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# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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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.



### English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

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### Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

### Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

### Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Општинскиот одбор. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

### Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

### Punjabi

ਇਹ ਵੈੱਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

### Spanish

Estas son las Actas de la Reunión del Concejo. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

### Urdu

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### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE, 350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2024

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02PM

#### Notice of Special Council Meeting 18 April 2024

*Insufficient lead time was available to provide the required minimum 7 days public notice for this meeting per section 1.1.2(3) of the Governance Rules. Notice was published on Council's website and social media channels on 17 April 2024.*

*Notwithstanding the above requirement, section 1.1.2(4) provides that if urgent or extraordinary circumstances prevent compliance with this requirement, Council must give notice as is practicable and specify in the minutes the urgent or extraordinary circumstances which prevented compliance.*

*The urgency in the matters listed is as follows:*

- *Interim Heritage Protection – Methodist Church on St Georges Road, Thornbury*
  - *Under S29A of the Building Act, Council only has 15 days from when the application was lodged to make this request and refuse the demolition request. The application was received on 28 March and is due to be decided on 19 April 2024.*
- *Commonwealth Grant Application – Play Our Way – Grant Expression of Interest*
  - *Applications for the grants close at 2 pm on 29 April 2024 (AEST).*

## 1. PRESENT

### **Councillors**

Cr. Susanne Newton (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Tim Laurence (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

### **Council Officers**

Peter Smith - Chief Executive Officer

Kylie Bennetts - General Manager Community

Enna Giampiccolo - Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Operations and Capital

Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Anthony Smith - Acting Manager Governance and Communications

Melanie McCarten – Manager Recreation and Libraries

Stevie Meyer – Coordinator Strategic Planning

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr Trent McCarthy

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 4. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 4.1 REQUEST FOR INTERIM HERITAGE OVERLAY FOR FORMER CROXTON METHODIST CHURCH

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 27 March 2024 a request was made to Council under s29A of the *Building Act 1993* for consent to demolish the existing church and all outbuildings at 326-332 St Georges Road, Thornbury, known as the Former Croxton Methodist Church.

The church is not currently protected by a heritage overlay (HO), however, Council's expert heritage advisor has undertaken a heritage assessment of the place and determined that it meets the threshold for local significance, and therefore should be protected under the heritage overlay in the Darebin Planning Scheme.

In order to suspend demolition, Council needs to request the Minister for Planning to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme (Amendment C220dare), to apply an interim heritage overlay to the church site. This request must be lodged by Friday 19 April 2024 to prevent demolition.

The application of an interim heritage overlay would allow time for Council to seek permanent heritage controls for the church through the standard amendment process. A report on the progression of permanent heritage controls will be presented at the next practicable opportunity, likely the 27 May 2024 Council meeting.

This process of Council seeking the Minister to intervene and apply an interim HO reflects current practice in responding to demolition applications involving places of heritage value that are not already protected in planning schemes.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-046**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Laurence

**That Council:**

- (1) Requests the Minister for Planning prepare and approve Amendment C220dare to apply an interim heritage overlay to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (**Appendices A-H**).
- (2) Authorises the Manager City Futures to make minor alterations and corrections, where necessary, to the Amendment C220dare material as attached (**Appendices A-H**) prior to the lodgement of the request with the Minister for Planning
- (3) Notes that the affected landowner will have the opportunity to present their case and participate in the planning scheme amendment process for permanent heritage controls.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 4.2 PLAY OUR WAY GRANT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Federal Government has opened expressions of interest (EOI) for the Play Our Way program, which is providing \$200 million over 3 years from 2024–25 to 2026–27. The program specifically focuses on providing funding for local solutions and improvements that address participation barriers faced by women and girls.

The guidelines indicate the project must be delivered by 30 June 2027.

Council has four projects it can consider when submitting an EOI:

- (1) KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment
- (2) John Cain Memorial Park gender-inclusive change facilities
- (3) Bill Lawry Oval pavilion redevelopment
- (4) JC Donath East pavilion redevelopment

As each eligible organisation can only submit one application per stream (facilities or participation and equipment), officers are seeking Council guidance on their preferred project for submission for the facilities stream.

Officers expect this will be a very competitive grant program across Australia, and there is no guarantee Council will be successful with its application.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Notes that Expressions of Interest applications for the Play Our Way program are due by 2pm on 29 April 2024, prior to the next Council Meeting.
- (3) Notes that organisations can only submit one application per stream.
- (4) Delegates to the CEO to submit an application to the Play Our Way program facilities stream for KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment for up to \$1.5 million.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T Hannan  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Notes that Expressions of Interest applications for the Play Our Way program are due by 2pm on 29 April 2024, prior to the next Council Meeting.
- (3) Notes that organisations can only submit one application per stream.
- (4) Delegates to the CEO to submit an application to the Play Our Way program facilities stream for KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment for up to \$1.5 million.



*Cr Greco proposed to the mover that the motion be amended as follows, which was not accepted by Cr Hannan.*

(5) In the event Council is successful in its grant application, that any reduction to the Council contribution for the KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment is applied to the Concept design for the rebuilding of the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

### Amendment

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Notes that Expressions of Interest applications for the Play Our Way program are due by 2pm on 29 April 2024, prior to the next Council Meeting.
- (3) Notes that organisations can only submit one application per stream.
- (4) Delegates to the CEO to submit an application to the Play Our Way program facilities stream for KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment for up to \$1.5 million.
- (5) In the event Council is successful in its grant application, that any reduction to the Council contribution for the KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment is applied to the Concept design for the rebuilding of the Reservoir Leisure Centre.

**LOST**

For: Crs Laurence, Williams, Dimitriadis and Greco  
Against: Crs Messina, Newton, Rennie and Hannan

The Amendment was lost on the casting vote of the Chairperson, Cr Newton.

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

### Council Resolution

**MINUTE NO. 24-047**

**MOVED:** Cr. T Hannan  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the report.
- (2) Notes that Expressions of Interest applications for the Play Our Way program are due by 2pm on 29 April 2024, prior to the next Council Meeting.
- (3) Notes that organisations can only submit one application per stream.
- (4) Delegates to the CEO to submit an application to the Play Our Way program facilities stream for KP Hardiman pavilion redevelopment for up to \$1.5 million

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. URGENT BUSINESS**

**6. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 7.17pm.

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