



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON

MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2011

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2011**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.01 P.M.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Diana Asmar (Mayor)
Cr. Stanley Chiang
Cr. Vince Fontana
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Nick Katsis
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Ben Morgan
Cr. Steven Tsitas

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive
Michael Ballock – Director City Works and Development
Vijaya Vaidyanath – Director Corporate and Business Services
Daniel Freer – Director City Design and Environment
Fred Warner – Group Manager People and Performance
Libby Hynes – Manager Environment and Natural Resources
Rhys Thomas – Governance and Corporate Planning Manager
Ron Downes – Council Business Coordinator

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

MINUTE NO. 29

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 December 2010 be amended on Page 6 by deleting the words "Cr. Fontana" and inserting the words "Cr. Asmar" and that the Minutes, so amended, be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 30

5.1 REPORT OF CR. BEN MORGAN

Cr. Morgan reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Council Briefing Session.
- Australia Day events.
- Usual resident matters.

5.2 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Council Briefing Session.
- Interview with a PHD student regarding Council's Food Security Policy.
- DAREBINhealth (Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) Steering Committee meeting.
- Workshop on Unit development in the La Trobe Ward.
- Meeting with new Director City Design and Environment, Daniel Freer.
- Rally organised by Liberty Victoria in support of Julian Assange.
- Resident matters.

5.3 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Cr. McCarthy reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Meeting with new Director City Design and Environment, Daniel Freer.
- Guest at South Sudan Independence Referendum at the Whitten Oval polling station in Footscray.
- Visits to Bundoora Park and Northcote Golf Course.
- Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Meeting with a local resident regarding a street tree issue.
- Ministerial Opening of the Clifton Street Childrens Centre, Northcote.
- Meeting with the President of the High Street Northcote Traders Association.
- Various planning and amenity issues.

Cr. McCarthy also extended best wishes to Cr. Fontana who has been nominated for President and Ordinary Member positions on the Board of the Victorian Local Governance Association.

5.4 REPORT OF CR. STANLEY CHIANG

Cr. Chiang reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Australia Day celebrations at Government House.
- Australia Day celebrations in Darebin.
- Several Chinese New Year celebrations.
- DAREBINhealth (Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) Steering Committee meeting.
- Workshop on Unit development in the La Trobe Ward.
- Meeting with new Director Corporate and Business Services, Vijaya Vaidyanath.
- Local resident issues.

5.5 REPORT OF CR. NICK KATSIS

Cr. Katsis reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Planning Committee meeting.
- Northland Structure Plan Steering Committee meeting.
- Responding to constituent concerns.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony.

5.6 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA

Cr. Fontana reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Opening of the Holy Spirit Parish Hall.
- Fitzroy Stars Football Club training session to inspect facilities.
- Preston Business Association Advisory Committee meeting.
- Workshop on Unit development in the La Trobe Ward.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Planning Committee meeting.
- Northland Structure Plan workshop.
- Ministerial Opening of the Clifton Street Childrens Centre, Northcote.
- Victorian Local Governance Association 'Leading Edge' Forum.
- Cazaly Ward traffic management workshop session.

5.7 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Australia Day event.
- Planning Committee meeting.
- Council Briefing Session.
- Visited traders in Edwardes Street Reservoir regarding various traffic and flooding issues.

5.8 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS

Cr. Tsitas reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Planning Committee meeting.
- Australia Day celebrations.
- Council Briefing Session.

5.9 REPORT OF THE MAYOR, CR. ASMAR

The Mayor, Cr. Asmar, reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Australia Day Committee meeting.
- Ministerial Opening of the Clifton Street Childrens Centre, Northcote.
- Various resident issues.
- Press Briefing.

The Mayor, Cr. Asmar also thanked Council staff for their efforts assisting residents during the recent floods affecting the City, and extended best wishes to both local reporter Gabrielle Procter following her recent resignation from the Melbourne Times Weekly, and to Cr. Fontana in relation to his nomination for President and Ordinary Member positions on the Board of the Victorian Local Governance Association.

In presenting their reports, each Councillor congratulated the Mayor, Cr. Asmar, on the recent birth of her daughter.

Newly appointed Executive Management Team Members Vijaya Vaidyanath (Director Corporate and Business Services), Daniel Freer (Director City Design and Environment) and Fred Warner (Group Manager People and Performance) were also welcomed to Darebin by various Councillors and the Mayor, Cr. Asmar during the course of presenting their reports.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 31

The Mayor, Cr. Asmar, invited questions from members of the public gallery.

The following question was submitted:

- Keith Coffey of Reservoir asked a question about unit development in the Reservoir area. The question was responded to by the Mayor, Cr. Asmar.

After Public Question Time had concluded, one further question was submitted in writing.

7. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 32

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee – 9 December 2010
- Australia Day Committee – 11 January 2011
- Council Briefing Session – 31 January 2011

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. B. Morgan
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT the records of Assemblies of Councillors held on 9 December 2010, 11 January 2011 and 31 January 2011 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Women's Advisory Committee Meeting
	Date:	Thursday 9 December 2010
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Diana Asmar (Mayor)
	Council Staff:	Mandy Bathgate, Coordinator, Social Policy Amelia Bassett, Human Rights and Community Engagement Officer Melissah Morrison, Health Planner
	Other:	Community Members of the Committee
APOLOGIES:		Nil.

The Assembly commenced at 6.00pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Darebin Food Security Policy and Food Security Strategy	No disclosures were made. Cr Asmar left the meeting at 6.30pm for another engagement.

