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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 STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM**

**WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Mayor 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  
Cr. Trent McCarthy  
Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr. Susanne Newton  
Cr. Susan Rennie  
Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer  
Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital  
Allan Cochrane - Acting Director Corporate Services  
Vicky Guglielmo - Acting Director Community Development  
Jody Brodribb – Acting Coordinator Council Business  
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer  
Dave Bell - Senior Media Advisor

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Tim Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-062**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 December 2017 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 12 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf advised she attended the 'Honouring the Stolen Generations 2018' event held by Link-Up Victoria and the Aboriginal Child Care Agency and that Council was presented an award with the following citation:

*"The certificate of sincere appreciation awarded to Darebin City Council in recognition of Council's leadership in vigorously defending the rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and for Council's earnest support of the needs and aspirations of the Stolen Generations."*

## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Stephen Costello**

When will work begin on providing drinking water taps along the Darebin Creek path?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

This financial year, Darebin will install 4 new drinking fountains within its open space network. Unfortunately none of these will be along Darebin Creek.

The provision of drink fountains within Darebin including along the creek corridors is currently being reviewed through the development of the Open Space Strategy. We expect that this strategy will be completed this financial year and will guide the installation of future drinking fountains. We would welcome you to provide feedback on the strategy when consultation opens in the coming weeks.

- **Bo Li**

Will the council be in a position to supply me with 2-3 litres of white paint so I can paint the zebra crossing using my own labour and therefore potentially avoid a fatality at the crossing point?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Following your enquiry from 20 November 2017, Council's CEO wrote to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety on behalf of our community on 7 December 2017 to request his support for a safe pedestrian crossing across the slip lane.

In response to this letter, Council has been informed that VicRoads are currently investigating a safe system solution for this site which may include the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing. It is noted however that this is only an investigation at this point and would still be subject to State Government funding process.

- **Carolyn Lunt**

When will the Darebin Council establish a citizen's jury (not the youth citizen's jury) and invite community groups such as Rate payers Group Darebin to be represented on this jury?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Darebin Council is committed to engaging our community in decision-making and feedback, to take on new ideas and improve the way we do things. We will explore and implement solution-based engagement methods that suit the various stakeholders and organisations in our active community and diversify and increase community feedback.

Recently, community advocacy by local residents and users of Pender's Park has seen a fresh, new community-led design approach endorsed to create a master plan for Pender's Park in Thornbury, an Arts Hack was held August 2017 on re-visioning the Darebin Arts Centre and the Aged Care Hack is being held this week.

Council is open to continuing deliberative community engagement where required.

- **Carolyn Lunt**

Although the Planning Officers are doing a good job under difficult conditions, when will the Council bring a new perspective to the role of planning?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Council is deeply committed to continuously improving all of our services and we understand that Planning is an area that would benefit from constant review.

It is worth noting that Planning works within a regulated framework as set by the State government, so there are some limitations to what can be changed.

- **Andrew Barrett**

Councillor Tim Laurence's absence from Darebin Council is approved however the duration is indefinite and this prevents LaTrobe Ward from being fully represented

Good Governance and Transparency require full Council representation.

When will a replacement or acting Councillor be appointed to fill this vacancy?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Cr. Laurence is on an approved leave of absence as provided for under the Local Government Act.

There is no provision within the Act to appoint an interim Councillor.

- **Andrew Barrett**

Darebin Council news is an important medium by which the community is informed and educated.

The Darebin Council currently places the majority of their new notices and advertisements in the Leader (with some placed in The Age and the Herald-Sun) with Quarterly updates of some items in The Community Newsletter.

Given the at best patchy distribution of The Leader in the Darebin community, will the Darebin Council consider increasing the volume, content, circulation and frequency of output of The Community Newsletter to include these and other items of interest to the community?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

The *Darebin Community News* is delivered to all households, libraries, community centres and other Council venues in Darebin bi-monthly. Where possible, Council is open to putting a range of notices and advertisements in the DCN, however due to legislative requirements, certain notices must be advertised in newspapers that generally circulated within the municipality, and /or the State.

The regularity, scope and distribution of the DCN could be expanded but this would be subject to budget considerations. We evaluate the newsletter regularly and in general bi-monthly distribution seems to be well received.

Council also has a range of e-newsletters in specific topic areas that you can sign up to via the newsletter subscription page on our website (search subscribe). We use our website and social media to communicate up-to-date news and events, and you'll find all our media releases in the media centre section on our website (search media centre).

If you'd like more information I know our Communication Manager would welcome a call.

- **Maria Poletti**

DADA members are very concerned about potential death traps of dwellings with fast burning, flammable cladding being built in Darebin. We are especially concerned about infill low rise dwellings that are not required to have sprinkler systems installed and do not have multiple escape options on storeys off the ground because they have fix screening on windows to prevent overlooking.

Has Darebin Council like Yarra and Moreland carried out an audit of buildings with flammable cladding, including those under 25 metres, that do not have sprinkler systems?

If yes, where can the public see the data to aid informed decisions about living in or beside potential death traps?

If no, why not?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) is the lead authority responsible for the audits, inspection and risk mitigation processes regarding the issue with flammable cladding. Similar to Yarra and Moreland they have completed their audit of Darebin and have identified 48 buildings for further inspection. These buildings were all approved by private surveyors and not by Council. Council is awaiting further information from the VBA on how this issue will be managed including how the level of risk is being assessed and details of what buildings are affected. Council remains concerned about the level of uncertainty, the risks and potential impact that fixing this issue may have on Council's limited resources.

- **David Uk**

As a new small business operator, I would like to know when Council will beautify the business end of Keon Parade and Johnson Street in Reservoir?

