9 November where these matters were discussed.

In order to identify the future management model for Parks Hall, the City has embarked on an engagement process to involve the local community in the development of the community hub. A stakeholder workshop to discuss management models was held on 16 November. A number of options were discussed and Council officers have undertaken to further develop the management model based on these discussions. A further conversation with stakeholders will be held prior to making a recommendation to Council.

I have been advised by Council officers that they will be presenting general information on the development of community hubs to the PCA meeting on Wednesday 7 December.

Discussions are ongoing with the Portarlington Neighbourhood House in relation to their relocation to Parks Hall, and design and cost estimates are being prepared to include a suitable administrative space within the footprint of the Hall.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation in the development of the community hub for Portarlington. We are committed to continuing conversations. Should you wish to discuss the above further, please contact Jane Wager on telephone 5272 4763 or email jwager@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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