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**To:** [CoM Meetings](#)  
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### Contact details

Chris Thrum



## Your submission

### Date of meeting

2025-02-18

### Agenda item title

6.1 Melbourne Cleaning and Graffiti Management outcomes and next steps

**Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.**

Dear City of Melbourne Future Melbourne Committee,

This is a further written response in regards to the City of Melbourne Future Melbourne Committee meeting of Tuesday 18 February, 2025 and in particular Agenda Item 6.1 Melbourne Cleaning and Graffiti Management outcomes and next steps.

I would like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in regards to this matter.

Best regards,  
Chris Thrum

**Please indicate whether you would like to verbally address the Future Melbourne in support of your submission:**

Yes

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Dear City of Melbourne Management Team,

This is a written response in regards to the City of Melbourne Future Melbourne Committee meeting of Tuesday February 18, 2025, and in particular Agenda Item 6.1 - Melbourne Cleaning and Graffiti Management outcomes and next steps.

This message is being written on Wurundjeri Country. Melbourne Town Hall sits on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people. Melbourne was named after William Lamb (Lord Melbourne) the incumbent British Prime Minister in 1837 by the 8th Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, Sir Richard Bourke. The true founder of Melbourne is William Lonsdale.

<https://www.afr.com/life-and-luxury/arts-and-culture/lonsdales-heirs-sell-the-family-silver-20181002-h165ax>

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/230673071?browse=ndp%3Abrowse%2Fissue%2FNew%20South%20Wales%2Ftitle%2F525%2F1836%2Fissue%2F2333890%2Fpage%2F12478740%2Farticle%2F230673071>

That's the tender for the conveyance of Captain William Lonsdale to Port Phillip Bay, in September, 1836. The British Warship the HMS Rattlesnake won the tender to transport William Lonsdale to Port Phillip Bay. Lonsdale travelled to Port Phillip Bay with surveyors, builders and a road crew to start the official British settlement here.

There's more, however, today, we turn our attention now to the Agenda Item 6.1- Melbourne Cleaning and Graffiti Management outcomes and next steps.

First, thank you to the Street cleaning team , they do a fantastic job! We appreciate their dedication to doing great work, especially the work on the street pavements. The Graffiti removal service is exemplary. An immense amount of work goes into maintaining a tremendous standard of an almost pristine built environment.

Thank you to Vince Macolino, Director Waste and Recycling and Thank you to Rick Kwasek, General Manager Infrastructure, for the overall work that they do for the City of Melbourne.

There's a multitude of organisations working with the City of Melbourne here, including Metro (trains), VicTrack, Vic Roads, and Councils such as Yarra, Moonee Valley City Council, Stonington and Port Phillip City Council.

I would encourage City of Melbourne to work in a positive, pragmatic and productive way with City of Yarra to achieve a consistent approach to the situation. That is one of the recommendations.

We need to keep in mind that there is a time and place in the City of Melbourne for street art!

There is also the inherent need to have a very efficient graffiti removal process!

It is worth noting that City of Melbourne provides many laneway spaces for Street Artists and Graffiti Artists to explore and present their creativity to the general public.

The general public, and citizens from around the world support City of Melbourne's approach to highlighting the brilliant street art culture that we have.

I believe citizens support the professional approach City of Melbourne takes in being diligent in removing unwanted and unnecessary graffiti.

It is worth reiterating on a positive note that City of Melbourne encourages the showcasing of Melbourne's visual creative culture. City of Melbourne is generous in allocating spaces for street art to occur, in designated areas, such as the world renowned Hosier Lane. Street art enhances the City of Melbourne.

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/street-art>

City of Melbourne is to be applauded for its warm embrace of street art culture. City of Melbourne has a phenomenal track record in supporting the arts of Melbourne. Bravo City of Melbourne for supporting Street Arts through projects like Flash Forward.

<https://flash-fwd.com/>

However, having said that, it is appropriate to remove offensive and unwanted graffiti. Tout de suite! Unwanted graffiti detracts from the amenity of the city. I support the recommendations from Management.

I would like to address the Future Melbourne Committee in regards to this matter.

Best regards,  
Chris Thrum



**The Carlton Residents Association Inc.**

[www.carltonresidents.org.au](http://www.carltonresidents.org.au)

Dear Lord Mayor,

I write to you and Cr Camillo (Portfolio Holder - Safety and Cleaning) to express our support for the council's timely and strategic approach to graffiti removal across the municipality.

