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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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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 21 MARCH 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr Gaetano Greco

Cr Tim Laurence

Cr Bo Li

Cr Steven Tsitas

Cr Angela Villella

Cr Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor)

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive

Katrina Knox – Director Community Development

Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services

Gavin Cator – Director Corporate and Planning Services

Patti Wenn – Director Culture, Leisure and Works

Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

Dave Bell – Senior Media Advisor

Jody Brodribb – Acting Coordinator Council Business

Michelle Martin – Acting Council Business and Governance Officer

*Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during the opening introduction by the Chairperson,
Cr. Fontana – 7.01 pm*

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were lodged for the absence of Cr. Williams and Cr. McCarthy.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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| Council Resolution |
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MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 7 March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

Cr. Walsh returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item – 7.02 pm

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**MINUTE NO. 132**

The Mayor, Cr. Fontana, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time:

- Brian Fairman of Preston submitted a question relating to Adams Reserve and the petition that was previously submitted calling for a BBQ to be installed. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised that as the item was on the agenda for this Council meeting he could not pre-empt the debate but advised that a written response will be provided to Mr Fairman advising of Council's decision.
- David Rodriguez of Thornbury Athletic Club submitted a question regarding the removal of soccer goals at sporting ovals. Cr. Fontana responded to the question by advising that both AFL and soccer goals were removed at the end of each season to allow for maintenance works to be undertaken and for summer sporting clubs to then utilise the grounds. A written response is also to be provided to Mr Rodriguez.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow an item of Urgent Business to be admitted.

CARRIED

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS ITEM

MINUTE NO. 133

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That the item – Councils Support to Safe Schools Coalition - be admitted for consideration as Urgent Business and heard at Item 9.1.

CARRIED

Cr. Li called for a Division

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| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
| Cr. Li | Cr. Laurence |
| Cr. Tsitas | Cr. Walsh |
| Cr. Fontana | |
| Cr. Greco | |
| Cr. Villella | |

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be carried.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Standing Orders be resumed.

CARRIED

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 2015/2016 MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

MINUTE NO. 134

Author: Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services Director

Report Background

The 2015/2016 Budget was adopted by Council on 22 June 2015. This report provides a forecast of Council's financial position at 30 June 2015 based on the first six months of operations.

Previous Resolution

At its meeting on 6 July 2015, Council resolved:

'That the Council receives a midyear budget update and report with officer recommendation for any capital works projects, with their priorities and urgencies, from any possible savings from the 2015/16 budget.'

Briefing Date

This matter was discussed at the Councillor's Workshop 5 March 2016.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

The report presents the forecast financial performance for the 2015/2016 financial year compared to budget based on the Mid-Year Budget Review undertaken by responsible Managers.

Council's forecast operating result for the year ending 30 June 2016 is an operating surplus of \$6.51 million, which is \$0.37 million less than budget. The forecast adjusted underlying surplus is \$0.62 million, which is \$0.23 million more than budget.

Council's forecast capital works expenditure for the year ending 30 June 2016 is \$40.22 million, which is \$5.52 million more than the adopted budget. At this stage total of nil expenditure is forecast to be carried forward into the 2016/2017 year.

The forecast Financial Position as at 30 June 2016 shows a cash position of \$44.94 million and net current assets of \$20.28 million.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council adopts the revised forecasts identified by the 2015/2016 mid-year budget review including the adjustments made to capital works projects.

CARRIED

6.2 RATE REBATES FOR SPECIFIC VACANT LAND PROPERTIES**MINUTE NO. 135****Author:** Chief Financial Officer**Reviewed By:** Corporate Services Director**Report Background**

At its meeting on 22 June 2015, Council declared rates and charges for the 2015/2016 Financial Year. It determined that general rates would be raised by the application of differential rates.

Various differential rate categories were declared. These included 'Vacant Business Land', 'Vacant Residential Land' and 'Vacant Retail Land' (the Vacant Land Categories).

Previous Resolution

At its meeting on 22 June 2015, Council resolved:

“That:

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(3) General Rates

- 3.1 *A general rate be declared in respect of the 2015/2016 Financial Year.*
- 3.2 *It be further declared that the general rate be raised by the application of differential rates.*
- 3.3 *A differential rate be declared for rateable land having the characteristics specified below, and which form the criteria for each differential rate so declared:*

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3.3.3 Vacant Business Land

- 3.3.3.1 *Vacant Business Land is any land which is zoned other than residential under the Darebin Planning Scheme, and:*
- 3.3.3.2 *On which no building designed or adapted for permanent occupation is constructed; and*
- 3.3.3.3 *In respect of which no building permit for the construction of a new building designed or adapted for permanent occupation has been issued under the Building Act 1993 in the 12 months prior to the date of declaration of rates in the 2015/2016 financial year.*

3.3.4 Vacant Residential Land

- 3.3.4.1 *Vacant Residential Land is any land which is zoned residential under the of Darebin Planning Scheme and:*
- 3.3.4.2 *On which there is no dwelling or other building designed or adapted for permanent occupation; and*
- 3.3.4.3 *In respect of which a building permit for demolition was issued under the Building Act 1993 in the 18 months prior to the date of declaration of rates for the 2015/2016 financial year; and*
- 3.3.4.4 *In respect of which no building permit for the construction of a new dwelling or other building designed or adapted for permanent occupation has been issued under the Building Act 1993 in the period since demolition, with the date of demolition taken to be the date on which the building permit for demolition was issued under the Building Act 1993;*

or

- 3.3.4.5 *On which there is no dwelling or other building designed or adapted for permanent occupation; and*
- 3.3.4.6 *In respect of which no building permit for demolition was issued under the Building Act 1993 in the 18 months prior to the date of declaration of rates for the 2015/2016 financial year; and*
- 3.3.4.7 *In respect of which no building permit for the construction of a new dwelling or other building designed or adapted for permanent occupation has been issued under the Building Act 1993 in the 12 months prior to the date of declaration of rates for the 2015/2016 financial year.*

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Briefing Date

Councillor Briefing 22 February 2016.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy
- Budget 2015/2016

Summary

Since the declaration of rates for 2015/2016, thirteen ratepayers who have been rated on the basis of the Vacant Residential Land differential and ten ratepayers who have been rated on the basis of the Vacant Business Land differential have received building permits. Six of these ratepayers have sought to have the rates levied on them amended to the lower differential rate from the date that their building permits were issued.

Under the resolution of Council, the issuance of a building permit does not provide an opportunity for officers to re-evaluate the rates levied on a property for 2015/2016 financial year.

However, Council may grant a rate rebate under Section 169(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

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| Recommendation |
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That Council

- (1) Notes the granting of such a rate rebate to owners of vacant land who have obtained a building permit in respect of that land assists, encourages and promotes responsible land management through appropriate maintenance and development of the land so that foregone community and economic development resulting from underutilisation of land is minimised.
- (2) Endorses the rate rebates totalling \$101,805.70 to the following properties that have been charged vacant land differentials for the 2015/2016 financial year but which have been issued a building permit since 1 July 2015:
 - a) \$1,755.50 for 9 Theobald Street, Thornbury;
 - b) \$1,971.85 for 10 Massey Avenue, Reservoir;
 - c) \$33,716.90 for 86 Bell Street, Preston;
 - d) \$4,570.05 for 12 Brex Street, Reservoir;