The Assembly concluded at 7.30pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Mandy Bathgate
	Officer Title:	Coordinator, Social Policy



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Australia Day Committee meeting
	Date:	Tuesday 11 January 2011
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Diana Asmar (Mayor), Cr Ben Morgan
	Council Staff:	Deborah Equid
	Other:	Representative of Darebin Ethnic Communities Council and two community members of the committee
APOLOGIES:		Cr Gaetano Greco

The Assembly commenced at 6pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Nominations for the Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Group Awards	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 7.15pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Deborah Equid
	Officer Title:	Civic Events Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Briefing Session
	Date:	Monday 31 January 2011
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr Vince Fontana, Cr Tim Laurence, Cr Gaetano Greco, Cr Trent McCarthy, Cr Ben Morgan, Cr Nick Katsis, Cr Steven Tsitas,
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev, Dalal Smiley, Rhys Thomas, Pradeep Agrawal, Vijaya Vaidyanath, Fred Warner, Daniel Freer and Michael Ballock
	Other:	Terry Bramham
APOLOGIES:		Cr Diana Asmar, and Cr Stanley Chiang

The Assembly commenced at 7pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Governance Matters	No disclosures were made.
2	Darebin Council contribution to flood relief efforts	No disclosures were made. Cr Katsis left the meeting at 8.10pm. Cr Tsitas left the meeting at 8.10pm and returned at 8.12pm
3	2010/11 Budget Briefing timetable.	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 9:00pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Michael Ballock
	Officer Title:	Director City Works and Development

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CAUSE A GENERAL REVALUATION

MINUTE NO. 33

AUTHOR: City Valuer – David Archer

REVIEWED BY: Director Corporate and Business Services – Vijaya Vaidyanath

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that Council resolve to cause a General Revaluation to be made of all rateable property in the City of Darebin at levels of value as at 1 January 2012 in accordance with requirements of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

The report also presents a Statutory Declaration of Impartiality and Competence by the officer responsible for the revaluation.

CONSULTATION:

Valuer-General Victoria
Chief Financial Officer

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

THAT:

- (1) Council resolve to cause a General Revaluation to be made of all rateable property in the City of Darebin at levels of value as at 1 January 2012, with the valuation to be returned no later than 30 June 2012 and David Nicholas Archer, AAPI C/- 274 Gower Street, Preston, to be the appointed valuer.
- (2) The General Revaluation be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*
- (3) Notice of this resolution be given to the Valuer-General Victoria and to every other rating authority interested in the General Revaluation as required by section 6 (1) of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.
- (4) Council note that a "Statutory Declaration of Impartiality and Competence" has been made by the valuer appointed by Council for the return of the 2012 General Revaluation and Supplementary Valuations made to the 2012 General Revaluation.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, Council is required to undertake biennial valuations of all property within its municipal district. The next revaluation is to be undertaken in respect of the 2012 year.

The Valuer-General Victoria has released the Valuation Best Practice 2012 specification guidelines for the next revaluation to be assessed as at 1 January 2012.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, Council needs to resolve to make a revaluation of all rateable property within the Darebin City Council. This resolution must then be conveyed to the Valuer-General Victoria and every other rating authority that may have an interest in the revaluation within one month of the resolution being made.

The 2012 General Revaluation will be returned at levels of value as at 1 January 2012 and will be returned to Council no later than 30 June 2012.

Pursuant to Clause 13DH of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*, prior to Council returning the valuation, the person appointed to make the valuation must also make a Statutory Declaration that the valuation and return together with Supplementary Valuations will be impartial and true to the best of that person's judgement and will be made by that person or under that person's supervision. The City Valuer, David Archer, has made this declaration - see copy attached (**Appendix A**).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Nil.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Nil.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The 2012 General Revaluation is expected to be completed within budget. The 2012 General Revaluation will be used to allocate rate revenue for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 budgets.

CONCLUSION

To comply with legislative requirements, this report recommends that Council resolve to cause a General Revaluation to be made of all rateable property in the City of Darebin at levels of value as at 1 January 2012 in accordance with requirements of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.

FUTURE ACTIONS

A further report will be presented to Council prior to 30 June 2012 to formally return the General Revaluation and for Council to adopt the valuation for rating purposes.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- *Valuation of Land Act 1960*.
- Statutory Declaration by the person appointed to make the valuation (**Appendix A**).

The Mayor, Cr Asmar placed on the record the fact that her husband, David Asmar works in the electorate office of Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Senator for Victoria and Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy . She declared that the matters covered in this report on Council's potential involvement in the National Broadband Network do not constitute a conflict of interest.

8.2 NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

MINUTE NO. 34

AUTHOR: Manager Economic Development and Employment – Eddy Boscarol

REVIEWED BY: Director Corporate and Business Services – Vijaya Vaidyanath

SUMMARY:

This report is being submitted to Council to inform Councillors of the following:

1. Current status of the National Broadband Network rollout.
2. Benefits of receiving broadband.
3. NBN Co are currently engaging with Councils to determine the locations for the next stage of the broadband rollout.

The report proposes that Council endorsement be given to actively engage with NBN Co to have Darebin City Council included in the early stages of the broadband rollout.

CONSULTATION:

- Executive Management Team
- Councillors

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council actively engage with NBN Co Limited to have Darebin City Council in the early stages of the National Broadband Network rollout.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Federal Government has established a new company, NBN Co Ltd, to design, build and operate the new National Broadband Network (NBN). It will invest up to \$43 billion, and will take over eight years to complete. The NBN will deliver a wholesale open access broadband network. This means that service providers will be able to access infrastructure that is not owned by a competitor. This will deliver greater retail competition to consumers.

The NBN will involve the laying of fibre optic cabling to 93 per cent of Australian homes, schools and businesses, capable of delivering speeds of 100 megabits per second, or up to 100 times faster than many people experience today. The remaining premises situated in regional and remote areas will have four per cent fixed high speed wireless and three per cent satellite technologies delivering broadband speeds of 12 megabits per second or more.

NBN Co has already started the rollout of high speed broadband to three communities of Scottsdale, Smithton and Midway Point in Tasmania. Construction of new fibre optic backbone links has commenced near Mt Isa, Queensland with the link from Darwin through Mt Isa, Emerald and Longreach to Toowoomba. Further construction has recently commenced on the new fibre optic link between Perth and Geraldton and to Broken Hill.

On 8 July 2010, NBN Co commenced the rollout of the first release sites on five locations on the mainland. These are:

- **Victoria** – Parts of Brunswick (Melbourne)
- **QLD** – Parts of the Townsville suburbs of Aitkenvale and Mundingburra
- **NSW** – The coastal communities of Minnamurra and Kiama Downs south of Wollongong
- **NSW** – An area of west Armidale, including the University of New England
- **South Australia** – The rural town of Willunga.

