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AGENDA

Council meeting to be held
at Darebin Civic Centre,
350 High Street Preston
on Monday, 2 May 2016
at 7.00 pm.

Public question time will
commence shortly after 7.00 pm

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Agenda

1. MEMBERSHIP

Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Bo Li

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Steven Tsitas

Cr. Angela Villella

Cr. Oliver Walsh

Cr. Julie Williams

2. APOLOGIES

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

PLEASE NOTE: Questions from the public must be submitted prior to the commencement of Council meetings.

- (1) Questions can be submitted online up to 4.00 pm on the day of the meeting:
 - At darebin.vic.gov.au/publicquestiontime; or
 - By email to PQT@darebin.vic.gov.au
- (2) Question can also be submitted in person:
 - At the counter of the Preston Customer Service, 274 Gower Street, Preston until 5.00 pm on the day of the meeting
 - At the Council Chamber from 6.45 pm to 7.00 pm on the day of the meeting

Council officers are available to assist residents in the preparation of questions between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm on the day of the Council meeting. For assistance please call (03) 8470 8888 and you will be directed to the appropriate department.

No questions will be accepted after 7.00 pm on the night of the Council meeting.

Questions that relate to items that are listed on the Agenda, cannot be responded to.

The Mayor will read the question and provide a response. If a question cannot be answered at the meeting, a written response will be prepared and forwarded to the person raising the question.

Residents do not need to attend the meeting for a question to be answered.

A period of up to 30 minutes will be set aside to enable the Chairperson to read out the questions submitted by the public in accordance with the above guidelines and to provide responses.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 2016/2017 PROPOSED BUDGET REFERRALS

Author: Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

Reviewed By: Chief Executive

Report Background

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Not applicable

Summary

Funding is included in the Proposed Budget 2016/2017 for a diverse range of activities across the municipality. The need for Councillors to disclose a conflict or interest where one exists in relation to any of these activities requires that they be addressed separately as part of the Budget process.

Any items proposed for inclusion in the Budget in which a Councillor discloses a conflict of interest are to be dealt with by separate resolution under this 'Budget Referrals' process. Once all disclosures have been made and the items which are the subject of any disclosure are determined by the Council, all Councillors are able to vote on the Proposed Budget 2016/2017.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (1) The Mayor invites Councillors to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to adoption of the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget by classifying the type and describing the nature of the interest in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (2) Following each disclosure, Council approve the relevant project and the inclusion of associated funding in the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget.

Introduction

In developing the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget, an extensive range of activities have been considered for funding. Councillors who have a conflict of interest in any items to be considered are required to disclose the type and nature of the interest.

Due to the wide ranging nature of these activities, it is reasonably foreseeable that in any given year, more than half of the Councillors would disclose a conflict of some sort and be required to excuse themselves from the vote on the Budget.

As this would make the adoption of an annual Budget unworkable in practice, the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) provides a mechanism for Councillors to vote on a budget, without compromising their position by being in a position of clear conflict.

The Act provides that if a Budget to be approved by a Council includes funding for a matter in which a Councillor has a conflict of interest, the Councillor is taken not to have a conflict of interest for the purposes of approving the Budget if the Council approved the matter and the proposed funding previously and the Councillor disclosed the nature of the conflict at the time the funding was approved by the Council.

In the event that a Councillor forms the view that despite this process, they are still unable to cast a vote on the passage of the annual Budget, a mechanism exists to declare a 'conflicting personal interest' under section 79B of the Act and apply to the Council to be exempted from voting.

Issues and Discussion

At the meeting, the Mayor will invite Councillors to disclose any items contained in the Proposed Budget 2016/2017 in which they have a conflict of interest.

Any items proposed for inclusion in the Budget in which a Councillor discloses a conflict of interest are to be dealt with individually and by separate resolution under this 'Budget Referrals' process.

Once all disclosures have been made and the items which are the subject of any disclosure are determined by the Council, all Councillors are able to freely vote on the Proposed Budget 2016/2017.

Options for Consideration

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Risk Management

Nil

Policy Implications

Economic Development

Nil

Environmental Sustainability

There are no environmental sustainability policy implications arising from this report.

