

APPENDIX C

DAREBIN COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO FORMER RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND LAKESIDE SECONDARY COLLEGE SITES

1. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Minute No.	Resolution	Date of Meeting
452	<p>(1) Endorse the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development accepting their offer of an easement over the Merri Creek Trail and to one metre either side at the rear of 21-29 Radford Road, Reservoir.</p> <p>(2) Endorse the Mayor to write to the Minister for Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Requesting declaration of the 18,760m² of land at the rear of 21-29 Radford Road as a Crown Reserve for the purposes of park and conservation.b. Offering to act as Committee of Management for the land at the rear of 21-29 Radford Road, Reservoir and accepting all costs for maintenance.c. Noting that whilst the Environmental Significance Overlay would provide protection against removal of indigenous vegetation on the site, it does not prevent development or fencing off the land or provide for future maintenance of the land. <p>(3) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate with the owner/s of the land to protect the conservation parkland at the rear of the site and to arrangements for the future maintenance of the site in the event that the State Government fails to declare the land a Crown Reserve and should the land be sold to private interests.</p>	15 September 2014

483	<p>(1) VicRoads be advised that Council has no strategic interest in acquiring surplus VicRoads land at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir; Rear 16umbarton Street, Reservoir; 20 Lockton Avenue, Reservoir; and 122-124heddar Road, Reservoir and that land be transferred to Darebin Councilt no cost.</p> <p>(2) VicRoads be advised that Council will require a 3m wide drainage easement to be provided along the southern boundary of 20 Lockton Street, Reservoir in order to protect an existing underground Council drainage asset.</p> <p>(3) VicRoads be advised that Council has no strategic interest in acquiring surplus VicRoads land at 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir and that land be transferred to Darebin Council at no cost.</p> <p>(4) The Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive of Vic Roads and that the Mayor write to the local members of parliament to request the land at the following locations be transferred over to Darebin residents at no cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rear of 32-34 Clements Grove, Reservoir b. Rear of 22 Clements Grove, Reservoir c. Rear 30 Mia Close, Reservoir d. Rear 20 Lockton Avenue, Reservoir <p>(5) The Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne Water and that the Mayor write to the local Members of Parliament to request review of the offer of surplus Melbourne Water land at 48 Rona Street, Reservoir (with a view to gifting the land to Darebin City Council) hich is required by Council as open space to address a strategic deficiency in playspaces within the local area.</p> <p>(6) The Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive Officer of VicTrack and that the Mayor write to the local Members of Parliament and the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request the Victorian Government consider declaring surplus b. VicTrack land at 45 Merri Parade as a Crown Reserve c. Offer Council's services as Committee of Management for that land <p>(7) The Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate with the Department of Education in relation to surplus Department of Education Land at the former Ruthven Primary School and titled Council land within the former Preston Girls School with the intention of securing the entire 30,540m² of surplus land at the former Ruthven Primary School for municipal open space.</p> <p>(8) The Department of Education be advised that Council would only be interested in 18,760m² of land along the western edge of the former Lakeside Secondary College at 21-29 Radford Road, Reservoir in a scenario where the land is valued as open space.</p> <p>(9) Council receive a report on the progress of negotiations for the gifting of land or protection of land for open space at the following sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 48 Rona Street, Reservoir b. 45 Merri Parade, Northcote c. Former Ruthven Primary School, Reservoir d. Rear 21-29 Radford Road, Reservoir (former Lakeside Secondary College). 	5 October 2015
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2. NOTICES OF MOTION

No.	Submitted by	Motion	Date of Meeting
36	Cr Tim Laurence	<p>William Ruthven College</p> <p>THAT Darebin Council resolves to support the community call for proceeds from the land sale of the closed Lakeside College in Radford Road Reservoir to be given to William Ruthven College to deliver the promised level of buildings and infrastructure on the merged school site at Mahoneys Road Reservoir. Furthermore that Council write to the Minister of Education and the Premier and local MPs for Thomastown and Preston regarding Council's position on this matter.</p>	2 April 2012
70	Cr Tim Laurence	<p>Former Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT given the recent demolition of Darebin ratepayer funded assets on the southern half of the former Ruthven Primary School site in Reservoir that the Chief Executive Officer seek legal advice about Council's ability to pursue legal action to reimburse the City of Darebin. 2. THAT Officers report back to Council once the legal advice is obtained. 	2 April 2013
71	Cr Tim Laurence	<p>Former Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THAT given that the former Ruthven Primary School site has served as a joint use community open space for the Darebin community since 1997, and recognising that Darebin Council has invested heavily in this open space, that the Darebin Mayor immediately write on Council's behalf to the Minister of Education and the Victorian Premier seeking urgent negotiations on a sale price that reflects its current public use zoning and takes into account Darebin Council's past investment in this joint use site that is the equivalent of over \$1 million in today's dollars. 2. THAT in addition, to support community activism and participation on the issue, Council's communication department is to set up a web page on Council website titled 'Ruthven Site Community Campaign' for updates and generation of emailing list (building on email addresses obtained at first community meeting in March). The web page is to be set up as soon as possible 	2 April 2013
72	Cr Tim Laurence	<p>Former Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <p>THAT the Darebin Mayor write to the <i>Victorian Trades Hall Council's (VTHC) building industry group</i> of unions seeking support for the community campaign to maintain the site as public open space.</p>	2 April 2013

