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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

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 ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.03PM

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

### WELCOME

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

*"I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand here today, the Wurundjeri people, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, as well as to Elders from other communities who may be with us today."*

## 1. PRESENT

### **Councillors**

Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)  
Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis  
Cr. Tom Hannan  
Cr. Tim Laurence  
Cr. Trent McCarthy  
Cr. Susanne Newton  
Cr. Susan Rennie (arrived 6.26pm)  
Cr. Julie Williams

### **Council Officers**

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer  
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital  
Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities  
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement  
Anita Craven – Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy  
Damian Hogan – Manager Finance  
Enna Giampiccolo - Manager Communications and Engagement  
Brett Grambau – Manager City Works  
Sarah-Jade Chung - Acting Coordinator Community Engagement & Demographics  
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business  
Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

Nil

### 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-013**

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr Messina and the Chief Executive Officer responded to the following questions.

- **Hendrik Falk, Preston**

In Sylvester Grove (address 11 Highview Rd), there is a green space with lawn and trees, adjacent to a car park. Both blocks are owned by the neighbouring church. The church building and the car park have been sold recently by the Uniting Church and the new owners are intending to expand operations on the site. That green space has no fence and is regularly used by the neighbours, for whom it forms the closest public open space as well as representing a frequently used thoroughfare. The lawn is regularly maintained by council Darebin workers. The space has been open to the public since the subdivision in the 19th century.

The new owner is currently applying for a permit to convert the lawn to an additional paved parking lot and fence it off from community use. The application states that the proposed use is no different from previous use and should therefore be granted. This is not correct; it has been open to the community and was designated as open space when the Uniting Church took ownership.

Is Darebin council able and willing to intervene on behalf of the community, in accordance with the Darebin Open Space Strategy, ultimately pursuing a process of adverse possession to keep this space available to the community and help the new church integrate more smoothly into this residential area?



- **Craig Walters, Preston**

When the City of Preston was founded, 11 Highview Rd was designated to be Open Space. In the 1960s this open space was sold off by the Council to assist the founding of a church and kindergarten (which until recent times was open to the community to use). The Council has always maintained the last remnant of that grassed open space (bordering Gordon Grove) and the community has always had access to it. It has never been used by the church. Given that the Council now wants to turn it into a fenced off car park, will any Darebin Councillor support the Council to regain ownership of it through adverse possession?

**Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson**

**Thank you Mr Falk and Mr Walters for your questions.**

**I recognise your sense of loss about this space, however Council cannot require the private landowner to keep their land as public open space.**

**The site is privately-owned, and Council has recently approved a planning application under the Planning and Environment Act, which includes construction of a car parking.**

**I am sure that as residents you are aware that there is a small Council park nearby at Highview Reserve open for community use.**

- **Timothy Holdsworth, Northcote**

Could you please advise to what level and under which policy, was public liability insurance coverage afforded to people entering Northcote Public Golf Course during the recent Covid-19 lockdowns?

Could you please update the community on the number of golf rounds played and the revenue received in the two halves of last year at Northcote Public Golf Course. Namely Dec 31 2019 - June 30 2020 AND July 1 2020 - Dec 31 2021.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**Thank you for your question Mr Holdsworth.**

**Members of the public who use any of Council's parks and open spaces including Northcote Golf Course are covered under the Council's public liability insurance policy with MAV, Liability Mutual Insurance, up to \$600M, subject to terms and conditions of the policy wordings.**

**There were 10,772 rounds of golf played between 31/12/19 and 30/06/20. Total revenue raised in this period was approximately \$160,000**

**There were 11,012 rounds of golf played between 1/07/2020 and 31/12/20. Total revenue raised in this period was approximately \$168,000.**

- **Julie More, Northcote**

Community Consultation POP up Bike Lane South Crescent.

I was disappointed and cross that the person surveying the subject did not understand the ABCD guidelines. It appeared the Officer just wanted to tick the boxes. For example, the section pertaining to road closures "he said it's down the road" when in fact he was standing

under a tree between Plant and Yoaman Street, the very section that the proposed closure is. He kept repeating ABC or D.

He also said the ugly bollards would be staying. This has not filled me with confidence for the aesthetics of a heritage overlay area.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

Thank you for your question and feedback.

One of our senior officers will get in touch with you this week to ensure we've understood your feedback fully and can consider further follow up on the matters you have raised.

The pop-up bicycle lane along South Crescent was installed in December 2020 on a trial basis.

Council is currently consulting about the trial. Community feedback will be reported to Councillors and help us make a decision about the lanes in April.

• **Peter Gonis, Reservoir**

1. Why were the Darebin Falcons awarded \$350,000?
2. I have concerns with Councillors not declaring their "Conflict of Interest" regarding Darebin Falcons when voting for the \$350,000 awarded that they or their children were participants?
3. Why has the project at the Bill Lawry oval stopped?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

1. The Darebin Falcons were not awarded \$350,000. In October 2018, Council resolved to enter into a two-year partnership agreement with the Darebin Women's Sport Club (the Darebin Falcons) with Council contributing \$80,000 per calendar year for two years, concluding in December 2020. The resolution also noted the option of renewing the agreement. Council will receive a report on this partnership in March 2021. Therefore, the partnership agreement is for \$160,000 for the first two years.
2. Councillors are responsible for declaring conflict of interests between their private interests and their public duties as a Councillor. The opportunity for Councillors to declare such conflicts is provided at each Council Meeting, Planning Committee and indeed at other forums including Councillor Briefings and Advisory Committees. It is the responsibility of each Councillor to consider the matters listed for discussion at such meetings in the context of their own personal circumstances and declare conflicts of interest accordingly. If Mr Gonis, you have specific concerns I recommend that you raise the matter with the Local Government Inspectorate in the first instance. If you wish to discuss the conflict of interest regime more broadly you are welcome to contact Mr Stephen Mahon in our Governance Unit who would be pleased to hear from you.
3. The Bill Lawry Oval Pavilion redevelopment project has not stopped. Council is currently undertaking a 2-stage design competition to find the best architects to help us reimagine this sporting precinct.

The first stage sought Expressions of Interest from architects for the project. The second stage will be to invite four shortlisted architects to proceed to the next stage.

The design competition is part of Darebin's Design Excellence Program to improve the quality of architecture and community amenity.

More details are provided on Council's Your Say website.

- **David Schulze, Reservoir**

At the meeting last year when the changes to Crookston Rd and surrounding areas were discussed, Council Officers advised that further extended public consultation could not be held as in order to receive State / Federal grants, the contracts needed to be signed and work started before Christmas.

As this does not seem to have occurred, and now that the major COVID lock downs have ended, can the council re-open the public consultation, and hold normal community gatherings to discuss this further

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

Thank you for your question.

There aren't current plans to reopen consultation. Council considered community feedback when it endorsed long term plans in September 2020 for improvements to be made over time. The timing of the decision pre-Christmas was important to be able to construct improvements at Carroll Street, which is funded by a Federal grant. The construction will happen in the coming months. In September, Officers advised that it would be difficult for consultation to be done before Christmas – partly because of the COVID restrictions at the time. There aren't any specific plans to make the changes at Crookston Street yet – this will happen in future years.

- **David Schulze, Preston**

Given the recent number of breakdowns to machinery, still ongoing, at the Reservoir Leisure Centre ( RLC) , and the poor quality of recent maintenance by contractors, requiring an additional 4 week shut down. What actions will the Council put in place to improve the standard of the service provided by RLC, in order to ensure services are provided more reliably

**Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson**

Over the past 3 years, there has been a rolling program of repair and renewal works at the RLC, responding to items identified in the 2018 Macutex Facility Audit and the RLC Feasibility Study consultation. The maintenance issues raised in the facility audits have been addressed.

In 2020/21, \$800,000 was invested in the facility, for the following:

- Removal of corroded components, structural analysis and painting of the space frame above the pool hall (significant roof repair works)
- Replacement of the air handling (air conditioning) system above the pool hall
- Repairs to corrosion for 10 steel perimeter columns in the pool hall repaired (10+ year solution)

- Accessible and family change rooms
- Due diligence infestations of the site
- Pool plant repair and maintenance

Renewal works were undertaken during a COVID lockdown period, and were done to the satisfaction of Council and completed just prior to Christmas. The most recent roof works were completed – only 2 weeks later than our incredibly ambitious program. Contractors worked hard to ensure that the closure was minimal.

- **Maria Poletti, Preston**

It is our understanding that in December 2020, VCAT approved the extension of the planning permits D/393/2016 and D/398/2016, stages 1B and 1C relating to the future development of Preston Market.

1. What are the extension dates for the two planning permits?
2. For greater transparency of the council advice and decision-making processes will you release in full the following documents:
  - The Preston Market Update from the Councillor Briefing Session dated 14th of April 2020,
  - Council Briefing Session Preston Market Heritage Review – RBA Architects and Heritage Consultants of February 2020 and,
  - The Preston Market Development Principles and Options Review commissioned from MGS Architects in February 2020?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

1. **VCAT granted the applicant a two-year extension by for both permits. The development must now commence by 1 November 2022 and be completed by 1 November 2024**
2. **Councillor briefings are confidential under our governance laws, and therefore the briefing papers cannot be made public. The reports referred to, however, are publicly available on our yoursay preston market website.**

**Both the Heritage and the Development Options Review reports were made public as part of a decision at Council's meeting on 18 May last year and are available online.**

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

1. Noting the following extract from Council's resolution dated 6 November 2019 (MINUTE NO. 19-247) to,

“Bring members of the Community Reference Group for the former Ruthven Primary School site together to seek their advice on two key pieces of work arising out of the masterplan over the next year:

  - The draft Planting Plan
  - Sharing the community vision of the masterplan with the Wurundjeri to inform the re-naming process for the park.”

Contractors were given a draft planting plan based on hardy regional species intended only for the windy north west corner of the site which was instead inappropriately used for three other locations. The CRG had to make a last-ditch effort with the help of DNT to get some inappropriate species removed from the list before planting commenced in July 2020. Why wasn't the CRG consulted, as directed by council, prior to planting being rolled out, and will council ensure that the CRG and Darebin Nature Trust (DNT) are consulted before there is further planting anywhere on the site?

2. On 1 September 2020, members of the CRG and DNT were invited to a meeting to discuss a more extensive draft planting guide. We were promised written responses to our numerous questions and concerns, as well as a copy of the minutes. Over five months have since elapsed. Why haven't we been sent these documents?
3. The Ruthven Park Master Plan is explicitly based upon it being a "Blueprint for Biodiversity: A biodiverse, indigenous landscape will be showcased, enriching Reservoir West's urban ecosystem." Yet the planting palette produced for the playground and BBQ area include a long list of unsuitable interstate native species. This element of the planting palette is also contrary to council's Natural Heritage Strategy (2015-2025) which directs council to: "Continue to use indigenous species of local provenance in all landscaping along waterways or habitat corridors". It is a significant and detrimental departure from the Ruthven Master Plan on the spurious ground that local species are not sufficiently attractive or hardy and will be trampled by children (according to what I have been told). Will Darebin Council ensure that the planting palette is revised to use only indigenous species of local provenance, in accordance with the Master Plan, before there is further consultation with the CRG and DNT?

