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# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DAREBIN'S ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY**

**(Council adopted this Acknowledgment on 1 July 2013 in order  
to confirm the commitment of Council to the process of  
Reconciliation)**

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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 20 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 Steven Tsitas  
Cr Oliver Walsh  
Cr Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive  
Katrina Knox – Director Community Development  
Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services  
Gavin Cator – Director Corporate and Planning Services  
Jacinta Stevens – Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance  
Verica Jokic – Senior Communications Advisor  
Katia Croce – Coordinator Council Business  
Jody Brodribb – Council Business and Governance Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

Cr. McCarthy is on an approved leave of absence.

An apology was lodged for the absence of Cr. Villella.

## 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. J. Williams

**SECONDED:** Cr. G. Greco

**THAT** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 6 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 247

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

- Lisa Moscatiello of Reservoir submitted a question in relation to the decision by VCAT to grant a permit for the development of a child care centre in Rosenthal Crescent Reservoir. The question was responded to by the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana who advised that Council also opposed this development however under State law, VCAT provides the final review of any planning decision made by a Council in relation to a planning application. This means Council and the community have had their final opportunity to be heard to the merits of this proposal.
- John Nugent of Epping submitted a question in relation to the demolition of the public toilets at Batman Park and the costs associated with building the new toilet block. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana advised that the public toilets located in Batman Park were nominated for replacement the facility had reached the end of its useable life expectancy. The new toilet block inclusive of design and documentation of the new building associated plumbing and electrical work associated landscaping and site protection and demolition of the old structure cost \$121,000 (ex GST). Cr. Fontana also advised that a written response would be provided, as requested by Mr Nugent.
- John Nugent of Epping submitted a question in relation to turnaround times for responses to public question time submissions. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to Mr Nugent's question and advised his question had been referred to the Office of the Chief Executive.
- Serena O'Meley of Reservoir submitted a question in relation to the progress of negotiations with the State Government for the purchase of the land at the former Ruthven Primary School and Lakeside Secondary College. The question was responded to by the Chairperson, who advised that Council is waiting to hear from the Minister for Education and there is no indication at this stage as to when negotiations are expected to be finalised.

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 6.1 OFFER OF LEASE – FORMER PRESTON GIRLS SCHOOL

MINUTE NO. 248

**Author:** Manager Assets and Properties

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

#### Report Background

This report is in response to an offer of lease received from the Department of Education and Training for use of the former Preston Girls School. This site has been the subject of several Council resolutions, including resolutions regarding leasing the site from the Department.

#### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 2 December 2013, Council resolved:

*'That the Mayor write to the Minister for Education, the Shadow Minister for Education and local Parliamentarians as a matter of urgency, stating Council's position that the former Preston Girls Secondary School site remains a publicly owned site for the use of public education and/or community use.'*

At its meeting held on 16 December 2013, Council resolved:

*'That the Mayor write to the Minister of Education as a matter of urgency, requesting information on what arrangements the education department has put into place to provide security, maintenance and ongoing community access at the Preston Girls Secondary School site post December 20, when the school year ends and the holiday season begins.'*

At its meeting held on 4 July 2014, Council resolved:

*'That the Mayor write to the Minister of Education seeking an urgent meeting to advance Councils proposal to lease the former Preston Girls site with a view to obtaining a decision from the department by the end of the year. The justification for a timeline is for Council to be in the position to make informed decisions before the budget review in December if the site is leased to Council and allows for the relocation of the Intercultural Centre to the site.'*

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

*'That Council:*

- a. *Commends the Member for Preston, the Minister for Education and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for their commitment in maintaining the site of the former Preston Girls Secondary College as public land for educational purposes.*
- b. *Reaffirms its commitment for public education for Darebin residents and their children.*
- c. *Endorses the call from High School for Preston and many parents from Preston and surrounding areas for the site of the former Preston Girls Secondary College to be re-opened as a public high school as a matter of urgency due to the growing population of primary school aged children placing the increased enrolment demands for public secondary schools in the City of Darebin.*

- d. *Invites the convenors of the High School for Preston to brief the council on information and data gathered to date on the need and demand for a high school in Preston.*
- e. *Calls on the Andrews government to fulfil its election promise to make Victoria the "education state" by committing funding in the 2016/2017 state budget to re-open the site of the Preston Girls Secondary College as a public high school by 2017.*
- f. *Writes to, and authorises the mayor, the CEO and senior officers to hold urgent discussions with, the Premier, treasurer, relevant ministers, local members and their opposition counterparts informing them of the above.*
- g. *Receives a report in early 2016 updating the council on the progress of this issue and outline what additional advocacy efforts and resourcing requirements from the council to assist in the re-opening of the school by 2017.'*

### **Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 23 May 2016

### **Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 1 – Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

Strategy 1.5 – Existing and new physical assets and infrastructure

Goal 2 – Healthy and Connected Communities

Strategies:

- 2.6 Community health and fitness and access to opportunities (physical environments that help improve the community's mental and physical health and fitness and provide opportunities to access parks and gardens)
- 2.10 Social and physical connectedness (provide opportunity for isolated residents to connect with the wider community via accessible public spaces)
- 2.14 Equity in sport (equitable participation and access to sporting activities)

### **Summary**

Council has received a draft lease from the Department of Education and Training (DET) for land and limited building access at the former Preston Girls School. The terms of the lease offer the site at a peppercorn rental for a period of three years, with scope for the lease to be extended on a year by year basis at the discretion of the Minister for Education. Council would be responsible for all outgoings and maintenance during the lease period as well as any capital outlay to improve the site and buildings for public use.