- e) \$14,445.60 for 37-43 Plenty Road, Preston;
 - f) \$3,575.15 for 219 Gooch Street, Thornbury;
 - g) \$1,121.90 for 2A O'Dowd Street, Reservoir;
 - h) \$1,121.90 for 2 The Mews, Preston;
 - i) \$2,696.50 for 35 Victoria Street, Preston;
 - j) \$2,133.50 for 31 Lookout Rise, Macleod;
 - k) \$3,086.20 for 364 Rossmoyne Street, Thornbury;
 - l) \$979.45 for 24 Gertz Avenue, Reservoir;
 - m) \$919.35 for 11 Parkside Row, Preston;
 - n) \$919.35 for 13 Parkside Row, Preston;
 - o) \$1,362.00 for 10 Clough Street, Reservoir;
 - p) \$1,298.70 for 12 Clough Street, Reservoir
 - q) \$4,420.75 for 204 High Street, Preston;
 - r) \$9,733.20 for 9-13 Arthurton Road, Northcote;
 - s) \$1,367.95 for 135 Darebin Boulevard, Reservoir;
 - t) \$1,633.10 for 110 Gower Street, Preston;
 - u) \$1,108.10 for 18 Tennyson Avenue, Preston;
 - v) \$6,249.90 for 154-156 High Street, Preston;
 - w) \$1,119.70 for 36 Prospect Hill Road, Bundoora.
- (3) Authorises officers to provide a rate rebate to any further properties that have been levied vacant land differentials and where a building permit has been issued for the construction of a new building designed or adapted for permanent occupation during the 2015/2016 rating year.
- (4) Notes that the definition relating to vacant land differentials will be updated to allow the rates levied on vacant land properties to be amended on the receipt of a building permit as part of the declaration of rates for the 2016/2017 financial year and reflected in the 2016/2017 budget document.

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| Motion |
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MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

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Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that point (5) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Villella and Cr. Greco.

- (5) Receives a further report on extending the current 12 month timeline on building permits on vacant commercial land to 18 months in line with residential land.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council

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- (5) Receives a further report on extending the current 12 month timeline on building permits on vacant commercial land to 18 months in line with residential land.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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| Council Resolution |
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MOVED: Cr. A. Vilella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council

- (1) Notes the granting of such a rate rebate to owners of vacant land who have obtained a building permit in respect of that land assists, encourages and promotes responsible land management through appropriate maintenance and development of the land so that foregone community and economic development resulting from underutilisation of land is minimised.
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- (5) Receives a further report on extending the current 12 month timeline on building permits on vacant commercial land to 18 months in line with residential land.

CARRIED

6.3 SIGNIFICANT TREE REGISTER – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME**MINUTE NO. 136****Author:** Manager Parks and Vegetation**Reviewed By:** Director Culture, Leisure and Works**Report Background**

Council resolved at its meeting on the 2 April 2013 to introduce a resident nominated significant tree register to encourage a greater awareness of the value of trees on private land. The *Darebin Urban Forest Strategy* adopted at the Council meeting of 16 December 2013, calls for the development of a significant tree register on private land within 12 months of the Strategy being adopted (refer section 5.2.2 entitled 'Tree Protection').

This report provides Council with an update on the community consultation program undertaken for the implementation of the Significant Tree Register. This is in direct response to the Council resolution of 24 June 2015 to conduct a community consultation program on the process and its outcomes.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on 24 June 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- 1. Conduct a community consultation program on the process and its outcomes;*
- 2. Following the community consultation period a further report will be presented to Council with the community's feedback; and*
- 3. The Council report will consider the introduction of a Significant Tree Register for trees on private land.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing - 22 February 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Council Plan Goal 3- Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

The Council policies and strategies related to tree removal are:

- Tree Retention Policy (2008)
- GreenStreets Streetscape Strategy (2013)
- Open Space Management Plan (2010)
- Open Space Strategy (2007)
- Urban Forest Strategy (2013)

Summary

Council has received resident feedback to the proposed implementation of Darebin's Significant Tree Register via consultation activities undertaken over an eight week period from October through to December 2015. Given the role that private trees play in the urban landscape and the community desire for a register of significant trees, it is recommended that Council adopt the Significant Tree Register and introduce it over a period of three months.

Recommendation

That Council resolve to introduce the Significant Tree Register by 30 June 2016.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council

- (1) Resolve to introduce the Significant Tree Register by 30 June 2016.
- (2) Receives a report after 6 months of the start of the Significant Tree Register seeking further community input into the operations of the Register including options to strengthen its effectiveness.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Li.

That Council

- (1) Resolve to introduce the Significant Tree Register by 30 June 2016.
- (2) Officers report back prior to the 30 June 2016 with options for free arborist inspections and subsidised significant tree safety audits and pruning options for rate payers on commonwealth pensions.
- (3) Receives a report after 6 months of the start of the Significant Tree Register seeking further community input into the operations of the Register including options to strengthen its effectiveness.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That Council

- (1) Resolve to introduce the Significant Tree Register by 30 June 2016.
- (2) Officers report back prior to the 30 June 2016 with options for free arborist inspections and subsidised significant tree safety audits and pruning options for rate payers on commonwealth pensions.
- (3) Receives a report after 6 months of the start of the Significant Tree Register seeking further community input into the operations of the Register including options to strengthen its effectiveness.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND TIED. THE CHAIRPERSON USED HIS CASTING VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION.

Cr. Li called for a Division:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
|--------------|----------------|
| Cr. Li | Cr. Tsitas |
| Cr. Greco | Cr. Fontana |
| Cr. Laurence | Cr. Villella |

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be lost and the item lapsed.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the chamber during discussion of the above item at 7.22 pm and returned at 7.23 pm. Cr. Walsh was not in the chamber at the time of voting.

6.4 COUNCILLOR SUPPORT AND EXPENSES POLICY

MINUTE NO. 137

Author: Acting Coordinator Council Business**Reviewed By:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Report Background**

Section 75B of the *Local Government Act* 1989 (the Act), requires each Council to adopt and maintain a policy in relation to the reimbursement of expenses for Councillors and members of Council Committees.

Previous Council Resolution

The *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* was adopted by Council on 6 May 2013. Amendments to the Policy were subsequently adopted by Council on 16 December 2013.

Previous Briefing

The draft *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* (amended March 2016) was circulated to Councillors via email from the Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance on 8 March 2016.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 – Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

A recent audit undertaken by Council's Internal Auditors identified some controls that could be implemented to ensure Councillor expenses, particularly in relation to mobile phone and cab charge usage, are appropriately declared and any reimbursements that are required to be made to Council are made in a timely manner.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the revised *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* (revised March 2016) as attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council

- (1) Adopt the revised *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* (revised March 2016) as attached at **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Conduct a full review of the policy and receive a report at the first Council meeting in May.

Without limiting the scope of the review the policy should consider the pro's and con's of:

- (a) Deleting references to ratepayer Council funded professional development program for Councillors.
- (b) Supporting Councillors attending conferences and training, however setting a monetary value limit on courses that need to be approved by Council resolution.
- (c) Decreasing the overall limit per Councillor in any financial year to attend conferences and training from \$40,000 to \$10,000.
- (d) Deleting any reference to Council providing the Mayor with a mayoral car and related fuel expenses.

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised Cr. Greco that the motion would not be accepted pursuant to section 26(e) of the Darebin Governance Local Law 2013.

Cr. Laurence and Cr. Villella subsequently moved and seconded the motion before the Chair as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council adopt the revised *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* (revised March 2016) as attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council adopt the revised *Councillor Support and Expenses Policy 2013* (revised March 2016) as attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

CARRIED

Cr. Walsh abstained from voting on the motion.

6.5 DECC COMMUNITY MONUMENT**MINUTE NO. 138****Author:** Manager Children, Families and Community**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

Council has provided support to the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) request for a community monument acknowledging victims of genocide to be installed in the Ray Bramham Gardens. As per the Council resolutions of 7 September 2015 and 7 December 2015 the wording on the monument is to be approved by Council and an update on the outcomes of engagement with the Darebin Aboriginal community be received by Council.

