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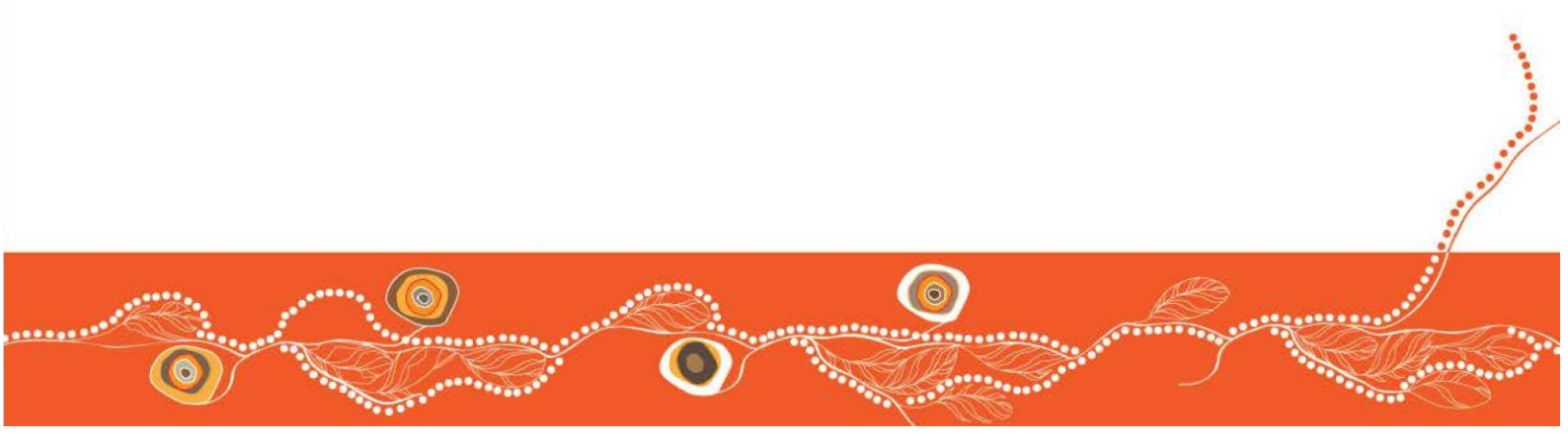
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Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER,
DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2020**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.03PM

WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie opened the meeting with the following statement:

Ngarrgma Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung guljin gurringanyinu bik wenerop Darebin dharri. Ngarrri yana ngarnga bik, baan ba ngarrgu. Gahgook-al Nanggit Bambuth, Yalingbu ba gama-dji.

“I acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people who are the Traditional Owners of the land. I recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and culture. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Vicky Guglielmo - Acting General Manager Community

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer

David Lee - IT Service Desk Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Correction to the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 16 December 2020

The Notice of Motion Item 10.1 Local Government Bill presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 16 December 2019 contained a small anomaly. This Notice of Motion addressed the issue of multi member wards and removal of the capacity for councils to have multi members wards in favour of single-member wards.

The Notice of Motion contained 8 parts which all addressed Council's concern with the proposal to remove of the capacity for councils to have multi-members wards contained the Local Government Bill presented to Parliament on 14 November 2019.

The anomaly was in point 5 of the presented Notice of Motion, which stated:

'That Council.....

5. *Notes the widespread sector opposition to the **multi-member** wards including from the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA).'*

This incorrect reference to **multi-member** wards rather than **single-member** wards is inconsistent with the intent and balance of the Notice of Motion and was clearly an anomaly.

Officers have acted on the adopted resolution through its correspondence to the Minister for Local Government and subsequent advocacy based on its opposition to single-member wards.

To correct this anomaly it is appropriate that the matter be corrected in the minutes of this meeting.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-001

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 December 2019 as amended above be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Paul Walsh, Ivanhoe Grammar School**

In October 2018, Ivanhoe Grammar School opened the doors to its new campus, located on the outskirts of Latrobe University in Terrace Building 1 & 2 off Ernest Jones Drive. This dedicated Year 9 campus provides students with a year-long university-based learning experience, in an Australian-first initiative made possible through our partnership with La Trobe University.

From when the concept was first mooted, all three councils associated with initiative, Banyule through location of the Ivanhoe Campus, Whittlesea through the Plenty Campus and Darebin through Latrobe University, were genuinely excited about the project and the myriad of opportunities that it would provide in engaging Year 9 students at a most vulnerable age. Fast forward 15 months and the program is thriving, students are engaged and the work that they are producing is exceptional.

Physical Education is universally recognised as a significantly important part of a Year 9 curriculum, given the 'screen dominated' world that young people now live in. Any opportunity to introduce them to, engage them in, and ultimately foster a love for outside physical activity, should be encouraged to the max.

Unfortunately, our Year 9 students at the University Campus are banned from conducting their P.E. lessons on an oval that is a mere 120 metres from their front entrance.

Our 500 families who have students attending Ivanhoe Grammar School and live in the City of Darebin, would like to know why?

Why are young students being denied access to the identified oval for supervised P.E. lessons?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Mr Walsh thank you for your question.

Springthorpe Common is designated as a passive open space. It is neither constructed, managed or intended for use as a sports oval.

Changing the use of the oval would require significant investment from Council and would need to be agreed with the surrounding community. Council has received feedback from local residents objecting to the use of the passive open space by the school.

Ivanhoe Grammar was informed by Council officers that formal PE would not be allowed on Springthorpe Common prior to opening the Bundoora Campus. However, Council has offered free use of any of our sports ovals for PE classes and is willing to work with the school's administration to find alternatives that would meet the school's requirements.

Mr. Walsh asked two supplementary questions, firstly how many people protested? Secondly, a passive open space that has goal posts at either end, a boundary line and a cricket pitch in the middle seems to be an oval as opposed to passive open space to me.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

I'll take that second question as a comment but in relation to the first question, I will get officers to follow up with you in relation to that as I obviously don't have that information.

- **Nicola Coles, Thornbury**

How can Darebin Council justify destroying the Callistemon garden bed at the southeast corner of Pender's Park, which provides dense canopy and a flourishing habitat for numerous fauna species, in the light of their outstanding decision as the first council in the world to declare the Climate Emergency now impacting all life?

What additional budget costs would be incurred by the simple EXCLUSION of the Callistemon garden from the overall plan for an All Abilities Adventure Play space, given that this exclusion would eliminate the expense of the replanting and maintenance operation to replace the natural mini-forest with an artificial 'sensory forest walk,' similar to other established areas of the park.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you very much for those two questions. Improving biodiversity throughout the City is a high priority for this Council. The works we've started at Pender's Park also include planting many more native trees than are currently there and I'm confident that the habitat will be much better as a result.

The main reason that Council has planned to remove the 3 Callistemons is to create an all abilities play space at Pender's Park. The design in this area has been really carefully considered, with deep community involvement. This location is really important for the all abilities playspace because it's close to parking and the toilet. We also heard that making sure parents can see their kids is critical. That being said we would love to find a win win solution if that is possible. I understand officers contacted you today to let you know that the General Manager has decided to convene a design workshop to explore the issues that have been raised.

Works will be kept on hold for around 8 weeks to make this possible and we still expect to complete construction of stage one of the playspace this financial year.

With respect to your second question about the exclusion of Callistemon garden and costs such a change would be a significant change to the contract and costs would be subject to negotiation.

I do want to explain that the main design considerations in relation to this corner of the park are not about costs rather what community consultation had found over the last few years ie. that this location was desirable for the all abilities playspace because it is close to parking and the toilet. We also heard that making sure parents can see their kids is critical. I hope that the upcoming design workshop will find a win win solution.

- **Melanie Welch, Thornbury**

Please advise why the letter box drop from Darebin Council provided to 3,000 residents on the upgrade to Pender's Park does not have the final playspace design included.

The design that has been used is missing key elements of the design as agreed to by Council with the community Project Control Group.

Please confirm the playground that is being built for Pender's Park is as per the final design signed off and adopted by council for Stage 1 with \$350,000 being allocated by council in the 2019/20 budget.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for this question Melanie. Yes the elements discussed with the PCG are part of the design for the works.

This image was simplified compared to the design detail that the PCG saw, and not all the elements are specifically labelled or drawn.

I'm sorry for any confusion, and our Officers are happy to go through any of the detail if you have further questions.

- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

I refer to Storey Reserve, Reservoir - which is between 47 and 49 Storey Rd. Last year repairs were completed by Council and the 47 Storey Rd. Body Corp. on the long side fence they share. This work was much appreciated, as was storm damage replacement fencing to a connecting laneway to Northernhay St.

However the rear fence of the Reserve is in poor state, with detached palings in two places and an outwards lean further along half of the length that is propped up by somewhat amateurish posts.

It is the detached palings section that requires attention, with I presume, two associated Body Corps in NorthernHay St. and/or unit owners in same.

Question -This mix of responsibilities may be what is deterring repair but can council take steps to effect same?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Council has a lodged a pathway request (#461498) to have the fence inspected.

A response letter or telephone call will be made to you to advise you of the outcome and when repairs will occur.

Further, the Mayor advised Mr. Richards that in future he may phone Council to raise these types of matters as we can action such matters without waiting for a Council Meeting.

- **Sean Power, Northcote**

Hi, I would like to know what the Council is doing to maintain the cleanliness and functionality of Arthurton Road, between St Georges Road and Nicholson St.

With a steady increase in traffic (both by foot, and vehicles) the area has become noticeably rundown.

After an initial graffiti cleaning project last year following a request from myself, almost all of it has returned. Footpath garden beds are filled with rubbish. Trees that were previously planted by the Council have been neglected, whilst other plants are overgrown and require attention. The bridge over the Merri Creek also looks tired and needs an urgent paint job.

It's a horrible "welcome home" for residents returning to the area and an incredibly disappointing "first glimpse" of our beautiful suburb for everyone else.

What strategies will the Council put in place to fix these issues, and maintain the area moving forward? I will be attending the meeting to note the conversation and intend on campaigning on this issue moving forward in 2020.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Council recently replaced several trees that had reached the end of their useful life expectancy between St Georges Road and the Merri Creek bridge. These trees are currently under contract to be maintained including watering, mulching and weeding as required to ensure successful establishment. Our contractors have been instructed to ensure these trees are well maintained.

Any trees that are not currently performing and will require removal will be replaced as part of next planting season, commencing May 2020.

Council has undertaken a graffiti audit of the area and written to residents.

Council is obligated to write to the owners of private properties with graffiti and then allow 10 days from the issue of that letter for the property owner to respond before Council undertakes any rectification.

Letters were issued to private property owners on 10 January 2020 which means the removal works will commence on Tuesday 21 January 2020. These works were scheduled to be completed before 3 February 2020.

The bridge over the Merri Creek belongs to Vic Roads. Therefore Council is unable to assist in this matter.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, this question was asked on the 6 November 2019 and to this date I have not received a satisfactory reply.

The question is about me not being allowed to ask Council questions about the Donath-Dole Masterplan.

Firstly I believe my democratic rights have been taken away from me by this Council.

In the letter given to me it does not state a time period? Mayor Rennie do I have a right to appeal against this decision? And Mayor Rennie since I asked this question another 3 months have elapsed.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Mr Nugent thank you for your question. You are welcome to come to any Council Meeting and ask two questions on any topic as long as they are not derogatory, insulting or offensive. I am sorry if there is any question that hasn't been followed up from the previous meeting and I will ask our Officers to review all questions that you have asked and make sure that they have all been answered.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Will I get the answers to those questions I have asked in this particular question? All I want is a copy of the minutes which I objected to and I'm very disappointed in what you said to me that particular night and I would like the questions that I have asked to be answered: have my democratic rights been taken away? There is no time period in the letter, have I got a right to appeal? And what rights of appeal have I got and so forth. That's all I want answered

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Mr Nugent I think we are talking about two different things. You are welcome to ask two questions in a Council Meeting as you do however you are not welcome (and this has been explained to you) to call and ask for other actions or things to happen in relation to Donath and Dole Reserve. The limitations that have been put in place are because of the inordinate amount of officer time that was being required to service your requests. I'll take on notice your query about the period of time these limitations will apply and get an answer to you.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie this question was asked on the 2 December 2019. I have been receiving correspondence that the South East corner of Donath West is in the Masterplan.

Could you please advise in simple plain english and not a bureaucratic letter that doesn't explain anything. What has been planned for the South East Corner at Donath Reserve, Donath West.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Mr Nugent thank you equally for that question. I don't have the Masterplan in front of me so I'm unable to answer that. I'll take that on notice and get an answer to you.

- **Mario Fenech, Pender's Park PCG Member**

Is the water station in the park at Pender's going to be relocated and when?

Response from General Manager, Operations and Capital, Sam Hewett,

Through you Mayor Rennie, yes we are able to accommodate a drinking fountain for the community and dogs and we are working with our design team to identify an appropriate place that fits with the Masterplan and meets with the needs of the community and dog walkers.

- **Mario Fenech, Pender's Park PCG Member**

Can that be a bottle refilling station? Because there is a lot of plastic bottles left over in the morning.

Response from General Manager, Operations and Capital, Sam Hewett,

Through you Mayor Rennie, I'm sure we can accommodate that.

Pursuant to the Councils *Governance Local Law 2017* the response to a question from the public taken on notice must be recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council meeting.

At the Council meeting held on 16 December 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie.

- **Dave Norris, Secretary of Preston Baseball Club.**

If I can just give a brief, 20 years ago we were moved from Robinson Reserve to La Trobe University and they have recently built a new Five Million dollar facility, now I have had several meetings with Leisure Services and the last two meetings with Cr. Le Cerf and at that last meeting we had assurances from the University that we would be looked after and we feel as though we have been sold down the creek. Two weeks ago we were forced to sign under duress a new agreement. Basically our problem is for our survival (this was made clear at that meeting) that we would be maintained with Canteened facilities because that ensures our survival, and being a large club we've got one of the largest junior programs in the state and going for over a hundred and ten years, they have now gone back on that and withdrawn the canteen facilities they have got an outside provider. They have doubled our rent and really we are concerned that we are going to go out the back door. Now like I said we provide for boys and girls a huge junior program. We were given all these assurances from Professor Hoy who came and met with us here and I just wondered where do we go from here? I'm asking you as we were hoping as they were looking for some land concessions and now we really are concerned that we are going to go out the back door after a hundred and ten years and we just wondered where are we going to go from here? Cr. Le Cerf said we are just going to throw our hands up and we signed this agreement two weeks ago under duress.

A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 4 FEBRUARY 2020 WAS EMAILED TO DAVID NORRIS BY FELICITY LEAHY MANAGER RECREATION AND LIBRARIES.

Dear David,

Thank you for your question at the Council meeting on 16 December 2019 regarding the Preston Baseball Club, the Mayor has forwarded on your question to me to provide a response.

We appreciate the Club's work in the community in providing opportunities for participation across a range of teams.

As you would be aware Council Officers have been liaising with staff at La Trobe University regarding the Club's seasonal agreement.

In regards to the canteen arrangements at the LaTrobe University venue, we encourage the Club to continue to liaise with the University to ensure that the canteen is open at its designated times. We also encourage the Club to continue to look at alternate fundraising opportunities such as opportunities to host BBQs as well as opportunities to use the new function room.

Council is keen to work with the Club on development opportunities, including Council's Club Development forums and providing information on funding opportunities as they arise. Council officers will be in contact to discuss further and to keep you up to date with the Club Development forums.

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

Mayor, Rennie, on 2 December 2019 I asked Council to "refer me to the relevant policies that determine the street tree planning regime and the soonest opportunity for the community to be consulted about amending the relevant policies?" I have made this inquiry, not just on my

own behalf, but also on behalf of several experienced environmentalists possibly naturalists and arborists who are concerned about the manner in which Darebin is managing street tree planting and species selection.

Council's response was defensive about current practices and most importantly, did not include any reference to the main policy on the topic, Darebin Green Streets Streetscape Strategy 2012 – 2020, which directly relates to the decisions made about street tree selection and planting. Clearly this policy is on the verge of expiring and there will be a process required for community consultation.

- a) When will community consultations for replacement of the green Streets Streetscape Strategy 2012 – 2020 commence?
- b) Why was I given a misleading response to my question about the policy at the 2 December 2019 meeting?

The following response was provided by the General Manager, Operations and Capital, Sam Hewett at the meeting.

There are a number of documents that inform how Council manages trees. In 2020 Council will consider the future of those various documents and how best to ensure that trees in the municipality are managed strategically and holistically.

Council may undertake community consultation with respect to tree selection as part of that review.

However, it is not necessary for you to wait for a formal process of consultation if you wish to share your views on this topic. If you have suggestions for different trees that you would like considered please feel free to submit those to Council officers.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 PLANNED DESTRUCTION OF BOTTLEBRUSH TREES IN PENDER'S PARK THORNBURY

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-002

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That the petition containing 216 signatures stating:

Park users and Darebin residents petition the Council to reconsider their decision to remove the bottlebrush trees and shrubs located at the southeast corner of Pender's Park. At a time of Climate Emergency, healthy established native vegetation should be preserved as habitat for native birds and pollinators, to clean the air we breathe, to store carbon, to reduce temperature, and as a natural area for children to play adjacent to the proposed Adventure Playground.

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for actioning.

CARRIED

6.2

**TACKLING DAREBIN'S WOODSMOKE POLLUTION
ESSENTIAL TO TACKLING CLIMATE EMERGENCY****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-003**

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That the petition containing 41 signatures stating:

We, the undersigned residents of Darebin and other concerned individuals petition the Council to address air pollution from domestic wood burning as a major contributor to speeding up global warming and a serious health hazard. Air pollution is recognized by the World Health organization as the world's largest environmental health risk, and smoke from heaters is a major source of air pollution in Darebin.

To reduce Darebin's contribution to global warming and protect the health of residents, we petition the Council to implement the following coordinated campaign:

- a) As a first step – a proactive community education campaign to increase residents' understanding of the harmful health and environmental impacts of wood smoke. This should explain that particle pollution from wood heaters speeds up global warming, causes strokes, cancers and heart and lung disease, and affects children's health. It should encourage residents to switch to cleaner heating, using local media, council publications and piggybacking on other resident communications, and should be integrated into council health and environmental education materials/programs.
- b) Establish a system for routine monitoring of air pollution levels in Darebin using local low-cost air quality monitoring equipment. Where high pollution levels are identified Council should implement actions to reduce pollution in these areas.
- c) Explore programs and strategies to discourage the use of wood heaters including: designating parts of Darebin emission-free zones, requiring a permit with a fee and yearly registration and other conditions for operating a wood heater, a future ban on wood heaters, proactively targeting high wood smoke polluters with incentives and assistance to change to non-polluting heating.
- d) Assess the current effectiveness of the Council's response to wood smoke complaints through an independent review.
- e) The attached fact sheet further supports this petition.

be tabled and a report be presented to the April 2020 Council meeting.

CARRIED**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 PROPOSED SALE OF DISCONTINUED ROAD REAR 75 TO 81 MALPAS STREET AND 182 TO 188 WOOD STREET, PRESTON

Author: Property Officer

Reviewed By: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018, Council received enquiries from an adjacent owner of the 3.66-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 75–81 Malpas Street and 182–188 Wood Street, Preston, who was seeking to purchase the land abutting their property, being part of the unsold land from a previously discontinued road.

The land is known as Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Title Plan 023774X (**Appendix B**), shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix C**.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed sale, with the property owners of 184 Wood Street, 186 Wood Street and 2/188 Wood Street, Preston respectively indicating their interest by signing in-principle agreements to purchase the land from the discontinued roads at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process.

It is therefore recommended that Council commences the statutory process to sell the land from this former road and to take title of any unsold land.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-004

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

That Council:

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') to:
 - a) Sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 184 Wood Street, 186 Wood Street and 2/188 Wood Street, Preston shown as Lots 8, 9 and 10 on Title Plan 023774X in **Appendix B**, to the owners of 184 Wood Street, 186 Wood Street and 2/188 Wood Street, Preston, respectively
 - b) Take title to the land shown as Lot 7 on Title Plan 023774X in **Appendix B** in accordance with Council Policy.
- (2) Gives public notice under Sections 189, 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed sale in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website, and in such notice, state that Council proposes to:
 - a) Sell the land from the former roads to the owners of 184 Wood Street, 186 Wood Street and 2/188 Wood Street, Preston, respectively by private treaty
 - b) Transfer to itself any land that remains unsold.

CARRIED

8.2 SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO HOMELESSNESS IN VICTORIA**Author:** Coordinator Community Development and Wellbeing**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee (Legislative Council) have been tasked to undertake an inquiry into homelessness in Victoria. This report recommends that Council endorse a formal submission to the Inquiry.

The proposed submission includes responses to the Legislative Council's terms of reference and makes recommendations on the policies and practices that are lacking in Victoria and indeed across Australia. It provides examples from Council's experience in responding to homelessness and securing affordable housing outcomes.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council Endorses the submission attached in **Appendix A** to be made to the Victorian Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee inquiry into homelessness in Victoria.

Cr. Greco sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the submission attached in **Appendix A** to be made to the Victorian Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee inquiry into homelessness in Victoria.
- (2) Modify the submission in **Appendix A** to include a recommendation that the State Government ensure all public housing land remains in public ownership, and be used only for public housing.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the submission attached in **Appendix A** to be made to the Victorian Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee inquiry into homelessness in Victoria.
- (2) Modify the submission in **Appendix A** to include a recommendation that the State Government ensure all public housing land remains in public ownership, and be used only for public housing.

The Motion was put and carried.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-005

MOVED: Cr. S Newton

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the submission attached in **Appendix A** to be made to the Victorian Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee inquiry into homelessness in Victoria.
- (2) Modify the submission in **Appendix A** to include a recommendation that the State Government ensure all public housing land remains in public ownership, and be used only for public housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 LOGGING IN MELBOURNES WATER CATCHMENTS

Councillor: Trent MCCARTHY

NoM No.: 452

Please take notice that at the next ordinary meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 3 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that we are in a State of Climate Emergency that requires urgent action to mitigate the risks of the catastrophic fires we have seen across Australia from September 2019 to January 2020.*
- (2) *Notes that logged forests in the regeneration stage are more likely to burn at higher severity.*
- (3) *Notes that if a catastrophic fire burnt out the remainder of Melbourne's water supply catchments it could severely compromise water quantity, quality and cost for 5 million Melburnians.*
- (4) *Notes that the close proximity of the water catchments to Melbourne means that residents could be put at further risk of cardiac and respiratory illnesses due to smoke from fires.*
- (5) *Writes to the Premier, calling for:*
 - a) *An immediate end to logging in Melbourne's water supply catchments with a view to mitigating these risks;*
 - b) *A moratorium on all other native forest logging until the biodiversity impacts of this season's catastrophic fires have been assessed;*
 - c) *The transition of displaced forest workers into alternative jobs such as emergency services and fire management.*
- (6) *Forwards a copy of this resolution to all local Upper and Lower House MPs, all councils in the Melbourne metropolitan area, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association.*

Notice Received: 21 January 2020

Notice Given to Councillors 3 February 2020

Date of Meeting: 3 February 2020

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 20-006****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- 1) Notes that we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action to mitigate the risks of the catastrophic fires we have seen across Australia from September 2019 to February 2020.
- 2) Notes that logged forests in the regeneration stage are more likely to burn at higher severity.
- 3) Notes that if a catastrophic fire burnt out the remainder of Melbourne's water supply catchments, it could severely compromise water quantity, quality and cost for 5 million Melburnians.
- 4) Notes that the close proximity of the water catchments to Melbourne means that residents could be put at further risk of cardiac and respiratory illnesses due to smoke from fires.
- 5) Notes the recent Interim Injunction against logging of threatened species habitat in the Central Highlands following the devastating impact of fires in East Gippsland.
- 6) Notes the recent Victorian Government announcement to immediately end logging of old growth forests will help protect the habitat of the Greater Glider, the Leadbeater's Possum and more than 35 other threatened species.
- 7) Writes to the Premier, calling for:
 - a. an immediate end to logging in Melbourne's water supply catchments with a view to mitigating these risks
 - b. a moratorium on all other native forest logging, including salvage logging operations in burnt forests, until the biodiversity impacts of this season's catastrophic fires have been assessed;
 - c. In addition to the already announced \$120 million forestry plantation transition package, development of an additional regional public sector jobs transition plan for forestry workers to retrain and be employed in emergency services, paid firefighting roles and other roles within the state government's land management workforce.
- 8) Forwards a copy of this resolution to all local Upper and Lower House MPs, all councils in the Melbourne metropolitan area, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Local Governance Association.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 2 December 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-007

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 2 December 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Recommendation

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

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

- Lord Mayor Morning Tea – LG Action Plan focus on homelessness
- Feeding Melbourne’s Homeless Youth
- Whistleblowers, Activists and Community Alliance (WACA)
- Darebin Education Network Briefing & Feedback
- One on One with Deputy Mayor
- Photograph with Australians Bring Assange Home Campaign Group
- Inner North Community Foundation
- DECC Steering Committee
- One on One with Deputy Mayor
- Northsiders with Refugees Meeting
- MAYORAL BRIEFING - FUSE launch
- MAYORAL BRIEFING - East Preston Community Action Group
- One on One with Cr Greco
- SBS interview regarding climate emergency
- MAYORAL BRIEFING - Cain Avenue Bush Reserve
- One on One with Deputy Mayor
- St Joseph Melkite Catholic Church Fairfield - BBQ fundraiser for fire fighters
- Midsumma Pride March
- Council Briefing
- Dinner prior to Council Meeting
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON, DEPUTY MAYOR

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

- Councillor briefing on Town Hall Avenue Social Housing Project
- Sulawesi New Year event - '2020 Kunci Taong Party' - hosted by Kawanua Melbourne Australia at the Indonesian Consulate

- Weekly meetings with Mayor Rennie
- Gallery Opening of Stonehouse Glasshouse Residency: The Cook and her Driver at Gertrude Glasshouse, Collingwood
- Meeting with Darebin Nature Trust members
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Governance and Risk Committee Meeting
- Tamang Community New Year Event - Sonam Llochhar celebration at Preston Town Hall with Consul General of Nepal to Victoria
- Invasion Day Rally
- Midsumma Carnival
- Tour and visit of Peace Boat with Nobel Peace Prize winner Dave Sweeney
- Meeting with the Mayor and Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) Secretary
- Appreciation End of Year Dinner and celebration with the Kurdish Community
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- Northern Lights Celebration at Fitzroy Bowls Club with the Inner North Community Foundation

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Meeting with residents regarding crossing at Oakover Road and Gilbert Road
- Teleconference to plan climate emergency panel discussion
- Midsumma Pride March
- Phone discussions with residents regarding laneway access, parking and other issues

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- photo shoot at Council re: Bring Assange Home
- attended the Bring Assange Home rally
- Meeting with Reservoir pensioner group
- Meeting with Chinese community representatives re: family support services
- attended Invasion Day rally
- attended DECC vigil for First Australians
- attended First Australian forum at the Greek Democratus House

- Attended Damphu Saanijh (year of the rat) celebration with Nepalese community
- catch-up Meeting with members of the Darebin Nature Trust
- Meeting with members of the Mantra refugee support group
- catch up with Mayor regarding Mantra Detainees
- attended to residents issues re:
- parking restrictions
- Street trees
- Bollards at Link Street Kingsbury
- Dumped rubbish
- Planning application

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Climate Emergency Australia workshop preparations
- Environment Victoria re Climate Emergency Australia
- Pender Park
- Darebin Nature Trust meeting with community members
- Panel discussion as part of Climate Emergency Cinema
- Darebin Staff Christmas Break Up
- Ratepayers Victoria

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

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

- DECC Steering Committee Meeting
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Board Meeting
- Council Briefing – Town Hall Avenue Social Housing
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

No report received

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Cazaly councillor meeting with Planning & EMT's
- Council Meeting
- Meet with SES volunteers
- Attended to matter and discussions with residents regarding:
Playgrounds, Autism, Under pass of the Reservoir level crossing, council elections, sporting fields, bins, waste management recycling, crossing at Powell street, refugees and other constituent matters.

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council meeting 2 December
- Resident consultation Preston
- Resident consultation Thornbury
- Consultation re refugee issues
- Trader consultation Keon Parade
- Trader consultations Broadway
- Consultation residents re Donath Reserve
- Diwali celebrations at VTHC - Minister for Local Government and local Indian community members
- Consultation with residents on traffic issues in La Trobe Ward

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-008

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

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 designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer.

14.1 EO/RFP update - Affordable Housing at 52-60 Townhall Avenue, Preston**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 6.53pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 14.1 which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 20-009

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

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 7.21pm.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 7.22pm.

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