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Council pays respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf opened the meeting with the following statement:

“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Phil Shanahan - Acting Chief Executive Officer

Steve Hamilton - Director City Futures and Assets

Oliver Vido - Director Operations and Environment

Allan Cochrane - Chief Financial Officer

Darren Rudd - Manager Planning and Building

Katia Croce - Coordinator Council Business

Jody Brodribb - Council Business and Governance Officer

Dave Bell - Senior Media Advisor

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-197

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 15 May 2017 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 22 May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Cr Le Cerf, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Mike Chance, Thornbury**

“Why had Lentil as Anything Thornbury been granted a liquor license until 11pm at night when there have already been multiple complaints against them for noise, rowdy behaviour of patrons and damage to property from their patrons?”

Response

“The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation is the authority which issues and amends liquor licences. Complaints about a licensee or its patrons may be referred directly to the Commission for investigation.

Council’s involvement in liquor licensing matters is limited to considering licence applications referred to it for comment and lodging an amenity-based objection where this is considered appropriate. In determining whether or not to lodge an amenity-based objection, Council has regard to the operating track record of the business, as indicated by the presence or absence of complaints, the business’ complaint-handling and whether any material issues remain outstanding.

In relation to Lentil as Anything Thornbury, Council’s customer service log records a single complaint against the venue in relation to noise, dating back on 19 July 2016. The complainant, a nearby business owner/occupier was aggrieved by noise associated with staff congregating outside for drinks after closure and noise from playing instruments outside. Council’s Senior Planning Investigations Officer raised the concerns with the store manager in a face to face meeting on 25 July and subsequently advised the complainant of the intervention with a request to call back if there were any further noise instances. In the absence of any further complaints being received the matter was closed.

In the absence of any ongoing issues relating to the venue being brought to Council’s attention it saw no valid reason to object on amenity grounds to a comparatively modest extension of trading hours.”

- **Denis Gibson, Preston**

“Following on from the email below and lodging a question to Council, I was given an assurance from Council that initiatives would be undertaken including the use of contractors to clean up the footpath area in the vicinity of Dundas Streets and Plenty Road.

I need to advise that despite the initiatives that were promised, the condition of this area has not improved as evidenced by the photos I've attached which were taken yesterday morning. I will admit that the condition of the footpath was extremely bad yesterday but it is indicative ongoing condition of the footpath in this area. I recall that the main thrust of Council initiatives indicated to me last year was that contractors would be used to regularly clean the area. I suspect this isn't being done but if it is, it's not enough to make a permanent improvement to this area.

There needs to be another approach to ensure that Aldi and the Body Corporates for the shopping/residential complexes in the area take responsibility for maintaining the public areas adjoining their properties and businesses and convince them that litter reflects badly on them as neighbours and corporate citizens. And something really need to be done to change the attitudes of public transport in the area. Their belief that it is OK to dump food, drinks and cigarette butts at the bus stop is appalling.

I look forward to further comments from Council.”

Response

“Thank you for your question and bringing this matter to our attention.

This area is scheduled for maintenance twice a week however due to other operational and staffing needs this has not occurred in recent weeks. The schedule to maintain the area twice a week has recommenced and you will notice a significant improvement in the coming weeks.

Council is also working with the Body Corporates and adjoining property owners to ensure they understand their responsibilities in maintaining the amenity of the local area.”

- **Brian Sanaghan, West Preston**

Darebin ratepayers, in addition to the \$52,000 recently wasted on Coral Ross's political campaign to be MAV president, have now been slugged another \$20,000 by the Greens controlled Darebin Council to support the interests of a political minority.

If the Greens political party had a party flag it would be the multi coloured piece of fabric, representing minority sexual interests, now flying over the Preston Town Hall.

Last year the Darebin branch of the Victorian Greens, led by Councillor McCarthy set out with an orchestrated campaign to seize the government of Darebin City. A measure of their success is that the Mayor of Darebin is a member of the Greens.

Flags are used in wartime by the victors to demonstrate victory and to humiliate the vanquished.

By flying the defacto flag of the Greens over the Preston Town Hall, the Greens on Council have set out to humiliate unsuccessful non Greens candidates, and to rub the faces of those who do not agree with their policies and who didn't vote for them in the dirt, by a transparent display of political triumphalism, which as a former candidate, I find offensive and unacceptable.

Councillor, do you agree that Darebin ratepayers should not be forced to pick up the tab to promote the political policies of the Greens?

Councillor do you agree that there is no place in local government for divisive party politics, yes or no?

Response

“Being the closest level of government to the community, Council has an important role to promote human rights and challenge discrimination in all its forms. I imagine many people in our community would find your questions offensive.

This Council has had a long-standing commitment to its LGBTIQ community and has proudly flown the rainbow flag to show its support over several years. The rainbow flag itself has a long and distinguished international history as a symbol of pride, identity and inclusion.

People who identify as LGBTIQ make up more than ten per cent of our community and are twice as likely to experience poor mental health outcomes as a direct result of the stigma, prejudice and discrimination they experience every day.

That’s why we have a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee to ensure we are in touch with the needs and concerns of our LGBTIQ community; and a Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan.

Within our overall equity and diversity policy framework, it’s entirely appropriate that a proportion of our Community Support Fund Grants goes to initiatives that support the goal of making Darebin safer or more inclusive for LGBTIQ people.

This is about supporting the people who live in our community, not party politics.”

Mr Sanaghan interjected a number of times throughout Cr. Le Cerf’s response. Cr. Le Cerf advised Mr Sanaghan that if he continued to interject, he would be required to leave the Chamber.