DET is currently undertaking a review of school provision in the Preston area, which may result in the re-opening of the former Preston Girls School as a high school. Stage one of the review has identified that there will be a shortfall in secondary school places in the Preston area post 2025 and that by 2031 this shortfall will reach 1600 places. Stage two of the review is underway and will be presented to the Minister for education later this year.

The proposed lease presents Council with an opportunity to make use of the former Preston Girls School site in the period up to its possible re-opening. Such use could include provision of a new public park in central Preston, access to outdoor netball courts and access to the gymnasium building which contains an indoor netball/basketball court – all of which would meet existing deficiencies in the central Preston area.

Should Council decide to enter into the lease arrangement, it is proposed that Capital funds be provided via the 2016/2017 budget to enable sufficient works to make the school grounds and gymnasium fit for community use. Additional funds would be required on an annual basis to provide for maintenance to the grounds and building.

It is recommended that Council accept the offer of lease from the Department of Education and Training and that sufficient funds be allocated to the capital and operating budgets over the next three years.

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

**SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams**

**That Council:**

- (1) Direct the Mayor to write to the Minister for Education to provide thanks and acceptance for the offer of a lease of the Department of Education and Training land at the site of the former Preston Girls School on the corner of Cooma and Gower Streets, Preston.
- (2) Authorise the CEO or delegate to negotiate and sign a three year lease with the Department of Education and Training for municipal use of Department of Education and Training land at the former Preston Girls School on the corner of Cooma and Gower Streets, Preston.
- (3) Note \$150,000 in capital funding for the provision of public park infrastructure and undertaking building compliance works to enable community use of the gymnasium at the former Preston Girls School has been included in the proposed 2016/2017 Budget.
- (4) Refer \$40,000 operational funding for ground and building maintenance at the former Preston Girls School to the 2016/2017 Budget for funding consideration.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 SALE OF SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND – 2 DOLE AVENUE, RESERVOIR****MINUTE NO. 249****Author:** Manager Assets and Properties**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

Following the successful opening of the Keon Park Children's Hub in Dole Avenue, Reservoir, the former maternal child health centre and kindergarten across the road at 2 Dole Avenue is no longer required for Council services. At the time of preparing the business case for funding the Keon Park Children's Hub it was intended that this property would be sold once the hub opened and users were transferred across to offset Council's capital contribution to the cost of works. The site has been vacant for over a year.

**Previous Council Resolution**

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

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 23 May 2016

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 1 – Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

Strategy 1.5 – Existing and new physical assets and infrastructure

**Summary**

An assessment of the site using the Property Assessment Tool has identified that 2 Dole Avenue serves no strategic purpose and is surplus to current and future Council requirements.

This report recommends that Council commence a consultative process with the community to ascertain if there is any support for, or opposition to, a proposal to sell the property on the open market.

**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Commence a community consultation process to investigate a proposal to dispose of Council owned land at 2 Dole Avenue, Reservoir, which is no longer required for the purposes for which it was initially acquired.
- (2) Council receive a report on the outcome of the community consultation in relation to a proposal to dispose of Council owned land at 2 Dole Avenue, Reservoir.

**Council Resolution**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Commence a community consultation process to:
  - (a) Investigate options for the future use of Council owned land at 2 Dole Avenue, Reservoir, which is no longer required for the purposes for which it was initially acquired.
  - (b) Ascertain if there is any support or opposition to a proposal as per the recommendation by Officers to dispose of the property.
- (2) Receive a report on the outcome of the community consultation in relation to options for future community use and whether or not the land should be disposed of.

**CARRIED**



**6.3 ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW****MINUTE NO. 250****Author:** Manager Assets and Properties**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report presents a review of the 2009 Road Asset Management Plan.

**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 1 – Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

Strategy 1.5 – Existing and new physical assets and infrastructure – Review and continue to manage the existing asset base, ensuring that the city's public spaces, drains, roads, footpaths, facilities, street trees parks and other infrastructure are maintained to the highest standard.

The Road Asset Management Plan is a 'Supporting Strategic Plan' to the Council Plan 2013-2017 (p. 35).

**Summary**

The production of asset management plans has been identified in Council's Asset Management Strategy 2015–2019 to identify the processes and practices involved in managing Council's infrastructure assets, identify gaps and improvement actions and to provide long-term financial forecasts for the maintenance and provision of infrastructure to meet community needs and level of service expectations.

The Road Asset Management Plan (RAMP) covers non-living infrastructure assets within land designated as a 'road reserve' as well as all bridge-type structures and shared paths both in roads and open spaces. Road assets are provided by Council to support transport, access and economic activity across and throughout the City of Darebin. Road assets are used by everybody, every day.

The RAMP communicates Council's intentions for the management of its road assets. A new version of this Plan has been produced which reviews the performance of Council's road assets over the last 7 years and sets levels of service and financial forecasts for the management road assets over the next 20 years. This review presents the third iteration of the RAMP since its initial creation in 2007.

Overall, the whole of Council's road assets are in 'fair' to 'good' condition. The road surface/base sub-groups (the most valuable assets in the class) have remained in 'very good' condition since the adoption of the 2009 RAMP.

In terms of asset quantities, there has been a 10km increase in shared paths and 240 additional traffic control devices added since the last plan and very little change to the other asset sub-classes.