Previous Resolution

At its meeting on 7 December 2015, Council resolved that:

- (1) *Note the delay in the installation in the Community monument due to site assessment and the community engagement processes as required.*
- (2) *Receive an update detailing the outcomes of community engagement with key Aboriginal community members.*
- (3) *Note the broad community consultation and feedback that has occurred.*
- (4) *Note that Officers in partnership with DECC will develop a Protocol of Use for the community monument.*

At its meeting on 3 August 2015, Council resolved that:

- (1) *Acknowledges the request by Darebin Ethnic Communities Council to install a community monument for 'Victims of Genocide and Genocidal Acts' in Ray Bramham Gardens.*
- (2) *Receives a report as soon as possible to confirm its support for this request and consider any further actions and decisions required.*

Briefing Date

Councillor Briefing – 22 February 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Darebin Equity and Inclusion Policy 2012–2017
- Darebin Aboriginal Action Plan 2012-2017

Summary

This report provides Council with outcomes of the following:

- Outcomes of community engagement activities with the Aboriginal community members and organisations regarding the monument theme and wording
- Monument inscription developed by DECC that includes additional wording as advised by Aboriginal community members following the engagement process.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the community engagement process undertaken with the Aboriginal community.
- (2) Approves the wording to be inscribed on the front and rear of the monument attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Approves the explanatory wording to be displayed on an adjacent plinth including a statement proposed by the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee representatives on behalf of the Aboriginal community attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That:

- (1) Council notes the community engagement process undertaken with the Aboriginal community.
- (2) Council approves the wording to be inscribed on the front and rear of the monument attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Council approves the explanatory wording to be displayed on an adjacent plinth including a statement proposed by the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee representatives on behalf of the Aboriginal community attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover that point (4) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Villella.

- (4) After consultation with the Aboriginal Community, Council receive a further report on the benefits of further developing Ray Bramham Gardens and joining council land as a spiritual and cultural healing place

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That:

- (1) Council notes the community engagement process undertaken with the Aboriginal community.
- (2) Council approves the wording to be inscribed on the front and rear of the monument attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Council approves the explanatory wording to be displayed on an adjacent plinth including a statement proposed by the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee representatives on behalf of the Aboriginal community attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

- (4) After consultation with the Aboriginal Community, Council receive a further report on the benefits of further developing Ray Bramham Gardens and joining council land as a spiritual and cultural healing place.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That:

- (1) Council notes the community engagement process undertaken with the Aboriginal community.
- (2) Council approves the wording to be inscribed on the front and rear of the monument attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Council approves the explanatory wording to be displayed on an adjacent plinth including a statement proposed by the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee representatives on behalf of the Aboriginal community attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (4) After consultation with the Aboriginal Community, Council receive a further report on the benefits of further developing Ray Bramham Gardens and joining council land as a spiritual and cultural healing place

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.40 pm and returned at 7.49 pm.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.52 pm.

6.6 DAREBIN COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**MINUTE NO. 139****Author:** Manager Children, Families and Community**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

At the meeting on the 7 March 2016 Council resolved through a Notice of Motion that Council:

- (1) *Writes to Premier Daniel Andrews supporting and congratulating him on his courageous and humanitarian decision to declare the State of Victoria a sanctuary for the 240 asylum seekers and 37 babies born in Australia to asylum seeker mothers facing transfer and detention in Nauru for an indefinite time.*
- (2) *Notes the letter received from DECC on 13 February highlighting Council's long standing support in welcoming asylum seekers and supports DECC proposal to;*
 - a) *Declare the City of Darebin to be a sanctuary for any of the 237 asylum seekers including any of the 37 babies born in Australia to asylum seeker mothers;*
 - b) *Display a large banner and other signage identifying that "Darebin is a Local Government Area of Sanctuary for asylum seekers;*
 - c) *Provide practical assistance to places of worship or other agencies that choose to declare their premises as sanctuaries for asylum seekers*
 - d) *Partner with DECC and other organisations to explore ways to foster the compassionate engagement of Darebin residents, local primary and secondary schools with the asylum seekers.*
 - e) *Receive a further report on how Darebin can support housing and material aid for asylum seekers in Darebin with Council funds.*

This report responds particularly to resolution 2a through to 2e.

Previous Resolution

At the meeting on the 5 October 2015 Council resolved the following:

- (1) *Council welcomes the federal government's announcement to resettle an additional 12,000 refugees and provide \$44m in financial aid in response to the refugees who are fleeing the conflict in Syria and Iraq.*
- (2) *Council acknowledges the federal government's call that the settlement will require the support of local governments and community organisations.*
- (3) *Darebin Council looks forward to welcoming its share of resettled refugees in the city as part of the federal government humanitarian initiative.*
- (4) *As part of Council's contribution to assist with the resettlement program, calls a meeting of relevant local community organisations and agencies to help plan and coordinate the resettlement efforts of refugees in our city.*
- (5) *Council use its communication channels including Darebin News and the Mayoral Column to seek offers of support from the local community in terms of volunteers and other resources to help and assist resettled refugees in Darebin.*

Briefing Date

There are no previous briefing papers or presentations in relation to this report.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Darebin Equity and Inclusion Policy 2012 - 2015

Summary

This report responds particularly to two issues:

1. Details the work Council has done to support asylum seekers and refugees in our municipality both as a response to the Council resolutions of 5 October 2015 and supporting the resolution of 7 March 2016.
2. Provides proposed actions and information to assist Council in forming a response in regard to a community request for Council to open its facilities to offer sanctuary to asylum seekers and particularly women and children facing deportation to offshore processing centres.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the continued advocacy and support coordination for refugees and asylum seekers through the Darebin Emergency Relief Network and the utilisation of existing partnerships with other intercultural and interfaith groups locally and regionally.
- (2) Endorse the proposed Council Statement on Asylum Seekers. (**Appendix B**)
- (3) Endorse the proposed Future Actions detailed in the report.
- (4) Continues to monitor progress on this issue to assess the potential settlement needs of refugees in Darebin and surrounding regions.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the continued advocacy and support coordination for refugees and asylum seekers through the Darebin Emergency Relief Network and the utilisation of existing partnerships with other intercultural and interfaith groups locally and regionally.
- (2) Endorse the proposed Council Statement on Asylum Seekers. (**Appendix B**)
- (3) Endorse the proposed Future Actions detailed in the report.
- (4) Continues to monitor progress on this issue to assess the potential settlement needs of refugees in Darebin and surrounding regions.
- (5) Resolves to work with the Ministry of Housing, not for profit housing sector and private home owners to develop a 'refugees are welcome' housing list for the Darebin area.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point (6) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Villella.

- (6) Display a large banner and other signage identifying that 'Darebin is a Local Government Area of Sanctuary for asylum seekers'.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the continued advocacy and support coordination for refugees and asylum seekers through the Darebin Emergency Relief Network and the utilisation of existing partnerships with other intercultural and interfaith groups locally and regionally.
- (2) Endorse the proposed Council Statement on Asylum Seekers. (**Appendix B**)
- (3) Endorse the proposed Future Actions detailed in the report.
- (4) Continues to monitor progress on this issue to assess the potential settlement needs of refugees in Darebin and surrounding regions.
- (5) Resolves to work with the Ministry of Housing, not for profit housing sector and private home owners to develop a 'refugees are welcome' housing list for the Darebin area.
- (6) Display a large banner and other signage identifying that 'Darebin is a Local Government Area of Sanctuary for asylum seekers'.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) Endorse the continued advocacy and support coordination for refugees and asylum seekers through the Darebin Emergency Relief Network and the utilisation of existing partnerships with other intercultural and interfaith groups locally and regionally.
- (2) Endorse the proposed Council Statement on Asylum Seekers. (**Appendix B**)
- (3) Endorse the proposed Future Actions detailed in the report.
- (4) Continues to monitor progress on this issue to assess the potential settlement needs of refugees in Darebin and surrounding regions.
- (5) Resolves to work with the Ministry of Housing, not for profit housing sector and private home owners to develop a 'refugees are welcome' housing list for the Darebin area.
- (6) Display a large banner and other signage identifying that 'Darebin is a Local Government Area of Sanctuary for asylum seekers'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Walsh returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.53 pm.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.58 pm.