Cr. Amir also provided the following response to Mr Sanaghan’s question

“I did move the motion which was supported unanimously; I’d add that one of the roles of Council is protecting and supporting vulnerable groups which include LGBTIQ people. Flying the rainbow flag makes the LGBTIQ people feel safe because it lets people know that we won’t tolerate homophobia. The vote to fly the flag was passed unanimously by the whole Council including people from different parties, it has been a symbol of peace and equality since the 1970s.

It is not the role of Council to placate those that feel threatened by equality, it is not the role of Council to placate people who feel resentful towards people who have been elected.

The \$20,000 is to tackle homophobia and threats to the safety of LGBTIQ people. This is why we need this money: because people like you make Darebin an unsafe place for people like us.”

Mr. Sanaghan also interjected during Cr. Amir’s response.

Serena O'Meley, Reservoir

Prior to asking her question, Ms O'Meley also provided the following statement:

"Before I go on to my question I'd just like to express my support for Council's position on LGBTIQ rights and I think that I speak for a lot of people in the audience.

I am not in the Greens. I am an independent community activist and I think that your behaviour (Mr Sanaghan) is outrageous."

Mr. Sanaghan interjected during Ms O'Meley's response.

Ms O'Meley then asked the following questions:

"Section 46L(1)(a) and (1)(b) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act) currently sets a maximum level for Community Infrastructure of \$900 per dwelling to be constructed and in any other case, 0.25 cents in the dollar of the cost of the building work for the development.

- (a) *Under the previous Developer Contribution Plan, was the full amount of the Community Infrastructure levy set and collected in accordance with the Act, inclusive of any yearly indexation?*

Response (a):

"For a DCP to achieve Ministerial approval and be incorporated into the Planning Scheme, it needs to be justifiable in terms of its strategic basis (ie. the why) and its composition. This includes that, for example, it must have infrastructure projects identified for the life of the DCP, the infrastructure need must meet the demand, and it must have a reasonable time horizon. Council can't just charge the maximum amount without this justification. The planning scheme amendment process will seek to clarify this through public consultation and before any Independent Planning Panel hearing.

It is worth noting that, for the previous DCP there were 227 charge areas and not all the areas applied the full \$900 rate. This is because, in some cases, there were insufficient projects to justify charging the full rate - in accordance with the Development Contributions Guidelines."

- (b) *Will Council commit to collecting the full amount allowable for Community Infrastructure under the new DCP?"*

Response (b):

"Council is currently undertaking work to compile a new DCP which is in accordance with the State Government's 'Development Contributions Guidelines'."

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

"In response to a question which I put to Council on 15 May 2017, the Mayor stated, in part, that, "Council is unable to immediately levy a development contribution without completing a Development Contributions Plan (or an Infrastructure Contributions Plan)."

This contradicts a response which Cr Trent McCarthy posted on my Facebook Wall on 14 May 2017 at 21:26 which he stated was emailed to him by one of the Council Directors:

“Council will seek to complete the DCP as soon as possible, and even prior to its implementation in the planning scheme, officers can look to apply charges to developers - as long as the charges can be justified before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, if challenged.”

I further note that Cr McCarthy’s response to me is consistent with the following section of the Council Resolution (Minute no. 17-175) which was passed on 15 May 2017:

“(3) Requests officers to commence work on an “Infrastructure Plan and Development Contributions Policy” for identified precincts and activity centres, to be used as an interim measure to charge development contributions prior to the mechanisms being implemented into the Darebin Planning Scheme.”

- (a) Can the Mayor explain why her response to my question, presumably on the advice of officers, appears to contradict advice provided to Cr McCarthy as well as part of the formal DCP resolution which determined to develop policy as an interim measure for charging development contributions?*
- (b) Based upon information which was emailed to me at the request of the Mayor, was the option of seeking a voluntary agreement from developers via Section 173 of the Act explored and is this the mechanism by which contributions will be collected on an interim basis?”*

Response

“There is no contradiction of statements. Council has been clear that it is looking to apply a development contribution as soon as possible. Whilst applying the DCP through a planning scheme amendment process into the Planning Scheme is a longer term project, as previously suggested by Councillors, there is an opportunity for Council to prepare and adopt an Infrastructure Contributions Policy, which is clear and transparent, and provides the justification required to apply the infrastructure cost.

Council encourages any member of the public to discuss the requirements of the DCP directly with Council officers.”

Darren Rudd, Manager Planning and Building also provided the following response:

“The comment “that Council would collect contributions from developers where the charge could be justified in VCAT” was correct. Council is already applying to a limited extent conditions on planning permits requiring contributions or at times full cost of works where the development benefits from these off site works. This ability will be expanded when Council completes a development contributions plan or infrastructure contributions plan because it will have more projects identified and justified to enable more widespread development contributions to be required through legal agreements under Section 173 of the Planning & Environment Act (1987).”

- **Maria Poletti, Dada**

At the Council Meeting on April 4th 2016 Council carried a motion (Minute No. 158) to endorse Amendment C156 – Request of Ministerial Amendment For Neighbourhood Residential Zone. Amendment C156 which aims to ensure a balanced application of the new residential zones is achieved in the municipality. In short, to increase the Neighbourhood Residential Zone coverage from only 11% in Darebin.

