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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022 AND TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01 PM

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

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Trent McCarthy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

### ***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Shadi Hanna – Acting General Manager Communities

Wendy Mason – Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy

Kathryn Pound – Manager City Development

Brett Grambau – Manager City Works

Vanessa Petrie – Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport

Chris Ryan – Manager Property and Asset Strategy

Matt Doherty – Coordinator Health Protection

Kevin De Leeuw -Senior Transport Engineer

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business

Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer

Michelle Martin – Council Business Officer

Georgina Steele – Council Business Officer

Sudheer Kuthuru – IT Service Desk Officer

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

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

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## 3. APOLOGIES

Nil

## 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Chief Executive Officer declared a general conflict of interest in Item 11.2 – CEO Mid Year Performance Review & CEO Employment Matters Committee Update and Item 11.3 – Contractual Matter.

## 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Officer Recommendation</b>
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**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 31 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-017**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 31 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Ruth Jelley of Northcote**

1. As we enter a new year and new round of budget planning, will Council commit to funding the Streets for People and Octopus Schools programs, as well as an Open Streets Trial, in the upcoming budget?
2. What transport initiatives has the Council sought State or Federal Government funding or support for in this election year, and how does this align to Council's 'climate, green and sustainable' objective?
3. Can Council please confirm what Black Spot funding it is seeking this year?

### Response

1. **We expect to consult with the community on the draft budget in April and would be keen to hear from you.**
2. **Council will consider a draft advocacy strategy at its upcoming meeting in March. This strategy will outline its election advocacy priorities – you may wish to attend next Month's meeting.**

**Over the last year, Council has been advocating for**

- **more funding for pedestrians, safety and cycling improvements,**
  - **much better bus routes and more frequent timetables,**
  - **tram and train improvements including an extension to the route 11 tram, accessible stops and better connections at new stations.**
3. **In the current financial year Council will build three Black Spot funded projects to improve safety. Two are in Preston and one is in Northcote. In regard to applications for funding next year, we understand funding for 2 projects is being considered. We expect to find out if we have been successful in July.**

- **Edward Hore of Preston.**

1. Dundas Street is seen as a residential road, yet we are often seeing large vehicles that do not suit the road and the safety requirements of this style of street. We see many 'mud carters' and semi's using Dundas Street to access New Castle Street in order to bypass the lights on Victoria. We also have many emergency vehicles using Dundas Street to avoid the lights on Bell Street, many of these travel at dangerous speeds, and often without sirens. At this time, I believe that placing lights at the most dangerous intersection on Dundas Street (Dundas and New Castle) , but I want to hear from Council as to what measures they have to fix this? This is coming after a hit'n'run this morning that knocked an 8 year old child off her bike right outside my house, right outside my studio window.

2. I would like to know if the consideration of active transport is undertaken by the transport design area when adding more and more roundabouts to Darebin, and in this consideration if they are going to be taking a lead from other council areas that are providing pedestrian crossings to the roundabouts in order to prioritise people over vehicle interests at these dangerous intersection designs. Will the Darebin Council be looking at improving pedestrian access at ALL roundabouts in the Darebin area?
3. Is the Active Transport area looking at improving pedestrian access to roundabouts within Darebin that are controlled by VicRoads, that is, what steps are being done to ensure the safety of our new world where pedestrian and cycling is starting to replace driving and public transport for short trip and is the a working group that is working within the active transport group on making walking safer especially around roundabouts that are controlled by our state based body?

### **Response**

**Thank you for your question and for sharing your experience and observations with us.**

**They are detailed transport safety questions and one of our transport engineers contact you. We prioritise any urgent safety issues.**

**We will be investigating transport needs and consulting in the Dundas St Area in 2022/23 and we'll look at what solutions there are and consult with community.**

**We make safety and pedestrian improvements every year and we definitely modify roundabouts when it's the best solution. Each year we construct the highest priority changes and over time we are improving pedestrian access.**

**Council regularly advocates to the State Government for better pedestrian, safety and cycling infrastructure. Recently Council has been working directly with the Department of Transport on the Broadway and Boldrewood Pde roundabout.**

#### **• Bill Jennings of Preston West**

- 1) At the recent online hearings for the consultation on the future of the Northcote Public Golf Course, the group whose vision that was mentioned by name on most occasions was the Northcote Community and Golf Hub - even from people who don't play golf. Is there a way we could ascertain how many times the word HUB appeared in the online submissions received by Council in Nov/Dec 2021?
- 2) Can Council confirm if the DELWP was consulted in any way as part of the process into the future shared use of the Northcote Public Golf Course?

### **Response**

- 1) **A summary of the consultation as well as the full verbatim comments have been provided to councillors to assist them with their deliberations. The data provided to councillors considers all the submissions holistically and thematically. Councillors have been advised and are aware of the relative support for each of the various options proposed by members of the community – including those who support the proposition of the Northcote Community & Golf Hub. The feedback analysis stage**



has concluded so Council's efforts are now focussed on consideration of the feedback and options before a decision can be made.

- 2) Various agencies including DELWP have been consulted as part of this project. However, as Council is yet to make a decision on the future of the site, consultation with external agencies is in its very early stages.
- **Kate Jost, Elizabeth Hall, Jay Schultz and Teresa Aquino all of Reservoir asked the follow question.**

Will Council review and implement the recommendations made by Friends of Edwardes Lake and Friends of Merri Creek for the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2022 – 2025 (DAMP) to protect biodiversity and the pets of Darebin including the 24-hour cat curfew and protection of sensitive creek areas?

