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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 6 JUNE 2016**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM**

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

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

***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  
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business  
Jody Brodribb – Council Business and Governance Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G. Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. Laurence

**THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### MINUTE NO. 231

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

- Denis Gibson of Preston asked a question in relation to the untidy condition of Dundas Street Preston. Cr. Fontana advised that Council have inspected the site and the area has been placed on a high priority with daily inspections taking place. Cr. Fontana also advised that a written response would also be provided.
- Po Packer asked a question about dog on lead signage at Johnson Park. The question was responded by Cr. Fontana advising once completion of dog off-lead areas signage has taken place remaining parks signage will be replaced over time. Cr. Fontana also advised that a written response would also be provided.
- Robert Cauchi of Reservoir asked various questions on re-opening Road adjacent to 20 Herbert Street Preston. Cr. Fontana advised Council's Governance Local Law allows for two questions and notified a written response would be provided to Mr Cauchi.
- Serena O'Meley of Reservoir asked a question regarding how Council conducts Public Question Time and a question regarding the guidelines for spending money from the Public Open Space Reserve. Cr. Fontana advised that a review of Public Question Time would commence in July 2016 and that members of the public would be advised of the outcome of that review. Cr. Fontana also advised that the guidelines for spending money from the Public Open Space Reserve where in line with section 20 of the Subdivision Act 1988. Cr. Fontana notified a written response would be provided to Ms O'Meley
- Alex Bhathal of Preston asked a question regarding the process Council engage in around options to the Ruthven and Lakeside sites. Cr Fontana advised that a written response would be provided as the item is listed for tonight's Agenda.

After Public Question Time had concluded, six further questions were submitted in writing.

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. FONTANA, CR. LAURENCE PROPOSED THAT THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA BE ALTERED SO THAT ITEMS 8.1 AND 8.2 COULD BE HEARD. CR. VILLELLA FURTHER PROPOSED THAT ITEM 11 (PETITIONS) ALSO BE HEARD.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T. Laurence

**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**THAT** the order of the agenda be altered to hear Items 8.1, 8.2 and 11.

**CARRIED**

## 8. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 8.1 SAYING NOT O THE USE OF CORPORATE TAX HAVENS

**MINUTE NO. 232**

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO.**

**284**

**CR. TIM LAURENCE**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 6 June 2016, it is my intention to move:

***That:***

- (1) *Council notes the shrinking size of Commonwealth grants over recent years has seen millions stripped from the Darebin Council budget while the use of aggressive Corporate tax minimisation and secret overseas tax havens, as detailed in the Panama Papers leak, has meant billions in Australian Corporate tax has not been paid to the Commonwealth.*
- (2) *Council officers report back to council with a list of current tenders, investments and Council purchases involving any of the 800 Australian linked companies or individuals named in the Panama Papers and outline options for disinvestment and replacement of any suppliers who have been identified as using secret overseas tax havens.*
- (3) *The Mayor write to the Australian Prime Minister and Treasurer urging them to repair the Commonwealth budget by cracking down on the use of Corporate Tax Havens by:*
  - *Requiring large corporations to provide more public disclosure and transparency.*
  - *Increasing fines for tax evasion and extending laws to effectively cover the full range of corporate tax avoidance strategies.*
  - *Eliminating or restricting the use of stapled securities for tax arbitrage, according to global norms.*
  - *Ensuring that the Australian Tax Office is adequately funded and staffed.*
  - *Leading the G20 to adopt tough and effective global rules to combat corporate tax dodging.*

**Notice Received:** 12 May 2016

**Notice Given to Councillors:** 30 May 2016

**Date of Meeting:** 6 June 2016

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That:**

- (1) Council notes the shrinking size of Commonwealth grants over recent years has seen millions stripped from the Darebin Council budget while the use of aggressive Corporate tax minimisation and secret overseas tax havens, as detailed in the Panama Papers leak, has meant billions in Australian Corporate tax has not been paid to the Commonwealth.
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- (3) The Mayor write to the Australian Prime Minister and Treasurer urging them to repair the Commonwealth budget by cracking down on the use of Corporate Tax Havens by:
  - Requiring large corporations to provide more public disclosure and transparency.
  - Increasing fines for tax evasion and extending laws to effectively cover the full range of corporate tax avoidance strategies.
  - Eliminating or restricting the use of stapled securities for tax arbitrage, according to global norms.
  - Ensuring that the Australian Tax Office is adequately funded and staffed.
  - Leading the G20 to adopt tough and effective global rules to combat corporate tax dodging.

*Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Li.*

- (3) The Mayor write to the Australian Prime Minister and Treasurer, **the Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer and leaders and treasury spokespeople of other relevant political parties** urging them to repair the Commonwealth budget by cracking down on the use of Corporate Tax Havens by:

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That:**

- (1) Council notes the shrinking size of Commonwealth grants over recent years has seen millions stripped from the Darebin Council budget while the use of aggressive Corporate tax minimisation and secret overseas tax havens, as detailed in the Panama Papers leak, has meant billions in Australian Corporate tax has not been paid to the Commonwealth.



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  - Eliminating or restricting the use of stapled securities for tax arbitrage, according to global norms.
  - Ensuring that the Australian Tax Office is adequately funded and staffed.
  - Leading the G20 to adopt tough and effective global rules to combat corporate tax dodging.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence**  
**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

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  - Eliminating or restricting the use of stapled securities for tax arbitrage, according to global norms.
  - Ensuring that the Australian Tax Office is adequately funded and staffed.
  - Leading the G20 to adopt tough and effective global rules to combat corporate tax dodging.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Walsh called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Bo Li	Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Trent McCarthy	
Cr. Julie Williams	
Cr. Steven Tsitas	
Cr. Vince Fontana	
Cr. Tim Laurence	
Cr. Gaetano Greco	
Cr. Angela Vilella	

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be carried.

**8.2 URGENT PURCHASE OF THE FORMER RUTHVEN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE IN GLASGOW AVENUE,  
RESERVOIR TO SECURE OPEN SPACE**

**MINUTE NO. 233**

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 285 CR. TIM LAURENCE**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 6 June 2016, it is my intention to move:

***That** Darebin Council resolves to offer to buy the former Ruthven Primary School site using funds from Darebin Council's open space and recreation reserve, that is expected to be \$11.960 million as at 30 June 2017, to ensure adequate open space is maintained in the Merrilands estate area in Reservoir.*

*Furthermore, that the Darebin Mayor write to the Premier and relevant State Ministers an reaffirm the Council's desire for a halt to the fast tracking of the rezoning and private sale of the former Ruthven Primary School site at Glasgow Avenue Reservoir and also inform the Premier and relevant State Ministers of Darebin Council's desire to buy the former school site using funds from Darebin's open space and recreation reserve, that is expected to be \$11.960 million as at 30 June 2017, to ensure a valuable neighbourhood park is maintained in this pocket of the Merrilands estate in North West Reservoir.*

**Notice Received: 22 May 2016**

**Notice Given to Councillors: 30 May 2016**

**Date of Meeting: 6 June 2016**

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence**  
**SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella**

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*Cr. Li proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Villella.*

**That** Darebin Council resolves to offer to buy the former Ruthven Primary School site using funds from Darebin Council's open space and recreation reserve, that is expected to be \$11.960 million as at 30 June 2017, to ensure adequate open space is maintained in the Merrilands estate area in Reservoir.

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**Council receives a report as soon as practicable on the various costing options, including their impacts on the council's operating cash flow and other financial indicators, and options to address any long term deficits or shortfalls as a result of drawing down on the open space reserves.**

*Cr. Villella further proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence*

**That Council notes:**

- (1) The community's urgent call to keep the whole of the former Ruthven Primary School site in public hands and for public use as a park and open space.**
- (2) The two well attended public meetings held on May 25 and June 5, where residents have demonstrated unanimous opposition to the State Government's intention to rezone and sell the former publicly owned Ruthven Primary School to private developers.**
- (3) The numerous motions and public calls by Council to keep the site in public hands and to be used as open space and a park.**

**That** Darebin Council resolves to offer to buy the former Ruthven Primary School site using funds from Darebin Council's open space and recreation reserve, that is expected to be \$11.960 million as at 30 June 2017, to ensure adequate open space is maintained in the Merrilands estate area in Reservoir.

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*Cr. McCarthy further proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Villella.*

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**That** Darebin Council resolves to offer to buy the former Ruthven Primary School **and relevant parts of Lakeside (as identified by previous Council resolutions) sites** using funds from Darebin Council's open space and recreation reserve, that is expected to be \$11.960 million as at 30 June 2017, to ensure adequate open space is maintained in the Merrilands estate area in Reservoir.