**6.7 RIGHT OF WAY/ROAD OCCUPANCY ISSUE REAR OF 25A
BRUCE STREET AND ADJOINING 20 HERBERT ST,
PRESTON****MINUTE NO. 140****Author:** Manager Assets and Properties**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report outlines issues relating to the occupation of the right-of-way/road located between 15-25 Bruce Street and rear 10-20 Herbert Street, Preston and adjoining the west of 20 Herbert Street, Preston, together with the outcome of preliminary investigations into the right-of-way/road's proposed discontinuance.

Previous Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

Briefing Date

Councillor briefing - 22 February 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal: Excellent Service – Strategy 5.4 Long term responsible financial planning

Strategy: Property Asset Management Strategy- May 2015

Summary

This report provides the history, background and issues relating to the occupancy of the right-of-way/road located between 15-25 Bruce Street and rear 10-20 Herbert Street, Preston and adjoining the west of 20 Herbert Street, Preston, and the outcome of preliminary investigations into its proposed discontinuance.

Since 2005, Council has received several requests from adjoining property owners regarding their interest in purchasing the land from the right-of-way/road between 15-25 Bruce Street and rear 10-20 Herbert Street, Preston and adjoining the west of 20 Herbert Street, Preston (Road), shown on site plan (see **Appendix A**) and the aerial photo (see **Appendix B**). Despite numerous attempts to proceed to the next stage of the process, Council has met with an impasse with some property owners wanting the Road reopened and others supporting its discontinuance, yet expressing minimal interest in purchasing the land from the Road.

In February 2012, Local Laws identified that the owner of 25A Bruce Street had been transgressing over rail land in order to access their rear garage as shown in **Appendix C**.

Initial investigations identified that the Road exists on title for the benefit of all adjoining properties. In particular, it verifies the provision of access to the rear of the property at 25A Bruce St, Preston, despite that part of the Road being occupied and fenced within the property boundary of 20 Herbert Street, Preston (Occupier) as shown in **Appendix D** (Right-of-Way). The occupation of the Right-of-Way was permitted by the former City of Preston under a temporary closure agreement dating back to 1982.

In order to assist the property owners of 25A Bruce Street (Owners) with their access and egress requirements, Council officers made contact with Metro Trains to determine if they would consider the sale of rail land at the western side of 25A Bruce Street to allow for access to the garage and also consulted with the Owners and the Occupiers in an attempt to facilitate a suitable outcome that would appease both parties. However, Metro Trains advised that the rail land was not available and none of the alternatives proposed during consultation suited the parties.

The Owners now have no clear access to the rear of their property.

The Road continues to be enclosed within the boundaries of adjoining property owners, including that part adjoining 20 Herbert Street, Preston.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Commence the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* (“the Act”) to discontinue the road rear 15 to 25 Bruce Street and rear 10 to 20 Herbert Street (shown on **Appendix A**) and re-open the section of road adjoining 20 Herbert Street and rear 25A Bruce Street, Preston.
- (2) Give public notice under Sections 207A and 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council’s website and such notice state that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell the land from the road to the adjoining property owners by private treaty in accordance with Policy guidelines, transfer to itself title to the balance of land in the discontinued road and re-open a section of road for access adjoining 20 Herbert Street and rear 25A Bruce Street, Preston.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That Council:

- (1) Record its objection to the occupation of the section of road adjacent to 20 Herbert Street, Preston.
- (2) Declare the section of road adjacent to 20 Herbert Street, Preston to reasonably required for public use and that the road be reopened to public traffic.
- (3) Officers take action within their existing delegated authorities to effect Council’s resolution that the section of road adjacent to 20 Herbert Street, Preston be reopened to public traffic.

CARRIED

Cr. Vilella temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.59 pm and returned at 8.01 pm.

Cr. Walsh returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.02 pm.

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 ADAMS RESERVE – RESPONSE TO PETITION

MINUTE NO. 141

Author: Manager Leisure and Public Realm

Reviewed By: Director Culture, Leisure and Works

Report Background

At its Ordinary Meeting on 1 February 2016, a petition regarding amenity upgrades to Adams Reserve (Preston) was presented to Council. This report responds to that petition.

Previous Council Resolution

At its 1 February 2016 Council meeting, Council resolved:

'That the petition:

"We the undersigned users of our local community park at Adams Reserve in Milton Cres, Preston South request that Darebin Council take action to improve the amenities in this park, including but not limited to a BBQ facility, lighting and drinking fountain"

be tabled and a report presented to Council as soon as possible.'

Previous Briefing(s)

Council Briefing - 15 March 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Greenstreets Streetscape Strategy 2012-2020
- Darebin Play Space Strategy
- Darebin Urban Forest Strategy
- Darebin Open Space Strategy 2007-2017

Summary

Adams Reserve (Preston East) is nominated by Darebin's Open Space Strategy as a neighbourhood park whose primary character is parkland. In the financial year 2011-2012, a playspace upgrade was undertaken at Adams Reserve where the play equipment was replaced to be compliant with Australian Standards and the immediate landscaping was renewed. At present there are no existing plans to upgrade Adams Reserve other than regularly scheduled maintenance.

The current Darebin Open Space Strategy will sunset in 2017. As such, an in depth review of the strategy will be undertaken as part of the 2016/2017 operational budget. This review will include the addition of strategic statements not covered by the current Strategy including gateways, BBQ areas and lighting.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Reallocate funds in the Parks and Vegetation 2015/2016 budget to the supply and installation by 30 June 2016 of a drinking fountain near the play space in Adams Reserve.
- (2) Engage the community, including petitioners for Adams Reserve improvements, in a review of the *Darebin Open Space Strategy* in the 2016/2017 financial year, and formation of recommendations on the proliferation and location of BBQ areas and lighting in open spaces across Darebin.
- (3) On adoption of a new *Darebin Open Space Strategy*, be guided by the recommendations for proliferation and location of BBQ areas and lighting in determining further improvements to Adams Reserve.
- (4) Acknowledge the petitioners and inform them of Council's resolution in writing.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That Council:

- (1) Resolves to adopt Option 2 contained within the report, as follows:
"Allocate funding in 2016/2017 budget for an upgrade to the BBQ area including a water fountain and lighting in Adams Reserve as part of the capital works budget. This funding should include consideration of ongoing maintenance for the BBQ and associated infrastructure."
- (2) Acknowledge the petitioners and inform them of Council's resolution in writing.

CARRIED

7.2 ROUND UP USE IN DAREBIN**MINUTE NO. 142****Author:** Manager Parks and Vegetation**Reviewed By:** Director Culture, Leisure and Works**Report Background**

This report responds to a Notice of Motion tabled on 19 October 2015 regarding the phasing out of Round Up herbicide in Darebin.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on 19 October 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- (1) Reviews its duty of care to prevent adverse impacts of synthetic chemical use on workers and residents, particularly those most vulnerable to toxics, e.g. children and older residents.*
- (2) Consults with residents, relevant authorities, creek management committees, the Weeds Network and other experts regarding opportunities to manage weeds by non-chemical means (e.g. weed steamers as used in Sydney, Perth, Maroondah and Yarra).*
- (3) Receives a report in early 2016 that includes:*
 - i. A revised Council policy on the spraying of Round-Up (Glyphosate) weedkiller and other chemicals in public places, e.g. playgrounds.*
 - ii. A timeline for the potential phase-out of Round-Up use in light of evidence of its toxicity to workers, public health and the environment.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing - 29 February 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Council Plan Goal 3 – Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods
- Strategy 3.1 Environment Protection
- Strategy 3.7 Biodiversity, wildlife corridors, cultural heritage assets and waterways
- Darebin Natural Heritage Strategy 2015-2025
- Integrated Weed Management Strategy 2008

Summary

The use of Glyphosate (aka Round Up) has been a long-standing method of controlling weeds in a variety of situations across Darebin, ranging from parks and gardens to roads, rights of way, streets and gutters. Recent information from the World Health Organisation has cast doubt on the safety of this chemical.

