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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all 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 COUNCIL CHAMBER,
DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 27 APRIL 2020**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Rennie opened the meeting with the following statements:

“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.”

CONDOLENCES TO VICTORIA POLICE

“I would like to take this opportunity to send our condolences to our colleagues at Victoria Police. Last week a tragic and horrendous set of events resulted in the deaths of four Officers in the course of duty, less than one kilometre from Darebin.

Every person who goes to work has the right to return home safely at the end of the day, all the more so when their job involves looking after and working for the safety of our community.

Police Officers both live and work in Darebin. They are our neighbours, colleagues, friends and family. We understand how profoundly this loss affects you all and wish to convey our deepest sympathy, our partnership and share our strength. And we thank you for the work you continue to do to keep our community safe.”

DAREBIN’S COMMITMENT TO CALL OUT RACISM

“The impact of COVID19 on many in our community is significant, with the impact of people from diverse backgrounds even more significant. As the Mayor of Darebin and on behalf of all Councillors, I reaffirm Darebin’s absolute commitment to our diverse community and stand side by side with them to call out any form of racism or discrimination including those resulting from COVID19. We will not tolerate any form of racism and will speak out loudly and strongly when it occurs.

There are people in our community right now who are worried about being a target of race-based verbal attacks and violence and feel too scared to leave their homes. Street-based harassment and vilification has increased across Melbourne, and I am sure that public spaces in Darebin will not be immune.

Racism harms people; it has a traumatising impact and it diminishes people’s sense of belonging.

That’s why Darebin has a clear commitment to a racism-free Darebin. Our recently adopted Towards Equality Framework affirms Council’s zero-tolerance approach to racism, including as a member of the Welcoming Cities network and as official supporter of the Racism It Stops With Me campaign.

To everyone in Darebin who can connect with my words – we see you, we stand with you in strength and solidarity. You belong here. You are not any less of a person. You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

We know racism can be fuelled by fear and ignorance. We know that fear is heightened at the moment, and understandably so. These are unpredictable and scary times.

But the opportunity for us to celebrate our collective humanity, embrace human connection, across nations and neighbourhoods, has also never been more profound or important. We are all in this together; and I am really gratified to see people mobilising and connecting in new and hopefully long-lasting ways to help, and be kind to each other during this tough time.

I want to invite all residents of Darebin to consider what you can do to connect and stand in solidarity with those in the community who are targets of racism. Let's make it clear that racism is not welcome in our municipality."

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco (6.02pm)

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Lisa Thomas-Bates – Governance Projects Officer

Michelle Martin - Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

CR. TIM LAURENCE

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-045

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 6 April 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Chris Erlandsen, Preston**

My question tonight is in relation to a question I asked previously about the 50 year anniversary celebration to be held in August. My understanding of Council's response on the night, was that anniversary plans for the market are definitely in train.

1. Will Council organise a display of photos from the presentation given to Councillors by the architects of the Preston Market?
2. Given that Council loves Preston Market, what other ideas have progressed that Council can flag to the community?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thanks, Chris, for the question. Please also accept our apologies for this question not being answered last month.

In relation to the 50th anniversary for the Market, I note that officers continue to meet regularly with the management of Preston Market.

Understandably, the focus of recent meetings has been the enormous challenges that the market is facing in dealing with the pandemic and what the traders need to support them through this.

We have also been discussing how we can complement and amplify their 50th anniversary celebrations. We understand they are currently defining a number of themes for the celebrations which will be discussed at a future meeting.

We don't know what the situation regarding restrictions will be once the anniversary comes around, so there will need to be flexibility in how celebrations are planned. It's possible that activities will have to take place online, and that events may have to be held after August.

We love the idea of a display of photos from the architects and this is an idea that can be done online even if restrictions mean that public buildings are still in lockdown.

Officers from our Libraries team have also been busy scanning old photos including original schematic plans for the market and 3 scrap books with photos, articles and promotions from the last 50 years.

I understand a meeting is being arranged to discuss ideas for the celebration with the Darebin Appropriate Development Association, so I look forward to hearing more of your thoughts and ideas then.