1. *Has Amendment C156 been signed off by the Minister and entered into the Darebin Planning Scheme?*

2. *If not, what is Council doing to expedite the process or has the amendment been shelved?*

Response

1. *No. Amendment C156 was refused by the Minister on 5 September 2016.*
2. *On 27 February 2017, Council considered a report on its options available to deliver an appropriate level of protection across the Municipality in light of the refusal of Amendment C156. This has been given priority through budget initiatives for the 2017/2018 financial year.*

- **Chris Erlandsen, Preston**

1. *I understand that Council has received endorsement of C137 from the Minister and wondering whether the rescinded amendment that was presented has been changed at all.*
2. *Commensurate with C137 I am wondering if Council is demanding an upgrade to Route 86 particularly between Wood Street and South to the junction where tram get to considerable speed and defects in the track create excessive vibration and noise.*

Response

“Amendment C137 was gazetted by the Minister last week the 1 June. In response to your additional question about the motion to rescind, I will probably have to take that one on notice and that I take your point around needing to advocate for upgrades to the Route 86 tram. I don’t know if that is already taking place or if there is something we should be considering now but again we will follow that one up and get a written response to you.”

- **Mandy Baird, Preston**

At the Cazaly Ward meeting on 30 May, 2017, Councillor Williams stated that she was not at the Council Meeting on 21 September 2015, where the Rescind motion of Amendment C137 was carried.

1. *Does the Councillor wish to change her position to reflect the record in the minutes that she was present at this meeting?*

Response

Cr. Williams has indicated that she has already responded to you.

2. *The minutes of the meeting on 21 September 2017 (page 91) record a division that was called by Cr. Greco at 10.59, with Cr. Walsh, Cr. Laurence, Cr. Williams, Cr. Fontana, Cr. Tsitas voting for and Cr. Greco, Cr. Villella and Cr. McCarthy voting against.*

How do I access the video footage of this meeting to confirm this division refers to the rescind or an extension of time?

If the video footage is not available, why does the Council not store archived meetings online in perpetuity?

Response

For storage reasons we only have three months of the videos up online but I am sure at request they could be made available and we can follow up directly with you about that.

- **John Nugent, Keon Park**

“Madam Mayor

Three meetings ago I asked a question (in relation to public toilets). So far I haven’t received a reply.

Madam Mayor, can you follow up so I do receive a reply.”

Response

Cr. Le Cerf advised the question would be taken on notice and followed up.

- **Geoff Richards, Reservoir**

“I refer to Storey Reserve, Storey Road. I raised the issue at recent Ward meeting, lighting is bad at the entry, OK hallway, bad halfway along the laneway at far end.

Can spots be located to deal with this, it is winter and dark and the laneway is a used walkway/bike path access to Northernhay Street and beyond for people moving to Reservoir Station and beyond.

Can current budget be reviewed?”

Response

“I believe that the budget submission process closes on 8 June so there is still time for you to put in a submission into the budget process so that this particular project gets considered for the budget for the forthcoming year. But it is definitely something that we will take a look at in terms of the issues that you have raised and get back to you about what might be possible for that area.”

Response to Public Question taken on notice at the Council meeting on 15 May 2017

At the Council meeting held on 15 May 2017, the following question was taken on notice by the Chairperson.

- **Anne Laver, Northcote**

“Will the Council please consider implementing a Parking Overlay for the Market? The development plan for the market indicates that 4888 spaces are required, yet the plans show only 324 parking spaces with from what I understand no visitor parking provided.

The Preston Market fits all the criteria for a Parking Overlay Scheme outlined in the State Government Practice Note 57, April 2013.”

Steve Hamilton, Director City Futures and Assets has provided the following written response to Ms Laver

“Thank you for your questions submitted to public question time at the 15 May 2017 council meeting. The following information is now provided to you.

Parking overlays are most effective in precincts where there are a number of separate land holdings and a base level of consistency is sought. In this instance, with a single large land owner, a parking overlay would have minimal benefit and the development of one would essentially reflect the process being undertaken through the current planning application but without the flexibility to produce a variety of development offerings (i.e. all developments would be locked into the same car parking rate).

Instead, what we are seeking in this instance is a detailed car parking management plan that will address the following:

- Proposed traffic management and control works on site and on adjoining roads.*
- Details of how car parking and loading would be managed across all land in the Priority Development Zone Schedule 1 (Preston Market) throughout the development stages including any proposed parking restrictions, hours of operation and security arrangements where relevant.*
- How the site will operate, including predicted peak demands, parking restrictions, hours of operation, security arrangements, any off-site parking requirements, etc during potential interim stages and during construction.*
- The overall operation of car parks*
- An assessment of car parking demand taken at the completion of each immediately prior stage of development or the application. The assessment is to enable car parking provision to be monitored as floor areas increase and patronage, travel patterns and the mix of uses change, with a view to minimising parking undersupply at any one stage of development.*

The above details go well beyond what can be incorporated into a parking overlay and allow Council to continue to monitor the operation of the site and adjust parking requirements prior to approving any future stages. We consider this to be the best approach for this precinct.”

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT D/186/2016 229 Gilbert Road, Preston

Author: Principal Planner

Reviewed By: Director City Futures and Assets

Applicant	Owner	Consultant
James Livingstone Planning	Munir Shaya	Content Studio Green Rate Zav Traffic Leigh Design

Summary

- Proposal:
 - Construct a four (4) storey building (including one (1) basement level) containing 20 dwellings (8 one (1) bedroom dwellings and 12 two (2) bedroom dwellings), 20 car parking spaces, and 10 bicycle parking spaces.
 - The building has a maximum overall height of 10.156 metres.
 - Private open space to the dwellings is provided in the form of either ground floor courtyards or upper level balconies.
 - A 1.2 metre high fence is proposed above a 1.05 metre (maximum) high raised garden bed at the Gilbert Road edge of the site.
- The site is zoned General Residential Zone – Schedule 2
- There is no restrictive covenant on the title for the subject land.
- Six (6) objections were received against this application.
- The proposal is contrary to the relevant policies of the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- It is recommended that the application be refused.