The next stage (second release) comprises of 14 new locations. The new sites are:

- **Victoria** – Bacchus Marsh, South Morang (Melbourne)
- **Queensland** – Brisbane (inner north), Springfield Lakes, Toowoomba.
- **NSW** – Riverstone (western Sydney), Coffs Harbour
- **South Australia** – Modbury, Prospect
- **Western Australia** – Victoria Park (Perth), Geraldton, Mandurah
- **Northern Territory** – Casuarina
- **ACT** – Gungahlin.

An NBN Co Northern Melbourne Regional Briefing session was held on Friday 17 December 2010 at Rydges Bell City and was attended by Cr. Gaetano Greco and the following Darebin City Council staff: Director City Works and Development, Group Manager Community Services, Chief Information Officer, Manager Economic Development and Employment, and Senior Coordinator Communications and Marketing.

Tony Gibbs, NBN Co Stakeholder and Community Relations Manager, delivered a presentation that included detail about the level of cooperation and collaboration required to facilitate a timely and efficient rollout of high speed broadband across individual LGAs and across the northern Melbourne region.

Some points of interest that were mentioned at the briefing included;

- Broadband will be connected to homes and businesses across Australia, over an eight year rollout period.
- There will be no wireless internet 'hotspots' provided in community areas as part of the NBN rollout.
- It is estimated that there will be 4,000 points of connection per day and have 15,000 to 20,000 employees (FTEs) at peak of construction across Australia.
- Construction to be rolled out simultaneously in metropolitan, regional and rural areas.
- There will be a need for a central point of contact for NBN Co to liaise with Council.
- NBN Co marketing division has a media team who will work closely with each Council's Communications and Marketing Unit staff to get the community onboard and obtain consent from property owners (three months from start of construction) for NBN Co to enter properties to run fibre optical cable and set up access points.
- NBN Co will be driving the consultation process with information sessions, stakeholder briefings, community information line, information displays, fact sheets, and local advertising.
- In selecting the next area to receive broadband, the NBN Co will take the path of least resistance – so Councils showing interest and providing support will be looked at favourably.
- Volume rollout is expected to occur in 2013.

Discussions with David Ensor, Executive Director and Rebecca Di Corpo, Manager Projects and Partnership from the Office of Vice Chancellor at La Trobe University revealed that the University is keen to partner with Council to assist in obtaining an early rollout of the NBN in Darebin. They are also interested in assisting Council to encourage businesses to utilise the NBN in their business.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

NBN Co is now looking for locations to rollout the broadband network in Victoria. Municipalities that are one of the first to obtain the high speed broadband are likely to receive significant funding for training, increasing the use and take up of the technology, developing new business or improving existing models (both for Council and businesses), marketing and promoting success stories as the Government seeks to justify its investment in the lead up to the next federal election.

Being the first to obtain fast broadband will boost the local economy. Businesses and Council will save time, money and increase productivity. Local businesses will be better able to compete globally, be in contact with customers and suppliers from around the world, provide training to offsite staff, and businesses can be run from home. The community will be able to access better health care through video conferencing between patients and specialists, analysing medical images such as X-rays and ultrasounds online. The community will be able to access more efficient government processes and services. Residents would also have access to online education, for example, being able to have a telepresence in a lecture delivered in a university anywhere in the world.

NBN are looking for Councils that are able to assist them with the rollout. They are requiring the following assistance and commitments from Council:

- Use of depot facilities to store their trucks and equipment overnight
- Appointment of an internal contact person to liaise with Council business units on behalf of the NBN
- Priority attention and resolution to NBN issues and concerns
- Use of Communications Department to promote the benefits and provide positive messages throughout the broadband rollout to residents
- List of new developments so they can time their rollout with the other utilities
- Assistance in encouraging residents to sign the consent forms to receive their free standard optical fibre installation from the street to the premises.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Once the infrastructure has been set up and adopted by the community, travel to work and across the country for business will be increasingly replaced by digital applications such as next generation, high definition videoconferencing and telepresence. More people will have the opportunity to work from home and have important services such as education and health delivered to their home. This should contribute to a reduction in greenhouse emissions.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

The ability for people to connect online and share common interests and experiences and to socialise will become easier through the rollout of high-speed broadband to all Australian homes, businesses and community centres.

Some of Australia's most isolated and socially disadvantaged people can improve their quality of life by taking advantage of online communication. The community sector will be able to extend services and use an online environment, such as social media, to help support people and keep them connected with the community.

The delivery of government services can also be strengthened through the National Broadband Network (NBN) with improved services accessible from home and use of technology to simplify the way governments currently engage with citizens.

Other

Access to high speed broadband for Darebin community addresses and is aligned to the shared goals outlined in the Council Plan 2009 – 2013. This includes:

Leadership and Engagement

- Involving the community in decision making, through consultation, public participation, community engagement and representation.

Community Wellbeing

- Providing a broad range of high quality innovative community services, including universal services and specific services targeted to those most in need.
- Removing or minimising the barriers to community participation and access.
- Broadband access for all parts of the municipality will ensure the wider Darebin community are connected and Council services better able to address locational disadvantage and inequality.

Liveability and Regeneration

- The broadband infrastructure will ensure the community has access to faster, more affordable and widely accessible broadband.
- High speed broadband will provide for the future needs of the community.
- Will create an accessible and inclusive city that engages local neighbourhoods and communities in promoting Darebin as a culturally vibrant place to live, work, study and visit.

Celebration and Participation

- High speed broadband will allow Darebin's cultural and artistic services, programs and events to be promoted throughout the municipality and the world. People that are unable to attend the community activities or events are able to participate through telepresence.
- Market Darebin's network of spaces and places, recreation and leisure facilities.

Environmental Sustainability

- High speed broadband will reduce the environmental impact associated from Council, business and residents operations through a reduction in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No direct financial implications are associated with this project other than dedicating existing resources (may require reprioritising work in some functional areas in Council) to ensure the rollout of the broadband network is efficient and effective.

