

**STATUS - REPORTS OUTSTANDING INCLUDING “GENERAL BUSINESS” ITEMS
AS AT FEBRUARY 2009**

Item	Meeting			Report / Action	Action Officer	General Manager	Comments
	Date	Item.	Cr.				
1.	02.10.06	7.4		Council consider a further report regarding co-generation at the Northcote Aquatic Centre following the preparation of a detailed facility study.	Nick Mazzarella	Geoff Glynn	Report to Council in June 2009.
2.	07.05.07	9.1	MeK	An appropriate permanent plaque or other marker signifying this decision (to dedicate the Northcote Civic Square to the formal recognition of the 'Stolen Generation') be installed within Civic Square.	John Smith	Jan Black	Report to Council in April 2009.
3.	06.08.07	7.6		A further report be submitted to Council following the 'expression of interest' process (re. Outside School Hours Care Resource and Support Unit).	Cheryl Hermence	Jan Black	Report to Council in June 2009.
4.	05.05.08	9.2	PS	Council officers submit a report to Council on what remedies can be applied to halt the promotion of potential alcohol misuse through special home delivery offers.	Dean Griggs	Jan Black	Report to Council in March 2009.
5.	19.05.08	8.5		A report including the draft changes to the Footpath Activities Policy and the urban design assessment criteria be provided to Council for approval in early 2009.	Leanne Deans/Phillip Loader	Kevin Breen	Report to Council in April 2009.
6.	02.06.08	8.6		A report be submitted to Council which investigates options for the development of a long term sustainable budget to support the Darebin Community Climate Change Action Plan.	Bruce Dobson Libby Hynes	Bruce Dobson Libby Hynes	Report to Council in April 2009.
7.	16.06.08	9.2	ST	Council prepare a feasibility report on enhancing the hard waste collection service for residents by providing the choice of either one hard rubbish collection per year as it currently stands or the provision of one tip pass per year as an alternative to enable residents to take their rubbish to the Resource Recovery Centre themselves.	Sue Phillips	Libby Hynes	Report to Council in March 2009.
8.	21.07.08	7.5		A further report be submitted in six months time providing details of the outcomes achieved as a result of the enforcement action and education initiatives to be undertaken. (Main Drive Macleod – parking and related matters)	Wal Cichocki	Geoff Glynn	Report to Council in March 2009.
9.	21.07.08	7.7		Receive a report in early 2009 regarding the opportunity for improvement of other community service facilities surrounding the Preston Library.	Nick Mazzarella	Kevin Breen	Report to Council in May 2009.
10.	21.07.08	9.1	CK	A report be submitted on what Council can do to encourage the Power Infrastructure Companies to fix their assets in an agreed and timely manner.	Libby Hynes	Libby Hynes	Report to Council in May 2009.
11.	04.08.08	9.1	ST	A report be prepared in regard to traffic behaviour patterns in Mitchell Street Northcote	Daniel Neave	Geoff Glynn	Reported to Council on 2 February 2009.
12.	04.08.08	9.2	CK	A report be prepared on the resources required to mow and clean around the crash barriers throughout the city on a regular basis, and the report also consider the alternative of asphaltting or concreting these areas.	Jeff Saker	Jeff Saker	Report to Council in March 2009.

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13.	18.08.08	8.1		Council conduct a further review following the event (Australia Day) in January 2009, including consideration of the new format and level of nominations received.	Deborah Equid	Bruce Dobson	Report to Council in April 2009.
14.	18.08.08	8.4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council receive a further report regarding paper consumption for 2008/2009 and actions undertaken to receive this target. • Council officers report on initiatives by other Councils. 	Libby Hynes	Libby Hynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to Council in August 2009. • Report to Council in May 2009.
15.	18.08.08	10.2	ST	<p>Council form a partnership with the Merri Stationeers Committee to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Make haste in securing a lease agreement from VicTrack with respect to the area known as Merri Common for open space, consistent with Council's recently adopted Open Space Strategy. (2) Following on from any successful lease agreement being secured that Council in consultation with the Committee prepare a plan for the beautification and rejuvenation of the land surrounding Merri Station. (3) Conduct a local area traffic management plan (LATM) of the streets intersecting with the city-bound side of Merri Station to verify the Committee's concerns at hoon and or speeding traffic generally, with a view to the introduction of traffic calming measures. (4) Enter into cost agreements with VicTrack to improve storm water drainage at the station, where water pondage occurs owing to dated and or defective drainage systems. 	Allan Wicks	Geoff Glynn	Leasing arrangements with VicTrack are still being investigated and the status of the VicTrack land is yet to be resolved. A progress report will be submitted to Council in April 2009.
16.	01.09.08	9.2	ST	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A report be prepared on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Council rates projections for the next four years 2008-2012 and the potential impact of rate revaluations on the Darebin community. b) What alternative system of revenue raising can be considered which leads to the abolition of the current system. (2) Council make submissions to the State Government concerning this issue and the need for reform and make a submission to the Commonwealth in line with the Rudd Government's announced taxation review. 	Bruce Dobson	Bruce Dobson	Rating Strategy to be discussed at Strategic Planning Workshop. Report to Council anticipated by June 2009.
17.	15.09.08	10.1	SC	Council officers investigate alleged health and safety issues at Leslie Reserve located at the corner of Invermay Street and St Vigeons Road Reservoir and submit a report to Council.	Michael Kennedy	Libby Hynes	Reported to Council on 16 February 2009.

