

REGISTER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF - 2021/22

(From 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022)

(In accordance with the Public Transparency Policy adopted by Council on 20 July 2020, the details of all Conflicts of Interest declared by the Councillors and Council Staff at Council/Planning/Councillor Briefing Sessions/and any other meeting held under auspices of the Council are listed in the following Register. The Register will be updated quarterly)

Sl. NO.	Name	Position held	Meeting Type (Council/Planning/ Cr. Briefing etc.)	Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest/ Subject Matter	Action taken
1	Lina Messina	Councillor (Mayor)	Councillor Briefing	19-Jul-21	Council Plan Action Plan	Material Conflict of Interest	Cr Messina declared a material conflict of interest in the Council Plan Action Plan specifically on the year one actions in relation to Council becoming a Home care package Provider due to her employment in the Home Care Sector.	
2	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Planning Committee Meeting	12-Jul-21	Report 5.3 - Amendment to Development Plan POD/1/2007/I 1056 - 1140 & 1142 Plenty Road, Bundoora (Polaris - Former Larundel Psychiatric Hospital)	Made a brief statement (No conflict of interest)	Cr Newton made a statement that whilst she is employed by Latrobe University and this Development Plan is adjacent to LaTrobe Universities Bundoora campus it does not create a general or material conflict of interest between her role with LaTrobe University and her role as a Councillor of the City of Darebin.	
3	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Planning Committee Meeting	12-Jul-21	Report 5.4 - Plannig Scheme Amendment C198DARE - Request for Interim Heritage Overlay		Cr Newton made a statement that whilst she owns property in the subject area of this proposed Planning Scheme Amendment she does so in common with approximately 1000 property owners and had formed the view that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors.	
4	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	22-Nov-21	Report 8.5 - Governance Report - November 2021	General Conflict of Interest	CEO declared conflict of interest specifically in the matter dealing with the extension of the appointment of the independent Chairperson of the CEO Employment Matters Committee.	CEO Left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter.

5	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	25-Nov-21	Report 6.1 - Governance Report - November 2021	General Conflict of Interest	CEO declared conflict of interest specifically in the matter dealing with the extension of the appointment of the independent Chairperson of the CEO Employment Matters Committee.	CEO Left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter.
6	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Planning Committee Meeting	13-Dec-21	Report 5.3 - Thornbury Park Estate Heritage Precinct - Planning Scheme Amendment C191DARE	Made a brief statement (No conflict of interest)	Councillor Newton advised Council, that whilst she owned property in the subject area of the following Item she did so in common with approx. 1000 property owners and had formed the view that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors.	
7	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Councillor Briefing	13-Dec-21	Item 5.4 - Legal Briefing	Conflict of Interest	Sue Wilkinson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting prior to the commencement of this Item.	CEO Left the meeting prior to Councillor commencing its determination of these matters.
8	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	15-Dec-21	Report 8.2 - Governance Report - December 2021 Report 8.3 - CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy	General Conflict of Interest	CEO declared conflict of interest specifically in the matter dealing with appointment of Councillor representative to the CEO Employment Matters Committee and in item 8.3 CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy .	CEO Left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of these matters.
9	Lina Messina	Councillor (Mayor)	Council Meeting	23-Dec-21	Report 5.3 of the Agenda - Aged Care Services	General Conflict of Interest	Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a general conflict of interest in item as she works in the aged care sector.	Mayor left the Chamber prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter.
10	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	24-Jan-22	Report 4.2- Northcote Golf Course Consultation Update	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton delared a conflict	
11	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	31-Jan-22	Report 8.7 - Appointment of Independent HR Advisor	General Conflict of Interest	The Chief Executive Officer declared a general conflict of interest in item 8.7, Appointment of Independent HR Advisor	CEO left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of this matter
12	Lina Messina	Councillor (Mayor)	Councillor Briefing	13-Feb-22	Report 4.2 - 2022/23 Draft Budget	General Conflict of Interest	Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a conflict relating to Aged Care Reforms during this item.	
13	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	21-Feb-22	Focus Briefing - Northcote Golf Course	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton delared a conflict in this item	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to commencing determination of this matter
14	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee	23-Feb-22	Northcote Golf Course	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton delared a conflict in this item	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to commencing determination of this matter

