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9.1 SOUTHERN MITCHELL ROTARY CLUB CLOCK PROPOSAL - MILL STREET KILMORE

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Attachments:

1. *Mill Street Post Clock - Manufacturers Specifications*
2. *Mill Street Post Clock*
3. *Draft Maintenance Agreement*
4. *Kilmore Historical Society - Town Hall Clock*

SUMMARY

The Southern Mitchell Rotary Club have presented Council with a proposal to install a heritage theme pole clock in Mill Street, Kilmore. The Clock, proposed to be a 'gift' to the people of Kilmore, will be purchased and installed using funds raised by the Rotary Clubs fundraising efforts. This report seeks the approval of Council for officers to continue discussions with representatives of the Rotary Club of Kilmore for the installation of this clock in Mill Street.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Authorises officers to continue discussions with the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club representatives for the installation of the Model 4Z Verdin Post Clock (in black colour scheme) at the Western end of the Mill Street Mall adjacent to Sydney Street.
2. Enter into a Maintenance Agreement (as per the example shown in Attachment 3 of this report) with the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club for the ongoing operation, surveillance and maintenance of the new clock.

BACKGROUND

The Southern Mitchell Rotary Club has developed a program known as the Community Asset Program. This Program is dedicated to delivering:

- Enhancement projects for Mitchell townships
- Improved Community amenity
- Augmentation of the Shire's Capital Works Program
- Economic multipliers, by adding to the stock of tourism and other community enhancing assets

Each year Rotary diverts a percentage of its annual fundraising income into a capital reserve account. This seed capital is used to attract matching grants, making more ambitious projects possible. Whenever possible, community projects are structured to generate some recurrent earnings, to finance ongoing maintenance.

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In 2011 the Broadford Island Reserve Community Rotunda was installed using this model at a cost of \$36,000.

The latest initiative of the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club is for the purchase and installation of a heritage themed post clock to be installed in the Mill Street Mall adjacent to Sydney Street. A schematic detail of the proposed clock (Model 4K) is shown in Attachment 1.

During the streetscape redevelopment of the Mill Street Mall, an opportunity was taken to install a dedicated underground power supply and footing to accommodate a future clock in the event the Rotary Clubs clock proposal progressed and was ultimately supported by Council.

The Southern Mitchell Rotary Club have also expressed a desire to implement similar public realm clock projects in other townships across the Mitchell Shire including Broadford and Wallan. Any future proposals will be reported to Council as they come to light.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

The Clock

Designed and manufactured for Rotary in the USA by Verdin Design Group, the clock is made of cast aluminium, with reinforced glass in all faces, and stands around 4.7m tall with the clock face measuring 1.13m in width (Model 4K). The Clock is available in two colour schemes; black or green and is also available with a number of custom options including gold/silver accent paint, music or chimes and custom header. This proposal will include a header that reads 'Kilmore Est.1843'.

It is available in two or four face configurations with the two-faced option being proposed. The clock features digital internal controls and LED backlighting of the clock face. Power draw is expected to be low, resulting in minimal operating costs to Council.

The clock can also be manufactured to be programmed to automatically adjust for daylight saving time. If the proposal is supported by Council, it is recommended that this be a mandatory function for the Mill Street clock thus avoiding the need for bi-annual adjustments by Council staff.

Urban Design

Given the dimensions of the clock, 4.7m tall and 1.13m wide (Model 4K), the clock itself is expected to be an imposing structure. There are some concerns with the appropriateness of the size of this structure and how it may dominate the Mill Street space. The Mill Street Mall is 10m wide from building line to building line.

The physical dimensions of the post clock lend itself to being more ideally located in a large open area where it can be viewed from longer distance.

In order to promote discussion, an alternative location at the intersection of Sydney Street and Kilmore-Lancefield Road was suggested to Rotary Club representatives. This location was proposed due to its open landscape giving the ability for the clock to be viewed from much longer distances and thus allowing the clock to establish itself as somewhat of a landmark in its own right.

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The alternative location was not supported by the Rotary Club in consideration of the previous investment made for the installation of mounting footing in Mill Street. As such, any discussions for an alternative location did not proceed any further.

The proposal presented to officers originally involved the two-faced clock being orientated so it could be viewed along Sydney Street, however given the mounting location proposed is along the building line of Sydney Street, it is likely to be largely obscured from view, particularly at a distance, by shopfront canopies.