FUTURE ACTIONS

Set up meetings with both Federal Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (the Hon Stephen Conroy) and Minister for Resources and Energy, and Minister for Tourism (the Hon Martin Ferguson) and inform them of Darebin's interest in being involved in the early stages of the broadband rollout.

Engage with local Members of Parliament.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

8.3 DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTION TO FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS**MINUTE NO. 35****AUTHOR: Manager Community Planning, Partnerships and Performance - Dalal Smiley****REVIEWED BY: Group Manager People and Performance – Fred Warner****SUMMARY:**

This Council report provides information on the actions taken by the Darebin City Council to contribute to national efforts to assist flood affected communities in both Victoria and Queensland.

CONSULTATION:

Director, City Design and Environment
Organisation Development Consultant
Civic Events Coordinator
Senior Coordinator Communications
Executive Coordinator
Leisure, Public Realm and Venues Manager
Manager, Arts and Culture
Coordinator Customer Service
Organisation Development Administrative Support Officer
Multicultural Relations Officer
International Students Project Officer

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the actions taken by Darebin City Council and the activities planned to support and raise funds for flood relief in both Queensland and Victoria.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT Council:

- (1) Endorse the actions taken by Darebin City Council and the activities planned to date to support and raise funds for flood relief in both Queensland and Victoria.
- (2) Allocate an amount of \$10,000 toward flood relief efforts.

- (3) Authorise the Chief Executive to oversee the Council's flood relief efforts, in consultation with the Mayor.
- (4) Write to large business ratepayers in the City of Darebin requesting that they make similar donations as concerned corporate citizens following the lead of Darebin City Council and its residents.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In December 2010 a series of floods hit the state of Queensland. Thousands of people were forced to evacuate from towns and cities. At least 70 towns and over 200,000 people were affected. Three-quarters of Queensland was declared a disaster zone.

The Queensland floods were followed by the 2011 Victorian floods which affected 62 towns, including Horsham, Beaufort, Charlton, Echuca, Warracknabeal, and Rochester, with about 1,700 properties affected.

Because of the magnitude of the disaster in Queensland and the enormous number of people affected, the Queensland Government set up a Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal and appointed a specialist Committee to handle the task of distribution of the appeal fund.

While in Victoria, the Australian Red Cross, in partnership with the Victorian Government launched the Red Cross Victorian Floods Appeal 2011. Funds raised will be used to support individuals, families and communities in areas affected by the floods. The damage caused by the floods nationally is estimated to be around \$5 billion.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Following internal consultations with key areas within Council and considering time and resource constraints the following activities have been confirmed:

- The Mayor's column for Preston and Northcote Leader (25 January 2011) contained a message of sympathy for flood affected communities and flagged the Darebin City Council's intention to raise funds through events occurring in the months of January and February
- The Mayor wrote to the Municipal Association of Victoria and Victorian Local Governance Association to ask them to work together to coordinate the Victorian Local Government's response to the floods' recovery efforts
- The Mayor also wrote to 16 Victorian Councils and 27 Queensland Councils affected by the floods indicating Darebin City Council's sympathy and support through raising funds and offering assistance if requested
- The Darebin City Council has formally registered with the Australian Red Cross to authorise its fundraising activities
- One-minute's silence signalling Darebin's community's sympathy and support for flood affected communities was incorporated into the proceedings of the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Awards Presentation

- Collection tins have been acquired and will be used to collect donations at the following Council venues and events:
 - Customer Service Centres in Preston, Reservoir, Northland and Northcote
 - Darebin Libraries
 - Northcote Town Hall
 - Reservoir Leisure Centre
 - Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre
 - Bundoora Park
- Fundraising occurred at the following events:
 - Australia Day Awards and Celebrations at Preston Town Hall on 26 January 2011
 - Australia Day Festival at Bundoora Park on 26 January 2011
- Further fundraising will occur at the Darebin Community and Kite Festival on Sunday 27 February 2011 at Edwardes Lake Park, Reservoir
- Fundraising by Council staff occurred at the following events:
 - Darebin Social Club Flood Relief BBQ on Wednesday 2 February 2011.
 - Flood Relief Casual Day, Friday 4 February 2011.
- Information regarding flood relief efforts for both Victoria and Queensland has been included in the Mayor's message on Council's website
- Customer Service Officers have been issued with information to enable them to respond to inquiries from members of the public regarding Council's initiatives and methods of contributing to the fund raising activities
- A soccer game between Melbourne Heart Football Club (A League) and Northcote City Soccer Club will take place during the month of February 2011 and the match will be dedicated to raising funds through entry fees, donations and raffle tickets. Final details regarding the venue, time and date are being negotiated
- Reservoir Leisure Centre is running a raffle which will be drawn on 3 March 2011 and the prizes feature products from the Centre. Also the Centre is organising a day in late February 2011 called 'Get Fit for Flood Relief Day'. The day will feature a massive Zumba class and other fitness classes. The cost will be \$10 entry per person and all money raised will go to the flood relief effort
- Council has received requests for assistance from other Councils affected by the flood and all requests will be considered and responded to in line with Council capacity and resources.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Nil.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Members of the Darebin Overseas Students Association have volunteered to collect donations at the Darebin Community and Kite Festival. This will highlight the Overseas Students' involvement and participation in matters that affect the Australian population. This would also validate their inclusion in the Australian community as active and engaged citizens.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Darebin City Council's efforts to raise funds for the Flood Relief Appeal will not have an impact on Council's overall budget. The cost is in-kind involving officers' time to organise, coordinate and monitor the various activities planned to take place.