15	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	28-Feb-22	Report 11.2 – CEO Mid Year Performance Review & CEO Employment Matters Committee Update and Item 11.3 – Contractual Matter.	General Conflict of Interest	The Chief Executive Officer declared a general conflict of interest in Item 11.2 – CEO Mid Year Performance Review & CEO Employment Matters Committee Update and Item 11.3 – Contractual Matter.	CEO left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of this matter
16	Sue Wilkinson	Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	01-Mar-22	Report 11.2 – CEO Mid Year Performance Review & CEO Employment Matters Committee Update and Item 11.3 – Contractual Matter.	General Conflict of Interest	The Chief Executive Officer declared a general conflict of interest in Item 11.2 – CEO Mid Year Performance Review & CEO Employment Matters Committee Update and Item 11.3 – Contractual Matter.	CEO left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of this matter
17	Lina Messina	Councillor (Mayor)	Councillor Briefing	07-Mar-22	Briefing on Aged Care Reform	General Conflict of Interest	Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a conflict relating to Aged Care Reforms during this item.	Mayor left the meeting prior to commencing its determination of this matter
18	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	15-Mar-22	Northcote Golf Course update 2	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton delared a conflict in this item	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to commencing determination of this matter
19	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	21-Mar-22	THORNBURY PARK ESTATE HERITAGE PRECINCT (PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C191DARE)	Made a brief statement (No conflict of interest)	Councillor Newton advised that whilst she owns property in the subject area of this proposed Planning Scheme Amendment she does so in common with a large number of other property owners and as the property cannot readily be redeveloped, due to it being part of a body corporate and a relatively recent construction, and additionally as her interest was so remote or insignificant, it could not reasonably be regarded as capable of influencing her decisions in relation to the matter.	
20	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Council Meeting	29-Mar-22	Urgent Business - Northcote Golf Course Conclutation Results	Conflict of Interest	In relation to the item of Urgent Business, Councillor Newton advised that she owns a property in the subject area of the Northcote Golf Course and whilst the ownership is an interest she holds in common with hundreds of property owners and it is arguable that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors, she had determined that she will remove herself from any debate and decision making on the issue as a precaution against any general conflict of interest she have or may be perceived to have	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to Council commencing determination of this matter

21	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Council Meeting	29-Mar-22	THORNBURY PARK ESTATE PROPOSED HERITAGE PRECINCT - PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C191DARE AND C207DARE	Made a brief statement (No conflict of interest)	Councillor Newton advised Council that she wish to have it noted in the minutes of this meeting that whilst she owns property in the area of this proposed Planning Scheme Amendment she does so in common with a large number of other property owners and as the property cannot readily be redeveloped, due to it being part of a body corporate and a relatively recent construction, and additionally as her interest was so remote or insignificant, it could not reasonably be regarded as capable of influencing her decisions in relation to the matter.	
22	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Council Meeting	29-Mar-22	YOUR STREET YOUR SAY CONSULTATION FINDINGS AND DRAFT PROPOSALS TO GO TO COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ROUND 2	Made a brief statement (No conflict of interest)	Councillor Newton advised Council, that she wish to have it noted in the minutes of this meeting that whilst she own property in the vicinity of the intersection at Newman Street and Comas Grove Intersection which is mentioned in Item 8.3, she does so in common with a large number of other residents, ratepayers and electors who may use the road infrastructure and she had formed the view that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other property owners, residents and electors. Additionally, any conflict of interest arising is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as capable of influencing her decisions in relation to the matter – particularly noting that as Councillors resident in Darebin and considering road infrastructure improvements regularly, we are all incidentally affected by such infrastructure improvements.”	
23	Tom Hannan	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	19-Apr-22	General Business	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Hannan declared a conflict of Interest in the discussion on the proposed Advocacy Strategy due to his employment with the Department of Environment, land, Water and Planning (DELWP)	Councillor Hannan left the meeting prior to commencing determination of this matter