#### **Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**I understand that our Officers spoke to you last Saturday during consultation for the proposed play space. The Officers welcome further feedback including about the specific plants proposed and will be in touch with you.**

**Council did start a small amount of planting in July 2020 before consulting on the detail of the planting palette. This was a mistake and I understand Officers apologised at the time and quickly consulted with the CRG and DNT in July and then September 2020. We welcome further feedback. The plants planted were local indigenous species.**

**I will have Officers contact you to discuss the planting of these plants and also to ensure that your outstanding questions are responded to by the end of the week,**

- **Louise Kenney-Shen, Reservoir**

There has been some great work done in the way of environmental awareness in Darebin, with the Climate Emergency, and community action on environmental footprint and local environmental issues, such as Friends of Edwardes Lake, Darebin Creek Sweepers and the St. Georges road Landscaping group. It is very important that we also ensure this is translated across in our day to day environmental impact. Taking as an example, the issues we are seeing around the dumping of hard rubbish. As someone who lives on a street that is a hotspot, I am very aware that one person dumping rubbish will quickly result in others following suit and adding to existing piles. Currently, my street has piles on either side of the road, one roughly every 100-200 metres apart. I have used 'Snap, Send, Solve' to report these piles a number of times, with one pile being sent in multiple times over the last few weeks, but it's still there. There has been more being dumped every day. Locals to these areas are also acutely aware

of the dumping issues at the corner of Plenty Rd and Tyler St in Preston and Miller St in Thornbury, both of which are regularly cleaned up by locals, the Eastern end of Tyler st behind Northland, along Strathmerton St and Bedford street in Reservoir, just to name a few. There are other hotspots throughout the city that attract frequent rubbish dumping, as well as plenty along residential streets. There are a few Facebook 'Hard Rubbish Heroes' groups, which encourage people to pick up useful stuff and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, which is another way the community is dealing with the issue. Every so often, Council will place plastic, yellow tape around these piles emblazoned with "Illegally dumped rubbish - under investigation". Whilst I understand the theory behind this, often this tape will sit on the rubbish for weeks, becoming a part of the problem itself, sometimes washing into gutters and down the drain, creating an even bigger issue for the local environment through blocked pipes or harm to local wildlife or entering the water stream.

Darebin is a world leader in advocacy on environmental issues and this rubbish problem just doesn't go hand in hand with that status.

1. What is Council doing to address the issue of dumped rubbish and how can Council address the holes in the 'Snap. Send, Solve' reporting and response system, and ensure that reported issues are dealt with in a timely fashion so as to limit time frames for clean-up and discourage further dumping in these hot spot areas?
2. What provisions are being made within the council's 2041 plan to ensure that there is a long-term management plan in place to:
  - a. Deal with the dumping issue and
  - b. Instil Darebin residents with a sense of pride in their community to help deter this dumping.
3. As with Miller Street and Tyler x Plenty, how can Council support local residents who take a proactive approach to cleaning up the dumped waste? Is there a provision for the Council to reimburse the Tip fee for those who clean up the hard rubbish that has been dumped on our streets for weeks and take it to the Darebin resource recovery centre?

#### **Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson**

**Good Evening Louise and thank you for your question**

**Avoiding dumped rubbish is a challenge across Melbourne that has proven very difficult for Councils to prevent and address.**

1. **What Council has in place now is dedicated compliance staff and a crew that also removes dumped rubbish. We're always looking for ways to improve. The responsible manager will be in touch with you this week to discuss your ideas and the local issues you're experiencing.**
2. **The Council Plan is currently being developed with community input and we'll let community know when it's out for feedback. We'd love to hear from you.**
3. **I will also ask the Manager when they call you to discuss what options there are to work together with you. Thank you for your ideas.**

- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

Follow on question to that of 28th Feb 2018

I refer to tree removals and non-replacement at the addresses previously referred to

A letter dated 13 February 2018 from the Manager Parks and Gardens addressed many of the matters regarding the removal at Storey Rd. (with an approval permit) of, an apparently healthy and robust nature strip street tree from outside this address.

A nature strip gap still exists at both addresses

Are there plans to replace with nature strip plantings at both addresses?  
If not, why not?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

Thank you for your question Mr Richards.

**Yes, suitable trees will be planted at these locations in the coming planting season which begins in April 2021.**

**Submission to Agenda Item 7.15**

Mr Geoffrey Richards made a submission in relation to Item 7.15 (Six-month Progress Report for Community Advisory Committees).

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 21-014**

**MOVED: Cr. J Williams**  
**SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

**That** the Public Question Time be extended for a further 30 minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

• **Brian Sanaghan, Preston**

Will you lead an independent, ad hoc Committee of this Council, acting as a committee of enquiry, into the circumstances surrounding my arrest and torture outside the Gower Street entrances of this Town Hall, on 2 September 2019?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

**Thank you for your question. This is a matter for Victoria Police. I ask that you direct your question to Victoria Police.**

• **Alan Brown, Preston**

It has been two years since Council agreed for the former Preston Police Station to be renovated and fitted out for Radio 3KND. No works have commenced, where are the roadblocks to commencing work on the property?

**Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson**

Thank you for the question Mr. Brown.

The 3KND are working hard to secure the funding for the capital to start the project. Council still has an arrangement where they occupy a Council building in Reservoir as a temporary space. In terms of the proposal to redevelop the former police station, I believe that is something that 3KND are still keen to achieve and are working hard to secure the funding to do so.

I am happy to speak to 3KND and request that they provide you an update.

- John Nugent, Epping

I am still waiting on a response from the last Council meeting around my rights having been impeded with the cancellation of the meeting.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

Council will come back to you with a response by the end of the week.

- John Nugent, Epping

I am still awaiting a response to the helping junior sport being re-established again.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina**

I have not yet received that email.

- John Nugent, Epping

Will the CEO direct the two Councillors who didn't declare a conflict of interest to do so at the next Council meeting when the Darebin Falcons matter is considered?

**Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson**

Thank you for the question.

That is not something that I can do, the Act is very clear about what is required with conflicts of interests. Councillors have a responsibility to declare a conflict when they believe there is one and if that doesn't occur when you believe it should have, then I would encourage you to raise that with the Local Government Inspectorate or the Victorian Ombudsmen.

Pursuant to the Councils *Governance Rules 2020* 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 27 January 2021, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Messina*

- Serena O'Meley, Reservoir



Will we be able to see the items on the screen from home?

**The following email was sent to Ms O’Meley by Stephen Mahon, Coordinator Council Business.**

**Good Morning Ms O’Meley,**

**I’m just following up your query from the last Council Meeting on the 27 January 2021 regarding the recording of Council Meetings specifically the display of Councillor’s whilst they speak and the motions and amendments being debated.**

**Whilst we were conducting the Council and Planning meetings virtually we did have the advantage of being able to have all Councillors viewable and also to display the motions and amendments on the screen and we were conscious that the move to ‘in person’ meetings needed to be improved to ensure that livestream viewers had a better experience.**

**In this regard we introduced at the 27 January Council 2021 Meeting an additional camera that zooms in on the speaker which appeared to worked well and is now part of the livestream set up. Further at the last Planning Committee on the 8 February 2021 we introduced the screening on the livestream of the Officer Recommendation and or motion prior to the commencement of debate. This practice will also be incorporated into all future meetings.**

**I trust both of these improvements add to the livestreaming experience and thank you for your interest.**

- **Peter Gonis, Reservoir**

2 weeks ago I needed to use the toilet facilities. Much to my horror, NO SOAP. Why are there no soap dispensers at the newly built toilet block at Edwards Park Lake?

**Sam Hewitt, General Manager Operation and Capital contacted Mr. Gonis via phone on 1 February 2021 to provide advice on this matter.**

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Could you please advise why was the administration and customer service areas were closed over the Christmas period (Tuesday 29, 30 and 31 December).

The Council switch board staff advised they were working at home, but no one rang me back when requested to do so.

The Mayor referred the question to Jodie Watson, General Manager Governance and Engagement for a response.

**A written response dated 10 February 2021 was provided to John Nugent by Jodie Watson, General Manager Governance and Engagement.**

**I am writing to provide a response to the two questions you asked at the Darebin City Council Meeting of 27 January 2021. Your first question related to Council’s decision to close the Preston Customer Service Centre between the Christmas and New Year break, and your specific concern that Council staff had not returned your call.**

I have been advised that on the 30th of December you called asking to speak with a member of our Parks and Open Spaces team. At the time you were advised the staff member you were hoping to speak with was on leave until the 4th of January 2021, and a message was left for your call to be returned.

We have taken the time to follow up with the staff member who received the phone message, who has advised that your call was returned, and he arranged to meet with you onsite at Donath Reserve for 30 minutes on the 14th of January. I have asked the staff member in question to reach out to you once again to ensure your query is answered.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Could you please advise if last year Council paid the Darebin Falcons funding for the 2020 year and what was the total payments paid by the Darebin Falcons to their players and its amounts in the 2019 season.

**A written response dated 2 February 2021 was provided to John Nugent by Kerry McGrath, General Manager Community.**

**As per the Council resolution from 15 October 2018, regarding the Promoting Women and Girls Partnership Agreement with the Darebin Women's Sports Club (also known as the Falcons), an amount of \$80,000 was paid in December 2019 for year two of the agreement.**

**In relation to the amounts paid by the Falcons to their players, I recommend that you direct this question directly to the club for a response.**

**For your information a report on the outcomes and achievements of year two of the partnership will be provided to Council at the meeting scheduled on 22 March 2021.**

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Council cancelled the Council meeting on 5 October 2020. Could you please advise why my rights were impeded when Council cancel this meeting and why can't I carry over my three questions to the next Council meeting?

**A written response dated 10 February 2021 was provided to John Nugent by Jodie Watson, General Manager Governance and Engagement.**

**I can advise that under section 15.1.2 (b) of Darebin City Council Governance Rules, Public Question Time will not be held during caretaker period. Darebin Council was in caretaker period on 5 October 2020, therefore there is no basis for your assertion that your rights were impeded by not being able to carry over your three questions.**

- **Vince Rocca, Reservoir**

Parking in Gurok St Reservoir – there is a school at the end of the street and during school days it is nearly impossible for residents to move out of their driveways onto the road. There is a petition that has been signed and submitted and parking restrictions will be put onto the street but not the end which concerns me and my family has not been addressed what can be done?

**Vanessa Petrie, Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport contacted Ms. Gonis (Mr Rocca's sister) via phone on 3 February 2021 to provide advice on this matter.**

## 6. PETITIONS

### 6.1 TABLING OF PETITION - IMPROVE HUNTER STREET, NORTHCOTE, LOCAL AMENITY

Cr. Rennie sought leave of Council to present a petition titled 'Improving Hunter Street, Northcote, Local amenity'.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-015**

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

**That** the petition signed by approx. 19 persons stating:

We, the undersigned, request Darebin Council to take action to amend traffic conditions in Hunter Street, Northcote, for the following reasons:

- To reduce traffic
- To slow traffic down
- To stop traffic using it as a short cut, thereby avoiding the traffic lights at Dennis Street/High Street
- To make the street safe for the residents' children, for pedestrians who use the street as access to Northcote Plaza, for pets, and for wildlife
- We object to Northcote Automotive at 456 High Street, Northcote, using Hunter Street as a test street for their brake repairs.