- **Louise Kenney-Shen, Reservoir**

Why has \$33 million been allocated in the emergency budget to the commencement of construction on a new sports complex when the city is in lockdown due to Corona virus, and venues such as this are likely to remain closed for some time. Why is it being rushed through at this time when there are gaps in services already and many Darebin residents facing financial hardship from business closures and loss of patrons? Couldn't this \$33 million be better spent in adding to relief for local businesses which stretches beyond padding up existing Council projects?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

The Multi-Sports Stadium (MSS) has been a long-term commitment of Darebin City Council and is one of Council's 'big actions' in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

The project is by no means being rushed. It has been many years in the planning and will provide much-needed space for a range of court sports including; netball, basketball, volleyball, futsal and badminton.

The MSS will create more opportunities for women and girls in Darebin to participate in sport and exercise.

By continuing with the delivery of the Multi-Sports Stadium project, Council will also be creating extensive employment opportunities for a wide variety of local and regional workers including architects, engineers, project managers, construction trades, sub-contractors, labourers, material suppliers and manufacturers.

Finally, in terms of supporting the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, I am extremely proud of Council's \$10m Relief and Recovery Package and the extensive work that the organisation is doing in our community and with community partners. I encourage everyone to check Council's website for the full details.

- **Robert Dawlings (for Darebin Climate Action Now)**

With the passing of the Local Government Act 2020 last month, it appears as if the current 3 wards in Darebin will become 9 wards with one Councillor per ward unless Darebin is gazetted by the State Government as a special case. I have checked the Gazette and can find no mention of Darebin Council being special in this way. Is Darebin Council planning to request the State Government to gazette the Council so that the current 3 wards (with 3 Councillors per ward) can continue?

Many thanks.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you, Mr Dawlings, for your question.

You are correct in your statement that the recently passed Local Government Act 2020 makes single member wards the default structure for all Victorian Councils.

Council has been informed by the Minister for Local Government that he will be recommending to the Governor in Council that an Order in Council be made to alter Darebin's electoral structure to consist of single member wards for the upcoming October 2020 General Elections.

This structure will be based on modelling being provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission and we anticipate being advised of the new boundaries this week.

Council has very strongly advocated to the State Government for the retention of the current multi member structure of 3 Councillors in 3 wards i.e. the status quo and is disappointed that the State has decided not to take up the VEC's recommendations to do this.

- **Sarah Coffey, Northcote**

The residents of Oxford Street, Northcote lodged a petition with Council on 3 February 2020 in relation to the stormwater and drainage issues suffered by residents of the street since 2008. We have not had a response to that petition. Will the Council appoint an experienced Engineer to conduct an investigation of the status of the stormwater discharge system, including the independent points of discharge for each property to ensure free flow and investigate the interface between the old sewerage line systems and independent points of discharge and accurately map the drainage systems currently in operation and report to the Council and the residents?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question.

Officers received your correspondence of February 2020 and have actively been trying to assist you with queries since that time.

Site inspections were conducted by Council's Drainage Engineers in December 2019 and January and February 2020. These inspections, including CCTV inspections, show Council's stormwater assets, pits and pipes to be in good condition and are not contributing to any stormwater issues that some residents may be having. Officers also inspected five private stormwater connection pipes and of these two were found not to be free flowing.

Officers understand that residents believe there may be some issues with sewage and telecommunications assets but officers' inspections haven't found any evidence of these assets contributing to stormwater drainage issues.

Officers will make contact with you again this week to further discuss your concerns and determine whether any rectifications works are required.

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President and Chris Erlandsen**

THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MS POLLETTI AND MR ERLANDSEN CONTAINED INFORMATION IN PART FROM CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS AND WERE NOT READ OUT HOWEVER THEY WERE RESPONDED TO BY THE MAYOR.

RESPONSE FROM CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE

WE'VE HAD QUESTIONS FROM MARIA POLETTI AND CHRIS ERLANDSEN OF THE DAREBIN APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WHICH RELATE TO SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, SO I AM UNABLE TO READ OUT THE QUESTIONS HERE OR TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS.

I'D LIKE TO THANK MARIA AND CHRIS FOR THE QUESTIONS AND CAN PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTIONS MARIA, I CAN TELL YOU THAT UNDERSTANDING AND ADVOCATING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHARACTER, IDENTITY AND HERITAGE OF PRESTON MARKET HAS BEEN A LONG STANDING PRIORITY FOR COUNCIL. WE HAVE INVESTED SIGNIFICANT TIME AND RESOURCES INTO THIS AND HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO CALL ON THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS AS THE DECISION MAKER.

COUNCIL HAS MADE ALL REPORTS CONSIDERING THE IDENTITY AND HERITAGE OF PRESTON MARKET FULLY PUBLIC SO FAR AND WE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE'RE EXPECTING TO CONSIDER RECENT TECHNICAL REPORTS ON PRESTON MARKET, INCLUDING THE HERITAGE STUDIES ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S MEETING ON 14 OCTOBER 2019, AT COUNCIL'S UPCOMING MAY MEETING. ALL THIS INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO SEE AS PART OF THE MEETING AGENDA PAPERS.

YOUR SECOND QUESTION RELATES TO A POTENTIAL FUTURE DECISION OF COUNCIL, SO I AM NOT ABLE TO PRE-EMPT THAT DECISION. WHAT I WOULD SAY IS THAT THIS MATTER IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO ALL COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL HAS A LONG STANDING COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THE MARKET THRIVES.

IN REGARD TO QUESTION THREE, COUNCIL IS GETTING A RANGE OF ADVICE ON A RANGE OF MATTERS AND ALL THE ADVICE WILL BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL.

CHRIS, YOUR FIRST QUESTION HAS DETAILS IN IT THAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL, SO I WON'T READ IT IN FULL.

QUESTION ONE REFERS TO HERITAGE WORK THAT IS IN PROGRESS ARISING FROM COUNCIL'S DECISION OF 14 OCTOBER 2019. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER TONIGHT, COUNCIL WILL SHARE THE WORK PUBLICLY IN MAY AS PART OF THE AGENDA PAPERS FOR ITS 18 MAY COUNCIL MEETING. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT WHEN YOU'VE SEEN IT, OFFICERS WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP WITH ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE.

THANK YOU FOR THE SUGGESTION. IF JANE STANLEY IS KEEN TO SPEAK TO COUNCILLORS, I'M HAPPY TO TRY TO FACILITATE THAT. OFFICERS WILL BE IN TOUCH ABOUT THIS.

YOUR THIRD QUESTION RELATES TO THE TIMELINES FOR MAKING DECISIONS. THE STATE GOVERNMENT SETS THE TIMELINE FOR THIS. THE VICTORIAN PLANNING AUTHORITY HAS ADVISED THAT A DRAFT STRUCTURE PLAN AND PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT IS DUE IN THE SECOND HALF OF 2020.

6. PETITIONS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-046

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

That the petition containing approx. 390 signatures requesting Council to -

1. Engage in further discussions with the Crispe Park dog walking community and Reservoir Sporting Club about potential solutions to provide more lighting in Winter.
2. Consider the viability of the City of Darebin covering the costs of additional lighting on the basis of -
 - Community safety.
 - Safe spaces for women and girls to be active.
 - Increased usage of public spaces.
 - Increased levels of physical activity through dog walking.
3. Include in the 2020/21 Budget a provision for investigation and delivery of a suitable lighting option for the park.

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for actioning.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 **DECLARATION OF SPECIAL CHARGES: SOLAR SAVER - RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL**

Author: Commercial Solar Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To consider the declaration of two Special Charge schemes in relation to the Solar Saver program (one residential and one non-residential scheme) and provide an update on the impact of COVID-19 outbreak on the Solar Saver program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of the Council Plan and Council's *Climate Emergency Plan*.

The report considers the declaration of a non-residential Special Charge Scheme and a residential Special Charge Scheme. These schemes include:

- Non-residential batch 3, including 2 installations, adding 14.5kW of solar capacity to Darebin.
- Residential batch 1, including 11 installations, adding 50.16kW of solar capacity to Darebin.

The value of the proposed Special Charge scheme is:

- \$22,407.04 (\$31,678.95 gross including GST and pre Small-scale Technology Certificate [STC] claim) for the non-residential installations and
- \$59,614.45 (\$89,134.60 gross including GST and pre STC claim) for the residential installations.

These costs will be paid back to Council through the Special Charge scheme over 10 years. No interest is charged. Annual repayments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits to participants.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Charge Scheme under section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the provision of solar energy systems on non-residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme.

No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

This report also provides an update on risk management during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 20-047**

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on

- the tenth anniversary of that day.
- b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
- i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
- c) The total:
- i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution be recorded as \$22,407.04 for the non-residential batch and \$59,614.45 for the residential batch;
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied be recorded as \$22,407.04 for the non-residential batch and \$59,614.45 for the residential batch, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
- d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix A** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
- e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
- Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
- f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
- i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$22,407.04 for the non-residential batch and \$59,614.45 for the residential batch, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
- g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
- i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge *because* there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
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- (3) For the *purposes* of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
- a) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
- a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.
- (5) Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

CARRIED

8.2 CROXTON WEST PLACE-MAKING PROJECT ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Author: Senior Transport Planner & Urban Designer

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Draft concept designs for the Croxton West Place-making Project have been developed and were released for public consultation between 31 January and 16 February 2020.

The draft concept designs that were consulted on proposed area-based interventions that aimed to meet the Project's vision "*The Croxton West Local Area will become an inviting and safe place for pedestrians and cyclists, where vehicle volumes and speed are reduced,*

where improved street tree planting provides amenity value and where spaces are created for passive recreation.”

Based on community and stakeholder feedback, officers propose progressing with some, but not all of the interventions. In particular officers propose that Council proceed with a number of safety improvements focused around the School and Mayer Park, but that Council not proceed with the larger interventions (such as creation of a pocket park).

The main reason for this is that community feedback didn't demonstrate significant support for creation closure of a road and creation of the pocket park because of the changes to local vehicle movements that would result. While not proceeding with the road closure and pocket park will not change how residents access their local street, it also means that overall there isn't expected to be a significant reduction in use of local streets by through traffic. The safety interventions will improve safety near the park and the school and generally are expected to ensure low speeds.

The interventions would be constructed over time and Council would advocate to the Department of Transport on critical items adjoining the Croxton West area, which would dramatically affect how the area is accessed and used.

Opportunities for external funding would be explored, and construction would be planned for future years.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-048

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Croxton West Place-making Project Concept Designs attached as **Appendix A**, to progress to design and implementation over years subject to funding availability.
- (2) Thanks community members for their feedback and participation throughout.
- (3) Notes that a number of local issues identified in community engagement are currently being addressed such as visibility of signage in some locations.
- (4) Notes the Croxton West Place-making Project Round 2 Engagement Summary document will be made publicly available via the Darebin website, following finalisation of the document.

CARRIED

8.3 STREETS FOR PEOPLE PRESTON ACTIVITY LINK (WEST)**Author:** Senior Transport Planner & Urban Designer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A draft concept design for the Preston Activity Link (West) 'Streets for People' Corridor has been developed and was released for public consultation between 31 January and 16 February 2020.

The draft concept designs that were consulted on proposed corridor interventions to reduce vehicle speeds and better manage traffic volume; make it easier to walk, wheel and ride; and make streets greener. It aimed to meet the Streets for People Project's vision "The Streets for People Preston Activity Link will prioritise sustainable transport that provides a seamless, safe and inviting pedestrian and cyclist connection to Preston market, Darebin Civic Precinct, schools and parks."

Using a significant level of input from the community and key stakeholders, including two stages of consultation, the concept designs have now been finalised for most of the western section of the corridor, and a final round of engagement is proposed to take place during May for the James Street road closure / pocket park trial.

The final concept designs propose interventions that would be constructed over time. Opportunities for external funding will be explored with funding for further design stages and construction of most of the proposals being referred for consideration in future years budgets along with priorities across the City.

Four street improvements along the Preston Activity Link (West) in 2020-21 have been referred to the Council budget process for consideration. If council endorses the concept designs proposed in this report and funding is allocated, construction is expected to start in early 2021.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-049**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the 'Streets for People' Preston Activity Link (West) concept designs for St Georges Road to James Street attached as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Makes the 'Streets for People' Preston Activity Link (West) Round 2 Engagement Summary document (**Appendix B**) publicly available via the Darebin website

- (3) Endorses a third round of direct community engagement for the James Street closure pocket park and Hope Street (**Appendix C**)

CARRIED

8.4 DRAFT MAYER PARK MASTER PLAN

Author: Landscape Architect

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on *Future Mayer Park* draft master plan (**Appendix A**) and proposes its release for the final phase of community engagement.

The process of developing this draft master plan has trialled a process of high levels of engagement with a Project Control Group (PCG) made up of local community members and supported by officers. Over the past 18 months, officers have worked collaboratively with the PCG to understand their advice at a deeper level and this is reflected in the master plan.

The content of the draft master plan is guided by the PCG's vision for the park which focuses on the park as a welcoming and inclusive space offering a range of experiences that enables the community to come together to be happy and healthy.

Since June 2018, the PCG have had over 20 meetings. In that time, the PCG have familiarised themselves with the site context, Council's policies and demographic data, workshopped the Vision Statement, developed and led the engagement with the broader community, and summarised the engagement data, to inform the development of the draft master plan.

The draft master plan proposes improvements based on five design principles that guide the implementation of the community vision for Mayer Park:

1. **A Shared Park** – a park that hosts many activities, enabling the community to share a range of experiences while also building on the value of the existing uses.
2. **Better Park Amenity** – a park with great amenities and facilities for all to enjoy while retaining what makes it great – its open green space.
3. **An Open and Welcoming Park** – a park that is open, welcoming and draws the community in while being inclusive of all users.
4. **Nature and Environment** – a park where the community comes to have a break from urban life and to connect with nature.
5. **Better Links** - a park that plays a key role in improving links between people, flora and fauna and other open spaces in the Thornbury neighbourhood, wider Darebin area and beyond.

The improvements proposed in the master plan stem from these 5 design principles and are categorised into short, medium and long term actions to be implemented over a 10 year time frame.

Officers propose to release the *Future Mayer Park* draft master plan for a four week community consultation period. The PCG will check in with the community and officers will amend the draft master plan to reflect the feedback and prepare a report for Council seeking adoption of the master plan, anticipated to be in June 2020.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-050

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the release of the *Future Mayer Park Draft Master Plan* for consultation with the broader community.
- (2) Thanks the Project Control Group for their work and commitment through 2018 and 2019.

CARRIED

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 RECOGNISING ANGELO TROMBINO

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 471

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 April 2020, it is my intention to move:

'That Council Officially expresses its sincere condolences for the sad passing of Mr Angelo Trombino and work with his family to consider an appropriate way (in the vicinity of his corner store) to recognise his significant contribution to the Edwards Street Reservoir shopping precinct and if required a report be presented to a further Council Meeting.'

Notice Received: 13 April 2020

Notice Given to Councillors 22 April 2020

Date of Meeting: 27 April 2020

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-051

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

'That Council Officially expresses its sincere condolences for the sad passing of Mr Angelo Trombino and work with his family to consider an appropriate way (in the vicinity of his corner store) to recognise his significant contribution to the Edwards Street Reservoir shopping precinct and if required a report be presented to a further Council Meeting.'

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 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 – 3 April 2020
- Briefing of Rucker Ward Councillors on Planning Committee Items – 8 April 2020
- Councillor Briefing – 14 April 2020
- Councillor Briefing – 20 April 2020

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 20-052**

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 3, 8, 14 and 20 April 2020 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED**13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-053**

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 6.57pm.

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