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

There are no human rights, equity and inclusion policy implications arising from this report.

Other

This report has been prepared to address section 79C(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, in relation to approval of a Council Budget.

Future Actions

Council to consider the Proposed Budget 2016/2017

Consultation and Advocacy

Nil

Related Documents

Local Government Act 1989

Disclosure of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

6.2 2016/2017 PROPOSED BUDGET: APPROVAL TO PLACE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY

Author: Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Director Corporate Services

Report Background

Council is required to adopt a Budget for each financial year. However, prior to adopting the Budget in its final form Council is required to place the Proposed Budget on public display inviting submissions, and after considering all submissions the Council can then formally adopt a Budget for the financial year.

This report proposes that Council approve the Proposed Budget for 2016/2017 for public display and invite submissions.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Workshop – Briefing 1:	12 December 2015
Councillor Planning Weekend – Briefing 2:	5 March 2016
Councillor Briefing 3:	31 March 2016
Councillor Briefing 4:	18 April 2016
Councillor Briefing 5:	26 April 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Open and Accountable Democracy

Summary

The Council must prepare a Budget for each financial year. The Council must ensure that the Budget contains the information specified in the *Local Government Act 1989* (“the Act”) and all details required by the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* (“the Regulations”).

As soon as practicable after the Council has prepared a Budget it must give Public Notice. Any person has the right to make a submission under section 223 of the Act on any proposal contained in the Budget. Following the completion of the statutory obligations, Council may adopt the Budget.

The Act prescribes that Council must adopt its final budget by 30 June each year. This report presents the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget and recommends that public notice be given in accordance with the Act.

Recommendation

That:

- (1) Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, at a Special Meeting of Council proposed to be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 27 June 2016, the proposed 2016/2017 Budget (Appendix A) presented to this meeting.
- (2) Public Notice be given in accordance with sections 169 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to grant, at a Special Meeting of Council proposed to be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 27 June 2016, a rate rebate to pensioners in the 2016/2017 year in the amount of \$150 to each owner of rateable land who is an 'eligible recipient' within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004.
- (3) Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the proposed 2016/2017 Budget or in relation to the granting of a rate rebate to pensioners and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2016.

Introduction

Council must prepare a Budget for each financial year. The Act together with the Regulations, stipulate the information to be included in the budget and form of those disclosures.

The Proposed Budget shown in **Appendix A** has been reviewed and is considered to satisfy all statutory requirements.

Following Council's approval for the public display of the Proposed Budget, Council must give Public Notice and provide a 28 day period for submissions to be lodged. Any person has the right to make a submission under section 223 of the Act on any proposal contained in the Proposed Budget.

It is proposed that submissions will close on Wednesday 3 June 2016 at 5:00 pm, with a meeting of the Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2016 to hear those submitters who wish to be heard in support of their submissions.

Following the consideration of any submissions received, Council is then required to formally adopt the final Budget for 2016/2017.

The Act prescribes that Council must adopt its final budget by 30 June each year. This report presents the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget and recommends that public notice be given in accordance with the Act.

It is proposed that the council will hold a Special Council meeting on the 27th June to formally adopt the budget.

Issues and Discussion

Council has prepared a Budget for 2016/17 which is aligned to the vision in the Council Plan 2013-17. It seeks to maintain services and infrastructure as well as deliver projects and services that are valued by our community, and do this within the rate increase mandated by the State Government.

The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget is prepared in the context of key principles in the Council's Strategic Resource Plan that underpin long term financial planning.

These principles are:

- Maintenance of the scope and standard of ongoing services provided to the Darebin community.
- A focus on renewing community assets such as roads, footpaths, open space and buildings to ensure they are maintained at an appropriate standard to meet required service levels.
- Generation of sufficient ongoing income to fund Council services and capital works commitments over the longer term.
- Holding of sufficient cash and other and other assets in order to meet Council's payment obligations to suppliers and employees.

In addition the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget's preparation reflects the principles of Council's Charter of Good Governance:

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Equity and Inclusion
- Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Community Engagement
- Ethical Decision Making

This Budget projects a surplus of \$11.44 million for 2016/17, however, it should be noted that the adjusted underlying result is a surplus of \$6.71 million after adjusting for capital grants and contributions.