Consultation

- Public notice was given via one (1) sign posted on site and letters sent to surrounding owners and occupiers.
- This application was referred internally to Capital Works Unit, Transport Management & Planning Unit, City Works Unit, Strategic Planning Unit, Public Places Unit and ESD Officer.
- This application was not required to be referred to external authorities.

The following person verbally addressed the meeting and was thanked for their presentation by the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf:

- *Janet Bailey, Objector*

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-198****MOVED: Cr. J Williams****SECONDED: Cr. S Amir**

THAT Planning Permit Application D/186/2016 be refused on the following grounds:

- (1) The proposal is inconsistent with the *Darebin Housing Strategy* as it does not provide a modest scale of change in scale with the characteristics and context of the site.
- (2) The proposal is inconsistent with Clause 22.02 (neighbourhood character) of the Darebin Planning Scheme and the design objectives of Precinct E3 of the *Darebin Neighbourhood Character Study & Precinct Guidelines*, with particular regard to:
 - a) Landscaping
 - b) Siting
 - c) Height and Building Form
 - d) Front Boundary Treatment
- (3) The proposal is inconsistent with the purpose of the General Residential Zone as it does not respect the neighbourhood character of the area.
- (4) The proposal does not comply with the requirements of Clause 55 of the Darebin Planning Scheme, with particular regard to:
 - a) Neighbourhood character
 - b) Integration with the street
 - c) Street setback
 - d) Landscaping
 - e) Building height
 - f) Energy efficiency
 - g) Side and rear setbacks
 - h) North facing windows
 - i) Private open space
 - j) Solar access to open space
 - k) Design detail
 - l) Front fences
- (5) The proposal does not provide sufficient visitor bicycle parking facilities in accordance with Clause 52.34 of the Darebin Planning Scheme.

CARRIED

**6.2 NORTHERN ALLIANCE FOR GREENHOUSE ACTION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING****Author:** Manager Environment and Community Outcomes**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

Report Background

Council considered an annual report on the work and outcomes of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) at its meeting on 19 September 2016 and resolved to receive a further report regarding renewal of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The current MoU expires 30 June 2017.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 19 September 2016, Council resolved:

'That Council receive a further report in April 2017 regarding renewal of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) Memorandum of Understanding'

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

Climate Change Action Plans

Summary

The Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) is an alliance of northern councils and the Moreland Energy Foundation which focuses on regional climate change action. The NAGA MoU expires on 30 June 2017 and a new 2 year MoU is proposed. An annual fee is payable and provides good value. Continuing membership of NAGA will ensure that the Darebin community has access to significant information, collaboration, grants and advocacy resources resulting from NAGA's regional projects and networks.

Participation in NAGA complements and adds value to Darebin's leadership position on climate emergency action within our operations and the community.

Recommendation

That Council authorise the Director Operations and Environment to sign the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) Memorandum of Understanding (attached as **Appendix A**) for the 2 year period completing 30 June 2019.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-199

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- (1) Authorises the Director Operations and Environment to sign the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) Memorandum of Understanding (attached as **Appendix A**) for the 2 year period completing 30 June 2019.
- (2) Receives quarterly reports for Councillors on NAGA's activities.

CARRIED

Darren Rudd, Manager Planning and Building, left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 6.42pm.

6.3 SOLAR \$AVER PROGRESS REPORT AND SECOND SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME**Author:** Manager Environment and Community Outcomes**Reviewed By:** Director Operations and Environment

Report Background

This report provides the summary of the Solar Saver program completed in February 2017. Council will be considering the future of the Solar Saver program in the draft climate emergency plan review.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 18 July 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council consider a further report in the first quarter of 2017 regarding the Solar Saver program options.'

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

Climate Change Action Plans

Summary

The 2015-2017 Solar Saver program was well received by the community and continues to deliver great value for Darebin residents. This value will be improved with the increase to the Victorian solar feed in tariff in July 2017. 928 kW of solar panels were installed through the recent program including the associated bulk buy. The draft Climate Emergency Plan and draft Council Plan propose an ambitious \$20 million expansion of the program over the next 4 years with an aim for an additional 11,000 kW installed through the program over the period. Council will consider the expansion of the program further in the finalisation of the draft Climate Emergency Plan.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-200**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton**That Council:**

- (1) Notes this report.
- (2) Considers the Solar Saver program expansion as part of the draft Climate Emergency Plan.
- (3) Sends a letter to all previous Solar Saver participants notifying them of the 1 July 2017 increase to the Victorian solar feed in tariff.

CARRIED

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

7.1 KANGAROOS IN GRESSWELL WILDLIFE RESERVE

Author: Coordinator Bushland Management

Reviewed By: Director Operations and Environment

Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 279, resolved by Council on 2 May 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

That Council:

- (1) *Notes with alarm the recent health issues affecting Kangaroos in Gresswell Wildlife Reserve and the community concern caused by the now abandoned State Government Kangaroo cull. Council therefore resolves to develop a Greater Gresswell Forest land management and Kangaroo and Wildlife protection plan to protect the health and welfare of local Kangaroo populations by strengthening vegetation protections and by putting in place legal protections to preserve in perpetuity the wildlife movements and Kangaroo feeding places within the network of Gresswell Forest-linked parklands that are within the city of Darebin.*
- (2) *Council notes that these parklands in the Darebin LGA, namely the Gresswell Hill area, the Strathallan Golf course, the Habitat link, the Gresswell Grange Lakes and La Trobe Universities bushland areas, are larger than the current Gresswell Wildlife Reserve and collectively form a vital habitat for Kangaroo populations.*
- (3) *Officers report back to Council on the feasibility for a health and welfare plan to assist in preserving the Kangaroo population as soon as possible, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.*