With empty shops, graffiti, rubbish odours everywhere, it seems like a forgotten part of councils responsibilities. The residents and local businesses expect more.

When can we expect to see improvements, especially for all the new residents moving into the new apartments nearby?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thank you for the question and congratulations on your new venture.

Darebin is experiencing significant growth creating competing demands for council funds and works right across the City. Beautification and upgrade works are constantly being implemented across the City in locations prioritised based on a number of factors including the condition of the centre, infrastructure needs, vibrancy, and connectivity.

I have asked the CEO to investigate whether the area at Keon Parade and Johnson Street is programed for work in the near future and for staff to contact you directly to discuss this.

- **Anne Laver**

Why has the council reduced the number of Council meetings held each month? This reduces the opportunity for the community to engage with council and does not promote good governance and transparency?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Towards the end of last year we had a discussion about the frequency of Council Meetings with the CEO. We were holding meetings twice a month. What we were finding was that there were a limited number of agenda items and the Council Meetings were quite short particularly in the last two to or three months of the year. So we thought that we would trial, instead of fortnightly meetings, three-weekly meetings so that we can be more efficient when we are here because it does cost a lot of money each time we hold a council meeting in terms of staff, etc.

- **Anne Laver**

Will the Darebin Council continue to pay for Aged Care Services in light of the federal government policy changes? Aged care services in the community are vital and many of the aged people are unable to afford to pay for basic needs without support.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Council has not taken any decision on the future of the Aged Care service provision. We are currently working through trying to better understand the aged care needs of our community and so we have commissioned a piece of research that has helped us with that.

Now that we have that piece of information we are now going to continue our consultation to better understand the needs of the community before making any decisions.

- **Geoff Richards**

Why was I denied access to the full arborist report? [In relation to the tree removal at 32 Storey Road Reservoir?]

Why was site re-design apparently not considered?

As it's too late to save the situation, and a replacement tree has been agreed to be planted, could the developer assist in the streetscape restoration with a further planting on the opposite side of the street? This is the only other gap in an excellent avenue where an earlier planting there may have met some other fate?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Thank you for your question and I agree with you that we should be saving the trees wherever possible, but I know that on certain occasions Council needs to remove the trees because they pose a safety risk to the community.



In terms of access to the arborist report, I will refer that question to the CEO, for her consideration in terms of why that hasn't been released and whether we can release that to you after tonight's meeting.

- **Chris Erlandsen**

Why is Darebin Council taking so long to consult and review the MSS?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

Quite early in this Council's term, we called for a full review of the planning scheme including the MSS. We have signalled our desire for that to happen and for that to happen quickly. There are a number of pieces of work to be done and some of which are currently happening in terms of groundwork to do that, to go through the planning scheme and amendment process.

One of the particular pieces of work that is happening is around the neighbourhood character, introducing and developing a contribution plan and increasing the subdivision levy. There is also work happening around Northland and of course the Preston Market works that we are undertaking with the DPA.

There is a whole lot of things happening with trying to fix our planning scheme, and we very much want to. As I said in my previous comment about the citizen jury, this Council is very passionate about that and making sure that we have genuine consultation with the community and that all voices in the community are heard. So we keep pushing the Council officers in terms of the engagement processes that they bring to us to make sure that they are as deliberative as possible. The CEO is also happy to sit down and meet with you if you have further detailed questions.

- **Chris Erlandsen**

Can we have a genuine community consultation to begin the review of the outdated MSS within the next month?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

In terms of the Preston Market meeting we had at the Town Hall, and the outdated MSS, I think that I referred to the incorporated plan about the Preston Market was outdated and that it needed to be updated. I don't know if I made any statements in relation to the MSS, which is a little bit different within different parts of the Planning Scheme.

In terms of the re-zoning, I know that the previous Council fought hard for better zoning across Darebin. It was the Planning Minister who denied our request and we had very little neighbourhood residential zones within Darebin and that was left to the Planning Minister, so we completely agree with you there.

- **Chris Erlandsen**

Will Council change their current practice of not recording the voting decisions on planning and other matters in the Council Minutes?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:**

We have recently reviewed and updated our Governance Local Law, which provides the rules that we use when we are meeting. It is set around the Council Meeting but it also applies to the Planning Committee. There is provision within the local law for people to request that their opposition to the vote be recorded but that is all that is possible within the Local Law.

There was a consultation process as part of the review of the Local Law, which was then adopted by Council in September 2017.

The new Local Government Act will have an impact on the Governance Local Law and we will have to have another look at this within the next year or two, so that is something that we could build into it if there was desire within the community for that to be included.

- **Geoffrey Richards**

Are abandoned vehicles able to be left to accumulate on private and public properties?

**Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson:**

With regard to abandoned vehicles on private property, Council's General Local Law addresses the issue of unsightly properties. If there is an issue about the appearance of an unsightly property, how they look, the amount of rubbish in their front yard, which is the most common way that we see it, that is something that is provided for in the Local Law.

With regard to abandoned vehicles on the street, that is a little more complicated in the City of Darebin. With cars parked legally and abandoned, at this moment there is not much that Council can do as it is outside of our jurisdiction. If cars are parked illegally, we can book them. However, if the car is parked in an unrestricted area then there is not much that we can do.

Certainly that is something that can be addressed within the General Local Law, and that is something that the Executive Team and I have been discussing with Council, about how we might manage this issue on street, because you are right this is increasing.