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18.	06.10.08	7.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Officers further investigate and report back to Council on the possible location of the alternative dog access point to the creek to the west of the Shining pool (Darebin Parklands) with key stakeholders Darebin Creek Management Committee, Banyule Council, Melbourne Water, Darebin Parklands Association and Darebin Dog Owners Group. A progress report be submitted to Council within 6 months 	James Dickson	Geoff Glynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to Council in April 2009. Report to Council in April 2009.
19.	06.10.08	7.3		A further report summarising the outcomes of the community consultation and the detailed design of the Route 86 Corridor project be presented to Council.	Kate Myers	Geoff Glynn	Report to Council in April 2009
20.	06.10.08	9.1	VF	Council officers prepare a report that outlines the reasons for the current starting time for the collection of household garbage.	Jeff Saker	Jeff Saker	Report to Council in April 2009.
21. 2	20.10.08	7.13		Council receive a report on the review of central enrolment policies and procedures when completed in 2009 and that the review consider eligibility criteria including family's place of residence.	Cheryl Hermence	Jan Black	Report to Council in June 2009.
22.	22.12.08	7.10		Council receive a further report regarding the review of the Darebin Litter Strategy.	Sue Phillips	Libby Hynes	Report to Council in June 2009.
23.	22.12.08	9.3	TL	Council officers submit a report to Council with a strategy to improve maintenance of rented properties in Darebin, the strategy to identify a communication strategy aimed at landlords and real estate agents maintaining their properties, and outline Council's policies in relation to overhanging branches and fire danger caused by uncut and unkempt gardens and grass.	Michael Kennedy	Libby Hynes	Report to Council in April 2009.
24.	2.02.09	9.1	BM	The Chief Executive Officer direct officers of the City of Darebin to investigate remedies to address anti-social behaviour outside Preston City Oval including investigating if local laws require amendment to clear anti-social activities from this area.	Tennille Temizyuz	Libby Hynes	Report to Council on 16 March 2009.

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25.	2.02.09	9.2	GG	<p>Council:</p> <p>(1) Support the introduction of a national TV and Computer Recycling Scheme to ensure end of life televisions and computers are recycled.</p> <p>(2) Write to the Victorian Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Innovation, the Hon Gavin Jennings and the Federal Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett, calling for the May 2009 meeting of the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) to introduce a national TV and Computer Recycling Scheme.</p> <p>(3) Call on the Municipal Association of Victoria and Victorian Local Governance Association to support this action, asking them to also write to the Victorian Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Innovation, the Hon Gavin Jennings and the Federal Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett, calling for the May 2009 meeting of the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) to introduce a national TV and Computer Recycling Scheme.</p>	Libby Hynes	Libby Hynes	Letters sent February 2009.
26.	2.02.09	9.3	TMcC	Council Officers prepare a report into violence prevention activities currently undertaken by Council and other organisations operating in the Darebin area and recommend new strategies and activities that can be undertaken in future to reduce violent behaviour in Darebin.	Dean Griggs	Jan Black	Report to Council in May 2009.
27.	2.02.09	9.4	TMcC	Council Officers report on the social impact of gaming activity in the Darebin area, particularly during the global financial crisis, as well as providing Council with a schedule of community contributions made by local gaming operators, as required by State legislation.	John Smith / Mandy Bathgate	Jan Black	Report to Council Briefing Session in March 2009.
28.	2.02.09	9.5	TMcC	Council Officers prepare a report within the next month which identifies the planning process involving applications for Trading/business permits and the respective timelines associated with these applications.	Michael Ballock	Kevin Breen	Report to Council in March 2009.
29.	2.02.09	9.6	TMcC	Council officers prepare a report on "hoon activity" in Leinster Grove and adjacent streets and what can be done to reduce such activity.	Daniel Kollmorgen	Geoff Glynn	Traffic counts are being undertaken. Report expected to be submitted to Council on 20 April.
30.	2.02.09	9.7	ST	A Local Area Traffic Management study be conducted for Henderson Street, Northcote located off Westgarth Street and Thomson Street.	Daniel Kollmorgen	Geoff Glynn	Traffic counts are being undertaken. Report expected to be submitted to Council on 20 April.