This review has expanded and better defined levels of service that Council will provide to road users. Using a new format based on an analysis of best practice in defining service levels in both Australia and New Zealand, levels of service have been identified for the following customer values:

- Quality
- Safety
- Function
- Accessibility
- Aesthetics
- Responsiveness
- Cost Efficiency

Going forward, the RAMP seeks to set a goal to maintain the road network in 'very good' condition and provides a recommended funding level to achieve this goal. Recent trials in a new style of asphalt (stone mastic) have shown superior performance to traditional asphalt (dense graded) at half the thickness for two thirds of the cost. This asphalt is now being widely used in Council's asphalt re-sheeting program, resulting in an ability to maintain the condition of the road network at current funding levels.

The plan estimates that Council will require \$950,000 per annum over the next seven years to deal with the backlog of tripping hazards on Council's 1,033km footpath network, before tapering down to an annual expenditure of \$400,000 to manage only the hazards that arise during each year.

The RAMP notes that three footbridges will need replacement over the next decade, being the timber bridges over the Darebin Creek at Dundas Street and Wood Street and the Kendall/Harding suspension bridge over the Merri Creek. Design and renewal costs for these bridges would be shared with our adjoining municipalities (Banyule and Moreland).

### Council Resolution

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Note the summary of Council's road assets included in the Road Asset Management Plan attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Endorse the recommendations outlined in the Road Asset Management Plan Executive Summary (**Appendix C**) for the management and funding of road assets for the next 20 years.

**CARRIED**

**6.4 LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS – URBAN DESIGN PRINCIPLES****MINUTE NO. 251****Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

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

- Grange Road, Fairfield;
- Bell Street, Preston; and
- High Street, Reservoir.

Construction works are expected to commence at the above sites in 2018. This is a welcome announcement and follows years of Council-led advocacy to prioritise the removal of dangerous level crossings in Darebin. These level crossings significantly hinder the flow of traffic, impede pedestrian and cyclist mobility, sever communities, constrain productivity and undermine the expansion and improvement of public transport services along the South Morang and Hurstbridge lines.

In order to maximise the community benefits afforded by these projects, Council Officers have developed a set of Urban Design Principles for each of the three level crossing removal projects. In doing so and to ensure consistency with State Government, Officers have applied the generic State Government Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) Urban Design Framework, to the three level crossing sites in Darebin. The LXRA Urban Design Framework will be released shortly for the community to review.

**Previous Council Resolution**

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

**Previous Briefing(s)**

- 22 February 2016
- 15 March 2016
- 4 April 2016
- 16 May 2016

**Council Plan Goals**

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

## Summary

The purpose of these Urban Design Principles Reports, provided at **Appendix A**, is:

1. To develop a Council position concerning the desired community and urban design outcomes for the projects, having regard to maximising community benefits and delivery of exemplary urban design outcomes;
2. To ensure a consistent message to the State Government in terms of Council's expectations of the projects and to inform Council's negotiations with the State Government;
3. To provide a benchmark to the State Government for the preparation of design responses and against which design proposals can be evaluated; and
4. To guide Council's decision for determining the most beneficial outcome for the community.

This work is part of the '*Darebin Connect*' project which is seeking to ensure Council advocates for the best outcomes on the community's behalf. In doing so, Council officers have commenced meeting monthly with the State Government LXRA representatives in an effort to maximise opportunity for Council and community input. Following Council's consideration of these Urban Design Principle Reports, they will be forwarded to the LXRA to assist with the Development of concept designs and ensure Council's views are embedded early in the process.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Note the contents of this Council Report and the consultations undertaken to prepare the three Urban Design Principle Reports attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Endorse these Principles (**Appendix A**) to guide Council's negotiations with the Level Crossing Removal Authority and State Government agencies so as to achieve the most beneficial outcomes for the community; and
- (3) Note that Officers will continue to engage proactively with the Level Crossing Removal Authority throughout their consultation and planning around these three sites in order to maximise community benefits.

### Motion

**MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh**

**SECONDED: Cr. -**

**That Council endorse a rail under road design over an elevated rail design.**

THE MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence**

**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

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

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. T. Laurence**

**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

**That Council:**

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**CARRIED**

Cr. Walsh called for a Division:

For

Cr. Bo Li

Cr. Julie Williams

Cr. Steven Tsitas

Cr. Vince Fontana

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Against

Cr. Oliver Walsh

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

**6.5 NORTHLAND URBAN RENEWAL PRECINCT – STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT****MINUTE NO. 252****Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report provides an overview of the discussions from the Northland Urban Renewal Precinct Steering Committee meeting held on 23 February 2016. It contains a number of recommendations to Council for endorsement as per the Terms of Reference July 2014.

