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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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

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

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



English

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02pm

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

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

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

Council Officers

Peter Smith - Chief Executive Officer
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital
Kylie Bennetts - General Manager Community
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Laurence declared a general and material conflict of interest in relation to Item 9.8 Property Matters February 2023, and 11.2 Northcote Golf Course, in relation to family residential amenity and personal residential amenity.

Mayor Williams declared a general conflict of interest in reference to Item 9.8 Property Matters February 2023, as she lives in close proximity to one of the properties listed within the report.

Cr. Greco declared a general interest in, and connection to, the Inner North Community Foundation, due to donating half of his Councillor Allowance to this foundation about fourteen years ago.

Cr. Messina declared a general interest in Inner North Community Foundation, as she was previously a Director of this organisation.

Cr. Dimitriadis noted that in relation to Item 9.11- Contract Award CT202249 - Management and Operations of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, one of the tenderers was a previous employer of hers, but declared that this was not a conflict of interest.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recommendation

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 December 2022, the Special Meeting of Council held on 25 January 2023 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 25 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending tonight's meeting, both in the or online, feels safe, both physical and emotionally.

7. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

- **Chris Wilkinson of Reservoir**

After moving to this area 3 years ago, my family have had to deal with the daily hoon driving on Radford road. I was woken again by burnouts up and down the street last night. After countless calls to the police and emails to council, finally there was the your street your say survey. I want to know what and when action will be taken to deter this illegal behaviour. The police can only do something if the offenders are caught in the act. Council needs to put in speed limiting devices before another death occurs. Also, council needs to enforce parking to remove all the dumped cars

Response from General Manager Rachel Ollivier

Thank you for your question.

Victoria Police enforce speeding and hooning issues, and Council doesn't have the power to take enforcement action against drivers. We have raised this matter with Victoria Police and will assist if appropriate.

We are taking action to install safety treatments. Council is currently designing raised road safety treatments for Radford Road between Edwardes Street and Broadhurst Avenue. At this stage we expect to install these in the 2023-24 financial year. They will help deter hooning, although they can't prevent it entirely.

In regards to dumped cars we are running an ongoing and targeted enforcement program for abandoned vehicles in the Radford Road area. This is making progress, however we are continuing to find dumped vehicles so are regularly inspecting with the aim of achieving a permanent change. Your feedback has been passed on to the relevant department Manager.

- **Andy Allen of Northcote**

When exactly are the 2023 dates for citizenship ceremonies for Darebin? If not known, what date can the council guarantee the dates will be known by the public?

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement Jodie Watson

Thank you for your question, Andy.

As an amazingly diverse community, Council is excited to be able to commence holding Citizenship Ceremonies again. We are currently engaging with Traditional Owners and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee regarding our approach.

Whilst the full schedule of dates for the next 12 months is currently under development, we are working towards holding our first ceremony in mid-April. The dates for April will be confirmed in the coming days and published on our website.

The full schedule of dates will be published on Council's website once they are finalised.

- **Jack Wang of Preston**

Small business cannot currently obtain a parking permit for trading in high traffic areas. Can Council please advocate for small business owners to allow for the option to apply and receive a parking permit to deal with constraints on street parking?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

Thanks for your question Jack.

Council is currently reviewing its permit policy. We expect to run the second round of community consultation in April, and I encourage you to participate in this process.

There are multiple needs in high traffic commercial areas. As part of its permit policy, Council will have to consider the needs of customers, workers, residents and visitors and not everyone will be able to park as close as they would like to their destination.

- **Elizabeth Lamb of Preston**

1. In relation to the devices that have been laid across the road on Gower Street over the past couple of weeks, what data are these devices recording and collecting?
2. For what purpose is this data being collected and how is it going to be used?
3. Are there any changes to the traffic management and use of this road being planned or considered?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

Thank you for the question, Elizabeth.

1. The counters, which are in three locations along Gower Street, collected traffic speed and volume information for 7 days.
2. The information will be used to identify any urgent road safety issues, and support the planning for road safety changes across the City.
3. Gower Street is one of our Streets for People Corridors. It is also a Strategic Cycling Corridor. Planning for any future changes along Gower Street will take place as part of the Your Street, Your Say project which includes broad community consultation. This area will be investigated in the 2023/24 financial year.

- **Wendy Liddle of Reservoir**

1. In relation to the recent and ongoing installation and upgrade of 5G antennas operating at 26,000 MHz across Darebin, can Council provide us with the reasons why these antennas have been switched on to 26,000 MHz in 5G towers located at:
 - 3073007 83-85 McFadzean Ave (on HV tower) Reservoir
 - 3073010 287 Mahoneys Rd, Reservoir
 - 3073014 229 Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir

2. Is Council aware of the many scientific research studies on the environmental and biological harm caused by 5G towers and the release of a white paper by insurance authority Swiss Re, classifying 5G as a “high” emerging risk cautioning that “potential claims for health impairments may come with a long latency”?
3. Do you have insurance indemnity documents for the installation of these antennas/towers by those that have installed them given that council and councillors could be held liable for any damages arising from these emissions?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

1. We don't have information about the reasons for recent changes at these sites. None of these properties are owned by Council and nor is a planning permit required from Council for low-impact telecommunications facilities where certain criteria are met.
2. We haven't reviewed the specific study you are referring to. We are aware that the Federal Government through its Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, has reviewed safety in relation to 5G technology and have advised that “there are no established health effects from the radio waves that the 5G network uses. “
3. As Council isn't the landowner, we do not hold insurance records for the sites referred to.

• **Angela Denton of Northcote**

1. How many parking permits have been granted to properties in Oldis Avenue and does the number of parking permits when added to the 8 temporary parking permits for film crews exceed the number of available spaces and if yes how does Council rationalise the issuing of the permits given the permits for the filming activity is at the same times when residents would normally be requiring parking in the street ie (6.00 am-9.30pm)?
2. Previously the film crews have been granted permits to occupy a significant number of car parking spaces in the Mitchel street carpark area. What is the background to the film crew relocating their vehicles from the public carpark to Bastings and Wimble Street and why are they permitted to occupy car parking designated for disabled persons?
3. Council granted a waiver for on site car parking at the 4 x 3 bedroom townhouses at 21 Oldis Avenue on the basis that the owner had repurposed those carparks to gardens that they were of more benefit to residential amenity than on site car parking, yet Council have rejected an application to demolish 23 Oldis so the owner of the town house complex at 21 Oldis Avenue and many adjacent properties can extend his private gardens. On what basis is the council refusing the application and how and why has the policy changed in this application?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

1. There are 12 current residential parking permits issued for Oldis Ave, Northcote. When Council issued the recent filming permit, it assessed whether parking could be reasonably accommodated in the nearby streets considering the amount of parking pressure typically in the area at the times requested. We did not and do not specifically assess if the existing number of permits and match spaces in a street – that's because parking pressure arises from visitors, customers and other residents, not just people with parking permits.

In this case, officers also visited the area while the permit was in place and didn't observe any issues arising from the permit being issued.

2. Council's permits do not allow accessible parking bays to be occupied. Officers will reach out to Ms Denton to understand her feedback about this so we can address any compliance issues if needed. Council does not have background on why the film crew has adjusted its applications. We assess each application on a case-by-case basis.
3. Planning decisions are made on a case by case basis considering the applicable policy at the time.
 - In regards to the planning application at 23 Oldis Avenue, Council refused the proposal primarily because it was contrary to heritage planning policy and the advice of Council's heritage advisor in this area where there is a Heritage Overlay in place.
 - Council's decision has been appealed and the matter is currently with VCAT. a final decision is not yet known.

In regards to the planning decision relating to 21 Oldis Avenue, I've previously conducted an internal review of this matter and communicated in detail the reasons for the permit decision including in relation to parking. I can confirm that my most recent letter to Ms Denton about this remains current.

- **Geraldine Wood**

As a long-term resident and rate payer of Darebin, I ask the Darebin Council to understand its stance on the proposed referendum for the voice to parliament for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities.

How does the council propose to acknowledge the upcoming referendum?

- **Carolyn Lunt of Northcote**

I am supporting an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Voice to Parliament. When will the council announce their stance on this VOICE to Parliament?

- **Kathy Dillion**

Is Council supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice referendum to held late 2023?

- **Louise Kenney-Shen of Reservoir**

Is Council supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice referendum to held late

General Manager of Community, Kylie Bennetts responded to the questions from Geraldine Wood, Carolyn Lunt, Kathy Dillion and Louise Kenney-Shen

At this stage, Council is seeking views and advice from the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation as per appropriate cultural protocols and requirements under the Local Government Act 2020. We are also listening to ongoing community conversations in this space following the critical principle of letting Aboriginal people and community voices lead on this matter.

This process is in accordance with the 2019 Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, co-developed and signed with the DAAC and the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, which states:

“Council acknowledges the powerful call contained in the Uluru Statement from the heart and its aspirations for justice, truth-telling, Makarrata (agreement-making) and a voice.

Council hears this call and will continue to seek guidance from Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on, and respect their leadership towards self-determination (as per the recommendations of United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous people) and towards a fairer Australian society, and at our own, local level, a fairer Darebin.”

In line with the Statement of Commitment, Council is taking a broad principled position, continuing to support the key principles of sovereignty, justice, and self-determination, while recognising and respecting that the Uluru Statement from the Heart may not fully align with the needs and beliefs of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In due time, having followed cultural protocols and fully upholding Aboriginal cultural rights as per the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, Council may take a more definite position. For now, we are still in the listening and learning phase on this issue

- **Louise Kenney-Shen of Reservoir**

Can Darebin Council advise when the central hallway leading from change rooms to pool at Reservoir Leisure Centre, that has been closed off for close on 12 months now, will be repaired and opened, and also when whatever the reason for the plastic bollard in the Learn to Swim pool is scheduled to be repaired?