73	Cr Angela Villella	<p>Former Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <p>THAT Council erect one sign on the nature strip at each corner (four in total) at the former Ruthven Primary School site saying 'Hands Off Our "<u>Ruthven Park</u>".</p> <p>(1) The sign to have Campaign contact detail eg. Website and Council logo.</p> <p>Size is to be in compliance with the requirements of the planning scheme</p> <p>(2) The signs are to be erected as soon as possible.</p> <p>Council continue with the Community campaign and the officers are to provide regular feedback to Council.</p>	15 April 2013
129	Cr. Angela Villella	<p>Rubbish at former Lakeside High School site</p> <p>THAT the Mayor write to the Minister for Education requesting urgent action in relation to removing the build-up of dumped rubbish from the former Lakeside High School site and former Ruthven Primary School site on Radford Road, Reservoir. In addition, the Mayor is to request the Minister for Education to provide greater security by way of higher fencing.</p>	23 June 2014 (16 June 2014)

137	Cr. Bo. Li	<p>Lakeside Secondary College</p> <p>THAT Council:</p> <p>(1) Notes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The intention by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education (DEECD) to sell off the land at the former Lakeside Secondary College and the proposed rezoning of the land prior to the sale. b. The estimate \$7,500 that the Darebin Council contributes at no cost to the DEECD to maintain the land near the Merri Creek shared path and creek corridor. c. The contribution made by volunteers and staff at the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and Friends of Merri Creek (FoMC) in maintaining the biodiversity and rehabilitation of the Merri Creek adjacent to the former college. d. The continued use and high value placed by the community of the Merri Creek shared path, including the section adjacent to the former college. <p>(2) That the Darebin Council resolves to authorise the mayor and/or relevant officers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Formally outline the contributions made by the Darebin Council, MCMC and FoMC to the DEECD and other relevant government authorities. b. Formally outline the high value of the Merri Creek shared path to the residents of Darebin and to people living in the northern parts of Melbourne, including the section along the former college. c. Endorse the positions of MCMC, FoMC and Bicycle Network and seek to have the land adjacent to the college site gifted to the Darebin Council and/or another entity to allow for continued access, maintenance and enjoyment by the community. d. Seek a meeting with representatives of MCMC, FoMC and Bicycle Network in relation to the proposed actions by the council contained in this motion. <p>(3) That a report on the above actions and other associated actions be presented to the council by October 2014.</p>	4 August 2014
153	Cr. Angela Villella	<p>Maintenance of Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <p>THAT the Mayor writes to the Minister of Education requesting immediate maintenance and upkeep of the former Ruthven Primary School site. Due to a long period of neglect, the site is not only unsightly but poses a safety risk to the community. With warmer weather approaching the overgrown nature strip around the site as well as the land within the fenced area, need urgent attention to mitigate the real possibility of fires, snakes and other environmental hazards.</p>	1 December 2014
158	Cr. Gaetano Greco	<p>Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <p>THAT the Mayor write to the State Minister for Education requesting that the former Ruthven Primary School site be maintained in public hands and that the land be transferred to Council at no cost so that Council can restore the land so it can once again be made available to the community as open recreational space.</p>	15 December 2014 / 2 February 2015

216	Cr. Angela Villella	<p>Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <p>THAT as a matter of urgency the Mayor write to the relevant state government ministers to convey Council's position that the former Ruthven primary school site remain in community /public ownership by transferring the land to Darebin City Council. The letter is to request, on behalf of Latrobe ward councillors, an urgent meeting with the relevant state minister and the local member for Preston.</p> <p>In the letter the following rationale is to be noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. At a well attended council public meeting on the issue in 2013, the residents overwhelming supported the site remain in public hands for the community to enjoy as open space. ii. Note the community's financial contribution of approximately \$360,000 (through council rates) on developing grounds on the site plus maintenance throughout the life of the previous agreement. iii. The area is deficient in open space compared to other areas within the city of Darebin iv. The general principle of justice being that the government does not have the unilateral right to sell off public land without consulting the residents effected by the sale. 	17 August 2015
271	Cr. Angela Villella	<p>Former Ruthven Primary School Site</p> <p>That the Mayor write to the relevant State Minister and State Local Member, Mr Robin Scott as soon as possible, requesting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Negotiations commence regarding of the land swap (council land at former Preston Girls' for state government land, the former Ruthven primary school site) and be concluded in time for council's 2016 /17 budget deliberations. (2) An agreed time frame and process between the parties to finalise the proposed land swap by mid-2016 (3) The need for the state government to give planning advice and assistance to ensure title changes and rezoning is fast tracked to allow for both sites to become available for public use to ensure zero rate payers funds are used for land purchases. (4) That Darebin Council seek a State Government open space contributions for repayment of the \$360,000 plus in ratepayers' infrastructure that was bulldozed by the previous liberal government. <p>A copy of the Mayor's letter is to be made available to all Councilors and any correspondence from the State Government in relation to this matter.</p>	21 March 2016

3. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

No.	Councillor		Date of Meeting
12.7	Cr. Gaetano Greco	<p>THAT Council:</p> <p>(1) Hold a community forum in early March 2013 to consult with residents on the future use of the decommissioned William Ruthven Primary School site at a community venue in West Reservoir and invite local State Members of Parliament and representatives from the State Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to attend.</p> <p>(2) Write to DEECD to request background information about the site, its proposed future land use, Council and community input processes and time to consider this information before the site is potentially presented for sale</p>	4 February 2013
11.5	Cr. Gaetano Greco	<p>THAT Council officers write to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development expressing an interest in acquiring the land at 74-76 Glasgow Avenue, Reservoir, (previously known as Ruthven Primary School, now discontinued in usage) for public purposes redevelopment. This action is made in accordance with Section 4.3 of the Policy and Instructions for the purchase, compulsory acquisition and sale of land of the Victorian Government Land Monitor.</p>	18 February 2013