The study findings were based on the presence of glyphosate in edible crops and not in an urban municipal situation. In Australia all chemicals must be registered by the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

Their bulletin on the use of glyphosate states that use of the chemical in accordance with the recommendations on the label and in the material safety data sheet poses minimal threat.

Council has an *Integrated Weed Control Strategy* in place and many of the recommendations for alternative weed control methods are already in use. The Strategy was developed and introduced in 2008 and is due for review. This will be done with extensive community consultation.

There are several alternatives to the use of glyphosate for weed control but these are significantly more expensive, potentially treble the cost of current weed control in Darebin. Council already uses various non-chemical methods such as mulching, burning and scorching and increased planting densities to reduce weed populations on our bushland sites.

At this stage, there are no viable alternatives to glyphosate to control weeds efficiently and effectively and officers continue to monitor developments in new chemicals, both synthetic and organic, and new techniques of non-chemical control.

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MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council:

- (1) Monitor developments in the assessment of glyphosate by the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, and brief Council on the Authority's May 2016 report;
- (2) Conduct a twelve month trial commencing July 2016 of steam weed control around play spaces, maternal and child health centres, schools and senior citizens' venues;
- (3) Engage the community in the review of the *Integrated Weed Management Strategy 2008*; and
- (4) Report on the findings of the twelve month trial and community feedback, with a view to adopting a new four year integrated weed management strategy.

CARRIED

7.3 GREEN ARMY**MINUTE NO. 143****Author:** Manager Parks and Vegetation**Reviewed By:** Director Culture, Leisure and Works**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to outline projects in Darebin that may be eligible for Federal Government 'Green Army' funding in accordance with the Council resolution of 19 October 2015.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on 19 October 2015 Council resolved:

- (1) *Council notes the Abbott/Turnbull government's Green Army environmental scheme for local environmental projects.*
- (2) *That officers provide a report at a briefing in November updating Council on what projects in Darebin may be eligible for "Green Army" funding. Officers may consider potential projects on the Merri and Darebin Creeks, e.g. the Merri Creek footbridge.*

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing on 8 February 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Council Plan Goal: Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods, Strategy 3.7 - Biodiversity, wildlife corridors, cultural heritage assets and waterways- Protect and enhance biodiversity, natural and cultural heritage assets, wildlife corridors, local forests, waterways and the built and natural heritage areas.

Darebin Natural Heritage Strategy 2015-2025

Summary

The Green Army Programme is a Federal Government initiative that supports projects that contribute to Australia's environmental priorities as well as national/international obligations to conserve and manage Australia's natural, historic and Indigenous heritage assets. The programme is also aimed at providing training opportunities for 17-24 year olds to improve their employability through the development of basic workplace skills like first aid, OHandS and specific training in relation to the tasks undertaken during the programme.

The projects, within the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000, are assessed against each other for environmental and heritage outcomes as well as valid training outcomes for the participants.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh

SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

THAT Council:

- (1) Notes this report on the Green Army.
- (2) Officers investigate scope and cost potential projects for possible inclusion in the Green Army program in 2017/2018.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.05 pm.

7.4 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR PENSIONERS**MINUTE NO. 144****Author:** Manager Aged and Disability**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

This report responds to a General Business Item resolved by Council on 7 December 2015 in relation to Council's Home Maintenance Program.

Previous Resolution

At its meeting on 7 December 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- 1. Note concerns raised by pensioners regarding the operational decision by Council to cease window and gutter cleaning services as part of a Council's home maintenance program.*
- 2. Note that window and gutter cleaning are long established home maintenance services that have been subsidised by Council to assist low income eligible concession holders to maintain and remain in their homes.*
- 3. Receive a report at its first Council meeting in February 2016 on options to re-in state the service by Council. The report should make reference as to why the service has been removed and whether there was any consultation with the community before the service was removed.*
- 4. Officers consult with the Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board and relevant community members in the preparation of the report to come to Council.'*

Briefing Date

Councillor Briefing - 27 August 2015 (Copy attached as **Appendix A**)

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Healthy and Connected Community 2.4 – Ageing in Place

Summary

Changes to the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) led to a review of the Property Maintenance Service and the decision to discontinue the guttering and window cleaning service. This service is not within the scope of funded CHSP property maintenance program that is limited to activities that improve safety, accessibility and independence in the home. Accordingly if the program was retained (or is reinstated) either Council or clients would be required to make up the funding shortfall.

The service was accessed by a limited number of Home and Community Care (HACC) clients – 286 (6.5% of HACC clients) in 2014/2015 with an average cost per service of \$840 per client.

The Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board discussed the issue at their meeting on 18 February 2016.

Recommendation

That Council note the report in relation to the decision to discontinue window and gutter clearing services as part of the Property Maintenance service offered under the Home and Community Care (HACC) program.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco

SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That:

- (1) Council receive a further report on options to re-instate the Property Maintenance Service for Pensioners with a mixture of Council funding and client fees to make up part of the funding shortfall.
- (2) In developing the options report Council may consider consulting with relevant stakeholders, pensioners and past users of the service.
- (3) Council to receive the above options report well in time for the 2016/2017 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco called for a Division:

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The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be carried.

Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.09 pm.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.09 pm and returned at 8.10 pm.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 FORMER RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

MINUTE NO. 145

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 271

CR. ANGELA VILLELLA

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 21 March 2016, it is my intention to move:

That the Mayor write to the relevant State Minister and State Local Member, Mr Robin Scott as soon as possible, requesting that:

- (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*

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.

Notice Received: 7 March 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 11 March 2016

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2016

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MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That the Mayor write to the relevant State Minister and State Local Member, Mr Robin Scott as soon as possible, requesting that:

- (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

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.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover that point (3) and (4) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Villella and Cr. Greco.

- (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.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That the Mayor write to the relevant State Minister and State Local Member, Mr Robin Scott as soon as possible, requesting that:

- (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.

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.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That the Mayor write to the relevant State Minister and State Local Member, Mr Robin Scott as soon as possible, requesting that:

- (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.

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 RATE CAPPING

MINUTE NO. 146

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 272

CR.GAETANO GRECO

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 21 March 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council write to the Essential Services Commission formally advising that Darebin Council will not be seeking a variation to increase its 2016/2017 rates beyond the established cap level of 2.5%.

Notice Received: 7 March 2016
Notice Given to Councillors: 11 March 2016
Date of Meeting: 21 March 2016

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council write to the Essential Services Commission formally advising that Darebin Council will not be seeking a variation to increase its 2016/2017 rates beyond the established cap level of 2.5%.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Walsh.

Amended Motion

That Council

- (1) Write to the Essential Services Commission formally advising that Darebin Council will not be seeking a variation to increase its 2016/2017 rates beyond the established cap level of CPI and that Council also informs the Minister that it resolves to update its Strategic Resource Plan 2015-2019, that currently has an inbuilt 5% per annum revenue increase, and set this amount at CPI per annum for 2016-2019 period so that ratepayers are protected from future 5% rate rises.
- (2) Receive a report on the benefits of reviewing and tightening its current borrowing policy to reflect the diminished borrowing capacity to repay interest under a rate capping regime of CPI.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS THEN PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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MOVED: Cr. G. Greco
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council

- (1) Write to the Essential Services Commission formally advising that Darebin Council will not be seeking a variation to increase its 2016/17 rates beyond the established cap level of CPI and that Council also informs the Minister that it resolves to update its Strategic Resource Plan 2015-2019, that currently has an inbuilt 5% per annum revenue increase, and set this amount at CPI per annum for 2016-2019 period so that ratepayers are protected from future 5% rate rises.
- (2) Receive a report on the benefits of reviewing and tightening its current borrowing policy to reflect the diminished borrowing capacity to repay interest under a rate capping regime of CPI.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 LEGAL FEES**MINUTE NO. 147****NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 273****CR.ANGELA VILLELLA**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 21 March 2016, it is my intention to move:

That officers table at the next council meeting of 2 May 2016 the amount council has spent on legal fees from the beginning of the current council term to end of March 2016. The data is to be itemized.