Response from Manager Recreation & Libraries, Melanie McCarten

The safety barriers have been erected to prevent access to an area that requires roof renewal works. It is hoped that these works will be carried out in 2023.

Council officers identified the issue with the tiles in the Learn to Swim pool on Sunday and have contacted the contractors to repair the tiles in that pool as soon as possible.

- **Roger Matia of Reservoir**

1. You claim to be a green council, why was the beautiful tree removed from the roundabout at Rathcoun and Chenies Road Reservoir?
2. There is a dangerous patch up job done on the footpath at the corner of Nutwood and Ramleh Streets Reservoir. When is the footpath going to be adequately and safely repaired?

Response from General Manager Operations & Capital, Sam Hewett

1. The tree in the roundabout of Rathcoun and Chenies road was recently assessed by Council’s Inspections arborist and determined to be in declining health and exhibiting poor structure. As a result of this inspection, it was subsequently removed by council and is listed to be replaced as part of the 2023 Tree Planting Program. A suitable native option will be considered for replacement

2. The asphalt repair is a temporary repair measure to alleviate the immediate tripping hazard.

The permanent replacement will be scheduled within the allocated timeframes in Council's Road Management Plan. Council's inspector will revisit the site in the coming days to ensure the site is safe.

- **Angelique Matia of Reservoir**

1. When will the Darebin council adopt the 20 minute Neighbourhood Program outlined by the Victorian Government?
2. How will the 20 minute Neighbourhood effect our current infrastructure?
3. Will we need a permit to leave our 20 minute Neighbourhood?

Response from General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy, Rachel Ollivier

1. 20 minute neighbourhoods are an idea to help plan cities that are good for people – they are not a requirement or regulation. The idea is that if people are close enough to walk to shops, schools, health services, jobs and community within about 20 mins, they can live well. The Victorian Government's metropolitan plan 'Plan Melbourne' already includes high level principles relating to 20 minute neighbourhoods and Darebin community members also raised the importance of being close to services as part of developing Darebin's 2041 Community Vision. The community deliberative panel formed to develop this Vision established a pillar under the vision of 'Prosperous, Liveable and Flourishing' this included as part of the vision for Darebin "being a 20-minute city with access to amenities and services close to our homes". It is an aspiration for people to have what they need nearby, not a restriction.
2. The idea of 20 minute neighbourhoods will not have any effect on current infrastructure.
3. No, Council has no intention of considering permits to leave neighbourhoods. Council also has no power or authority to restrict movement and could not consider such a thin

- **Miranda Sharp of Alphington**

1. A number of licence holders at MIC wrote to Council in January requesting an extension to our current licences for 2023, and proposing Council undertakes a more thorough consideration of the site with a view to offering longer tenure than the 3-5 years in the rushed Expression of Interest process. Has this been considered and when will we receive an answer?
2. 250 signatures of support were submitted with our EOI and they want to know what are the options, and will Council commit to a transparent and inclusive process with the community regarding the future of the site?

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

Thank you for your questions Miranda and for your time earlier today.

1. The legal status is that Darebin Enterprise Centre Limited (trading as MIC) has a lease with Council until 18 May 2023 and as such, Council has no legal relationship with MIC's licensees. On 17 January 2023, Darebin Enterprise Centre Limited advised Council that

it will not be seeking a further lease of the premises and will vacate the premises at the end of this lease. Council were advised that all licensees has been provided 90 days notice in accordance with the terms of their licences (ending mid April 2023).

On 27 January 2023, Council endorsed a resolution to commence work on a Master Plan to determine the long-term future of the property; to delegate authority to the CEO to determine the best short to mid-term use of the site and to advertise for expressions of interest for the use of all or parts of the site based on set parameters.

Your request was received following this decision on 31 January. Council and I understand officers have spoken with you, but you may not have the full response you expected.

The Manager of this area will provide a written response to you by the end of the week.

2. In terms of the EOI, Council has committed to a public Expression of Interest for use of the site by interested parties. The EOI has now closed and the evaluation of submissions is underway, including evaluation of the submission you raise.

I am pleased to confirm that there will be community consultation in the development of the vision for the future use of the site at 2 Wingrove St, Alphington.

- **Serena O'Meley of Reservoir**

1. Please provide a progress report on the purchase of three parcels of VicRoads land in Clements Reserve.
2. I remain very concerned by the neglect of Clements Reserve. Most recently instead of weeding the area as requested it was slashed, causing damage to the rewilding efforts. What can be done to ensure that the park is properly maintained?
3. When will remediation works commence at Clements Reserve to address the lead contamination that was discovered in the park?

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

1. Council and the Department of Transport have reached in principle agreement on the sale of the three parcels of land.

This matter will be reported publicly to Council at the earliest opportunity to provide transparency to the process and the sale.

Response from General Manager Operations & Capital, Sam Hewett

2. Council will continue to maintain the site until a decision on purchasing has been finalised. Our contractors and staff aim to be mindful of existing planting. We will arrange for a crew to attend the location later this week to carefully undertake required weeding and brush cutting works.
3. Once Council has made a decision on any purchase of the land, it will consider the remediation works required and agreed and the timeframe in which these works should be undertaken.

- **John Nugent of Epping**

1. What was the cost of the lights at Donath east & Dole Reserve including contributions or grants given towards the installation of the lights?
2. How many admin staff work in each of the following buildings: Preston Customer Services Reservoir Library/Customer Service Northcote TH Customer Service?
3. Can you please advise how many male & female Managers Council has?

Response from General Manager Community, Kylie Bennetts

1. Thank you for your question, John.

The sports field lighting projects at JC Donath Reserve (pitches 6 & 8), IW Dole Oval and JE Moore Park, all in Reservoir, were supported by funding from the 2021 SRV Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Funding Grants up to a total of \$1,017,626.

Council was required to contribute at least 10% of the cost of the projects. We are currently finalising the acquittals for these and unfortunately, don't have the final figures available at this time. We can provide them to you once they've been finalised.

Response from General Manager Governance & Engagement, Jodie Watson

2. I will take this question on notice as the information requested will take some time to compile.
3. Council is an inclusive employer and recognises and celebrates the diversity of our workforce, recognising gender identity.

Currently there are 20 managers, of which 11 are reported as identifying as female, 9 are reported as identifying as male and none identify as non-binary.

- **Brian Sanaghan**

How are you enjoying your time as Mayor?

Response from Mayor Julie Williams

I'm very honoured to be the mayor of this great City and given the opportunity to serve and make a positive impact on many lives in this community.

I'm very proud to lead dedicated Councillors and staff who serve this community and ensuring that the safety and wellbeing is of our communities is the upmost importance and as the mayor I'm very privileged to be working with quite a diverse group of people in our municipality whether its organisations or whether its community leaders or educators, businesses, it's really important that we do work with those people because it allows the city to be a better place.

Also I find it very rewarding in all aspects of my job and seeing the results particularly collectively together that I find that when you see something that's been built whether it's a new playground or it's a new initiative program that's helping our most vulnerable residents in the area.

I feel it's a great sense of accomplishment especially you can look back on it and I hope that one day when I'm no longer a Councillor that I can go I took part in that particular project and look where it came to that fruition and I think that's really important and of course the Mayor does have some challenges there's no doubt about it.

Any person who's been a Mayor knows it does have its challenges and sometimes we have to make some really tough decisions and not everyone is going to agree with them but even in those moments I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to help steer this community in the right direction and I just wanted to say I'm truly privileged to be the Mayor and I feel grateful every day for that opportunity and I look forward to continuing with staff and Councillors ensuring that this place is even better for those who live work and play so thank you.

Submission

Serena O'Meley made a submission in relation to Item 9.6 Councillors Media and Social Media Policy.

8. PETITIONS

Nil

CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

PROCEDURAL MOTION - CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council change the order of business so that Item 11.2 Notice of Motion – Northcote Golf Course is the first item of business, followed by the remaining Notices of Motion 11.1, 11.3 and 11.4, and then Item 9 – Consideration of Reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cr. Laurence declared a general and material conflict of interest in relation to 11.2 Northcote Golf Course, due to family residential amenity and personal residential amenity being in close proximity to this area.

6.54pm - Cr. Laurence left the meeting.

11.2 NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 February 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) Notes the dissatisfaction within the local community at the current state of the Northcote Golf Course, particularly the redesign of the 5th hole.*
- (2) Notes the State Government grant of \$200,000 offered to council.*
- (3) Calls for a report at the March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting outlining:*
 - a. Options to engage a golf course architect to develop a redesigned golf course layout concept plan, to ensure the redesign benefits from professional expertise and Northcote Golf Course is a high functioning 9-hole golf course with shared use facilities;*
 - b. How the \$200,000 grant will be spent;*
 - c. Timelines for the future redevelopment of the golf course and shared use facilities.*
- (4) Notes that this redesign project will put council in a stronger position to seek State Government investments, as it will deliver a concept plan that could be further designed and documented for a shovel ready project.*

Rationale:

Many community members have expressed their dissatisfaction with the current state of the Northcote Golf Course. The State Government has offered to provide council \$200,000 to engage a golf architect to develop a masterplan for the redesign of the Northcote Golf Course.

Council should accept the State Government's offer and immediately undertake the process to engage a golf architect in order to ensure a high functioning 9 hole golf course with shared use facilities is designed by a professional golf architect that meets the needs of the community.