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31.	2.02.09	9.8	TL	A report be submitted tot he next Council meeting on implementing additional residential parking permits for residents that live in retail strips under special circumstances.	Daniel Kollmorgen	Geoff Glynn	Report submitted to Council on 16 February 2009.
32.	2.02.09	9.9	TL	Council Officers report back to Council in two months with an outline of the review process for: (1) A comprehensive review of the Sport in the North policy (2) Leisure Strategy review (3) Sports Pavilion Strategy review (4) Establishment of a robust Sports Steering Committee.	Janice Lane	Geoff Glynn	Report to Council in May 2009.
33.	2.02.09	9.10	TL	Council Officers report back to Council with options for introducing resident parking in and around Mt Cooper Drive Bundoora where overflow from the Bundoora Extended Care Centre is causing major problems for residents.	Daniel Kollmorgen	Geoff Glynn	Consultation undertaken in November 2007 and further consultation proposed for March 2009. Report to Council in April 2009
34.	2.02.09	9.11	TL	Council Officers report back to Council with an action plan for joint efforts with La Trobe University and with other stakeholders to tackle the student housing crisis and the current housing exploitation that many international students face in Darebin.	John Smith	Jan Black	Report to Council in April 2009.
35.	2.02.09	9.12	VF	Council Officers investigate the premises located/situated at 46 Tyler Street Preston to determine whether it complies with Planning, Building and Health Regulations.	Kevin Breen Libby Hynes	Kevin Breen Libby Hynes	Officers have investigated this matter and reported outcomes to Councillors by memorandum.
36.	2.02.09	9.13	NK	A report be submitted to Council in regard to corporate font types and sizes and the environmental implications (such as paper usage of adopting a standing size 12 font).	Bruce Dobson	Bruce Dobson	Report to Council in April 2009.
37.	2.02.09	9.14	NK	A report be submitted to Council which details the current status of disabled parking bays in regard to compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act and the proposed future direction for the installation, maintenance and upgrade of disabled parking bays.	Daniel Kollmorgen	Geoff Glynn	Investigations are underway.
38.	16.02.09	7.5		Council be presented with a new comprehensive report by 30 June 2009 in relation to proposed changes to the 2010 annual grants program.	Sharyn Scott Dean Griggs	Jan Black	Report to Council in June 2009.
39.	16.02.09	7.8		Following the review of the Road Management Plan and completion of the advertising process a written report will be presented to Council that summarises the findings and conclusions of the review.	Vincent King	Jeff Saker	Report to Council prior to 30 June 2009.

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40.	16.02.09	9.1	TMcC	<p>Council Officers provide a report within six weeks outlining possible options and costings to scope the development and delivery of a broad-scale energy and water program for Darebin households and businesses.</p> <p>The program may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy auditing and energy efficiency measures • Solar hot water units and photovoltaic panels • Water tanks and water saving technologies. <p>In line with Council's renewed commitment to equity and social inclusion, the program should incorporate innovative financing arrangements that allow any household or business to pay off their investment over a number of years, in line with the savings they make on their energy and water bills. Furthermore, the program should seek to address and overcome the key barriers (eg. upfront cost, lack of information) to adoption of renewable energy and water saving measures by households and businesses, thereby encouraging the broadest possible participation across the municipality.</p> <p>In preparing the initial report on options and costings to scope such a program, Officers will liaise with Yarra City Council, Moreland Energy Foundation and other organisations currently exploring similar programs to see what opportunities exist for collaboration and cost saving.</p>	Libby Hynes	Libby Hynes	Report to Council in April 2009.