For this reason, it is considered more appropriate to orientate the clock faces along Mill Street where it can be viewed from large areas of Sydney Street in the vicinity of Mill Street as well as the Kilmore Creek end of Mill Street. An edited photograph of the clock in the proposed location is shown in Attachment 2.

Alternative Proposal

Attachments 1 and 2 also feature an alternative smaller model of the proposed clock (the Model 4Z). The alternative model is approximately 30% smaller than the model originally proposed and is considered to 'fit' the smaller confines of the Mill Street location better. The Rotary Club have indicated that they are open to considering the smaller model clock at Council's direction.

If the Mill Street clock proposal is supported by Council, it is recommended the 'smaller' 3.3m high (Model 4Z) in 'black' be supported for installation.

Representatives of the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club have also indicated their agreement to the installation of the smaller (Model 4Z) clock.

Heritage Consideration

The Mill Street Mall is located within the Kilmore Heritage Precinct and it was considered prudent to consider to the appropriateness of introducing an imitation heritage style clock into this precinct. With this in mind, the clock proposal was referred to Councils Heritage Advisor for comment, however no concerns were raised with the styling of this clock and it was noted that it may help to add some broader community interest to this space.

Ongoing Ownership and Maintenance Responsibilities

The clock is proposed to be gifted to Council and it is the expectation of the Rotary Club that Council will assume all ongoing operational and maintenance costs associated with this clock with the exception of occasional general cleaning to be performed by the Rotary Club. Ongoing maintenance costs to Council are expected to be minimal, except for occasional graffiti removal.

A copy of a draft maintenance agreement for the clock is shown in Attachment 3.

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CONSULTATION

This proposal has recently been shared with the Kilmore Historical Society. The Historical Society did have some prior knowledge of the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club's proposal and have given their support to the project. There was consensus among the group that the smaller, 3.3m tall version of the post clock is more appropriate given the physical constraints of the site. The Kilmore Historical Society also found that the clock would be better located in Hudson Park.

Further to the Rotary Clubs proposal, it is prudent to remind Council of the Historical Society's own clock restoration project. The Society are currently in possession of the old clock that used to be mounted to the façade of the Kilmore Town Hall (1894). This clock was a later addition to the Town Hall (installation date unknown) and it is understood that this clock was removed some years when the State Bank, located on the opposite site of Sydney Street, had an exterior clock installed. Previous advice from a heritage consultant recommended that this clock not be re-mounted to the Kilmore Town Hall due to a conflict in heritage period styles.

An image of this clock previously mounted to the Kilmore Town Hall, along with a current image of this clock is shown in Attachment 4.

The Historical Society requests that Council give due consideration to finding a new home for this clock on a Council owned building or in a public space in Kilmore in the near future before the Historical Society commits funds to a full restoration of this clock.

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

As the clock is proposed to be a 'gift' to the people of Kilmore, the ongoing maintenance will become the responsibility of Council. As such it will be added to Council's Asset Database.

Ongoing operational and maintenance costs to Council are expected to be minimal, except for occasional graffiti removal and the ongoing costs of electricity to power the clock.

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POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications identified within the subject matter of this report.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL)

There are no policy or legislative implications identified within the subject matter of this report.

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

The rights protected in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* were considered in preparing this report and it's determined that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

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OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

The Rotary Clubs proposal for a 4.7m tall Post Clock in Mill Street is not considered appropriate due to the spatial constraints of this location.

Instead, Council officers recommend that instead consideration be given to the installation of an alternative model post clock. The Model 4Z is 3.3m tall and the same style as the Model 4K post clock originally proposed, however its smaller dimensions are more suited to the tight confines of Mill Street.