We do however see the need to strengthen the approach and request that the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on Tuesday 18 February add to the report 6.1 Melbourne Cleaning and Graffiti Management outcomes and next steps.

We believe it needs to be strengthened by adding the following words to the management's recommendation -

'securing from the State Government a commitment that its departments and agencies will work with council management on the removal of graffiti from its buildings and surrounds as a matter of urgency.

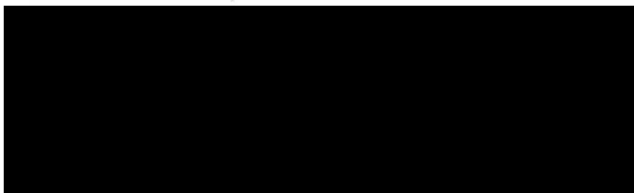
We have instances in Carlton where council is unable to begin the removal of graffiti on Housing Victoria buildings for up to 90 days. This is unacceptable both for Housing Victoria residents but also for the amenity of the nearby residential neighbourhood.

We look forward to a response which will lead to more timely and urgent action on graffiti removal in Carlton.

Yours sincerely,

Trish O'Loughlin

President



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John Kavanagh OAM



## Your question

### Date of meeting

2025-02-18

### Your question

Firstly, we congratulate the Lord Mayor and Councillors on your election. We commend Council and officers on previous efforts to improve the conditions of the lower Moonee Ponds Creek and advocacy to the State Government.

Secondly, with the start to a new year and a new Council, we seek updates on a number of projects relating to the Moonee Ponds Creek:

1. What specific efforts is Council taking to expedite Development Victoria's replacement of the Docklands section of the Moonee Ponds Creek trail ... which has been closed for more than 4 years?
2. We have learnt Minister Colin Brooks wrote to Council last August about when Development Victoria would build a replacement Moonee Ponds Creek trail in Docklands. Can you please relay the response and any undertakings the Minister made?
3. Last September Council co-ordinated a joint statement by key stakeholder groups 'Bringing Life back into Moonee Ponds Creek'. What advocacy has occurred in regard to this statement and what response has been received?
4. What is the status of the application to adjust the boundaries of the Melbourne Planning

Scheme and Port of Melbourne Planning Scheme (Amendment GC 187) in the vicinity of the mouth of the Moonee Ponds Creek - for which Council initially withheld consent?

5. What is the status of declaration of the Moonee Ponds Creek Implementation Plan (now outstanding for 6 years) and particularly, Council's advocacy efforts to the Planning Minister?

6. Given public interest in these matters, we request answers to our questions be provided expeditiously and on the public record and published on the Council's 'Moonee Ponds Creek' website. I apologise that I am unable to attend the meeting.

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Chris Thrum



## Your question

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### Your question

Melbourne is the music capital of Australia. The City of Melbourne is phenomenal in its support of musicians and the music industry. When Robert Doyle was the Lord Mayor he advocated for Melbourne to aim for being known as a vibrant world class 24 hour city, open for business and entertainment all hours. Would it be possible for City of Melbourne to reconfigure a form of Night Time Economy Committee, to show that City of Melbourne is open to exploring all avenues to improving the night time vibe?

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David Hamilton  


## Your question

### Date of meeting

2025-02-18

### Your question

What is the Council's current Community Development Framework underpinning its Neighbourhood Model?

and

Will the Council commit to articulating a Community Development Framework as part of its 4 year plan in 2025?

The Council has made a significant investment in the Neighbourhood Partners and the full potential of that resource investment is yet to be realised in the manner it was envisaged originally .

Accordingly a Community Development Framework for the Council is required for the following reasons:

1. The original proposal for Neighbourhood Partners was to build a bridge between Council Departments and local communities with a view to refocussing council service delivery to be more targeted and localised directed at the needs the various neighbourhood communities that comprise the City. If that continues to be the intent then it needs to form part of the 4 year plan across the Council.
2. It will provide the context within which the Neighbourhood Partners will operate going forward, especially their roles within Council and local communities. Currently much is

left to the individual officers to articulate so there is a potential disconnect between the Council's objectives for them and what is delivered. This is not desirable from a management perspective.

3. It will enable all service elements of Council to understand the role of Community Development and the Neighbourhood Partners especially how their own service delivery responsibilities attain that outcome.

David Hamilton  
President  
Southbank3006 Inc

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