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*Cr. Greco further proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Villella.*

**That** Council notes:

- (1) The community's urgent call to keep the whole of the former Ruthven Primary School site in public hands and for public use as a park and open space.
- (2) The two well attended public meetings held on May 25 and June 5, where residents have demonstrated unanimous opposition to the State Government's intention to rezone and sell the former publicly owned Ruthven Primary School to private developers.
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**Write to the State Ministers to halt the fast tracking of the re-zoning and private sale of the former Ruthven Primary School site.**

**That Council keep the community informed of the negotiation and the outcome.**

Council receives a report as soon as practicable on the various costing options, including their impacts on the council's operating cash flow and other financial indicators, and options to address any long term deficits or shortfalls as a result of drawing down on the open space reserves.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence**

**SECONDED: Cr. A. Villella**

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- (1) The community's urgent call to keep the whole of the former Ruthven Primary School site in public hands and for public use as a park and open space.
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THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T. Laurence

**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

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Council receives a report as soon as practicable on the various costing options, including their impacts on the council's operating cash flow and other financial indicators, and options to address any long term deficits or shortfalls as a result of drawing down on the open space reserves.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Laurence called for a Division:

For

Cr. Bo Li

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Julie Williams

Cr. Vince Fontana

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Angela Villella

Against

Cr. Oliver Walsh

Cr. Steven Tsitas

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana declared the motion to be carried.

## 11. PETITIONS

### 11.1 FORMER RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL TO STAY IN PUBLIC HANDS

MINUTE NO. 234

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. A. Villella  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** the petition:

*"We, the undersigned believe the former Ruthven site should stay in public hands for the present and future needs of the community.*

*We urge Darebin Council to negotiate on behalf of residents to:*

- 1. Not allow private development of the site.*
- 2. Negotiate with the state government to urge it to make a fair and just offer to council to maintain the site in public hands.*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive.

**CARRIED**

### 11.2 PARKING IN GEORGE STREET, PRESTON

MINUTE NO. 235

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** the petition:

*"This is a request by the residents of George Street that in order to enable residents to park their cars safely without risk of damage by passing vehicles that the following being permitted:*

- Parking on the East side George Street with the two passenger side wheels on the nature strip without being fined under Road Rule 197(t).*

*Failing this we require the road to be widened as the damage inflicted upon our vehicles especially at the mouth of George Road at Murray Road is beyond reasonable. We do NOT accept other alternatives that will compound the shortage of parking that already exists such as:*

- No Standing on one side of the street or*
- Zigzag Parking"*

be referred to the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 7.50 pm*

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 6.1 SURPLUS STATE GOVERNMENT LAND – 421 HIGH STREET, PRESTON (DELWP)

MINUTE NO. 236

**Author:** Manager Assets and Properties

**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services

#### Report Background

This report provides Council with an assessment of surplus state government land at 421 High Street which has been offered to Council under the state's First Right of Refusal process.

#### Previous Council Resolution

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

#### Previous Briefing(s)

Councillor Briefing – 23 May 2016

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal – Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

- Promote an innovative, vibrant and thriving economy with physical infrastructure that is both well maintained and appropriately regulated

#### Summary

Council has received advice through the Victorian Government's First Right of Refusal (FROR) process that several a parcels of Victorian Government owned land within the municipality has been considered surplus. This surplus land has been offered to Council, Victorian Government departments and the Commonwealth Government on a first right of refusal basis prior to being offered for private sale to the public.

The land at 421 High Street was acquired in by the Department of Planning in November 2008 to support the vision established in the Preston Central Structure Plan, Preston Central Incorporated Document and the Preston Civic Precinct Masterplan.

The identified surplus land has been assessed using the Darebin Property Management Strategy's Decision Logic Map (2015). The assessment has identified the property as "REDEVELOP" in partnership with the state government.

This report recommends that Council take advocacy action with the local Member of State Parliament and the Minister for Planning with a view to reminding the state government purpose the land was purchased and seeking continued support of the Preston Central Precinct redevelopment, with the retention of this land in government ownership.



**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Note that the property at 421 High Street would fulfil a strategic need as identified in the Preston Central Structure Plan, Preston Central Incorporated Plan and the Preston Civic Precinct Masterplan to provide a public pedestrian pathway between High Street and the Preston Market.
- (2) The Mayor write to the Member for Preston and the Minister for Planning:
  - a. Indicating the need for a public pedestrian pathway between High Street.
  - b. Seeking information as to the reason the property at 421 High Street, Preston was identified as surplus land by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
  - c. Requesting a review of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's assessment that possession of 421 High Street, Preston is surplus to government requirements.
  - d. Requesting continued support from the state government for the Preston Central Major Activity Centre.
  - e. Request that the land remains in government ownership and used for the purpose it was purchased for.