The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget presents a financially sound budget that maintains all services from the previous year. This budget is balanced and community focused. The average rate will rise by 2.5% in line with the order by the Minister for Local Government on 14 December 2015 under the Fair Go Rates System.

Key drivers of the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget:

1. To fund ongoing service delivery – business as usual (balanced with greater service demands from residents)
2. To fund renewal of infrastructure and community assets
3. To cope with growth in the population of Darebin residents
4. To cope with cost shifting from the State Government
5. To cope with a reduction in funding from the Commonwealth Government via the Victoria Grants Commission caused by their freezing of indexation of the grant.

This will be a revaluation year. Valuations will be as per the General Revaluation dated 1 January 2016 (as amended by supplementary valuations).

The Victorian State Government has introduced a new model budget which includes mandatory sections for 2016/2017. The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget adheres to this model.

Council has been in discussions with the Department of Sport and Recreation relating to its agreement with Football Federation Victoria and the State Government relating to the provision of a synthetic surface for football at John Cain Park. This is being considered in the context of the mutual obligations of all parties. Currently, it appears that Football Federation Victoria is not meeting their obligations under the agreement and licence. Officers will work with Football Federation Victoria and bring a report to Council for their consideration of this matter.

Accordingly, the draft budget does not include a budget estimate of \$800,000 for these works.

Discussions will continue with the department in the coming weeks relating to this potential requirement and a council direction may be required at the adoption of the budget.

Financial and Resource Implications

All matters raised in this report which have a financial implication have been reflected in the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget.

Risk Management

The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget is prepared in the context of minimising and mitigating the risks associated with Council's delivery of services and infrastructure to the community.

Policy Implications

The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget has been prepared to give financial effect in the coming year to the objectives set out in the proposed Council Plan 2013-2017 and Strategic Resource Plan.

Economic Development

Economic development activities proposed for 2016/2017 include maintenance of Wifi in retail strips, activation of vacant shops, working with local trader and business associations to help them improve business performance, and with neighbouring municipalities to develop and implement regional economic growth.

Environmental Sustainability

The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget continues Council's funding of environmental operations in a range of areas including waste collection and recycling services, street cleaning, litter collection, park and sporting field maintenance and improvements in the context of drought, water-saving and energy efficiency measures. Funding has also been included to enhance Council's active work with the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

The Council Plan 2013-2017 contains a number of policy directions specifically designed to reflect Council's commitment to social inclusion and diversity, and the Proposed Budget has been prepared in this context.

Council has proposed to maintain the \$150 rate rebate provided to over 11,000 eligible Darebin pensioners.

Other

The 2016/2017 Proposed Budget has been prepared to give financial effect in the coming year to the objectives set out in the proposed Council Plan 2013-2017 and Strategic Resource Plan.

Future Actions

- Advertising of the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget in The Age of 4 May 2016, with Northcote and Preston Leader newspapers
- Two community information sessions will be held in the Darebin Civic Centre, 350 High Street Preston at:
 - 1.00 pm on 17 May 2016 and
 - 6.30 pm on 19 May 2016
- The closing date for submissions in relation to the Budget is Wednesday 3 June 2016 at 5:00 pm
- The Hearing of Submissions Committee will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2016 in the Darebin Council Chamber, 350 High Street Preston to hear any submitters who, in their written submission, request to be heard in support of their submission in relation to the Budget
- Adoption of the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget in its final form at a Special meeting of Council on 27 June 2016.

Consultation and Advocacy

- Councillors
- Chief Executive
- Directors
- Managers and Coordinators

Related Documents

- 2016/2017 Proposed Budget (**Appendix A**)
- Council Plan 2013-2017
- 2016/2017 Rating Strategy
- 2016-2020 Strategic Resource Plan

Disclosure of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

6.3 MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS POLICY – PROPOSAL TO ERECT A MEMORIAL TO WILLIAM RUTHVEN VC AT RUTHVEN RESERVE

Author: Manager Leisure and Public Realm

Reviewed By: Director, Community Development

Report Background

Darebin RSL has presented Council with a submission to place a memorial to William Ruthven VC at Ruthven Reserve. Council's Monuments and Memorials Policy nominates that any monument or memorial must be approved by a motion of Council. This report presents information on the proposed memorial for consideration by Council.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Darebin Monuments and Memorials Policy.