### **Response**

**This matter will be considered at tonight's council meeting and I'll take these questions as comments. An officer will make contact with you to let you know the outcome of Council's decision.**

- **Shau Teo of Reservoir & Joy Elizabeth Boyd of Reservoir both asked the following question.**

Will Darebin Council review and adopt the recommendations from Friends of Edwardes Lake and Friends of Merri Creek in its 2022 DAMP (domestic animal management plan) including strict cat control measures and the protection of environmentally sensitive creek areas. Australia already has the highest native mammal extinction rate in the world and we really need to be acting on all levels (including local government) to prevent further losses to our precious biodiversity and natural heritage.

### **Response**

**This matter will be considered at tonight's council meeting and I'll take these questions as comments. An officer will make contact with you to let you know the outcome of Council's decision.**

- **Angela Denton of Northcote**

Re – Oldis Avenue Planning Matter

Can Council explain why they endorsed the amended plans without conducting a site inspection. Can Council also explain why the endorsed plans don't show the permanently secured iron gates preclude the residents of the 4, 3 bedroom townhouses at 19 Oldis Avenue Northcote from any access noting that the provision of these spaces was a requirement of the amendment?

Can Council also advise if the tenants at 2-3/19 Oldis Avenue have been provided with more than one on street carparking permit and what council is doing to enforce the car parking regulations in Oldis Avenue Northcote given visitors to 2-3/19 Oldis Avenue regularly park for extended periods in Oldis Avenue Northcote?

### **Response**

**I understand that the responsible General Manger has conducted an internal review that covers the questions you've asked and communicated the outcome to you. I can briefly explain:**

- 1) The planning decision your question relates to was made in 2019. VCAT is the appeal agency for Council decisions and no appeal was lodged at the time. Council has no power to revisit this decision.**
- 2) We have assessed if there is a planning compliance issue at this address and found that what is on the plans is what has been built. Council cannot consider whether the site is being used by the tenants nor whether or not they have keys to the lock.**
- 3) I can confirm that in line with council's policy no more than one parking permit was issued to any of the properties**

- **Jason Reiner of Preston**

Melbourne Airport's new third runway proposal will result in a significant increase in aircraft movements and noise in parts of Preston and Thornbury. Will the Council explore this issue and consider lodging a submission objecting to the new runway proposal?

### **Response**

**Council does not have current plans to lodge a submission. We encourage any residents interested to make a submission to the consultation that is currently underway.**

- **Carly Dober of Reservoir**

I moved to Allenby Avenue in Reservoir in 2021 with my partner, I am a psychologist who sometimes works from home and my partner and I both love this area. It is also, however, the loudest and busiest street we have ever lived on with a minimum of 15 trucks and non stop cars all hours of the day and night racing down the street to access the main road and who use this as a cut through option.

We are seriously considering moving and would prefer active traffic management and safety methods explored first. I requested speed humps after a particularly dangerous week and submitted photo evidence of burnout marks on the road in July 2021. I am still yet to receive any responses or updates (even after 3 follow up emails from myself).

I do expect Darebin Council to keep residents safe & to be active in traffic management.

**Response**

I understand the team manager has called you today and apologised that his team has not responded to date. He is following up to fix the cause so it doesn't recur.

Your concerns and suggestions will be considered in the next few months. There is current project looking at traffic improvements in your area called 'Your Street Your Say'. We'll consult with community in May about the proposed improvements.

However, it may be several years before improvements are scheduled in your street, depending on the other needs across the City.

We will raise your concerns about speed with VicPol and send you information about a Hooning Community Reference Group that the state government has recently announced.

- **Serena O'Meley of Reservoir**

- 1) Re The Prensa report on soil contamination in Clements Reserve was received by Darebin Council in September 2020. The EPA's Contaminated Land Policy (Publication 1915) was published on 22 February 2021 and came into effect on 1 July 2021. Darebin Council had apparently still not met its duty to report the contamination at Clements Reserve to the EPA at the time it received the Aurecon report on 21 October 2021. Land managers are required to make such reports when they "become aware" of notifiable contamination. Why was there such a lengthy delay in reporting the notifiable contamination at Clements Reserve to the EPA and on what date was the report finally made?
- 2) On what date were Councillors (during the term of the current and/or previous Darebin Council) first informed about the contamination of land within Clements Reserve and provided with a copy of the Prensa Report? If the report was withheld until late in 2021 can you explain why

**Response**

- 1) Council had mitigated the identified risk by the completion of various works within days of becoming aware of a contamination issue at Clements Reserve.

The notification process requires the completion of various studies in order to fully understand the contamination and any associated risks. These studies take some time to complete.

EPA had been informally notified of the contamination some months prior to the formal notification process and it was satisfied with Council's approach. The EPA was formally notified on 3 December 2021.

2) Councillors were informed of the presence of asbestos in Clements Reserve on 18 June 2020.

As previously mentioned, immediate works were undertaken at the site, further investigations were carried out, EPA was verbally advised and complex discussions were had with the predominant owner of the land Vic Roads.