Notice Received: 7 March 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 11 March 2016

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2016

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MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco

That officers table at the council meeting of 2 May 2016 the amount council has spent on legal fees from the beginning of the current council term to end of March 2016. The data is to be itemized.

CARRIED

Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.36 pm and returned at 8.41 pm.

8.4 PARKING AND TRAFFIC WITHIN THE DAREBIN PLANNING SCHEME**MINUTE NO. 148****NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 274****CR.ANGELA VILLELLA**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 21 March 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Councillors are to receive a briefing as soon as possible on:

- (1) *The relationship between current parking and traffic policy with planning applications, the planning scheme and policy*
- (2) *Whether our planning scheme is delivering a diversity of housing in particular 3 bedroom family friendly developments.*

Notice Received: 7 March 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 11 March 2016

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2016

Motion**MOVED: Cr. A. Vilella****SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas**

That Councillors are to receive a briefing as soon as possible on:

- (1) The relationship between current parking and traffic policy with planning applications, the planning scheme and policy
- (2) Whether our planning scheme is delivering a diversity of housing in particular 3 bedroom family friendly developments.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows.

That:

- (1) Councillors are to receive a briefing as soon as possible on the relationship between current parking and traffic policy with planning applications, the planning scheme and policy.
- (2) Council notes from the Darebin Housing Strategy 2013-2033 the projected needs are:
 - 27% 1 bed
 - 28% 1 bed and study
 - 11% 2 bed
 - 27% 3 bed
 - 7% 4 beds or more
- (3) Council officers report back to council on how the planning department and the planning scheme is tracking with current applications in relation to meeting need for these five basic categories of housing need.

The amendment was initially accepted by Cr. Vilella however upon further discussion Cr. Vilella withdrew her acceptance of the amendment. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana subsequently ruled that the amendment to the motion could not be accepted in accordance with section 30(3) of the Local Governance Law 2013.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion**MOVED: Cr. A. Vilella****SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas**

That Councillors are to receive a briefing as soon as possible on:

- (1) The relationship between current parking and traffic policy with planning applications, the planning scheme and policy
- (2) Whether our planning scheme is delivering a diversity of housing in particular 3 bedroom family friendly developments.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Councillors are to receive a briefing as soon as possible on:

- (1) The relationship between current parking and traffic policy with planning applications, the planning scheme and policy.
- (2) Whether our planning scheme is delivering a diversity of housing in particular 3 bedroom family friendly developments.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence abstained from voting on the above item.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.51 pm and returned at 8.52 pm.

8.5 MURALS AT RUBIE THOMSON RESERVE AND SMITH STREET, COLLINGWOOD**MINUTE NO. 149****NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 275****CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 21 March 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Express dismay at the ongoing vandalism and tagging of the 'Youth' mural at Rubie Thomson Reserve, Northcote and the 'Northcote Women' mural in Smith Street, Fitzroy.*
- (2) *Consults with Megan Evans, Eve Glenn and other artists associated with these murals along with Darebin residents, Darebin Arts Ambassadors, Yarra City Council (specifically in relation to the 'Northcote Women' mural located in Fitzroy) and other stakeholders to explore the potential for restoration, recreation and/or re-imagination of each mural, drawing on Council's experience with the Northcote Koorie mural in St Georges Road. Councillors should also be invited to participate in this consultation process.*
- (3) *Receives a report on the results of this consultation process and the options available to Council by August 2016.*

Notice Received: 7 March 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 11 March 2016

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2016

Due to the absence of Cr. McCarthy, the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised this item would be deferred to the next Council meeting on 4 April 2016.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

9.1 COUNCIL'S SUPPORT TO SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION

MINUTE NO. 150

Author: Manager Children, Families and Community

Reviewed By: Director Community Development

Report Background

This report is in response to an invitation to Council to become a "supporter organisation" by signing the Safe Schools Coalition's supporter pledge.

Previous Council Resolution

No previous Council resolution.

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Briefing Session.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Council Plan Goal 2: Healthy and Connected Community
- Equity and Inclusion Policy
- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan

Summary

Safe Schools Coalition (SSC) is an evidence-based whole-of-school program aimed at assisting schools to become supportive and inclusive environments for all students, particularly those experiencing homophobic and transphobic bullying.

Darebin has become a "supporter organisation" by signing the Safe Schools Coalition's supporter pledge.

Recommendation

That Council notes and endorses the signing by Darebin Council of the Safe Schools Coalition's supporter pledge to be an official supporter organisation of Safe Schools Coalition.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That:

- (1) Council notes and endorses the signing by Darebin Council of the Safe Schools Coalition's supporter pledge to be an official supporter organisation of Safe Schools Coalition.
- (2) Council writes to both the Prime Minister and the Victorian Premier to express its concerns over the cuts to the Safe Schools Program and to applaud Premier Andrews' decision to continue to fund the program.
- (3) Council receive a report as soon as practicable on ways in which the council can assist in ensuring the ongoing operations of the Safe Schools program in Darebin.
- (4) Officers should consult with relevant council committees and schools in Darebin as part of the report.

Cr. Villella proposed of he mover that point (3) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Li.

- (3) Council receive a report as soon as practicable on ways in which the council can assist in ensuring the ongoing operations **and advocacy** of the Safe Schools program in Darebin.

Cr. Laurence further proposed to the mover and seconder that point (2) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Li and Cr. Villella

- (2) Council writes to ~~both~~ the Prime Minister, **Opposition Leader** and the Victorian Premier to express its concerns over the cuts to the Safe Schools Program and to applaud Premier Andrews' decision to continue to fund the program.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That:

- (1) Council notes and endorses the signing by Darebin Council of the Safe Schools Coalition's supporter pledge to be an official supporter organisation of Safe Schools Coalition.
- (2) Council writes to the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader and the Victorian Premier to express its concerns over the cuts to the Safe Schools Program and to applaud Premier Andrews' decision to continue to fund the program.
- (3) Council receive a report as soon as practicable on ways in which the council can assist in ensuring the ongoing operations and advocacy of the Safe Schools program in Darebin.
- (4) Officers should consult with relevant council committees and schools in Darebin as part of the report.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella

That:

- (1) Council notes and endorses the signing by Darebin Council of the Safe Schools Coalition's supporter pledge to be an official supporter organisation of Safe Schools Coalition.
- (2) Council writes to the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader and the Victorian Premier to express its concerns over the cuts to the Safe Schools Program and to applaud Premier Andrews' decision to continue to fund the program.
- (3) Council receive a report as soon as practicable on ways in which the council can assist in ensuring the ongoing operations and advocacy of the Safe Schools program in Darebin.
- (4) Officers should consult with relevant council committees and schools in Darebin as part of the report.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco called for a Division:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
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| Cr. Li | Cr. Walsh |
| Cr. Tsitas | |
| Cr. Fontana | |
| Cr. Laurence | |
| Cr. Greco | |
| Cr. Villella | |

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be carried.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 BUDGET COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

SUBMITTED BY: CR. GAETANO GRECO

That council receive a briefing in April on a budget communication strategy in light of rate capping.