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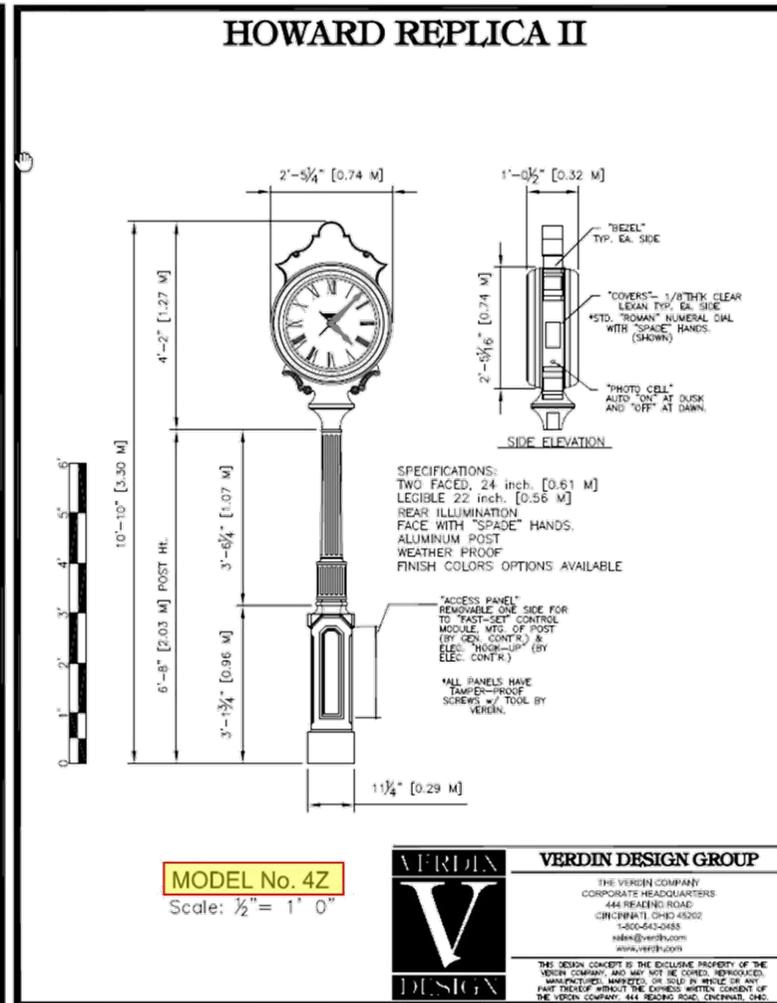
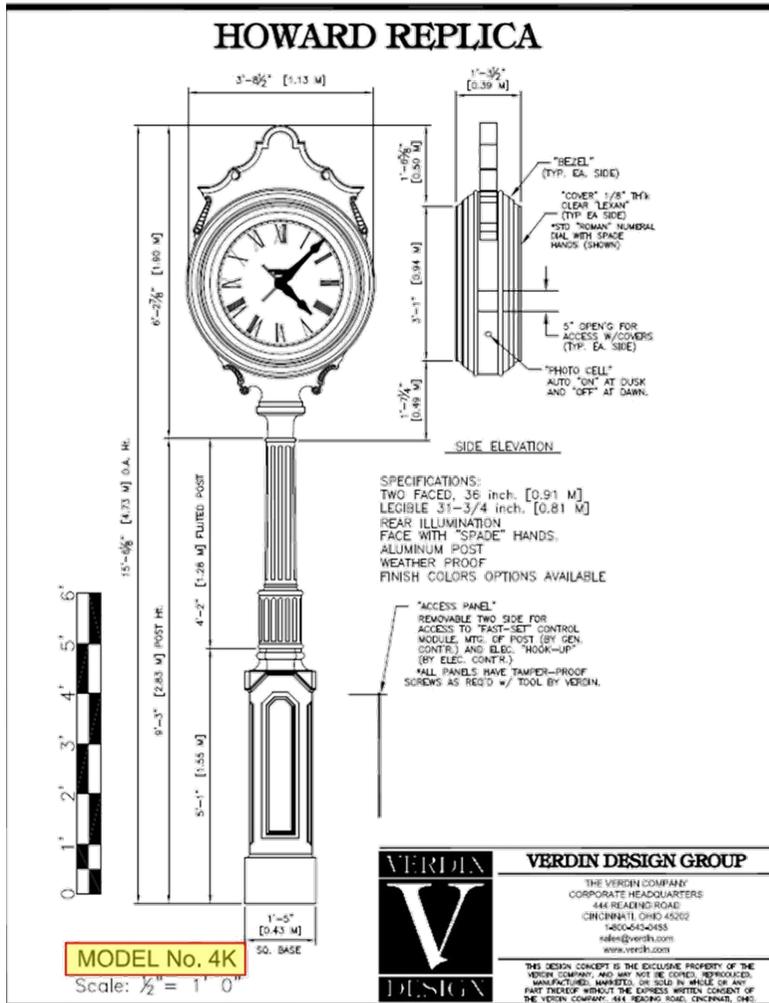
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**Mill Street Post Clock - Manufacturers
Specifications**

ATTACHMENT 1



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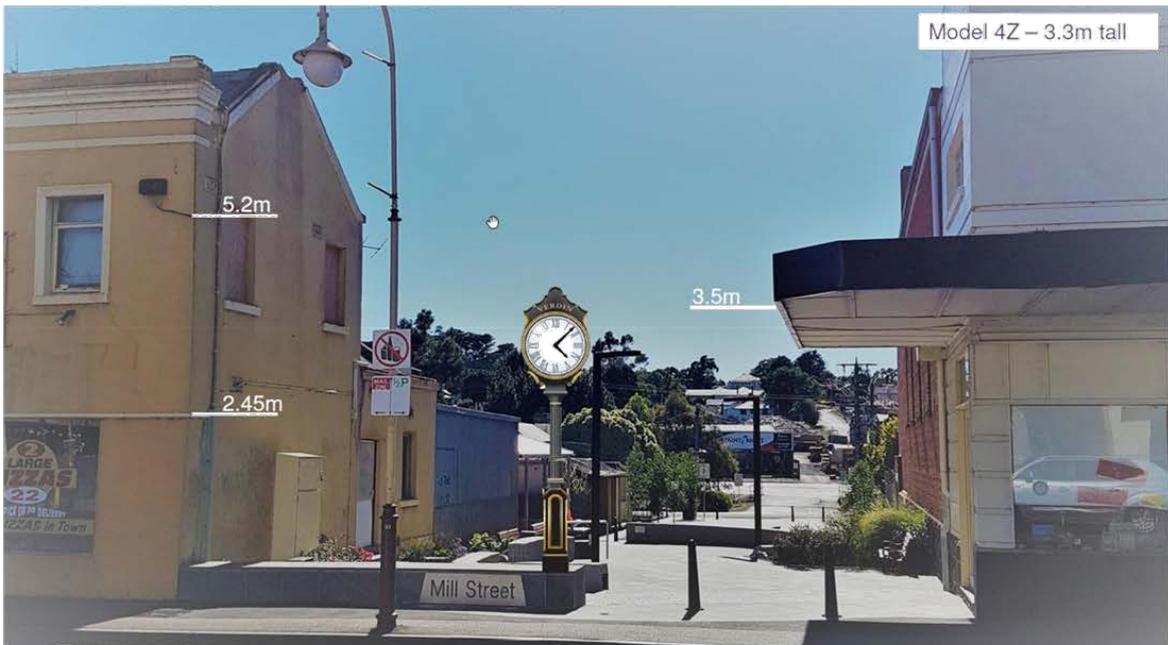
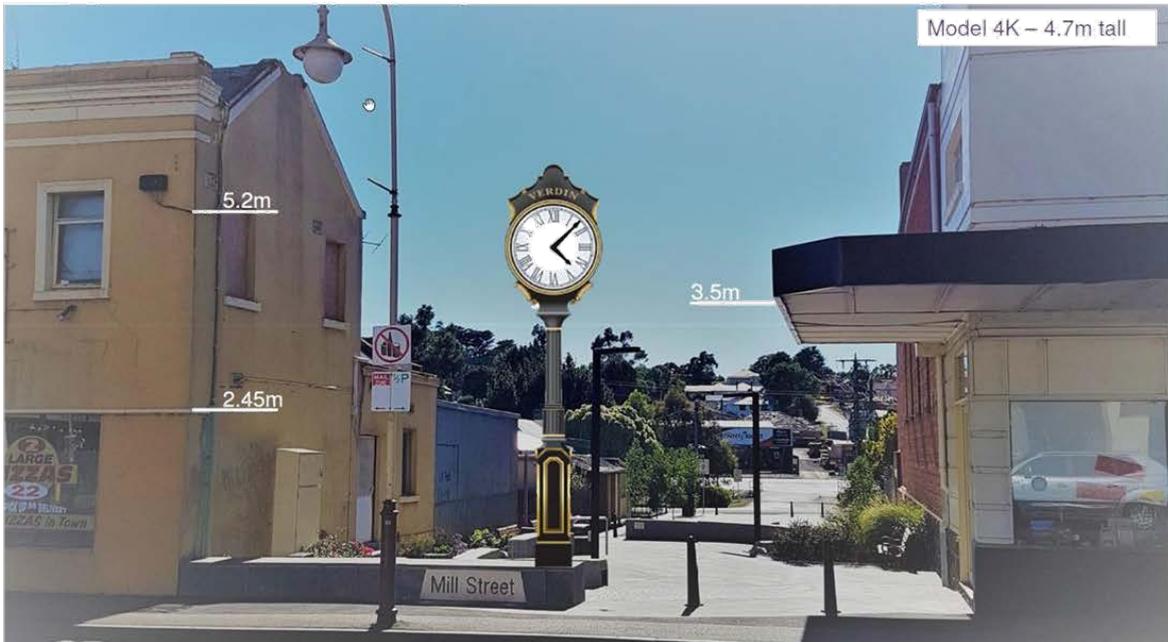
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**Attachment No: 2
Mill Street Post Clock**