Summary

A monument for William Ruthven VC has been proposed by the Darebin RSL to be located near the new pavilion at Ruthven Reserve. This memorial is intended to commemorate William Ruthven VC's actions leading to his being awarded the Victoria Cross medal and his political contributions following his return from service.

This report assesses the request against requirements under Council's Monuments and Memorials Policy to determine if the proposal is in line with the policy.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorse in principle the proposal to erect a memorial to William Ruthven VC at Ruthven Reserve and liaise with the Darebin RSL in relation to:
 - a) Site and engineering assessments and certifications.
 - b) Achieving written permissions from any above or below ground asset owners.
 - c) Installation Plan.
 - d) A proof of the image and proposed wording for the plaque and monument.
 - e) Consultation with stakeholders, residents and user groups of Ruthven Reserve.

- (2) Receive a further report at the conclusion of the planning and consultation stages that provides a final proof of the image and then proposed wording for the plaque and monument.
 - (3) Note that the Darebin RSL will provide the necessary funding for the proposal. There is no cost to Council.
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Introduction

The Darebin RSL has proposed a memorial to William Ruthven VC to be located in Ruthven Reserve near the renovated pavilion.

Issues and Discussion

Proposal for memorial to William Ruthven.

The Darebin RSL's proposal for a monument to William Ruthven VC is to create an etched black granite plaque incorporating an image of William Ruthven VC in his World War 1 uniform alongside a summary of the action that led to his award of the Victoria Cross (VC) by King George V in 1918. The proposed plaque would also recognize the post war contribution by William Ruthven VC to the then City of Preston and Reservoir as the longest standing local member of the Victorian parliament. The full proposal as submitted is attached (**Appendix A**).

The proposed plaque would be either set into a natural rock or stoneware recreated rock situated in the existing natural gravel and native grass garden bed alongside the pavilion. The granite and rock would tie in with the natural setting and other rocks scattered throughout the landscape at the reserve.

If a suitable rock cannot be located, a rock will be recreated out of stoneware that is the approximate colour of the gravel garden bed and path. The proposed location for the memorial is in the existing landscaped garden beds directly adjacent to the pavilion at Ruthven Reserve.

The proposed plaque would be approximately 600 x 400mm and set into a rock that would accommodate the size of the plaque and which would set it about approximately 600-700mm above the ground.

Funding for the memorial

The RSL will provide the necessary funding for the proposal. There is no cost to Council.

Maintenance of the memorial

There would be little to no ongoing maintenance required as all materials are designed to withstand a lifetime in an external environment.

Compliance with the Monuments and Memorials

The proposed memorial commemorates both a person, William Ruthven, and an event, his being awarded the Victoria Cross (VC) medal - a military decoration awarded for valour "in the presence of the enemy". Ruthven was one of only 64 service people from World War 1 awarded the Victoria Cross making it a rare and prestigious honour.

As the recipient of the VC medal, Ruthven made a significant contribution to the cultural heritage of Darebin and Victoria through his military and political service. The understanding of and significance of military contributions such as VC medal recipients, is timeless as military service is a historic and contemporary part of modern life.

Other than the reserve that bears his name, William Ruthven is not commemorated elsewhere in the Municipality.

The selection of natural materials and the location proposed in an existing garden bed near the pavilion is in keeping with the aesthetic and function of the public open space and will add understanding to how the reserve and pavilion got its name.

The proposal is compliant with the policy and will complement the existing conditions at the reserve. Further, William Ruthven is a figure of significance to local and national military heritage making a monument or memorial appropriate. The RSL has agreed to be responsible for the cost of the memorial and the low maintenance requirements make the selected materials appropriate.

Because the wording of the plaque has not been finalised, a proof of the image and wording of the plaque should be provided to Council before the plaque is commissioned.