## 6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

## 7. PETITIONS

### 7.1 TABLING OF PETITION

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-063**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** the petition:

*"We the undersigned residents of Gourock Street, hereby petition Darebin Council to introduce timed parking restrictions in our street.*

*The time and extent of our preferred parking restrictions are (eg. 1P, 8AM-5PM Mon-Fri between road x and road y) Gertz Avenue and Mancel Avenue from 8AM to 4PM on school days. This is due to cars parked both sides of street blocking access to residents and bus."*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 TABLING OF PETITION

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-064**

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

**That** the petition:

*"We the undersigned oppose the following proposed changes to Ilma Grove Northcote:*

- *Increasing parking spaces from 24 to 38 via the introduction of 'Angle Parking' of the North side.*
- *The introduction of pedestrian refuge islands at either end of the street.*
- *The proposed new kerb outstands near Waterloo Road intersection."*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following person made a submission in relation to the following item and was thanked by the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

- Anne Laver

### 8.1 RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

**Author:** Chief Financial Officer

**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services

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#### Report Background

Darebin City Council has an existing Rates Financial Hardship Policy. A recent internal audit has identified opportunities to make the policy more accessible to those in the community who are facing financial hardship.

#### Previous Council Resolution

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

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 6 - A well governed Council

#### Summary

The Rates and Financial Hardship Policy provides a framework to provide financial relief to individual ratepayers experiencing difficulty in meeting their rate payment obligations due to financial hardship by:

- Providing assistance to ratepayers experiencing difficulty in meeting their rate payment obligations due to financial hardship to make an application to Council for assistance relating to any unpaid rates or charges levied on a property under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act).
- Outlining how staff will manage the assessment of applications received for the deferment or waiver of rates, charges and penalty interest.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council adopts the revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-065**

**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

**That** Council adopts the revised Rates Financial Hardship Policy attached as **Appendix A** to this report with the addition of a definition for financial hardship being that there is financial hardship if a customer or ratepayer wants to pay but cannot.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 RAINBOW FLAG****Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity**Reviewed By:** Acting Director Community Development

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**Report Background**

Following changes to the *Marriage Act*, it is appropriate that Council consider protocols to fly the Rainbow Flag at the Preston City Hall. The report also considers Council's continued commitment to upholding and advocating for recognition and protection of human rights for all members of our community.

**Previous Council Resolutions****6 July 2015**

- (1) *Council notes that the Australian Human Rights Commission 'considers that the fundamental human rights principle of equality means that civil marriage should be available, without discrimination, to all couples, regardless of sex, sexual orientation or gender identity'.*
- (2) *In line with previous Council resolutions in support of human rights and marriage equality, the Acting Mayor writes to neighbouring Councils, all local State and Federal MPs, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission and the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission advising them of this motion and request that they consider support for this important human rights issue.*
- (3) *Through its various communication channels, Council actively encourages the Darebin community to support the Marriage Equality campaign and join a contingent of local residents and traders attending the Marriage Equality event at the State Library on Saturday, 15 August 2015.*
- (4) *Following consultation with the Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee and relevant organisations, Council receives a report in late 2015 on other legal and human rights issues affecting LGBTIQ communities and actions that Council can take to address and advocate on these issues.*

**12 December 2016**

- (1) *Note the statements recommended by the Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee as detailed in this report.*
- (2) *Demonstrates support for Darebin's LGTIQ community by endorsing statements recommended by the Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee as detailed in this report.*

**15 May**

*In support of Darebin's LGBTIQ communities, Council resolves:-*

- (1) *As part of Council's Community Support program for 2017/2018, an allocation of \$20,000 is made specifically for initiatives that support the goal of making Darebin safer or more inclusive for LGBTIQ people. This should include: (a) promotion to local LGBTIQ community groups, and (b) encouraging a range of applications including initiatives to support young people, rainbow families, older residents, multicultural residents, Aboriginal residents and initiatives that enable allies to make our communities more inclusive for LGBTIQ people.*

- (2) *To Raise and fly the rainbow flag at City Hall from IDAHOBIT Day, Wednesday 17 May 2017, until marriage equality legislation is passed by federal parliament. This should be coupled with:*
- (a) *Printed or online information explaining that Darebin council is flying the rainbow flag in solidarity with LGBTIQ communities and in protest of inequitable laws that affect Darebin residents, and*
  - (b) *A physical or online indicator be established to mark progress around the world towards marriage equality.*
- (3) *That the flying of the rainbow flag does not apply to specific days throughout the year when other ceremony flags have been requested to be flown.*

## Summary

Goal 5 – Involving our diverse community

Darebin Equity and Inclusion Framework 2018-2028 (Draft)

## Summary

The Rainbow flag is a widely recognised, international symbol of the LGBTIQ community and by extension, it represents this community's desire for full and equal rights.

In May 2017 and just prior to IDAHOBIT, Council resolved to keep the rainbow flag flying above Preston City Hall until the Marriage Act was changed by the Federal Parliament to allow LGBTIQ Australians to marry.

The intention was to make visible Council's support for marriage equality and also highlight the passing of time in the campaign for equality. The Rainbow flag continues to fly above Preston City Hall.

Now that the Marriage Act has been changed and marriage equality achieved, consideration of options for the Rainbow flag is required.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) De-install the Rainbow flag (raised in May 2017 in support of Marriage Equality) and transfer it as a significant heritage object to the Darebin Heritage Library Collection, with an associated commissioned story that captures and preserves in perpetuity Council's progress in its support for the LGBTIQ community including the achievement of marriage equality.
- (2) Continue to fly a Rainbow flag around the key annual dates of Midsumma and IDAHOBIT, and at any other times as agreed.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-066**

**MOVED: Cr. S Rennie**

**SECONDED: Cr. S Amir**

**That Council:**

- (1) De-install the Rainbow flag (raised in May 2017 in support of Marriage Equality) and transfer it as a significant heritage object to the Darebin Heritage Library Collection, with an associated commissioned story that captures and preserves in perpetuity Council's progress in its support for the LGBTIQ community including the achievement of marriage equality.
- (2) Continue to fly a Rainbow flag around the key annual dates of Midsumma and IDAHOBIT, and at any other times as agreed.
- (3) Explore other options for permanently recognising and celebrating our diverse LGBTIQ community.