CONCLUSION

Darebin City Council's Mayor and Councillors were quick to recognise the importance of coordinating a response from Darebin City Council to assist the flood affected communities. The Darebin Council's response sought to engage the broad community and the Council staff to generate a collective effort that drew not only on the community's financial resources but also on the goodwill of the Darebin community.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Ideas and suggestions regarding further fundraising efforts will continue to be considered for inclusion in the current program of activities
- Confirmation of the details for the proposed soccer game
- Promotion of Darebin's fundraising events and efforts in the local media and on Darebin's website
- Concluding the fundraising activities by 4 March 2011
- Donating the funds to Red Cross and the Queensland Premier Disaster Relief Appeal
- Publishing a 'Thank You' message from the Mayor to the Darebin community for its efforts and generosity
- Preparing a final report to Council regarding Darebin's fundraising efforts.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

8.4 PAPER CONSUMPTION REDUCTION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIONS**MINUTE NO. 36****AUTHOR: Environment Officer Water and Waste - Russell Gladigau****REVIEWED BY: Director City Design and Environment – Daniel Freer****SUMMARY:**

At its meeting on 18 August 2008, Council resolved to reduce paper consumption by 10% based on 2007/2008 consumption data. According to available data, paper consumption has increased by 10.9% this year. Improvements will be achieved through planned new printing/photocopying equipment and processes around double sided defaults and paper consumption may vary according to Council activities. Investigation around reducing paper related to Council briefings and meetings will continue and improving governance and functionality for Councillors will continue.

CONSULTATION:**Internal**

- Acting Coordinator Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Procurement and Contraction Officer - Financial Services
- Desktop Support Coordinator - Information Services
- Environment Action Team

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana****THAT Council:**

- (1) Note the paper consumption and planned actions towards achieving the 10 per cent paper reduction target.
- (2) Receive a further report on progress towards achieving Council's paper reduction target in twelve months time.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 18 August 2008, Council resolved to reduce paper consumption by 10 per cent based on 2007/2008 consumption data and yearly progress reports have been produced since this date. Council also resolved to review the cost benefit of electronic Council meetings in the current Council term.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**Baseline paper consumption data**

The following data, collected from Council's 13 largest office sites and libraries, shows that paper usage has increased by 10.9% compared to 2007/2008. It is difficult to determine whether the increase in paper use is the result of increased outputs and activities. For example the mail-out to residents for the Route 86 project accounted for 2.6% of the 2009/2010 increase alone. Actions such as changing Darebin News from quarterly to monthly will improve communications but increase paper consumption. Council activities vary from year-to-year dependent on projects, consultation and reporting/governance requirements and this affects paper usage.

Table 1: City of Darebin's Paper Use 2007 – 2010

Indicator	2007/2008 (base year)	2008/2009	2009/10
Total paper use (reams A4 equivalent*)	7,547	7,754	8,577
% change in paper use from base year		2.7%	10.9%
Recycled content			
0%			13%
Partial 80%			12%
100%			75%

*Each A3 ream is equal to two A4 reams and expresses as A4 equivalent

Paper reduction actions

The following actions have been undertaken and have been guided by the Environment Action Team incorporating staff from across the organisation:

- Compilation of Waste Wise notebooks of used single sided paper and distribution to staff

- Paper trays have been provided with appropriate signs/labels for reusable paper in key areas (eg. photocopy room), where possible
- Removal of individual landfill bins at desks and replacement with recycling bins
- Reducing hardcopies of Council minutes produced by using electronic copies where possible.

The following actions are being implemented progressively:

- Audit of paper recycling bins, comparing results with previous audit and target actions around largest users
- Increasing double sided printing through computer and printer default settings
- Staff education around minimising paper use
- The Green Printer document management software trial, which has been extended for a further twelve months.

The following actions are being investigated and implemented over the current year:

- Investigating the use of ipads/tablets/laptops for Council briefings and meetings to reduce agenda and briefing papers and improve governance and functionality for Councillors.
- Decreasing margin sizes in reports, strategies and briefings
- Reducing the amount of printers and replacing with centralised copier stations, with double sided default, and reused paper tray capability. Research from other Councils has identified that this change will bring about significant paper reduction. New machines will be rolled out progressively where leases of current equipment end and are expected to improve corporate paper usage over the next 12 to 18 months.

Council's 10 per cent paper reduction goal is achievable, and in line with the paper reduction goals of many other Councils, however overall paper usage will vary from year-to-year dependent on Council activities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Based on the above figures, Council's 2009/2010 paper consumption produced the following environmental impacts during the production process. This does not take into account the power associated with the ink / toner use and production for letterhead:

- 674,424 litres of water
- 8.7 tonnes of waste
- 75 tonnes of CO₂
- 67 trees.

Any reduction in paper use will support our environmental, climate change, water and waste policies.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Nil.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council currently spends \$60,000 on copy paper and letterhead annually.

CONCLUSION

The paper reduction target has not been achieved, and paper consumption can vary from year-to-year dependent on Council activities and communications. Subject to these issues improvement is anticipated with the planned new equipment and processes around double sided defaults.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Ongoing replacement of existing copiers.
- Investigate the use of ipads/tablets/laptops for Council briefings and meetings.
- Continuing the use of Green Print software.
- Development of electronic letterhead.
- Staff education.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- City of Darebin Environment Policy.
- City of Darebin Procurement Guidelines 2009 (incorporating the Environmental Purchasing Code).
- City of Darebin Waste Wise Action Plan 2008-2010.
- City of Darebin Corporate Services Best Value Business Case for Administrative Services.

8.5 SUSTAINABLE WATER STRATEGY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**MINUTE NO. 37****AUTHOR:** Coordinator Water and Waste Strategy – Sue Phillips**REVIEWED BY:** Director City Design and Environment – Daniel Freer**SUMMARY:**

The Sustainable Water Strategy (SWS) was adopted by Council in 2007 and incorporates Council's four major water policy documents into one strategic framework, enabling an integrated water management approach. This paper reports on the annual progress against the SWS.

During 2009/2010 progress has been significant with a 60 per cent reduction in operational water use since 1999/2000 baseline levels. Residents have also further decreased water use, achieving a 28 per cent reduction from 1999/2000.

While these achievements still reflect water use under imposed restrictions, it should be noted that water restrictions have been relaxed during the past year. Despite this, Council's continued reduction in water use indicates that the actions being progressively undertaken at our golf courses, parks, pools, buildings and sporting grounds are working to achieve our targets without the impetus of restrictions.