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Attachment No: 3

Draft Maintenance Agreement

ATTACHMENT 3

Maintenance Agreement

This agreement is made between Mitchell Shire Council and the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club. It relates to the future operation and maintenance for the 3.3m tall Post Clock - Verdin Model 4Z (*the asset*) located in the Mill Street Mall adjacent to Sydney Street in Kilmore.

Parties to this agreement

1. Mitchell Shire Council - MSC
2. Southern Mitchell Rotary Club - SMRC

Background

The Southern Mitchell Rotary Club funded the purchase and installation of *The Asset* in the Mill Street Mall with the consent and approval of the Mitchell Shire Council. *The Asset* is a gift to the Mitchell Shire and the Council agree to assume the roles and functions of the asset owner into perpetuity.

Both parties agree to the distribution of operational and maintenance functions in accordance with the table below.

Maintenance Item	Responsible Party	Frequency
General cleaning of dirt, grime, mould, bird droppings etc.	SMRC	At least twice in any 12-month period.
Graffiti removal from painted surfaces and clock face glass.	MSC	As required.
Rectification of damaged or scratched painted surfaces.	MSC	As required.
Rectification of faded painted surfaces.	MSC/SMRC	As deemed to be required and by agreement of both parties. Costs to be shared equally between parties.
Replacement of damaged parts including but not limited to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal mechanical timekeeping mechanisms • Internal electrical / digital timekeeping mechanisms • LED backlighting of clock face • Structural and decorative castings • Clock face glass 	MSC	As required and at the sole discretion of MSC to ensure effective ongoing operation of the item.
Complete renewal of the item (Post Clock) in the event of catastrophic failure, accident or vandalism which renders the item unusable.	MSC	As deemed to be required and by formal resolution of Council.
Operational Costs		
Electricity consumption	MSC	Ongoing

This agreement is effective from the date of installation of *The Asset* on (Date)

Signed..... Signed.....

Name Name

Position..... Position.....

For and on behalf of Mitchell Shire Council

For and on behalf of the Southern Mitchell Rotary Club

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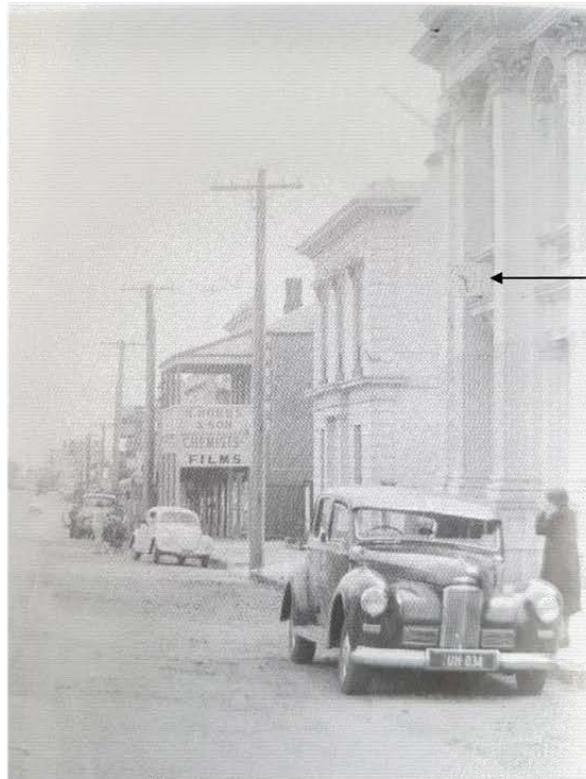
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Kilmore Historical Society - Town Hall Clock

ATTACHMENT 4



Sydney Street c.1957

Photo courtesy 'Sydney Street – Kilmore Past and Present' by the Kilmore Historical Society.