**CARRIED**



**8.3 ENDORSEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE DAREBIN SEXUALITY, SEX AND GENDER DIVERSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity

**Reviewed By:** Acting Director Community Development

**Report Background**

This report proposes the appointment of three new members of the Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diverse Advisory Committee (SSGDAC).

**Previous Council Resolution**

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

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 5: Involving our diverse community

Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Action Plan 2012-2016 (extended to 2017).

**Summary**

An expression of interest process has been undertaken to recruit community members from/connected to Darebin’s LGBTIQ community to three vacant positions on the SSGDAC.

The applications received and officer evaluation against the selection criteria has been provided to Councillors separately as a confidential document (in accordance with Privacy Legislation).

This report is to advise Council of the three people selected by the panel and seeks Council endorsement of each of these people as new appointees to the SSGDAC.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council appoints:

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_

to the Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee for a three year term commencing 27 February 2018.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-067**

**MOVED: Cr. S Newton**

**SECONDED: Cr. S Amir**

**That** Council appoints:

- a) Lara Dickinson;
- b) Kris Eira;
- c) Kyri Papapetrou; and
- d) Liam Dooley

to the Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee for a three year term commencing 27 February 2018.

**CARRIED**

## 8.4 POLICY AND ACTION PLAN FOR ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

**Author:** Coordinator Water and Waste Strategy

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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### Report Background

This report is in response to Council's resolution of Monday 5 June 2017 regarding the elimination of single-use plastic.

### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 5 June 2017, Council resolved:

*'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.'*

### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 1 - A sustainable city

Darebin Waste and Litter Strategy 2015-2025

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## Summary

This report responds to Council's resolution of 5 June 2017 on eliminating the use of single-use plastic. A Draft Policy (**Appendix A**) has been developed to support the elimination of single-use plastic items in Council operations and at events held on/in Council land/buildings/venues (Council sites), whether these events are run by Council or others. Transition periods of up to two years are identified to enable engagement and changeover arrangements for sporting clubs and contracted leisure facilities.

A comprehensive Action Plan has been developed to support the resolution to eliminate single-use plastic items. It is proposed to report results to Council after one year of implementation of the policy.

The competition for Darebin school students to create a logo or fictional character campaign image for single-use plastic reduction was judged in November 2017. The winning entry from Maeve Gunning, Year 6 Bell Primary School, may be used to support the community and traders campaign encouraging single-use plastic elimination. This will occur after the Action Plan implementation and the State Government announces its actions and timelines on single-use plastics ban in Victoria.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-068**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** Council adopts the Single-Use Plastic Free Events Policy attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 CLIMATE EMERGENCY DAREBIN****Author:** Manager Environment and Community Outcomes**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**Report Background**

In February 2017 Council adopted Terms of Reference for the establishment of the Darebin Energy Foundation as an interim committee tasked with determining the most appropriate governance model for a foundation. This report outlines the work of the interim committee and makes recommendations about future actions.

**Previous Council Resolution**

At its meeting held on 27 February 2017 it was resolved that Council:

- (1) *Adopt the terms of reference in Appendix C for the Darebin Energy Foundation and appoints the following Councillors as representatives for the Foundation: Councillor Gaetano Greco (Latrobe Ward), Councillor Lina Messina (Cazaly Ward) and Councillor Susan Rennie (Rucker Ward) and the Mayor.*
- (2) *Refer \$25,000 for the operation of the Darebin Energy Foundation to the 2017-2018 budget considerations.*
- (3) *Considers a further report regarding the most effective long term Darebin Energy Foundation governance model by February 2018.*
- (4) *Adopt the terms of reference in Appendix D and appoints the following Councillors as representatives for the Darebin Nature Trust: Councillor Susanne Newton (Latrobe ward), Councillor Steph Amir (Cazaly Ward) and Councillor Trent McCarthy (Rucker Ward) and the Mayor.*
- (5) *Refer \$25,000 for the operation of the Darebin Nature Trust to the 2017-2018 budget considerations.*
- (6) *Considers a further report regarding the most effective long term Darebin Nature Trust governance model by February 2018.*
- (7) *Note the work of the Energy and Environment Working Group to develop these proposals and that the working group has completed its function and will have no further meetings.*

At the Special Council meeting held on 13 November, 2017 the following Councillors were appointed as members of the Darebin Energy Foundation : Cr Kim Le Cerf (Mayor), Cr Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor), Cr Gaetano Greco, Cr Trent McCarthy and Cr Susan Rennie (Proxy).

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 1 - A sustainable city

Darebin Climate Emergency Plan

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**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the outstanding work of the Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board and writes to the members to thank them for their time and commitment.
- (2) Adopts the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Calls for applications for the community/independent members of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee and receives a further report regarding appointment of the community/independent members.
- (4) Appoints the Mayor and Councillor ..... as Councillor representatives of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee.
- (5) Considers an allocated operational budget for Climate Emergency Darebin in the 2018/2019 budget considerations.
- (6) Considers a further report regarding an independent Climate Emergency Darebin model by February 2019.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-069**

**MOVED: Cr. S Rennie**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Amir**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the outstanding work of the Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board and writes to the members to thank them for their time and commitment.
- (2) Adopts the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (3) Calls for applications for the community/independent members of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee and receives a further report regarding appointment of the community/independent members by the first week of April with a view to holding the first meeting in mid-April as per the report.
- (4) Appoints the Mayor and Councillor Trent McCarthy as Councillor representatives of the Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee.
- (5) Considers an allocated operational budget for Climate Emergency Darebin in the 2018/2019 budget considerations.
- (6) Considers a further report regarding an independent Climate Emergency Darebin model by February 2019.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Williams left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.08pm.*

**8.6                   MAYER PARK MASTERPLAN UPDATE****Author:**                   Coordinator Public Realm**Reviewed By:**           Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Mayer Park Masterplan project (the Masterplan), the proposed future project methodology and to outline the Community Project Control Group Terms of Reference for Council's endorsement.