Yarra Valley Water has given Council an increased water allocation for irrigating sportsgrounds. This enables Council to use 350 per cent more water at these sites - significantly increasing the potable water use allowance. With the review of the Sustainable Water Use Plan scheduled for 2011, the decisions around potential increased water use will be critical. The potential environmental and associated financial costs are significant and must be balanced against community need. A further paper will be delivered to Council on this topic later this year.

CONSULTATION:

Manager, Environment and Natural Resources	Principal Strategic Planner, Projects
Manager, Parks and Gardens	Senior Landscape Architect (Acting)
Manager, Major Projects, Engineering and Transport	Project Manager (A), Major Projects and Activity Centres
Manager, Facilities Maintenance	Project Manager (B), Major Projects and Activity Centres
Manager, Assets, Properties and Building Services (Acting)	Major Works Engineer
Manager, Compliance and Amenity (Acting)	Civil Designer
Coordinator, Bushland Management	Landscape Architect
Coordinator, Asset Management	Contracts Manager, Leisure, Public Realm and Venues
Coordinator, Facility Design	Environment Officer, Water and Waste
Coordinator, Turf	
Coordinator, Sport Development	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council note this report on the progress against the Sustainable Water Strategy and note that the organisation has achieved a 60 per cent reduction in potable water use from 1999/2000 baseline levels.

CARRIED

REPORT

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Sustainable Water Strategy (SWS) is Council’s strategy to integrate the management of water use, stormwater quality and drainage asset integrity and planning within Darebin. This paper is provided annually, to report progress against the SWS.

The objectives of the SWS are to provide holistic management around water issues, reduce potable water consumption, improve water quality for waterways and water bodies, protect the stormwater drainage system minimising flood potential and to balance these objectives to achieve efficient triple bottom line outcomes. Figure 1 below illustrates the four policy documents which sit under the umbrella of the SWS.

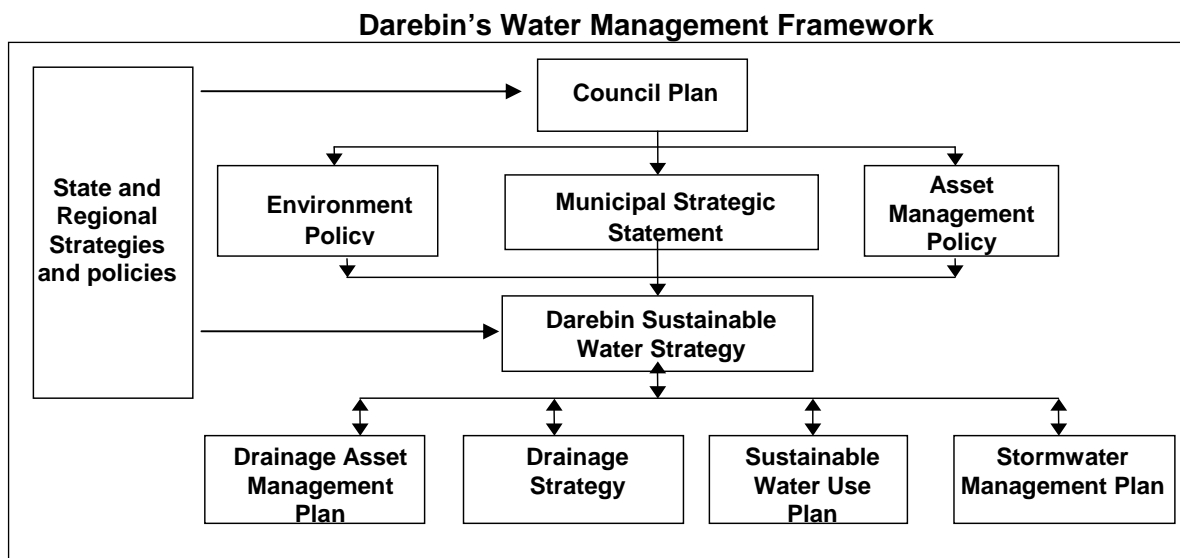


Figure 1: Relationship of SWS to relevant policy documents

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

Sustainable Water Strategy Update

The SWS outlines key performance indicators (KPIs) which measure broad progress and achievement against the major targets in the individual water strategies/plans. As indicated in Table 1, significant progress can be seen against these KPIs during 2009/2010. In addition to the KPIs, the SWS recommends further actions and strong progress has also been made against these.

Table 1 Key Performance Measures from Sustainable Water Strategy

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target Performance	2009/10 Performance
The % reduction in potable water use of Council facilities*	25% reduction by 2010	60% reduction achieved
The % reduction in residential and non-residential potable water use in the municipality*	15% reduction by 2010	32% reduction achieved
The % of complaints, in relation to drainage assets and flooding, dealt with in target response times	80% compliance within target response times	Measurement and reporting program for drainage assets is being established in CAMS software system
The % of customers surveyed satisfied with drainage maintenance work	65% of the people surveyed are satisfied with the service	There is a 69% satisfaction with the drainage maintenance service**
Drainage inspection program as detailed in the Drainage Asset Management Plan	Assess & rate condition of 3 km of pipe (or 0.5% of the network)	7.6km inspected

* From 1999/2000 baseline

** (Darebin City Council, 2010 Community Survey 2nd Quarter)

Update on individual components of the Sustainable Water Strategy

Sustainable Water Use Plan (SWUP)

The overriding target of the SWUP is to reduce Council's total potable water consumption from the 1999/2000 base year by 25 per cent by 2010 and, reduce per capita residential consumption by 15 per cent by 2010 from the same base year.

As identified in Table 2 below, both the Council and community targets were met three years early in 2006/2007. In 2009/2010 community water use reduced by a further 5 per cent to achieve a 28 per cent reduction from the base year. In the same period Council achieved a noteworthy 60 per cent reduction from the base year - dropping to 170 megalitres of water used across all Council operations. Significant capital works projects and actions contributed to these results. Current and future projects will continue to support these achievements.