**Previous Council Resolutions**

At its meeting on 7 July 2014 Council resolved:

*That Council:*

- (1) *Endorse the Priorities and the Northland Urban Renewal Precinct work program for 2014/2015, attached as Appendix A to this report, which will guide the allocation of resources and funding.*
- (2) *Note that the governance structure and Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix C to this report, have been revised to meet the Joint Community Infrastructure Plan funding agreement requirements.*
- (3) *Endorse the revised Steering Committee structure in the officers report with the addition of one additional member position to represent the Community Housing sector.*
- (4) *Endorse the revised Terms of Reference 2014/2015, attached as Appendix C to this report, as the operational guide for the Steering Committee over the next 12 months.*
- (5) *Invite new members onto the Committee, as per the Terms of Reference (Appendix C) to ensure a wide spread representation is achieved.*
- (6) *Note a further report will be presented to Council on the potential for establishing a Development Advisory Group with new Terms of Reference, as a forum to provide private sector and Development industry views to the Steering Committee.'*

At its meeting 7 September 2015 Council resolved:

*That Council:*

- (1) *Reaffirms its commitment to the La Trobe National Employment and Innovation Cluster in Melbourne's north, and the integral role of the Northland Urban Renewal Plan (NURP).*
- (2) *Resolves to receive a report as part of the 2016/2017 budget process on the fast tracking of NURP in the next 1, 2 and 5 years. The report may cover, but not confine itself to the following:*
  - a. *Economic Development and job growth*
  - b. *Dwelling and accommodation options including social and affordable housing*
  - c. *Best practice environmental urban renewal principles*
  - d. *Lobbying and advocacy plan for external sources of funding.'*

**Previous Briefing(s)**

- 7 July 2014 – Council Meeting
- 10 March 2015 – Council Briefing
- 23 February 2016 – Steering Committee Meeting
- 7 March 2016 – Council Briefing

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 1 - A Vibrant City and Innovative Economy

**Summary**

The NURP Steering Committee met on 23 February 2016 to review in detail the progress of various Foundation Phase projects for the Northland Urban Renewal Precinct program. The Committee has made a number recommendations to Council regarding the 2016/2017 priorities and work program as per the Terms of Reference.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council:

- (1) Endorse the proposed minor changes to the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Officers proceed with an Expressions of Interest process for Community and Development Specialists representatives.
- (3) Endorse the NURP priorities and work program attached as **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Support in-principle the draft T.W. Blake Renewal Concept Plan attached as **Appendix C** to this report as the basis for consultation with the community and users and any external funding applications.
- (5) Consider the NURP Water Sensitive Urban Design bid as part of the 2016/2017 budget considerations.
- (6) Notes the concerns raised by the Northern College of Arts and Technology (NCAT) regarding the location of the proposed skate park as part of the sports and youth precinct of the T.W. Blake Community Park.
- (7) Note the limitations of the existing transport network to cater for significant additional traffic and endorse the break with a business as usual approach to the Transport and Movement Strategy as contained within the Steering Committee Overview Presentation attached as **Appendix E**.
- (8) Investigate how to proactively achieve a significant shift to walking, cycling and public transport trips with the using a Travel Demand Management approach.
- (9) Endorse Officers participation in a planning and design forum to ensure the outcomes for the catalyst site at 73 Gower Street are aligned with the NURP Vision and Council's Development expectations.
- (10) Support in-principle Officers working with the consultant team for 73 Gower Street to progress the drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding and bring this back to the Steering Committee for consideration.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the proposed minor changes to the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
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- (3) Endorse the NURP priorities and work program attached as **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Support in-principle the draft T.W. Blake Renewal Concept Plan attached as **Appendix C** to this report as the basis for consultation with the community and users and any external funding applications.
- (5) Consider the NURP Water Sensitive Urban Design bid as part of the 2016/2017 budget considerations.
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- (7) Note the limitations of the existing transport network to cater for significant additional traffic and endorse the break with a business as usual approach to the Transport and Movement Strategy as contained within the Steering Committee Overview Presentation attached as **Appendix E**.
- (8) Investigate how to proactively achieve a significant shift to walking, cycling and public transport trips with the using a Travel Demand Management approach.
- (9) Endorse Officers participation in a planning and design forum to ensure the outcomes for the catalyst site at 73 Gower Street are aligned with the NURP Vision and Council's Development expectations.
- (10) Support in-principle Officers working with the consultant team for 73 Gower Street to progress the drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding and bring this back to the Steering Committee for consideration.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the mover that point (11) be added to the motion as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Laurence.*

- (11) Include the Mayor as a member of the Steering Committee.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the proposed minor changes to the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee attached as **Appendix A** to this report.



- (2) Officers proceed with an Expressions of Interest process for Community and Development Specialists representatives.
- (3) Endorse the NURP priorities and work program attached as **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Support in-principle the draft T.W. Blake Renewal Concept Plan attached as **Appendix C** to this report as the basis for consultation with the community and users and any external funding applications.
- (5) Consider the NURP Water Sensitive Urban Design bid as part of the 2016/2017 budget considerations.
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- (10) Support in-principle Officers working with the consultant team for 73 Gower Street to progress the drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding and bring this back to the Steering Committee for consideration.
- (11) Include the Mayor as a member of the Steering Committee.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G. Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the proposed minor changes to the Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Officers proceed with an Expressions of Interest process for Community and Development Specialists representatives.
- (3) Endorse the NURP priorities and work program attached as **Appendix B** to this report.
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- (5) Consider the NURP Water Sensitive Urban Design bid as part of the 2016/2017 budget considerations.
- (6) Notes the concerns raised by the Northern College of Arts and Technology (NCAT) regarding the location of the proposed skate park as part of the sports and youth precinct of the T.W. Blake Community Park.

- (7) Note the limitations of the existing transport network to cater for significant additional traffic and endorse the break with a business as usual approach to the Transport and Movement Strategy as contained within the Steering Committee Overview Presentation attached as **Appendix E**.
- (8) Investigate how to proactively achieve a significant shift to walking, cycling and public transport trips with the using a Travel Demand Management approach.
- (9) Endorse Officers participation in a planning and design forum to ensure the outcomes for the catalyst site at 73 Gower Street are aligned with the NURP Vision and Council's Development expectations.
- (10) Support in-principle Officers working with the consultant team for 73 Gower Street to progress the drafting of the Memorandum of Understanding and bring this back to the Steering Committee for consideration.
- (11) Include the Mayor as a member of the Steering Committee.

**CARRIED**

**6.6 UPDATE ON GREEN STREET PEDESTRIAN PATH****MINUTE NO. 253****Author:** Senior Coordinator Transport Management**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

On 7 December 2015 a petition was submitted regarding the Green Street pedestrian path to Council, this resulted in the following resolution:

*'That the petition:*

*"Create a safe and legal thoroughfare for the Community. We the residents of Westgarth petition Darebin Council to pave and fence the informal Green Street pedestrian path.*

*This path is regularly used by residents to access east-west along the railway line, Dennis Station and the primary school, shops, cafes and parks over the railway line. By restricting access, a long standing amenity and important access to public transport has been significantly diminished.*

*Formalising this path will make it the same as the other public thoroughfares at Knowles, Harper and Rathmines Streets.*

*I urge the Darebin Council to indefinitely lease the land from PTV/Vic Track so that they can then create a safe and legal thoroughfare to Dennis Station and beyond by early 2016."*

*be tabled and a report be presented to Council at its February 2016 meeting.'*

**Previous Council Resolutions**

In response to the petition, a report was presented to Council on 1 February 2016 providing information on the status of the Green Street pedestrian path. At this meeting Council resolved:

*'That:*

- (1) Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community to retain pedestrian access through the VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street, Northcote.*
- (2) The Mayor writes to the Minister for Transport, Member for Northcote, CEO of VicTrack and CEO of Metro Trains Melbourne requesting that VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street be leased to Council at no cost and that these agencies consider contributing to the cost of constructing a path as per the community petition.*
- (3) Council receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 Budget deliberations regarding costs associated with leasing and path construction.*
- (4) Council explore whether the petitioning for a Board of Inquiry to be established by the Governor in Council under section 9 of the Local Government Act, if there is no formal dispute resolution mechanism available under the Act which regulates VicTrack.'*

This report responds to that resolution.

## Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Council briefing.

## Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Strategies:

- Darebin Transport Strategy (DTS)
- Darebin Safe Travel Strategy (DSTS)

## Summary

- In October 2015, Council received reports that signs were erected around the Green Street pedestrian path (between Green Street and Dennis Train Station), indicating that the path was closed to the public.
- In response, a petition was submitted to Council calling for Council to lease the land and formalise the path.
- Subsequent investigations by Council have identified that the signs have been removed.
- Council officers have investigated the merits of formalising the path. This investigation indicates that whilst the route offers a local connection to the train station, it does not form part of a strategic link in the pedestrian network.
- In line with item 2 of the Council resolution, Council has written to the Chief Executive of VicTrack, copied to the Minister for Public Transport, Member for Northcote and CEO of Metro Trains advocating to retain the access along this route, requesting the land be leased at no cost, and that these agencies consider contributing to the cost of constructing a path. VicTrack have agreed to waive the assessment fee, and charge only a nominal licence fee.
- Council has applied to VicTrack to lease the land from the end of Green Street to the rail reserve, and along the rail reserve to Simpson Street, in order to construct a 1.5m granitic sand pedestrian path with a 1.8m fence along the rail line. VicTrack have progressed the application, indicating they will support it, and MTM approvals are now required.
- The cost of formalising the path would be in the order of \$115,000 and it is expected that the design and construction phases would be in the order of 12 months.
- If approvals for a path are obtained from the relevant agencies, a submission will need to be made to the 2017/18 capital works budget to construct the path.

### Recommendation

**That** Council note this report on the Green Street Pedestrian Path.

### Council Resolution

**MOVED: Cr. O. Walsh**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas**

**That** Council defer the item to the next Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**6.7 TERMS OF REFERENCE SUBMISSION TO THE MANAGING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTE NO. 254

**Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report has originated from an announcement by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to review the implementation of the residential zones.

**Previous Council Resolution**

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

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Briefing – 11 April 2016

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

- Council Goal 3 – Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods
- Darebin Housing Strategy 2013-2033

**Summary**

This report is seeking Council's resolution to formally adopt the submission officers have prepared and submitted to the Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee (MRDAC), and more recently presented to the formal hearing.

MRDAC has been appointed by the State Government to review the implementation of the residential zones across the state. The tight time frames of the call for submissions and hearing dates meant that the submission could not be reported to Council prior to its lodgement.

Since the Briefing of 11 April 2016, Council has also appeared before MRDAC to present the submission along other stakeholders and interested parties such as local governments and residents.

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** Council formally adopt the Submission to the Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee included in **Appendix A**.

**CARRIED**

**6.8 2016 DAREBIN COMMUNITY AND KITE FESTIVAL****MINUTE NO. 255****Author:** Manager Creative Culture**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the outcomes derived from the Darebin Community and Kite Festival held at Edwardes Lake Park in Reservoir on Sunday 20 March 2016.

**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 Arts Strategy 2014 – 2020
- Darebin Council Plan 2013 – 2017, Goal 4 – A Thriving and Creative Culture

**Summary**

The Darebin Community and Kite Festival is an annual Darebin City Council event. In recent years the festival has formed part of Darebin Arts' True North program which aims to celebrate the arts and community within the culturally diverse suburb of Reservoir. Since 2014 the Darebin Pet Expo has run in conjunction with the Darebin Community and Kite Festival.

The identified aims for the 2016 event were to present a fun, free and immersive event that offered engaging performances, activities and participatory experiences, alongside activated community stalls, cultural and generational exchange opportunities and a range of food and beverages. The theme of kite flying continues to be a primary focus and main activity of the festival day with opportunity for both kite flying and kite making occurring for the duration of the event.

Festival evaluation surveys were conducted over a three hour period from 12 pm to 3 pm across the Festival site. The evaluation measured the satisfaction of attendees on various aspects of the festival and aims to highlight and identify areas for improvement. A total of 107 responses were received. The outcomes of the evaluation have been compiled with the quantitative highlighted outcomes included in this report. Qualitative data has been compiled from a festival debrief meeting with staff and contractors involved in delivering the festival. In addition, feedback has been received online and email, with some verbal feedback from participants and other Council attendees.

*"What a great day! A definite top highlight of the year for me 😊"*

- Mark Blach (festival attendee) via City of Darebin Facebook Kite Festival Event page

*"Was really fabulous! A great community event!"*

-CarCar La Jenkins (festival attendee) via City of Darebin Facebook Kite Festival Event page

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

**SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco**

**That** Council resolve to endorse Edwardes Lake Park as the location for The Darebin Community and Kite Festival for a further two years, with a review after the 2018 event.

**CARRIED**

**6.9 SOCIAL PROCUREMENT****MINUTE NO. 256****Author:** Coordinator Procurement and Contracting**Reviewed By:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Report Background**

This report outlines the procurement processes Council has in place in relation to social procurement and as outlined in the procurement guidelines.

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting on 23 November 2015 Council resolved:

*'That Council:*

- (1) Note the outcomes of the Procurement Policy review.*
- (2) Adopt the City of Darebin Procurement Policy November 2015, as required under section 186A of the Local Government Act 1989, attached as Appendix A to this report.*
- (3) With reference to the Notice of Motion 189 (refer to Council Minutes No. 216 dated 29 April 2015) receive a report in February 2016 on developing more comprehensive and effective social procurement guidelines to better supplement Council's Procurement Policy November 2015.'*

This report responds to point 3 of the above resolution.

**Briefing Date**

No councillor briefing has been held in relation to social procurement.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 6 – Open and Accountable Democracy

**Summary**

All Council procurement processes are based on the following principles. Best Value, Open and Fair Competition, Accountability, Risk Management and Probity and Transparency.

The application of legislation, policy and guidelines is the responsibility of all officers with procurement responsibilities.



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

**SECONDED:** Cr. J. Williams

**That** Council:

- (1) Note officers have updated of the City of Darebin Procurement Guidelines to reflect a more detailed guide for officers when procuring goods and/or services to ensure social procurement is considered when seeking quotes or tenders.
- (2) Note officers have undertaken a comprehensive review of other local government municipalities and the MAV social procurement processes which are consistent with Council's policy and guidelines.
- (3) Note the extract on Social Procurement from the Procurement guidelines attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

**CARRIED**

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

### 7.1 ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

MINUTE NO. 257

**Author:** Manager Assets and Properties

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

#### Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No. 282 from the Council meeting held on 16 May 2016.

#### Previous Council Resolution

At its meeting held on 16 May 2016, Council resolved:

*'That Council receive an urgent report prior to adoption of the 2016/2017 budget on its Asset Management Strategy and Council's performance against the goals and objectives of that Strategy and any limitations of the current strategy due to Council's poor renewal performance over the last four years being 65.6% in 2012/2013, 65.8% in 2013/2014, 60.3% in 2014/2015 and 78.3% in 2015/2016.'*

#### Previous Briefing(s)

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor briefing.

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal: 1 - Vibrant and Innovative Economy

Strategy: 1.5 - Existing and new physical assets and infrastructure

#### Summary

This report has been prepared in response to a Notice of Motion that was considered and resolved by Council at its meeting of 16 May 2016. The motion requested a report on the Asset Management Strategy and made reference to historical renewal funding levels, querying if these were in fact sufficient to maintain Council's assets.

Council's current Asset Management Strategy was approved by Council in May 2015. In the past year, this Strategy has enabled Council to achieve core competency in the National Asset Management Assessment Framework (**Appendix A**), however more work is required to achieve best practice. Major elements of the next stage of Strategy implementation relate to the review of the four existing asset management plans (Roads, Drains, Buildings and Open Space) together with new asset management plans for other assets (Information Technology, Fleet/Plant and Cultural Collections). These plans are intended to be completed by the end of 2016 to inform Council's response to rate capping as part of the 2017/18 and beyond budgets.

The level of renewal funding over the past five years has been a result of depreciation being an average figure with Council's actual asset renewal needs being low over this period.

**Appendix B** notes actions that are being undertaken to improve the accuracy of depreciation as a forecast of asset renewal needs.

Darebin has sufficient financial capacity in its Capital Works Program to shift the balance of funding to renewal works from upgrade/new/expansion when the need arises. This has been seen in the draft 2016/2017 Capital Works Program which proposes an asset renewal expenditure of \$19.456M which would provide for an asset renewal ratio of 93.4% - much closer to the average depreciation figure.

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. G. Greco

**That** Council note the report on the Asset Management Strategy.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item – 7.49 pm*

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION****8.1 EDGARS CREEK BLOCKAGE****MINUTE NO. 258****NOTICE OF MOTION NO.****287****CR. ANGELA VILLELLA**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 June 2016, it is my intention to move:

**That** the Mayor write to Melbourne Water as a matter of urgency requesting it to:

- (1) Undertake an immediate clearing of the over grown reeds and other matter causing blockage to the natural flow of water at Edgars Creek between Glasgow Avenue and Broadhurst Avenue.
- (2) Examine the surrounding area in response to residents' concerns regarding flooding and provide a report to council and effected residents.

**Notice Received:****7 June 2016****Notice Given to Councillors:****14 June 2016****Date of Meeting:****20 June 2016**

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

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- (1) Undertake an immediate clearing of the over grown reeds and other matter causing blockage to the natural flow of water at Edgars Creek between Glasgow Avenue and Broadhurst Avenue.
- (2) Examine the surrounding area in response to residents' concerns regarding flooding and provide a report to council and effected residents.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Tsitas returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item – 7.53 pm*

## 8.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

MINUTE NO. 259

NOTICE OF MOTION NO.

288

CR. GAETANO GRECO

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 June 2016, it is my intention to move:

*That Council:*

- (1) *Note that many residents feel disenfranchised and frustrated by not having the opportunity to directly ask questions during question time at Council meetings.*
- (2) *As a matter of democratic principle and direct community participation Council immediately reinstate the opportunity for residents to directly ask question at council meeting during question time.*

**Notice Received: 7 June 2016**

**Notice Given to Councillors: 14 June 2016**

**Date of Meeting: 20 June 2016**

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

**That:**

- (1) Council note that many residents feel disenfranchised and frustrated by not having the opportunity to directly ask questions during question time at Council meetings.
- (2) As a matter of democratic principle and direct community participation Council immediately reinstate the opportunity for residents to directly ask question at council meeting during question time.

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

**That:**

- (1) Council note that many residents feel disenfranchised and frustrated by not having the opportunity to directly ask questions during question time at Council meetings.
- (2) As a matter of democratic principle and direct community participation Council immediately reinstate the opportunity for residents to directly ask question at council meeting during question time **on 18 July 2016.**
- (3) **The Mayor write to the Minister for Local Government advising of this decision of Council.**

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That:**

- (1) Council note that many residents feel disenfranchised and frustrated by not having the opportunity to directly ask questions during question time at Council meetings.
- (2) As a matter of democratic principle and direct community participation Council immediately reinstate the opportunity for residents to directly ask question at council meeting during question time on 18 July 2016.
- (3) The Mayor write to the Minister for Local Government advising of this decision of Council.

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

**Council Resolution**

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

**That:**

- (1) Council note that many residents feel disenfranchised and frustrated by not having the opportunity to directly ask questions during question time at Council meetings.
- (2) As a matter of democratic principle and direct community participation Council immediately reinstate the opportunity for residents to directly ask question at council meeting during question time on 18 July 2016.
- (3) The Mayor write to the Minister for Local Government advising of this decision of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, CR. FONTANA, CR. GRECO WITHDREW THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTION.

### 8.3 PRESTON MARKET

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 289 CR. GAETANO GRECO

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 June 2016, it is my intention to move:

*That Council:*

- (1) *Note the lack of response from Salta Properties regarding Council's letter dated 21st March 2016 to reconsider their opposition to into a Section 173 Agreement to legally protect the market as part of any future Development.*
- (2) *Write a follow up letter to Salta Properties requesting that they respond to Council's letter and reconsider their position in safeguarding the future of Preston Market.*

Notice Received: 7 June 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 14 June 2016

Date of Meeting: 20 June 2016

### 8.4 FUTURE FUNDING OF BUNDOORA PARK

MINUTE NO. 260

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 290 CR. GAETANO GRECO

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 20 June 2016, it is my intention to move:

*That Council write to the relevant Minister (cc Local State MPs) and Parks Victoria with the intent of calling a high level meeting to discuss future funding of Bundoora Park as a Regional state funded Park under Council management.*

Notice Received: 7 June 2016

Notice Given to Councillors: 14 June 2016

Date of Meeting: 20 June 2016

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

*That Council write to the relevant Minister (cc Local State MPs) and Parks Victoria with the intent of calling a high level meeting to discuss future funding of Bundoora Park as a Regional state funded Park under Council management.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.05 pm and returned at 8.07 pm.*

## 9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 11. PETITIONS

### 11.1 PARKING IN GEORGE STREET, PRESTON

MINUTE NO. 261

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

- (1) Note the Petition tabled at the Council meeting on 6 June 2016 and circulated to Councillors at that meeting.
- (2) Note the Petition as being brought back to Council for consideration in accordance with the *Governance Local Law 2013*.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. B. Li**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S. Tsitas**

**That Council:**

- (1) Note the Petition tabled at the Council meeting on 6 June 2016 and circulated to Councillors at that meeting.
- (2) Note the Petition as being brought back to Council for consideration in accordance with the *Governance Local Law 2013*.
- (3) Receives a report on options to minimise traffic accidents as reported by residents. The report may cover options such as introducing indented parking or allowing residents to park partially on the nature strip.

**CARRIED**



## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 262

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:

- Councillor Special Strategic Workshop – 24 May 2016
- Government Briefing – 27 May 2016
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 1 June 2016
- CEO/Councillor Briefing Session – 6 June 2016
- Councillor Strategic Workshop – 6 June 2016
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group – 8 June 2016

NOTE: Cr. Fontana advised that he submitted an apology for his absence at the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 June 2016.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas**  
**SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams**

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 24 and 27 May and 1, 6 and 8 June 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

MINUTE NO. 263

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S. Tsitas  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J. Williams

**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:

- Audit Committee meeting
- CEO Performance review meeting with Davidson Executive
- East Reservoir Community Gardens' meeting
- Meeting with stakeholders : Tourism - a Destination Plan for Darebin
- Meeting with Craig Ondarchie MP
- Judging Business awards
- Pavillion School for Rotary presentation
- Meeting with Rotary members
- Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting
- Mott Reserve visit with club officials
- Northern Falcons Pink Ribbon Charity day
- Council Briefing
- Meeting with CEO
- Planning Committee meeting
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Community Leader's Graduation ceremony at La Trobe University
- 'Dirty Deeds' cycling event at Darebin Parklands
- Meeting with AFL and NFL representatives
- Opening of Carjo Furniture premises
- 'Black & Blue' 30th anniversary community event
- Meeting with officers re citizenship ceremonies
- Photoshoot for Reservoir Junction Grade Separation
- Auskick event at Cramer street oval
- Parkside Football Club to observe all abilities match

**13.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI**

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

- Hearing of submissions meeting
- Councillor briefing
- Planning committee meeting
- Meeting with Transition Darebin
- Residential issues regarding dumped rubbish, planning and traffic safety

**13.3 REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Hearing of submissions
- Council briefing session
- Planning committee meeting
- Active and Healthy Ageing Board meeting
- Exhibition Launch - Re-Visioning Histories
- Strategic Workshop
- Attended to resident's issues relating to:
  - Budget submissions
  - Planning
  - Re-zoning of Ruthven and Lakeside sites
  - Car parking in Springthorpe
  - Smart meters

**13.4 REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Strategic Workshop
- Councillor Meeting
- Special Strategic workshop
- Consultation on Tourism
- DECL Board Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions
- Council Briefing Session
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Queen Street Residents
- Active and Healthy Ageing Board Meeting
- Evolutionary at Westside Circus
- Various Constituent matters

**13.5 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Council meeting
- Council Strategic workshop
- Attended Shadow Minister's visit to Keon Park Children's Hub
- Spoke at La Trobe University National Employment Cluster Forum
- Tourism Policy consultation with officers
- State Cross Country race finals at Bundoora Park

**13.6 REPORT OF CR. STEVEN TSITAS**

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

- Planning Meeting
- Council Briefing (23 May)
- Council Meeting
- Strategic Workshop (6 June)
- Council Meeting
- Strategic Workshop (22 June)
- Acknowledgement of Council's support and partnership in completing my Master's degree in Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management.

**13.7 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

Period ending 6 June 2016

- Meeting with PRACE
- Meeting with parents from Wales Street Primary School and Thornbury Secondary College
- Planning Committee
- Council Briefing
- Forest Festival in Darebin Parklands
- Whitelion Bail Out
- Chandler Highway Bridge residents action for a better design
- IDAHOBIT events
- Batman Park Fun Day

**13.8 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH**

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

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**13.9 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA**

Cr. Villella was an apology for this meeting.

## 14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

### CLOSE OF MEETING

**MOVED:** Cr. S. Tsitas  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G. Greco

**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 Acquittal of Sport and Recreation Victoria Community Sports Infrastructure Fund Grant

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 8.13 pm.

*Verica Jokic, Senior Communications Advisor left the meeting prior to discussion of the following item – 8.13 pm*

***The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 14.1 (Acquittal of Sport and Recreation Victoria Community Sports Infrastructure Fund Grant) which had been circulated to Councillors on 14 June 2016 with the Council Agenda Paper.***

### RE-OPENING OF MEETING

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

**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 8.17 pm

**CONFIDENTIAL****14.1 ACQUITTAL OF SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA  
COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT****MINUTE NO. 264****Author:** Manager Leisure and Public Realm**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development**Report Background**

Council is required to acknowledge the completion of the Darebin Major Regional Leisure Facilities Study 2014 as part of the acquittal process for the Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) grant.

**Previous Council Resolution**

Council resolution of 5 November 2014 endorsed Council to proceed with concept options at Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC) site.

**Previous Briefing(s)**

Councillor Workshop (Narc redevelopment) 9 March 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**

Council received a grant of \$50,000 from SRV in 2014/2015 to undertake the Darebin Major Regional Leisure Facilities Study. The study reviewed and made recommendations on a range of leisure facilities in Darebin including the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC), Reservoir Leisure Centre (RLC) and Darebin Indoor Sports Centre (DISC).

The study provided concept plans for the redevelopment of NARC that will be considered and inform the NARC Masterplan development planned to commence in the 2016/2017 financial year.

The study also provided strategic actions as a way forward for the other facilities and allied sports including planning for the implementation of the RLC masterplan, resurfacing the outdoor courts at Darebin Community Sports Centre and engagement and collaboration with key stakeholders.

**Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. B. Li**

**SECONDED: Cr. J. Williams**

**That** the following Council resolution:

“That Council:

- (1) Acknowledges completion of Darebin Major Regional Leisure Facilities Study 2014.
- (2) Notes the study and its contribution to future planning for leisure facilities in Darebin.”

be made public, but the report remain confidential.

**CARRIED**

## **15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.