**Previous Council Resolution**

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

**Previous Briefing(s)**

This item was raised during general business at the 5 February 2018 Council Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

The development of the Masterplan is part of Council's commitment to Goal 1.3 of the Council Plan 2017-2021 to *'expand and improve our network of open and green spaces, parks and natural environments to provide the lungs for our city and reduce the impacts of climate change'*. The 2017-2018 Action Plan also notes the action to *'develop new master plans and yearly action plans for Mayer Park and the Northcote Golf Course'*.

The development of the Masterplan is in accordance with the actions identified in the following strategic documents:

- Open Space Strategy 2007-2017
- Public Toilet Strategy 2015-2025

**Summary**

Mayer Park is located at 99 Leinster Grove (corner of Normanby Avenue and Leinster Grove), Thornbury. It is an approx. 3.98 hectare neighbourhood park with the primary category of sporting ground and secondary category of parkland (Darebin Open Space Strategy 2007-2017).

In 2015, Mayer Park was identified as one of the five possible sites for locating Darebin's new Multi-Sport Stadium. Extensive community consultation was conducted at the time and ultimately the selected site for the Multi-Sport Stadium was John Cain Memorial Park. The community consultation results clearly showed that the local community is very supportive of retaining access and enhancing the existing green open space at Mayer Park. This was recognised by the inclusion of an action to *'develop new master plans and yearly action plans for Mayer Park and the Northcote Golf Course'* in Council's 2017-2018 Action Plan.

Whilst the action plan clearly states that the Masterplan should incorporate both Mayer Park and the Northcote Golf Course, this presents a challenge given that the long term future of the golf course is unclear, with the State Government currently undertaking an extensive review of the golf course requirements in Victoria (*Planning for Golf in Victoria*).

The State Government is yet to release its Recommendations Report to clarify the role that Northcote Golf Course plays in the context of golfing in Victoria and in the absence of this knowledge, developing a masterplan for the golf course is considered premature.

Given the above, it is proposed to progress with a masterplan for Mayer Park only and give further consideration to the Northcote Golf Course once the State Government study has concluded.

Council and the community recognise the opportunity to direct future developments at Mayer Park, in light of changing community needs in Thornbury. Following the recent endorsement of the community-led masterplan model for Penders Park, there is opportunity to take a similar approach to engagement with the community and stakeholders and it is proposed to establish a Community Project Control Group (PCG) that includes community members for the purpose of designing and developing a masterplan for Mayer Park only (excluding the Northcote Golf Course). The PCG could be chaired by one Rucker Ward Councillor and it will have the task of consulting the community, designing and developing the Mayer Park Masterplan for adoption by Council.

Should this approach be taken, the masterplan will be a community led design process that delivers a new masterplan that will guide development of the Park over the next four years and provide a set of actions and projects to be delivered during this time, including an implementation program and budget estimates.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the development of a masterplan for Mayer Park only, excluding the Northcote Golf Course.
- (2) Endorses the Community Project Control Group Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix A**.
- (3) Appoints Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as the chairperson of the Community Project Control Group.
- (4) Notes that at the conclusion of the Expression of Interest process a further report will be submitted to Council for selection of the Community Project Control Group members.
- (5) Notes that the timeframe to deliver the masterplan will continue into the 2018-2019 financial year.

### Council Resolution

**MINUTE NO. 18-070**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the development of a masterplan for Mayer Park only, excluding the Northcote Golf Course.
- (2) Endorses the Community Project Control Group Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix A**.
- (3) Appoints Councillor Susan Rennie as the chairperson of the Community Project Control Group with Cr. Trent McCarthy as the proxy.



- (4) Notes that at the conclusion of the Expression of Interest process a further report will be submitted to Council for selection of the Community Project Control Group members.
- (5) Notes that the timeframe to deliver the masterplan will continue into the 2018-2019 financial year.

**CARRIED**

*Cr Williams returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.12pm.*

**8.7 PENDERS PARK MASTER PLAN - COMMUNITY PROJECT CONTROL GROUP****Author:** Coordinator Public Realm**Reviewed By:** Director Civic Governance and Compliance

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**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Pender's Park Master Plan project and to appoint members of the community to the Pender's Park Project Control Group.

**Previous Council Resolution**

This matter is the subject of a previous Council resolution from the 20 November 2017.

***That Council:***

1. *Endorses the Community Project Control Group Terms of Reference attached as **Appendix A** with minor amendments to be made by the CEO where required.*
2. *Appoints Councillor Trent McCarthy as the chairperson of the Community Project Control Group and Cr. Susan Rennie as proxy.*
3. *Notes, at the conclusion of the Expression of Interest process, a further report will be submitted to Council for endorsement of the Community Project Control Group members.*

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

The development of the master plan and the play space upgrade is the first stage of Council's commitment to Item 2.2 of the Council Plan 2017-2021 to build an all abilities play space. The development of the Master Plan is in accordance with the actions identified in the following strategic documents for Pender's Park:

- Open Space Strategy 2007-2017
- Playspace Strategy 2010-2020
- Public Toilet Strategy 2015-2025

**Summary**

Pender's Park is a major neighbourhood park bound by Pender Street, St David Street, Tharrat Street and Collins Street in Thornbury. The park attracts residents that live in the local area and caters for informal recreation needs of the local community such as walking, using the existing playground, access for picnics, shelter and toilet facilities.