Furthermore, that this plan for Kangaroo protection in parklands within the City of Darebin include but not be limited to:

- *An enhanced tree and vegetation protection schedule across all the parkland areas*
 - *A grassland management plan for Kangaroos and a feed plan for droughts and summer months*
 - *The development and resources for a Friends of Gresswell Kangaroos group*
 - *The removal or redesign of colorbond fences and any current obstructions between these parkland areas*
 - *The creation of safe a wildlife underpass or crossing points for Kangaroos between La Trobe University's bushland and the habitat link*
 - *A wildlife safety report on Main Road and the Ring Road*
 - *The development of a section 173 agreement between La Trobe University and Darebin Council to ensure permanent protection of access to grasslands for Kangaroos on the Habitat Link and the Strathallan golf course.*
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- *Any required updating of current planning zoning and Darebin's MSS to limit land use in line with Darebin's Kangaroo protection plan.*
- *An outline of a consultation plan with Springthorpe Owners Corporation, Strathallan Golf Club and La Trobe University and relevant animal Welfare and rescue groups.*
- *Options for sourcing state government funds to support the proposed local kangaroo protection plan.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 3 - Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods
 - 3.7 Biodiversity, Wildlife corridors, cultural heritage assets and waterways

Summary

Gresswell Forest, Gresswell Hill, the Habitat Link, Strathallan Golf Course and Latrobe Universities Wildlife Reserve are all important flora and fauna reserves. These reserves are managed by Parks Victoria and Latrobe University and are within Darebin boundaries.

Within some of these reserves are wild populations of kangaroos. These populations naturally fluctuate, increasing when conditions are suitable and falling in drought and other adverse conditions. When in excess the health of the population can be impacted through starvation or spread of disease. Both Parks Victoria and Latrobe University currently monitor Kangaroo populations and when required provide assistance to injured wildlife. These are wild populations naturally foraging for food. This natural foraging is important to maintain the natural instincts of the population, supplemental feeding may lead to them become tame and pose a greater threat to their health and safety.

Council currently manages Reserves within close proximity and these reserves are managed for the floristic diversity with the aims to bolster native populations of indigenous plant species and control and where possible eliminate a suite of weeds. This vegetation is the natural food source for Kangaroos and if numbers continue to rise this will create an imbalance leading to a deterioration in natural vegetation and animal welfare.

Currently the major risk to the Kangaroos is increasing population. Parks Victoria have implemented a fertility program and its aim is to have a sustainable population within 10 years. The road network that segregates the Reserves could present issues to the safety of kangaroos in the area but over the last few years very few incidents involving Kangaroos and vehicles have been recorded. Council will continue to monitor the situation and install warning signs for motorists to raise awareness of possible kangaroo's crossing.

As the kangaroos are wild populations and their management is controlled by government legislation and regulation the introduction of a health and welfare plan by Darebin is not feasible.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes this report on Kangaroos in Gresswell Wildlife Reserve.
- (2) Continues to support kangaroo health and welfare through current management plans and actions including continuing to liaise with Parks Victoria and LaTrobe University on matters regarding the health of kangaroos in their reserves.
- (3) Monitors the success of the non-lethal population reduction program.
- (4) Installs warning signs along Main Rd Bundoora.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Resolve to refer to the 2017/2018 budget \$20,000 to develop an Urban Kangaroo Welfare and Conservation Plan for Bundoora and Macleod that includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Enhanced tree and vegetation protection schedules across parkland and remnant bushland areas such as Bundoora Park, Gresswell Forest, Gresswell Hill and other habitat corridors in Bundoora and Macleod to prevent the decline of native vegetation, Kangaroo populations, and critical fauna habitat and landscape qualities.
 - active management KPIs for local bushland areas to protect and conserve native vegetation and grasslands to ensure the health and well being and sustainability of local Kangaroo populations.
 - practical guidelines for land owners of remnant bushland in Darebin's North East Kangaroo habitat corridor to retain existing native vegetation by avoiding clearance where feasible, minimising disturbance while installing or maintaining services, and where native vegetation removal is unavoidable how the principle of 'Net Gain' is to be applied.
 - A wildlife safety audit of Plenty Rd and Main Rd Bundoora and a signage plan.
 - assessment of current and future conservation zoning for habitat areas under threat to improve landscape connectivity and viability by revegetating potential wildlife corridors (biolinks) which form crucial links between isolated habitats.
 - Drafting of a 'best practice model' section 173 agreement to ensure permanent protection of access to grasslands for Kangaroos on the Habitat Links.
 - A community engagement and consultation plan with Springthorpe Owners Corporation, Strathallan Golf Club and La Trobe University, the City of Banyule, Parks Victoria and relevant local animal Welfare and rescue groups.
- (2) That Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Environment and local lower and upper house MPs about Council's current and future actions to protect the welfare of local Kangaroo populations.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that point (2) of the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Rennie.

- (2) That Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Environment and local lower and upper house MPs about Council's **concern for** the welfare of local Kangaroo populations.

Cr. Newton further proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Rennie.

- (3) Requests officers provide a further report to clarify Council's responsibility.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Resolve to refer to the 2017/2018 budget \$20,000 to develop an Urban Kangaroo Welfare and Conservation Plan for Bundoora and Macleod that includes but is not limited to the following:
- Enhanced tree and vegetation protection schedules across parkland and remnant bushland areas such as Bundoora Park, Gresswell Forest, Gresswell Hill and other habitat corridors in Bundoora and Macleod to prevent the decline of native vegetation, Kangaroo populations, and critical fauna habitat and landscape qualities.
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 - Drafting of a 'best practice model' section 173 agreement to ensure permanent protection of access to grasslands for Kangaroos on the Habitat Links.
 - A community engagement and consultation plan with Springthorpe Owners Corporation, Strathallan Golf Club and La Trobe University, the City of Banyule, Parks Victoria and relevant local animal Welfare and rescue groups.
- (2) That Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Environment and local lower and upper house MPs about Council's concern for the welfare of local Kangaroo populations.
- (3) Requests officers provide a further report to clarify Council's responsibility.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-201****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie****That Council:**

- (1) Resolve to refer to the 2017/2018 budget \$20,000 to develop an Urban Kangaroo Welfare and Conservation Plan for Bundoora and Macleod that includes but is not limited to the following:
 - Enhanced tree and vegetation protection schedules across parkland and remnant bushland areas such as Bundoora Park, Gresswell Forest, Gresswell Hill and other habitat corridors in Bundoora and Macleod to prevent the decline of native vegetation, Kangaroo populations, and critical fauna habitat and landscape qualities.
 - active management KPIs for local bushland areas to protect and conserve native vegetation and grasslands to ensure the health and well being and sustainability of local Kangaroo populations.
 - practical guidelines for land owners of remnant bushland in Darebin's North East Kangaroo habitat corridor to retain existing native vegetation by avoiding clearance where feasible, minimising disturbance while installing or maintaining services, and where native vegetation removal is unavoidable how the principle of 'Net Gain' is to be applied.
 - A wildlife safety audit of Plenty Rd and Main Rd Bundoora and a signage plan.
 - assessment of current and future conservation zoning for habitat areas under threat to improve landscape connectivity and viability by revegetating potential wildlife corridors (biolinks) which form crucial links between isolated habitats.
 - Drafting of a 'best practice model' section 173 agreement to ensure permanent protection of access to grasslands for Kangaroos on the Habitat Links.
 - A community engagement and consultation plan with Springthorpe Owners Corporation, Strathallan Golf Club and La Trobe University, the City of Banyule, Parks Victoria and relevant local animal Welfare and rescue groups.
- (2) That Council write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Environment and local lower and upper house MPs about Council's concern for the welfare of local Kangaroo populations.
- (3) Requests officers provide a further report to clarify Council's responsibility.

CARRIED

8. NOTICES OF MOTION**8.1 ELIMINATING THE USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC ITEMS TO BE ACTIONED BY 31 DECEMBER 2017****Councillor:** Lina MESSINA**NoM No.:** 334

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 5 June 2017, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) Council notes the Environment and Planning Committee are scheduled to table a further report on the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016 to Parliament on 8 June 2017.*
 - (2) Officers develop a policy, with the aim of eliminating the use of plastic bags by 2020. The policy should consider the reduction of plastic bags used at all Council run events, including but not limited to organised or formal sports and recreational events, markets conducted on Council land, buildings and or roads managed by Council. The policy should also consider the banning of all plastic glasses, straws, cutlery and food boxes in the City Of Darebin by 2022.*
 - (3) Council implements a communication and education campaign that encourages the community and traders across the municipality to reduce or Ban the use of Plastic Bags.*
 - (4) Officers run a competition for local schools to create a logo and/or introduce a fictional character for Council to use on advertising material, including the use on emails and websites, with the aim of promoting the environment and encouraging buyer behavioural change.*
 - (5) The Darebin Environmental Reference Group develops an action plan, for Councils consideration, to reach Council's 2020 goal of eliminating the use of plastic bags.*
 - (6) Pending the outcome of the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016, Council investigates the possibility of banning plastic bags through Councils General Local Law.*
 - (7) Officers provide updates on the policy development, action plan, and design of the competition at Councillor briefings.*
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Notice Received: 25 May 2017**Notice Given to Councillors** 29 May 2017**Date of Meeting:** 5 June 2017

Anne Laver of Northcote provided the following written statement in relation to this item.

"I would like to commend Councillor Messina for bringing this item before the Darebin Council and fully support this proposal. Indeed I think the banning of plastic bags is absolutely necessary if we wish to save on waste, reduce costs, litter and save the damage to the environment.

I request an education programme for all businesses and residents in different languages to be enacted by the Darebin Council."

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Messina amended her Notice of Motion as follows:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That:

- (1) Council notes the Environment and Planning Committee are scheduled to table a further report on the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016 to Parliament on 8 June 2017.
- (2) Officers develop a policy and action plan, with the aim of eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags, all plastic glasses, straws, cutlery, food boxes and coffee cups at Council events. In addition, the policy and action plan should to be actioned by 31 December 2017. The policy should consider the elimination of single use items used at all Council run events, including but not limited to organised or formal sports and recreational events, markets conducted on Council land, buildings and or roads managed by Council. In addition, Officers develop and implement a policy to ensure stallholder guidelines reflect the changes above.
- (3) Council implements a communication and education campaign that encourages the community and traders across the municipality to eliminate single use items.
- (4) Pending the outcome of the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016, Council seeks advice from Officers on the possibility of banning plastic bags through Councils General Local Law.
- (5) Officers run a competition for local schools to create a logo and/or introduce a fictional character for Council to use on advertising material, including the use on emails and websites, with the aim of promoting waste reduction and encouraging buyer and user behavioural change.
- (6) Officers provide updates on the policy development, action plan, and design of the competition at Councillor briefings on a monthly basis.
- (7) Council write to the management of Coles, Woolworths and other supermarket chains in Darebin requesting that they follow the example of Aldi stores of not supplying plastic bags to shoppers.
- (8) Officers consider an amendment to the Council Plan and Action Plan to reflect the above objectives.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 17-202**

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That:

- (1) Council notes the Environment and Planning Committee are scheduled to table a further report on the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016 to Parliament on 8 June 2017.
- (2) Officers develop a policy and action plan, with the aim of eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags, all plastic glasses, straws, cutlery, food boxes and coffee cups at Council events. In addition, the policy and action plan should to be actioned by 31 December 2017. The policy should consider the elimination of single use items used at all Council run events, including but not limited to organised or formal sports and recreational events, markets conducted on Council land, buildings and or roads managed by Council. In addition, Officers develop and implement a policy to ensure stallholder guidelines reflect the changes above.
- (3) Council implements a communication and education campaign that encourages the community and traders across the municipality to eliminate single use items.
- (4) Pending the outcome of the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016, Council seeks advice from Officers on the possibility of banning plastic bags through Councils General Local Law.
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CARRIED

9. URGENT BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-203

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'Funding of Sporting Clubs with Electronic Gaming Machines' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 9.1.

