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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2016**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr Bo Li

Cr Trent McCarthy

Cr Steven Tsitas

Cr Angela Villella

Cr Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive

Katrina Knox – Director Community Development

Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services

Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance

Dave Bell – Senior Media Advisor

Jody Brodribb – Acting Coordinator Council Business

Karlee Gray – Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Gaetano Greco is on an approved leave of absence.

An apology was lodged on behalf of Cr. Laurence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21 March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Cr. Walsh to make a formal apology.

CARRIED

Cr. Walsh made a formal apology to Council and the Community in relation to the comments he made during agenda Item 6.6 – DECC Community Monument of the Council Meeting held on 21 March 2016.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas

That Standing Orders be resumed

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**MINUTE NO. 155**

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

- Kathleen Marsh of Macleod asked questions relating to:
 - Parking restrictions in the estate to include Hideway Turn; and
 - The status of the letter written to La Trobe University regarding the colorbond fence at La Trobe University Sanctuary Gate 9.

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised that a written response would be provided.

- Serina O'Meley of Reservoir asked a question regarding Councils response to comments raised by Cr. Walsh regarding the aboriginal genocide. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question and advised that a written response would also be provided.
- Keith Coffey of Reservoir asked a question regarding the removal of tree branches. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised that a written response would be provided.
- Damien Kingsbury of Thornbury asked questions relating to:
 - Comments raised by Cr. Walsh regarding the aboriginal genocide and telephone and taxi expenses incurred by Councillors. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question and advised that a written response would be provided.
 - Telephone and taxi expenses incurred by Councillors. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised that a written response would be provided.

6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6.1 FUNDING FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

MINUTE NO. 156

Author: Manager Children, Families and Community

Reviewed By: Director Community Development

Report Background

The report outlines the current funding provided to Neighbourhood Houses, as well as that provided to the Darebin Volunteer Information and Resource Centre and Darebin Community Legal Centre and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC), and the financial considerations for a CPI increase commencing 2016/2017. The report also outlines a request from the Alphington Community Centre to increase their funding to parity with the other Houses to respond to their existing and emerging service gaps.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 1 February 2016, Council resolved:

'That Council:

....

- (4) *Receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 budget process regarding the funding arrangement for neighbourhood houses and the potential to look at a CPI based increase per annum.'*

Previous Briefings

Briefings on the funding provided to Neighbourhood Houses and other Community organisations were provided in 2015 for the 2015/2016 budget process.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal 2: Healthy and Connected Community

Summary

Neighbourhood Houses, Darebin Volunteer Information and Resource Centre (DIVRS), the Darebin Community Legal Centre and DECC are currently funded on annual service agreements to deliver a range of services to Darebin's most disadvantaged residents. No increase to the annual funding has been applied since July 2014. The application of a 2.5% increase as part of the 2016/2017 budget would require an additional \$9,973.

Further to this, to respond to the existing and projected service needs for their catchment area, Alphington Community Centre (ACC) is seeking an increase in their annual funding to parity with the other Houses, commencing 2016/2017. Further resources would be required if ACC was to also receive a funding increase effective 2016/2017.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Apply a 2.5% funding increase for the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network, Darebin Volunteer Information and Resource Centre, Darebin Community Legal Centre and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council for the 2016/2017 year, with subsequent increases to be based on CPI.
- (2) Increase Alphington Community Centre's funding from 50% to 75% of the per annum amount allocated to other Houses from 2016/2017.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Apply a 2.5% funding increase for the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network, Darebin Volunteer Information and Resource Centre, Darebin Community Legal Centre and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council for the 2016/2017 year, with subsequent increases to be based on CPI.
- (2) Increase Alphington Community Centre's funding from 50% to 75% of the per annum amount allocated to other Houses from 2016/2017.

Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover that point (2) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Villella.