In November 2017, Council endorsed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for a new Community Project Control Group (PCG) to lead the preparation of the Pender's Park Master Plan. At that meeting Council also resolved to call for expressions of interest (EOI) for appointment to the PCG. The EOI process occurred in December 2017.

The PCG will be tasked with facilitating a community led design process to work with Council to consult the community and design and develop the Pender's Park Master Plan for eventual adoption by Council.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council appoints the following people to the Pender’s Park Community Project Control Group, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 18-071**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. J Williams**

**That** Council appoints the following people to the Pender’s Park Community Project Control Group, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

- a) Melanie Welch
- b) Ame Christiansen
- c) Charlotte Hayes
- d) Toni Meek
- e) Mario Fenech
- f) Clare Whitney
- g) Emily Pegg
- h) Sofia De Lesantis

**CARRIED**

## 8.8 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS - CONTRACT AUTHORISATION FOR THE INTEGRATION PLATFORM

**Author:** Chief Information Officer

**Reviewed By:** Acting Director Corporate Services

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### Report Background

This report seeks Council's approval to enter into a contract with Dell Australia Pty Ltd for the Boomi Integration Platform and also enter into a contract with RXP Services Ltd for professional services associated with the implementation of the integration platform. The total estimated contract value will be \$505,000 (inclusive of GST) for the initial 3 years and \$400,000 (inclusive of GST) for three 1 year extensions (Total \$905,000 over 6 years).

### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting on 3 July 2017, Council resolved:

*'That Council:*

- (1) Adopts the Digital Transformation Strategy, and the key actions for 2017/2018 listed below under 'Future Actions'.*
- (2) Notes that implementation of the Strategy is necessary for the delivery of initiatives to improve customer service and experience.*
- (3) Officers include the Digital Transformation budget for Council's consideration in the financial years 2018/2019, 2019/2020, and 2020/2021.*
- (4) Officers provide Council with an annual report on the Strategy's deliverables, and an implementation plan for the following year.*
- (5) Officers provide a supplementary report to Council regarding the "Digital Transformation Strategy" that addresses how residents with limited computer literacy skills or English language proficiency can share in the benefits of an improved customer centric digital service experience.'*

### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Goal 6 – A well governed Council
- Digital Transformation Strategy 2017-2011

### Summary

The Integration platform facilitates the integration of different systems by allowing communication between our systems to function together as a seamless system.

The Integration platform will,

- improve the community's experience when transacting online and offline with Council
- facilitate the retrieval of information from various repositories into one view negating the need to duplicate data and processes in multiple systems
- reduce the cost of changing systems from older obsolete systems to newer more efficient system

- Improve the quality of information by reducing the number of touch points for the same data set
- allow external partners to integrate into our process more efficiently and improve turnaround times and customer experience

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-072**

**MOVED: Cr. S Amir**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**

That:

- (1) Council enters into a contract with Dell Australia Pty Ltd for the Boomi Integration Platform and RXP Services Ltd for professional services, for a contract period of 3 years fixed and 3 X 1 year extensions. The estimated value of this procurement will be \$505,000 (inclusive of GST) and \$400,000 (inclusive of GST) for the extensions.
- (2) Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign and execute the contract agreement with Dell Australia Pty Ltd for the Boomi Integration Platform and RXP Services Ltd for professional services on behalf of Council.

**CARRIED**

**8.9 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM 2017/2018 - CONTRACTS CT2017231, CT2017232, CT2017234, CT2017235, CT2017250, CT2017251****Author:** Major Works Engineer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**Report Background**

This report seeks Council's endorsement and the awarding of six (6) contracts to deliver the Road Resurfacing Program 2017/2018

**Previous Council Resolution**

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

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 3 - A liveable city

We will manage local roads, buildings and public spaces to make our city safer, cleaner and more attractive

**Summary**

Originally these contracts were tendered through a Procurement Australia Panel in November 2017 but no submissions were received.

The appointment of contractor/s for the Road Resurfacing Program 2017/2018 (CT2017231, CT2917232, CT2917234, CT2917235, CT2917250, and CT2917251) was sought from the Civil Construction Works Panel – CT2017100. A Request for Quote (RFQ) was asked from four (4) of the major works contractors on the Civil Construction Works Panel. All contractors approached showed an interest in the works and wanted to price.

On 15 December 2017, an RFQ was released for these works. The works are to include Traffic control, road profiling, asphalt patching, asphalt resurfacing, pit and valve adjustment and reinstatement of line marking.

On 23 January 2018, the RFQ closed with only one (1) submission was received. The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) evaluated the submissions and recommends awarding reduced works contracts (CT2017231, CT2917232, CT2917234, CT2917235, CT2917250, and CT2917251) to a suitable contractor. The TEP report is provided to council separately as a confidential document (in accordance with procurement requirement).