General Business Item Received: 7 March 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 11 March 2016

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2016

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. FONTANA, CR. GRECO WITHDREW HIS GENERAL BUSINESS ITEM.

11. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

11.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 151

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 Environmental reference Group (DERG) – 17 February 2016
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 23 February 2016
- Special Councillor Briefing Session – 29 February 2016
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee Special meeting – 29 February 2016
- Special Councillor Briefing – 2 March 2016
- Strategic Workshop – 7 March 2016

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MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 17, 23, and 29 February, 2 and 7 March 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

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ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

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| ASSEMBLY DETAILS: | Title: | Darebin Environmental Reference Group (DERG) |
| | Date: | Wednesday 17 February 2015 |
| | Location: | Function Room, Preston Municipal Offices |
| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Cr. Trent McCarthy |
| | Council Staff: | Libby Hynes, Samantha Green |
| | Other: | Darebin Environmental Reference Group members |
| APOLOGIES: | | |

The Assembly commenced at 8.50 pm

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Environment and Natural Resources – update on other various programs | No disclosures were made |
| 2 | General issues including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council submissions to State Government Reviews • Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) grants • DERG submission to Council budget | No disclosures were made |

The Assembly concluded at 9.10 pm

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| RECORD COMPLETED BY: | Officer Name: | Libby Hynes |
| | Officer Title: | Manager Environment and Natural Resources |



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

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| ASSEMBLY DETAILS: | Title: | Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee |
| | Date: | Tuesday 23 February 2016 |
| | Location: | Conference Room, Darebin Council Offices |
| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Cr. Bo Li |
| | Council Staff: | Anna Haygreen, Che Sutherland |
| | Other: | Representative of the Darebin Bicycle User group. |
| APOLOGIES: | | |

The Assembly commenced at 6.30 pm

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Reducing Speed Limits in Darebin | No disclosures were made. |
| 2 | Melbourne Water Pipe Works on St Georges Road | No disclosures were made. |
| 3 | Update on Level Crossings in Darebin | No disclosures were made. |
| 4 | Chandler Highway | No disclosures were made. |
| 5 | High Street/ St Georges Rd Intersection | No disclosures were made. |
| 6 | Shimmy route refuge crossings | No disclosures were made. |
| 7 | Great Western Shimmy bike route | No disclosures were made. |
| 8 | Cycle Training Courses | No disclosures were made. |
| 9 | Shared Path Program | No disclosures were made. |
| 10 | Bike Ed Evaluation | No disclosures were made. |
| 11 | Ride 2 School Day 4 March | No disclosures were made. |
| 12 | Be Bright at Night Campaign | No disclosures were made. |
| 13 | Upcoming Council Festivals and Events | No disclosures were made. |
| 14 | Darebin Tourism Strategy development | No disclosures were made. |

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 15 | Thornbury Master plan | No disclosures were made. |
| 16 | Walking Strategy development | No disclosures were made. |

The Assembly concluded at 8.40 pm

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| RECORD COMPLETED BY: | Officer Name: Anna Haygreen |
| | Officer Title: Sustainable Transport Officer |



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

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| ASSEMBLY DETAILS: | Title: | Special Councillor Briefing Session |
| | Date: | Monday 29 February 2016 |
| | Location: | Function Room, Darebin Civic Centre |
| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor) Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Trent McCarthy (5.55 pm), Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Julie Walsh (5.50 pm), Cr. Angela Vilella (6.52 pm), Cr. Tim Laurence (6.58 pm) |
| | Council Staff: | Rasiah Dev, Jacinta Stevens, Steve Hamilton, Patti Wenn, Gavin Cator (5.51 pm), Phil Tulk (5.45 – 6.10 pm) |
| | Other: | |
| APOLOGIES: | | Katrina Knox |

The Assembly commenced at 5.45 pm

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Phase out of Round Up in Darebin | No Disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh left at 5.52 pm and returned at 5.53 pm Cr. Walsh left at 5.56 pm and returned at 6.01 pm |
| 2 | High Street Streetscape Masterplan – Consultation Phase | No Disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas left at 6.09 pm |
| 3 | Grade Separation Update | No Disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas returned at 6.20 pm |
| 4 | NARC Update | No Disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh left at 7.02 pm and returned at 7.03 pm |
| 5 | Confidential Information (Inspectorates Recommendations) | No Disclosures were made. |
| 6 | Working Together Action Plan | No Disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas left at 7.43 pm and returned at 7.50 pm Cr. Vilella left at 7.46 pm and returned at 7.48 pm Cr. Walsh left at 7.51 pm and returned at 7.52 pm |

The Assembly concluded at 8pm

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| RECORD COMPLETED BY: | Officer Name: | Jacinta Stevens |
| | Officer Title: | Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance |



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

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| ASSEMBLY DETAILS: | Title: | Darebin Disability Advisory Committee SPECIAL meeting |
| | Date: | Monday 29 February 2016 |
| | Location: | Function Room, Darebin Civic Centre |
| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Cr. Julie Williams |
| | Council Staff: | Bridget Monro-Hobbs, Gillian Damonze, Christine Mulholland and Marian Myers-Braun |
| | Other: | Representative of Interact Australia, representative of Northern Support Services and a community representative. |
| APOLOGIES: | | Cr. Gaetano Greco and Cr. Oliver Walsh |

The Assembly commenced at 11.15 am

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Present | No disclosures were made. |
| 2 | Discussion about what Council's role should be under the NDIS | No disclosures were made. |

The Assembly concluded at 12.00 pm

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| RECORD COMPLETED BY: | Officer Name: | Christine Mulholland |
| | Officer Title: | MetroAccess Officer |



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

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| ASSEMBLY DETAILS: | Title: | Special Confidential Councillor Briefing Session |
| | Date: | Wednesday 2 March 2016 |
| | Location: | Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre |
| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor) Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Julie Walsh, Cr. Angela Vilella, Cr. Tim Laurence |
| | Council Staff: | Jacinta Stevens |
| | Other: | Andrew Douglas and Sarah Colmanet from Macpherson Kelley |
| APOLOGIES: | | Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Steven Tsitas |

The Assembly commenced at 6.35 pm

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Confidential Council Resolution dated 22 February 2016 | No Disclosures were made Cr Walsh left at 7.14 pm and returned at 7.16 pm |

The Assembly concluded at 7.24 pm

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| RECORD COMPLETED BY: | Officer Name: | Jacinta Stevens |
| | Officer Title: | Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance |



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

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| ASSEMBLY DETAILS: | Title: | Councillors Strategic Planning Weekend 2016 |
| | Date: | Friday, 4 March 2016 |
| | Location: | Bundoora North East Community Hub, 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora |
| PRESENT: | Councillors: | Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor) (12.41 pm), Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Tim Laurence, Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Gaetano Greco (12.38 pm) |
| | Council Staff: | Rasiah Dev, Steve Hamilton, Katrina Knox, Gavin Cator, Patti Wenn, Jacinta Stevens, Chris Meulblok, Alexis Young, Allan Cochrane |
| | Other: | Nil |
| APOLOGIES: | | Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Steven Tsitas |

The Assembly commenced at 12.36 pm

| MATTERS CONSIDERED | | DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS |
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| 1 | Welcome - Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor) and Rasiah Dev | Councillors declared no conflict of interest with the agenda items listed. |
| 2 | Rate Capping Impact review – Gavin Cator | No disclosures were made |
| 3 | Council Plan – Jacinta Stevens | No disclosures were made |
| 4 | Planning Information – Steve Hamilton | No disclosures were made |

The Assembly suspended for Afternoon Tea at 2.55 pm
The Assembly resumed at 3.10 pm

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| 5 | 2015/2016 Mid-Year budget status – Gavin Cator/Allan Cochrane | No disclosures were made |
| 6 | Wrap up and Feedback - Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Rasiah Dev, all Councillors | No disclosures were made. |

