

Media Response

24 April 2025

Background

Given there is a court hearing scheduled for 1 May regarding this property, we won't make any specific comments on this matter, at this time. We may be able to answer some of your other questions after the hearing 1 May 2025. Feel free to contact us then.

Attributable to Executive Director, City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam

Given there's a court hearing scheduled for 1 May 2025, it's not appropriate for Council to comment on the specifics of this matter.

However, we make the general comment that where Council is presenting or contesting a matter at court, it is appropriate to gather evidence that will assist the court.

Greater Dandenong City Council officers only enter private property under specific authorising legislation, where a court has provided authorisation, or with permission from the residents or owners.

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From Dandenong Journal

After that phone chat with Carolyn, I'd like to refresh my query re Prospect Hill Cr.

I have also attached the screenshot the resident has sent me stating he'd won't be able to enter or reside in the property during the cleanup by council.

Does the Council believe it's right to seek access to properties in questions to gather necessary information to be presented before a court?

The resident, Wally, has said he'll only be forced to go out and collect items to potentially sell off if council ends up cleaning up his property.

How would the council respond if Wally starts to hoard again?

Does the council believe the clean up would solve the issue at hand permanently?

The estimated costs of the clean up (\$100,000) would fall back on Wally who himself is a pensioner.

What is the council doing to keep the costs of the clean up low?

How will he be supported to be able to pay the amount of the clean up?

Finally, does the council believe enough time was given to Wally before they could sought a court order on 9 January?