The above all destroy local amenity.

Although not approached, the residents of McFarlane Street, Northcote, would most likely suffer similar issues.

If a chicane were to be built in the street, keen gardening residents would certainly maintain the planting.

Be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 TABLING OF PETITION - CAR PARKING AT PRESTON MARKET**

Cr. Newton sought leave of Council to present a petition titled 'Car Parking at Preston Market'.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-016**

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

**That** the petition signed by approx. 111 persons stating:

We the undersigned believe car parking at Preston Market should be reserved for shoppers only and football supporters attending games at Preston City Oval should be banned from using the Preston Market Carpark during business hours.

We call on the Darebin City Council to enforce this parking restrictions.

Be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****6.3 TABLING OF PETITION - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY FAIRFIELD**

Cr. Dimitriadis sought leave of Council to present a petition titled 'Pedestrian Crossing Safety Fairfield'.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-017**

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** the petition signed by approx. 378 persons stating:

We the undersigned hereby petition the City of Darebin to immediately place a school Crossing Supervisor at the presently unsupervised pedestrian crossing on Wingrove Street, Fairfield, immediately outside Fairfield Primary School's new grade 5/6 campus.

This pedestrian crossing is heavily used, including by very young, unaccompanied children. Unfortunately, some vehicles fail to stop at the crossing, presenting an obvious and very serious risk to the safety of users of the crossing.

Heavy vehicle traffic in Wingrove Street immediately before and after school renders the crossing inherently unsafe. Its close proximity both to Fairfield Road (from which large numbers of vehicles turn into Wingrove Street) and the roundabout at the intersection of Wingrove and Arthur Streets (also congested with traffic before and after schools) exacerbates safety issues.

We recognise there is an existing supervised pedestrian crossing in Wingrove Street. Despite this, many people, including unaccompanied children, use the unsupervised pedestrian crossing for reasons of convenience, and in large numbers.

We understand that a broader road safety plan for the Fairfield Primary school precinct is being considered, including by the City of Darebin, but we nevertheless petition Council to immediately place a crossing Supervisor at the above-mentioned pedestrian crossing in recognition of the current and very serious safety risks,

Be received and considered in conjunction with Item 9.2 Notice of Motion – Pedestrian Crossing Safety Fairfield.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 7.1 2020–21 QUARTER 2 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIAL REPORT

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by the *Local Government Act* (the Act) to prepare a Council Plan containing the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives, and indicators to monitor the achievement of those objectives.

The attached report provides a comprehensive summary of Council's activities, including progress towards achieving agreed Council Plan actions, financial performance and the delivery of the capital works program for the six months to 31 December 2020. The provision of an integrated report detailing outputs is a recent initiative and reflects Council's commitment to improved transparency.

To comply with the Act, the report includes the following comparisons for the six months ended 31 December 2020:

- Actual and budgeted operating revenues and expenses
- Actual and budgeted capital revenues and expenses
- Actual and budgeted movements in the balance sheet
- Actual and budgeted movements in the cash flow statement.

Based on the outcome of the mid-year budget review and report, the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* is of the opinion a revised budget process is not required.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>
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**That** Council:

- (1) Notes the 2020–21 Quarter 2 Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix A**) for the 6 months ended 31 December 2020.
- (3) Notes the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 is of the opinion a revised budget is not required.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 21-018

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the 2020–21 Quarter 2 Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix A**) for the 6 months ended 31 December 2020.
- (3) Notes the Chief Executive Officer, as required under Section 97(3) of the Local Government Act 2020 is of the opinion a revised budget is not required.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.2 25 EDWARDES STREET RESERVOIR - FORMER POLICE STATION UPDATE**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council as the landowner, entered into a ground lease agreement with Victoria Police on 1 January 1974 for the rear of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir. The ground lease provided for the construction of a building for the purposes of a police station and for its removal of the building at the end of the agreement or for Darebin City Council to retain the building from Victoria Police at a purchase price to be determined.

Victoria Police gave notice that they had decided to terminate the ground lease effective 12 February 2021. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the need for a decision in relation to the building owned by Victoria Police at the rear of the site that was constructed with Council's permission in 1974. It is recommended that Council determine to instruct Victoria Police to demolish their section of the rear building including removal of the internal ramp and reinstatement of the rear wall

A decision is required before 15 March 2021, otherwise the cost of demolition would fall to Council. This decision has been subject to the request for an extension of time by Council from 12 February 2021. The lease provides the tenant 6 months from the date of determination of the lease to complete its demolition.

It is considered that the demolition of the Victoria Police section of the building would not compromise Councils strategic planning for the long term future of the site.

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

- (1) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, under delegation, to instruct Victoria Police to demolish their section of the building at the rear of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir including the removal of the internal ramp and reinstatement of the rear wall as per the provisions in the ground lease between Darebin City Council and Victoria Police, unless a different outcome can be negotiated before 15 March 2021;
- (2) Notes that a strategic approach to determine the long term future of 25 Edwardes Street and the Former Reservoir Library site is to be considered for inclusion as actions in the new 2021-2024 Council Plan;
- (3) Refer the property of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir to the Revitalise Reservoir board for consideration of state government investment;
- (4) Receives a further report on the future use of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir and the former Reservoir Library at the Council meeting in July 2021.



<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, under delegation, to instruct Victoria Police to demolish their section of the building at the rear of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir including the removal of the internal ramp and reinstatement of the rear wall as per the provisions in the ground lease between Darebin City Council and Victoria Police, unless a different outcome can be negotiated before 15 March 2021;
- (2) Considers making the freed-up Council land temporarily available for public parking or another community use
- (3) Informs shop keepers and traders in the Edwardes Street Shopping precinct/including the Traders Association of the above
- (4) Notes that a strategic approach to determine the long term future of 25 Edwardes Street and the Former Reservoir Library site is to be considered for inclusion as actions in the new 2021-2024 Council Plan;
- (5) Refer the property of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir to the Revitalise Reservoir Board for consideration of State Government investment;
- (6) Receives a further report, after appropriate community consultation on the future use of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir and the former Reservoir Library at the Council meeting in July 2021.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-019**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, under delegation, to instruct Victoria Police to demolish their section of the building at the rear of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir including the removal of the internal ramp and reinstatement of the rear wall as per the provisions in the ground lease between Darebin City Council and Victoria Police, unless a different outcome can be negotiated before 15 March 2021;
- (2) Considers making the freed-up Council land temporarily available for public parking or another community use
- (3) Informs shop keepers and traders in the Edwardes Street Shopping precinct/including the Traders Association of the above
- (4) Notes that a strategic approach to determine the long term future of 25 Edwardes Street and the Former Reservoir Library site is to be considered for inclusion as actions in the new 2021-2024 Council Plan;
- (6) Refer the property of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir to the Revitalise Reservoir Board for consideration of State Government investment;
- (6) Receives a further report, after appropriate community consultation on the future use of 25 Edwardes Street Reservoir and the former Reservoir Library at the Council meeting in July 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of the community consultation for the proposed Community Engagement Policy, which will supersede the existing Community Engagement Strategy and Framework. Feedback from the community highlighted some areas in the policy which should be revised, simplified and strengthened. As a result, some important amendments have been made to the final policy which is recommended to be considered and adopted by Council (attached as **Appendix A**).

The new Community Engagement Policy reflects the community engagement requirements included in the *Local Government Act 2020*, will improve the organisational guidance required to integrate the Towards Equality Framework into our 'how to' engagement approach, and includes minimum engagement standards to ensure the voices of our diverse community are included in the decision making of future projects.

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

- (1) Notes the outcomes of community engagement on the draft Community Engagement Policy and endorses the changes recommended to the Community Engagement Policy as a result of this engagement;
- (2) Adopts the Community Engagement Policy;
- (3) Revokes the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Framework adopted on 6 November 2019;
- (4) Receives a further report and update on the Community Engagement Policy to incorporate any feedback received upon completion of engagement with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and organisations as required.
- (5) Considers the options for participation requirements of future engagements undertaken by Council and endorse the recommended option to be incorporated into the proposed Community Engagement Policy

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. S Rennie**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**

**That** the Officer recommendation be adopted.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence

**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- 1) Notes the outcomes of community engagement on the draft Community Engagement Policy and endorses the changes recommended to the Community Engagement Policy as a result of this engagement;
- 2) Adopts the Community Engagement Policy to ensure we conduct our community engagement policy in an inclusive manner that includes all voices in our community by actively seeking to remove social, cultural, linguistic, and gender-based barriers that people and groups in our diverse community might encounter, with the specific following changes:
  - a) The first paragraph of the Purpose and Scope on page 3 of the document to be amended to read: "Darebin City Council is committed to building a fair, inclusive and equitable city, which is why we put residents, business owners, and the community sector at the heart of our decision-making".
  - b) The table on page 5, in the row titled REPRESENTATIVE, the words "to reduce those barriers" should be replaced with "to remove those barriers".
  - c) Under 'Deliberative Engagement' on page 9, the sentence "provide recommendations and feedback which is reviewed and adopted by Council" to be replaced with "provide recommendations and feedback which is reviewed and considered for adoption by Council".
  - d) The second paragraph under "How we engage – Minimum standards, Level and Type" on page 6 to be amended from "We also apply minimum standards of engagement to all our engagements to achieve this in our engagement approach" to "We also apply minimum standards of engagement that reflect the ratios of diversity in the community, to all our engagements in order to achieve maximum representation in our engagement approach."
  - e) The table on page 7, in the column "Empower" and the row "Our promise to the community", to add the words "or we will provide reasons if Council amends a decision or recommendation."
  - f) The table on page 7, in the column "Empower" and the row "Participation goal" to remove the words "final" and "making" and replace the word "decision" with "decisions".
  - g) Under "Principles of deliberative engagement" on page 9, the dot point that reads "good representation of the community in engagement activities" to be amended to "accurate representation of the community in engagement activities".
- 3) Revokes the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Framework adopted on 6 November 2019;
- 4) Receives a further report and update on the Community Engagement Policy to incorporate any feedback received upon completion of engagement with the

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and organisations as required.

- 5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of future engagements undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, email address and postal address.
- 6) Ensures that consultations continue to also use the standard demographic questions including but not limited to, what connection a person has to Darebin.
- 7) Ensures that consultations must be done in different community languages using bilingual facilitators.

The amendment was put and carried and became substantive motion.

**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)

**Against:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

**Further Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** point (5) of the substantive motion be amended to read:

- 5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of future engagements undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions **by having the option to require** participants to provide personal information such as name, email address and postal address **where it is considered that multiple submission are a risk.**

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment and it was incorporated into the substantive motion.

The substantive motion was put and lost on the casting vote of the Mayor

**LOST**

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED: Cr T Laurence**

**SECONDED: Cr G Greco**

**That Council:**

- 1) Notes the outcomes of community engagement on the draft Community Engagement Policy and endorses the changes recommended to the Community Engagement Policy as a result of this engagement;
- 2) Adopts the Community Engagement Policy to ensure we conduct our community engagement policy in an inclusive manner that includes all voices in our community by actively seeking to remove social, cultural, linguistic, and gender-based barriers that people and groups in our diverse community might encounter, with the specific following changes:
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- 3) Revokes the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Framework adopted on 6 November 2019;
- 4) Receives a further report and update on the Community Engagement Policy to incorporate any feedback received upon completion of engagement with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and organisations as required.
- 5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of future engagements undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, email address and post code.
- 6) Ensures that consultations continue to also use the standard demographic questions including but not limited to, what connection a person has to Darebin.
- 7) Ensures that consultations must be done in different community languages using bilingual facilitators.

**Amendment**

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

**That** point (5) of the substantive motion be amended to read:

- (5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of future engagements undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, email address **or** post code.

The mover and seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and lost.

**For:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

**Against:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)

**LOST**

**Further Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** point (5) of the substantive motion be amended to read:

- (5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of future **online and written** engagements undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, email address and post code.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it was incorporated into the substantive motion.

**Further Amendment****MOVED: Cr. S Rennie****That** point (5) of the substantive motion be amended to read:

- (5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of future online and written engagements undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, email address **or postal address** and post code.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it was incorporated into the substantive motion.

**Further Amendment****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****That** point (5) of the substantive motion be amended to read:

- 5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of all **future engagements including but not limited to future online, written, telephone and pop-up consultations** undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, **(email address or postal address)** and post code.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it was incorporated into the substantive motion.

**Procedural Motion****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie****That** the motion be now put .

The procedural motion was put and carried

**CARRIED**

The substantive motion as amended was put and carried



**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-020****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That Council:**

- 1) Notes the outcomes of community engagement on the draft Community Engagement Policy and endorses the changes recommended to the Community Engagement Policy as a result of this engagement;
- 2) Adopts the Community Engagement Policy to ensure we conduct our community engagement policy in an inclusive manner that includes all voices in our community by actively seeking to remove social, cultural, linguistic, and gender-based barriers that people and groups in our diverse community might encounter, with the specific following changes:
  - a) The first paragraph of the Purpose and Scope on page 3 of the document to be amended to read: "Darebin City Council is committed to building a fair, inclusive and equitable city, which is why we put residents, business owners, and the community sector at the heart of our decision-making".
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  - g) Under "Principles of deliberative engagement" on page 9, the dot point that reads "good representation of the community in engagement activities" to be amended to "accurate representation of the community in engagement activities".
- 3) Revokes the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Framework adopted on 6 November 2019;
- 4) Receives a further report and update on the Community Engagement Policy to incorporate any feedback received upon completion of engagement with the

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and organisations as required.

- 5) Endorses option 2 for participation requirements of all future engagements including but not limited to future online, written, telephone and pop-up consultations undertaken to minimise the risk of multiple submissions by requiring participants to provide personal information such as name, (email address or postal address) and post code.
- 6) Ensures that consultations continue to also use the standard demographic questions including but not limited to, what connection a person has to Darebin.
- 7) Ensures that consultations must be done in different community languages using bilingual facilitators.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)

**Against:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

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

**That** the order of business be amended as follows - Item 7.12 be heard directly after Item 7.3.

The procedural motion was put and carried

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.12

EDWARDES LAKE WATER QUALITY

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to a resolution of Council in January 2021 seeking information in relation to the current maintenance and management regime for Edwardes Lake.

The report notes that:

- Water quality in Edwardes Lake is poor, which is negatively impacting on its overall ecological health and amenity;
- The poor water quality is mostly attributable to urban run-off, sewage and industrial pollution from upstream;
- Current interventions include gross pollutant traps, the planting of aquatic vegetation and the use of a pump as the primary methods for managing water quality

This report also notes additional activities planned which aim to improve water quality at the lake.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>
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**That** Council notes this report

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

**That Council**

1. Notes the report.
2. Resolves to establish and appropriately resource an Edwardes Lake Task Force of relevant external stakeholders, councillors, senior council officers including local members community members and organisations to plan and oversee future improvements of the lake.
3. Receives an urgent report at the next Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 on a draft term of reference for the Task Force.
4. Consults with key stakeholders, including but not limited to Melbourne Water, EPA, Yarra Water, Darebin Nature Trust, Friends of Edwardes Lake and Friends of Merri Creek on formulating the Terms of reference for the task force.
5. Incorporates the recommendations of the Edwardes Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report of July 2019 as part of the additional activities planned for the lake.
6. Receives a six-monthly status report on planned activities to improve the lake

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** point (5) of the motion be amended to read:

- (5) **Is briefed on** the recommendations of the Edwardes Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report of July 2019 as part of the additional activities planned for the lake.

The mover and seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and carried.

**For:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (5)

**Against:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams (4)

**Further Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** point (2) of the motion be amended to read:

- (2) **Refer to the Council Plan process the concept of establishing** an Edwardes Lake Task Force of relevant external stakeholders, councillors, senior council officers including local members community members and organisations to plan and oversee future improvements of the lake.

The mover and seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and lost.

**For:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

**Against:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)

**LOST**

**Procedural Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** the motion be now put .

The procedural motion was put and carried

**CARRIED**

The substantive motion as amended was put and carried

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-021**

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

**That Council**

1. Notes the report.
2. Resolves to establish and appropriately resource an Edwardes Lake Task Force of relevant external stakeholders, councillors, senior council officers including local members community members and organisations to plan and oversee future improvements of the lake.
3. Receives an urgent report at the next Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 on a draft term of reference for the Task Force.
4. Consults with key stakeholders, including but not limited to Melbourne Water, EPA, Yarra Water, Darebin Nature Trust, Friends of Edwardes Lake and Friends of Merri Creek on formulating the Terms of reference for the task force.
5. Is briefed on the recommendations of the Edwardes Lake Water Quality Monitoring Report of July 2019 as part of the additional activities planned for the lake.
6. Receives a six-monthly status report on planned activities to improve the lake

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.4 JOHN CAIN MEMORIAL PARK INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends the finalisation of statutory procedures relating to the widening of Darebin Road to enable improved intersection treatments for the entrance of the JCMP aligned with delivery of the new Multi Sports Stadium.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>
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**That** Council:

- (1) Having undertaken appropriate community consultation and engagement and having given public notice of a proposal to undertake traffic improvement and widening works along and to the JCMP land adjacent to Darebin Road, Thornbury as shown in **Appendix A** to this report, and having received one written submission in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and otherwise (submission); and
- (2) Having:
  - (a) considered the submission; and
  - (b) formed the opinion that the land shown in the statutory plan **Appendix A** is not required for the purpose for which the land was originally acquired and that it is no longer necessary for the land to be used for the purpose for which the land was originally acquired; and
  - (c) formed the opinion that there will be no loss of public open space and that it is not necessary to provide for replacement public open space; and
  - (d) formed the opinion that the proposal is in the interests of good governance and is for the benefit and wellbeing of the Darebin community –

determines to proceed with the proposal and to undertake the traffic improvements and road widening works and, subject to the granting of a planning permit, to change the 'Reserve' status of the land shown in **Appendix A** to 'Road Reserve 1'.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 21-022

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council:**

- (1) Having undertaken appropriate community consultation and engagement and having given public notice of a proposal to undertake traffic improvement and widening works along and to the JCMP land adjacent to Darebin Road, Thornbury as shown in **Appendix A** to this report, and having received one written submission in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and otherwise (submission); and
- (2) Having:
  - (a) considered the submission; and
  - (b) formed the opinion that the land shown in the statutory plan **Appendix A** is not required for the purpose for which the land was originally acquired and that it is no longer necessary for the land to be used for the purpose for which the land was originally acquired; and
  - (c) formed the opinion that there will be no loss of public open space and that it is not necessary to provide for replacement public open space; and
  - (d) formed the opinion that the proposal is in the interests of good governance and is for the benefit and wellbeing of the Darebin community –

determines to proceed with the proposal and to undertake the traffic improvements and road widening works and, subject to the granting of a planning permit, to change the 'Reserve' status of the land shown in **Appendix A** to 'Road Reserve 1'.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**7.5 STATUTORY PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED NAMING OF THE MULTI SPORTS STADIUM**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides background and steps on the proposed naming of the Multi Sports Stadium (MSS), 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury and to request Council to commence community consultation by way of a statutory process for the proposed naming.

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

- (1) Formally thank the Wurundjeri Council and in particular the Wurundjeri Elders who provided Council with the proposed naming options.
- (2) Endorse, for inclusion in a voting poll, the following names for the new Multi Sports Stadium at 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury
  - a) Narrandjeri Stadium;
  - b) Wayibu Birram Stadium; and
  - c) Balit Burnay Stadium.
- (3) Commence the statutory process in accordance with the requirements of the *Geographic Place Name Act 1998* and the Names rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016;
- (4) Gives public notice of the voting poll in *The Age* newspaper and on Council's webpage, voting form to be circulated to surrounding residents and businesses within a 500-metre radius of the Multi Sports Stadium and letters to the external stakeholders; and
- (5) Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll and recommendation for Council to endorse the name for the new Multi Sports Stadium at 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 21-023

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council:**

- (1) Formally thank the Wurundjeri Council and in particular the Wurundjeri Elders who provided Council with the proposed naming options.
- (2) Endorse, for inclusion in a voting poll, the following names for the new Multi Sports Stadium at 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury
  - a) Narrandjeri Stadium;
  - b) Wayibu Birram Stadium; and
  - c) Balit Burnay Stadium.
- (3) Commence the statutory process in accordance with the requirements of the *Geographic Place Name Act 1998* and the Names rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016;
- (4) Gives public notice of the voting poll in *The Age* newspaper and on Council's webpage, voting form to be circulated to surrounding residents and businesses within a 500-metre radius of the Multi Sports Stadium and letters to the external stakeholders; and
- (5) Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll and recommendation for Council to endorse the name for the new Multi Sports Stadium at 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.6

## ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy have come to the end of their duration. The Asset Management Policy and the Asset Management Strategy provide a strategic approach to Council in the delivery of best-practice asset management activities over the period of the Council term. These documents will underpin the 10-year Asset Plan that is required to be in place by June 2022 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Work has been undertaken to review and prepare a draft Asset Management Policy and a draft Asset Management Strategy for Council to review. There has been significant internal consultation throughout the development of the draft Policy and draft Strategy and it is proposed that these documents proceed to community consultation before they are adopted by Council.

**Officer  
Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the Asset Management Policy to proceed to community consultation.
- (2) Endorse the Asset Management Strategy to proceed to community consultation.
- (3) Receive a report that includes the outcomes of community consultation on the draft Asset Management Policy and draft Asset Management Strategy at its April meeting.

**Motion**

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

**That** Council defer this item to a future meeting of Council to allow for the Strategy to be updated to align with the Council Vision and new our year Council Plan.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-024**

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

**That** Council defer this item to a future meeting of Council to allow for the Strategy to be updated to align with the Council Vision and new four year Council Plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.7

## LANDFILL SERVICES FOR METROPOLITAN COUNCILS

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's current involvement in a regional landfill services contract facilitated by the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) is ending on 31 March 2021. On 10 June 2020, a letter inviting interest to be a part of a new regional landfill services tender was sent to Council from the MWRRG. The City of Darebin was one of 21 Councils who agreed to participate in the tender.

MWRRG has completed the tender process and an evaluation panel including members from the participating Councils has made its recommendations to the MWRRG board.

The contract allows Council to enter into contracts with either:

- one provider on a 4-year guaranteed tonnage basis plus options to extend for a further 2 x 2 years on a 12-month tonnage guaranteed basis; or
- one or more contractors on a non-guaranteed tonnage basis.

This report recommends Council enter into a contract for 4 years with 2 suppliers of landfill services.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council:

- (1) resolves to enter into a contractual arrangement with \_\_\_\_\_ as the primary provider of landfill services as a TIER 1 (4 year) guaranteed with an annual guaranteed tonnage of 26,000 tonnes.
- (2) resolves to enter into a non-guaranteed contractual arrangement with \_\_\_\_\_ as the secondary provider of landfill services, contingent in maintaining continuity of landfill services.
- (3) enter into a Direct Deed with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) delegate authority to the CEO to execute Agreements with MWRRG and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for Landfill Services on a 4-year guaranteed term commencing on 1 April 2021.
- (5) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve option to extend the contract term for a further 2 x 2 years, subject to repricing and performance reviews.
- (6) Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the required participation agreement and deed documents for the provision of landfill services or, if required, the Participation Agreement and corresponding deed with the preferred tenderers.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to enter into a contractual arrangement with Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd as the primary provider of landfill services as a TIER 1 (4 year) guaranteed disposal of all landfill waste generated from kerbside collections.
- (2) Resolves to enter into a non-guaranteed contractual arrangement with Cleanaway Pty Ltd – Melbourne Regional Landfill as the secondary provider of landfill services, contingent in maintaining continuity of landfill services.
- (3) Enter into a Direct Deed with Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd and Cleanaway Pty Ltd – Melbourne Regional landfill.
- (4) Delegate authority to the CEO to execute Agreements with MWRRG and Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd and Cleanaway Pty Ltd – Melbourne Regional landfill for Landfill Services on a 4-year guaranteed term commencing on 1 April 2021.
- (5) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve option to extend the contract term for a further 2 x 2 years, subject to repricing and performance reviews.
- (6) Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the required participation agreement and deed documents for the provision of landfill services or, if required, the Participation Agreement and corresponding deed with the preferred tenderers.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-025**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to enter into a contractual arrangement with Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd as the primary provider of landfill services as a TIER 1 (4 year) guaranteed disposal of all landfill waste generated from kerbside collections.
- (2) Resolves to enter into a non-guaranteed contractual arrangement with Cleanaway Pty Ltd – Melbourne Regional Landfill as the secondary provider of landfill services, contingent in maintaining continuity of landfill services.
- (3) Enter into a Direct Deed with Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd and Cleanaway Pty Ltd – Melbourne Regional landfill.
- (4) Delegate authority to the CEO to execute Agreements with MWRRG and Hanson Landfill Services Pty Ltd and Cleanaway Pty Ltd – Melbourne Regional landfill for Landfill Services on a 4-year guaranteed term commencing on 1 April 2021.
- (5) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve option to extend the contract term for a further 2 x 2 years, subject to repricing and performance reviews.
- (6) Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the required participation agreement and deed documents for the provision of landfill services or, if required, the Participation Agreement and corresponding deed with the preferred tenderers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.8 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING REFORM

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In late 2020, changes were made to the Emergency Management Act 2013 (EM Act 2013) as a result of the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018. The Act sets out the roles and responsibilities of all levels of government and agencies in Emergency Management.

These changes will impact how Council coordinates the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) and the function of the committee, along with how the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) is developed, approved and reviewed. The changes also impact the municipal functional roles.

As per the reform guidelines, a Council resolution is required to disestablish the previous MEMPC and endorse the CEO to establish the new committee in accordance with the reformed legislation.

Under these changes Council will continue to have emergency management obligations and will work closely with the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee and the community to support recovery and build ongoing reliance and capacity to respond to future challenges.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>
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**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the disestablishment of the existing Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) established under s21(3)-(5) of the Emergency Management Act 1986, in recognition that on 1 December these provisions are repealed by s82(2) of the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018 and replaced by the provisions of s68 of the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018.
- (2) Authorises the CEO to facilitate the establishment of the MEMPC in accordance with the provisions of s68 of the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018 (which inserts a new 'Part 6-Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committees' into the Emergency Management Act 2013 on 1 December 2020).
- (3) Notes that, under the MEMPC Terms of Reference provided and the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018 (which inserts s59 and 59F into the Emergency Management Act 2013 on 1 December 2020), council's role is to establish the committee and once established, the committee exists separately to Council and is not a committee of Council.

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the disestablishment of the existing Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) established under s21(3)-(5) of the *Emergency Management Act 1986*, in recognition that on 1 December these provisions are repealed by s82(2) of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* and replaced by the provisions of s68 of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018*.
- (2) Authorises the CEO to facilitate the establishment of the MEMPC in accordance with the provisions of s68 of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (which inserts a new 'Part 6-Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committees' into the *Emergency Management Act 2013* on 1 December 2020).
- (3) Notes that, under the MEMPC Terms of Reference provided and the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (which inserts s59 and 59F into the *Emergency Management Act 2013* on 1 December 2020), council's role is to establish the committee and once established, the committee exists separately to Council and is not a committee of Council.
- (4) Receive a report on any further resources that may be required to implement ongoing emergency management activities that extend beyond Council's current approach.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 21-026

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the disestablishment of the existing Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) established under s21(3)-(5) of the *Emergency Management Act 1986*, in recognition that on 1 December these provisions are repealed by s82(2) of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* and replaced by the provisions of s68 of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018*.
- (2) Authorises the CEO to facilitate the establishment of the MEMPC in accordance with the provisions of s68 of the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (which inserts a new 'Part 6-Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committees' into the *Emergency Management Act 2013* on 1 December 2020).
- (3) Notes that, under the MEMPC Terms of Reference provided and the *Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (which inserts s59 and 59F into the *Emergency Management Act 2013* on 1 December 2020), council's role is to establish the committee and once established, the committee exists separately to Council and is not a committee of Council.
- (4) Receive a report on any further resources that may be required to implement ongoing emergency management activities that extend beyond Council's current approach.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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## 7.9 SPORT AND RECREATION VICTORIA GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the projects proposed to be submitted to current Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) grant streams. There are two funding streams available namely: the World Game Facilities Fund and the Sport and Recreation Victoria Stimulus Program Round 2.

Council has been invited to resubmit for grant funding for three sport field lighting projects for the **SRV Stimulus Program Round 2**: IW Dole Reserve, JE Moore Reserve and JC Donath Reserve. The Stimulus Program has a high funding ratio (90% provided by SRV and 10% by Council and/or club/association). Applications are by invitation only and Council can choose to either lodge or not lodge the identified projects (alternative projects cannot be submitted). Applications must be supported by a Council resolution to be eligible.

Additionally, Council has been invited to submit to the **SRV Stimulus Program Round 2** for the Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre at the Sir Douglas Nicholls Reserve, Thornbury. This is a project proposed to be auspiced by Council, but fully delivered by the Aboriginal Advancement League who own and activate the site.

The **World Game Facilities Fund** has a \$1:\$1 funding ratio, projects must be shovel ready and facilities predominately support soccer. Identified projects are GH Mott Reserve sport field lighting and BT Connor Reserve pitch redevelopment.

The General Manager, Community advised Council that Officers had changed their recommendation after further discussion with Aborigines Advancement League and the Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club, that occurred after the agenda was published and circulated and the Officer Recommendation was now as follows -

#### That Council:

- (1) Approves the submission to the SRV Stimulus Program Round 2, for the three sport field lighting projects namely: JE Moore Reserve, JC Donath Reserve and IW Dole Reserve.
- (2) Approves the submission to the SRV Stimulus Program Round 2 for the Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre project based upon the following:
  - i. The total project budget is \$5.8 million
  - ii. Council auspice the application
  - iii. Council make a contribution of \$200,000 to match the Aborigines Advancement League's contribution of \$200,000 to meet the \$400,000 funding contribution required as part of the SRV Round 2 Stimulus Funding guidelines
  - iv. Council enter into an Auspice Agreement with the Aborigines Advancement League and the Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club, detailing the conditions and reporting requirements of Council's contribution and auspicing of the project
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the Aborigines Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre Auspice Agreement.
- (4) Notes the submission to the World Game Facilities Fund of the two identified projects namely: sport field lighting at GH Mott Reserve and sports ground redevelopment at BT Connor Reserve in February 2021.

The Officer Recommendation below has been amended accordingly

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>
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**That** Council:

- (3) Approves the submission to the SRV Stimulus Program Round 2, for the three sport field lighting projects namely: JE Moore Reserve, JC Donath Reserve and IW Dole Reserve.
- (4) Approves the submission to the SRV Stimulus Program Round 2 for the Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre project based upon the following:
  - v. The total project budget is \$5.8 million
  - vi. Council auspice the application
  - vii. Council make a contribution of \$200,000 to match the Aborigines Advancement League's contribution of \$200,000 to meet the \$400,000 funding contribution required as part of the SRV Round 2 Stimulus Funding guidelines
  - viii. Council enter into an Auspice Agreement with the Aborigines Advancement League and the Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club, detailing the conditions and reporting requirements of Council's contribution and auspicings of the project
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the Aborigines Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre Auspice Agreement.
- (4) Notes the submission to the World Game Facilities Fund of the two identified projects namely: sport field lighting at GH Mott Reserve and sports ground redevelopment at BT Connor Reserve in February 2021.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-027**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Approves the submission to the SRV Stimulus Program Round 2, for the three sport field lighting projects namely: JE Moore Reserve, JC Donath Reserve and IW Dole Reserve.
- (2) Approves the submission to the SRV Stimulus Program Round 2 for the Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre project based upon the following:
  - i. The total project budget is \$5.8 million
  - ii. Council auspice the application
  - iii. Council make a contribution of \$200,000 to match the Aborigines Advancement League's contribution of \$200,000 to meet the \$400,000 funding contribution required as part of the SRV Round 2 Stimulus Funding guidelines
  - iv. Council enter into an Auspice Agreement with the Aborigines Advancement League and the Fitzroy Stars Football and Netball Club, detailing the conditions and reporting requirements of Council's contribution and auspicing of the project
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the Aboriginal Women's and Girls Sport and Wellness Centre Auspice Agreement.
- (4) Notes the submission to the World Game Facilities Fund of the two identified projects namely: sport field lighting at GH Mott Reserve and sports ground redevelopment at BT Connor Reserve in February 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.10

**PROPERTY AQUISITION AND DISPOSAL REPORT**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council approval for various property matters. Specifically;

1. Finalise the discontinuance of the right-of-way/road adjoining 203 and 205 Dundas Street, 5 and 9 Toolangi Grove and 2 and 4 Adams Street, Preston.
2. Complete the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of a parcel of land from the discontinued right-of-way/road adjoining 4 Ryde Street, Preston.
3. Complete the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of a parcel of land from the discontinued right-of-way/road adjoining 31 O'Connor Street, Reservoir.
4. Complete the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of a parcel of land from the discontinued right-of-way/road adjoining 72 Hughes Parade and 9 Ludeman Court, Reservoir.
5. Complete the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of a parcel of land from the discontinued right-of-way/road adjoining 17 Howard Street, Reservoir.
6. Complete the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of a parcel of land from the discontinued right-of-way/road adjoining 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir

There are no acquisitions for consideration in this report.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officer Recommendation</b></p>
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**Recommendation 1:**

**Road adjoining 203 and 205 Dundas Street, 5 and 9 Toolangi Grove and 2 and 4 Adams Street, Preston**

**1. That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining 203 and 205 Dundas Street, 5 and 9 Toolangi Grove and 2 and 4 Adams Street, Preston, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (a) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial view in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for road purposes;
- (b) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (c) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (d) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy;
- (e) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties and to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council; and
- (f) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the road.

**Recommendation 2**

**Road adjoining the rear of 4 Ryde Street, Preston**

**2. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 4 Ryde Street, Preston, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix C** to this report, contained within Certificate of Title Volume 11549 Folio 745 and known as Lot 5 on Title Plan TP23532Y, **Appendix D** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 4 Ryde Street, Preston, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 3****Road adjoining the rear of 31 O'Connor Street, Reservoir****3. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 31 O'Connor Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix E** to this report, contained within Certificate of Title Volume 2176 Folio 018 and known as Lot 20 on Title Plan TP017781L, **Appendix F** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 31 O'Connor Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 4****Road adjoining the rear of 72 Hughes Parade and 9 Ludeman Court, Reservoir****4. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 72 Hughes Parade and 9 Ludeman Court, Reservoir, shown as parcels A and B on site plan in **Appendix G**, and shown as Lots 15 and 16 on Title Plan TP010422E in **Appendix H** to this report and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties at of 72 Hughes Parade and 9 Ludeman Court Reservoir, respectively, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 5****Road adjoining the rear of 17 Howard Street, Reservoir****5. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 17 Howard Street and 18 Delaware Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix I** to this report, and known as Lot 32 on Title Plan TP 10924D, **Appendix J** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 17 Howard Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council policy;

- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 6****Road adjoining the rear of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir****6. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 65 Southernhay Street and 60 King William Street, Reservoir shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix K** and shown as Lot 6 on Title Plan TP896344C in **Appendix L** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-028**

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

**Recommendation 1:****Road adjoining 203 and 205 Dundas Street, 5 and 9 Toolangi Grove and 2 and 4 Adams Street, Preston****1. That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining 203 and 205 Dundas Street, 5 and 9 Toolangi Grove and 2 and 4 Adams Street, Preston, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (a) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial view in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for road purposes;
- (b) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (c) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (d) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy;

- (e) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties and to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council; and
- (f) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council, in the road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water and Darebin City Council in or near the road.

**Recommendation 2****Road adjoining the rear of 4 Ryde Street, Preston****2. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 4 Ryde Street, Preston, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix C** to this report, contained within Certificate of Title Volume 11549 Folio 745 and known as Lot 5 on Title Plan TP23532Y, **Appendix D** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 4 Ryde Street, Preston, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 3****Road adjoining the rear of 31 O’Connor Street, Reservoir****3. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 31 O’Connor Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix E** to this report, contained within Certificate of Title Volume 2176 Folio 018 and known as Lot 20 on Title Plan TP017781L, **Appendix F** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 31 O’Connor Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 4****Road adjoining the rear of 72 Hughes Parade and 9 Ludeman Court, Reservoir****4. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 72 Hughes Parade



and 9 Ludeman Court, Reservoir, shown as parcels A and B on site plan in **Appendix G**, and shown as Lots 15 and 16 on Title Plan TP010422E in **Appendix H** to this report and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties at of 72 Hughes Parade and 9 Ludeman Court Reservoir, respectively, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 5**

**Road adjoining the rear of 17 Howard Street, Reservoir**

**5. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 17 Howard Street and 18 Delaware Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix I** to this report, and known as Lot 32 on Title Plan TP 10924D, **Appendix J** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act:

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 17 Howard Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**Recommendation 6**

**Road adjoining the rear of 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir**

**6. That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the Local Government Act 1989 (“the Act”) to sell the land from the discontinued road at the rear of 65 Southernhay Street and 60 King William Street, Reservoir shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix K** and shown as Lot 6 on Title Plan TP896344C in **Appendix L** and having received no submissions in respect of the proposal under section 223 of the Act

- (a) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining property at 65 Southernhay Street, Reservoir, in accordance with Council policy;
- (b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land;
- (c) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold;
- (d) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7.11

**SETTING ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AND HEARING  
OF SUBMISSIONS COMMITTEE FOR MONDAY 29 MARCH  
2021**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is presented to seek a Council resolution to hold an additional Ordinary Council Meeting at 6.00 pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and to also hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 202 at 4.00 pm

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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That Council resolve to;

1. Hold an Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.00 pm at the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston, and
2. Hold an Hearing of Submissions Committee on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 4.00 pm at the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-029**

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

That Council resolve to:

1. Hold an Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.00 pm at the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston, and
2. Hold an Hearing of Submissions Committee on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 4.00 pm at the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.13 SUBMISSION TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT – ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DESIGN IN PLANNING CONSULTATION

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Government has released a roadmap to improve the environmentally sustainable design of buildings through the planning system (**Appendix A**).

#### **Stage one (current stage) - update the Planning Policy Framework**

Stage one proposes to update the Planning Policy Framework (PPF) to integrate new and improved ESD policy in all Victorian planning schemes. Stage one is now out for comment, with further public and stakeholder consultation on the stage two detailed provisions expected in mid-2021.

Stage 1 will not impact Council local policies. Stage 2 will examine whether ESD requirements should be adopted at state level.

The proposed changes to the PPF seek to embed a comprehensive policy basis in planning scheme by:

- Making ESD a core purpose of planning in Victoria
- Introducing a range of specific ESD policy objectives for the built environment
- Adding a new policy section recognising urban heat as a hazard that needs addressing
- Adding new policy on minimising exposure of sensitive uses to air and noise pollution
- Proving clearer objectives on waste segregation and recyclables
- Reflects commitments under the Climate Change Act (2017) to transition to a low-carbon economy

The PPF is not able to set specific mandatory requirements or controls, however it does carry significant weight in decision making at the state level. Planning authorities must take account of and give effect to the general principles and the specific policies contained in the PPF by deciding whether a proposal will produce acceptable outcomes.

#### **Stage two (later stage) – detailed ESD requirements**

Stage two (expected mid 2021) will introduce new and expanded ESD objectives and standards to give effect to the policies set out in the PPF.

It won't be until Stage 2 that the State Government will develop more detailed and prescriptive requirements set out under zones, overlays and particular provisions to support decision making and design responses to implement the intent of the ESD objectives in the PPF.

### Proposed Submission

Overall, the State Government's proposed Stage 1 changes to the PPF should be commended and supported by Council. This reform represents a significant step by State Government to improve the sustainability of buildings in Melbourne.

We do not yet know how far the State Government is willing to go to ensure these policies are able to be implemented effectively. The Stage 2 reforms will consider specific planning requirements later in the year, and Council can make another submission then.

This report presents a submission (**Appendix B**) with input from relevant areas of Council, that provides an overall response to the state government's ESD Roadmap, suggested improvements and comments on stage one PPF reforms to strengthen the policy basis; and additional feedback to inform the preparation of more detailed ESD standards of stage two reforms.

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

- (1) Adopts the submission (**Appendix B** to this report) to the Victorian Government's agenda for environmentally sustainable development (ESD) through the Victorian Planning System titled '*Environmentally sustainable development of buildings and subdivisions: a roadmap for Victoria's planning system*' on their proposed stage one policy reforms.
- (2) Authorises the CEO or delegate to forward the adopted submission to the Director Planning and Heritage, Victorian Government (Department of Environment Land Water and Planning).

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopts the submission (**Appendix B** to this report) to the Victorian Government's agenda for environmentally sustainable development (ESD) through the Victorian Planning System titled '*Environmentally sustainable development of buildings and subdivisions: a roadmap for Victoria's planning system*' on their proposed stage one policy reforms subject to consideration being given to the inclusion of suggestions from the Darebin Appropriate Development Association outlined in their submissions.
- (2) Authorises the CEO or delegate to forward the adopted submission to the Director Planning and Heritage, Victorian Government (Department of Environment Land Water and Planning).



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

That Council

1. Notes the engagement processes undertaken to date with Advisory Committees and receive a further report at the May Council Meeting on this matter.
2. Notes that the community members of the Darebin Nature Trust (DNT) have already made a formal submission rejecting the Standard Terms of Reference (TOR) and recommended new Terms of Reference which were circulated to all Councillors via email following the DNT meeting on 16 February 2021.
3. Temporarily approves the new TOR that have been endorsed and recommended by DNT community members, until May 2021, to allow the DNT to continue its important work.
4. Make a final determination on DNT's temporary TOR in the report that will come to Council in May 2021.
5. Circulates the DNT temporary TOR to other advisory committees for their reference in making formal submissions to Council.
6. The May 2021 Council report include submissions received by advisory committees.

*Consideration of item 7.14 was deferred to be considered after item 7.15.*

7.15

**SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMUNITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a six-month progress update for Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June 2020 to 30 November 2020.

The attached reports provide the following information for each Community Advisory Committee:

- Committee summary
- Progress of key issues and challenges
- Progress of activities and outcomes
- Future plans.

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

1. Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June to 30 November 2020 attached at **Appendix A**.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-031**

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

**That** Council:

1. Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June to 30 November 2020 attached at **Appendix A**.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**EXTENSION OF TIME****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-032**

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

**That** the Council meeting continue after 10.00 pm for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Continuation of consideration of item 7.14*

**7.14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE - STANDARD TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE**

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**Motion**

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

That Council

1. Notes the engagement processes undertaken to date with Advisory Committees and receive a further report at the May Council Meeting on this matter.
2. Notes that the community members of the Darebin Nature Trust (DNT) have already made a formal submission rejecting the Standard Terms of Reference (TOR) and recommended new Terms of Reference which were circulated to all Councillors via email following the DNT meeting on 16 February 2021.
3. Temporarily approves the new TOR that have been endorsed and recommended by DNT community members, until May 2021, to allow the DNT to continue its important work.
4. Make a final determination on DNT's temporary TOR in the report that will come to Council in May 2021.
5. Circulates the DNT temporary TOR to other advisory committees for their reference in making formal submissions to Council.
6. The May 2021 Council report include submissions received by advisory committees.

The motion was put and carried



<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-033**

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes the engagement processes undertaken to date with Advisory Committees and receive a further report at the May Council Meeting on this matter.
2. Notes that the community members of the Darebin Nature Trust (DNT) have already made a formal submission rejecting the Standard Terms of Reference (TOR) and recommended new Terms of Reference which were circulated to all Councillors via email following the DNT meeting on 16 February 2021.
3. Temporarily approves the new TOR that have been endorsed and recommended by DNT community members, until May 2021, to allow the DNT to continue its important work.
4. Make a final determination on DNT's temporary TOR in the report that will come to Council in May 2021.
5. Circulates the DNT temporary TOR to other advisory committees for their reference in making formal submissions to Council.
6. The May 2021 Council report include submissions received by advisory committees.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Hannan, Laurence, McCarthy, Newton, Messina and Williams (8)

**Against:** Cr. Rennie (1)

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

Nil

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 PROXY COUNCILLORS ROLE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 22 February 2021, it is my intention to move:

*That Council receives a report in April 2021 that:*

- (1) *Outlines the role of proxy Councillors for Advisory Committees and the way in which this will be incorporated into the standard Terms of Reference which are currently being considered by Advisory Committees.*
- (2) *Includes any feedback from Advisory Committees through the consultation on the Terms of Reference, on incorporating the role of proxy Councillors into the standard Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees.*
- (3) *Provides an opportunity to re-consider appointments to ensures nominations for Advisory Committees can re-occur in light of this information.*

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** Council receives a report in May 2021 that:

- (1) Outlines the role of proxy Councillors for Advisory Committees and the way in which this will be incorporated into the standard Terms of Reference which are currently being considered by Advisory Committees.
- (2) Includes any feedback from Advisory Committees through the consultation on the Terms of Reference, on incorporating the role of proxy Councillors into the standard Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees.
- (3) Provides an opportunity to re-consider appointments to ensures nominations for Advisory Committees can re-occur in light of this information.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 21-034

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

**That** Council receives a report in May 2021 that:

- (1) Outlines the role of proxy Councillors for Advisory Committees and the way in which this will be incorporated into the standard Terms of Reference which are currently being considered by Advisory Committees.
- (2) Includes any feedback from Advisory Committees through the consultation on the Terms of Reference, on incorporating the role of proxy Councillors into the standard Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees.
- (3) Provides an opportunity to re-consider appointments to ensures nominations for Advisory Committees can re-occur in light of this information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **9.2 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY FAIRFIELD**

**Councillor:** Emily DIMITRIADIS

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 22 February 2021, it is my intention to move:

***That Council***

*Notes:*

- (1) *That Fairfield Primary School, the parents and the community members have expressed their concerns about the two pedestrian crossings on Wingrove Street Fairfield and particularly the unsupervised crossing on the corner of Wingrove Street and Fairfield Road.*
- (2) *That Fairfield Primary School has expressed serious reservations about Council's current response and approach to the unsupervised pedestrian crossing.*

*Resolves:*

- (1) *To urgently receive a Council Report in March 2021 exploring the option of consolidating the two current crossings into one supervised and safe crossing about 45 meters west from the current supervised crossing on Wingrove Street, ensuring that students can directly cross to the new campus in a safe manner. The report should include:*
  - a) *A possible timeline to facilitate the consolidated transition to one supervised and safe crossing;*
  - b) *Detailed plans to urgently improve the safety and signage at the corner of Wingrove Street and Fairfield Road including, but not limited to: warning signs (on streets including side streets and roundabout), approach rumble strips and flashing warning lights.*

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council**

Notes:

- (1) That Fairfield Primary School, the parents and the community members have expressed their concerns about the two pedestrian crossings on Wingrove Street Fairfield and particularly the unsupervised crossing on the corner of Wingrove Street and Fairfield Road.
- (2) That Fairfield Primary School has expressed serious reservations about Council's current response and approach to the unsupervised pedestrian crossing.

Resolves:

- (1) To urgently receive a Council Report in March 2021 exploring the option of consolidating the two current crossings into one supervised and safe crossing about 45 meters west from the current supervised crossing on Wingrove Street, ensuring that students can directly cross to the new campus in a safe manner. The report should include:
  - a) A possible timeline to facilitate the consolidated transition to one supervised and safe crossing;
  - b) Detailed plans to urgently improve the safety and signage at the corner of Wingrove Street and Fairfield Road including, but not limited to: warning signs (on streets including side streets and roundabout), approach rumble strips and flashing warning lights.

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**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-035**

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council**

Notes:

- (1) That Fairfield Primary School, the parents and the community members have expressed their concerns about the two pedestrian crossings on Wingrove Street Fairfield and particularly the unsupervised crossing on the corner of Wingrove Street and Fairfield Road.
- (2) That Fairfield Primary School has expressed serious reservations about Council's current response and approach to the unsupervised pedestrian crossing.

Resolves:

- (1) To urgently receive a Council Report in March 2021 exploring the option of consolidating the two current crossings into one supervised and safe crossing about

45 meters west from the current supervised crossing on Wingrove Street, ensuring that students can directly cross to the new campus in a safe manner. The report should include:

- a) A possible timeline to facilitate the consolidated transition to one supervised and safe crossing;
- b) Detailed plans to urgently improve the safety and signage at the corner of Wingrove Street and Fairfield Road including, but not limited to: warning signs (on streets including side streets and roundabout), approach rumble strips and flashing warning lights.

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 COUNCILLOR COMMENTS ON DECC**

**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 22 February 2021, it is my intention to move:

***That Council***

- (1) *Notes the comments made at the Council meeting on the 21 December 2020 by Councillor Susan Rennie during a debate on Agenda Item 7.2 specifically regarding the appointment process of community members on the Darebin Awards Advisory Committee where she suggested that she was not convinced Council was "... doing our community a service by allowing people through nepotism and connection with groups to gain access to committees..."*
- (2) *Notes that nominated Council representatives on the Darebin Ethnic Communities' Council (DECC) have received complaints from DECC members because of the hurt and insult they feel as a result of these offensive and baseless public comments.*
- (3) *Notes that DECC members are disappointed with Council processes as they have not been given the opportunity to formally raise their concerns and seek a public apology in the Chamber where the comments were made.*
- (4) *Issues an unqualified public apology to the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council for the unsubstantiated comments made by Councillor Rennie during the Council meeting.*

*Cr. Rennie sought leave of Council to make a statement in relation to Item 9.3.*

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 21-036**

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

**That** Standing Orders be suspended to enable Cr. Rennie to make a Statement to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Rennie made following statement:*

*At our December meeting in relation to Item 7.2 on the Agenda, I entered the debate to make a critique of Council processes for recruitment of Councillor Advisory Panel, in the course of this debate I used the word nepotism, which is defined as practice among those with power or influence of favouring relatives or friends especially by giving them jobs.*

*It is being brought to my attention that some community members felt this was criticism of them and felt this was influence of corruption. I want to ensure everyone this was not the case, no dictionary definition of word nepotism contains any reference to corruption. However, to avoid confusion, I would like to replace word nepotism with the word favouritism, which is the most common synonym available.*

<b>Resumption of Standing Orders</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** Council resolve to resume Standing Orders.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Greco withdrew his Notice of Motion listed at Item 9.3.*

*The Mayor made the following statement:*

*I would like to thank Cr Rennie for her clarification and Cr Greco for withdrawing this NOM.*

*Before we move on can I just say that is my strong belief is that motions such as this have no place in my chamber. There are more appropriate mechanisms for councillors and community members to avail themselves of, if they believe a Councillor has breached the Code of Conduct or the Local Government Act. I will not have this chamber used to prosecute grievances relating to debate in past meetings.*

*As Councillors we are Leaders, we have far more pressing issues in our community that need our attention. Every minute we spend on this items such as this, means we are not focussing on what our community expects, what our community deserves. We are community leaders. I expect more from this council.*

## **9.4 ACTION ON CLIMATE RISKS**

**Councillor:** Trent MCCARTHY

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 22 February 2021, it is my intention to move:

**'That** Council;

- (1) Consistent with the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) s9(2)(c), refers for consideration and incorporation in the Council Plan:
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- a. *an assessment of current and future climate risks facing the Darebin community; and*
  - b. *actions that Council and other levels of government must take to provide maximum protection for people, property and the natural environment in response to assessed climate risks.*
- (2) *Writes to the Premier to request his support and advocacy for a Federal Climate Disaster Levy, as proposed by The Australia Institute.*
  - (3) *Forwards a copy of this motion and letter to all local Upper and Lower House MPs, all Victorian Mayors, Municipal Association of Victoria, Victorian Local Governance Association and Climate Emergency Australia, and requests that they take similar action and advocacy.'*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That Council;**

- (1) Consistent with the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) s9(2)(c), refers for consideration and incorporation in the Council Plan:
  - a. an assessment of current and future climate risks facing the Darebin community; and
  - b. actions that Council and other levels of government must take to provide maximum protection for people, property and the natural environment in response to assessed climate risks.
- (2) Writes to the Premier to request his support and advocacy for a Federal Climate Disaster Levy, as proposed by The Australia Institute.
- (3) Forwards a copy of this motion and letter to all local Upper and Lower House MPs, all Victorian Mayors, Municipal Association of Victoria, Victorian Local Governance Association and Climate Emergency Australia, and requests that they take similar action and advocacy.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:**            **Cr. T Laurence**

**That** point (2) and (3) of the motion be amended to read:

- (2) Writes to the **Prime Minister, Leaders of the Opposition and the Premier** to request his support and advocacy for a Federal Climate Disaster Levy, as proposed by The Australia Institute.
- (3) Forwards a copy of this motion and letter to all local Upper and Lower House MPs, **Federal Member for Cooper and Victorian Senators**, all Victorian Mayors, Municipal Association of Victoria, Victorian Local Governance Association and Climate Emergency Australia, and requests that they take similar action and advocacy.'

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it was incorporated into the motion before the Council.

The motion before the Council was put and carried.



**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-037**

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

**That Council;**

- (1) Consistent with the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) s9(2)(c), refers for consideration and incorporation in the Council Plan:
  - a. an assessment of current and future climate risks facing the Darebin community; and
  - b. actions that Council and other levels of government must take to provide maximum protection for people, property and the natural environment in response to assessed climate risks.
- (2) Writes to the Prime Minister, Leaders of the Opposition and the Premier to request his support and advocacy for a Federal Climate Disaster Levy, as proposed by The Australia Institute.
- (3) Forwards a copy of this motion and letter to all local Upper and Lower House MPs, Federal Member for Cooper and Victorian Senators, all Victorian Mayors, Municipal Association of Victoria, Victorian Local Governance Association and Climate Emergency Australia, and requests that they take similar action and advocacy.'

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. URGENT BUSINESS

### 10.1 DAREBIN COMMUNITY VISION ENGAGEMENT

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*Item 10.1 was determined by the Chief Executive Officer to be an item of Urgent Business pursuant to Clause 8.1(3)(g) of Councils Governance Rules 2020.*

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires the development of a Community Vision and the Darebin Community Vision will be based on a 20-year horizon, enabling our community to consider the future of Darebin for the next generation.

This report outlines the outcome from round one of community consultation to inform the Community Vision, the establishment of the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel to inform the step of developing the Community Vision through deliberative engagement. The approach is informed by the draft Community Engagement Policy presented to Council on 7 December 2020 and informed by the learnings throughout engagement on this Policy that is presented to Council for adoption at this meeting. This report also outlines the remit Council is giving the deliberative panel, together with the major dilemma and key questions, that will form the panel's deliberations.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council Endorses the remit to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel in relation to the Community Vision, and the major dilemmas and key questions that will form the panel's deliberations.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** Council Endorses the remit to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel in relation to the Community Vision, and the major dilemmas and key questions that will form the panel's deliberations including reference to the LGBTIQ Community at page 9 of the Report.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 21-038**

**MOVED: Cr. S Newton**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**That** Council Endorses the remit to the Darebin Deliberative Engagement Panel in relation to the Community Vision, and the major dilemmas and key questions that will form the panel’s deliberations including reference to the LGBTIQ Community at page 9 of the Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 21-039**

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

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to Greek Independence Day be admitted to the agenda.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Extension of Time**

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.30 pm for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10.2

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Urgent Motion**

**That** Council undertake:

- (a) to organise a Greek and Australian flag raising ceremony at Preston Town Hall on 25 March 2021 to celebrate the bicentennial of the achievement of Greek Independence. Such events are occurring around Australia, including at the Shrine of Remembrance in St Kilda Rd, and as Darebin has a large Greek population Council believes it important to celebrate this event.
- (b) To send invitations to Greek community leaders and our local MPs. At a minimum, if COVID restrictions are in place the Federal member for Cooper and State Members for Preston and Northcote should be invited.
- (c) To give official recognition of the bicentennial of the achievement of Greek Independence by including a bilingual article in the Darebin Community Newsletter and on social media about the flag raising ceremony and the importance of the bicentennial as it represents the struggle of Greeks 200 years ago, to free themselves and achieve independence.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-040**

**MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis**

**SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

**That** Council undertake:

- (a) to organise a Greek and Australian flag raising ceremony at Preston Town Hall on 25 March 2021 to celebrate the bicentennial of the achievement of Greek Independence. Such events are occurring around Australia, including at the Shrine of Remembrance in St Kilda Rd, and as Darebin has a large Greek population Council believes it important to celebrate this event.
- (b) To send invitations to Greek community leaders and our local MPs. At a minimum, if COVID restrictions are in place the Federal member for Cooper and State Members for Preston and Northcote should be invited.
- (c) To give official recognition of the bicentennial of the achievement of Greek Independence by including a bilingual article in the Darebin Community Newsletter and on social media about the flag raising ceremony and the importance of the bicentennial as it represents the struggle of Greeks 200 years ago, to free themselves and achieve independence.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-041**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to Climate Action Program be admitted to the agenda

**CARRIED****10.3 CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM****Urgent Motion**

**That** Council receive a report on the current funding for the climate action program pending to be received in March 2021 that considers whether the current training is in line with the intent and scope of the program and is consistent with Council's advocacy strategy.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-042**

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

**That** Council receive a report on the current funding for the climate action program pending to be received in March 2021 that considers whether the current training is in line with the intent and scope of the program and is consistent with Council's advocacy strategy.

**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina, and Williams (5)

**Against:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

**CARRIED**

## 11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

## 12. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

### 12.1 SUMMARY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES, COUNCILLOR BRIEFING AND OTHER INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS

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In accordance with Councils Governance Rules adopted on the 20 July 2020 for any meeting of an Advisory Committee established by Council attended by at least one Councillor or a scheduled or planned meeting to discuss the business of *Council* or to brief Councillors, and which is attended by at least half of the Councillors and one member of Council staff; and which is not a *Council meeting*, *Delegated Committee* meeting or *Community Asset Committee* meeting the *Chief Executive Officer* must ensure that a summary of the meeting is:-

- a) Tabled at the next convenient Council meeting; and
- b) Recorded in the minutes of that Council meeting.

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That** the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 28 and 31 January 2021 and 1, 4 and 8 February 2021 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 21-043**

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

**That** the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 28 and 31 January 2021 and 1, 4 and 8 February 2021 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

#### REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- Darebin Community Awards Committee
- Darebin Art & Heritage Panel meet and greet event and welcome to new members
- Stakeholder engagement arrangement briefing
- Council Plan Priority Workshops – Diversity
- Council Plan Priority Workshops - Other priorities
- Councillor Briefing Session
- Stakeholder Engagement Session
- Mayoral Briefing- National Apology Day Message filming
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting
- Metropolitan Transport Forum February Executive Meeting
- Interview – The Informer
- Smart Cities meeting Delos delta
- Interview - Love Local Campaign
- n-SCRIBE 2020 launch
- Council Plan Priority Workshop - Managing Change and Built Environment
- Council Plan Priority Workshops – Economic
- Mayor and CEO Catch Up
- Council Plan Priority Workshops – Environment
- Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum induction
- Councillor Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Interfaith Harmony Week morning tea
- Mayoral Briefing - Metro Waste Presentation / Ministerial Launch
- Sustainability Victoria's Sustainable Infrastructure Grant, for the KP Hardiman Hockey Field and Lighting Redevelopment Project launch
- Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group forum briefing
- Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group induction
- Melbourne Polytechnic Symposium 2021
- Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations Virtual Event
- Neighbouring Mayors meeting
- Mayoral Group meeting
- Councillor workshop - community vision and council plan
- Councillor Workshop Preparation Session

- Indochinese Elderly Refugee Association Lunar New Year Virtual Event
- FUSE Festival briefing
- Let's Take Over 2021
- The Greek and Cypriot Social/Welfare Centre and the Greek Cypriot Cultural and Theatrical Centre - Covid19 lockdown freedom – Luncheon
- Darebin Falcons 2021 VFLW Jumper Presentation

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Council Vision and Plan works
- Melbourne Water Stakeholder Engagement Session
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Interfaith Committee
- Darebin's Nature Trust
- Walk through Reservoir Police Station
- Planning meeting
- Friends of Baucau
- Merri Creek Mgt Committee
- Budget Workshop
- Meeting with residents re:
- Planning
- Street cleaning
- Traffic management
- Dog Park
- Sporting grants
- Edwards Lake water quality

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Council meeting
- 2 x Councillor Briefing Sessions
- Stakeholder Engagement Session
- Council Plan theme workshop – Health, Wellbeing and Social
- Council Plan theme workshop – Environmental
- Council Plan Priority Workshops – Diversity
- Council Plan Priority Workshops - Health, Wellbeing and Social
- Council Plan Priority Workshops – Environment



- Council Plan Priority Workshops – Economic
- Council Plan Priority Workshop - Managing Change and Built Environment
- Reservoir Police Station Matter discussion
- Visit the Former Reservoir Police Station
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Ministerial launch Sustainable Infrastructure Grant, for KP Hardiman Hockey Field and Lighting Redevelopment Project.
- Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group Meeting
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Catch up on teams
- Councillor Budget Workshop
- Residents raised issues regarding Northcote golf course, Sporting clubs
- Stakeholder engagement session with Melbourne Water

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities over the last month. Additionally Cr Laurence's activity report from the January Council Meeting has been included

- Attended Council Meeting 21 December
- Attended 4 councillor planning workshops
- Consulted with residents re Edwardes park lake
- Consulted with residents re Daleglen park
- Attended Council Meeting 27 January
- Attended Council Planning Meeting February
- Attended various councillor planning and budget workshops in January and February
- Attended annual meeting of charity Khalsa Aid at Olinda
- Attended and spoke at Rally to support Indian Farmers at Federation Square
- Consulted with residents re planning issues in Reservoir
- Attended meeting with Melbourne Water CEO with other Councillors to discuss Edwardes Park Lake and other water management issues in Darebin

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Councillor Budget Workshop
- Darebin Falcons 2021 VFLW Jumper Presentation
- Let's Take Over 2021 - Northcote Town Hall Arts Centre emerging artists aged 15-25 exhibition and performances

- Visit with Senior Pastor Paul Huglin and congregation at West Preston Baptist Church
- Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) mentoring program training
- Councillor catch up
- Darebin Art & Heritage Advisory Panel Meeting, including chairing part of meeting
- Councillor community vision and council plan workshop
- Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations event run by Link-Up Victoria and VACCA
- World Interfaith Harmony Week Morning Tea - made speech on behalf of Mayor Messina
- Launch of KP Hardiman Hockey Field and Lighting Redevelopment Project Grant, with Minister Lily D'Ambrosio
- Planning committee meeting
- Councillor briefing x2
- Multiple Councillor workshops on council plan themes
- Visit to former Reservoir Police Station building on Edwardes Street
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Stakeholder engagement session with Melbourne Water
- Introductory meeting and tour of Your Community Health with Phillip Bain, CEO
- Darebin Art & Heritage Panel meet and greet event and welcome to new members
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Governance and Risk Committee Meeting

#### **REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE**

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

- Refugee support activities
- Council planning workshop – diversity
- Council planning workshop – other priorities
- Councillor briefing session
- Stakeholder engagement session
- Libraries After Dark Strategic Advisory Group
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Meeting with Inner MAV rep
- Reservoir Police Station briefing
- DCAN event
- Council planning workshop – managing change and the built environment
- Council planning workshop – economic
- Council planning workshop – environment

- Council planning workshops – health and wellbeing
- Councillor briefing
- Planning Committee meeting
- Walk through – reservoir police station
- World interfaith harmony morning tea
- MAV representatives briefing
- Ministerial launch at Hardiman
- Climate Emergency Darebin event
- Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generation
- Councillor workshop – community vision
- Local government working group on gambling
- Informal councillor meeting
- Let's Take Over NTH
- Darebin Falcons jumper presentation
- Councillor budget workshop
- Council meeting
- MAV presidential candidate forum

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Councillor Budget Workshop
- Councillor Catch Up
- Community Vision and Council Plan Workshops
- Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations Event run by Link-Up Victoria and VACCA
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Councillor Briefings
- Stakeholder Engagement Session with Melbourne Water
- Climate Emergency Australia Strategic Advisory Committee Meetings and Webinars
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive and Advocacy Committee Meetings
- Darebin Nature Trust Meetings
- Melbourne Polytechnic Briefing
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Coburg High School Council Meeting
- Meetings with Council Officers
- Meetings with Traders and Residents

**REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS**

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

- Attended Planning Committee meeting
- Attended all Councillor budget workshops
- Meeting with Northcote City Football Club
- Meeting with SPAN Community House
- Attended all Councillor community vision and council plan workshops
- Contact from residents about parking and the Nightingale Development
- Meeting with Northcote traders and Mayor Messina
- Attended all Councillor briefings
- Stakeholder engagement session with Melbourne Water
- Contact from Fairfield Primary School and parents about the pedestrian crossing
- Contact (online/telephone) with residents regarding safety of footpaths and lighting around the area - also uncleanliness, graffiti and rubbish bins not being emptied in public places such as Hayes Park
- Meeting with principal from Northern College of the Arts and Technology in Preston
- Attended World Interfaith Harmony morning tea
- Attended Greek and Cypriot Social afternoon tea as guest speaker
- Meeting with Fairfield Bowling club board members
- Attended launch at KP Hardiman hockey field with Minister Lily D'Ambrosio

**REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN**

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, eg, pop-up bike lane on South Crescent, bike track at Merri Common, Bill Lawry Oval, Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Johnson Park, on street dining, climate emergency, roadworks and traffic diversion.
- Attended Darebin Falcons 2021 VFLW Jumper Presentation
- Attended Merri Creek Management Committee International Wetland Day event
- Met with residents to hear concerns about Albion Charles Hotel
- Councillor strategic planning and budgeting sessions
- Council meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust meeting
- Merri Creek Management Committee AGM

**Officer  
Recommendation**

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

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 21-044**

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**


Nil

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**


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