Table 2 – Council and Community Water Use in the City of Darebin

	Council	Residential	Non-Residential
1999/2000 Base Year (kL water used)	426,662	10,602,541	4,049,269
Target for water use reductions from base year by 2010	25%	15%	No target established
2006/2007 kL water used reduction from base year	314,000 26%	8,828,750 17%	2,974,288 27%
2007/2008 kL water used reduction from base year	270,000 37%	8,154,651 23%	2,663,883 34%
2008/2009 kL water used reduction from base year	214,194 50%	8,141,527 23%	2,564,474 37%
2009/2010 kL water used reduction from base year	170,177 60%	7,603,193 28%	2,289,087 44%

While an increase in rainfall has been enjoyed this year, it is noteworthy that for the past four years both Council and the community have achieved (and surpassed) our water use reduction targets. Actions being progressively undertaken at our golf courses, parks, pools, buildings and sporting grounds, are working to achieve our targets outside the impetus of restrictions.

During 2009/2010, Yarra Valley Water (YVW) provided Darebin with a significantly increased water allocation for sportsgrounds irrigation – increasing from 42 megalitres (ML) per annum to 189ML – an increase of 350 per cent. Use of 189ML on sportsgrounds would revert Council's water reduction achievements back to 2006/2007 levels. To date, this increased allocation has not been drawn from and projections indicate that water use for 2010/2011 will remain relatively constant with 2009/2010 levels.

The SWUP will be reviewed during 2011. Further targets, goals and actions will be considered in light of the impacts of climate change, adaptation, community values and in the context of wider Melbourne and Victorian water actions and strategies (eg. reduced restrictions, desalination, increased household water harvesting).

Stormwater Management Plan (SMP)

Over recent years stormwater management has shifted from focusing only on drainage, to include water quality impacts on receiving waters. Stormwater management now seeks to capitalise on stormwater as a resource - realising its potential as an alternative to potable supply - and also embraces water sensitive urban design (WSUD) as an integral component of best practice management.

Within Darebin, WSUD is increasing in its application and is now being more commonly incorporated into landscape and urban design to achieve best practice and optimise water conservation and planting outcomes. Road rehabilitation and many other projects are likewise beginning to consider incorporating WSUD opportunities into their works. Key projects include:

- Continuing works at the depot including design of rain gardens and the street sweeping deck infrastructure to improve the runoff from the depot directly to the creek
- Preston Connect, Cramer Street, includes WSUD in scope of works
- Design of WSUD works for Council's Arthurton Rd Carpark
- Installation of Council's first "in park" rain garden at Zwar Park
- Sediment monitoring and removal at Leamington Street Wetlands and Edwardes Lake.

Significant progress has been achieved against the actions identified under the SMP. The major outstanding policy actions relate to the incorporation of water management into planning policy and the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS), which is a consideration of the current MSS Review. Capital works are prioritised on a year-by-year basis as part of the budget process and further work is proposed for 2011/2012 to provide improved strategic direction around prioritising water quality works to best benefit our community.

Darebin Drainage Strategy (DDS) and Drainage Asset Management Plan (DAMP)

Council is undertaking a review of the DDS. This is scheduled to be finalised this year and the updated DDS will include:

- Clarification of the process to determine the need for capital upgrade works and their prioritisation
- Review of existing drainage standards and potential climate change impacts
- Outline of community consultation on various drainage issues such as levels of service and design standards
- Development of KPIs for future benchmarking
- Consideration of the recommendations and implications of Melbourne Water's Flood Management and Drainage Strategy.

The Drainage Asset Management Plan (DAMP) examines the drainage asset base, life cycle management, service levels, future demand and the financial costs of managing drainage assets. It also identifies actions to improve drainage asset management practices. A key outcome of the DAMP has been the formation of a Drainage Working Group establishing cross-Council collaboration to address drainage issues cohesively. In addition to the review of the DDS, key outcomes from the DAMP include:

- Annual proactive CCTV inspection, condition assessment and monitoring program development to identify and target critical drainage pipes with 7.6km inspected in 2009/2010
- The purchase and implementation of an asset management information system (AMIS) that directly links with Council's Customer and Asset Management system – CAMS
- The ongoing review and restructure of the drainage maintenance workflow processes to provide a more efficient and effective service.

Whilst the DDS review has had some impact on implementation, a significant number of actions against the DAMP have been implemented. As indicated in Table 1 above, the level of satisfaction with the maintenance and repair of stormwater drains is exceeding the target. Of those surveyed, the level of satisfaction with stormwater drainage maintenance work increased measurably from the same time last year - from 63.5 per cent in 2008/2009 to 69.2 per cent in 2009/2010.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Actions and recommendations of the SWS and the four related water policy documents have strong environmental sustainability foci and outcomes. The primary drivers behind these actions are water quality and water consumption improvements, protection of stormwater infrastructure, climate change adaptation measures and enhanced environmental sustainability outcomes.

Continued focus on water consumption and quality in an environment of climate change remains a critical issue.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Ongoing access to clean and healthy drinking water is a priority issue for all. Well maintained and managed drainage systems, flood and stormwater protection, improved water quality in waterways and access to irrigated open space have significant social impacts and health benefits for our community.

Actions proposed through the SWS and its related water strategies support the continued focus on supporting sustainable and healthy environments for our community, with equity of access to leisure opportunities and water environments.

Other

As discussed above, the Sustainable Water Strategy links with key Council policies, strategies and programs. See Figure 1 for further information.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The 60 per cent water reduction that Council has achieved through decreasing water use by 256,000kL equates to over \$500,000 in avoided water charges at 2009/2010 prices.

The 2010/2011 Capital works budget includes provision of over \$1.6 million for water conservation and water quality related projects.

CONCLUSION

Progress has been made against the four components of the SWS with substantial progress against Council potable water reduction. The SWUP Review will be a key tool for decision making around Council's future commitment to water use and targets. Water use reduction targets have been met and new targets are needed to establish Council's future direction and goals.

A further report will be prepared for Council regarding water usage at sportsgrounds in relation to the increased water allocations, which will outline recommendations, costs and implications.

FUTURE ACTIONS

- Continue implementation of Sustainable Water Strategy, Stormwater Management Plan and Drainage Asset Management Plan.
- Review the Sustainable Water Use Plan during 2011.
- Prepare a Council report on water allocations for sporting grounds.
- Prioritise water related projects for 2011/2012 as part of the budget process.
- Finalise the Darebin Drainage Strategy during 2011.
- Consider water related issues in current Darebin Planning Scheme Review.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Darebin Sustainable Water Strategy 2007
- Darebin Drainage Strategy Review 2008
- Darebin City Council Stormwater Management Plan 2007
- Darebin City Council Drainage Asset Management Plan
- Darebin Sustainable Water use Plan 2005

8.6 STATUS REPORT ON REPORTS AND 'GENERAL BUSINESS' ITEMS OUTSTANDING**MINUTE NO. 38****AUTHOR: Council Business Coordinator – Ron Downes****REVIEWED BY: Director Corporate and Business Services – Vijaya Vaidyanath****SUMMARY:**

This report provides a summary of the status of reports and 'General Business' items outstanding as at December 2010.

CONSULTATION:

Executive Management Team

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas**
SECONDED: Cr. S. Chiang

THAT the status report on Reports and 'General Business' items outstanding as at December 2010, attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be received and noted.

CARRIED**REPORT****INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

The status of outstanding reports and actions requested by Council resolution is reported to Council monthly.

ISSUES AND DISCUSSION

A schedule of the reports and actions outstanding as at December 2010 is attached as **Appendix A**.

The list of reports requested includes items raised by Councillors under 'General Business'.

Items are deleted from the list once the report or action has been completed and the completed status has been noted by the Council.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Sustainability

Nil.

Social Inclusion and Diversity

Nil.

Other

Nil.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that this status report on Reports and 'General Business' items outstanding as at December 2010 be received and noted.

FUTURE ACTIONS

The next status report will be submitted to Council at its meeting on 7 March 2011.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Minutes of previous meetings of the Council.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS**10.1 NEW VICTORIAN MINISTER FOR PLANNING****MINUTE NO. 39****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council write to the Victorian Minister for Planning, the Hon. Matthew Guy MLC:

- (1) Congratulating the Minister for being the first Planning Minister from the northern suburbs of Melbourne and the one who understands the needs of the northern suburbs intimately.
- (2) Requesting that the Minister undertake a review of Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal's methods of dealing with planning appeals and its appeal processes to ensure clarity on planning outcomes to investors, Councils, developers, objectors and the community alike.

CARRIED**10.2 LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER DAREBIN RESIDENT, RAY COLE****MINUTE NO. 40****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council write to former Darebin resident Ray Cole and acknowledge his selfless efforts in rescuing wildlife during the recent floods.

CARRIED

10.3 FLOODING - DONATH RESERVE (NO. 1 OVAL)**MINUTE NO. 41****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. V. Fontana

THAT officers report back on the effects and extent of recent flooding at Donath Reserve (No. 1 Oval).

CARRIED**10.4 PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY PRE-COMMITMENT TECHNOLOGY ON POKER MACHINES****MINUTE NO. 42****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council:

- (1) Write to the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, congratulating her on the Federal Government's move to use Commonwealth powers to introduce mandatory pre-commitment technology to address problem gambling in pokie venues.
- (2) Send copies of the letter to the Members for JagaJaga (Hon. Jenny Macklin MP), Wills (Kelvin Thomson MP), Scullin (Harry Jenkins MP), Batman (Hon. Martin Ferguson MP), Denison (Andrew Wilkie MP), Senator for South Australia (Nick Xenophon), and Federal Member for Melbourne (Adam Bandt MP).

CARRIED

10.5 NEW VICTORIAN MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**MINUTE NO. 43****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

THAT Council invite the Hon. Jeanette Powell MP, Minister for Local Government to a Briefing and dinner to advise the Council on the newly elected Victorian Government's approach to local government matters over the next four years.

CARRIED**10.6 PEDESTRIAN INJURIES AND FATALITIES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS IN DAREBIN****MINUTE NO. 44****COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katsis

THAT Council receive a report on the number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities over the past 10 years in the City of Darebin.

CARRIED

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**CLOSE OF MEETING**

MOVED: Cr. S. Chiang
SECONDED: Cr. N. Katisis

THAT in accordance with section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following item which relates to a contractual matter:

11.1 Extension of Contracts for Electricity Supply to metered sites.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 8.32pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 11.1 (Extension of Contracts for Electricity Supply to metered sites) which had been circulated to Councillors on Thursday 3 February 2011 with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. V. Fontana
SECONDED: Cr. S. Chiang

THAT the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to members of the public at 8.35pm.

CONFIDENTIAL**11.1 EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO METERED SITES****MINUTE NO. 45****AUTHOR: Manager Environment and Natural Resources - Libby Hynes****REVIEWED BY: Director City Design and Environment - Daniel Freer****SUMMARY:**

In May 2008, Council considered and awarded the contracts for the provision of electricity to metered sites in Darebin (all electricity use except for public lighting) to AGL through a bulk purchasing agreement facilitated by Procurement Australia (formerly Strategic Purchasing).

The contracts were for three years from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011 with a two year extension available.

This report recommends that the proposed contract extensions be accepted by Council.

CONSULTATION:

Coordinator Procurement and Contracting, Procurement Australia

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council Resolution be made available to the public but the report remain confidential.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S. Chiang

THAT the following Council Resolution:

- (1) Council resolve to enter into a 2 year Contract Extension for the Victorian Electricity and Associated Services Small Sites/1106/0607 Contract from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013 for the rates detailed in this report.

- (2) Council resolve to enter into a 2 year Contract Extension for the Victorian Electricity and Associated Services Large Sites/1106/0607 Contract from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2013 for the rates detailed in this report.
- (3) The Director City Design and Environment be authorised to finalise and execute the contract extension documentation for these contracts.

be made available to the public but the report remain confidential.

CARRIED

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.