CARRIED

9.1 FUNDING OF SPORTING CLUBS WITH ELECTRONIC GAMING MACHINES

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-204

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

That:

- (1) Council will not provide sporting grounds, Council venues or use of Council property to any sporting clubs, community groups, organisations or associations who directly operate or own EGM's in Darebin or elsewhere.
- (2) Council Leases and agreements are revised to include this provision.
- (3) Any sporting club, community group, organisation or association that operate or own EGM's will be ineligible for community grants, financial assistance or in kind support from Council.
- (4) Any sporting club, community group, organisation or association that receives sponsorship or grants (in-kind or cash) from poker machine revenue will have Council grants, in-kind support and funding reduced by the amount and level of funding and/or in-kind support received from EGM sources.
- (5) All Council's grants programs, contracts, MOU's, procurement guidelines, sponsorship policy and other relevant agreements are revised to include these provisions.
- (6) Council support any Darebin club that wishes to divest themselves of EGMs to develop a transition plan in order that they may continue to access Council facilities and resources and provide a community benefit to their members.
- (7) Council request officers undertake an audit / impact assessment of those sporting clubs, community groups, organisations, associations or Council programs that will be affected in practical and reputational terms in order to inform any future transition plan and budget implications.
- (8) Council write to all sporting clubs, community groups, organisations, associations to advise them of this motion and of Council's intention to reduce the harms of EGM's in the community.

- (9) Council acknowledge and honour any existing arrangements between sporting clubs, community groups, organisations, associations or Council programs and EGM operators, owners and venues until a mutually suitable and tailored transition plan has been finalised.
- (10) Council writes to relevant advocacy groups, neighbouring councils and peak bodies seeking their public support for this approach.
- (11) Council writes to all local MPs (state and federal, upper and lower houses) and the Ministers for Gambling Regulation, Sports and Recreation, Local Government, Health and the Prevention of Family Violence seeking their public support for Council's approach and a matched commitment by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to ensure that taxpayer funds are not provided to groups, clubs, organisations or associations involved in EGMs or benefitting from EGM revenue.
- (12) Council includes an item on this issue in the advocacy section of its website and publishes responses from the organisations and elected representatives outlined above.

CARRIED

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11. PETITIONS

Nil

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

13. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

13.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 3 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:

- Councillor Briefing session – 26 April 2017
- Darebin Interfaith Council – 4 May 2017
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group – 4 May 2017
- Aged Care Reforms Working Group – 8 May 2017
- Councillor Briefing Session – 11 May 2017
- Darebin Arts Ambassadors Reference Group – 16 May 2017
- Darebin Women’s Advisory Committee – 18 May 2017
- Councillor Briefing Session – 22 May 2017

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-205

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 26 April 2017 and 4, 8, 11, 16, 18 and 22 May 2017 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

14. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 17-206

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF, MAYOR

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

- Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS) and Playtime in the North Playgroup Celebration of National Families Week
- Discussion regarding Squatters at Darebin Parklands
- Rainbow Flag Raising and Community Morning Tea for IDAHOIT 2017
- INLLEN AGM
- SBS Interview re Renaming of Federal Seat of Batman
- Screening of Documentary "Guarding the Galilee"
- Launch of Wellness Walk and Research Centre 2017
- Meeting with Ratepayer regarding Traffic Infringement
- Meeting with community regarding St Georges Road crossings
- Women's Advisory Committee
- Meeting of Yarra and Moreland Mayors and IntoWork Directors to discuss Reforms Proposed by IntoWork Australia
- Theatre Production at Northcote Town Hall: Happy Days at War
- Batman Park Kinder Fun Day
- Tree Planting Day at Bundoora Farm
- Meeting with Moreland Mayor and CEO regarding Merri Creek Shared Bridge
- Regular Catch Up Meetings with Communications
- Regular Catch Up Meetings with A/CEO
- Council Briefing Session
- Special Council Meeting
- Meeting with Friends of the Earth
- Domestic Animal Reference Group Meeting
- Domestic Animal Reference Group Public Meeting to Consult on Management Plan
- Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) Meeting
- IDAHOBIT Event – Our Queer Family Matters
- Alphington Food Hub Visioning Day