The Assembly concluded at 3.52 pm

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| RECORD COMPLETED BY: | Officer Name: Alexis Young Officer Title: Executive Coordinator and Councillor Liaison |
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Cr. Greco arrived at 12.38 pm
Cr. Walsh arrived at 12.41 pm
Cr. Greco left at 12.42 pm
Cr. Greco returned at 12.42 pm
Cr. Greco left at 12.50 pm
Cr. Greco returned at 12.50 pm
Cr. Walsh left at 1.39 pm
Cr. Walsh returned at 1.41 pm
Cr. Williams left at 1.48 pm
Cr. Williams returned at 1.54 pm
Cr. Greco left at 2.10 pm
Cr. Greco returned at 2.12 pm
Cr. Greco left at 2.14 pm
Cr. Greco returned at 2.14 pm
Cr. Laurence left at 2.18 pm
Cr. Walsh left at 2.23 pm
Cr. Walsh returned at 2.24 pm
Cr. Laurence returned at 2.27 pm
Cr. Laurence left at 2.27 pm
Cr. Laurence returned at 2.27 pm
Cr. Williams left at 2.34 pm

12. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 152

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| Council Resolution |
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MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

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12.1 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA, MAYOR

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

- Special Council meeting
- CALD meeting
- Citizenship ceremony
- Northland Steering Committee - Briefing with officers
- Attended launch of Sports Courts at Darebin Community Sports Stadium with Minister John Eren MP
- Merri Creek management Committee quarterly Meeting
- Site meeting with Grant Wason and officers at Sullivan Reserve
- 100th birthday celebration at La Trobe retirement village
- Full Moon festival at Linh Son Temple – Reservoir
- MCMC annual general meeting
- Vietnam Veterans' Association graveside vigil at Fawkner cemetery
- NEMCA Chinese new year celebration at DAEC
- Retirement Village expo at DAEC
- Councillor Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Northland Steering Committee meeting
- Darebin Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee Meeting
- Moreland 2016 Australia Made campaign forum
- Attended Amendment GC42 briefing
- Photoshoot with Robin Scott MP
- Meeting with chair of Audit Committee
- Northcote Cricket Club Gala function
- Special Council briefing
- Opening of Gyprock Solutions in Preston
- Preston Neighbourhood House AGM

- Chaired Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Special Councillor briefing
- Met with Bronwyn Halfpenny MP and John Eren MP at Connors Reserve with club officials
- Hellenic Women's Day celebration
- Launched Darebin's Tourism strategy Breakfast
- Residents meeting with Peter Catalano regarding row ISSUES
- Meeting with Metta Kezkiropoulos regarding sports grounds
- Attended Strategic Workshop
- Launched Darebin Schools Program at Spiritual Healing Trail
- Attended Audit Committee meeting

12.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI

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

- Special Council meeting
- Regional Kitchens Board meeting
- Meeting with MAV to finalise McArthur Fellowship Award report
- Councillor Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Northland Steering Committee meeting
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
- Amendment GC42 (Environmental Sustainable Development) information session
- Opening of True North open air cinema
- Special Councillor Briefing
- Special council briefing with Andrew Douglas
- VLGA forum with Jeff Kennett
- Councillor Strategic Planning Weekend

12.3 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS

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

- Councillor Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Greek Antipodes Festival – Charity run for sick kids
- Special Councillor Briefing
- Strategic Workshop

12.4 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council Meeting
- Attended Funding announcement of new Netball Courts at Darebin Community Sports Centre with Minister for Sport, Member for Preston and Mayor of Darebin
- Special Council meeting
- True North Outdoor cinema
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Councillor briefing
- Attended Darebin's Men's Shed East Reservoir with Hon David Feeney MP
- Councillor Strategic Planning Weekend
- Strategic Briefing
- Consultation with residents regarding laneways and easements, traffic issues and Planning objections
- Meeting with disable residents regarding path maintenance

12.5 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH

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

- Citizenship Ceremony
- Special Council meeting
- Anzac Exhibition
- Planning Committee
- Council Briefing Sessions
- MAV planning event
- Arts Project Australia
- Into Work Board Meeting
- Syrian Refugees event
- Swimathon NARC
- Met with Whittlesea councillors to discuss the Threat of Sky Rail on South Morang line
- Met with Fairfield residents re Planning
- VLGA event with Jeff Kennett
- Councillor weekend
- NBAA breakfast
- Into Work planning day
- NARC workshop
- Darebin Kite Festival with new Senator James Patterson
- Various Constituent matters

12.6 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Special Council meeting
- Friends of Baucau meeting
- Citizenship ceremony
- Springthorpe Traffic Management workshop
- Full Moon festival, Linh Son temple
- Councillor Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- IntoWork Australia board meeting
- True North outdoor cinema
- Special Councillor briefings
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Councillor Strategic Planning Weekend
- Strategic workshop

12.7 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA

Cr. Villella reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:

- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Councillor briefing
- Special Council meeting
- Strategic workshop
- Councillor Strategic Planning Weekend

Cr Walsh left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.07 pm.

Cr. Villella left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.08 pm.

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

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

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:

13.1 Multi Sports Stadium Design Services Contract Award – CT201555

13.2 Continuous Improvement – Customer Service

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 9.09 pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 13.1 (Multi Sports Stadium Design Services Contract Award) – CT201555 and Item 13.2 (Continuous Improvement – Customer Service) which had been circulated to Councillors on 15 March 2016 with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

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

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 9.12 pm

CONFIDENTIAL**13.1 DAREBIN MULTI SPORTS STADIUM DESIGN SERVICES
CONTRACT AWARD – CT201555****MINUTE NO. 153****Author:** Manager Major Projects and Infrastructure**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report is in response to the Council Resolution from the Council meeting held on 21 September 2015 to commence detailed planning and procurement processes for the Darebin Multi-Sports Stadium Project

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 21 September 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- (1) Resolve to endorse the development of the Darebin Multi-Sports Stadium at John Cain Memorial Park, Thornbury by June 2020.*
- (2) Note officers will commence the detailed planning and procurement processes for the project and arrange a number of Councillor workshops at key stages throughout the project.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

- Strategic Workshop – 7 March 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Leisure Strategy 2010 – 2014
- Leisure Action Plan 2015 – 2020
- Major Regional Leisure Facilities Study 2014

Summary

This report summarises the tender processes including the tender responses; tender evaluation and recommends the award of a contract to an experienced Principle Consultant for the design stage of the Darebin Multi-Sports Stadium Project.

Recommendation

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tenderer(s) name and contract period

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tenderer(s) name and contract period.

Successful Tenderer: Mantric Architecture Pty Ltd

Contract Period: March 2016 to October 2016

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL**13.2 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT – CUSTOMER SERVICE****MINUTE NO. 154****Author:** Coordinator Customer Service**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

As part of Council's continuous improvement processes and in order to strengthen the interaction and ensure that customers receive a good customer service experience, a review of the service was undertaken in 2015.

The context of the Customer Service review included:

- The adoption of the *Darebin Service Excellence* Framework in 2012 including the drive to create a unified and consistent organisational culture of customer service.
- The Best Value legislation includes the requirement to meet quality and cost standards, be responsive to community needs and incorporate continuous improvement and ongoing consultation processes in the service delivery.
- Council's independent auditor (Crowe Horwath) highlighted deficiencies in Customer Service in April 2014.

Previous Council Resolution

There are no previous Council resolutions in relation to this Council Report.

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 22 February 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

5. Excellent Service: 5.1 Customer Service

Summary

As part of Council's continuous improvement processes and in order to strengthen the interaction and ensure that customers receive a good customer service experience, a review of the Customer Service Function was undertaken in 2015. The review found that a new business approach is required at Darebin with a greater focus on online options, pooling of resources and a more responsive call centre.

Recommendation

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential.

CARRIED

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.