Options for Consideration

Provide the Darebin RSL with in principle approval for the commission of a monument to commemorate William Ruthven VC at Ruthven Reserve. Before unconditional approval is given, Darebin RSL is to present Council with:

- Through assessment of the site inclusive of the location of any above ground and below ground services.
- Written permissions from any above or below ground asset owners like Telstra, Jemena etcetera.
- An installation plan showing how the monument will be brought into the site causing no damage to any Council assets, above or below ground services or existing infrastructure.
- An engineer's certification showing the construction detail for the memorial noting all dimensions, footings and materials for the monument.
- A proof of the image and wording for the plaque and monument.
- Evidence of consultation with stakeholders, residents and user groups of Ruthven Reserve.

Financial and Resource Implications

Council has no financial responsibility with this project as all costs will be borne by the Darebin RSL.

Risk Management

As part of the installation of the memorial, Darebin RSL's contractors will be required to do a full site assessment inclusive of survey of above ground and underground services before implementing any part of the memorial. This assessment will include a plan for accessing the site and installing the monument without damaging any existing assets.

Consultation with the community and user groups should be undertaken to ensure understanding of and knowledge of the monument.

Policy Implications

Economic Development

Improvements to the aesthetics of parks and opens spaces has a positive impact on economic development.

Environmental Sustainability

Use of local contractors and materials will be encouraged in the realisation of the project.

Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion

Consultation with the local community and user groups should be undertaken by the RSL as part of this proposal.

Other

There are no other factors which impact on this report.

Future Actions

Obtain information regarding installation details, site constraints and consultation from the Darebin RSL.

Consultation and Advocacy

Darebin RSL will be responsible for consultation with stakeholders, park users and residents.

Related Documents

Darebin Monuments and Memorials Policy

Disclosure of Interest

Section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires members of Council staff and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

The Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

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

Nil

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 PROMOTING GREATER INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING WITH SCHOOL VISITS TO THE ISLAMIC MUSEUM

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 277

CR. TIM LAURENCE

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 2 May 2016 it is my intention to move:

That the Mayor write to the Principals, and relevant parent committees and school councils of all the State and Independent Schools in the Darebin inviting them:

- (1) *To visit the Islamic Museum in Anderson Street Thornbury for themselves, if they have not already visited, to see firsthand the value this unique Darebin-located museum can offer students.*
- (2) *To consider a program of student excursions to the museum to build greater Interfaith understanding in our community and greater harmony in our next generation of Darebin citizens.*

Notice Received: 18 April 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 26 April 2016

Date of Meeting: 2 May 2016

8.2 STOP THE WORLD'S LARGEST LANDFILL IN RAVENHALL

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 278

CR. TIM LAURENCE

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 2 May 2016, it is my intention to move:

That the Mayor write to the Premier, the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Planning urging them to not approve the expansion of the Ravenhall landfill that would make it 'the World's largest tip', and instead consider planning controls and energy polices to promote European-style 'waste-to-energy' solutions with strict emissions controls as suggested the former Mayor of Darebin and current Member of Kororoit, Ms Kairouz.

Notice Received: 18 April 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 26 April 2016

Date of Meeting: 2 May 2016

8.3 GREATER GRESSWELL FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION PLAN TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF LOCAL KANGAROO POPULATIONS

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 279

CR. TIM LAURENCE

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 2 May 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) Notes with alarm the recent health issues affecting Kangaroos in Gresswell Wildlife Reserve and the community concern caused by the now abandoned State Government Kangaroo cull. Council therefore resolves to develop a Greater Gresswell Forest land management and Kangaroo and Wildlife protection plan to protect the health and welfare of local Kangaroo populations by strengthening vegetation protections and by putting in place legal protections to preserve in perpetuity the wildlife movements and Kangaroo feeding places within the network of Gresswell Forest-linked parklands that are within the city of Darebin.*
- (2) Council notes that these parklands in the Darebin LGA, namely the Gresswell Hill area, the Strathallan Golf course, the Habitat link, the Gresswell Grange Lakes and La Trobe Universities bushland areas, are larger than the current Gresswell Wildlife Reserve and collectively form a vital habitat for Kangaroo populations.*
- (3) Officers report back to Council with an outline for a health and welfare plan to assist in preserving the Kangaroo population on 6 June 2016.*