Once council receives this professional report and masterplan from the golf architect, council will be able to implement its desired outcome of providing a high functioning 9 hole golf course with shared use facilities, and in addition it will enable council to seek State Government investment, as the redesign project will deliver a masterplan for a shovel ready project.

Notice Received: 13 February 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 13 February 2023

Date of Meeting: 27 February 2023

Motion

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Notes the dissatisfaction within the local community at the current state of the Northcote Golf Course, particularly the redesign of the 5th hole.
- (2) Notes the State Government grant of \$200,000 offered to council.
- (3) Calls for a report at the March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting outlining:
 - a. Options to engage a golf course architect to develop a redesigned golf course layout concept plan, to ensure the redesign benefits from professional expertise and Northcote Golf Course is a high functioning 9-hole golf course with shared use facilities;
 - b. How the \$200,000 grant will be spent;
 - c. Timelines for the future redevelopment of the golf course and shared use facilities.
- (4) Notes that this redesign project will put council in a stronger position to seek State Government investments, as it will deliver a concept plan that could be further designed and documented for a shovel ready project.

Cr. McCarthy proposed the following amendment.

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

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Notes the State Government grant of \$200,000 offered to Council.
- (2) Calls for a report at the March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting outlining:
 - (a) Options to spend the \$200,000 to improve the facility for all park and golf users, e.g. signage, bins, benches, security, protection of environmental values, etc.
 - (b) Advocacy required to enable the State Government to make the \$200,000 available for the above purposes.

LOST

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

The amendment was put and lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 23-012****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That Council:**

- (1) Notes the dissatisfaction within the local community at the current state of the Northcote Golf Course, particularly the redesign of the 5th hole.
- (2) Notes the State Government grant of \$200,000 offered to council.
- (3) Calls for a report at the March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting outlining:
 - a. Options to engage a golf course architect to develop a redesigned golf course layout concept plan, to ensure the redesign benefits from professional expertise and Northcote Golf Course is a high functioning 9-hole golf course with shared use facilities;
 - b. How the \$200,000 grant will be spent;
 - c. Timelines for the future redevelopment of the golf course and shared use facilities.
- (4) Notes that this redesign project will put council in a stronger position to seek State Government investments, as it will deliver a concept plan that could be further designed and documented for a shovel ready project.

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

The motion was carried on the casting vote of the Mayor.

7.32pm - the meeting adjourned.

7.42pm - the meeting resumed.

7.42pm – Cr Laurence returned to the meeting.

11.1 INFANT ALL ACCESS SWING

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 February 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that currently at Susan Walsh Reserve in Fairfield a Toddler Swing (PN499) is in place which can be used by infants up until the age of 2.*
- (2) *Notes that residents have been calling upon council and various councillors to install an Infant All Access Swing (PN55) at Susan Walsh Reserve for a number of years.*
- (3) *Notes that the Infant All Access Swing (PN55) can be used by infants and children up until the age of 5.*
- (4) *Receives a report at the April 2023 council meeting on the feasibility and cost associated with installing an Infant All Access Swing (PN55) or the replacement of the Toddler Swing (PN499) with the Infant All Access Swing (PN55).*

Rationale:

This has been a long-standing issue that local residents have requested for a number of years. As a matter of urgency, we need to ensure that Susan Walsh Reserve is more inclusive and suitable for all children, especially those who utilise a wheelchair and live in the surrounding neighbourhood because they cannot walk to other parks that contain an Infant All Access Swing (PN55).

Furthermore, the replacement of the current swing at the park is substantially lower than \$5000 and therefore this decision can be made urgently by delegation to the CEO.

Notice Received: 13 February 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 13 February 2023

Date of Meeting: 27 February 2023

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-013

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes that currently at Susan Walsh Reserve in Fairfield a Toddler Swing (PN499) is in place which can be used by infants up until the age of 2.
- (2) Notes that residents have been calling upon council and various councillors to install an Infant All Access Swing (PN55) at Susan Walsh Reserve for a number of years.
- (3) Notes that the Infant All Access Swing (PN55) can be used by infants and children up until the age of 5.

- (4) Receives a report at the April 2023 council meeting on the feasibility and cost associated with installing an Infant All Access Swing (PN55) or the replacement of the Toddler Swing (PN499) with the Infant All Access Swing (PN55).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3

PRESTON MARKET

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 February 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council

- (1) *Notes the Preston Market Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) Panel Hearing was held over five weeks from October 3rd to November 10th 2022 and submitted its report and recommendations to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) on 16th December 2022.*
- (2) *Notes, that although it was anticipated the report be publicly released by the VPA ten days following its receipt as per the Minister's Terms of Reference, the VPA have now advised that the timing of its release is at the Planning Minister's discretion.*
- (3) *Writes to the Planning Minister requesting the immediate release of the SAC's report and recommendations.*
- (4) *Request the Minister for Planning, (as the ultimate decision maker) to first meet and consult with Council, Traders and the community before the Minister hands down their final decision on Planning Scheme Amendment C182.*
- (5) *Issues a media release to all major news outlets and updates the Council website on the Preston Market Precinct referencing this motion.*

Rationale

The future of Preston Market continues to remain under a cloud of uncertainty. Council, traders and members of the community feel let down by the process as the Minister for Planning has failed to follow through, in a timely manner, to release the SAC's report and recommendations in accordance with their own Terms of Reference. All the SAC submitters were required to follow strict protocols and timeframes and it is disappointing the Minister has not publicly released the SAC's findings. The Minister has also provided no timelines on when the SAC's report will be made public and provided no indication on when they propose to make a decision about the future of Preston Market.

Notice Received: 13 February 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 13 February 2023

Date of Meeting: 27 February 2023

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-014

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council

- (1) Notes the Preston Market Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) Panel Hearing was held over five weeks from October 3rd to November 10th 2022 and submitted its report and recommendations to the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) on 16th December 2022.
- (2) Notes, that although it was anticipated the report be publicly released by the VPA ten days following its receipt as per the Minister's Terms of Reference, the VPA have now advised that the timing of its release is at the Planning Minister's discretion.

- (3) Writes to the Planning Minister requesting the immediate release of the SAC's report and recommendations.
- (4) Request the Minister for Planning, (as the ultimate decision maker) to first meet and consult with Council, Traders and the community before the Minister hands down their final decision on Planning Scheme Amendment C182.
- (5) Issues a media release to all major news outlets and updates the Council website on the Preston Market Precinct referencing this motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 ELECTRIC BIKE SUBSIDY

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 27 February 2023, it is my intention to move:

That Council

- (1) *Notes the success of the electric bicycle subsidy program in Denver, Colorado.*
- (2) *Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 a trial of a similar program for Darebin residents, including consideration of electric bicycle subsidies, particularly for people on low incomes, and options for electric bicycle hire/trials through libraries.*
- (3) *Refers this motion for consideration to the Climate Emergency Plan as a mechanism to help Darebin achieve net zero emissions by 2030, taking into consideration other options such as replacing some fleet vehicles with electric bicycles, and electric bicycle share schemes for the community.*

Rationale:

With transport making up 15% of all Darebin community greenhouse gas emissions, increasing active transport is a crucial part of reaching net zero emissions.

The City of Denver has rolled out a very successful program of subsidising the purchase of electric vehicles through a rebate scheme and have provided almost 5,000 rebates over the course of the program.

As the first city in the world to declare a climate emergency, Darebin is committed to reducing emissions and addressing the climate emergency. A program that increases active transport, particularly for low income residents, could play a significant role in addressing the climate emergency.

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Climate-Action-Sustainability-Resiliency/Sustainable-Transportation/Electric-Bikes-E-Bikes-Rebates>

<https://www.fastcompany.com/90797714/denver-spent-4-1-million-to-get-more-people-on-e-bikes-it-worked>

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Date of Meeting:	27 February 2023

Motion

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

That Council

- (1) Notes the success of the electric bicycle subsidy program in Denver, Colorado.
- (2) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 a trial of a similar program for Darebin residents, including consideration of electric bicycle subsidies, particularly for people on low incomes, and options for electric bicycle hire/trials through libraries.
- (3) Refers this motion for consideration to the Climate Emergency Plan as a mechanism to help Darebin achieve net zero emissions by 2030, taking into consideration other options such as replacing some fleet vehicles with electric bicycles, and electric bicycle share schemes for the community.

Cr. McCarthy proposed the following amendment which was accepted by the mover and seconder and became the motion as follows:

Amended Motion

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

That Council

- (1) Notes the success of the electric bicycle subsidy program in Denver, Colorado.
- (2) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 a trial of a similar program for Darebin residents, including consideration of electric bicycle subsidies, **and bulk buys** particularly for people on low incomes, and options for electric bicycle hire/trials through libraries.
- (3) Refers this motion for consideration to the Climate Emergency Plan as a mechanism to help Darebin achieve net zero emissions by 2030, taking into consideration other options such as replacing some fleet vehicles with electric bicycles, and electric bicycle share schemes for the community.

Cr. Laurence proposed the following amendment.

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

Amendment

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

That Council

- (1) Notes the success of the electric bicycle subsidy program in Denver, Colorado.
- (2) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 a trial of a similar

program for Darebin residents **with disabilities**, including consideration of electric bicycle subsidies, and bulk buys particularly for people on low incomes, and options for electric bicycle hire/trials through libraries.

- (3) Refers this motion for consideration to the Climate Emergency Plan as a mechanism to help Darebin achieve net zero emissions by 2030, taking into consideration other options such as replacing some fleet vehicles with electric bicycles, and electric bicycle share schemes for the community.

LOST

For: Cr's Dimitriadis, Laurence, Greco and Williams (4)

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

Abstained: Cr. Messina (1)

The amendment was put and lost.