- Meeting with Chris Lombardo and tour of the Bridge
- Meeting with Inner Northern LLEN
- Sorry Day Event at Aborigines Advancement League
- Briefing regarding Strathallan Open Space
- Special Councillor Briefing –Domestic Animal Management Plan (including new facility and shared services) and Level Crossing Removals at High St, Reservoir
- Meeting with Cr Nic Frances Gilley
- Presentation on Council Plan to Corporate Services Directorate
- ALGWA – Presentation of the Annual Bursary Award followed by AGM
- Boroondara Reconciliation Week Public Meeting
- Northern Business Achievement Awards (NBAA) Breakfast
- Meeting with Ashraf Naim, Islamic Museum of Australia
- Meeting with Vince Punaro, VicRoads
- Welcome Students at Careers in Local Government Tour by Aboriginal students from Thornbury and Reservoir High School
- Tour of Darebin’s Operations Centre
- Meeting with Save Our Preston Market Group
- Special Briefing regarding Preston Market with Barrister Jason Kane
- Graduation Ceremony for the Community Leaders in Sustainability
- Meeting with Michael Nolan re UN Global Compact City Partnerships Initiative
- Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare – Launch of Reconciliation Action Plan
- Presentation to Manager’s Group
- Meeting with Quit Victoria
- Darebin Homemade Food and Wine Festival Meet the Makers Showcase
- Site Visits with Multicultural Arts Victoria regarding House of World Cultures
- Meeting regarding review of Municipal Association Act
- Council Meeting
- Councillor Workshop
- Various meetings with residents

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Arts Ambassadors meeting
- Briefing on internal matter - 17 May 2017
- IDAHOBIT Flag raising and morning tea
- Council briefings - 22 and 29 May 2017

- Special Council Meeting
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
- IDAHOBIT “Our Queer Families Matter” event
- MAV Conference: The Future of Local Government
- Cazaly Ward Meeting
- Meeting regarding Council Plan feedback
- Meeting regarding Climate Action Plan
- Meeting regarding West Papua
- Various conversations with residents about local issues

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Youth engagement working party meeting
- Art Ambassadors meeting
- Friends of Baucau meeting
- briefing by staff re: photographic exhibition
- Vesak Day celebration
- Council briefing
- Special Council Meeting
- Reservoir Views Primary School community garden opening
- reception for signing of MOU between Government of Victoria and Timor Lester
- La Trobe Ward meeting
- Senior Citizens Club of Preston Mother's Day Lunch
- Discussion re: Strathhallan Golf Course
- Special Briefing
- St Mark's Anglican Church
- Councillor meeting with Save the Preston Market Group
- Briefing with barrister
- Art network meeting
- Home Made Food and Wine Festival
- Site visit with MAV
- Attended to resident's issues re:
 - Planning
 - Preston Market
 - Tree pruning
 - Traffic management
 - Home help services

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Special Council meeting at Preston
- Council Briefing at Preston
- Attended Council's Arts networking event in Northcote
- Re-visited flooded sites in St Vigeons Rd, Mais Street, Argyle St and Purinuan Road Reservoir.
- Meeting with officers and councillors on Strathallen Golf Course
- Meeting with Barrister on Preston Market issues
- Consultation with Reservoir based sports clubs, and Reservoir pensioners and residents on budget issues

REPORT OF CR. TRENT McCARTHY

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

- Raising of the Rainbow Flag for IDAHOBIT Day and Beyond!
- Meeting with Aged Care Matters
- Merri Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Batman Park Fun Day
- Council Briefing
- Special Council Meeting
- Melbourne Food Hub Workshop in Alphington
- Whitelion Bail Out
- Meeting with The Goods Shed
- Spoke at ANTA Forum for the Reinstatement of Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners in Boroondara
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare Launch of Reconciliation Action Plan

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Council briefings
- Meeting regarding Advisory Committees
- Woman of Waste Leadership Breakfast
- Cazaly ward Meeting
- Planning Committee Meetings
- IntoWork Australia Board Meeting

- ILLEN AGM
- Meeting with Save the Preston Market Group
- Meeting with Barrister Jason Kane
- Darebin Arts & Melbourne Jazz Festival
- Darebin Homemade Food & Wine Festival
- United Australian and Lebanese Movement Annual Dinner
- Briefing Grade Separation Reservoir
- Individual complaints regarding street parking
- Individual resident complaints and emails.
- Preston Business Association Committee

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Councillor briefing sessions
- La Trobe Ward Meeting
- Our Queer Family Matters IDAHOBIT Day celebration
- VLGA Board Meeting
- Meeting about Strathallan open space
- Met with residents re parking in Keon Park
- ALGWA AGM and bursary award presentation
- Meeting with Save Our Preston Market Community Group
- Northern Business Achievement Awards
- Networking event with arts partners, ambassadors and board members at the Town Hall Pop Up Gallery in Northcote
- Darebin Arts and Melbourne International Jazz Festival present Brenton Foster 6tet and the Steve McQueens
- Women's Iftar Dinner in Fawkner
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Briefing on council matter
- Rainbow flag raising for IDAHOBIT
- Guarding the Galilee screening, MC for panel
- Merri Creek Committee of Management
- MAV planning committee
- Tree planting at Bundoora Farm

- Council Briefing session
- Special Council meeting
- IDAHOBIT event at Darebin Intercultural Centre
- Smoking Ceremony at the Sorry Day event at AAL
- MAV Human Services Committee
- Special Briefing
- ALGWA High tea
- ALGWA AGM
- MTF - Melbourne Airport Rail Link: Are we there yet forum
- MAV Transport Infrastructure Committee
- Preston Marker briefing
- Phone calls and emails with community members

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Preston market Greek Celebration
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Preston Mosque Open Day
- Wellness and Wellbeing Conference
- Council Briefing
- Rainbow Flag Raising and Community IDAHOBIT
- Council Briefing
- Special Council Meeting
- Domestic Animal Reference Group
- Domestic Animal Public Consultation Management Plan
- Sorry Day event Aboriginal Advancement League
- Darebin North East Community Hub Open Day
- Special Briefing
- CAZALY Ward Meeting
- Darebin Homemade Food & Wine Festival
- Briefing Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Attended to matters on Preston Market, Disability Parking, Met with Darebin Falcons footy team, Preston Bullants, Planning Development, Dumped rubbish, and other constituent matters.

15. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