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

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

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11. PETITIONS

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 Strategic Workshop – 4 April 2016
- Councillor Briefing Session – 11 April 2016
- Darebin Environment Reference Group – 13 April 2016
- Darebin Education Committee – 18 April 2016
- Councillor Strategic Workshop – 18 April 2016

Recommendation

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 4, 11, 13 and 18 April 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Strategic Workshop
	Date:	Monday 4 April 2016
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh, Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Bo Li, Cr Trent McCarthy, Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Julie Williams,(from 5.58 pm).
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev, Steve Hamilton, Katrina Knox, Jacinta Stevens, Darren Rudd and Joanne Cuscaden (5.45 pm to 6.25 pm), Nathan Moresi (5.45 pm to 6.35 pm), Dave Bell (from 6.06 pm), Chris Meulblok (from 6.15 pm).
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Tim Laurence, Cr. Gaetano Greco (Leave of absence)

The Assembly commenced at 5.45 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Councillor/Chief Executive Discussion - Deferred to 18 April 2016.	No disclosures were made.
2.	CONFIDENTIAL - Planning Scheme Amendment C137, St Georges Road (Verbal)	No disclosures were made.
3.	Amendment C156 – Residential Planning Zones	No disclosures were made. Cr. Villella absent from 6.06 pm - 6.11 pm
4.	St Georges Road – M40 Project (Verbal)	No disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas absent from 6.10 pm – 6.30pm Cr. Walsh absent from 6.16 pm – 6.31 pm
5.	Right of Way Policy Workshop (Verbal)	No disclosures were made. Cr. Villella left the meeting at 6.44 pm
6.	Update on Grade Separations	No disclosures were made.
7.	Reservoir Streetscape Masterplan	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 6.49 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Katrina Knox
	Officer Title:	Director Community Development



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title: Councillor Briefing Session Date: Monday 11 April 2016 Location: Function Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors: Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh – from (5.40 pm), Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Tim Laurence, Cr. Angela Villella (from 6.05 pm) and Cr. Trent McCarthy (from 6.10pm). Council Staff: Rasiah Dev, Steve Hamilton, Gavin Cator, Katrina Knox, Alexis Young, , Darren Rudd (5.35 pm - 6.45 pm), Nathan Moresi (5.50 pm – 6.05 pm). Other: Kate Oliver, Maddocks Lawyers (5.35 pm to 6.50 pm). Rob McGauran, Katherine Sundermand, MGS Architects, Hugh Lu, Urbis and Tim Pearce, CEL Australia (5.35 pm to 5.55 pm).
APOLOGIES:	Cr. Julie Williams.

The Assembly commenced at 5.35pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Separation Street Industrial Land Development Proposal (Verbal)	No disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh absent from 5.43 pm - 5.45 pm
2.	Children's Crossing – Clyde Street, Thornbury (Verbal)	No disclosures were made
3.	St Georges Road Update (Verbal)	No disclosures were made.
4.	Handling of Confidential Information Training	No disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh absent from 6.13 pm to 6.16 pm and 6.45 pm to 6.47 pm Cr. Tsitas absent from 6.32 pm to 6.55 pm
5.	OurSay – NDIS Consultation Update	No disclosures were made.
6.	Terms of Reference Submission to the Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee (MRDAC)	No disclosures were made.
7.	Status Report on Outstanding Reports and General Business Items	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 7.00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Katrina Knox
	Officer Title:	Director Community Development



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Environment Reference Group
	Date	Wednesday 13 April 2016
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Council Offices
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Trent McCarthy
	Council Staff:	Libby Hynes, Gavin Mountjoy and Anna Haygreen
	Other:	Community members.
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Steven Tsitas

The Assembly commenced at 7:05 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Welcome	No disclosures were made.
2.	Assembly of Councillors	No disclosures were made.
3.	Climate Change Review	No disclosures were made.
4.	Sustainable Living Expo reflections	No disclosures were made.
5.	Council budget process	No disclosures were made.
6.	General issues included discussion of previous Council minutes and project updates	No disclosures were made.
7.	A community member asked if DERG could write a letter of support for a planning permit submission recently advertised	As Cr. McCarthy is a member of the Planning Committee, he left the meeting prior to discussion of the item at 8.50pm and returned after the discussion was complete at 8.53 pm.