Cr. McCarthy proposed the following amendment which was accepted by the mover and seconder and became the motion as follows:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Newton

SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That Council

- (1) Notes the success of the electric bicycle subsidy program in Denver, Colorado.
- (2) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 a trial of a similar program for Darebin residents, **particularly those with disabilities and low incomes**, including consideration of electric bicycle subsidies, and bulk buys and options for electric bicycle hire/trials through libraries.
- (3) Refers this motion for consideration to the Climate Emergency Plan as a mechanism to help Darebin achieve net zero emissions by 2030, taking into consideration other options such as replacing some fleet vehicles with electric bicycles, and electric bicycle share schemes for the community.

Motion

MINUTE NO. 23-015

MOVED: Cr. S Newton

SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That Council

- (1) Notes the success of the electric bicycle subsidy program in Denver, Colorado.
- (2) Refers for consideration to the budget process for 2023/2024 a trial of a similar program for Darebin residents, particularly those with disabilities and low incomes, including consideration of electric bicycle subsidies, and bulk buys and options for electric bicycle hire/trials through libraries.
- (3) Refers this motion for consideration to the Climate Emergency Plan as a mechanism to help Darebin achieve net zero emissions by 2030, taking into consideration other

options such as replacing some fleet vehicles with electric bicycles, and electric bicycle share schemes for the community.

LOST

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

Against: Cr's Laurence, Messina and Greco (3)

Abstained: Cr's Dimitriadis and Williams (2)

8.45pm – The meeting was adjourned.

8.50pm – The meeting resumed

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-016

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

8.57pm - That Council extend the meeting by 30minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.58pm - Cr. Laurence left the Meeting

9.00pm - Cr. Laurence returned to the Meeting

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO MOVE ITEMS EN BLOC

Recommendation

That Council move the following items en bloc:

- a) Item 9.2 Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020-24 - Outcomes Report 2021-22.
- b) Item 9.4 Annual Report on the 30 year Partnership with the Inner North Community Foundation, IntoWork, Darebin City Council, Merri-bek City Council and Yarra City Council.
- c) Item 9.7 Declaration of a Special Charge: Solar Saver Residential (Batch 3).
- d) Item 9.10 Contract Award – CT20238 Infrastructure & Backup Services.
- e) Item 9.11 Contract Award CT202249 - Management and Operations of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-017

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

That Council move the following items en bloc:

- a) Item 9.2 Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020-24 - Outcomes Report 2021-22.
- b) Item 9.4 Annual Report on the 30 year Partnership with the Inner North Community Foundation, IntoWork, Darebin City Council, Merri-bek City Council and Yarra City Council.
- c) Item 9.7 Declaration of a Special Charge: Solar Saver Residential (Batch 3).
- d) Item 9.10 Contract Award – CT20238 Infrastructure & Backup Services.
- e) Item 9.11 Contract Award CT202249 - Management and Operations of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.1 LXP KEON PARK - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider feedback from community regarding Council's draft Urban Design Guidelines ("the Guidelines" – refer **Appendix A**) for the Keon Park Level Crossing removal and to consider finalising and adopting the Guidelines. The Guidelines are an advocacy document that have been and will be used to influence the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXP) at Keon Park.

Council's advocacy in regard to the Keon Park Level Crossing removal has already resulted in improvements to the State Government's plans. Of note is that the LXP announced the acquisition of land at 61 Johnson Street to enable a direct accessway from the station to Johnson Street to be delivered, resulting in a more integrated station precinct.

Engagement was undertaken from 1 to 30 September 2022. A summary of engagement activities is included in the paper. There were 26 responses to the survey received, and two attendees to the face-to-face drop in session.

Broadly, the outcomes of the engagement process show a high level of support for the key advocacy statements as outlined in the Guidelines (refer to **Appendix B**). There were no advocacy statements that were not supported by the majority of respondents; however, some received greater support than others. In addition to survey responses, 14 open form comments were received. Responses to these comments are included in **Appendix C**.

Given this high level of support, only one minor change is suggested to the guidelines in response to community engagement. This report recommends Council endorse the Guidelines to inform ongoing advocacy to the LXP and thank the community for their feedback.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Keon Park Design Guidelines (Appendix A) to guide Council's ongoing advocacy to the LXP.
- (2) Thanks the community for their feedback on Council's draft Keon Park Design Guidelines.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING**Council Resolution**

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

9.27pm -That Council extend the meeting by 30minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) **Notes that on the 2 December 2022 the LXRP released final designs for Keon Park Station.**
- (2) **Writes to the responsible Minister(s) requesting:**
 - a) **Details on specific support that will be provided to local business as a result of disruption during the construction period.**
 - b) **The provision of direct platform access north of Keon Parade in addition to the planned concourse entries included in the final design plans to ensure the safety of pedestrian commuters using the northern carpark.**
- (3) Endorses the Keon Park Design Guidelines (Appendix A) to guide Council's ongoing advocacy to the LXRP.
- (4) Thanks the community for their feedback on Council's draft Keon Park Design Guidelines.

Cr. Messina proposed the following amendment which was accepted by the mover and seconder and became the motion as follows:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that on the 2 December 2022 the LXRP released final designs for Keon Park Station.
- (2) Writes to the responsible Minister(s) requesting:
 - a) Details on specific support that will be provided to local business as a result of disruption during the construction period.
 - b) The provision of direct platform access north of Keon Parade in addition to the planned concourse entries included in the final design plans to ensure the safety of pedestrian commuters using the northern carpark.
 - c) **Writes to the LXRP seeking increased standards for graffiti management, including rapid removal, at rail and station infrastructure at both Keon Park and Reservoir Stations and other stations.**
- (3) Endorses the Keon Park Design Guidelines (Appendix A) to guide Council's ongoing advocacy to the LXRP.
- (4) Thanks the community for their feedback on Council's draft Keon Park Design Guidelines.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-018

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that on the 2 December 2022 the LXRP released final designs for Keon Park Station.
- (2) Writes to the responsible Minister(s) requesting:
 - a) Details on specific support that will be provided to local business as a result of disruption during the construction period.
 - b) The provision of direct platform access north of Keon Parade in addition to the planned concourse entries included in the final design plans to ensure the safety of pedestrian commuters using the northern carpark.
 - c) Writes to the LXRP seeking increased standards for graffiti management, including rapid removal, at rail and station infrastructure at both Keon Park and Reservoir Stations and other stations.
- (3) Endorses the Keon Park Design Guidelines (Appendix A) to guide Council's ongoing advocacy to the LXRP.
- (4) Thanks the community for their feedback on Council's draft Keon Park Design Guidelines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9.2 DAREBIN LIBRARIES AND LEARNING STRATEGY 2020-24
- OUTCOMES REPORT 2021-22**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020-24* (Strategy) directs the focus of Darebin Libraries services, programs, technology and spaces over the life of the Strategy. Annual action plans bring the Strategy to life operationally, delivering on community priorities and responding to emerging issues and community feedback.

This is the second annual report on the Strategy's progress and outcomes, addressing the 2021-22 action plan.

The impacts of temporary branch closures and changes to the way the community engage with and connect in public spaces is reflected in Darebin Libraries 2021-22 statistics.

Throughout the pandemic, Darebin Libraries' commitment to COVID safety has been exemplary, particularly as our community transitioned into the living with COVID phase in early 2022. The achievements articulated in the *Outcomes 2021-22* report (**Appendix A**) are considerable within the context of a very challenging year.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-019**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence**

That Council notes the Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020-24 Outcomes 2021-22 report (**Appendix A**).

**CARRIED
REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-017**

**9.3 2022/23 Q2 PERFORMANCE REPORT (NON-FINANCIAL)
ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by the Local Government Act 2020 to prepare a Council Plan Action Plan containing the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives, and indicators to monitor the achievements of those objectives.

The 2022/23 Quarter Two Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report (**Appendix A**) provides an overview of Council's performance in delivering the year two actions that will contribute to the completion of the four-year strategic actions in the Council Plan 2021-25. Also included in this report is a high-level progress update for the Capital Works program and a status update of Council resolutions.

Overall, the quarter two results indicate that the organisation is progressing well to achieve the majority of the year two actions, however some risk has been identified that may affect deliverability of the full 2022/23 Council Plan Action Plan. Quarter three will provide a clear picture of Council Plan Action Plan deliverability.

Annual budget for the 2022/23 Capital Works Program is approximately \$66.2M consisting of 30 programs of works (141 individual projects) and 18 stand-alone projects. As of 31 December 2022, 25 individual projects had reached practical completion, six had been discontinued and the remaining were in progress or were yet to commence.

For quarter two, 42 resolutions were made through Council and Planning Committee meetings, 18 (43%) have been completed and 24 (57%) are in progress. Due to the complexity of some of the resolutions, they may span multiple years and can be superseded or updated as the initiatives progress.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-020

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

That Council notes the 2022-23 Q2 Performance Report 2022-23 including Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report at **Appendix A**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE 30 YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INNER NORTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INTOWORK, DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL, MERRI-BEK CITY COUNCIL AND YARRA CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2021, Darebin City Council executed a 30 year partnership agreement with the Inner North Community Foundation, IntoWork, Yarra City Council and Merri-bek City Council. Darebin, Merri-bek and Yarra City Councils collectively relinquished their control of Into Work in exchange for a 30 year financial contribution to the Inner North Community Foundation to deliver outcomes across the inner north in the spirit of that which was intended upon the establishment of the Inner North Training Group (IntoWork) in 1983.

Throughout the course of the 30 year partnership, Into Work agreed to provide the Inner North Community Foundation with an annual contribution of \$233,00 per annum (\$200k to the corpus per year plus an additional contribution of \$800k to the corpus over the life of the agreement) and operational funding for core staffing costs valued at \$168,757 + Federal CPI (as agreed by both parties on an annual basis) each year for the next 30 years.

2021/22 is the first financial year following the execution of the Partnership Agreement and the first year in which the Inner North Community Foundation has provided a report to Council to provide an overview of the outcomes delivered through the partnership.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-021

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the community outcomes reported by the Inner North Community Foundation for year 1 of the 30 year partnership established between Darebin City Council, Merri-bek City Council, Yarra City Council, IntoWork and the Inner North Community Foundation.
- (2) Thanks the Inner North Community Foundation for their work to support the Darebin community and the broader inner north community
- (3) Notes that Council will support the Inner North Community Foundation in 2023 by promoting grant funding opportunities relating to the 'Pathways to Employment Fund' across the Darebin community.
- (4) Notes that the year 2 report from the Inner North Community Foundation for 2022/23 will be provided to Council within 6 months of the end of financial year and reported to Council at a meeting following receipt.
- (5) Delegates the CEO to lead recruitment in partnership with the Foundation to appoint an appropriately skilled community member to the Foundation as Darebin City Council's member.

CARRIED
REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-017

9.5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW - PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUIREMENT AND SECTION 223 OF 1989 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report includes the review of Darebin's Community Engagement Policy, particularly with regard to the collection of personal information and the guidance to replace the provisions under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

In light of recent cyber-attacks, the demonstrated barrier to participation and the privacy law implications, it is recommended that Darebin Council removes the requirement for community engagement participants to provide their name, email/postal address and postcode in order to participate in all forms of engagement, and instead only collect postcode as part of the demographic information usually collected. It is recommended that Council adopts the revised Policy as attached as Appendix A. It is also recommended that Darebin Council adopts new guidance for all engagement processes that no longer require section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the changes to the policy to allow participants involved in community engagement to provide their name/email/postal address as optional only and removes the mandatory requirement for these details to be collected.
- (2) Requires participants to provide only postcodes, and the demographic information usually collected.
- (3) Notes that the changes to the policy regarding the collection of personal information align to the Community Engagement Policy as it was presented to Council for adoption in February 2021, informed by the community engagement undertaken late 2020 to early 2021.
- (4) Adopts the new guidance for all engagement processes that no longer require section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (5) Adopts the revised Darebin Community Engagement Policy (**Appendix A**).

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the changes to the policy to allow participants involved in community engagement to provide their name/email/postal address as optional only ~~and removes the mandatory requirement for these details to be collected.~~
- (2) Requires participants to provide only postcodes, and the demographic information usually collected.

- (3) Notes that the changes to the policy regarding the collection of personal information align to the Community Engagement Policy as it was presented to Council for adoption in February 2021, informed by the community engagement undertaken late 2020 to early 2021.
- (4) Adopts the new guidance for all engagement processes that no longer require section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (5) Adopts the revised Darebin Community Engagement Policy (**Appendix A**).

Cr. Rennie proposed the following amendment.

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

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the changes to the policy to allow participants involved in community engagement to provide their name/email/postal address as optional only.
- (2) Requires participants to provide only postcodes, and the demographic information usually collected.
- (3) Notes that the changes to the policy regarding the collection of personal information align to the Community Engagement Policy as it was presented to Council for adoption in February 2021, informed by the community engagement undertaken late 2020 to early 2021.
- (4) Adopts the new guidance for all engagement processes that no longer require section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (5) Adopts the revised Darebin Community Engagement Policy (**Appendix A**).
- (6) **Communicates this decision to the Darebin community and proactively informs people that they can participate in consultations without leaving personal details other than postcode and demographic information as per above.**

LOST

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

Against: Cr's Dimitriadis, Laurence, Messina and Greco (4)

Abstained: Cr. Williams (1)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-022

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the changes to the policy to allow participants involved in community engagement to provide their name/email/postal address as optional only.

- (2) Requires participants to provide only postcodes, and the demographic information usually collected.
- (3) Notes that the changes to the policy regarding the collection of personal information align to the Community Engagement Policy as it was presented to Council for adoption in February 2021, informed by the community engagement undertaken late 2020 to early 2021.
- (4) Adopts the new guidance for all engagement processes that no longer require section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (5) Adopts the revised Darebin Community Engagement Policy (**Appendix A**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 COUNCILLOR MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillors engage with the media and/or social media in performing their role as elected representatives, as such a framework has been established to assist any interactions with media or when interacting via social media platforms.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that the Mayor and Councillors assist the City of Darebin to successfully manage its media relations, and in turn support reputation management.

The policy outlines appropriate activities in relation to the Mayor and Councillors' engagement with media and/or social media, consistent with their obligations under the Standards of Conduct. The policy also outlines the role of the Communications, Engagement and Customer Experience Department, which is responsible for media relations and reputation management activities on behalf of the City of Darebin.

The Councillor Media and Social Media Policy has recently been amended to ensure legislative requirements and the standards of conduct required of Councillors are continually met.

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts and commits to the Councillor Media & Social Media Policy attached at **Appendix A** of this report.

Adjusted Officer Recommendation
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That Council adopts and commits to the Councillor Media & Social Media Policy attached at **Appendix A** of this report, **with the following changes:**

- (1) Replace the wording Universal Charter of Human Rights with **Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 in the Principles section at point 7 of the Policy.**
 - (2) **In the key accountabilities – media section, change the CEO accountabilities to read “CEO - Provides guidance on the development of media responses, in consultation with the Mayor and has ultimate accountability for media responses. Where media issues relate to administrative, operational or staff performance issues, the CEO or delegated Officers will respond.”**
 - (3) **In the key accountabilities – social media section, change the CEO accountabilities to read “CEO - Provides guidance on the development of social media plans and has ultimate accountability for social media. The Mayor will be briefed on upcoming social media campaigns.”**
 - (4) **In Media and Social Media contact in Emergency Situations Section, add the following sentence at the end of existing wording to state – “the Mayor will be briefed and consulted as appropriate”.**
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Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-023

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

- (1) Replace the wording Universal Charter of Human Rights with Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 in the Principles section at point 7 of the Policy.
- (2) In the key accountabilities – media section, change the CEO accountabilities to read “CEO - Provides guidance on the development of media responses, in consultation with the Mayor and has ultimate accountability for media responses. Where media issues relate to administrative, operational or staff performance issues, the CEO or delegated Officers will respond.”
- (3) In the key accountabilities – social media section, change the CEO accountabilities to read “CEO - Provides guidance on the development of social media plans and has ultimate accountability for social media. The Mayor will be briefed on upcoming social media campaigns.”
- (4) In Media and Social Media contact in Emergency Situations Section, add the following sentence at the end of existing wording to state – “the Mayor will be briefed and consulted as appropriate”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 DECLARATION OF A SPECIAL CHARGE: SOLAR SAVER RESIDENTIAL (BATCH 3)

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 3, including 23 installations, adding 113.88kW of solar capacity to Darebin.

The value of the proposed Special Charge scheme is \$156,583.38 excl. GST. This price is calculated pre-rebate, but after STC claim and excl. GST. (The gross amount, pre-rebate, pre-STC and incl. GST is \$216,591.52).

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems at properties as listed in Appendix A. Council will be repaid these costs, as detailed in confidential Appendix B. Around 30-40% of the gross cost is returned to Council at the point that works are invoiced for the STCs generated by the solar systems. Most participants are eligible for state government rebates and this will reduce the upfront cost to Council and the amount of the Special Charge that would be raised. This is estimated to be \$32,200.00 incl. GST.

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 residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme. No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-024

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

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 \$156,583.38; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$156,583.38, 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 \$156,583.38 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
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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
REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-017

9.8 PROPERTY MATTERS FEBRUARY 2023

9.51pm – Mayor Williams declared a general conflict of interest in reference to Item 9.8 Property Matters February 2023, due to her personal residence being in close proximity to one of the properties listed within the report, and left the meeting.

9.51pm – Cr Laurence declared a material and general conflict of interest in relation to Item 9.8 Property Matters February 2023, in relation to family residential amenity and personal residential amenity being in close proximity to one of the properties listed within the report, and left the meeting.

Cr. Newton, Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to:

- 1) The completion of the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of the discontinued road adjoining 107 Keon Parade and 76 Arundel Avenue, Reservoir, shown as Lot 8 on Title Plan TP853006R in **Appendix A**. This report further recommends that the land from the discontinued road be sold to the owners of 107 Keon Parade, Reservoir who have agreed in principle to purchase the land for \$18,315.00 (incl GST). No submissions were received following notice being given of the proposed sale.
- 2) The completion of the statutory procedures for the proposed sale of the discontinued road adjoining 3 Oakhill Avenue and 2-4 Joffre Street, Reservoir shown as Lot 5 on Title Plan TP018465R **Appendix B**. This report further recommends that Lot 5, being the land from the discontinued road be sold to the owner of the adjoining property at 3 Oakhill Avenue, Reservoir who have agreed in principle to purchase the land for \$26,730.00 (incl GST). No submissions were received following notice being given of the proposed sale.
- 3) Commencement of the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 to discontinue and sell two 3.05m wide roads and a 0.17 to 0.30m wide reserve (revenge strip) at the rear of 34 to 54 May Street and 29 to 47 Bayliss Street and adjoining 2 Clara Street, Preston shown hatched, cross-hatched and stippled in Figure 1 in **Appendix C** and section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 to sell Lots 2, 13, 14, 18, 22 and 23 for an overall value of \$135,920.00 (less costs).