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41.	16.02.09	9.2	TMcC	<p>Council opposes the State Government's recent move to "call-in" the planning permit application to redevelop the Northcote Bowl site with 96 apartments. Council notes that this planning application has not been "gridlocked", as purported in a media release issued by the Premier on Wednesday 4 February 2009, and that Council has not been afforded the opportunity to make its final determination in relation to this matter.</p> <p>Council reaffirms its commitment to encouraging local jobs and increasing local housing stock, particularly sustainable social housing. Council also reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that residents and traders concerns are taken into account in the consideration of all planning matters.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council will host and promote a community meeting on the Northcote Bowl Redevelopment within the next month, providing residents and traders with the opportunity to communicate their concerns about this planning application with Ward Councillors and Council Officers, who will then forward these concerns to the Minister for Planning, for consideration in relation to this significant planning matter.</p> <p>Council will write to the Premier, Minister for Planning, and local State Members, informing them of Council's position and inviting them (or their representatives) to attend the community meeting.</p>	Kevin Breen	Kevin Breen	<p>Letters to the Premier, Minister for Planning and local State Members have been prepared.</p> <p>A community meeting is being arranged.</p>
42.	16.02.09	9.3	TMcC	<p>Council Officers provide a report within two months regarding a new initiative to encourage productive use of vacant shopfronts and other commercial spaces, through negotiated arrangements with real estate agents and commercial property managers. Productive use might include short term occupancy on a rent-free basis by local artists and arts groups, as has recently been initiated in the City of Newcastle, through the work of the Renew Newcastle organisation, and has previously occurred in other municipalities.</p>	Sue La Greca	Kevin Breen	The matter is under consideration.
43.	16.02.09	9.4	GG	<p>In line with Darebin's commitment to social inclusion and environmental sustainability, Council Officers provide a report within 8 weeks on how to incorporate a meaningful Environmental and Social Inclusion and Diversity impact statement for all reports that come to Council for decision or deliberation.</p>	Bruce Dobson	Bruce Dobson	Report to Council in April 2009.

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44.	16.02.09	9.5	GG	<p>Council Officers begin a comprehensive rate review of Darebin's rating system over the next 6 to 8 months specifically looking at possible rate differential options that can increase the efficiency and equity of our current rating system.</p> <p>These differential options should include, but not be limited to, the following differential options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-scale commercial differential • Small-scale commercial differential • Residential commercial differential • Gaming industry differential • Large-scale retail differential • Small-scale retail differential <p>The objective of the review should be to consider both the long-term benefits of various differentials and the administrative resources needed to support them.</p>	Bruce Dobson	Bruce Dobson	This review will commence shortly and a report to Council is planned by October 2009.

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45.	16.02.09	9.6	TL	<p>Council Officers begin a high level review of Darebin's medium and long term income options over the next 6 to 8 months.</p> <p>These income options should include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A restructured developer levy • Planning department fees and charges • New fees on large undeveloped 'bomb sites' • New federal funding initiatives • New state funding initiatives • Funding from private trusts • Commercial waste services • Car parking levies on sites with private vehicle car parking • Parking meters in current high traffic areas and planned high density areas. <p>The object of the review should be to consider both the long-term benefits of various incomes streams with an objective of increasing the efficiency, stability and equity of Council's non-rate income streams. The review should also consider the resources and investment costs required to establish or increase these incomes streams.</p> <p>This income review should be conducted in tandem with the rates review. Officers should report back to Council on the resources required for this income review in two weeks.</p>	Bruce Dobson	Bruce Dobson	This review will commence shortly in conjunction with a comprehensive rate review with a report to Council planned by October 2009.
46.	16.02.09	9.7	TL	<p>In line with Darebin Council's renewed commitment to equity and social inclusion this Council resolves to introduce a \$50 pensioner rebate for residential ratepayers receiving the full Commonwealth Age pension in the 2009-rating year.</p> <p>To facilitate this Council Officers will report back to Council in two weeks with an implementation plan for the \$50 pensioner rebate for this year.</p> <p>Furthermore, this Council resolves to work towards lifting this pensioner rebate up to \$100 in future budgets as other rate and income reforms are put in place.</p>	Bruce Dobson	Bruce Dobson	Implementation plan to be reported to Council in March 2009.

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47.	18.02.08	7.8		Council consider further reports on an annual basis that review Peak Oil status and developments.	Michelle Bennett	Libby Hynes	Report to Council in April 2009.
48.	03.03.08	8.3		Officers continue to provide Council with annual reports on the progress of travel behaviour change initiatives within Darebin.	Kate Myers	Geoff Glynn	Report to Council in March 2009.
49.	21.04.08	8.5		Council continues to receive an annual report on the progress of the Darebin Sustainable Water Strategy.	Sue Phillips	Libby Hynes	Next report is due in April 2009.
50.	07.07.08	8.2		Officers provide Council with an annual report on the progress of the Open Space Strategy.	Susan Hecker	Geoff Glynn	Next report is due in July 2009.
51.	15.09.08	8.2		Council consider a further report on progress of the Climate Change Action Plan in September 2009.	Michelle Bennett	Libby Hynes	Next report is due in September 2009.
52.	20.10.08	7.11		A report on the progress of Darebin's Cycling Strategy be presented to Council on an annual basis.	Katie Dickson	Geoff Glynn	Next report is due in October 2009.
53.	17.11.08	8.3		Council officers continue to report on an annual basis on the progress of the Darebin Transport Strategy.	Kate Myers	Geoff Glynn	Next report is due in November 2009.