A report was provided to Council at its meeting of 27 September 2021 and this report included the detailed site investigation report undertaken by Prensa.

The report was not withheld – the above process led to Council being given a comprehensive picture of the condition of the site and an understanding of its obligations which it has met.

- Claire Layden of Reservoir

Hello, I would like to request an update on the status and progress of planning for works at the Boldrewood Pde/ McMahon Rd intersection, planned under the previous Streets for People Program.

#### **Response**

**We will start design work soon for this location.**

**You and your neighbours will be contacted in the next couple of months via letter in your mail box with proposed designs and a request for feedback.**

## **7. PETITIONS**

Nil

*The following community members made submissions on the item 8.1 – Preston Market Planning & Advocacy Update*

- *Maria Poletti*
- *Chris Erlandsen*

## **8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

### **8.1 PRESTON MARKET PLANNING & ADVOCACY UPDATE**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update Councillors and the community on the actions Council has taken to date, the current status of the VPA's review of Preston Market Precinct and next steps. The report also outlines a new phase of the communications and advocacy campaign; and respond to the resolution of Council at its meeting of 31 January 2022.

It's been over seven months since the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) concluded public consultation for the Preston Market Precinct Planning Scheme Amendment (C182). Since making a submission in July 2021, and reporting to Council on 27 September 2021, Council has continued advocacy to protect the Market.

In response to the significant number of public submissions received during consultation (386), in October 2021 the VPA advised it plans to revise the draft framework plan and amendment, and then the Minister will consider the revisions and whether to refer the amendment to the VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC). There has been no subsequent update from the VPA nor the Minister about revised plans or the timeframe for the SAC panel hearing.

Council's advocacy, which has included meetings with Parliamentarians, Departmental and other stakeholders; as well as social media and communication opportunities over this period; has been centred around call to action for community to support a Change.Org petition, which has now accumulated over 11,200 signatures of support to date. When combined with Council's and the community's broader efforts, this advocacy has undoubtedly played a key role in influencing a more comprehensive review of VPA's plans following consultation.

Council has long recognised and supported the role Preston Market plays in the social fabric of Darebin. As the beating heart of the local Preston community- welcoming, humble, affordable and diverse- Preston Market is a place where people from all walks of life come to do their weekly shop, meet with friends, and socialise whilst experiencing the diverse range of local traders selling fresh and affordable food. That is why Council developed the 'Heart of Preston' document (updated April 2021), which captured significant community feedback and engagement, and which has continued to guide and underpin Council's advocacy efforts with the State Government.

Council's submission to the State Government (endorsed in June 2021) was highly critical of the VPA's draft planning controls for Preston Market Precinct, and reaffirmed Council and our community's concerns that the State Government's plans would see around 80% of the market potentially demolished, with weak protection and recognition for the market's heritage value, no protections for social and cultural functions of the market, and the overall proposed development framework being too dense for the location.

Council will continue to advocate through the formal planning processes on foot and to encourage the community to also do so at the appropriate time.

Combined with our public facing advocacy efforts, Council also understands that the Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne MP, is aware of Council and our community's ongoing interest, concerns and priorities around the future of the site.

In the lead up to the SAC hearing, it is recommended that Council launches a refreshed advocacy, engagement and communications campaign, whilst continuing to prepare a strong planning merits case to the SAC. The approach most likely to achieve Council's objectives to protect the Market and to secure the strongest possible planning controls for the site, is by pursuing a section 173 agreement with the landowner that protects the Market, while also presenting a compelling planning position to the SAC.

The proposed new advocacy, engagement and communications campaign will:

1. Clearly articulate to the Minister for Planning what is special about the market, that the market must not be demolished, and must remain in its current location - central to the site; and,
2. Demonstrate to the state government and community that there is a better way to allow appropriate development within the Precinct while protecting the market, in line with Council's adopted submission and Heart of Preston.
3. Demonstrate to the State Government the high level of community support for protecting the market, including by working with community and helping community members to also share their views with State Government.

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

1. Notes the 'Save Preston Market' Campaign that was launched and administered by Council over the course of 2021 helped generate over 11,200 Change.Org petition signatures.
2. Arrange to present the 'Protect Preston Market' Change.Org Petition to Members of Parliament from the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of the Parliament of Victoria .
3. Notes that in October 2021, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) advised that it will revise its original Draft Preston Market Precinct Framework Plan and Preston market Planning Scheme Amendment (C182).
4. Notes that the Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne MP, will consider referring revised VPA plans to the VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC).
5. Notes that Council is actively preparing for the Standing Advisory Committee process to ensure that revised planning controls protect what the community value about the market and prevent inappropriate development.
6. Notes that in response to Council's advocacy, the VPA has requested Minister Wynne appoint a heritage expert on the SAC.
7. Endorses the next stage of Council's advocacy, engagement and communications campaign as set out in this report, which contains the following key objectives:
  - a) Clearly articulate to the Minister for Planning and the community that the market must not be demolished, and must remain in its current location, central to the site.

- b) Demonstrate to the State Government and community that the Preston Market Precinct can be developed in an appropriate way that protects the market and achieves excellent design, high environmentally sustainable development, new affordable housing, open spaces and community infrastructure, and all the things enshrined within Darebin's 'Heart of Preston' document.
  - c) Demonstrate to the State Government the high level of community support for protecting the market, including by working with community and helping community members to also share their views with State Government.
  - d) Continue advocating to retain the use of the market, as a place for affordable fresh and diverse food that serves the northern metropolitan community
  - e) Continue advocating to protect the existing traders so they can continue to operate through the redevelopment and in the future.
  - f) Continue to work with others also advocating to save the Preston Market including local traders and community.
  - g) Encourage all submitters to the VPA's consultation to participate in the upcoming Standing Advisory Committee.
8. Writes to the primary land owner of the Preston Market site seeking to establish a section 173 agreement to protect the market use.
9. Writes to the Save Preston Market Group in relation to Council's refreshed advocacy approach, seeking to complement local advocacy efforts.
10. Writes to relevant stakeholders, including Members of Parliament, government, non-government and community organisations at the appropriate time, to advise of Council's refreshed advocacy campaign to Save the Preston Market, and seek meetings and support towards relevant calls to action as appropriate.
11. Thanks and acknowledges the ongoing role and work of many in the community including the Save the Preston Market Action Group, to advocate to protect the Preston Market including those that have made a submission to the VPA and signed Council's Change.org petition.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

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4. Notes that the Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne MP, will consider referring revised VPA plans to the VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC).
5. Notes that Council is actively preparing for the Standing Advisory Committee process to ensure that revised planning controls protect what the community value about the market and prevent inappropriate development.
6. Notes that in response to Council's advocacy, the VPA has requested Minister Wynne appoint a heritage expert on the SAC.
7. Notes that the Minister for Planning has directed the VPA to make changes to the plan and work with the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, but that at this time it is not known what the nature of these changes is to be.
8. Endorses the next stage of Council's advocacy, engagement and communications campaign as set out in this report, which contains the following key objectives:
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  - b) Demonstrate to the State Government and community that the Preston Market Precinct can be developed in an appropriate way that protects the market and achieves excellent design, high environmentally sustainable development, new Social and affordable housing (and could include consideration of public housing), open spaces and community infrastructure, and all the things enshrined within Darebin's 'Heart of Preston' document.
  - c) Demonstrate to the State Government the high level of community support for protecting the market, including by working with community and helping community members to also share their views with State Government.
  - d) Undertake a very broad community awareness campaign across Darebin about the existential threat to the existing Preston Market and continue advocating to retain the use of the market, as a place for affordable fresh and diverse food that serves the northern metropolitan community
  - e) Organise meetings to update existing traders on the VPA, SAC and Ministerial processes, seek their views on the VPA's revised draft plans when it becomes available and continue advocating to protect the existing traders so they can continue to operate through the redevelopment and in the future.
  - f) Continue to work with others also advocating to save the Preston Market including local traders and community.
  - g) Encourage all submitters to the VPA's consultation to immediately write to the Minister for Planning in response to the VPA's revised plans when they become available and participate in the upcoming Standing Advisory Committee.



- h) Write to northern metropolitan councils seeking their support to save and protect the current Preston market given its regional significance.
  - i) Write to northern metropolitan state and federal MP seeking a statement on their position on the VPA's revised plans (when they become available) on Preston Market and their support on saving and protecting the existing Preston Market into the future.
9. Writes to the primary land owner of the Preston Market site seeking to establish a section 173 agreement to protect the market use, identify, heritage and built form, in its current position.
  10. Call on the Minister for Planning to seek an undertaking from the land owner of the Preston Market site that they enter into a section 173 agreement to protect the market use, identity, heritage and built form in its current position
  11. Writes to the Save the Preston Market Group in relation to Council's refreshed advocacy approach, seeking to complement local advocacy efforts.
  12. Writes to relevant stakeholders, including Members of Parliament, government, non-government and community organisations at the appropriate time, to advise of Council's refreshed advocacy campaign to Save the Preston Market, and seek meetings and support towards relevant calls to action as appropriate.
  13. Writes to the Office of the Victorian Government Architect seeking a meeting, and reiterating and explaining Council's position that the market must be protected in its current location, central to the site, and that the Preston Market Precinct can be developed in an appropriate way that protects the market and achieves excellent design, high environmentally sustainable development, new affordable housing, open spaces and community infrastructure, and all the things enshrined within Darebin's 'Heart of Preston' document.
  14. Thanks and acknowledges the ongoing role and work of many in the community including the Save the Preston Market Action Group, to advocate to protect the Preston Market including those that have made a submission to the VPA and signed Council's Change.org petition.
  15. That Council receives a report following the State Government's Standing Advisory Committee providing an update on its advocacy to protect the Preston Market, the planning process, and any other options to secure heritage protection for the market including the possibility of asking the Heritage Council Victoria to reconsider whether the site has state significance.

The motion was put and carried unanimously .

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-018**

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes the 'Save Preston Market' Campaign that was launched and administered by Council over the course of 2021 helped generate over 11,200 Change.Org petition signatures.
2. Arrange to present the 'Protect Preston Market' Change.Org Petition to Members of Parliament from the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of the Parliament of Victoria .
3. Notes that in October 2021, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) advised that it will revise its original Draft Preston Market Precinct Framework Plan and Preston market Planning Scheme Amendment (C182).
4. Notes that the Minister for Planning, Hon Richard Wynne MP, will consider referring revised VPA plans to the VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC).
5. Notes that Council is actively preparing for the Standing Advisory Committee process to ensure that revised planning controls protect what the community value about the market and prevent inappropriate development.
6. Notes that in response to Council's advocacy, the VPA has requested Minister Wynne appoint a heritage expert on the SAC.
7. Notes that the Minister for Planning has directed the VPA to make changes to the plan and work with the Office of the Victorian Government Architect, but that at this time it is not known what the nature of these changes is to be.
8. Endorses the next stage of Council's advocacy, engagement and communications campaign as set out in this report, which contains the following key objectives:
  - a) Clearly articulate to the Minister for Planning and the community that the market must not be demolished, and must remain in its current location, central to the site.
  - b) Demonstrate to the State Government and community that the Preston Market Precinct can be developed in an appropriate way that protects the market and achieves excellent design, high environmentally sustainable development, new Social and affordable housing (and could include consideration of public housing), open spaces and community infrastructure, and all the things enshrined within Darebin's 'Heart of Preston' document.
  - c) Demonstrate to the State Government the high level of community support for protecting the market, including by working with community and helping community members to also share their views with State Government.
  - d) Undertake a very broad community awareness campaign across Darebin about the existential threat to the existing Preston Market and continue advocating to retain the use of the market, as a place for affordable fresh and diverse food that serves the northern metropolitan community
  - e) Organise meetings to update existing traders on the VPA, SAC and Ministerial processes, seek their views on the VPA's revised draft plans when it becomes available and continue advocating to protect the existing traders so they can continue to operate through the redevelopment and in the future.
  - f) Continue to work with others also advocating to save the Preston Market including local traders and community.
  - g) Encourage all submitters to the VPA's consultation to immediately write to the Minister for Planning in response to the VPA's revised plans when they become available and participate in the upcoming Standing Advisory Committee.

- h) Write to northern metropolitan councils seeking their support to save and protect the current Preston market given its regional significance.
  - i) Write to northern metropolitan state and federal MP seeking a statement on their position on the VPA's revised plans (when they become available) on Preston Market and their support on saving and protecting the existing Preston Market into the future.
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  14. Thanks and acknowledges the ongoing role and work of many in the community including the Save the Preston Market Action Group, to advocate to protect the Preston Market including those that have made a submission to the VPA and signed Council's Change.org petition.
  15. That Council receives a report following the State Government's Standing Advisory Committee providing an update on its advocacy to protect the Preston Market, the planning process, and any other options to secure heritage protection for the market including the possibility of asking the Heritage Council Victoria to reconsider whether the site has state significance.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.2 2021–22 QUARTER TWO COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIALS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

The 2021-22 Quarter Two Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report (**Appendix A**) provides an overview of Council's performance in delivering the year one 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 summary of Council resolutions.

Key progress outcomes for the second quarter are;

- 8% (23) of year one actions have been completed.
- 78.3% (224) of year one actions are in progress
- 2.5% (7) of year one actions have not started.
- Of the actions that have not yet started, two have been delayed by COVID-19 restrictions, three are dependent on other actions being completed before they can commence and two have been delayed due to resourcing issues. Work on these actions is expected to commence in the second half of the financial year.
- 11.2% of year one actions have been deferred to year two (32 actions) because of the impact of COVID-19 on Council services and resources.

Significant organisational resources continue to be redirected to efforts aimed at COVID-19 support and relief, including community outreach, vaccination uptake and economic recovery. Whilst these efforts strongly align with the Council Plan objectives, the specific activities are not all included in the deliverables and so are additional. As a result, several Council Plan actions have been deferred to the planning process for the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan.

Council has committed close to \$62 million to the 2021-22 Annual Capital Works Program. As of 31 December 2021, out of total of 62 projects, 61 were on track and one had been completed. See (**Appendix A**) for the overview of the capital works projects.

Since 1 October 2021, 28 Council resolutions have been made by Council and its Delegated Committees. Of these 28, 15 resolutions have been completed (54%) and 13 are in progress (46%). See (**Appendix A**) for further information.

**Officer Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the 2021-22 Quarter Two Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (**Appendix A**)
- (2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix B**) for the 6 months ended 31 December 2021.
- (3) Notes the deferred actions in the 2021-22 Quarter Two Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (**Appendix A**) and that these have been referred to the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan development process.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-019**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the 2021-22 Quarter Two Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (**Appendix A**)
- (2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix B**) for the 6 months ended 31 December 2021.
- (3) Notes the deferred actions in the 2021-22 Quarter Two Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (**Appendix A**) and that these have been referred to the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan development process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The matters covered under the Governance Report for the month of February 2022 are:

- An update on work towards a Memorandum of Understanding ( MOU ) with Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) and Council;
- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors;
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors;
- Notes no questions were taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council Meeting held on 31 January 2022;
- Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 October to 31 December 2021;
- Proposal to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee, if required, on Monday 11 April 2022 at 5.30 pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston or Virtually.
- Endorsement of Councils' feedback on the Municipal Association of Victoria's 2021-22 Rules Review – Discussion Paper
- An update on the request from the Multicultural Group, Papaflessas to name an unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury as 'Kalamata Place '

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

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – February 2022.
- (2) Notes the work being undertaken with Aboriginal Housing Victoria to explore a concession for General Rates through the review of the Revenue and Rating Plan that will be presented to Council on 28 March 2022 for endorsement to proceed to consultation.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021, at **Appendix B** to this Report.
- (6) Resolves to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee, if required, on Monday 11 April 2022 at 5.30pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston or virtually.
- (7) Endorses the submission provided as **Appendix D** to this report in response to the Phase 1 'Request for Feedback' on the Discussion Paper on the MAV Rules Review 2021/22.
- (8) Note the update on the request from the Multicultural Group, Papaflessas to name an unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury as 'Kalamata Place'

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-020**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the Governance Report – February 2022.
- (2) Notes the work being undertaken with Aboriginal Housing Victoria to explore a concession for General Rates through the review of the Revenue and Rating Plan that will be presented to Council on 28 March 2022 for endorsement to proceed to consultation.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021, at **Appendix B** to this Report.
- (6) Resolves to hold a Hearing of Submissions Committee, if required, on Monday 11 April 2022 at 5.30pm at the Preston Town Hall, 284 Gower Street, Preston or virtually.
- (7) Endorses the submission provided as **Appendix D** to this report in response to the Phase 1 'Request for Feedback' on the Discussion Paper on the MAV Rules Review 2021/22.
- (8) Note the update on the request from the Multicultural Group, Papaflessas to name an unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury as 'Kalamata Place

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR**

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

- Meeting with Sue Wilkinson and Deputy Mayor Trent McCarthy
- Meeting with Cr's to discuss diary management and scheduling
- Photo Op of new bike path at La Trobe with Minister D'Ambrosio
- Prerecording of National Sorry day Anniversary speech 2 Feb
- Meeting to discuss the upcoming FUSE Autumn 2022 program and look at potential media opportunities
- ICLEI Oceania Mayoral Roundtable: plans to accelerate climate action
- Discussion about Bill Lawry Oval with Sam Hewitt and Cr Hannan
- Darebin City Council & Kat Theophanous - Member for Northcote meeting
- One on one with Cr Rennie



- Preston Cycling Club Centenary Tournament
- Rinkydink is assisting Fairfield Bowls Club - Brunch & Bowls Open Day
- Regular catch up Mayor and CEO
- FUSE | Photo shoot with MP Robin Scott for Live In High Rez and Out of the Park Picnic Publicity
- Councillor online group chat
- Councillor Briefing
- Councillor meeting
- Online -Meet and Greet with Kate Jost - Friends of Edward Park Lake
- Metropolitan Waste & Recourse Recover Group - Forum Chair & Team Briefing
- Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum
- M9 Mayors and CEOs Meeting
- Reservoir Revitalisation Board Meeting #7
- Budget Process Workshop One
- Brief - Hearing of Community Feedback Session on the Northcote Public Golf Course
- Weekly Councillors Online Meeting
- Hearing of Community Feedback on the Northcote Golf Course x1
- Planning Committee Meeting
- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Darebin residents' various conversations
- Responding to Minister for Local Government
- Hearing of Community Feedback on the Northcote Golf Course x2
- MIC Board Strategy Session
- Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum – SPAG Meeting
- Islamic Museum of Australia's Annual Gala Dinner 2022
- CEO Employment Matters meeting
- CEO office weekly briefing meeting with Mayor
- Metro waste Circular Economy Leadership Course Live Webinar
- Darebin Community Awards Selection Panel Committee Meeting
- Suburban Development Livestream Event with The Hon. Shaun Leane MP
- Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association - Lunar New Year Virtual Event
- Mayor & Sue | Merrilands Community Centre on site tour with Ged
- Save The Preston Market Action Group picnic
- Service to acknowledge the passing of the Italian Ambassador in Australia Francesca Tardioli..
- State Wide Waste Forum Regular meetings x2
- Discussion of MAV rules review - Darebin submission
- Discussion with Darebin resident re intergenerational housing

- Pride Golf Cup

### **REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Edwardes Lake and Edgards Creek Catchment collaboration
- Darebin Interfaith Council Advisory Committee
- Councillor Briefing
- Councillor group chat
- 360 Degree Feedback session
- Mediation meeting
- Budget Process workshop x 2
- Hearing of community feedback on the Northcote Golf Course X 2
- Planning Meeting
- Islamic Museum of Australia's Annual Gala Dinner 2022
- Darebin Welcoming Cities Communities Reference Group

### **REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Council Meeting
- Council Briefing session x2
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Diary Management and scheduling
- Council Plan Priority Workshops
- Weekly Councillor Teams meetings
- Responding to Minister x2
- Councillor Budget Process Workshop x2
- CEO Employment committee matters meeting x4
- Independent review of the CEO x2
- Darebin Arts presents the Summer Series
- Lawn bowls at Fairfield x2
- Hearing of Submissions on the Northcote Golf Course x2
- Meet with Save the Preston Market members
- Meet with the Northern Bullants
- Attended to matter and discussions with residents regarding:

Parking, traffic management, homelessness, Preston Market, dirty Shopping strip, graffiti, Preston level crossing, development concerns in the area, home help, Age care, Preston Civic Oval, opening a new business on plenty Road, development in the area, St. Marys Church, community garden, Diversity concerns, IT Laptop issues

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Attended Jan 2022 meeting
- Attended CEO councillor meetings/meetings including re Ministers letter
- Attended online CEO led meeting/workshop with councillors re response to Minister
- Consultation with several councillors on a wide range of issues such as Preston Market, planning matters, lane naming, need for a 50 metre Reservoir Pool, and other local issues
- Consultation with community members online and via email regarding Northcote Golf Course, Thornbury Heritage Overlay, Reservoir Pool, Preston Market and other issues

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Victoria IWD breakfast with Coral Ross presenting on her Churchill Fellowship
- Speech made on behalf of the Mayor at the n-SCRIBE 15 launch
- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Councillor briefings
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Mentoring session with Courtney May, Pathways to Politics for Women mentee
- 2022/23 budget briefings
- Discussion of MAV rules review - Darebin submission
- Islamic Museum of Australia Annual Gala Dinner
- Friends of Baucau planning meeting and regular meeting
- Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with Warwick Neilly about public housing in Darebin
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) board meeting
- Meeting with Oscar McLennan from YS housing about affordable housing project for single parents in Reservoir
- Meet and Greet with Kate Jost, President of Friends of Edwardes Lake
- Focus group session for Cranlana alumni program
- Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) meeting with guest speakers Chris and Melissa Bruntlett

**REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE**

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

- Council Meeting
- Council Briefing session x2
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Council Budget Workshops
- Weekly Councillor Teams meetings
- Meetings re ministerial response
- CEO Employment matters committee meetings
- Councillor meetings to discuss CEO performance review
- Hearing of Submissions on the Northcote Golf Course x2
- Farewell catch up with GM Community
- Health literacy session with BCH
- Meeting with the Mayor
- MAV rules review meetings with Stephen Mahon, councillors and subsequent drafting of submission
- Meeting with CEO of the Bridge Darebin
- Launch of WHIN's Building a Respectful Community Strategy

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Hearing of Community Feedback on Northcote Public Golf Course
- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Meeting with Alex Makes Meals
- CEA Advocacy Committee Meeting
- Merri Creek Visioning Project
- ICLEI Oceania Mayoral Roundtable
- MIC Board Meeting
- Launch of Building a Respectful Community Strategy 2022–2026
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting
- Councillor Briefings
- Councillor Only Meetings
- Councillors input to CEO mid-year review
- Budget Workshops
- Planning Committee Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS**

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

- Attended Council briefings (online)
- Attended the Darebin Creek Management Committee meeting (online)
- Attended official Council meeting (online)
- Attended Fairfield Bowls Club event (in person)
- Attended Planning meeting (online)
- Attended two Hearing of Submissions (online)
- Attended two meetings with Sue and Councillors about the response to the Minister's letter (online)
- Attended meeting with Councillors (online)
- Attended CEO 180 performance review meeting (online)
- Attended Budget meetings x2 (online)
- Attended briefing for Darebin Gender Equity Committee (online)
- Attended Welcoming Cities meeting (online)
- Attended DAAC meeting (online)
- Attended Darebin Falcons Community Day (in-person)
- Telephone call with CEO of DCMC regarding MOU.
- Attended meeting with the Presidents of the Parkside teams that play at Pitcher Park (online)
- Attended Greek Story Time – hosted by Darebin Libraries (online)
- Attended briefing with officer re DCMC
- Attended the launch of "Gardening for Wildlife" (in-person)
- Attended Islamic Museum Gala Dinner (in-person)
- Contact from residents regarding: Cain Avenue Fairfield fencing, love local card, parking permits, Greek Story Time at Darebin libraries, dog park in Thornbury, parking amendments without consultation in Thornbury, upgrade to Northcote Tennis Club courts, planting of trees, John Cain Memorial Park, Fairfield Village, Snap-Send-Solve issues.

**REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN**

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, eg, proposed developments, building works, tennis courts, Bill Lawry Oval development, wildlife protection
- Merri Creek Management Committee and AGM

- Hearing of community feedback on Northcote Public Golf Course
- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Councillors input to CEO mid-year review
- Discussion with transport consultant
- Budget workshop
- Planning Committee meeting
- Monthly Council meeting

## **8.4 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) DAREBIN MOTIONS FOR 2022 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The primary purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for Council to consider submitting motions for consideration and debate at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2022 National General Assembly (NGA), which is scheduled to occur from 19 to 22 June 2022 in Canberra.

The NGA provides an important strategic advocacy opportunity for Darebin City Council to directly influence ALGA's national policy agenda, align local advocacy priorities with issues of national significance, and to promote new ways for the local government sector to broadly strengthen outcomes for local communities.

The Theme of the 2022 NGA is 'Partners in Progress', which aims to focus on how partnerships between the Australian Government and Local Governments can tackle immediate challenges facing our communities, as well as confidently facing the future.

Guided by ALGA's NGA motion themes and requirements for 2022 (see background section of this report), based on the Darebin Council Plan's advocacy priorities that can be elevated to issues of national significance, the emerging priorities contained in the new Advocacy Strategy currently being developed by Council, and building off the motions lodged by Darebin at the 2021 NGA; it is proposed that motions on the following five topics be considered for lodgement with the 2022 NGA:

- JobSeeker Payments
- Creative Sector COVID-19 Recovery
- Circular Economy, Recycling, Product Packaging and Stewardship
- Climate Change, Climate Emergency & Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Transport and Connectivity

Along with considering topics and motions which are required to be lodged with ALGA by no later than 25 March 2022, the purpose of this report also seeks to confirm the Councillors who will attend the ALGA NGA being held in Canberra from 19 to 22 June, and authorise Council to begin making the necessary arrangements to support attendance.