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-025

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

Item 1: Sale of discontinued road adjoining 107 Keon Parade and 76 Arundel Avenue, Reservoir

That Council:

Having given notice of intention under section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 to sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining 107 Keon Parade and 76 Arundel Avenue, Reservoir, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and shown as Lot 8 on Title Plan TP853006R in **Appendix A** and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal:

- (1) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owner of the adjoining property

at 107 Keon Parade, Reservoir, in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022.

- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or any such other person as the Chief Executive Officer approves, to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land.
- (3) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or any such other person as the Chief Executive Officer approves, to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

Item 2: Sale of discontinued road adjoining 3 Oakhill Avenue and 2-4 Joffre Street, Reservoir

That Council:

Having given notice of intention under section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 to sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining 3 Oakhill Avenue and 2-4 Joffre Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix B** and shown as Lot 5 on Title Plan TP018465R in **Appendix B** and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal:

- (1) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the owner of the adjoining property at 3 Oakhill Avenue, Reservoir, in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or any such other person as the Chief Executive Officer approves, to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land.
- (3) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or any such other person as the Chief Executive Officer approves, to undertake all actions required to transfer to Council any land not sold.

Item 3: Discontinuance and sale of two roads and a reserve at the rear of 34 to 54 May Street and 29 to 47 Bayliss Street and adjoining 2 Clara Street, Preston

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 to discontinue and sell two 3.05m wide roads and a 0.17 to 0.30m wide reserve (revenge strip) at the rear of 34 to 54 May Street and 29 to 47 Bayliss Street and adjoining 2 Clara Street, Preston, shown hatched, cross-hatched and stippled in Figure 1 in **Appendix C** and section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 to sell the land from the roads and reserve;
- (2) Gives public notice under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website of the intention to discontinue the roads and reserve and sell the land to the adjoining property owners by private treaty in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Assets Policy May 2022.
- (3) As part of its community engagement process, Council invites both written and verbal submissions on the proposed sale and deal with any submissions received in line with the principles set out in section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.
- (4) That any submissions be considered by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee at a meeting to be held at the next available Council meeting, following the closure of submissions.
- (5) If no submissions are received, a further report be presented to the Chief Executive Officer for a decision under delegation to consider completion of the statutory procedures for the discontinuance and sale of the roads and reserve to the owners of the adjoining properties and sign all necessary documentation for the sale of the land

in accordance with Council policy. A Governance Report will be presented to Council to report on the Chief Executive Officer's decision.

- (6) Note that procedures will be undertaken pursuant to part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and sections 24A and 35(8) of the *Subdivision Act 1988* to vest the reserve in Council, remove (discontinue) reserve status from the reserve and subdivide the land from the reserve and discontinued road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.54pm - Cr Laurence returned to the meeting.

9.54pm - Mayor, Cr Williams returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

9.9 GOVERNANCE REPORT (FEBRUARY 2023)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The matters covered under the Governance Report for the month of February 2023 are:

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors;
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors;
- AICD Company Directors Course – Cr Hannan and Cr Messina;
- Certificate in Governance Risk Management – Cr Messina;
- Quarterly Councillor Expenses report (1 October to 21 December 2022);
- Quarterly Freedom of Information (FOI) statistics (1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022);
- Confidential Council resolutions made public (January 2023);
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Summary Minutes (12 December 2022);
- Bi-annual CEO Credit Card transactions report (1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022)
- Proposal to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.00pm for the purpose of considering submissions to inform the 2023-24 draft Council budget
- Review of the 10 Year Financial Plan adopted in June 2021.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-026

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – February 2023
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes that in accordance with clause 14.10 of the Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy, the Chief Executive Officer has approved Cr Tom Hannan and Cr Lina Messina to attend the AICD Company Directors Course in May/June 2023 and that the cost of this training will be covered by MAV training credit points.
- (5) Notes that in accordance with clause 14.10 of the Councillor Support and Expenditure Policy, the Chief Executive Officer has approved for Cr Lina Messina to undertake the Certificate in Governance Risk Management commencing March 2023 for a total cost of \$9,480 with the expenditure attributed as follows:
 - a. \$7,000 attributed from the 2022/23 training allowance for Cr Messina
 - b. \$2,480 attributed from the 2023/24 training allowance for Cr Messina.

- (6) Notes the Councillor Expenses report for the quarter from 1 October to 21 December 2022, at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (7) Notes the FOI statistics for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.
- (8) Notes that future FOI statistics will be provided to Council on a quarterly basis.
- (9) Notes the number of confidential council resolutions that have been made public for the month of January 2023.
- (10) Notes that the number of confidential council resolutions that have been made public will be provided to Council on a monthly basis.
- (11) Notes the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Summary Minutes at **Appendix C** to this Report.
- (12) Notes that there have been no CEO Credit Card transactions for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.
- (13) Authorise the extension of the interim Independent Chair of the CEO Employment Matters Committee, Joe Carbone, until such time as Council appoints an Independent Member following a recruitment process
- (14) Resolves to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee on Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, 350 High Street, Preston, for the purpose of considering submissions to inform the 2023-24 draft Council budget.
- (15) Notes that the 10 Year Financial Plan adopted in June 2021 requires review in light of the current economic climate and a further report will be presented to Council at its March 2023 meeting detailing the approach to its review and engagement with the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS – 27 February 2023

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS, MAYOR

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

- 2 x Special Audit & Risk Committee meeting
- Media Training & Public Speaking course
- Metropolitan Transport Forum
- 4 x Councillor briefings
- 4 x Councillor only meetings
- 2 x Monthly Council meeting
- Aborigines Advancement League - catchup
- Mourning the Past, Uniting the Future
- Fuse team meeting
- Luna New Year Festival
- EA weekly catchup
- Regular meetings with CEO

- Regular meetings with CE Office Staff
- 2 x M9 Mayors & CEO's meeting
- Preston Market photo shoot
- Midsumma Festival Pride March
- Veronica Gardens Retirement Living/Council officers meeting
- Filming for Social Media Fuse Festival
- Filming for Social Media Budget
- Filming for Social Media NARC
- Arts Team meeting – indigenous arts
- 2 x John Nugent (local resident) meeting
- Brian Sanaghan meeting
- Anastasia meeting
- Northcote Golf Course on site meeting with golfers
- Northcote Golf Course on site visit the changes
- Northcote Cricket Club meeting
- MP Kat Theophanous meeting & Golf Australia
- Rainbow Cup Golf Day
- Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generation
- Mayoral Event – initial discussion meeting
- Commissioning of the Reverend Jonathan Jackson (All Saints Anglican Church)
- MP Nathan Lambert/CEO monthly meeting
- Reservoir Suburban Revitalisation Board – discussion & introduction
- Darebin Community Awards Selection Committee meeting
- Islamic Museum of Australia – Annual Gala Ball
- Full day Budget Review Workshop
- Mayoral Planning issues briefing
- Council meeting & Council Briefing Agendas meeting
- Planning committee
- Welcoming Cities Vic gathering event
- Interfaith Advisory Committee meeting
- Running Sheet briefing meeting
- Preston Station Opening Community event

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended Council briefings
- Attended Councillor-only meetings
- Attended official Council meeting
- Attended meeting regarding CEO's KPIs
- Attended one-on-one meeting with CEO
- Attended weekend budget meeting
- Attended 15th Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generation event
- Attended briefing on Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee with officers
- Attended Fairfield Ela Rose site inspection
- Attended Mourning the Past, Uniting the Future – A Day of Healing for Aboriginal Women and Allies event at the Aborigines Advancement League
- Attended meeting with Jones street residents regarding safety of streets
- Attended Midsumma carnival and Pride Marc
- Attended Greek-English Story Time at Preston Library
- Attended Rhyme Time at Fairfield Library
- Attended the new Preston and Bell Train Station celebration
- Attended Yes to Voice event at Penders Park Thornbury with Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney MP and Jill Gallagher AO

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Councillor Briefings
- Special Council Meetings
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Meeting with CEO
- Preston Market a photo shoot
- Mayoral Task Force for people seeking asylum workshop
- Meeting with ELT member
- Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generation
- Preston Station opening
- CEO Employee Matters Committee

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, e.g. parking, anti-social behaviour, Bill Lawry Oval, building works, road safety, graffiti, waste collection, activity centre amenity, Preston Market.
- Commissioning of Reverend Jonathan Jackson at Priest in Charge of the Anglican Parish of South Darebin
- Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations
- Darebin Falcons Community Fun Day
- Councillors meeting re: setting CEO KPIs
- Budget workshop
- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council ordinary meeting
- Special Council meetings in January 2023

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Weekly Councillor meeting
- Preston Station opening - community event
- Organic free Food event Tyler St Preston
- Consultation with users re issues at Reservoir Leisure Centre
- Meeting with social housing tenant facing forced eviction and maintenance issues in Plenty Rd
- Consultation with Nathan Lambert MP regarding social housing tenant facing forced eviction and maintenance issues in Plenty Rd
- Consultation with GED Kearney's Office regarding social housing tenant facing forced eviction and maintenance issues in Plenty Rd
- Consultation with GED Kearney's Office regarding social housing tenant resident facing forced eviction from St George's Motor Inn
- Meeting with resident facing forced eviction from St George's Motor Inn
- Consultation with police regarding tenants rights at St George's Motor Inn
- Consultation with GED Kearney's Office regarding social housing tenant resident facing forced eviction from Bell St Motel
- Meeting with resident facing forced eviction from Bell St Motel
- Attended phone meeting with Haven Home Safe regarding forced removal of tenant at St George's Motor Inn following defunding of emergency housing

- Attended Haven Home Safe Offices in Preston regard transfer of tenant and their belongings to Bell St Motel
- Consultation with Mayor and councillors regarding social housing tenant resident facing forced eviction from Bell St Motel
- Consultation with SpringThorpe Retirement housing regarding bin collection issue
- Consultation with Indian community regarding future event in Darebin
- Consultation with resident regarding delayed speed humps in Darebin Boulevard Reservoir
- Consultation with residents regarding foot bridge progress on Darebin Creek near Gronn Street Reservoir
- Visit to Alphington Food Market with Mayor, councillor Dimitriadis
- Visit to asbestos contamination site in Alphington with Mayor and Councillor Dimitriadis
- Attended Treaty community forum held by Victorian Indigenous Assembly in Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre
- Consultation with Gertz Avenue Reservoir traders
- Consultation with local Sikh and Hindu community leaders after anti-Sikh and Anti-Hindu actions in Melbourne (including next door in the city of Whittlesea) and in the Australian media
- Consultation and site visit at Donath Reserve East Oval Keon Park regarding building maintenance and future needs of diverse clubs
- Site visit and consultation with residents regarding concreted sections of Edgars Creek
- Consultation with council officers regarding closed and missing toilets between Northlands and Bundoora Park adjacent to Darebin Creek trail
- Consultation with Nepalese sports team using Darebin facilities
- Consultation with Fijian sports team using Darebin facilities
- Planning meeting
- Weekly Councillor briefing session
- Budget Review workshop
- Attended new exhibition Bundoora Homestead

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Preston Station Community Event
- Climate Emergency Australia Board Meeting
- Councillor Briefings
- Darebin Falcons Community Fun Day
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Merri Merri Wayi Kick Off Meeting
- Protect Preston Market Photo Shoot with other Councillors

- CEO/Councillor Only Meeting
- Budget Review Workshop
- Gladstone Avenue Trees Meetings
- Meetings with Council Officers

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

Cr. Messina did not submit a report

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) board meeting
- Weekly meetings with CEO Peter Smith and Mayor Julie Williams
- Preston Station opening - community event
- Friends of Baucau annual planning meeting
- Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Taskforce meeting
- Meeting with resident Matt Cowgill about active transport
- Weekly Councillor briefing sessions
- Budget Review workshop
- Islamic Museum of Australia Annual Gala
- Speech made at the Commissioning of the Reverend Jonathan Jackson at Priest in Charge of the Anglican Parish of South Darebin
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with Emilio Ricciuti, owner of Ela Rose Dance Studio about planning application
- Anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generations
- Darebin Falcons VFLW Community Fun Day
- Meeting with Local Laws team about Local Laws review
- Councillor meeting about CEO's KPIs
- Williamson Community Leadership Program retreat in Marysville

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Council Meeting
- Council briefings
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- LXRA level crossing open day
- Planning committee meeting
- Meeting re Local Lawes review
- Treaty Assembly forum
- AICD forum on Voice and the Uluru Statement
- Budget workshop
- Meetings and emails with residents
- Preston market phot shoot
- Midsumma Pride March
- Hands on Health event at the AAL
- Special Council meetings x 2
- Councillor walk through Ella Rose studio
- Meeting with CEO
- Meeting regarding CEO KPIs
- Discussions with MAV delegates and candidates

9.10 CONTRACT AWARD – CT20238 INFRASTRUCTURE & BACKUP SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Information Services Department has recently completed a Request for Tender (RFT) for the provision of a range of IT related services including the provision of:

- Infrastructure as a Service;
- Data Protection as a Service; and
- Disaster Recovery as a Service.

This report seeks Council endorsement to enter into a three-year contract, with an optional two additional years for the provision of the above services.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

(1) Awards Contract CT20238 for the provision of Infrastructure as a Service, Data Protection as a Service and Disaster Recovery as a Service to _____ for the initial period of three years and optional two additional years, to be agreed annually.

(2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

(3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to review and approval contract extension terms of two (2) x one (1) year options based on satisfactory performance.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-027

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

That Council:

(1) Awards Contract CT20238 for the provision of Infrastructure as a Service, Data Protection as a Service and Disaster Recovery as a Service to Logicalis Australia Pty Ltd for the initial period of three years and optional two additional years, to be agreed annually.

(2) Awards the contract sum of \$1,965,364 GST inclusive, which includes \$1,248,896 for the initial period of three years and optional two additional years at \$358,234 per year, to be agreed annually.

(3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.

(4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to review and approval contract extension terms of two (2) x one (1) year options based on satisfactory performance.

CARRIED
REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-017

9.11 CONTRACT AWARD CT202249 - MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF NORTHCOTE AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is seeking to appoint a qualified and experienced contractor/service provider to provide contract management for the operational services of the new Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC). With construction well underway, the new facility is due to open mid-late 2023.

The scope of management includes:

- Establishment planning for the re-opening of NARC.
- The management and operation of the facility and provision of services in accordance with contract documents, best practice, Council's vision, and current and future policies and initiatives.
- The management, marketing and delivery of programs, services, activities, events and other offerings at the facility.
- Maximising community participation through programs and services that are inclusive, accessible, affordable, safe and of high quality to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the Darebin community.
- Achievement of the service aims and objectives including sustainable environmental and local employment outcomes as detailed in the contract documentation.

The proposed contract arrangement is from 20 March 2023 to 30 June 2026, a period of just over three and one-quarter years with two options for further two-year extensions.

Council's procurement process has been adhered to, with guidance from the Procurement Team and an independent (external) Probity Advisor, who were appointed to the Evaluation Panel as a non-scoring member. Tender and contract documentation were reviewed by the Probity Advisor and Council's legal team. Reporting mechanisms are aligned with Council's participation, equity, access and inclusion, and social and sustainable procurement goals and policies. To support the process, internal teams across Council were consulted including Equity and Wellbeing, Risk, Facility Management, Finance, Legal and Integrity, Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport.

The process has been competitive, with four (4) submissions received. An extremely diligent and thorough assessment process has taken place, adhering to probity principles, Council's procurement policy and Best Value principles.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT202249 for the Management and Operations of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre to _____ for the Guaranteed Net Result of _____ (GST inclusive). This is the total contract sum for the initial three and a one-quarter years contract period.
- (2) Approves the contract term from 20 March 2023–30 June 2026, with the contract to have provision for a further two (2), two-year options.

- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute any contract extension options.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 23-028

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

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT202249 for the Management and Operations of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre to Clublinks Management Pty Ltd for the Guaranteed Net Result of \$2,472,541 (GST inclusive). This is the total contract sum for the initial three and a one-quarter years contract period.
- (2) Approves the contract term from 20 March 2023–30 June 2026, with the contract to have provision for a further two (2), two-year options.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute any contract extension options.

CARRIED
REFER TO MINUTE NO. 23-017

10. ITEMS TO BE TABLED

10.1 TABLING OF A RECENT ARBITER'S DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS

That in accordance with section 147(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Arbitrator's decision and statement of reasons on the matter of an application by Councillor Newton concerning Councillor Laurence (**Appendix A**) is tabled and to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Attachments

- Final Determination IAP 2022-22 (**Appendix A**) 

INTERNAL ARBITRATION PROCESS – DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL

In the matter of an application by Councillor Susanne Newton concerning
Councillor Tim Laurence

**HEARING PURSUANT TO DIVISION 5 OF PART 6 OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020**

Application number: IAP 2022-22
Applicant: Councillor Susanne Newton
Respondent: Councillor Tim
Laurence Date of Hearing: 7 November
2022 Arbiter: Noel Harvey OAM

DETERMINATION

- 1) The Arbiter has determined that the respondent, Cr. Tim Laurence, has breached the prescribed standards of conduct set out in Schedule 1 to the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020 (the Standards of Conduct) in relation to allegations 5 and 10 and has made a finding of misconduct in respect of these breaches.
- 2) The Arbiter has determined that there has been no breach of the Standards of Conduct by the Respondent (Cr Laurence) in relation to allegations 4, 6, and 9.

As there has been no breach of the prescribed Standards of Conduct, the application in relation to these allegations is dismissed.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Application

1. On 6 July 2022, the applicant applied under section 143 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) for the Arbiter to make a finding of misconduct against the respondent.
2. The Principal Councillor Conduct Registrar examined the application and considered there was sufficient evidence to support an allegation of a breach of the Council's Councillor Code of Conduct and appointed the Arbiter under section 144 and 149 of the Act.

The jurisdiction of the Arbiter in relation to this Application.

3. Section 143 of the Act provides that an Arbiter may hear an Application that alleges misconduct by a Councillor.
4. Pursuant to section 147 of the Act an Arbiter may determine whether or not a Councillor has engaged in misconduct.
5. At the time of the alleged breaches "Misconduct" was defined in section 3 of the Act as "...any breach by a Councillor of the prescribed standards of conduct included in the Councillor Code of Conduct."
6. The prescribed standards of conduct are set out in Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020. (See Attachment 1).
7. These standards are included in the Darebin City Council Councillor Code of Conduct. The Code was adopted and signed by all councillors.

The Hearings.

8. The parties were advised that an online directions hearing would be held 20 October 2022.
9. Following the directions hearing, notice to provide any additional documents and intended witnesses was given and a hearing date was set down for 7 December 2022.
10. No additional documents were submitted, and no witnesses were provided.
11. After hearing submissions from both parties, the Arbiter requested several council documents referred to by the parties from the Council Conduct Officer, the Arbiter then reserved his decision.

Evidence provided.

12. Application IAP 2022-22 contains ten (10) separate allegations of misconduct.
13. Evidence provided in the application included copies of emails, screenshots of social media posts, links to various other media materials etc. submitted by the applicant. No additional evidenced was provided by either party.

14. At the hearing dated 7 December 2022, the Applicant explained that she had spoken with the respondent recently and given the recent changes that had occurred in council and recent discussions with the newly elected mayor all parties within council are keen to see a “reset” of relationships, consequently allegations one, two, three, seven and eight were withdrawn by the applicant.
15. The applicant and the respondent made verbal submissions regarding allegations four, five, six, nine and ten which remained to be heard.
16. During the hearing several council reports and documents were referred to. The Arbiter requested copies of these documents.

Findings of the Arbiter and Reasons

17. **Allegation 4.** The applicant alleged that Cr. Laurence had breached the prescribed standards of conduct included in the Council’s Councillor Code of Conduct (the Standards of Conduct) by posting comments on his Facebook page describing the process of planning for the Reservoir aquatic centre renewal as having grossly manipulated data and reflected institutional racism.
18. The applicant alleged that the publication on social media by Cr. Laurence breached the Standards of Conduct and brought discredit upon the council and reflected unfairly on council staff.
19. In her submission the applicant acknowledged that several reports had been prepared for council in relation to the aquatic centre renewal project and the proposed redevelopment was a contentious issue, particularly in relation to the size of the pool. Council relied on these reports in forming its position in relation to the pools.
20. No additional supporting material was presented to the hearing by the applicant.
21. The respondent argued that his Facebook comments claiming the data used in the council reports was misleading and contained irrelevant statistics to strengthen the argument were justified. He proceeded to use city maps and population data and location of council facilities to support his claim.
22. The respondent believed that drowning figures used in the studies were misleading and of little relevance to the matter being considered by council at the time.
23. Acknowledging that councillors rely heavily on reports provided by consultants and council specialist staff it is reasonable for councillors to disagree and passionately argue their case inside and outside the council chamber.
24. I consider the comments by the respondent to be part of robust public debate and do not reflect badly on any parties involved. No breach of the Standards of Conduct has occurred in the matter.

25. **Allegation 5.** The applicant provided four (4) links to various posts on Cr. Laurence's Facebook page in which Cr. Laurence shares an edited video from an unknown source with slides including the words "DISCRIMINATION" and "PLEASE EXPLAIN CR NEWTON". The applicant claims the video was edited to portray her in a poor light.
26. In the post Cr. Laurence also shares a petition in opposition to discrimination within the council, which he had signed.
27. It appears that the offending posts have since been removed.
28. The applicant alleges the sharing of the edited video and petition brings discredit on the council and fails to treat her with respect.
29. The video posted by the respondent appears to be an edited component of a Darebin City Council meeting.
30. It was not made known to the arbiter who edited the video but on viewing the edited video and the official video, the post was clearly intended to portray the applicant in a negative manner to the public and misrepresented the position of the applicant.
31. The respondent reluctantly agreed that this was the case but argued that unintended racism in the community was such an important issue the posting of the edited video was justified.
32. Councillor Newton argued there were other avenues for Cr. Laurence to raise these issues without making personal, disrespectful, and damaging attacks on social media.
33. I acknowledge the respondent's passionate beliefs regarding unintended racism and sexism in local government, but the public comments on this occasion and the edited video were clearly disrespectful and had the potential to damage the applicant's reputation. The respondent was therefore in breach of the Standards of Conduct.
34. I note the offending posts appear to have been removed.
35. **Allegation 6.** The applicant alleged Cr Laurence had breached the Standards of Conduct and brought discredit on the council by circulating an email addressed to all councillors, the Acting CEO and Mr. John Watson, the Municipal Monitor.
36. A copy of the email was included in the application.
37. The email claims the mayor and other councillors failed to declare their indirect interest in a matter before the council and "has potentially breached the Local Government Act, and sabotaged last night's decision."
38. The applicant alleges the undisclosed conflict of interest claim and use of the word sabotage brings discredit on the council and the respondent had other channels to use if he believed a breach of conflict-of-interest requirements had occurred.
39. Again, no additional information was provided to support this claim, and given that the comments were made on an internal email it is difficult to see how this matter has brought

disrespect on the council.

40. The respondent acknowledged the use of the word sabotage was probably unwise. I share this view. However, I am not satisfied the comments by the respondent brought discredit on the council or any parties involved.
41. **Allegation 9.** The applicant alleges that Cr. Laurence made comments in a local newspaper article that were false, hurtful, and damaging to her personal and professional reputation. A copy of the article was included in the application.
42. In making several comments relating to race and discrimination around the provision of aquatic facilities, the applicant believes the comments made by Cr. Laurence breached the Standards of Conduct by asserting improper motives or personal reflections on councillors, council staff or members of the public.
43. This allegation is similar to allegation 4, with comments being made in the local printed news rather than social media.
44. No additional materials were presented, and Cr Laurence made a similar defence of his position, there was considerable overlap between these claims.
45. Again, I consider the comments by the respondent in the printed media on this occasion, to be part of robust public debate and do not reflect badly on any parties involved. No breach of the Standards of Conduct has occurred in this matter.
46. In generally responding to allegations four, five, six and nine the respondent provided a significant amount of population analysis, data, and mapping to support his claims/statements. The respondent also referred to the experience and situation of nearby, similar municipalities.
47. Cr. Laurence is clearly passionate in support of his multi-cultural community and believes there is an element of underlying, unintended racism and sexism within the council which is also reflected in the reports and data provided to the council.
48. I am not able to form a view either way on this claim, and I am not required to do so. However, I have examined the many documents and reports referred to by both parties and did not observe any evidence of this claim.
49. On several occasions Cr. Laurence acknowledged that if he had his time again, he would probably express himself differently.
50. Some of his concerns are now being addresses by the newly appointed CEO.
51. **Allegation 10.** Relates to an email sent by Cr. Laurence to the CEO on her final day at the City of Darebin. A PDF copy of the email was provided in the application, not the original. It is alleged by the applicant that the email failed to treat the CEO with dignity, fairness, objectivity, and respect and was therefore in breach of the Standards of Conduct.
52. The email was copied to all councillors and the executive management team that reported to the CEO.

53. The email refers to institutional racism on the part of the CEO, censorship, and outdated colonial tactics. The email was widely circulated on the CEO's final day at the City of Darebin including to all members of her executive team.
54. A PDF copy of the email response from the CEO was submitted, and it is evident the CEO was clearly offended by the comments of Cr. Laurence stating they were "highly insulting, inaccurate and personally harmful". The CEO pointed out that his comments were "inappropriate and in direct contravention of the Darebin Councillor Code of Conduct." signed by Cr. Laurence.
55. The respondent acknowledged his error in sending the email and agreed it would have been more appropriate to take his issues up directly with the CEO.
56. In this matter I find the respondent failed to treat the CEO with dignity, fairness, objectivity, and respect and was therefore in breach of the Standards of Conduct.
57. The hearing ended on a conciliatory note, both sides being committed to do things better in the future.

Sanctions.

58. In considering an appropriate penalty I have considered the clearly stated desire by both parties to make a new start and reset the relationships within council and the regret expressed by the respondent regarding the strength of language he has used at various times.
59. In encouraging that desire, I do not believe it would be helpful to impose a penalty in this case but would urge the respondent to make a formal apology to Cr. Newton and the former CEO.

Attachment 1

Schedule 1—Standards of conduct

Regulation 12

1. Treatment of others

A Councillor must, in performing the role of a Councillor, treat other Councillors, members of Council staff, the municipal community and members of the public with dignity, fairness, objectivity, courtesy and respect, including by ensuring that the Councillor—

- (a) takes positive action to eliminate discrimination, sexual harassment and victimisation in accordance with the **Equal Opportunity Act 2010**; and
- (b) supports the Council in fulfilling its obligation to achieve and promote gender equality; and
- (c) does not engage in abusive, obscene or threatening behaviour in their dealings with members of the public, Council staff and Councillors; and
- (d) in considering the diversity of interests and needs of the municipal community, treats all persons with respect and has due regard for their opinions, beliefs, rights and responsibilities.

2. Performing the role of Councillor

A Councillor must, in performing the role of a Councillor, do everything reasonably necessary to ensure that the Councillor performs the role of a Councillor effectively and responsibly, including by ensuring that the Councillor—

- (a) undertakes any training or professional development activities the Council decides it is necessary for all Councillors to undertake in order to effectively perform the role of a Councillor; and
- (b) diligently uses Council processes to become informed about matters which are subject to Council decisions; and
- (c) is fit to conscientiously perform the role of a Councillor when acting in that capacity or purporting to act in that capacity; and
- (d) represents the interests of the municipal community in performing the role of a Councillor by considering and being responsive to the diversity of interests and needs of the municipal community.

3. Compliance with good governance measures

A Councillor, in performing the role of a Councillor, to ensure the good governance of the Council, must diligently and properly comply with the following—

- (a) any policy, practice or protocol developed and implemented by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 46 of the Act for managing interactions between members of Council staff and Councillors.
- (b) the Council expenses policy adopted and maintained by the Council under section 41 of the Act;
- (c) the Governance Rules developed, adopted and kept in force by the Council under section 60 of the Act;
- (d) any directions of the Minister issued under section 175 of the Act.

4. Councillor must not discredit or mislead Council or public

- (1) In performing the role of a Councillor, a Councillor must ensure that their behaviour does not bring discredit upon the Council.
- (2) In performing the role of a Councillor, a Councillor must not deliberately mislead the Council or the public about any matter related to the performance of their public duties.

5. Standards do not limit robust political debate

Nothing in these standards is intended to limit, restrict or detract from robust public debate in a democracy.

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

12. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

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