The proposed contract arrangements will be a lump sum contract based on AS2124 General Conditions of Contract. It is anticipated the contract will have to 30 June 2018 to complete the works.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-073****MOVED: Cr. S Rennie****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT2017231 Road Resurface Program 2017/2018 Main Roads North to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd for the reduced street total contract amount of \$479,061.88 including GST.
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$13,090.00 (incl. GST), being approximately 2.7% of the contact, amount, to be used if required on Contract No.CT2017231.
- (3) Awards Contract No. CT2017232 Road Resurface Program 2017/2018 Main Roads South to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd for the reduced street total contract amount of \$315,561.73 including GST.
- (4) Approves a contingency amount of \$28,380.00 (incl. GST), being approximately 9.0% of the contact, amount, to be used if required on Contract No.CT2017232.
- (5) Awards Contract No. CT2017234 Road Resurface Program 2017/2018 South to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd for the reduced street total contract amount of \$456,232.95 including GST.
- (6) Approves a contingency amount of \$42,900.00 (incl. GST), being approximately 9.4 % of the contact, amount, to be used if required on Contract No.CT2017234.
- (7) Awards Contract No. CT2017235 Road Resurface Program 2017/2018 East to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd for the reduced street total contract amount of \$436,992.78 including GST.
- (8) Approves a contingency amount of \$49,555.00 (incl. GST), being approximately 11.3% of the contact, amount, to be used if required on Contract No.CT2017235.
- (9) Awards Contract No. CT2017250 Road Resurface Program 2017/2018 North East to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd for the reduced street total contract amount of \$476,995.18 including GST.
- (10) Approves a contingency amount of \$13,090.00 (incl. GST), being approximately 2.7% of the contact, amount, to be used if required on Contract No.CT2017250.
- (11) Awards Contract No. CT2017251 Road Resurface Program 2017/2018 North West to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd for the reduced street total contract amount of \$465,427.91 including GST.
- (12) Approves a contingency amount of \$12,870.00 (incl. GST), being approximately 2.8% of the contact, amount, to be used if required on Contract No.CT2017251.
- (13) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the six contracts documentation on behalf of Council (works to be carried out from the 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018).
- (14) Approves the increase to the Roads Resurface Program budget by \$57,229.00 to a total budget of \$2,757,229.00, funded through savings across the Capital Works Program.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil



## 11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### 11.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE

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The Audit Committee is an Advisory Committee appointed, pursuant to section 139 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to assist Council in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to internal control mechanisms and external reporting requirements.

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 4 December 2017. A summary report of the meeting is attached as **Appendix A** to this report. The minutes of the meeting, incorporating the reports considered by the Committee, have been circulated to Councillors.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-074**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** the Report of the Audit Committee meeting held on 4 December 2017, be received and the Committee Recommendations be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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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:

- Darebin Interfaith Council – 2 November 2017
- Darebin Arts Ambassadors – 5 December 2017
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 6 December 2017
- Councillor Briefing Session – 14 December 2017
- CEO Performance Review – 18 December 2017
- Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board – 18 January 2018
- Councillor Briefing Session – 5 February 2018
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 6 February 2018
- Darebin Aged Care Reforms Working Group – 12 February 2018
- Councillor Briefing Session – 12 February 2018

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-075**

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

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 2 November 2017, 5, 6, 14 and 18 December 2017, 18 January 2018 and 5, 6 and 12 February 2018, attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 18-076

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**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:

- ICLEI Oceania Christmas Lunch
- Meeting with Ross Millard – Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
- Meeting with the Hon. Colin Brooks MP re Strathallan Golf Course
- Meeting with Chancellor Professor Richard Larkins, Vice Chancellor John Dewar and Leon Morris from Latrobe and Colin Brooks MP, re Strathallan Golf Course
- Evaluation and selection of new DERG Members
- Staff Christmas Breakup
- Discussion re Annual Sports Club Breakfast
- Discussion re 10th Anniversary of Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples Partnership with LinkUp Victoria / VACCA
- Discussion re Netball Court Opening
- Meeting regarding asbestos contamination in Preston
- ODI – Australia v England / Cricket Victoria's Local Government function
- Preston Market Planning Controls Review – Public Engagement Co-Design Workshop with Victoria Planning Authority
- Weekly Meetings with Communications/Media
- Weekly Meetings with Chief Executive Officer
- ICLEI Oceania Regional Executive Committee meeting
- Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Board Meeting
- Discussion re Molly Hadfield Oration
- NAGA Advocacy Working Group Meeting
- Discussion re Aged Care Hack
- Pride March
- Australian Institute of Company Directors Course
- Council Briefing Sessions
- Meeting with John Hicks re Special Council Meeting

- Discussion re Victorian Multicultural Commission North & West Regional Advisory Council Meeting
- Discuss Opening of Epping Animal Welfare Facility
- Pitch It Video filming
- Global Sisters Information Session
- Briefing re Songlines
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Chair of Islamic Museum of Australia
- Meeting with Serena O’Meley & Terry Mason
- Aged Care Reforms Working Group
- Special Council Meeting
- Planning Committee
- Special Briefing Session
- 10th Anniversary of Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples – Event in partnership with Link Up Victoria and VACCA
- Discuss re: Agenda for Ethnic Press Meeting
- Site Visit – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
- Discussion re Opening of “Moon Rabbit” café
- Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Workshop
- Discussion re Public Housing with Lidia Thorpe MP
- Budget Briefing
- Annual Sports Clubs Breakfast
- Opening of the Epping Animal Welfare Facility
- Discussion re Freelance Conference
- 1st VLGA Delegates Working Lunch of 2018
- Ethnic Press Meeting
- Meeting with planning officers and residents re: planning permit for 69-72 South Cres
- Meeting of VLGA’s Local Government Working Group On Gambling
- Visit Darebin Hellenic Gymnastics in Reservoir
- Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee Meeting
- Discussion re Community & Kite Festival
- Discussion re Say No to Racism Panel
- Discussion re Darebin Careers Fair and Darebin Education Committee
- Regular Meetings with Deputy Mayor
- BBQ at Walker Street Estate
- Council Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR**

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

- Meeting regarding Strathallan golf course
- National Business Awards Grand Finale breakfast
- Meeting with Minus18 (with diversity team and youth services team)
- Council strategic planning day
- Carols in All Nations Park
- Planning Committee meeting (December)
- Tour of Melbourne Innovation Hub
- Victorian Planning Authority briefing to councillors
- Regular Council briefing session (December)
- Staff Christmas lunch
- Meeting to discuss use of recycled plastics products
- Meeting with other metropolitan councillors regarding issues of shared concern (pokies, planning, energy)
- Site visit to Reservoir ice skating rink
- Meeting with Robin Blood (RMIT) regarding design challenge to reduce plastic bag use in parks
- Meeting with Lidia Thorpe MP
- Listening post: High St Preston
- Launch of lighting at John Cain Memorial Park
- Launch of netball courts at JC Donath Reserve
- Meeting with MoBikes regarding bike share
- Listening post: Preston Market
- Regular council briefing (February 5th)
- Bicycle advisory committee
- Meeting with transport team regarding bike share
- Global Sisters Information Session
- Meeting with resident regarding local laneway
- Aged Care Reform working group meeting
- Special Council meeting (pokies policy)
- Planning Committee meeting (February)
- Special Briefing
- Northcote Aquatic Centre Site visit
- Northcote Aquatic Centre workshop
- Budget briefing
- Interview with JOY 94.9 regarding trans swim night

- Annual sports club breakfast
- Northern Pipe Trail Master session drop in session: Arthurton Road
- Discussion with Peter Castaldo, Banyule Council
- Regular council briefing (February 19th)
- Meeting with resident regarding demographic change in Darebin
- Regular 1:1 meeting with CEO
- Pitch It Day
- Photo shoot for University of Melbourne
- Phone conversations with residents about planning matters

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Refugee Celebration at St. Marks church
- Meetings Meeting with Robin Scott
- Refugee Celebration at St. Marks church
- Meeting with Robin Scott
- Aged care reform working party group
- Special Council meeting
- Planning meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Anniversary of apology to Australia's Indigenous people's
- Catch up with CEO, Sue Wilkinson
- Budget Briefing
- Active and healthy ageing board
- INYET - Jobs for Youth Campaign Funding working party meeting
- Reimagining Ruthven Community Reference group Meeting
- Council briefing
- Meeting with residents
  - Planning
  - Parking
  - Traffic management
  - Street cleaning
  - Dumped rubbish

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT McCARTHY**

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

- Panel Member, Urban Agriculture Forum, 'Anatomy of Local Government: How to Pitch Urban Agriculture Projects'
- Panel Member, Sustainable Living Festival, 'Councils Leading the Climate Emergency'
- Meeting and BBQ with Walker St Estate Residents
- Meeting with CEO
- Council Briefing
- Opening of the New Epping Animal Shelter
- Special Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- Opening of New Lights for Northcote City Soccer Club at John Cain Memorial Park
- Invasion Day March on January 26
- NAGA Advocacy Committee
- Darebin Energy Foundation Interim Advisory Committee
- Various issues on behalf of residents and traders

**REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

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

- Council briefings
- Planning Committee Meetings
- Individual resident complaints and emails.
- Tamang Society of Victoria Year of the Dog Celebration
- 2018 Chinese New Year, North Eastern Melbourne Chinese Association
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Annual Sports Club Breakfast
- Residents of William St, Preston
- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee
- Meeting to Discuss Bundoora Homestead Exhibition
- Several Meetings and follow ups with Darebin residents
- Meetings with Photographer Exhibition Peoples Places Circumstance & Discovery
- Preston Elderly Seniors Club Aged Care Pilot Programme
- Weekly meetings with Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf
- Weekly meetings with Sue Wilkinson, CEO

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Australian Institute of Company Directors Course
- Darebin Creative Industry Networking Series – Creative 3071 at PAP House in Thornbury
- Arts Ambassadors Agenda Meeting with Wendy Dinning
- Global Sisters Information Session
- Aged Care Reforms Working Group
- Special Council Meeting
- Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Workshop
- 60th Anniversary of Rosanna High School
- Budget Briefings (multiple)
- Active and Healthy Ageing Board Meeting
- Annual Sports Club Breakfast
- Visit to Camrea Cricket Club in Kingsbury with President John Deighton, to meet their women's team and present caps on Pink Stumps Day
- Visit to La Trobe University Hockey Club at K.P. Hardiman Reserve in Reservoir with Professor Russell Hoye, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Development) and Director, La Trobe Sport; Club President Tim Lonergan and club members
- Council Briefing Session (multiple)
- Reimagining Ruthven Community Reference Group Meeting
- Arts Ambassadors Meeting
- VLGA Board Meeting
- Darebin Pitch It Day

**REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE**

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

- DCC Christmas Party
- Meeting with resident and staff about water, planting and road management
- VLGA consultation on LG Act
- AICD Course
- Council Briefing session x 2
- Meeting with Westgarth Baptist Church
- Metro Transport Forum
- MAV Consult on LG Act
- Global Sisters Information session
- Planning committee
- 10th Anniversary of the Stolen Generation



- NARC workshop
- Budget Briefing
- Northern Pipe trail consultation session
- MCMC AGM and meeting
- MAV human services committee
- Paul Hawken presentation at MCC 100 solutions to reverse global warming
- Catch up with members of Climate Emergency Darebin reference group
- Aged Care reforms working group

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Staff Christmas Break Up Lunch
- 1st International Multicultural Taekwondo Championship
- Cr. Williams New Initiative Discussion
- Council Briefing Session
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- One on One Catch Up with CEO
- Council Briefing Session
- Council Budget session
- NARC Workshop – Northcote Aquatic Recreation Centre
- Opening of the animal shelter in Epping
- Special Briefing Session
- Planning Committee
- Special Council Meeting
- Northern Pipe Trail Master Plan drop in session

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

Cr. Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

**14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.39pm.