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Media Release

Central Geelong truck restriction trial: community info sessions

The six month trial to restrict trucks in Central Geelong starts Monday 3 March 2014.

Three community information sessions will be held to explain the restrictions and what they mean for Central Geelong traders, residents and the truck industry:

- **5.00 – 6.00pm Wednesday 26 February, City Hall**
- **5.00 – 6.00 pm Thursday 27 February, City Hall**
- **6.00 – 7.00 pm Thursday 27 February, City Hall**

No need to register, just drop in.

Chair of the Central Geelong Taskforce and Brownbill Ward Councillor Michelle Heagney said communication about the truck restriction trial is underway.

“Information has gone out to the truck industry, we are mailing out letters to residents in Central Geelong and will start advertising in local papers this weekend.”

“We are hosting community info sessions on 26 and 27 February and I invite anyone who has queries to come along and have a chat about what the trial means for Central Geelong”, said Cr Heagney.

“The community has long called for fewer trucks in the city centre and we worked hard to get this trial approved by the Truck Operations Committee.”

“It is also one of the Central Geelong Taskforce’s priority actions to reduce the number of trucks using the city centre as an east-west thoroughfare.”

“The simple message to trucks is unless you are making deliveries to Central Geelong avoid Mercer St and Malop St and take alternative east-west routes to the south of the city centre.”

“This is all about attracting more people and business investment, and creating a welcoming environment”, said Cr Heagney.

“We’re keen to hear what people think about the trial and encourage comments and feedback to contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au”, said Cr Heagney.

Cr Jock Irvine encouraged Austin Ward residents to attend the community information sessions.

“Come along and find out what’s proposed and what measures will be put in place to monitor the progress of the trial”, said Cr Irvine.

About the truck trial

The ‘through truck’ restriction trial was endorsed by Council in October and approved by the Truck Operations Committee in November 2013.

The trial will run for a six month period from Monday 3 March 2014. Council will review progress of the trial in July 2014.

Trucks making deliveries to Central Geelong are exempt from the restrictions.

VicRoads and Victoria Police will be enforcing the restrictions.

Comments and feedback are encouraged throughout the trial. Email contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or phone 5272 5272.

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