- (2) Increase Alphington Community Centre's funding from 50% to **100%** of the per annum amount allocated to other Houses from 2016/2017.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Apply a 2.5% funding increase for the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network, Darebin Volunteer Information and Resource Centre, Darebin Community Legal Centre and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council for the 2016/2017 year, with subsequent increases to be based on CPI.
- (2) Increase Alphington Community Centre's funding from 50% to 100% of the per annum amount allocated to other Houses from 2016/2017.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella

SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (3) Apply a 2.5% funding increase for the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network, Darebin Volunteer Information and Resource Centre, Darebin Community Legal Centre and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council for the 2016/2017 year, with subsequent increases to be based on CPI.
- (4) Increase Alphington Community Centre's funding from 50% to 100% of the per annum amount allocated to other Houses from 2016/2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2**DAREBIN RAIL LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS****MINUTE NO. 157****Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

In January 2016, the State Government formally announced its commitment to commence construction works in 2018 on three level crossing removals in Darebin, namely:

- Grange Rd, Fairfield;
- Bell St, Preston; and
- High St, Reservoir.

This is a welcome announcement and follows years of Council-led advocacy to the State Government to prioritise the removal of dangerous level crossings in Darebin. These level crossings significantly hinder the flow of traffic, impede pedestrian and cyclist mobility, disconnect communities, constrain productivity and undermine the expansion and improvement of public transport services along the South Morang and Hurstbridge lines.

Council understands that community consultation will shortly commence at all three locations (between March and April 2016) with door knocks, letter box drops and pamphlets distributed to commuters at stations. The consultation will be led by the Level Crossing Rail Authority (LXRA) - the State Government Authority established to manage and deliver these projects.

This Report details the LXRA timelines for consultation at all three locations and how Council will be promoting this, to ensure wide notice and broad community involvement.

Council Officers are working closely and constructively with the LXRA and other stakeholders – such as landholders and institutions adjacent to the level crossing removal sites - to ensure community benefits and public investment from these significant projects are maximised. This work, through the “Darebin Connect” project, will enable Council to arrive at an informed evidence based view on level crossing removal options in order to advocate for the best options on our community’s behalf. This is achieved through the following:

- Investigating the urban design, public realm, safety and connectivity opportunities and enhancements that can be achieved through level crossing removal at all the sites and advocating for exemplary design and community outcomes with the LXRA;
- Promoting LXRA consultation activities and opportunities for community involvement through Council’s news channels; and
- Investigating the feasibility of additional grade separations to occur along the South Morang corridor to test if there can be greater economies of scale and to ensure that the grade separations being undertaken by the LXRA future proof further grade separation projects. This scope of works will consider broader urban development, transport and community improvements opportunities.

Officers will report back in late May on the progress of these activities and will continue to keep Council informed of the LXRA consultation activities in coming months.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter has not previously been the subject of a Council resolution.

Previous Briefings

- 22 February 2016
- 15 March 2016

Council Plan Goals

- (1) Promote an innovative, vibrant and thriving economy with physical infrastructure that is both well maintained and appropriately regulated.
- (2) Develop a strong physical, social and economic environment that supports and enhances the health and well-being of all Darebin residents.

Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Note the work underway through the 'Darebin Connect' project to maximise the public and community benefits from the level crossing removal projects at Grange Rd, Fairfield, Bell St, Preston and High St, Reservoir and to investigate the feasibility of additional grade separations along the South Morang rail corridor in Darebin.
- (2) Note the anticipated consultation activities by the State Government Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) and the opportunities for community involvement.
- (3) Note that Officers will report back in April and late May on the progress of 'Darebin Connect' and will continue to keep Council informed of the LXRA consultation activities in coming months.

Motion**MOVED: Cr. B. Li****SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy****That Council:**

- (1) Note the work underway through the 'Darebin Connect' project to maximise the public and community benefits from the level crossing removal projects at Grange Rd, Fairfield, Bell St, Preston and High St, Reservoir and to investigate the feasibility of additional grade separations along the South Morang rail corridor in Darebin.
- (2) Note the anticipated consultation activities by the State Government Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) and the opportunities for community involvement.
- (3) Note that Officers will report back in April and late May on the progress of 'Darebin Connect' and will continue to keep Council informed of the LXRA consultation activities in coming months.

*Cr. Tsitas proposed to the mover and the seconder that point (1) be amended as follows:
This was accepted by Cr. Li and Cr. McCarthy.*

- (1) Note the work underway through the 'Darebin Connect' project to maximise the public and community benefits from the level crossing removal projects at Grange Rd, Fairfield, Bell St, Preston and High St, Reservoir and to investigate the feasibility of additional grade separations along the South Morang rail corridor in Darebin **and alternative funding sources to be considered by the Government for the City of Darebin.**

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Note the work underway through the 'Darebin Connect' project to maximise the public and community benefits from the level crossing removal projects at Grange Rd, Fairfield, Bell St, Preston and High St, Reservoir and to investigate the feasibility of additional grade separations along the South Morang rail corridor in Darebin and alternative funding sources to be considered by the Government for the City of Darebin.
- (2) Note the anticipated consultation activities by the State Government Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) and the opportunities for community involvement.
- (3) Note that Officers will report back in April and late May on the progress of 'Darebin Connect' and will continue to keep Council informed of the LXRA consultation activities in coming months.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li

SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Note the work underway through the 'Darebin Connect' project to maximise the public and community benefits from the level crossing removal projects at Grange Rd, Fairfield, Bell St, Preston and High St, Reservoir and to investigate the feasibility of additional grade separations along the South Morang rail corridor in Darebin and alternative funding sources to be considered by the Government for the City of Darebin.
- (2) Note the anticipated consultation activities by the State Government Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) and the opportunities for community involvement.
- (3) Note that Officers will report back in April and late May on the progress of 'Darebin Connect' and will continue to keep Council informed of the LXRA consultation activities in coming months.

CARRIED

6.3 AMENDMENT C156 – REQUEST OF MINISTERIAL AMENDMENT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE**MINUTE NO. 158****Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report outlines the justification for Amendment C156 which aims to ensure a balanced application of the new residential zones is achieved in the municipality. Council has responded to all of the requirements for a Ministerial Amendment in a manner that is reasonable to increase the area of Neighbourhood Residential Zone in the Municipality.

Previous Council Resolution

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

Previous Briefing(s)

- Council Briefing 15 February 2016 and
- Council Briefing 15 March 2016

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

- Council Plan 2013-2017 Goal 1: A vibrant city and innovative economy. Promote an innovative, vibrant and thriving economy with physical infrastructure that is both well maintained and appropriately regulated.
- Endorsed Strategy: Darebin Housing Strategy 2013.

Summary

- Darebin Planning Scheme Amendment C156 has been prepared and is proposed as a new request for a Ministerial Amendment.
- This follows Council writing to the Minister and a meeting held between the Mayor, CEO and the Minister in relation to Amendment C152 and the refusal to deliver a zoning arrangement that would have better protected 65% of residential land from more intense development.
- Following the meeting with the Minister, Council has been offered the opportunity to address the issues raised by the Residential Zones Standing Advisory Committee (RZSAC) in relation to its consideration of the first residential zones roll-out through amendment C144.
- This led to a third process for the implementation of the new residential zones in Darebin that will potentially see an increase in Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ1) in Darebin to approximately 30% of residential land (up from the current 11.5%).
- The Amendment is based on a previous Planning Scheme Amendment C144, which was completed as the first step in a staged approach to introduce the New Residential Zones as part of the Residential Zones Standard Advisory Committee (RZSAC) Stage 1 process. A number of areas were not supported for the NRZ due to their superior public transport access and the perceived lack of justification for a special identified character.

- This planning scheme amendment is proposed without further public exhibition and is proposed to be submitted directly to the Minister for Planning for consideration.
- The Ministerial Amendment process would avoid the costs of a full planning scheme amendment.
- The State Government initiatives Plan Melbourne Refresh and the state government's residential zones review are relevant to this Ministerial Amendment as it assists to address more urgent gaps, errors and inconsistencies in the application of NRZ1 to Darebin.
- Having exhibited under Amendment C144, full notice is not required given Council has already been through a number of public exhibition processes including C138 and C144, hence eliminating the costs of a full planning scheme amendment.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Endorse proposed Amendment C156 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) Endorse the attached map *Amendment C156 – Existing and Proposed NRZ1* (attached as **Appendix A**) as the revised zone interpretation of the Darebin Housing Change Framework from the *Darebin Housing Strategy 2013*.
- (3) Endorse the *Amendment C156 – Rationale Report* as the key supporting document to Amendment C156 as attached in **Appendix B**.
- (4) Request the Minister for Planning to introduce Amendment C156 to the Darebin Planning Scheme under Section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, to rezone additional areas of the municipality in accordance with **Appendices A, B, and C** of this report.
- (5) Authorise the Manager City Development to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to Amendment C156 prior to lodgement with the Minister for Planning.
- (6) Request the Minister for Planning to consult with Council officers on any changes proposed to the documents submitted as part of Amendment C156.
- (7) Authorise the Manager City Development to make changes to the Amendment in consultation with the Minister for Planning.

CARRIED

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 7.39 pm and returned at 7.44 pm.

Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager, Corporate Governance and Performance temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 7.41 pm and returned at 7.42 pm.

**6.4 PROPOSED DOG OFF LEAD AREA IN JOHNSON PARK
NORTHCOTE****MINUTE NO. 159****Author:** Manager Economic Development and Civic Compliance**Reviewed By:** Director Corporate Services**Report Background**

A petition signed by 424 residents requesting the creation of an off lead area in Johnson Park, Northcote has been received by Council.

In response it was recommended that the northern area of the park, which has no formal recreational usage, be considered for designation as an off lead area and that Council invite submissions in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* from the community regarding the proposed changes.

This report is in response to the resolution dated 23 November 2016.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 23 November 2015 the Council resolved:

That Council:

- (1) *Designate the northern area of Johnson Park as an off-lead area.*
- (2) *Write to surrounding residents and publish a public notice in local newspapers inviting submissions from the community regarding the proposed change to the off-lead designation at Johnson Park, Northcote.*
- (3) *Note submissions will be in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and are to be submitted by a date which is not less than 28 days after the date on which the notice is published.*
- (4) *Capital works and safety works be referred to this year's capital works budget: eg fencing and other safety treatments/child safety.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

- 24 August 2015 - Council Briefing Session
- 15 March 2016 - Hearing of Submissions

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

There are a number of shared goals in the Council Plan which support the strategic direction of the Order under the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*.

Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods

- Protect and enhance biodiversity, natural and cultural heritage assets, wildlife corridors, local forests, waterways and the built and natural heritage areas.
- Develop policies to encourage the ethical treatment of all animals and to support responsible pet ownership.

Excellent Service

- Create a business culture that focuses on customer service and the provision of timely and meaningful responses to community needs and requests; and analyse all customer feedback, using it as an opportunity to improve the quality of our services.

Summary

Letters were sent out to residents within 1 km radius of the park surrounding Johnson Park on 14 January 2016, as well as advertisements in the Preston and Northcote Leader on 12 and 13 January 2016 respectively, inviting residents to make a submission to Council's proposal to designate the northern area of Johnson Park as a dog off-lead area. Residents had until 12 February 2016 to lodge their written submissions.

Sixteen submissions have been received which includes ten against the proposal and five in support, with one submitter providing general comment regarding enforcement (neither supports or objects) for the proposal to designate the northern area of Johnson Park as off lead.

The main concerns expressed by the submitters related to the safety of children, pedestrians and cyclists using the paths through the Park. The common recommendation from the submitters was that the area would need to be fenced in order to address the identified issues. Also, seven submitters questioned whether there would be sufficient enforcement if the park were to be made off-lead. Those that were in support of the proposal suggested that an off lead park would provide for greater friendships amongst people using the park, avoid having to drive dogs to nearby off lead parks and would lead to positive health benefits.

Recommendation

THAT Council:

- (1) Designate the northern area of Johnson Park as a dog off lead area.
- (2) Resolve the dog off lead area is fenced in order to address the concerns of residents in relation to public safety.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That Council defer the matter to receive options, as soon as possible regarding designated times for off-lead access periods.

CARRIED

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

7.1 DAREBIN PUBLIC TOILET STRATEGY ADOPTION

MINUTE NO. 160

Author: Manager Leisure and Public Realm

Reviewed By: Director Community Development

Report Background

In 1999, a draft strategy was developed for the provision of public toilets throughout the municipality entitled "Provision and Management of Public Toilets in the City of Darebin". This draft was not adopted by Council.

The draft *Darebin Public Toilet Strategy 2015-2025* has been developed following consultation with key internal stakeholders and the Darebin community. The draft Strategy is now ready for adoption.

Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 18 May 2015, Council resolved:

'That Council:

- (1) *Release The Draft Darebin Public Toilet Strategy for consultation with the Darebin community and key stakeholders.*
- (2) *Receive the final Darebin Public Toilet Strategy inclusive of community feedback for adoption in August 2015.'*

Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Darebin Public Toilet Strategy is led by the Darebin City Council Plan 2013 - 2017 and takes into account other relevant strategies and guiding documents including:

- City of Darebin Open Space Strategy (2010 - 2020)
- City of Darebin Playspace Strategy (2007 - 2017)
- City of Darebin Environmental Design Guidelines (ESD)
- City of Darebin Retail Activity Centres Strategy (2005)
- City of Darebin Outdoor Sports Venues Infrastructure Policy (2013)
- City of Darebin Outdoor Sports Venues Infrastructure Priority Plan (2013)
- City of Darebin Graffiti Management Strategy (2014)
- City of Darebin Access and Inclusion Plan (2014 - 2018)
- City of Darebin Community Safety Strategy (2012 - 2016)
- City of Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan (2013 - 2017)

- City of Darebin Development and Employment (2012 - 2115)

Summary

The City of Darebin currently has 58 public toilet facilities spread across the municipality with the oldest being the Beavers Road toilet constructed in 1925 and the newest being the All Nations Exeloo constructed in 2001. A lack of a dedicated budget for renewal and maintenance of public toilet blocks; changes in accessibility requirements; and general wear and tear over time have led to the physical deterioration of many of Darebin's public toilet facilities. The *Darebin Public Toilet Strategy 2015-2025* presents key policy directions and guidelines to direct public toilet design and upgrade in Darebin up to 2025.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Vilella
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council endorse the *Darebin Public Toilet Strategy 2015-2025* and consider actions as part of future capital budget cycles.

CARRIED

Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 7.56 pm and returned at 7.59 pm.

Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 7.59 pm and returned at 8.00 pm.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Note: This Notice of Motion was deferred from the Council Meeting held on 21 March 2016.

8.1 MURALS AT RUBIE THOMSON RESERVE AND SMITH STREET, COLLINGWOOD

MINUTE NO. 170

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 275

CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 21 March 2016, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Express dismay at the ongoing vandalism and tagging of the 'Youth' mural at Rubie Thomson Reserve, Northcote and the 'Northcote Women' mural in Smith Street, Fitzroy.*
- (2) *Consults with Megan Evans, Eve Glenn and other artists associated with these murals along with Darebin residents, Darebin Arts Ambassadors, Yarra City Council (specifically in relation to the 'Northcote Women' mural located in Fitzroy) and other stakeholders to explore the potential for restoration, recreation and/or re-imagination of each mural, drawing on Council's experience with the Northcote Koorie mural in St Georges Road. Councillors should also be invited to participate in this consultation process.*
- (3) *Receives a report on the results of this consultation process and the options available to Council by August 2016.*

Notice Received:

7 March 2016

Notice Given to Councillors:

11 March 2016

Date of Meeting:

4 April 2016

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council:

- (1) *Express dismay at the ongoing vandalism and tagging of the 'Youth' mural at Rubie Thomson Reserve, Northcote and the 'Northcote Women' mural in Smith Street, Fitzroy.*
- (2) *Consults with Megan Evans, Eve Glenn and other artists associated with these murals along with Darebin residents, Darebin Arts Ambassadors, Yarra City Council (specifically in relation to the 'Northcote Women' mural located in Fitzroy) and other stakeholders to explore the potential for restoration, recreation and/or re-imagination of each mural, drawing on Council's experience with the Northcote Koorie mural in St Georges Road. Councillors should also be invited to participate in this consultation process.*
- (3) *Receives a report on the results of this consultation process and the options available to Council by August 2016.*

CARRIED

Cr. Williams temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.00 pm and returned at 8.03 pm.

9. URGENT BUSINESS**Council Resolution**

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That an Urgent Business item relating to Preston City Oval be admitted to the agenda.

CARRIED

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That an Urgent Business item relating to the slip lane at Oakover Road and High Street, Preston, be admitted to the agenda.

CARRIED

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh

That an Urgent Business item relating to the St Georges Road Shared Path and M40 Project be admitted to the agenda.

CARRIED

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. A. Villella
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That a Confidential Urgent Business item relating to Amendment C136 of the Darebin Planning Scheme be admitted to the agenda and heard 'in camera' at Item 13 – Consideration of Reports Considered Confidential.

CARRIED

9.1 USE OF PRESTON CITY OVAL

MINUTE NO. 171

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council Officers organise a meeting by Friday 8 April 2016 of appropriate stakeholders including the President of the Preston Junior Football Club, the Mayor and available Councillors, CEO and Council Officers to discuss the issues and concerns that have been raised by residents and sporting clubs regarding the use of Preston City Oval with the intent that no Darebin sporting clubs will be disadvantaged.

CARRIED

9.2 SLIP LANE ON OAKOVER AND HIGH STREET, PRESTON

MINUTE NO. 172

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council:

- (1) Maintain the closure of the slip lane at the corner of Oakover Road and High Street after the removal of the pop up park at this location.
- (2) Be presented with a report on the feasibility of a permanent green open space at this location in consultation with the JUMP community reference group and other stakeholders. The report may consider how such green open space can be constructed and maintained by community members or groups.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TABLING OF PETITION

MINUTE NO. 173

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. B. Li
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That the petition

"We, the undersigned, live and work in the area of Preston known as "The Junction." We are committed to working alongside the Darebin City Council in the proposed plans to convert this part of Preston into a more pedestrian friendly neighbourhood where the traffic is calmer and the sense of community is enhanced by the planting of trees and general up-grade of the amenities.

We understand the pop-up park at the corner of Oakover and High Street was a temporary fixture and that the park would be moved at the beginning of April.

We would like to ask the Darebin Council to consider leaving the slip road for vehicles turning left from High Street from High Street into Oakover Road closed to traffic for the time being to allow for further community discussion about the future use of this space.”

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive.

CARRIED

9.3**ST GEORGES ROAD SHARED PATH AND M40 PROJECT****MINUTE NO. 174**

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That Council:

- (1) Notes its previous resolutions adopted in relation to the St Georges Road Shared Path and M40 Project:
 - A 'like for like' reinstatement of the trees recognising the high amenity value they offer.
 - Improve safety for all St Georges Road users including removal of non-signalised vehicle crossover points.
 - Provide appropriate line of sight allowances for pedestrian and bike crossing points.
 - Duplication of the path to provide separate bicycle and pedestrian paths.
 - Manage pedestrian and cyclist safety for the duration of the project.
- (2) As a matter of urgency and In the absence of relevant local data to determine sight triangles, requests that Melbourne Water undertakes speed recording of cyclists to determine appropriate line of sight triangles at relevant intersections with St Georges Road.
- (3) Requests that Melbourne Water present to Council the results of its cycle speed findings and its plan for the St Georges Road median prior to the completion and release of the tender specifications for the project.

CARRIED

TABLING OF PETITION

MINUTE NO. 175

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. O Walsh
SECONDED: Cr. T. McCarthy

That the petition

*“We the residents of Mansfield Street, Thornbury would like the Darebin Council Transport Department, **NOT** to install angle parking in Mansfield Street Thornbury and to provide another option for traffic management without angle parking.”*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive.

CARRIED

Cr. Villella temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.16 pm and returned at 8.18 pm

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS**11.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD****MINUTE NO. 176**

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 2 March 2016
- Councillor/CE Briefing Session – 7 March 2016
- Councillor Strategic Workshop – 7 March 2016
- Darebin Interfaith Council Committee Meeting – 9 March 2016
- Councillor Briefing Session – 15 March 2016
- Darebin Child Friendly Advisory Committee – 23 March 2016

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams

SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 2, 7, 9, 15 and 23 March 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
	Date:	Wednesday 2 March 2016
	Location:	Red Room, Darebin Council
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor) Cr. Gaetano Greco
	Council Staff:	Mandy Bathgate, Stuart McFarlane, Jackie Mansourian, Chris Meulblok, Wendy Dinning, Therese Ceniti, Ella Hinkley Jenaya Katsamonitis (Aboriginal Trainee)
	Other:	Representatives of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee; Wurundjeri Council Representative -Uncle Ron Jones.
APOLOGIES:		Alan Brown, Nazaree Dickerson Nicole Bloomfield

The Assembly commenced at 4.00 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	3KND Radio Possible Relocation Update	No disclosures were made
2.	Darebin Education Committee- Healing Walk	No disclosures were made
3.	Darebin Tourism Strategy	No disclosures were made
4.	Recognise Campaign/Constitutional Reform	No disclosures were made
5.	Re-visioning Histories/ Heritage Interpretations	No Disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 6.00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Stuart McFarlane
	Officer Title:	Aboriginal Officer, Equity and Diversity



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor/CE Briefing Session
	Date:	Monday, 7 March 2016
	Location:	Function room
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Councillors Vince Fontana, (Mayor), Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor) Gaetano Greco. Tim Laurence, Bo Li, Trent McCarthy, Steven Tsitas, Angela Villella, Julie Williams
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev
	Other:	Nil
APOLOGIES:		Nil

The Assembly commenced at 5.30 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Preston Girls Secondary College: A part of the premises is being offered to Council for community use while reopening the school is being considered.	No disclosures were made
2.	'Northern Horizon' Infrastructure plan for the Northern Melbourne is being reviewed by the eight councils.	No disclosures were made
3.	Weekend Councillors Workshop: Issues raised are being reviewed for Councillors feedback.	No disclosures were made
4.	Future of Improvement Works to Sullivan Memorial Reserve	No disclosures were made
5.	General Questions and Answers	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 6.00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Rasiah Dev
	Officer Title:	Chief Executive



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Strategic Workshop
	Date:	Monday 7 March 2016
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Tim Laurence
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev, Patti Wenn, Gavin Cator, Steve Hamilton, Katrina Knox, Jacinta Stevens, Nick Matteo (6.00 pm to 6.15 pm), Darren Rudd and Yvonne Rust (6.00 pm to 6.32 pm)
	Other:	
APOLOGIES:		

The Assembly commenced at 6.00pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Social/Affordable Housing Program	No disclosures were made.
2.	Update on Northland Urban Renewal Plan (NURP) Redevelopment – Concept and Timeline	No disclosures were made. Cr Tsitas absent from 6.17 pm to 6.30 pm. Cr Walsh left the meeting at 6.28 pm
3.	Multi Sports Stadium/Women's Sports	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 6.32pm

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



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Interfaith Council Committee Meeting
	Date:	Wednesday 9 March 2016
	Location:	Conference Room, Level 1/350 High Street, Preston
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Gaetano Greco Cr. Tim Laurence
	Council Staff:	Cesar Diaz, Darren Aziz Cooper
	Other:	Darebin Interfaith Committee representatives
APOLOGIES:		None

The Assembly commenced at 6 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	No disclosures were made
2.	Hosting Venue's Welcome	No disclosures were made
3.	New Members Welcomed	No disclosures were made
4.	2016 Victorian Interfaith Networks Conference	No disclosures were made
5.	Next Meeting and Closure	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 1:00 pm

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Aziz Cooper
	Officer Title:	Interfaith Development Officer



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Councillor Briefing Session
	Date:	Monday 15 March 2016
	Location:	Conference Room, Darebin Civic Centre
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor) Cr. Steven Tsitas Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Tim Laurence (from 6.21pm).
	Council Staff:	Rasiah Dev, Patti Wenn, Katrina Knox, Darren Rudd, Leah Mosel, Joanna Cuscaden
	Other:	Ian Woodcock
APOLOGIES:		Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Angela Villella, Cr. Julie Williams.

The Assembly commenced at 5.39 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Level Crossing Removal Project - Update	No disclosures were made. Cr. Walsh absent from 5.49pm to 5.51pm and 5.59pm to 6.01pm. Cr. Fontana absent from 6.10pm to 6.12pm. Cr. Tsitas left the meeting at 6.12pm
2.	Darebin Public Toilet Strategy	No disclosures were made.
3.	Proposed Amendment C156 – Residential Zones Stage 3	No disclosures were made.
4.	Adams Reserve – Response to Petition	No disclosures were made.
5.	Beautifications Works in Darebin Parklands	No disclosures were made.
5.	Community Development Updates: DVIRS Lease; Safe Schools Coalition and Community Chef Contract	Cr. Li declared an interest in the Community Chef contract item due to his position as a member of the Board of Regional Kitchen.