**Council Resolution**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Note that the property at 421 High Street would fulfil a strategic need as identified in the Preston Central Structure Plan, Preston Central Incorporated Plan and the Preston Civic Precinct Masterplan to provide a public pedestrian pathway between High Street and the Preston Market.
- (2) The Mayor write to the Member for Preston and the Minister for Planning:
  - a. Indicating the need for a public pedestrian pathway between High Street and the Preston Market and the Railway Station.
  - b. Seeking information as to the reason the property at 421 High Street, Preston was identified as surplus land by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
  - c. Requesting a review of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's assessment that possession of 421 High Street, Preston is surplus to government requirements.
  - d. Requesting continued support from the state government for the Preston Central Major Activity Centre.
  - e. Requesting that the land remains in government ownership and used for the purpose it was purchased for.
  - f. Requesting the land sale process to be halted until formal correspondence is received in relation to recommendations 1 and 2 inclusive.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Villella temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.51 pm and returned at 7.52 pm.*

**6.2 SAFE TRAVEL STRATEGY 2010-2015****MINUTE NO. 237****Author:** Senior Coordinator Transport Management**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report provides an overview of the outcomes and achievements of the Safe Travel Strategy 2010 - 2015.

**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 Safe Travel Strategy 2010-2015
- Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027

**Summary**

The *Darebin Safe Travel Strategy 2010-2015* (STS) was part of Council's five year plan, guiding work in creating a safer place to live and travel for Darebin residents and visitors. The STS adopted an innovative approach to safe travel by seeking to protect the most vulnerable road users - pedestrians and cyclists. The strategy ended last year and work is underway to develop the next safe travel strategy.

The strategy has seen a positive impact across Darebin, and continues to provide the community with ambitious yet achievable targets to ensure the ongoing safety of vulnerable road users.

**Strategy Targets**

Overall the targets of the Safe Travel Strategy show positive outcomes. The following is an outline of targets and the corresponding available data.

***Reduce crash rates on local roads to or better than VicRoads' targets- largely met***

*Victoria's Road Safety Strategy 2013-2022* aims for a 30% reduction in deaths and serious injuries, and between 2011 and 2015 there was a 27% reduction in fatal crashes in the City of Darebin, compared to the previous five years.

There was a 31% reduction in serious injuries in the City of Darebin between 2011 and 2015 compared to the previous five years.

***Lower the number of crash injuries and fatalities on Darebin roads compared to metropolitan Melbourne – no significant change***

The total number of all crash injuries in Darebin did not change, and the metropolitan Melbourne rate of all crash injuries reduced by 2%.

***Zero deaths of vulnerable road users on Darebin roads – positive change***

In the five years between 2011 and 2015 four pedestrians died in Darebin, with no deaths recorded for bike riders. Though the target of zero deaths was not met, there was a 55% reduction in deaths of vulnerable road users compared to the preceding five years

***Reduction of proportion of serious injuries attributed to vulnerable road users – no significant change***

The proportion of serious injuries attributed to vulnerable road users compared to all road users increased by 3% to 18% during 2011 to 2015.

***Increased mode share for walking, cycling and public transport by 15% for all trips by 2015 – increasing results***

The 2014 Darebin Household Survey indicates that the mode of travel to work has not changed much in recent years. However, a 25% increase in bike riding between 2011 and 2015 has been recorded through Super Tuesday counts, indicating that Darebin is an increasingly attractive place to ride.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**That** Council notes the outcomes and achievements of the review of the *Darebin Safe Travel Strategy 2010-2015* attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.00 pm and returned at 8.01 pm.*

*Cr. Tsitas returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item – 8.00 pm.*

**6.3 SPORTING FEES AND CHARGES POLICY – IMPACT ON MICRO CLUBS****MINUTE NO. 238****Author:** Manager Leisure and Public Realm**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

This briefing paper responds to a Council resolution from the meeting held on 7 March 2016.