The Assembly concluded at 9.10 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Anna Haygreen
	Officer Title:	Environmental Education and Promotions Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Education Committee
	Date:	Monday April 18 2016
	Location:	Pearl Room, Darebin Intercultural Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Bo Li
	Council Staff:	Cheryl Hermence, Wendy Dinning, Jackie Mansourian
	Other:	Principals from various Darebin schools, including Kingsbury Primary, Reservoir East Primary, Westgarth Primary, William Ruthven Secondary College, Croxton School, Pavilion School, East Preston Islamic College Representative from Department of Education and Training (North West area) and INLLEN
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Gaetano Greco

The Assembly commenced at 4.00 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	School initiatives under new Victorian model for improving students outcomes	No disclosures were made
2	Darebin Council initiatives and advocacy since November 2015 DEC meeting	No disclosures were made
3	Sharing news and initiatives	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 6.15 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Jackie Mansourian
	Officer Title:	Community Renewal Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title: Councillor Strategic Workshop Date: Monday 18 April 2016 Location: Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors: Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (from 5.41 pm), Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Tim Laurence, Cr. Gaetano Greco and Cr. Bo Li (from 6.05 pm). Council Staff: Rasiah Dev, Steve Hamilton, Gavin Cator, Katrina Knox, Jacinta Stevens, Allan Cochrane, Dave Bell (from 6.00 pm). Other:
APOLOGIES:	

The Assembly commenced at 5.39 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Junction Urban Master Plan.	No disclosures were made.
2.	2016/2017 Budget Briefing	No disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas absent from 6.20 pm to 6.29 pm and left the meeting at 6.50 pm. Cr. Walsh absent from 6.29 pm to 6.30 pm and 6.35 pm to 6.40 pm and left the meeting at 6.45 pm. Cr. Laurence left the meeting at 6.45 pm. Cr. Villella left the meeting at 6.50 pm.

The Assembly concluded at 6.51 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name: Katrina Knox Officer Title: Director Community Development
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13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Recommendation

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSE OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr.

SECONDED: Cr.

That in accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to contractual, legal, personnel and governance matters:

14.1 CT 201535 Reservoir Retail Centre Footpath Upgrade

14.2 CT 201530 Junction Urban Master Plan (JUMP) Implementation Project

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr.

SECONDED: Cr.

That the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.

CONFIDENTIAL**14.1 CT 201535 RESERVOIR RETAIL CENTRE FOOTPATH UPGRADE**

Author: Manager Major Projects and Infrastructure

Reviewed By: Director Assets and Business Services

Report Background

This report summarises the tender process, including the tender responses, tender evaluation and assessment process and recommends the award of a contract to a suitable contractor to undertake the Reservoir Retail Centre Footpath Upgrade project.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter is not the subject of a previous Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- 'Better Streets, Better Living', Reservoir Streetscape Masterplan, 2014
- Reservoir Identity Study, 2014
- Reservoir 2030 - The Reservoir Structure Plan, 2012

Summary

The upgrade of the footpaths in the Reservoir retail centre will respond to the actions outlined in the Reservoir Streetscape Masterplan.

Recommendation

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tenderer(s) name and contract period.

CONFIDENTIAL**14.2 CT 201530 JUNCTION URBAN MASTER PLAN (JUMP) IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

Author: Manager Major Projects and Infrastructure

Reviewed By: Director Assets and Business Services

Report Background

This report summarises the tender process, including the tender responses, tender evaluation and assessment process and recommends the award of a contract to a suitable contractor to undertake the JUMP Implementation Project – High Street Preston.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Junction Urban Master Plan - From Pavement to Place, 2014

Summary

The upgrade of High Street Preston will respond to the actions outlined in the Junction Urban Master Plan (JUMP). The works will also respond directly to the requests of the community to improve perception/actual safety, usability and aesthetic of the JUMP precinct.

Traffic calming devices such as the central median, kerb outstands, pedestrian thresholds and landscaping, will support slower speed travel and encourage a safer public space for pedestrians and cyclists. The proposed changes also provide opportunities for outdoor dining, increased shade, improved amenity and create a more vibrant public realm for the community.

Recommendation

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tenderer(s) name and contract period.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING