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St Kilda Festival Statement

To be attributed to Mayor Marcus Pearl

Port Phillip Council is forging ahead with its plans to hold the 2022 St Kilda Festival.

Due to COVID-19, the one day format has been reimagined into performances at three St Kilda locations over nine days (February 5-13), spreading the event over a number of days will reduce the risk of cancellation due to the pandemic.

We welcome today's announcement by the Victorian Opposition to support the St Kilda Festival and the broader events industry.

The Opposition's Local Events Recovery Plan includes a Local Events Insurance Scheme to cover the cost of the potential cancellation of events from \$20,000 up to \$10 million.

The plan also provides for a new Local Events Attraction Fund to assist the events industry to attract and re-start local events and \$10 million towards a new Local Events Safety Fund to help industry stakeholders, businesses and local organisations to plan and deliver COVID-safe events.

We are also grateful for the extra financial assistance the Victorian Government has provided to support our local businesses since the pandemic started.

We are continuing to work closely with the Victorian Government about our request for funding support to hold the St Kilda Festival and to date our discussions have been constructive.

Support for great events, including our much loved annual St Kilda Festival, is important given the contribution of these events to our recovery and, in particular, the significant contribution they make to our local economy.

We look forward to working with all levels of government to enable this recovery to happen as quickly as possible.