**Previous Council Resolution**

At its meeting held on 7 March 2016, Council resolved:

*‘That Council receives a more detailed report as soon as practicable on the negative impact of the policy on micro clubs together with strategies on how these clubs can be assisted to overcome the difficulties they are encountering.’*

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefings – 1 February 2016 and 16 May 2016

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Council plan 2013 – 2017 - 2.6 Community health and fitness; and access to opportunities; 2.10 Social and physical connectedness; 2.13 equitable access for all; 2.15 equity in sport; 5.2 access and inclusion

Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017 goal 4 – build healthy, safe and accessible places for people to play and connect; goal 5 protect and promote Darebin people’s physical health (5.3 – increase regular physical activity for all)

Darebin Leisure Strategy (2010 – 2020) and Leisure Services Action Plan 2015 - 2020

**Summary**

- During the implementation of the Sporting Fees, Charges and Occupancy Agreement Policy 2014 it was identified that a few smaller “micro clubs” are occupants in Darebin sporting venues. This was reported to Council at its meeting on 7 March 2016. In most instances the activities undertaken by these clubs is not related to sports or active recreation, rather are of a social or passive recreational nature
- The issue of sporting fee policy impact on “micro clubs” is confined largely to recreational/hobby clubs. Due to their specialised interests these clubs have small membership bases and thus may have limited capacity to raise revenue.
- Two options are presented, one to assist the clubs find affordable alternative venues; or to re-purpose the sporting venues used by recreational/hobby clubs to better accommodate meeting and social activities and to attract multiple users. There is budget implications associated with the latter option.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council notes the Sporting Fees and Charges Policy – Impact on Micro Clubs Council report.

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G. Greco

**That** Council notes the Sporting Fees and Charges Policy – Impact on Micro Clubs Council report and that officers report back with a report on the costs and benefits to put in place extra fee relief for micro clubs.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Villella temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item – 8.03 pm*

**6.4 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICE****MINUTE NO. 239****Author:** Manager Aged and Disability**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

This report is in response a Council resolution from the Council meeting held on 21 March 2016.

**Previous Council Resolution**

At its meeting held on 21 March 2016, Council resolved:

*'That:*

- (1) Council receive a further report on options to re-instate the Property Maintenance Service for Pensioners with a mixture of Council funding and client fees to make up part of the funding shortfall.*
- (2) In developing the options report Council may consider consulting with relevant stakeholders, pensioners and past users of the service.*
- (3) Council to receive the above options report well in time for the 2016/2017 budget deliberations.'*

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing: 27 August 2015

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Healthy and Connected Community: Strategy 2.4 - Ageing in Place.

**Summary**

The property maintenance service provisions continues to be provided uninterrupted with the exclusion of window and gutter cleaning for Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) eligible clients. Window and gutter cleaning is currently excluded as this service is no longer funded by the Commonwealth.

Council has the option of implementing a subsidised window and gutter cleaning service with clients contributing. It is recommended that if Council were to implement a subsidy for window and gutter cleaning the clients would engage a contractor of their choice with Council reimbursing the client directly to an agreed level of service and subsidy.

Council has explored these services now and the cost of a service where the client directly accessed a contractor would be considerably cheaper with a 50/50 split estimated to be in the order of \$120 for both Council and the client.

Based on the number of clients previously eligible and accessing the service it is estimated that the cost of a 50/50 Council/client split could be absorbed into the 2016/2017 Aged and Disability budget.

The limitations on the hours of service and frequency are based on those parameters set when Commonwealth funding was available for example a maximum of four hours service and one service per annum.

If Council is to adopt a subsidy for Commonwealth Home Support Program eligible clients wishing to have their windows and gutters cleaned annually, officers will provide advice and support to clients as required under this arrangement.

**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse a Council subsidy to client model as detailed in this report to support window and gutter cleaning services for Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) eligible clients.
- (2) Note the window and gutter service is based on not costing more than \$240 annually.
- (3) Endorse a level of subsidy of 50% per eligible client per annum.

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. G. Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse a Council subsidy to client model as detailed in this report to support window and gutter cleaning services for Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) eligible clients.
- (2) Note the window and gutter service is based on not costing more than \$240 annually.
- (3) Endorse a level of subsidy of 50% per eligible client per annum.
- (4) Notify all residents (in appropriate languages) that have used the service in the past and together with other eligible residents that Council has reinstated the window and gutter cleaning service.
- (5) Receive a further report in 6 months on the uptake of the reinstated service.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Vilella returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item – 8.09 pm*

**6.5 LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR SAY NO TO RACISM TRAINING PACKAGE****MINUTE NO. 240****Author:** Manager Children, Families and Community**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

The *Say NO to Racism* training package was developed by Darebin City Council in 2014 through funding received under the Federal Government's Diversity and Social Cohesion Program.