The Assembly concluded at 6.29 pm

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



ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

ASSEMBLY DETAILS:	Title:	Darebin Child Friendly Advisory Committee
	Date:	Tuesday 23 March 2016
	Location:	Jade Room, Intercultural Centre, Preston
PRESENT:	Councillors:	Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Julie Williams
	Council Staff:	Linda Harman, Cheryl Hermence, Patrick Buchanan, Stephanie Preston, Yvonne Rust, Vicky Gugliemo, Mary Harvey, Emma MacDonald
	Other:	Community Representatives on the Darebin Child Friendly Advisory Committee
APOLOGIES:		Jody Brodribb

The Assembly commenced at 10.00 am

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1.	Darebin Child Friendly City Draft Framework	No disclosures were made
2.	Darebin Child Friendly City Draft Action Plan for Framework	No disclosures were made
3.	Feedback from Child Friendly Cities and Community Network Meeting	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 11.30 am

RECORD COMPLETED BY:	Officer Name:	Emma MacDonald
	Officer Title:	Business Support Officer

12. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 177

Council Resolution**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh****That** Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.**CARRIED****12.1 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA, MAYOR**

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

- Strategic Workshop
- Met with representatives from Strathallan Golf Club
- Visit to Islamic Museum
- Met with Fiona Richardson MP
- Attended Australian Greek Ex-serviceman's Ass Remembrance Day celebration
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillor Briefing session
- Met with NPFC officials and council officers
- Met with David Feeney MP
- Northern Melbourne Metropolitan Mayors and CEO forum
- Italian Senior citizens of Preston Easter lunch
- Photo shoot at Donath Reserve with Kingsbury soccer club
- Budget briefing 31-03-16
- Furlan Club Sagre Friulane family day
- Meeting with CEO & officers re budget matters

12.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI

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

- Visit to Islamic Museum
- Meeting with Darebin Community Health
- Councillor Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Budget briefing
- Darebin Sustainable Living Expo
- Residential matters including planning, pop up park and St George's Road Shared Path

12.3 REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Strategic Workshop
- Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration
- Darebin Community and Kite Festival
- Council Meeting
- Islamic Museum of Australia
- Darebin Child Friendly City Advisory Committee 2016
- Councillor Briefing Sessions
- Planning Meeting
- Budget Briefing Session with Councillors
- Met with the president from Preston Bullants
- Attended to Residents regarding M40, rehousing animals, Preston Market, Planning Application, Preston Bullants Football Club

12.4 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS

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

- Strategic workshop
- Planning committee meeting
- Hearing of Submissions (Johnson Park)
- Budget briefing.

12.5 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH

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

- Northcote High School event
- Planning Committee
- Councillor Briefing session
- Victorian Monarchists discussed local government
- Hearing of Submissions
- Discussed Sky Rail with Reservoir residents
- Discussed Sky Rail with Fairfield residents

12.6 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA

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

- Budget briefing
- Darebin sustainability expo

12.7 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

Cr. McCarthy did not submit a report on his activities for this fortnight.

13. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL URGENT BUSINESS ITEM

CLOSE OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. J. Williams
SECONDED: Cr. B. Li

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 matters:

13.1 Legal Advice Update – Amendment C136

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 8.24 pm.

Dave Bell, Senior Media Advisor left the meeting – 8.24 pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Urgent Business Item 13.1 (Legal Advice Update – Amendment C136) which had been circulated to Councillors at tonight’s meeting.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas
SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams

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

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 8.46 pm

CONFIDENTIAL**13.1 LEGAL ADVICE UPDATE – AMENDMENT C136****MINUTE NO. 178****Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the legal advice requested by Councillors and received in relation to Amendment C136 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.

Previous Council Resolution

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution, however it does relate to Council's decision to adopt amendment C136 on 7 September 2015.

Previous Briefing(s)

Council has been previously briefed on this matter on 9 December 2015 and 30 March 2015.

Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Not Applicable.

Council Resolution

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

That the Council report and resolution remain confidential

CARRIED

Karlee Gray, Council Business Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 8.26 pm and returned at 8.29 pm.

Karlee Gray, Council Business Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussions of the above item at 8.31 pm and returned at 8.37 pm.

Karlee Gray, Council Business Officer left the meeting – 8.39 pm.

14. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.