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# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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### English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

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Αυτά είναι τα Πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια με οποιαδήποτε θέματα στα πρακτικά, παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε το 8470 8888.

### Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

### Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

### Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Општинскиот одбор. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

### Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

### Punjabi

ਇਹ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

### Spanish

Estas son las Actas de la Reunión del Concejo. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

### Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کی روداد کے نقاط ہیں۔ روداد کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02pm**

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Peter Smith, opened the meeting with the following statement:

*"I would like to begin by acknowledging 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.*

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*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.."*

Mr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, he was required to take the role of temporary Chair of this meeting until the election of the Mayor.

## **1. PRESENT**

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Lina Messina  
Cr. Trent McCarthy  
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis  
Cr. Tom Hannan  
Cr. Tim Laurence  
Cr. Susanne Newton  
Cr. Susan Rennie  
Cr. Julie Williams

### ***Council Officers***

Peter Smith - Chief Executive Officer  
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement  
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital  
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Jacinta Stevens - Manager Corporate Governance  
Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Gaetano Greco is on leave of absence.

## **3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**4.1 ADDRESSES BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance Services

**Reviewed By:** Manager Corporate Governance

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The Chief Executive Officer invited the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor to address the meeting and to each provide a short two-minute reflection on their time as Mayor and Deputy mayor respectively.

Outgoing Mayor, Lina Messina and Deputy Mayor, Trent McCarthy addressed the meeting.

**4.2 TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** Manager Corporate Governance

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The role of the Mayor is to act as leader of the Council, providing guidance and supporting good working relationships between the Councillors, and working with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure positive outcomes are delivered.

Section 18 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) describes the role and functions of the Mayor including chairing Council Meetings, acting as principle spokesperson for the Council, providing guidance to Councillors about what is expected of a Councillor, supporting good working relations between Councillors and carrying out civic and ceremonial duties.

Section 25 (1) of the Act provides that at a Council meeting that is open to the public, the Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council.

Further, Section 26 of the Act provides that before the election of the Mayor must determine by resolution whether the Mayor is to be elected for a 1 year or a 2-year term.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-124****MOVED: Cr. L Messina**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**

That Council:

- (1) Resolves pursuant to section 26 (3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to elect the Mayor for a term of one (1) year.
- (2) Notes pursuant to section 26 (4) and (5) the next Mayoral election must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the term as is reasonably practicable.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**4.3**                      **MAYORAL ELECTION****Author:**                      Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:**              Manager Corporate Governance

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The Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor for the 2022/2023 Council Year.

Cr. Lina Messina nominated Cr. Julie Williams for election to the Office of Mayor and Cr. Susanne Newton seconded the nomination. Cr. Williams accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

The Chief Executive Officer conducted the vote by show of hands. Cr. Julie Williams received the votes of an absolute majority of the Council.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Julie Williams duly elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Darebin for the 2022/2023 Council Year.

Mayor Julie Williams assumed the Chair and addressed the meeting.

**4.4 ESTABLISHMENT OF ROLE OF DEPUTY MAYOR****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** Manager Corporate Governance

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), a Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor.

Section 21 of the Act defines that the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of the Mayor and may exercise any of the powers of the Mayor if, the Mayor is unable for any reason to attend a Council meeting or part of a Council meeting, or the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason, including illness or the office of Mayor is vacant.

As per Council's Governance Rules, at the Meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected, Council may resolve to establish the position of Deputy Mayor and elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor. Further the term of a Deputy Mayor is to be identical to the term of the Mayor as resolved by Council.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-125****MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** Council, in accordance with section 20A of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Governance Rules 2020, establishes the position of Deputy Mayor for a term to coincide with the term of the Mayor.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4.5 DEPUTY MAYORAL ELECTION****Author:** Coordinator Governance Services**Reviewed By:** Manager Corporate Governance

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The Mayor outlined the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor for the 2022/2023 Council Year.

Cr. Trent McCarthy nominated Cr. Susanne Newton for election to the Office of Deputy Mayor and Cr. Tim Laurence seconded the nomination. Cr. Newton accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

The Mayor conducted the vote by show of hands. Cr. Susanne Newton received the votes of an absolute majority of the Council.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Governance Rules 2020, the Mayor declared Cr. Suzanne Newton elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor of the City of Darebin for the 2022/2023 Council Year.

The Deputy Mayor Cr. Susanne Newton addressed the meeting.

**5. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 6.33pm

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