The project has now ended and the training package is being used across Darebin and other municipalities on a regular basis.

The South Australian Communities and Social Cohesion Minister seeks to use the training package (notably materials and resources) to facilitate anti-racism training for staff of the South Australian public sector and for the South Australian community generally. To facilitate this process, a License Agreement between Council and the Department has now been prepared.

**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**

Council Plan Goal 2: Health and Connected Community

Darebin Anti-Racism Strategy 2012-2017

**Summary**

Darebin City Council has been contacted by the South Australian Government Department of Communities and Social Inclusion requesting use of the Say NO to Racism Training Package. A License Agreement has been prepared between Darebin City Council and the Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion. This document has been checked by legal advisors for both parties and now requires Council approval for the Chief Executive to sign on Council's behalf.

**Recommendation****That Council:**

- (1) Agrees to grant the South Australian Communities and Social Cohesion Minister a license to use the materials and resources upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.



- (2) Grants approval for the Chief Executive to sign the Agreement on behalf of Council.
- (3) As part of reporting on outcomes of the Darebin Anti-Racism Strategy, **Council** receives an update in 12 months in relation to outcomes of the Say NO Racism Training being delivered both locally within the Darebin community and more broadly, including within the South Australian public sector and community as detailed in the License Agreement.
- (4) Officers monitor uptake in any other jurisdictions of the package such as the Victorian Government Public Sector.

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**MOVED:** Cr. G. Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That Council:**

- (1) Agrees to grant the South Australian Communities and Social Cohesion Minister a license to use the materials and resources upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.
- (2) Grants approval for the Chief Executive to sign the Agreement on behalf of Council.
- (3) As part of reporting on outcomes of the Darebin Anti-Racism Strategy, **Council** receives an update in 12 months in relation to outcomes of the Say NO Racism Training being delivered both locally within the Darebin community and more broadly, including within the South Australian public sector and community as detailed in the License Agreement.
- (4) Officers monitor uptake in any other jurisdictions of the package such as the Victorian Government Public Sector.
- (5) Write to Mr Robin Scott MP, State Minister for Multiculturalism, to consider using the training package to facilitate anti-racism training for staff in the Victorian public sector and for the Victorian community generally as proposed by the South Australian government.
- (6) Request a further report be provided at the first Council meeting in August 2016 on how to promote the use of the successful training package to federal government departments and other organisations and groups

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item – 8.15 pm*

**6.6 COUNCIL PLAN 2013-2017 REVIEW****MINUTE NO. 241****Author:** Coordinator Performance Support**Reviewed By:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Report Background**

Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires all Councils to consider any adjustment of their Council Plan once in each financial year. This report presents the outcomes of a review briefing that took place in early May 2016 and recommends that no adjustment be made to the Council Plan 2013-2017.

**Previous Council Resolution**

Council Plan adjustments must be considered once every financial year. The adjustment for 2016 is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 2 May 2016

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Council Plan Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

Council Plan Goal 5 - Excellent Service

**Summary**

Section 125 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires that:

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*“(7) At least once in each financial year, a Council must consider whether the current Council Plan requires any adjustment in respect of the remaining period of the Council Plan.”*

In accordance with section 125 the Council Plan was brought to the Council Briefing Session on Monday 2 May 2016 for discussion and consideration.

**Council Resolution****MOVED:** Cr. B. Li**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy**THAT** Council re-endorses the Council Plan 2013-2017 without change.**CARRIED**

*Cr. Walsh returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item – 8.19 pm*

**6.7 DELEGATIONS OF POWER, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS TO COUNCIL STAFF****MINUTE NO. 242****Author:** Coordinator Council Business**Reviewed By:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Report Background**

This report is to seek recommendation from Council to approve an updated Instrument of Delegation from Council to various positions within the organisation.

**Previous Council Resolution**

At its meeting held on 16 March 2015, Council resolved:

*'That in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 98(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation, Darebin City Council (Council) resolves that:*

- a) *There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument attached as **Appendix A**, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.*
- b) *The Instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument.*
- c) *On the coming into the force of the Instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.*
- d) *The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.'*

**Previous Briefing(s)**

This report is not subject to any previous Councillor briefings.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Open and Accountable Democracy

**Summary**

This report takes into account recent legislative amendments and seeks approval by Council for the revised *Instrument of Delegation*.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. O. Walsh

**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That** in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 98(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached *Instrument of Delegation*, Darebin City Council (Council) resolves that:

- (1) There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff*, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument attached as **Appendix A**, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.
- (2) The Instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument.
- (3) On the coming into the force of the Instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.
- (4) The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

## 9. URGENT BUSINESS

### Council Resolution

**MOVED:** Cr. G. Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to 'holding a Community Forum inviting candidates for the seat of Batman' to be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 9.1.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Walsh declared an 'interest' in the following item as he has a campaign management position with a semi candidate.*

### 9.1 COMMUNITY FORUM WITH CANDIDATES FOR THE SEAT OF BATMAN

**MINUTE NO. 243**

### Motion

**MOVED:** Cr. G. Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That:**

- (1) Council organise and host a community public forum in two weeks time at Preston Town Hall and invite the candidates for seat of Batman to come and speak on how to make "*Darebin a better place to live*"
- (2) The public forum's aim is to give Darebin residents an opportunity to hear and question the candidates on their specific policies to address Darebin's local infrastructure needs, housing affordability to maintain social diversity, aged care services and action on youth unemployment.
- (3) The forum should be moderated by the Mayor ensuring the candidates are given equal time to speak and answer questions from Darebin residents.
- (4) The forum should be widely advertised to encourage the community to attend by prominently advertising it in the local Leader newspapers, Council's website, Council's social media forums and other by other appropriate means.

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

- (1) Council organise and host a community public forum in two weeks time at Preston Town Hall **or other appropriate venue** and invite the candidates for seat of Batman to come and speak on how to make "*Darebin a better place to live*"

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. G. Greco**

**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

- (1) Council organise and host a community public forum in two weeks time at Preston Town Hall or other appropriate venue and invite the candidates for seat of Batman to come and speak on how to make "*Darebin a better place to live*"
- (2) The public forum's aim is to give Darebin residents an opportunity to hear and question the candidates on their specific policies to address Darebin's local infrastructure needs, housing affordability to maintain social diversity, aged care services and action on youth unemployment.
- (3) The forum should be moderated by the Mayor ensuring the candidates are given equal time to speak and answer questions from Darebin residents.
- (4) The forum should be widely advertised to encourage the community to attend by prominently advertising it in the local Leader newspapers, Council's website, Council's social media forums and other by other appropriate means.

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

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. G. Greco**

**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

**That:**

- (1) Council organise and host a community public forum in two weeks time at Preston Town Hall or other appropriate venue and invite the candidates for seat of Batman to come and speak on how to make "*Darebin a better place to live*"
- (2) The public forum's aim is to give Darebin residents an opportunity to hear and question the candidates on their specific policies to address Darebin's local infrastructure needs, housing affordability to maintain social diversity, aged care services and action on youth unemployment.
- (3) The forum should be moderated by the Mayor ensuring the candidates are given equal time to speak and answer questions from Darebin residents.
- (4) The forum should be widely advertised to encourage the community to attend by prominently advertising it in the local Leader newspapers, Council's website, Council's social media forums and other by other appropriate means.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

**MINUTE NO. 244**

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:

- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee – 9 February 2016
- Councillor Briefing session – 9 May 2016
- Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee – 10 May 2016
- Strategic Workshop – 16 May 2016
- Councillor Briefing session – 23 May 2016

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**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G. Greco

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 9 February 2016 and 9, 10, 16 and 23 May 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 245

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. J. Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

**CARRIED**

#### 13.1 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA, MAYOR

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

- Visited Zwar Park with club officials to report on upgrades
- Cramer Street Market mural painting
- Hosted Parade students for a local government briefing
- Radio interview on ABC promoting Active Spaces Program
- Launch of “ Celebration of Greek Migration to Australia “ in Preston Town Hall
- Merri Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Launched Active Paths School program in Kingsbury
- Meeting with Robin Scott MP with CEO
- CALD press briefing
- Council Briefing session
- Chaired Planning Committee meeting
- Santa Maria College Sorry Day gathering in Northcote
- Special Strategic Workshop – Councillors Code Of Conduct Review
- Chaired Darebin Municipal Emergency Management Planning Meeting
- Site tour of BOC gases in Preston
- Internal Audit Governance Review meeting
- Meeting with officers for Mayor’s event
- Sorry Day event at Intercultural Centre
- Topping Out event at Parc Vue in Bundoora
- Merri Creek Wastelands Exhibition in Whittlesea
- Meeting with officers and residents re Reservoir Community Gardens
- Hosted Darebin’s Government briefing with local MP’s
- Meeting with CEO to discuss issues
- Audit Committee meeting
- Keon Park Hub to welcome Minister and Government officials



**13.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI**

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

- Flag raising: International Day against Homophobia
- INLLEN AGM
- Meeting with staff at PRACE Merrilands
- Visit to Northern Community Church of Christ
- Councillor Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Strategic Workshop
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting
- National Sorry Day at Intercultural Centre
- Municipal Association of Victoria Multicultural Committee meeting
- Board meeting of Regional Kitchen
- Government MP briefing
- Politics in the pub
- Preston Business Advisory Committee meeting
- Launch of Textile Art Community TACTILE exhibition
- Meeting with staff regarding Darebin Tourism Strategy
- Residential matters including: safe school crossing at Miller St, planning issues, traffic safety at George St and budget.

**13.3 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA**

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

- Darebin's Women Advisory Committee meeting
- Council Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Strategic workshop
- Organized community meeting regarding former Ruthven site
- Go Women LG 2016 event hosted by Darebin City Council
- Government briefing
- Meeting with Robin Scott MP
- Meeting with residents re Ruthven site and planning issues e.g. fences

**13.4 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Council Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Strategic Workshop
- Government Briefing
- Meeting with PRACE Merrilands Centre
- Chaired Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Council community meeting regarding proposed selling off of former Ruthven and Lakeside sites
- Community meeting with Robin Scott re: Ruthven site
  - Attended to resident's concerns
  - Public Toilet
  - Ruthven and Lakeside sites
  - Smart meters
  - Planning
  - Budget submissions

**13.5 REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Strategic Workshop
- Councillor Meeting
- Special Strategic workshop
- Opening of Kids Kitchen at Holy Name
- GOWomen LG 2016
- Government briefing
- Meeting and visit Merrilands Community Centre
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Meeting with Queen Street residents
- Meeting with Joffre Streets residents
- Met with David Feeney
- Various constituent matters
- Attended residents' concerns on planning, tree safety, increase violence at restaurant, and traffic issues.

**13.6 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Launched Active Paths School program at our lady of the way school in Kingsbury
- Meeting with David Feeney MP
- Nepali Arts event Thornbury
- Council Briefing session
- Planning Committee meeting
- Special Strategic workshop – Councillors Code of Conduct review
- Met residents re Reservoir Community Gardens, planning and traffic issues
- Met residents re Ruthven Park
- Darebin’s Government briefing with local MP’s (part)
- Keon Park hub to welcome Minister and Government officials

**13.7 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

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**13.8 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS**

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

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**13.9 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH**

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

- MAV Local Government conference
- INLEN AGM and lunch
- Planning Committee meeting
- Government Briefing
- INGT/Intowork Board meeting
- CFA rally
- Somoan event
- Met with officers
- Met with Craig Ondarchie
- Audit Committee meeting
- Met with the Hon. Tony Abbott
- Various constituent matters

**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL****CLOSE OF MEETING**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. McCarthy  
**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 item which relates to a contractual matter:

14.1 Darebin International Sports Centre Synthetic Pitches

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 8.31 pm.

*The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 14.1 (Darebin International Sports Centre Synthetic Pitches) which had been circulated to Councillors on 31 May 2016 with the Council Agenda Paper.*

**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

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

**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 8.40 pm

**CONFIDENTIAL****14.1 DAREBIN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE SYNTHETIC PITCHES****MINUTE NO. 246****Author:** Manager Leisure and Public Realm**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

This report addresses Council's obligations in relation to the maintenance and renewal of the Darebin International Sports Centre synthetic pitches.

**Previous Council Resolution**

Nil

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 23 May 2016

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

- Council plan 2013 – 2017 strategies - 2.6 Community health and fitness; and access to opportunities; 2.10 Social and physical connectedness; 2.13 equitable access for all; 2.15 equity in sport; 5.2 access and inclusion
- Darebin Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017 goal 4 – build healthy, safe and accessible places for people to play and connect; goal 5 protect and promote Darebin people's physical health (5.3 – increase regular physical activity for all)
- Darebin Leisure Strategy (2010 – 2020) and Leisure Services Action Plan 2015 - 2020

**Summary**

This report provides detail on the current conditions of the synthetic pitches at the State Soccer Centre, Darebin Road Thornbury, and the requirement of pitch renewal based on contractual agreements and dependencies on other Council projects within John Cain Memorial Park.

**Recommendation**

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential.

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm.