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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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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 MARCH 2021

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.00PM

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

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

Vanessa Petrie - Manager Climate Emergency & Sustainable Transport

Steve Tierney - Manager, Parks & Open Space

Felicity Leahy - Manager Recreation & Libraries

Shadi Hanna - Manager, Aged and Disability

Stevie Meyer - Coordinator Strategic Planning

Allan Middlemast – Coordinator Transport Engineering

Amol Khapre – Senior Project Manager

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business

Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer

Karlee Ferrante – Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

An error in the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 February 2021 was identified since these minutes were published. The motion and subsequent resolution of Council in relation to item of Urgent Business 10.3 - Climate Action Program was incorrectly recorded as being moved by Cr McCarthy and seconded by Cr Rennie. The motion and subsequent resolution was moved by Cr Laurence and seconded by Cr Greco.

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| Recommendation |
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That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 February 2021 as amended be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 21-045

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 February 2021 as amended be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Chairperson, Mayor Messina and the Chief Executive Officer, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Christopher Wilkinson, Reservoir**

Radford road is a known hotspot for hoon driving. Dangerous driving happens daily. It has been brought to the Council's attention numerous times by myself and also the Greensborough highway patrol. When will action be taken and a traffic management system be put in place?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council staff recently met with Victoria Police to raise this issue and the photos and videos provided by residents have also been forwarded to them.

Council will keep working with Police and looking at what it can do. Council is using its speed trailer in the area with “slow down” messaging and is installing 50kph road pavement markings.

We’re also investigating other interventions such as splitter islands on side roads. Any construction would be considered in future years after investigation and community consultation. In this location speed humps aren’t recommended because of safety issues for the large heavy vehicles that use Radford Road.

- **Michael Toomey, Alphington**

Michael Toomey made a submission primarily about parking concerns in Lowther Street, Alphington.

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

Due to the specific nature of this parking matter / query I will ask Council’s Manager Regulatory Services to contact you tomorrow to discuss your matter in more detail.

- **Rob, Alphington**

This submission / question from Rob was similar to that of Mr Toomey concerning parking restrictions in Lowther Street.

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

Due to the specific nature of this parking matter / query I will ask Council’s Manager Regulatory Services to contact you tomorrow to discuss your matter in more detail.

- **Jiovanni, Preston West**

In February 2020 many of us residents attended a ‘Streets for the People’ information evening hosted by the Council. At this meeting, I asked to see evidence that the proposed measures such as pinches and speed humps have actually been found to be successful in achieving the goals stated. The officers / consultants that evening had no evidence available to show me. I asked a number of times and eventually a gentleman promised to send me something. I left my email address, but I never received any email. Can the Council now show me any report / evidence that demonstrates the measures intended for Cramer St will actually achieve the stated goals?

Was an impact report and a benefits report undertaken before deciding to install the pinches and speed humps on Cramer Street? Any such report or research that considered the views of affected parties when making decisions?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Councils records indicate that the information you referred to was sent by email on 21st February 2020. The Chief Executive Officer will arrange to have this information forwarded to you again.

The information included examples of where these currently work well including Springthorpe Boulevard in Macleod, and Queen Street in Reservoir.

In relation to the second point - there is quite a lot of different evidence that confirms the safety benefits and also that noise is not at nuisance levels. I have asked the relevant manager to call you this week to discuss this in more detail.

I also note that Council considered a report on 27th April 2020 and this can be seen online.

- **Jiovanni, Preston West**

In February 2020 many of us residents attended a 'Streets for the people' information evening hosted by the Council. Many residents asked questions and raised concerns. These were recorded on 'Post it' notes and placed on the maps on the relevant spot. Was all this 'feedback', concerns and questions collated and provided to the Council for consideration? If so, what were the outcomes and can we see the report of this feedback? If not, can the Council please explain why the Council has not "considered the views of affected parties when making decisions" as directed by the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Community feedback was presented to Council at its meeting on 27th April 2020.

A copy of this report and the community engagement summary are available online. Council endorsed the project and the concept plans at that meeting.

An additional report went to Council on 29 June 2020 focused on the James Street road closure/pocket park.

- **Camillo De Luca, Reservoir**

Why have other less costly measures (and less burdensome on the street's residents), not been trialled before implementing speed humps that create more noise, pollution and discomfort in accessing resident's homes? For example: reducing speed, signs to deter thoroughfare traffic etc.

This section of Cramer Street services quiet residential streets and comes to an end at James Street. It does not connect to a main arterial. Cars using this section of Cramer Street as a thoroughfare should be using Bell Street or Murray Road in close proximity.

Can the entry to Cramer Street be restricted to residents only by a simple sign, without the need for obtrusive measures such as speed humps?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The treatments work together with other improvements in the neighbourhood to alleviate safety issues on Cramer Street and surrounding streets. We expect the treatments to reduce the amount of non-local traffic which will benefit the local area.

We have specifically assessed noise and found that this type of noise is not at nuisance levels.

Council has heard feedback from local residents in other areas that the use of 'local traffic only' signage in isolation is not an effective response.

- **Deanna Butler, Preston**

My concern is for the proposed speed hump in James Street, closest to Cramer Street,

What will this be made out of?

How noisy will it be when cars go over the hump?

How many speed humps will be in James Street and Cramer streets?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The speed hump would be constructed from asphalt.

Officers have specifically assessed noise for speed humps and found that noise is not at nuisance levels which is set out in the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.

One hump (and pinch point) is planned on James Street, and two between James Street and Gilbert Road on Cramer Street in the next few months.

In the long term, to improve safety, a total of six pinch points are planned along Cramer Street between James Street and Jessie Street.

- **Dobe Temelkovski, Preston**

My questions relate to the objections of Cramer St, West Preston residents to proposed pinch points with raised tables (speed humps) and loss of on street parking for Cramer St between Gilbert Rd and James St.

1. The evidence strongly points to strong community opposition to the proposed works. Can we see evidence of the strong community support for this project?
2. Do Councillors appreciate that resident objections are not to the Streets for People Project but to pinch points, speed humps and loss of on street parking to achieve the intended outcomes?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The full Council Report and Engagement Summary from April 2020 and June 2020 are available online. These documents detail the response from the community to three rounds of consultation.

I will take your second point as a comment – thank you.

- **Claire Hockley, Northcote – Submission**

The Mayor noted that a submission was received from Ms Claire Hockley regarding the installation of the pop-up bike lane on South Crescent. In accordance with the Governance Rules as Ms Hockley is not in attendance the submission was not read out .

- **Claire Hockley, Northcote**

- 1: Why has Council not written to residents to expressly inform them that it is recommending a "12 month trial" of the removal of car parking from South Crescent?

2: Why would Council be recommending the removal of car parking close to public transport after the community outcry last time the Council tried to remove parking?

3: How would the removal of car parking assist the elderly, disabled, women and commuters to easily access public transport?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

I note that this matter will be considered by Council later this evening.

Council wrote to over 700 properties on South Crescent and in surrounding streets.

The letter notified residents that Council would consider this matter at its meeting on 22 March 2021. The letter did not go into all the detail about the options or recommendation and instead provided a link to the information online.

There is good parking availability in this area currently.

There is good parking availability near the stations currently.

Parking data during the trial has shown that unrestricted parking spaces close to or in front of both stations continued to be available after weekday morning peak times.

• **Con Lithoxidis, Northcote**

1. Prior to COVID, parking on South Crescent was scarce. What data or information does the Council have to suggest that parking demand will not return to pre-COVID levels in the next 5-10 years? Given that housing loans are typically for 30 years, what information does the council have that parking demand will not return to pre-covid levels in the next 25-30 years? Discussions with Council representatives indicate that Darebin City Council is aware of the impact to parking levels.
2. The bicycle lane has eliminated 50% of parking on the street. Given that a lack of parking is perceived as a negative feature for a home, how will the council compensate home owners for the drop in their property value should the bicycle lane go ahead?
3. When asked about the motivation for the bicycle lane, Darebin City Council representatives quoted "get more people riding a bicycle". Why is the Council prioritising the needs of cyclists over home owners?

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

I note that you have submitted 7 questions – the Governance Rules limit the number of questions to three. I will ask the Manager of Traffic and Transport to contact you tomorrow to discuss those.

I note that this matter will be considered by Council tonight.

Question 1

There is currently good parking availability and we are monitoring this.

At the moment more people are cycling and driving, but there is less demand for commuter parking in this area. This seems to be because of working from home and concern about travelling by public transport.

Question 2

There is currently good parking availability in the area.

Council isn't aware of any evidence that the installation of a bicycle lane or changes to car parking have negative impacts on property values.

Question 3

In relation to your third point – I will take this as a submission

- **Karen Bruce, Northcote**

1. Do councillors believe that health, fitness and social interaction are important for aging residents?
2. Are councillors aware of the NARC over 50 fitness program, which uses all of the facility?
3. Are councillors aware that this fitness program helps senior residents to create and maintain fitness, while also providing a venue for essential social interaction?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

As has been previously indicated in accordance with the Governance Rules I can only read out three of your six questions this evening.

1. Council believes that health, fitness and social interaction is important for older residents. The Age Friendly Darebin Report, developed with strong community consultation details 98 recommendations regarding how older residents can be supported to live well in our community, including all aspects of health and wellbeing including social participation.

2. Council is aware of the fitness programs at the NARC tailored to over 50s.

These include:

- The Active Adults membership, designed to support people over 50 build fitness and strength and
- The Active Movers classes designed to suit all ages and abilities, including our older adult members.

These are in addition to a range of services that meet the needs of older adults, as well as being available to all community members.

3. Council acknowledges the important role that facilities such as NARC play in keeping our communities fit and healthy and socially connected.

There has been significant community consultation and engagement to inform the redevelopment of the facility to ensure that NARC can meet the needs of our community for the next 50 years.

The redevelopment will include improvements such as:

- Universal design principles throughout the whole facility to maximise physical access (such as ramped entry to pools) and accessible amenities (bathrooms)
- An indoor warm water pool – that is separate to the other pools
- Spaces for community connection at the café, indoors and outdoors and via the multipurpose community rooms.

- **Lawry Twinning, Northcote**

When is the current Northcote Aquatic & Recreational Centre going to close for demolition?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council has yet to make a decision on when the demolition works will commence at NARC. This will be determined by considering the timeframe required by the current operator, providing sufficient notice to community members and timing required to engage a contractor and mobilise contractor on site.

Subject to Council's decision, a contractor could be ready to start works in the coming months.

- **Margaret Koumi, Northcote**

Will Council continue to throw good money after bad in propping up the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre or will it stick with its innovative and long term thinking and go ahead with building a new state of the art facility.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Council will carefully consider its approach to NARC as it prepares its Annual budget and its new Council Plan.

The design of a new NARC is almost complete and, subject to Council's decision, will soon be ready to be priced for construction by appropriately qualified construction contractors.

- **Kathleen Kemp, Northcote**

What Council resources including capital investment are currently used to make the Northcote Golf Course available exclusively for golf?

Would facilitated programs through Neighbourhood Houses or Men's Sheds possibly provide better social connection and physical health outcomes for a broader spectrum and proportion of our community? Making golf more accessible is likely to be seen as window dressing to most of the community.

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

Some of the financial matters are commercial-in-confidence which is why not all of the detail is provided in the report.

When Council considers the broad community feedback about the future of the space, it will also consider the current and future financial consequences of any decision it makes.

In relation to your question about neighbourhood houses, the Darebin Neighbourhood House Network continues to provide a diverse range of programs that support social connection and physical health outcomes. These programs however may not meet the needs and interests of all residents, which is why Council continues to support a range of other recreational and organised sport opportunities across the city.

- **Timothy Holdsworth, Northcote**

Can Council please advise why 'Friends of Merri Creek' has not been included as a key stakeholder given the highly relevant credentials of their President; Associate Professor Nick Williams?

Can Council please advise why 'Indigenous Golf Association of Victoria' (IGAV) has not been included as a key stakeholder?

Can Council please advise why the sports clubs that would benefit from a "new multi-purpose building between park and golf course to replace existing sports pavilion" as advised in the 'Future Mayer Park Plan - July 2020' have not been included as key stakeholders?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The list of stakeholders included in the Notice of Motion and in the report is not intended to be exhaustive. A full communications plan will ensure all interested stakeholders are provided an opportunity to have their say.

My understanding is that all those stakeholders have been involved in the initial consultation in the 'Have Your Say' and will continue to throughout the process.

• **Michael Foster, Preston – Submission**

With the review into the future use of the land currently used by Northcote Golf Course underway, what steps will council take to ensure:

1. The views of the Traditional Owners of the land are shared clearly with the community.
2. Local residents are properly informed about the consultation process with multiple opportunities to engage.
3. Future plans maximise public good and public access to public land.
4. The needs of the local flora and fauna are included in the deliberations?

This question was taken as a submission and noted. An officer will be in contact with Mr Foster regarding this matter.

• **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 Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

1. **Council shared the draft planting list with the Darebin Nature Trust and the former Community Reference Group, about one week ahead of the planting. Based on feedback one species was removed from the list.**

Based on recent advice from Darebin Nature Trust, the use of local indigenous plants is the top priority. The Darebin Nature Trust's advice was that there can be some cases where Australian, but not local, plants are appropriate.

- 2 **Officers have apologised for the delay in sending the documents relating to the meeting on 1 September 2020. All relevant documents were circulated on 16 March 2021.**
- 3 **Officers have met with the Darebin Nature Trust and members of the former Community Reference Group in recent weeks about the plans for the playspace at the park. The planting palette for the playground and BBQ area is being updated to reflect this feedback and will be reported to Council for consideration at an upcoming meeting.**

- **Carolyn Lunt, Northcote**

I have been involved with Jika Jika in the Park Community Centre at Oldis Gardens for 5 years.

This building is leased with its operation funded by City of Darebin. Recently I was told to come and collect various pieces of equipment without consultation

- (1) Why has there been no consultation by this committee with the many users of this site about its closure to these groups?
- (2) I have been told that the space will be made into a garden. Who is planning the garden and for what purpose? Who made these decisions?
- (3) What are the plants to be used as it is in close proximity to Merri Creek and is threatened by seed spread from introduced species such as vegetables?

EXTENSION OF TIME

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 21-046

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

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

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Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

As you have noted, the Oldis Gardens Community Centre is managed by Jika Jika community centre. While Council provides annual funding and facility use to Jika Jika, Council is not involved in decisions regarding program delivery at this centre or their other sites. These are matters for the Jika Jika Committee of Management.

Council understands that the centre is not closing and the Jika Jika Committee of Management is planning to make changes to how the space is used.

Council also understands that the garden is being planned by the Jika Jika Committee of Management to enhance the current outdoor space at the centre. Decisions regarding the garden will be made by the Committee of Management, in consultation with Council for matters which are relevant to the current lease agreement in place.

- **Hellenic Cultural Association of Melbourne “O’Periklis”, Northcote**
 1. Why have sporting clubs been granted access to the facilities and cultural clubs such as ours, denied access to the facilities?
 2. When will the Council allow our club and other cultural clubs to access the council's facilities?

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

The safety of the community is a key priority for Council and all actions are carried out to ensure our operations are fully compliant with COVID restrictions.

Staff have been working with all the regular daytime groups to support their COVID safe return.

For our Senior Centres, this includes:

- Increased cleaning between day-time groups
- Provision of information and practical adjustments for users regarding compliance with COVID safe requirements
- Changes in responsibilities and conditions of use.

This first phase has been with clubs and groups who meet during the day, so that staff could attend to support members to manage the new requirements.

The hours have had to be restricted for all groups as there is cleaning in between users during the day.

We will use what we have learned from this first phase to inform our approach to the return of out of hours groups. We expect to commence these discussions with your group next month (April).

Our community rooms, town halls and arts venues for hire reopened and are supporting the return of community to these facilities within COVID capacity regulations.

Sporting clubs are accessing pavilions and sporting facilities and we have worked with them to ensure a COVID safe return.

A Council Officer will contact you to outline the next steps to support your club's safe return to your centre.

- **Annette Kalkbrenner, Thornbury**

1. Recently an elderly resident has been evicted from her social housing home. In line with International Women's Week, the recent release of Homelessness report how is Council addressing and protecting vulnerable, elderly women in Darebin. Kat Theophanous office advised us that you have more power to help than the State Government?
2. On 19th June 2017 I submitted the petition with 31,367 signatures to keep Louise Goode in her home. Councillor McCarthy accepted the petition for tabling. Wondering if the petition has been actioned or submitted into parliament?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

A question was submitted by Ms Kalkbrenner relating to Notice of Motion 9.5 listed on the agenda for the meeting. In accordance with Councils Governance Rules the question was disallowed.

1. Council is committed to support older women through our Aged Friendly Darebin initiative, as well as through our assertive outreach support for people experiencing homelessness. Council also works in partnership with others (including State Government) in these areas.
2. This question was taken on notice and an Officer will be in touch to discuss the matter with you.

- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

Re – Recruitment of members for Council's Active and Healthy Ageing Committee (AHAAC).

1. How can Council justify a process that is in contravention with its own policies and the Local Government Act requirements of Deliberative Engagement?
2. Will Council re-consider the committee selection process for all Committees, with as a guide- two experienced, appropriate Committee nominees, two Council officers and an Independent Chair?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Thank you for your very valuable service and support as an active member of this important Committee.

We acknowledge that the process of appointing new members to the committee has been somewhat confusing and Officers have worked hard to ensure that all current members have the opportunity and are supported to re-apply.

In this case, it would be inappropriate for committee members to be part of the selection process.

Although Council officers will be making recommendations regarding the outcomes of the selection process, the final decision will be made by Council in May 2021.

Council's Community Engagement Policy outlines when Council should carry out deliberative engagement and the appointment of members to advisory committees does not require deliberate engagement

Going forward, we will clarify and streamline the processes of appointment of Advisory Committees including seeking more input from people with lived experience.

- **Karen Large (on behalf of Darebin Climate Action Now), Northcote**

Does Council agree that the Deliberative Engagement Panel working on shaping the 2041 Vision needs to be provided with relevant information so an informed, comprehensive and holistic vision for 2041 can be developed?

Is Council providing the panel with information about the challenges we face as a community from the climate emergency, such as increasing energy poverty, more extreme heat days and a range of health problems which will have far reaching effects on how we live, work and play in the City of Darebin?

If this information is not being provided, what steps will Council take to rectify this significant gap so that the Darebin community can feel assured that this most important challenge to our daily lives will be taken into account during the panels' deliberations?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

Thank you for your interest in the development of the 2041 Community Vision.

I can confirm that the deliberative panel has been provided with a range of information to help inform their deliberations.

I would also like to let you know that the vision is a high-level statement that sets a 20-year vision for the community. In addition to the Community Vision, is the development of the four-year Council Plan (integrated with the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan). The Council Plan must also go through a deliberative engagement process and respond to the vision.

Priorities for the Council Plan (integrated with the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) will be coming to a Council Meeting seeking Councillors endorsement. Following this they will proceed to a community engagement process, and the Deliberative Panel will meet again in May and specifically focus on the Council Plan

- **Lumina, Reservoir**

How have Darebin Council directly visited youth to collect their valuable opinions and input as a lot of them may be unaware of processes like this?

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

Council is deeply committed to making sure that we hear the voices of our young people across the Community. I think in truth sometimes the things that we talk about and how we engage with the community is not appealing to young people. Council recently adopted a new Community Engagement Strategy and are working to expand on how to work better with young people. It is true that often Council's (through their staff and Councillors) talk to people our own age. Council has spent time with the Young Citizens Jury specifically on the community vision work. Please do send in your submissions and if you are having any issues please contact me directly.

- **Kait McCleary, Bundoora**

In 4 years from now I will be an adult and living my life in Darebin. Having a say and an opinion on a 4 year plan would be greatly valued by myself and my peers. Each generation has different ideas, views, ideologies, opinions, important issues etc. and the current youth generation in high schools need to share how we think and feel on different matters. So, my question is, how does the Darebin Council plan to involve youth and teenagers in devising its 4 year plan and preparing for the future?

Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson

In early April I am expecting the Council to consider the first draft of the Council Plan which will then go out for consultation and I would invite everyone across the community to read over this and if needed I am happy to send out officers to assist with what is behind the Council plan. But I know that Council would love to hear your feedback on that first draft.

- **Rumbi Motezo, Reservoir**

I understand that Council can't control the overall education curriculum in high schools. The new policy introduced about consent introduced by the Government hasn't done much to educate the students. I have noticed the lack of programs that emphasise sexual education such as respect towards self, others and consent etc as well as information on finances such as what is a mortgage, what are taxes and rate and why do we pay them, and how to become financially stable and secure in 2021 is lacking. What will Council do to implement and enlighten the youth of the community on these matters?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The Chairperson advised that these are fundamentally advocacy matters and encouraged Rumbi to approach her School Council to find out how she can advocate for these issues and changes to the school curriculum. Additionally she suggested contacting State and Federal Members, and offered Councils assistance to write to the these members.

- **Peter Gonis, Reservoir**

1. In the interests of transparency will the Darebin Council provide to the rate payers a written report simply explaining which sporting clubs receive Council funding.
2. In the interests of transparency will the Darebin Council provide a written report of the costs related to the \$63.5 million Northcote Pool redevelopment? I.e. Building, tapware, furnishings, water treatment etc.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

A question was submitted by Mr Gonis relating to information likely to be designated confidential. In accordance with Councils Governance Rules the question was disallowed.

Thank you for your questions, we will take them on notice and have an officer contact you.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

My question is about the arrest of Brian Sanaghan on the 2 September standing outside the Council building on the footpath. Mayor Messina, can you please advise who rang the police and for what purpose were they called?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

This question was disallowed as it has been answered previously.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Could you please advise why the CEO of Darebin will not meet with me, over a matter of injustice done to me by one of her officers?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The Mayor advised that she would be pleased to meet with Mr Nugent regarding this matter.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Could you please advise if the Customer Service department or elsewhere in the organisation, there is a "Pest" list? This is a list of people who come into Customer Service or ring the Council constantly?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The Mayor advised that she was not aware of such a list and the question will be taken on notice.

- **Brian Sanaghan, Preston**

Mr Sanaghan commenced a question which had been previously asked and answered and was thus disallowed by the Mayor.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.59pm and recommenced at 7.16pm

- **Keith Coffey, Reservoir**

For the last 3 years I have put in many requests to clean up streets in what was the old Latrobe Ward. I did get answers in the mail but nothing much has changed at the border of Darebin and at the start of Cheddar Road, it has weeds on the traffic islands, weeds in the gutters and the drains.

The roundabout at Cheddar Road and Hickford Street has been cleared of weeds and bushes which is good but the traffic islands east and west in Hickford Street are full of weeds. In a lot of the streets in the ward weeds are in the gutters and drains on the roundabouts and traffic islands.

Also, the garden beds the Council put in Banff Street shopping strip are a disgrace – dead bushes, weeds and rubbish.

My questions are - Is it a shortage of hands-on workers? And will you be able to let myself and others know when the work will be done?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

I can assure you that Street Beautification and planting especially in the area that you mentioned are being addressed in the Council Plan. I will ask the officers to contact you during the week.

• **Dr. George Kopsidas, Preston**

Proposal to introduce speed humps and pinch points in Cramer Street West. Evidence clearly shows that such measures are bad for environment, decrease property values, increase noise, increase particulate matter in the air and increase air pollution. Why introduce these measures in a street that does not have a speeding problem?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

This question has been addressed prior. I will have an officer contact you regarding this matter.

Supplementary Question

The following question was submitted by Serena O’Meley prior to the Council meeting however due to an administrative error it was not read out. The question is reproduced below, has been taken on notice and both the question and response provided to Ms O’Meley will be reproduced in the minutes of the 26 April Council Meeting in line with Councils Governance Rules

These questions relate to the unanimous resolution of the 7 September 2020 Darebin Council Meeting (Minute no. 20-109) relating to three strategically important parcels of land located within Clements Reserve (1-11 McMahon Road, 22 & 32-34 Clements Grove, Reservoir).

(a) It was resolved that the CEO be asked to commence negotiations for the acquisition of the three parcels of land within Clements Reserve. Ministerial approval for a diminished sale (i.e. discount price sale) to Council was granted in July 2019, but a subsequent formal valuation was allowed to lapse. Has Council sought a new valuation from the Valuer General, and if so, when was this done?

(b) The resolution included a requirement that letters be sent to numerous politicians seeking their support, including the Planning Minister and the Member for Preston. Was the Clements Reserve correspondence ever sent to the named recipients in the resolution and if not why not?

(c) Based upon Freedom of Information correspondence, I can confirm that the Department of Transport is willing, and even eager, to sell the land to Darebin Council. What steps have / will

be taken by Council since September 2020 to swiftly conclude the purchase of this valued creek side land?

Pursuant to the Councils Governance Rules 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 22 February 2021, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Messina

- **Julie More**

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

Telephone conversation was had with Ms. More by Coordinator Transport Strategy and Programs on 23 February 2021.

- **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

Officers met with community members from the Ruthven CRG and DNT on 4/3/2021 and offered an apology for the delay and oversight in sending out the minutes and relevant information. Minutes and accompanying notes that provide updates on the work that happened since will be circulated by Monday 15 March 2021.

- **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

Council staff met on site with Ms Kenny-Shen to discuss practical measures to address the issues of rubbish dumping.

- **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 work has commenced, where are the roadblocks to commencing work on the property?

Response

An email was sent to Uncle Alan dated 1 March 2021 by Kerry McGrath, General Manager Community.

- **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

A written response dated 25 March 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Stephen Mahon, Coordinator Council Business.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

I am still awaiting a response to the helping junior sport being re-established again. I had given this email to your customer service centre.

Response

A written response dated 4 March 2021 was provided to John Nugent by Kerry McGrath, General Manager Community.

6. PETITIONS

TABLING OF PETITION - STREETS FOR THE PEOPLE INITIATIVE, CRAMER STREET, WEST PRESTON

Cr. Newton sought leave of Council to present a petition regarding the 'Streets for the People' initiative, Cramer Street, West Preston'.

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 21-047

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

That the petition signed by approx. 70 persons stating:

We, the undersigned residents of Cramer Street, hereby petition the City of Darebin to abandon the 'pinch and speed humps' proposed for Cramer Street. This is due to the negative impacts they will have on the peace and privacy of residents and the environment. Impacting on wellbeing and accessibility of residents to their home. They offer no benefits to cyclists as claimed. We proposed alternatives such as roundabouts instead

Be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for action

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION – CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-048

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

That the Agenda be reordered as follows:

- Item 7.10
- Item 7.11
- Item 7.5
- Item 7.6
- Item 7.8
- Item 7.9
- Item 9.5
- Item 7.15
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- Item 7.14
- Item 7.16
- Item 7.17
- Item 7.18

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

The following person made a submission in relation to this item.

- *Toby Hemming on behalf of Paul Wallace - Principal, Fairfield Primary School.*

7.10 ROAD SAFETY - FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report puts forward road safety options, and the effect they would have at all times of the day, on Wingrove Street between the two campuses of Fairfield Primary School. The main concern from the school community is that young students are using the existing raised zebra crossing without supervision and that there may be a collision.

There have been no recorded injury collisions at this location in the previous 5 years.

Some changes and maintenance work to the line-marking to the raised zebra crossing were completed before the start of the school year to improve the visibility of the crossing. Further changes to enhance safety near the school have been discussed with Fairfield Primary School, internal stakeholders and the affected local residents.

Officers have investigated and considered several options including consolidating the two existing crossing points into one new crossing, relocating school crossing supervisors, and design of higher order crossing treatments.

This report makes a recommendation based on safety need compared to other areas of Darebin near schools, outputs from the Australasian Pedestrian Crossing Selection Tool and functionality.

The recommended solution is relocation of the crossing supervisor from the children's crossing at 189 Wingrove Street to the raised zebra crossing near Fairfield Road and decommissioning of the children's crossing. A number of other safety improvements nearby are also recommended to ensure the whole area works together well.

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That Council endorse option 2 as defined in this report, including:

- (1) relocation of the crossing supervisor from the children's crossing at 189 Wingrove Street to the raised zebra crossing near Fairfield Road
- (2) decommission the children's crossing outside 189 Wingrove Street by removing the signs and lines that provide the controlled operation
- (3) the trial one-way operation of Fairfield Road between Langridge Street and Wingrove Street in a north to south direction with bolt-down kerbs near Wingrove Street
- (4) create a No Stopping parking area on Wingrove Street between Arthur Street and Fairfield Road that operates 8am – 4pm school days, and
- (5) make sign improvements to further improve safety at the raised zebra crossing on Wingrove Street near Fairfield Road.

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| Motion |
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MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council endorses Option 3 – Combine the crossings into one crossing located between the two current crossings, with the following amendments:

- 1) Removal of zebra crossing line-marking, signage, tactile ground surface indicators and function, of the current unsupervised crossings which would create a speed hump.
- 2) Creation of new raised zebra children's crossing approximately 15m east of the existing unsupervised zebra crossing location
- 3) Removal of the crossing outside 189 Wingrove Street by removing all signs, lines, kerb buildouts and refuge associated with the crossing and recreating it into a speed hump.
- 4) Provide line marking on the road to ensure cars stop before they reach the new raised zebra children's crossing.
- 5) Reallocation of the school crossing supervisor from the crossing at 189 Wingrove Street to the new children's crossing.
- 6) Convert Fairfield Road to operate as one-way between Langridge Street and Wingrove Street as a 12-month trial with bolt-down kerbs near Wingrove Street to formalise the one-way exit.
- 7) Do not install Kiss and Go on Wingrove Street, instead install No Stopping between 8am and 4pm on school days.
- 8) Install four Kiss and Go parking spaces on Fairfield Rd next to the school before and after school times as well as time restricted parking to 2P during the day.
- 9) Add a disability parking space on Fairfield road to accommodate residents in the area
- 10) Refresh of the warning and advanced warning signs along Wingrove Street, Arthur Street and Fairfield Road to suit the modified arrangement.
- 11) ensure work starts immediately on the new raised zebra crossing to ensure it is completed before the start of the second school term

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-049****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence**

That Council endorses Option 3 – Combine the crossings into one crossing located between the two current crossings, with the following amendments:

- 1) Removal of zebra crossing line-marking, signage, tactile ground surface indicators and function, of the current unsupervised crossings which would create a speed hump.
- 2) Creation of new raised zebra children's crossing approximately 15m east of the existing unsupervised zebra crossing location
- 3) Removal of the crossing outside 189 Wingrove Street by removing all signs, lines, kerb buildouts and refuge associated with the crossing and recreating it into a speed hump.
- 4) Provide line marking on the road to ensure cars stop before they reach the new raised zebra children's crossing.
- 5) Reallocation of the school crossing supervisor from the crossing at 189 Wingrove Street to the new children's crossing.
- 6) Convert Fairfield Road to operate as one-way between Langridge Street and Wingrove Street as a 12-month trial with bolt-down kerbs near Wingrove Street to formalise the one-way exit.
- 7) Do not install Kiss and Go on Wingrove Street, instead install No Stopping between 8am and 4pm on school days.
- 8) Install four Kiss and Go parking spaces on Fairfield Rd next to the school before and after school times as well as time restricted parking to 2P during the day.
- 9) Add a disability parking space on Fairfield road to accommodate residents in the area
- 10) Refresh of the warning and advanced warning signs along Wingrove Street, Arthur Street and Fairfield Road to suit the modified arrangement.
- 11) ensure work starts immediately on the new raised zebra crossing to ensure it is completed before the start of the second school term

CARRIED**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Hannan, Laurence, Messina and Williams (6)**For:** Cr's. McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (3)

7.11

**SOUTH CRESCENT POP UP BIKE LANES - TRIAL
EVALUATION AND UPDATE****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has trialled a bike popup lane on South Crescent to support increasing cycling during the COVID 19 pandemic and recovery. Data found that this popup bike lane increased the number of people riding bikes by 22%. Community concerns were raised on car flow, and it is recommended that the popup lane be removed.

Investigations into a planned Cramer Street bike popup has shown infrastructure constraints that limit temporary solutions, and it is recommended not to proceed further.

Preliminary investigations into the High Street (Northcote/Thornbury) bike popup lane has shown that this treatment is viable, and it is recommended that the popup be progressed.

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That Council:

1. Remove the South Crescent popup bike lane and the street layout returned to previous conditions, with the exception of retaining the current trial 'no standing section' on the south side between Plant Street and Simpson Street for a 12 month trial
2. Note that the 'no standing section' trial on the south side of South Crescent, between Plant Street and Simpson Street, will be monitored closely
3. Receive a report at the conclusion of the 12 month 'no standing section' trial on the south side of South Crescent, between Plant Street and Simpson Street
4. Not proceed with the Cramer Street bike pop-up lane, as investigation has not found a viable option
5. Progress work towards popup bike lanes on appropriate sections of High Street (Northcote/Thornbury) and receive a report on options before installation.

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MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

1. Remove the South Crescent pop up bike lane and return the street layout to previous conditions
2. Consult on a further option of trialling a 'no standing section' on the south side of South Crescent between Plant Street and Simpson Street
3. Not proceed with the Cramer Street bike pop up lane, as investigation has not found a viable option
4. Not progress work towards pop up bike lanes on High Street (Northcote/Thornbury)

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| Amendment |
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MOVED: Cr. T Hannan

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

1. Remove the South Crescent popup bike lane and return the street layout to previous conditions, with the exception of retaining the current trial 'no standing section' on the south side between Plant Street and Simpson Street for a further trial period of 6 months, up to a total of 12 months for the whole trial
2. Ensures that during the further trial, parking levels are monitored in South Crescent, and all side streets between Simpson Street and Plant Street every 2 months, with a trigger for a review by Council if parking exceeds 50% in any street
3. Continues to encourage community feedback and writes specifically to residents to seek feedback on this option.
4. Receive a report at the conclusion of the 'no standing section' trial on the south side of South Crescent, between Plant Street and Simpson Street to consider findings and next steps
5. Not proceed with the Cramer Street bike pop-up lane, as investigation has not found a viable option
6. Receives a further briefing about possible designs and locations of popup bike lanes on appropriate sections of High Street (Northcote/Thornbury).

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. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

Point 4 of the substantive motion be amended to read:

- 4. Defer a decision on pop up bike lanes on High Street (Northcote/Thornbury) until after a briefing.**

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

Each part of the substantive motion was put separately and carried

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-050

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

1. Remove the South Crescent pop up bike lane and return the street layout to previous conditions

CARRIED

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

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-051**

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

2. Consult on a further option of trialling a 'no standing section' on the south side of South Crescent between Plant Street and Simpson Street

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-052**

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

3. Not proceed with the Cramer Street bike pop up lane, as investigation has not found a viable option

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-053**

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

4. Not progress work towards pop up bike lanes on High Street (Northcote/Thornbury)

CARRIED

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

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

The following persons made submissions in relation to this item

- *Melanie*
- *Ruth Liston*
- *Matt Courtney*
- *Timothy Holdsworth*

7.5 NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OPTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for the recommended consultation methodology for the Northcote Golf Course.

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That Council:

- (1) Endorses the proposed broad consultation methodology;
- (2) Receives a further briefing and report later in 2021 on the community feedback received about the future of the Northcote Golf Course.

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

That Council

1. Notes the report.
2. Upon the adoption of the 2021/22 budget, immediately commences community consultations by adopting a Collaborative model of consultation to assist Council in developing a vision and plan for the future shared use of the Northcote Golf Course.
3. Receives a Council report no later than December 2021 on a future vision and plan for the shared use of the Northcote Golf Course after a period of community consultation with a the range of key stakeholders as listed in the officer's report, and community members.

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

That the word '**shared**' be deleted from the Point 2 and 3 of the substantive motion.

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

The amendment was put and lost.

For: Cr's. Hannan, Newton and Rennie (3)

Against: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina and Williams (6)

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The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously

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MINUTE NO. 21-054

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

That Council

1. Notes the report.
2. Upon the adoption of the 2021/22 budget, immediately commences community consultations by adopting a Collaborative model of consultation to assist Council in developing a vision and plan for the future shared use of the Northcote Golf Course.
3. Receives a Council report no later than December 2021 on a future vision and plan for the shared use of the Northcote Golf Course after a period of community consultation with a the range of key stakeholders as listed in the officer's report, and community members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following person made a submission in relation to this item

- *Kate Jost, President- Friends of Edwards Lake*

7.6 EDWARDES LAKE WATER QUALITY TASKFORCE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Edwards Lake is the second largest lake in Metropolitan Melbourne. The lake and surrounding parklands are popular as a regional open space, with over 135,000 users each year. The lake has a large catchment of more than 100 square kilometres and is part of the urban stormwater system, with only 20% of the catchment within Darebin. Edgars Creek upstream and downstream of the lake is managed by Melbourne Water, however the human made lake is managed by Darebin City Council.

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That Council:

- (1) Notes the Edwards Lake Taskforce draft Terms of Reference and authorises the ongoing negotiation with key stakeholders and proposed members of the Taskforce to finalise and seek agreement on the Terms of Reference.
- (2) Receives a further report on recommended Taskforce membership and finalised Terms of Reference.

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

That Council:

1. Notes the Edwardes Lake Taskforce draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and request the following points be considered for inclusion by potential stakeholder members in finalising the TOR
 - a. Objectives: Should include “significantly improved standards or measures” rather than “agreed standards”
 - b. Role and Responsibilities: Include reference to
 - Reviewing previous work and assessing current practises at Edwardes Lake to better understand existing conditions and functioning of the lake.
 - Advising on short- and long-term improvements
 - Overseeing regular water monitoring reports
 - c. Taskforce Membership: Should allow for
 - More equal mix between community members and others
 - Replacement of members be undertaken in consultation with existing task force members
 - d. Meetings: Should be 6 per year in the first year to help build momentum and reviewed after 12 months and possibility revert back to 4 meeting per year;
2. Authorises the ongoing negotiation with key stakeholders and proposed members of the Taskforce to finalise and seek agreement on the Terms of Reference.
3. Receives a further report on recommended Taskforce membership and finalised Terms of Reference.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-055**

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

That Council:

1. Notes the Edwardes Lake Taskforce draft Terms of Reference (TOR) and request the following points be considered for inclusion by potential stakeholder members in finalising the TOR
 - a. Objectives: Should include “significantly improved standards or measures” rather than “agreed standards”
 - b. Role and Responsibilities: Include reference to
 - Reviewing previous work and assessing current practises at Edwardes Lake to better understand existing conditions and functioning of the lake.
 - Advising on short- and long-term improvements
 - Overseeing regular water monitoring reports
 - c. Taskforce Membership: Should allow for
 - More equal mix between community members and others
 - Replacement of members be undertaken in consultation with existing task force members
 - d. Meetings: Should be 6 per year in the first year to help build momentum and reviewed after 12 months and possibility revert back to 4 meeting per year;
2. Authorises the ongoing negotiation with key stakeholders and proposed members of the Taskforce to finalise and seek agreement on the Terms of Reference.
3. Receives a further report on recommended Taskforce membership and finalised Terms of Reference.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following persons made submissions in relation to this item.

- Jane Ryan, President - Darebin Falcons
- Lily Sibillin
- Julia Chiera

7.8 PROMOTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - YEAR TWO REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the outcomes and achievements in the Year Two Report on the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement between Darebin City Council and the Darebin Women's Sports Club (the Darebin Falcons).

Change Our Story: a shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women in Australia, identifies sport as a priority setting for challenging and changing gender inequality. This report identifies gender inequality as the core of the problem of violence against women. The Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership between Darebin City Council and the Darebin Falcons is designed to promote the participation of women and girls in all areas of the club's activities (on and off the field) to normalise women's participation in all areas of sport in all Darebin sports clubs and therefore challenge gender stereotypes and support gender equality.

This report documents how performance targets have been met across the five key outcome areas of: advocacy, participation, social justice/inclusion, participation in Council programs, and working towards financial sustainability.

In 2020, the Darebin Falcons marked 30 years of delivering women's sport. They have been leaders for women and girls, providing a safe and supportive environment that promotes connection above competition for all ages and backgrounds. As well as high participation numbers (750 women and girls pre-COVID), they continue to deliver sport in innovative and transformative initiatives to tackle gender inequity, breaking down barriers to participation for women and girls in sport. They also advocate for change and work constructively with sporting associations and other clubs to influence the sector.

This report also proposes an extension option of the partnership agreement for a further two years for 2021 and 2022.

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That Council

- (1) Notes the outcomes and achievements of the Year Two Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement Report.
- (2) Acknowledges the Darebin Women's Sports Club (the Darebin Falcons) for their contribution to gender equality and sport in Darebin.
- (3) Approves the extension of the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement funding for a further two calendar years for 2021 and 2022 for \$80,000 and \$60,000 respectively.
- (4) Includes in the partnership agreement a requirement for reporting on the community benefits achieved in the areas of:
 - a. Advocacy for girls' and women's sport and leadership
 - b. Programs to encourage girls' and women's participation in sport and leadership
 - c. Programs to encourage social inclusion and social justice
 - d. Participation in Council programs.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement.

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

That the Officer recommendation be adopted.

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MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes and achievements of the Year Two Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement Report.
2. Acknowledges the Darebin Women's Sports Club (the Darebin Falcons) for their contribution to gender equality and sport in Darebin.
3. Approves the extension of the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement funding for a further two calendar years for 2021 and 2022 for \$80,000 and \$60,000 respectively.
4. Includes in the partnership agreement a requirement for reporting on the community benefits achieved in the areas of:
 - a. Advocacy for girls' and women's sport and leadership
 - b. Programs to encourage girls' and women's participation in sport and leadership
 - c. Programs to encourage social inclusion and social justice
 - d. Participation in Council programs.
 - e. Increased participation of women and girls from First Nations and CALD communities
5. Receive a report at the end of each calendar year on the progress of the club's achievements
6. Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement

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

The amendment was put and carried and became substantive motion.

CARRIED

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

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

The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-056**

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

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes and achievements of the Year Two Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement Report.
2. Acknowledges the Darebin Women's Sports Club (the Darebin Falcons) for their contribution to gender equality and sport in Darebin.
3. Approves the extension of the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement funding for a further two calendar years for 2021 and 2022 for \$80,000 and \$60,000 respectively.
4. Includes in the partnership agreement a requirement for reporting on the community benefits achieved in the areas of:
 - a. Advocacy for girls' and women's sport and leadership
 - b. Programs to encourage girls' and women's participation in sport and leadership
 - c. Programs to encourage social inclusion and social justice
 - d. Participation in Council programs.
 - e. Increased participation of women and girls from First Nations and CALD communities
5. Receive a report at the end of each calendar year on the progress of the club's achievements
6. Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-057**

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

That the order of business be amended as follows - Item 7.15, be heard directly after Item 7.8.

The procedural motion was put and carried unanimously

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following persons made submissions in relation to this item.

- Katia
- Rene Cephton (Submission read by Katia)

7.15 COMMUNITY SKILLS FOR CLIMATE ACTION SERIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to a 22 February 2021 resolution of Council seeking a report on the current funding for the climate action program that considers whether the current training is consistent with Council's advocacy strategy.

This report outlines:

- The content, purpose, scope, budget and delivery mode for the *Community Skills for Climate Action Program*.
- Relevant actions and advocacy strategies in Council's adopted strategies and plans including the Council Plan.

Officers assessment is that the training is consistent with Council's current advocacy strategy and funded in the current 2020/21 budget.

**Officer
Recommendation**

That Council notes this report.

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Note the report.
2. Modify the selection criteria to weight the selection criteria towards First Nations People, as well as underrepresented members in the Environment Movement such as CALD communities
3. Send a copy of the report as well as this amendment to all other participating Councils asking them to follow Darebin's lead in empowering First Nations People and the underrepresented groups in Climate Action
4. Councillors receive a briefing after selection is made on Darebin's participation
5. Refer to the 2021/22 Council Plan and Budget the consideration of a program to support middle years students (later primary school and early secondary school) from across Darebin schools to connect with each other and take action on climate and waste issues together

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-058

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

That Council:

1. Note the report.
2. Modify the selection criteria to weight the selection criteria towards First Nations People, as well as underrepresented members in the Environment Movement such as CALD communities
3. Send a copy of the report as well as this amendment to all other participating Councils asking them to follow Darebin's lead in empowering First Nations People and the underrepresented groups in Climate Action
4. Councillors receive a briefing after selection is made on Darebin's participation
5. Refer to the 2021/22 Council Plan and Budget the consideration of a program to support middle years students (later primary school and early secondary school) from across Darebin schools to connect with each other and take action on climate and waste issues together.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 21-059

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

That the order of business be amended as follows - Item 9.5 and Item 7.16, be heard directly after Item 7.15.

The procedural motion was put and carried unanimously.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 EVICTION OF A RESIDENT**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS**

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

That Council:

1. *Notes the unfortunate circumstances resulting in the disappointing eviction of a resident from her home of 29 years in Thornbury, by her landlord Common Equity Housing Ltd (CEHL) through an order for possession which has resulted in her now becoming homeless.*
2. *Notes the recent community protest held in Thornbury by residents in support the resident not being evicted and allowed to remain in her home.*
3. *Write to the Board and CEO of CEHL requesting that they compassionately reconsider evicting the resident from her home in the spirit of finding an appropriate solution that would allow her to continue to live in her home and become homeless at a senior age.*
4. *Urgently writes to the Minister for Housing and local MPs to intervene to ensure the resident does not become permanently homeless.*

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

That Council:

1. Notes the unfortunate circumstances resulting in the eviction of a resident on the 9 February 2021 from her home of 29 years in Thornbury, by her landlord Common Equity Housing Ltd (CEHL) which has resulted in her now becoming homeless which is very disappointing as rent was always paid and was acknowledged on the 1st September 2020 by CEHL..
2. Notes the recent community protest held in Thornbury by residents in support the resident not being evicted and allowed to remain in her home.
3. Write to the Board and CEO of CEHL requesting that they compassionately reconsider evicting the resident in the spirit of finding a more humane solution that would allow her to continue living in her home preventing her becoming homeless at a senior age.
4. Urgently writes to the Housing Registrar, the Minister for Housing Richard Wynn and local MPs to intervene to ensure all vulnerable citizens who have been part of modernising public housing to social housing do not become permanently homeless.
5. Writes to Local MPs requesting they call for a Parliamentary inquiry into Safe Housing for Vulnerable older women.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-060**

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

That Council:

1. Notes the unfortunate circumstances resulting in the eviction of a resident on the 9 February 2021 from her home of 29 years in Thornbury, by her landlord Common Equity Housing Ltd (CEHL) which has resulted in her now becoming homeless which is very disappointing as rent was always paid and was acknowledged on the 1st September 2020 by CEHL..
2. Notes the recent community protest held in Thornbury by residents in support the resident not being evicted and allowed to remain in her home.
3. Write to the Board and CEO of CEHL requesting that they compassionately reconsider evicting the resident in the spirit of finding a more humane solution that would allow her to continue living in her home preventing her becoming homeless at a senior age.
4. Urgently writes to the Housing Registrar, the Minister for Housing Richard Wynn and local MPs to intervene to ensure all vulnerable citizens who have been part of modernising public housing to social housing do not become permanently homeless.
5. Writes to Local MPs requesting they call for a Parliamentary inquiry into Safe Housing for Vulnerable older women.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following person made a submission in relation to this item.

- Robin Vote, Committee Member – Healthy and Aged Advisory Committee

7.16 COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE CLARIFICATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is currently consulting with its Advisory Committees regarding a standard Terms of Reference (ToR) to govern all of its existing Advisory Committees. This process is scheduled to continue during March and April with the intention of presenting a report to the May Council Meeting.

As part of this engagement process one of Councils existing Advisory Committees, has submitted an alternative form of Terms of Reference as part of their submission to the process. This alternative ToR had not been fully reviewed prior to it being the subject of the Council motion at the last Council Meeting.

Officers have subsequently reviewed the alternative form of Terms of Reference and confirmed that there are some components of it that are inconsistent with the Local Government Act 2020.

To rectify this anomaly this report is presented to inform Council of the matter and present an Officer Recommendation that seeks to revoke some components of the Council decision from the 22 February Council Meeting. This Officer Recommendation would will allow the status quo to remain and the consultation process with Advisory Committees to continue and the matter be presented to Council in May.

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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) Revokes its decision at the 22 February Council Meeting to temporarily approve 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) Revoke its decision at the 22 February Council Meeting to circulate the DNT temporary TOR to other advisory committees for their reference in making formal submissions to Council.
- (6) Receive as part of the May 2021 Council report submissions received by Advisory Committees.

EXTENSION OF TIME**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 21-061**

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting was adjourned for a brief break at 9.54 pm and recommenced at 10.10 pm

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Notes the report, and the ongoing valuable work of the Darebin Nature Trust (DNT);
2. Confirms that DNT is intended to act as an Advisory Committee of Council;
3. Notes that Advisory Committees and Committee members must act in alignment with the Local Government Act 2020 (Act) at all times;
4. Advises DNT of any potential inconsistencies between the interim Terms of reference (TOR) and requirements under the Act, and works with DNT members to develop revised wording of the TOR as required for Council consideration, as part of a review of Standard Terms of Reference planned for May 2021; and
5. Revokes the specific decision of 22 February 2021 to circulate the DNT temporary TOR to other advisory committees for their reference in making formal submissions to Council.
6. Suspends the current expression of interest process for the recruitment of new members for Council Advisory Committees pending the reporting to Council on the Standard Terms of Reference at its May 2021 meeting.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

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MINUTE NO. 21-062

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

That Council:

1. Notes the report, and the ongoing valuable work of the Darebin Nature Trust (DNT);
2. Confirms that DNT is intended to act as an Advisory Committee of Council;
3. Notes that Advisory Committees and Committee members must act in alignment with the Local Government Act 2020 (Act) at all times;
4. Advises DNT of any potential inconsistencies between the interim Terms of reference (TOR) and requirements under the Act, and works with DNT members to develop revised wording of the TOR as required for Council consideration, as part of a review of Standard Terms of Reference planned for May 2021; and
5. Revokes the specific decision of 22 February 2021 to circulate the DNT temporary TOR to other advisory committees for their reference in making formal submissions to Council.
6. Suspends the current expression of interest process for the recruitment of new members for Council Advisory Committees pending the reporting to Council on the Standard Terms of Reference at its May 2021 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9

NORTHERN BULLANTS PARTNERSHIP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the proposed terms for a partnership between Council and VFL club, the Northern Bullants Football Club (the Bullants). The Northern Blues, formerly aligned to the Carlton Football Club, are now called the Northern Bullants Football Club.

The Bullants are seeking to enter into a three-year partnership agreement (until 2024) with Council to support their sustainability as an independent VFL Club located at the Preston City Oval and partner on social and environmental initiatives.

The financial impact of the proposal is approximately \$29,000 through a reduction in pavilion occupancy fees, which impacts Council's income.

The partnership will leverage access and equity benefits with a focus on the following areas: gender equity, sports development pathways, economic and employment pathways and Council partnership.

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That Council:

1. Enter into a three-year partnership agreement (until 2024) with the Northern Bullants to support their sustainability as an independent VFL Club located at the Preston City Oval and partner on social and environmental initiatives.
2. Include in the partnership agreement the following:
 - a. No occupancy fees for access to the Preston City Oval will be charged to the Northern Bullants for the first 2 years of the agreement
 - b. The Northern Bullants will work to deliver benefits in the following four outcome areas;
 - i. Gender Equity
 - ii. Sports Development Pathways
 - iii. Economic and Employment Pathways and
 - iv. Council partnership
 - c. The Northern Bullants will be required to provide an annual action plan detailing how they will meet these outcome areas, an annual performance report against the outcome areas, an annual financial report and strategic plan.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute this partnership agreement.

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

That Council:

1. Enter into a three-year partnership agreement (until 2024) with the Northern Bullants to support their sustainability as an independent VFL Club located at the Preston City Oval and partner on social, environmental and multicultural initiatives.
2. Include in the partnership agreement the following:
 - a. No occupancy fees for access to the Preston City Oval will be charged to the Northern Bullants for the first 2 years of the agreement
 - b. The Northern Bullants will work to deliver benefits in the following four five outcome areas;
 - i. Gender Equity
 - ii. Sports Development Pathways
 - iii. Economic and Employment Pathways and
 - iv. Council partnership
 - v. Multiculturalism
 - c. The Northern Bullants will be required to provide an annual action plan detailing how they will meet these outcome areas, an annual performance report against the outcome areas, an annual financial report and strategic plan.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute this partnership agreement.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-063**

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

That Council:

1. Enter into a three-year partnership agreement (until 2024) with the Northern Bullants to support their sustainability as an independent VFL Club located at the Preston City Oval and partner on social, environmental and multicultural initiatives.
2. Include in the partnership agreement the following:
 - a. No occupancy fees for access to the Preston City Oval will be charged to the Northern Bullants for the first 2 years of the agreement
 - b. The Northern Bullants will work to deliver benefits in the following four five outcome areas;
 - i. Gender Equity
 - ii. Sports Development Pathways
 - iii. Economic and Employment Pathways and
 - iv. Council partnership
 - v. Multiculturalism
 - c. The Northern Bullants will be required to provide an annual action plan detailing how they will meet these outcome areas, an annual performance report against the outcome areas, an annual financial report and strategic plan.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute this partnership agreement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1 CHANGE TO ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING DATE - 29 MARCH 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is presented to alter the date of the scheduled Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 29 March 2021 at 6.00pm

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That Council resolve to change the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 29th March 2021 at 6.00 pm at the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston, to Thursday 8 April 2021

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MINUTE NO. 21-064

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

That Council resolve to change the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 29th March 2021 at 6.00 pm at the Preston Town Hall 284 Gower Street, Preston, to Thursday 8 April 2021

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 THREE-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN AND EARLY YEARS INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an update on planning for the roll-out of the funded three-year-old kindergarten program from 2022 and the review of the Early Years Infrastructure Plan 2021-2041. It also responds to Notice of Motion 20-117.

The roll-out of funded three-year-old kindergarten in Darebin will create significant additional demand for kindergarten places. Council has agreed a Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan with the State Government's Department of Education and Training, which estimates the expected supply and demand for kindergarten places from 2022 to 2029 as funded three-year-old kindergarten is rolled out. This shows that significant additional kindergarten infrastructure will be required by 2026 and in the years following to meet demand.

Whilst some additional kindergarten infrastructure will be provided by the private sector, strategic investment by Council to expand the network of community-based services will be the priority and necessary to maintain the current proportion of kindergarten places provided by community-based services. This will ensure equitable and affordable access to services for the whole community.

Council has allocated \$18.5 million in the 10-year Capital Works Plan to meet the demand for additional infrastructure generated by the three-year-old kindergarten reform. Council will also be seeking to apply for infrastructure funding from the State Government.

Population growth creates requirement for further significant additional early years infrastructure in subsequent years. An Early Years Infrastructure Plan 2021-2041, outlining a strategic framework for the future provision of early years services in Darebin, is being prepared and will be brought to Council in June 2021 for endorsement for public consultation.

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That Council:

- (1) Notes this report
- (2) Notes the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (Appendix A)
- (3) Notes that a further report on the draft Early Years Infrastructure Plan will be provided to Council in June 2021.

Motion

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes this report
- 2) Notes the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (Appendix A)
- 3) Notes that a further report on the draft Early Years Infrastructure Plan will be provided to Council in June 2021.
- 4) That the above further report should consider additional options on how Council can significantly increase its strategic investment (beyond what is currently suggested in the above Council report) to further increase the proportion of kindergarten places provided by community-based services to ensure equitable and affordable access to more services for the whole community.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-065**

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

That:

- 1) Notes this report
- 2) Notes the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Services Plan (Appendix A)
- 3) Notes that a further report on the draft Early Years Infrastructure Plan will be provided to Council in June 2021.
- 4) That the above further report should consider additional options on how Council can significantly increase its strategic investment (beyond what is currently suggested in the above Council report) to further increase the proportion of kindergarten places provided by community-based services to ensure equitable and affordable access to more services for the whole community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C170 - DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the last Council plan, Council committed to creating a new municipal Development Contributions Plan (DCP), to ensure that the cost of required new and upgraded infrastructure is shared equitably between developers and the wider community as the City grows. Planning Scheme Amendment C170 (the amendment) proposes to introduce a new DCP into the Darebin Planning Scheme that will place a levy on new development to help fund social and physical infrastructure required to meet the community's needs over the next 20 years.

The amendment was publicly exhibited between 12 November and 14 December 2020. A total of 12 submissions were received from community and stakeholders, with eight raising objections or concerns. Issues raised were mainly around the impacts and methodology of introducing a levy on development, the timing of the levy with the pandemic, with some submissions seeking an exemption from the levy.

This report provides a draft Council response to all submissions received for Amendment C170. In response to submissions, officers recommend a change the DCP to build in a mechanism that allows for the potential deferral of DCP levy payments where alternative community infrastructure is provided and secured by way of a section 173 agreement, and to clarify the wording of the existing exemption following legal advice.

Officers recommend that all submissions, and proposed changes to the amendment, are now referred to an independent Planning Panel to proceed through the planning scheme amendment process.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Officer Recommendation</p> |
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That Council, having prepared and exhibited Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987:

- (1) Formally considers all written submissions received in response to Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) Endorses the officer's response to submissions outlined in this report and attached at **Appendix A** and recommended changes to the Amendment, including the changes as attached at **Appendices B and C** of this report, to form the basis of Council's submission to an independent Planning Panel.
- (3) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider submissions to Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (4) Refers all submissions to the Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning.
- (5) Authorises the Manager City Futures to support any minor changes to Amendment C170dare that may be required as part of Council's submission to the Panel.
- (6) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision to proceed to the Panel stage.

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MINUTE NO. 21-066

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

That Council, having prepared and exhibited Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987:

- (1) Formally considers all written submissions received in response to Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) Endorses the officer's response to submissions outlined in this report and attached at **Appendix A** and recommended changes to the Amendment, including the changes as attached at **Appendices B and C** of this report, to form the basis of Council's submission to an independent Planning Panel.
- (3) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider submissions to Amendment C170dare to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (4) Refers all submissions to the Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning.
- (5) Authorises the Manager City Futures to support any minor changes to Amendment C170dare that may be required as part of Council's submission to the Panel.
- (6) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision to proceed to the Panel stage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 PRESTON MARKET UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) is currently drafting plans for the Preston Market Precinct to guide future development that is proposed by the landowner. Advocating for the protection of the character, identity and long-term success of Preston Market has been a major focus of Council for many years.

Council is not the decision maker for the planning controls for the site. However, because the market's unique role and character is so valued by the community, Council has undertaken extensive community engagement and commissioned multiple studies by experts in their fields, to identify and clearly articulate what is most important to protect through any redevelopment.

Council has established a detailed advocacy position, as outlined in *The Heart of Preston* (**Appendix B**).

It has long been Council's position that planning mechanisms alone will not be sufficient to protect what's important at the Market. This is why Council has been advocating for the objectives and key elements set out in *The Heart of Preston* to be protected through both traditional planning mechanisms and non-planning mechanisms.

Despite ongoing advocacy, to date the developer has not indicated a willingness to formally commit to protect the vital elements of the Market. Without a formal commitment by the developer, it is not possible to be confident that Council's objectives will be met and the Market protected.

Therefore, this report recommends further advocacy to the Minister for Planning to intervene. This intervention is needed to make sure the developer takes seriously protection of Preston Market and commits to protection in a form that would continue even if the land were sold.

It is recommended that Council increases advocacy effort and engages community in this advocacy over the next two months because it is an important time to secure developer commitment before the formal planning control consultation starts.

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That Council:

- 1) Continue its advocacy to ensure that what's important at Preston Market is protected as outlined in the Heart of Preston.
- 2) Engage community in advocacy to state government and the developer to protect what's important at Preston Market. Including to:
 - a) Seek a contractual commitment from the developer in a form that would survive any sale of the land, to protect the ongoing operation of the market, the existing traders and its diversity and affordability.
 - b) Call on the Minister for Planning to ensure:
 - i) Strong and specific planning controls that protect Preston Market's significant built form, layout, heritage, and identity elements; and
 - ii) That the planning amendment process be customised to ensure that before any planning scheme changes are made there is a genuine developer commitment in place in a form that would survive any sale of the land, to protect the ongoing operation of the market, the existing traders and its diversity and affordability.
- 3) Seek a meeting between the Mayor and Minister for Planning.

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

That Council:

- 1) Continue its advocacy to ensure that what's important at Preston Market is protected.
- 2) Resolves to strengthen the assessment criteria in the Heart of Preston assessment tool to clearly reflect and incorporate the following key points to further protect Preston Market:
 - a. Support the continuation of Preston Market's existing expanse and extent to ensure its current footprint location, fabric and use are retained;
 - b. Apply strong heritage protection over the existing market footprint that ensures the social, cultural, aesthetic, technical and historical features/fabric of Preston Market are robustly protected;
 - c. Apply strict mandatory height limits of 12 storeys (including podium) for any new developments on the Preston Market site with an understanding that every new building on site will be within that height limit.
- 3) Engage community in advocacy to state government and the developer to protect what's important at Preston Market. Including to:
 - a. Seek a contractual commitment from the developer in a form that would survive any sale of the land, to protect the ongoing operation of the market, the existing traders and its diversity and affordability.
 - b. Call on the Minister for Planning to ensure:
 - i. Strong and specific planning controls that protect Preston Market's significant built form, layout, heritage, and identity elements; and
 - ii. That the planning amendment process be customised to ensure that before any planning scheme changes are made there is a genuine developer commitment in place in a form that would survive any sale of the land, to protect the ongoing operation of the market, the existing traders and its diversity and affordability.
 - iii. Remove the Preston Market development from the fast track list
- 3) Seek a meeting between the Mayor and Minister for Planning.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-067**

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

That Council:

- 1) Continue its advocacy to ensure that what's important at Preston Market is protected.
- 2) Resolves to strengthen the assessment criteria in the Heart of Preston assessment tool to clearly reflect and incorporate the following key points to further protect Preston Market:
 - a. Support the continuation of Preston Market's existing expanse and extent to ensure its current footprint location, fabric and use are retained;
 - b. Apply strong heritage protection over the existing market footprint that ensures the social, cultural, aesthetic, technical and historical features/fabric of Preston Market are robustly protected;
 - c. Apply strict mandatory height limits of 12 storeys (including podium) for any new developments on the Preston Market site with an understanding that every new building on site will be within that height limit.
- 3) Engage community in advocacy to state government and the developer to protect what's important at Preston Market. Including to:
 - a. Seek a contractual commitment from the developer in a form that would survive any sale of the land, to protect the ongoing operation of the market, the existing traders and its diversity and affordability.
 - b. Call on the Minister for Planning to ensure:
 - i. Strong and specific planning controls that protect Preston Market's significant built form, layout, heritage, and identity elements; and
 - ii. That the planning amendment process be customised to ensure that before any planning scheme changes are made there is a genuine developer commitment in place in a form that would survive any sale of the land, to protect the ongoing operation of the market, the existing traders and its diversity and affordability.
 - iii. Remove the Preston Market development from the fast track list
- 4) Seek a meeting between the Mayor and Minister for Planning.

CARRIED

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

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

7.7

MSS PLANNING FOR ACTIVATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report identifies the guiding principles to support the development of the management contract specifications for the MSS and DCSS.

These principles will underpin the Darebin Indoor Stadiums Expression of Interest (EOI) (**Appendix A**) process. The EOI will enable informed decision making for future court usage at the Multi Sport Stadium (MSS) and the Darebin Community Sport Stadium (DCSS).

**Officer
Recommendation**

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Darebin Indoor Stadiums Expression of Interest process and criteria to commence the process of inviting public submissions from all interested parties.
- (2) Endorses the Darebin Indoor Stadiums Management contract specifications guiding principles of:
 - a. Participation
 - b. Sustainable facilities
 - c. Access and inclusion
 - d. Health and wellbeing

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-068**

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Darebin Indoor Stadiums Expression of Interest process and criteria to commence the process of inviting public submissions from all interested parties.
- (2) Endorses the Darebin Indoor Stadiums Management contract specifications guiding principles of:
 - a. Participation
 - b. Sustainable facilities
 - c. Access and inclusion
 - d. Health and wellbeing

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.12 DECLARATION OF A SPECIAL CHARGE: SOLAR SAVER
RESIDENTIAL (BATCH 6)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of the Council Plan and Council's *Climate Emergency Plan*.

The report considers the declaration of a Special Charge Scheme. This is for Residential Special Charge Batch 6, including **60** installations, adding **260.37 kW** of solar capacity to Darebin.

The value of the proposed Special Charge scheme is **\$343,843.95 excl. GST**. This price is calculated pre-rebate, but post STC claim and excl. GST. (The gross amount, pre-rebate, pre-STC and incl. GST is \$604,303.91).

Note that during the past meeting on the 27 January 2021, the proposed Special Charge scheme total was \$349,682.23 excl. GST. The current Special Charge has reduced its total value by \$5,838.28. This change is because of one withdrawal and two quote reductions.

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems as listed in **Appendix A**. Council will be repaid these costs, also as detailed in Appendix B. Around 30-40% of this cost is returned to Council at the point that works are invoiced for the STCs generated by the solar systems. The balance is repaid by beneficiaries of the Special Charge Scheme over 10 years.

All participants are eligible for state government rebates and this should reduce the upfront cost to Council and the amount of the Special Charge that would be raised. Officers estimate that the total amount raised will be \$242,963.71 excl. GST, a reduction of \$100,880.24 excl. GST once rebates are confirmed.

No interest is charged on Special Charge repayments. Annual repayments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits to participants.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Charge Scheme under section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the provision of solar energy systems on non-residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme. No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

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That Council:

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$343,843.95; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$343,843.95, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as confidential **Appendix B** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$343,843.95 for the residential batch, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or

- ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge *because* there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) For the *purposes* of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
- a) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
- a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.

Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

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MINUTE NO. 21-069

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

That Council:

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$343,843.95; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$343,843.95, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as confidential **Appendix B** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$343,843.95 for the residential batch, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:

- i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge *because* there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) For the *purposes* of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
 - a) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
 - a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - c) All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.

Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.13 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME:
SOLAR SAVER RESIDENTIAL (BATCH 7)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of Council's Climate Emergency Plan. The proposed Special Charge scheme relates to the 2020-21 program. The Declaration of this Special Charge is expected to be considered by Council on 26 April 2021, after the public advertising period has closed.

The **14** households included in this batch have received and accepted quotes for their properties. The installations for this batch would add a total of 57.75kW of solar capacity in Darebin. In line with Council's focus for the Solar Saver Special Charge program in 2020-21 all households are low-income households.

The proposed Special Charge scheme totals **\$74,622.23 (Special Charge Amount - Appendix A and Appendix B)** (The gross amount is \$132,777.38 before the STC claim and rebate, and incl GST).

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems as listed in **Appendix C**. Council will be repaid these costs, also detailed in Appendix C. Around 30% to 40% of this cost is returned to Council when works are invoiced and the STC credits generated by the solar systems are applied. The balance is repaid by beneficiaries of the Special Charge Scheme over 10 years.

All participants are expected to be eligible for state government rebates and will reduce the upfront cost to Council and therefore the Special Charges to be raised. Officers estimate that the total upfront cost will be reduced by around \$23,545.48 (ex GST) after rebates are confirmed.

No interest is charged to ratepayers on Special Charge repayments. Annual repayments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits to participants from the outset.

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That Council:

- (1) Council hereby gives notice of its intention to declare a Special Charge in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* as follows:
- (a) Council declares a Special Charge for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - (b) We declare this Special Charge for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons or organisations required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - (c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$74,622.23; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$74,622.23, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - (d) We declare the Special Charge in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix B** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - (e) Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution is the basis of the Special Charge.
 - (f) The Special Charge will be assessed and levied as follows:
 - i. Each Special Charge is calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Owner Agreement has been executed, totalling \$74,622.23, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
 - ii. The Special Charge will be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - (g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it is recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.

- (2) Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
 - (a) Council considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - (b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) Council will give public notice in The Age newspaper of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 26 April 2021, the Special Charge in the form set out above.
- (5) Council will send separate letters, enclosing a copy of: this resolution; Appendix B to this report; and the public notice referred to in Paragraph 4 of this resolution, to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the Special Charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the Special Charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
- (6) Council will convene a meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear any persons or organisations who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
- (7) Council authorises the Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-070

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

That Council:

- (1) Council hereby gives notice of its intention to declare a Special Charge in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* as follows:
 - (a) Council declares a Special Charge for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - (b) We declare this Special Charge for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons or organisations required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - (c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution is \$74,622.23; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$74,622.23, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - (d) We declare the Special Charge in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix B** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - (e) Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution is the basis of the Special Charge.
 - (f) The Special Charge will be assessed and levied as follows:
 - i. Each Special Charge is calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which an Owner Agreement has been executed, totalling \$74,622.23, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
 - ii. The Special Charge will be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - (g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it is recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or

- ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
 - (3) For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
 - (a) Council considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - (b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
 - (4) Council will give public notice in The Age newspaper of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 26 April 2021, the Special Charge in the form set out above.
 - (5) Council will send separate letters, enclosing a copy of: this resolution; Appendix B to this report; and the public notice referred to in Paragraph 4 of this resolution, to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the Special Charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the Special Charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
 - (6) Council will convene a meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear any persons or organisations who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
 - (7) Council authorises the Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.14 SUBMISSION TO STATE GOVERNMENT 10 YEAR SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY DISCUSSION PAPER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State Government has released a Discussion Paper to inform the development of a 10 Year Social and Affordable Housing Strategy. This report outlines the key issues raised by the Discussion Paper and presents a Submission for Council to consider.

The development of the Strategy is an important step toward ensuring all Darebin residents have access to a safe, secure and affordable home. In combination with the \$5.3 billion investment, the Strategy will likely increase the supply of social housing in Darebin at a scale not seen in decades.

These initiatives are commendable and significant however there is an undersupply of approximately 3,700 social housing dwellings in Darebin; this demand will not be fully met by these initiatives.

The Submission (**Appendix A**) responds to the questions posed by the Discussion Paper and highlights Council's key areas of concern. These include:

- improvement in the planning system for social and affordable housing delivery;
- engaging with the Federal Government on funding; and
- resourcing of this new role for local government.

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| <p>Officer Recommendation</p> |
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That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Submission to the Discussion Paper in **Appendix A** and forward to Homes Victoria.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Planning to advocate for mandatory controls for affordable housing in the planning scheme.
- (3) Writes to the Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness to advocate for ongoing funding for social housing.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-071

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Submission to the Discussion Paper in **Appendix A** and forward to Homes Victoria.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Planning to advocate for mandatory controls for affordable housing in the planning scheme.
- (3) Writes to the Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness to advocate for ongoing funding for social housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**COUNCILLOR GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY
POLICY 2021**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 138 (proclaimed on 24 October 2020) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires that a Council must adopt a Councillor Gifts Policy within the period of 6 months after this section comes into operation i.e. by 24 April 2021. This report recommends that Council adopt the Councillor Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy 2021 (**Attachment A**).

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That Council:

- (1) Adopts the Councillor Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy 2021 (**Attachment A**).

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MINUTE NO. 21-072

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the Councillor Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy 2021 (**Attachment A**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**MOTIONS FOR ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2021 AND MAV STATE COUNCIL**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly and Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meetings are an opportunity to further Council's policy positions at a national and state level. Once submitted, the motions are taken to the relevant forums, and debated by the members. If adopted, they become the formal position of the ALGA and MAV respectively.

The identification of topics and issues to form the basis of motions was discussed at the Councillor Briefing Session held on the 15 March 2021. Council has identified a number of proposed motions for consideration at these meetings that align with the priority areas identified in Council's strategies and Council Plan. These include motions that cover the following areas –

Social and affordable housing,
cultural diversity,
Aged care services,
Electric vehicle infrastructure and procurement
Public transport and
Dumped rubbish

The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for Council to consider submitting motions on these topics to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held in Canberra on 20-23 June 2021 and to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held in Melbourne on 21 May 2021. Additionally the report seek to confirm the Councillors who will attend the (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held in Canberra on 20-23 June 2021

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That Council:

- a) Endorses the following motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held on 20-23 June 2021:
- (1) The National General Assembly calls on:
The Federal Government to take action to strengthen the delivery of social and affordable housing across Australia by:
 - Preparing a National Housing Strategy.
 - Introducing Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing, as a tool that can be utilised by all Council's (where they so choose) to require affordable housing contributions as part of private development.
 - (2) ALGA establish an advisory structure or mechanism formed with people with expertise from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to inform its work relating to cultural diversity and inclusion and have a say about decisions that affect them and guide Councils' broader work relating to multicultural communities.
- b) Endorses the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 21 May 2021:
- (1) MAV establish a working group to actively oversee and monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and identify the optimal role and function for local government in the inclusion and support of older people (including the provision of aged care services) into the future
 - (2) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to establish commitment from the State Government to transform the state-wide approach to Electric vehicle Infrastructure, Public Transport and facilitation of local electric vehicle manufacturing opportunities.
 - (3) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to work with the State Government to explore the feasibility of a joint State-Local Government procurement of electric vehicles across a range of vehicle classes, to commit to the findings of the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Electric Vehicles.
 - (4) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish an advisory structure or mechanism formed with people with lived experience from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to inform its work relating to cultural diversity and inclusion.
 - (5) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to work with State Government and stakeholders to address the state-wide and increasing impact of dumped rubbish, including hard rubbish, including community safety concerns arising from this issue.
- c) Approves interstate travel for Cr _____, Cr _____ and Cr _____ to represent Council at the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021, noting the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the Mayor and Councillor Support budget.

- d) Notes the Chief Executive Officer will also travel to Canberra to attend the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 20 to 23 June 2021 and the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the annual budget.
- e) Authorise the Mayor to seek and appoint an alternate Councillor/s in the event that any of the Councillors as appointed in c) above are unable to attend.

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

That Council:

- a) Endorses the following motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held on 20-23 June 2021:
- (1) The National General Assembly calls on:
The Federal Government to take action to strengthen the delivery of social and affordable housing across Australia by:
 - Preparing a National Housing Strategy.
 - Introducing Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing, as a tool that can be utilised by all Councils (where they so choose) to require affordable housing contributions as part of private development.
 - (2) ALGA establish an advisory structure or mechanism formed with people with expertise from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to inform its work relating to cultural diversity and inclusion and have a say about decisions that affect them and guide Councils' broader work relating to multicultural communities.
 - (3) That the ALGA establish an advisory structure and/or representative voice to Local Government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from across Australia to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a say about Councils' decisions that affect them and to guide Councils' broader work relating to First Nations peoples, truth telling, sovereignty, treaty-making and addressing systemic racism.
- b) Endorses the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 21 May 2021:
- (1) MAV establish a working group to actively oversee and monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and identify the optimal role and function for local government in the inclusion and support of older people (including the provision of aged care services) into the future
 - (2) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to establish commitment from the State Government to transform the state-wide approach to Electric vehicle Infrastructure, Public Transport and facilitation of local electric vehicle manufacturing opportunities.
 - (3) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to work with the State Government to explore the feasibility of a joint State-Local Government procurement of electric vehicles across a range of vehicle classes, to commit to the findings of the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Electric Vehicles.
 - (4) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish an advisory structure or mechanism formed with people with lived experience from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to inform its work relating to cultural diversity and inclusion.
 - (5) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to work with State Government and stakeholders to address the state-wide and

increasing impact of dumped rubbish, including hard rubbish, including community safety concerns arising from this issue.

- (6) That the MAV establish an advisory structure and/or representative voice to Local Government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from across Victoria to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a say about Councils' decisions that affect them and to guide Councils' broader work relating to First Nations peoples, truth telling, sovereignty, treaty-making and addressing systemic racism.
- c) Approves interstate travel for Councillor Lina Messina, Councillor Gaetano Greco, Councillor Emily Dimitriadis, Councillor Susanne Newton and Councillor Susan Rennie to represent Council at the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021, noting the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the Mayor and Councillor Support budget.
- d) Notes the Chief Executive Officer will also travel to Canberra to attend the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 20 to 23 June 2021 and the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the annual budget.
- e) Authorise the Mayor to seek and appoint an alternate Councillor/s in the event that any of the Councillors as appointed in c) above are unable to attend.

The motion was put and carried unanimously

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MINUTE NO. 21-073

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

That Council:

- a) Endorses the following motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly to be held on 20-23 June 2021:
- (1) The National General Assembly calls on:
- The Federal Government to take action to strengthen the delivery of social and affordable housing across Australia by:
- Preparing a National Housing Strategy.
 - Introducing Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing, as a tool that can be utilised by all Councils (where they so choose) to require affordable housing contributions as part of private development.
- (2) ALGA establish an advisory structure or mechanism formed with people with expertise from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to inform its work relating to cultural diversity and inclusion and have a say about decisions that affect them and guide Councils' broader work relating to multicultural communities.
- (3) That the ALGA establish an advisory structure and/or representative voice to Local Government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from across Australia to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a say about Councils' decisions that affect them and to guide Councils' broader work relating to First Nations peoples, truth telling, sovereignty, treaty-making and addressing systemic racism.

- b) Endorses the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 21 May 2021:
- (1) MAV establish a working group to actively oversee and monitor the implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and identify the optimal role and function for local government in the inclusion and support of older people (including the provision of aged care services) into the future
 - (2) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to establish commitment from the State Government to transform the state-wide approach to Electric vehicle Infrastructure, Public Transport and facilitation of local electric vehicle manufacturing opportunities.
 - (3) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to work with the State Government to explore the feasibility of a joint State-Local Government procurement of electric vehicles across a range of vehicle classes, to commit to the findings of the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Electric Vehicles.
 - (4) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish an advisory structure or mechanism formed with people with lived experience from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to inform its work relating to cultural diversity and inclusion.
 - (5) That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) establish a working group to work with State Government and stakeholders to address the state-wide and increasing impact of dumped rubbish, including hard rubbish, including community safety concerns arising from this issue.
 - (6) That the MAV establish an advisory structure and/or representative voice to Local Government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from across Victoria to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a say about Councils' decisions that affect them and to guide Councils' broader work relating to First Nations peoples, truth telling, sovereignty, treaty-making and addressing systemic racism.
- c) Approves interstate travel for Councillor Lina Messina, Councillor Gaetano Greco, Councillor Emily Dimitriadis, Councillor Susanne Newton and Councillor Susan Rennie to represent Council at the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021, noting the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the Mayor and Councillor Support budget.
- d) Notes the Chief Executive Officer will also travel to Canberra to attend the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 20 to 23 June 2021 and the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the annual budget.
- e) Authorise the Mayor to seek and appoint an alternate Councillor/s in the event that any of the Councillors as appointed in c) above are unable to attend.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The following persons made submissions in relation to this item

- *Paul O'Doherty*
- *Robert Sorraghan*

8.1 AQUATIC CENTRES COMPARISON REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides information on the scope and cost of recently built and refurbished aquatic centres in Victoria. The report also highlights the key differences between these and the scope of the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC) redevelopment.

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That Council notes the report.

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MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That Council:

- Notes the report;
- Recognises the hard work of Council Officers and the Community in the NARC Redevelopment plan;
- Acknowledges that the current NARC is reaching the end of its useable life and requires a redevelopment to begin shortly;
- Notes that building a modern NARC will deliver significant benefits for our growing community and should be supported;
- Notes that the project involves significant expenditure by Council for many years to come, and Council is responsible for ensuring value for money. To this end, we request a confidential briefing update on the 1st April 2021 on the most current cost plan to construct the new centre, which should include individual costs and 'annual user rates' estimates on all of the major components of the proposed centre;
- Commits to seeking best value for money for the NARC rebuild.

Amendment

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

That the motion be amended to include an additional point to read:

- Commits to rebuilding NARC in line with the high level designs as approved by Council and based on community consultation

The mover 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)

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The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-074

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That Council:

- Notes the report;
- Recognises the hard work of Council Officers and the Community in the NARC Redevelopment plan;
- Acknowledges that the current NARC is reaching the end of its useable life and requires a redevelopment to begin shortly;
- Notes that building a modern NARC will deliver significant benefits for our growing community and should be supported;
- Notes that the project involves significant expenditure by Council for many years to come, and Council is responsible for ensuring value for money. To this end, we request a confidential briefing update on the 1st April 2021 on the most current cost plan to construct the new centre, which should include individual costs and 'annual user rates' estimates on all of the major components of the proposed centre;
- Commits to seeking best value for money for the NARC rebuild.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXTENSION OF TIME

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MINUTE NO. 21-075

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.40pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NOTICES OF MOTION**9.1 SUPPORT FOR TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

Councillor: Susanne NEWTON

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

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that Darebin is the home of Nobel Peace Prize winners Dimity Hawkins and Dave Sweeney. The organisation they co-founded in 2006, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 and we recognise their ongoing contribution to the campaign to abolish nuclear weapons.*
- (2) *Notes the contribution of Yankunytjatjara Elder Yami Lester, recognised in the mural on the side of the Preston Library, whose activism against nuclear testing was an inspiration and call to action for the ICAN co-founders.*
- (3) *Notes that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.*
- (4) *Notes that Council firmly believes that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.*
- (5) *Notes that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force and became permanent international law on 22 January 2021.*
- (6) *Notes that this Treaty is now the global benchmark for nuclear disarmament policy, and we call on the Australian government to sign and ratify it without delay.*
- (7) *Authorises the Mayor to write to all Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers to state Council's position and request they ensure Australia signs and ratifies the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.*
- (8) *Authorises Council to submit a motion to the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to advocate for Australia to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.*

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MINUTE NO. 21-076

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Darebin is the home of Nobel Peace Prize winners Dimity Hawkins and Dave Sweeney. The organisation they co-founded in 2006, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 and we recognise their ongoing contribution to the campaign to abolish nuclear weapons.
- (2) Notes the contribution of Yankunytjatjara Elder Yami Lester, recognised in the mural on the side of the Preston Library, whose activism against nuclear testing was an inspiration and call to action for the ICAN co-founders.
- (3) Notes that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
- (4) Notes that Council firmly believes that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.
- (5) Notes that the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force and became permanent international law on 22 January 2021.
- (6) Notes that this Treaty is now the global benchmark for nuclear disarmament policy, and we call on the Australian government to sign and ratify it without delay.
- (7) Authorises the Mayor to write to all Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers to state Council's position and request they ensure Australia signs and ratifies the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- (8) Authorises Council to submit a motion to the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to advocate for Australia to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY**Councillor: Emily DIMITRIADIS**

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

That Council:

- (1) *Recognise that in Darebin, the parking permit policy has caused concern and disadvantage to many residents in Darebin, particularly in Alphington and Fairfield.*
- (2) *Receives a Council Report at the 26 April 2021 Ordinary Council meeting outlining the costs, timeframes, processes and any associated issues with Council undertaking:*
 - a. *to remove single lot dwellings that exist on their own title but are built after December 2004, from being termed a 'new development' for the purposes of the Residential Parking Permit Policy and therefore enabling residents who live in such dwellings the same entitlements to parking permits as residents who live in dwellings built before December 2004,*
 - b. *to allow residents of all single lot dwellings on their own title to obtain an additional residential parking permit if they so choose to, at the same price as all other permanent parking permits they are entitled to,*
 - c. *to allow residents two transferable visitor car parking permits annually, at a reasonable price that are transferable between visitor vehicles when they attend a residential property.*

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MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Recognise that in Darebin, the parking permit policy has caused concern and disadvantage to many residents in Darebin, particularly in Alphington and Fairfield.
- (2) Receives a Council Report at the 26 April 2021 Ordinary Council meeting outlining the costs, timeframes, processes and any associated issues with Council undertaking:
 - a. to remove single lot dwellings that exist on their own title but are built after December 2004, from being termed a 'new development' for the purposes of the Residential Parking Permit Policy and therefore enabling residents who live in such dwellings the same entitlements to parking permits as residents who live in dwellings built before December 2004,
 - b. to allow residents of all single lot dwellings on their own title to obtain an additional residential parking permit if they so choose to, at the same price as all other permanent parking permits they are entitled to,
 - c. to allow residents of single lot dwellings two transferable visitor car parking permits annually, at a reasonable price that are transferable between visitor vehicles when they attend a residential property.

The motion was put and carried

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 21-077****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That Council:**

- (1) Recognise that in Darebin, the parking permit policy has caused concern and disadvantage to many residents in Darebin, particularly in Alphington and Fairfield.
- (2) Receives a Council Report at the 26 April 2021 Ordinary Council meeting outlining the costs, timeframes, processes and any associated issues with Council undertaking:
 - a. to remove single lot dwellings that exist on their own title but are built after December 2004, from being termed a 'new development' for the purposes of the Residential Parking Permit Policy and therefore enabling residents who live in such dwellings the same entitlements to parking permits as residents who live in dwellings built before December 2004,
 - b. to allow residents of all single lot dwellings on their own title to obtain an additional residential parking permit if they so choose to, at the same price as all other permanent parking permits they are entitled to,
 - c. to allow residents of single lot dwellings two transferable visitor car parking permits annually, at a reasonable price that are transferable between visitor vehicles when they attend a residential property.

CARRIED**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, Messina and Williams (5)**Against:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)

9.3 DAREBIN CREEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MOU**Councillor: Emily DIMITRIADIS**

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

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the excellent work of the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC).*
- (2) *Notes the MCMC have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and DCMC do not have a MOU.*
- (3) *Receives a report at the 26 April 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting on establishing a MOU with and in consultation with the DCMC. The report should contain a draft of a possible MOU for consideration by Council.*
- (4) *Furthermore, the above report should consider an appropriate remuneration arrangement with and in consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Council to facilitate their future representation on the DCMC board.*

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MINUTE NO. 21-078**MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

That Council:

- (1) Notes the excellent work of the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC).
- (2) Notes the MCMC have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and DCMC do not have a MOU.
- (3) Receives a report at the 26 April 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting on establishing a MOU with and in consultation with the DCMC. The report should contain a draft of a possible MOU for consideration by Council.
- (4) Furthermore, the above report should consider an appropriate remuneration arrangement with and in consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Council to facilitate their future representation on the DCMC board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS**

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

That Council:

- (1) *Immediately investigate whether urgent safety interventions are needed at both Preston Primary School sites*
- (2) *Receives a report at an Ordinary Council Meeting on a date that allows Council to consider this matter when considering priorities for its 2021-22 budget, and which includes:*
 - a. *the outcome of the urgent safety investigation and an update on any actions taken*
 - b. *costs and timing to investigate different calming traffic measures and explore how Council can improve the issue of parking and safety located at both Preston Primary school sites, and*
 - c. *costs and timing of further consultation with a view of improving transparency with residents, and Preston primary school, to be involved in the Community's future Vision for the area.*

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MINUTE NO. 21-079

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

That Council:

- (1) Immediately investigate whether urgent safety interventions are needed at both Preston Primary School sites
- (2) Receives a report at an Ordinary Council Meeting on a date that allows Council to consider this matter when considering priorities for its 2021-22 budget, and which includes:
 - a. the outcome of the urgent safety investigation and an update on any actions taken
 - b. costs and timing to investigate different calming traffic measures and explore how Council can improve the issue of parking and safety located at both Preston Primary school sites, and
 - c. costs and timing of further consultation with a view of improving transparency with residents, and Preston primary school, to be involved in the Community's future Vision for the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 PROPOSAL FOR AN OFF-LEAD DOG PARK BEHIND HIGH STREET RESERVOIR**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO**

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

***That** Council receives a report in July on exploring the feasibility of creating an off-lead dog park on the vacant public land enclosed by High Street, Allenby Avenue and Gellibrand Crescent. In preparing the report nearby residents should be notified and appropriately consulted.*

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MINUTE NO. 21-080

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

That Council receives a report in July on exploring the feasibility of creating an off-lead dog park on the vacant public land enclosed by High Street, Allenby Avenue and Gellibrand Crescent. In preparing the report nearby residents should be notified and appropriately consulted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 BEAUTIFICATION AROUND RUTHVEN STATION**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO**

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

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the years of maintenance neglect and lack of appropriate trees and vegetation on both sides of the railway line from the new overpass at Reservoir Station to Mahoneys Road in Reservoir.*
- (2) *Notes the unordered parking arrangement around Ruthven Station which makes the area look unappealing and dysfunctional.*
- (3) *Request the Mayor and CEO write to Mr Campbell Rose AM, CEO at VicTrack calling for a meeting to discuss collaborative solutions to address the longstanding maintenance situation and lack of trees and vegetation for the railway strip.*
- (4) *Receives a report on the outcome of the meeting and options on future commitments for improvements.*

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MINUTE NO. 21-081

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the years of maintenance neglect and lack of appropriate trees and vegetation on both sides of the railway line from the new overpass at Reservoir Station to Mahoneys Road in Reservoir.
- (2) Notes the unordered parking arrangement around Ruthven Station which makes the area look unappealing and dysfunctional.
- (3) Request the Mayor and CEO write to Mr Campbell Rose AM, CEO at VicTrack calling for a meeting to discuss collaborative solutions to address the longstanding maintenance situation and lack of trees and vegetation for the railway strip.
- (4) Receives a report on the outcome of the meeting and options on future commitments for improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT KEON PARADE**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO**

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the calls and the petitions by Darebin residents to immediately improve the safety of people trying to cross Keon Park Parade near Keon Park Station.*
- (2) Request the Mayor and CEO write to Craig Lloyd, Whittlesea Council CEO and Ms Robyn Seymour the new CEO at VicRoads calling for a meeting to consider options to make pedestrian crossing on Keon Park Parade less perilous. A copy of the letter should also be sent to The Hon. Jacinta Allan, Minister for Transport, The Hon. Robin Scott, Member for Preston, an all local Upper House MPs seeking their assistance in ensuring VicRoads give this issue due priority.*
- (3) Note the petition with 413 hard copy signatures and a further 281 on-line signatories that is proposed to be submitted to The Hon. Jacinta Allan, Minister for Transport, The Hon. Robin Scott, Member for Preston, all local Upper House MPs and VicRoads and assists the petitioners with the lodgement of this petition.*
- (4) Receives a report on the outcome of the meeting and future options.*

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MINUTE NO. 21-082**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the calls and the petitions by Darebin residents to immediately improve the safety of people trying to cross Keon Park Parade near Keon Park Station.
- (2) Request the Mayor and CEO write to Craig Lloyd, Whittlesea Council CEO and Ms Robyn Seymour the new CEO at VicRoads calling for a meeting to consider options to make pedestrian crossing on Keon Park Parade less perilous. A copy of the letter should also be sent to The Hon. Jacinta Allan, Minister for Transport, The Hon. Robin Scott, Member for Preston, an all local Upper House MPs seeking their assistance in ensuring VicRoads give this issue due priority.
- (3) Note the petition with 413 hard copy signatures and a further 281 on-line signatories that is proposed to be submitted to The Hon. Jacinta Allan, Minister for Transport, The Hon. Robin Scott, Member for Preston, all local Upper House MPs and VicRoads and assists the petitioners with the lodgement of this petition.
- (4) Receives a report on the outcome of the meeting and future options.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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

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.

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| Officer Recommendation |
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That the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 4, 15, 16, 25 and 27 February 2021 and 1, 9, 15 March 2021 attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

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| Council Resolution |
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MINUTE NO. 21-083

MOVED: Cr. J Williams
SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 4, 15, 16, 25 and 27 February 2021 and 1, 9, 15 March 2021 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:

- Preston Central Business Association Meeting
- SPAG Meeting - The Strategies and Policy Advocacy Group (SPAG) is an advisory reference group of the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum (Forum)
- Mayoral Briefing Meeting with Robin Scott
- Selection of Winners for the 2020 Darebin Community Awards
- Council Plan/Annual Budget Councillor Workshop
- Deliberative Panel - Mayoral Welcome
- Councillor Workshop Session
- Council Briefing
- Stakeholder Engagement Session
- Filming for International Women's Day Video
- DJPR (Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions) Suburban Revitalisation Board Member Induction Session
- Council Briefing
- AGAPI Care International Women's Day Brunch
- Together Co-Living, Preston Site Visit
- Westpac International Women's Day – Guest Speaker and Panel Member
- Meeting with the Darebin City Council and Ged Kearney MP - Member for Cooper
- Season Launch of Preston Lions
- FUSE Festival Opening Event
- Ganbu Gulin – One Mob Film Launch
- Council Briefing
- Darebin Community Awards Presentation Evening
- Darebin City Council - Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
- FUSE Festival: A Fight for Survival Launch
- Round 1 Game: Preston Lions vs Melbourne City
- Meeting with Oakover Residents
- Various Briefings with Council Officers
- 2 Radio Interviews with Tony Tardio – Rete Italia
- Radio Interview with Poni Poselli – Rete Italia
- Several Meetings with CEO
- Meeting with Libby Neesham
- Meeting with Northcote Traders
- Meeting with Golfers

- Meeting with Several Traders

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

Cr. Greco did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

Cr. Williams did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Councillor briefing x3
- Suburban Vintage - Winemakers of Darebin event
- Darebin Bahá'í Community Centenary Fair
- Round 1 President's Club Dinner - Preston Lions Football Club
- A Fight for Survival: An Exhibition and Gathering - Northern College of the Arts and Technology
- Darebin Community Awards Presentation
- Islamic Museum of Australia women's morning tea
- Your Community Health - East Reservoir site visit with CEO
- One on one with CEO
- Ganbu Gulin: One Mob Film Launch
- Spring Street pedestrian crossing site visit with resident
- Cramer Street Streets for People site visit with residents
- Ruthven off-lead dog park site visit with resident
- Fuse Festival opening event
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) and Swinburne University Sustainability Specialists team meeting
- Enlightenment play - Fuse Festival
- Councillor meeting x2
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) International Women's Day celebration
- International Women's Day rally and march
- Planning Committee meeting
- Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) mentoring session with Cr Alida McKern

- Pathways to Politics mentoring session with Samantha Citroen
- Stakeholder meeting with Your Community Health
- Council Plan/Annual Budget Councillor Workshop
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) AGM - presenting treasurer's report
- Darebin Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Committee meeting
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) meeting with Councillors across Victoria
- Clean Up Australia Day with Friends of Edwardes Lake
- Meeting with Monash Master of Public Policy student about the Regent area

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

Cr. Rennie did not submit a report.

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Climate Emergency Australia Strategic Advisory Group
- Council Planning and Budgeting Workshops
- Council Briefings
- Meeting with Our Community Health
- Meeting Darebin Nature Trust members
- Panel Discussion Incentivisation of Electric Vehicles
- Councillor Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Climate Emergency Australia Advocacy Workshops
- Darebin Community Awards Presentation

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended all Council Plan workshops
- Attended all Councillor budget workshops
- Meeting with Fairfield Traders
- Chaired Women's Advisory Committee
- Contact from residents about parking permits
- Attended all Councillor briefings
- Attended Planning Committee meeting
- Contacted by residents about the Nightingale Development

- Stakeholder engagement session with Your Community Health
- Contact from Fairfield Primary School Principal and parents about the unsupervised pedestrian crossing
- Contact (online/telephone) with residents about overdevelopment, dumped rubbish and graffiti.
- Meeting with Alphington resident about overdevelopment next door to their property
- Contact from St Anthony's Primary School Principal
- Attended Moreland's Greek Bicentennial Day Celebration and Flag Raising event
- Attended VLGA Fast Track Leadership Development Program
- Attended DCMC meeting
- Attended Islamic Museum of Australia women's morning tea
- Attended Darebin Community Awards
- Attended NCAT "A Fight for Survival" event
- Attended Shrine of Remembrance for the bicentennial of Greek Independence Day

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, Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, car parking, open space infrastructure.
- Met with a resident and Council General Manager, Governance and Engagement regarding activities at Jika Jika Community Centre and protection of indigenous biodiversity at Merri Creek.
- Met with Fitzroy Legal Service
- Attended Ganbu Gulin: One Mob launch
- Attended Darebin Community Awards presentation
- International Women's Day rally and march
- Stakeholder meeting with Your Community Health
- One on one meeting with CEO
- Councillor briefings, strategic planning and budgeting sessions
- Council meeting
- Planning Committee meeting

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That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-084

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL****CLOSURE OF MEETING****Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 21-085

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

That in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider **Item 14.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change** which has been designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act, as specified below:

- i. Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released, as prescribed by section 3(1)(a) of the Act
- ii. Legal information, being information to which legally professional privilege or client legal privilege applies, as prescribed by section 3(1)(e) of the Act
- iii. Information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition, as prescribed by section 3(1)(k) of the Act
- iv. Information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the Local Government Act 1989, as prescribed by section 3(1)(l) of the Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 11.04 pm

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 14.1 - IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change

This report was discussed in a closed meeting of Council due to the confidential nature of the Council business information.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 21-086

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

That the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 11.07pm.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 11.08pm.

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