24	Tom Hannan	Councillor	Council Meeting	26-Apr-22	Report 8.9 - Advocacy Report - Darebin Advocacy Strategy 2022-2026	Direct Conflict of Interest	Cr. Hannan declare a direct conflict of interest in Item 8.9 Advocacy Report - Darebin Advocacy Strategy 2022 -2026 - specifically the Theme 1 Area of - Environment, Climate Change and Renewable Energy due to his employment with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and his role developing policy in this area	Councillor Hannan left the meeting prior to Council determining this component of the matter
25	Rachel Ollivier	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Council Meeting	26-Apr-22	Reports 8.11 & 8.12	Direct Conflict of Interest	The Acting Chief Executive Officer Rachel Ollivier declare a direct conflict of interest in Items 8.11 and 8.12 due to her current role as acting Chief Executive Officer.	Racel Ollivier left the meeting prior to Council consideration and determination of these matters
26	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	02-May-22	General Business - Northcote Golf Course	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton declared a conflict in relation to otential discussions surrounding Northcote Golf Course	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to commencing determination of this matter
27	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	16-May-22	Report 4.1 - Northcote Golf Course	General Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton declared a general conflict of interest in this item on the basis she owns a property in the subject area of the Northcote Golf Course and whilst the ownership is an interest she holds in common with hundreds of property owners and it is arguable that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors, she had determined that she will remove herself from any debate and decision making on the issue as a precaution against any general conflict of interest she may have or may be perceived to have	Councillor Newton left the meeting
28	Susan Rennie	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	16-May-22	Report 4.4 - Budget Submission - Hearing of Submission Briefing	General Conflict of Interest	Councillor Rennie declared a conflict of interest in relation to Jika Jika Community Centre at the commencement of this item	Councillor Rennie left the meeting
29	Lina Messina	Councillor (Mayor)	Councillor Briefing	16-May-22	Report 4.5 - Aged Care Reforms	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Messina declared a conflict of interest in this item	Councillor Messina left the briefing for thid item

30	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Council Meeting	23-May-22	Report 8.2 - Northcote Golf Course Shared Use Recommendation	General Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton declared a general conflict of interest in this item on the basis she owns a property in the subject area of the Northcote Golf Course and whilst the ownership is an interest she holds in common with hundreds of property owners and it is arguable that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors, she had determined that she will remove herself from any debate and decision making on the issue as a precaution against any general conflict of interest she may have or may be perceived to have	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to Council commencing determination of this matter
31	Tim Laurence	Councillor	Council Meeting	23-May-22	Report 8.2 - Northcote Golf Course Shared Use Recommendation	Indirect (general) Conflict of Interest	Councillor Laurence declared an indirect (general) conflict of interest in this item created by a close association, as he had relatives who have moved to this area and have a residential amenity issue in this matter	Councillor Laurence left the meeting prior to Council commencing determination of this matter
32	Lina Messina	Councillor (Mayor)	Council Meeting	23-May-22	Report 8.10 - Aged Care Reforms	General Conflict of Interest	Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a general conflict of interest in the this item due to her business interests in the aged care sector.	Councillor Messina invited the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair and left the Chamber prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter
33	Sam Hewett	General Manager Operations & Capital	Council Meeting	23-May-22	Report 8.14 - Contract Award - CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel	General Conflict of Interest	The General Manager Operations & Capital declared a general conflict of interest in this item due to a close association (as a relative) to one tenderer and a close association (as a friend) to one tenderer. He noted that he had disclosed these conflicts prior to the commencement of the procurement process and that a Conflict of Interest Management Plan had been completed and approved by the Chief Executive Officer which set out the process and actions that were put in place to appropriately manage the conflict	General Manager Operations & Capital left the meeting prior to Council commencing determination of this matter
34	Rachel Ollivier	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Special Council Meeting	06-Jun-22	Urgent Business - Appointment of Interim Chief Executive Officer	Material Conflict of Interest	Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a material conflict of interest in the admission of this item	Acting CEO left the meeting
35	Susan Rennie	Councillor	Councillor Briefing	06-Jun-22	Report 4.1 - Final Review of Budget and Council Action Plan 2022-23	Conflict of Interest	Councillor Rennie declared a conflict in relation to a discussion on Jika Jika Community Centre	Councillor Rennie left the meeting
36	Susanne Newton	Councillor	Planning Committee Meeting	14-Jun-22	Report 5.2 - Application for Planning Permit - D/742/2020 205 Smith Street Thornbury	General Conflict of Interest	Councillor Newton declared a general conflict of interest in the this item on the basis that she live quite close to the subject area.	Councillor Newton left the meeting prior to determination of this matter