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

1. Endorse the motions contained in **Appendices A, B, C, D** and **E**, on the following topics, themes and issues for submission to the Australian Local Government (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held from 19 – 22 June 2022:
  - (a) JobSeeker, Minimum Wage and Socio-Economic Disadvantage (**Appendix A**)
  - (b) Creative Industries COVID-19 Recovery (**Appendix B**)
  - (c) Circular Economy, Recycling, Product Packaging and Stewardship (**Appendix C**)
  - (d) Climate Change and Renewable Energy (**Appendix D**)
  - (e) Sustainable Transport and Connectivity (**Appendix E**)
2. Approves interstate travel for Cr\_\_\_\_\_, Cr\_\_\_\_\_, and Cr\_\_\_\_\_, to represent Council at the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra from 19 June to 22 June 2022, noting the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the Mayor and Councillor Support Budget.
3. Notes that the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Advisor for Advocacy and Government Relations, will also travel to Canberra to attend the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 19 June to 22 June 2022, and the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the annual budget.
4. Authorise the Mayor to seek and appoint an alternative Councillor/s in the event that any of the Councillors as appointed in c) may be unable to attend.

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 7.11 pm.*

*The Meeting recommenced at 7.16 pm*



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

**That Council:**

1. Endorse the motions contained in Appendices A, B, C, D and E, on the following topics, themes and issues for submission to the Australian Local Government (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held from 19 – 22 June 2022:
  - a) JobSeeker, Minimum Wage and Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Appendix A)
  - b) Creative Industries COVID-19 Recovery (Appendix B)
  - c) Circular Economy, Recycling, Product Packaging and Stewardship (Appendix C)
  - d) Climate Change and Renewable Energy (Appendix D)
  - e) Sustainable Transport and Connectivity (Appendix E)
2. Additionally submit a further three motions on the following themes:

(a) Social and Affordable Housing

That the National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Federal Government to take action to:

- i. Urgently address the growing and evolving housing affordability challenges across Australian rural, regional and metropolitan communities
- ii. Convene a National Housing Summit as a precursor to developing a National Housing Strategy
- iii. Prepare a National Housing Strategy, which provides the framework for a nationally consistent approach to investing and building more social and affordable housing
- iv. Ensure a National Housing Strategy facilitates a nationally consistent approach to State and Territory Planning legislation to facilitate Inclusionary Zoning for Affordable Housing, as a tool that can be utilised by Governments and metropolitan and growth Councils (and any Councils where they so choose) to require social and affordable housing contributions as part of private development
- v. Ensure that any new policy reforms and approaches to invest in improving social and affordable housing, is done in partnership with local government, and that it does not come at the expense of Federal or State investment to support local councils in providing essential local infrastructure, resources and services
- vi. Recognise the need for ongoing investment in supports and services to assist people who have experienced homelessness (particularly those who have experienced long-term homelessness) to move away from homelessness and into social and affordable housing.
- vii. Recognise the role that social and affordable housing plays in responding to broader workforce challenges and shortages across regional and metropolitan communities, particularly across the agriculture and hospitality sectors
- viii. Partner with ALGA and the local government sector to help design and inform these housing reforms

b) Workforce Shortages and Asylum Seekers and Refugees

That the National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Federal Government to take action to:

- i. Recognise the unprecedented impact the COVID-19 Pandemic has had in

compounding Australia's workforce shortages, particularly in the hospitality and agriculture sectors.

- ii. Acknowledge the role that prolonged international and interstate border closures have had in compounding workforce shortages across the agriculture and hospitality industries, which are generally highly dependent on backpackers, overseas students and migrant workers.
- iii. Respond to the changing nature of work across Australia as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the opportunities associated with working from home and the changing nature of workforce expectations amongst Australian workers
- iv. Invest in skills, training and pathway opportunities to support more vulnerable community cohorts, including as a priority socio-economic disadvantaged cohorts, longer term unemployed and Asylum Seekers, refugees to be connected to employment pathways across sectors experiencing genuine skills shortages
- v. In reopening Australia's borders, prioritise opportunities to strategically increase Australia's humanitarian intake, particularly in the context of growing global tensions and displacement, to support more Asylum Seekers and Refugees find a safe place to live, raise a family, and work.
- vi. Establish a National COVID-19 Migration, Workforce and Skills Recovery Taskforce, which is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all of these opportunities, and which provides ALGA and the local government sector with a seat at the table

(c) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

That the National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Federal Government to take action to:

- i. Continue advancing all co-design efforts to establish a National Indigenous Voice on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities
  - ii. Partner with the local government sector, through ALGA's National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership, to help facilitate outcomes across the agreed Closing the Gap priority reform targets including around education, employment, health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Communities
  - iii. Formally partner with ALGA and the local government sector, including through the establishment of an ongoing advisory or representative voice for Local Government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to guide the broad work relating to First Nations peoples, truth-telling sovereignty, and treaty-making.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, to make changes as necessary to ensure alignment with other stakeholder's feedback and in particular to be drafted in a comprehensive manner, consistent with the ALGA NGA Motion Template, to include policy context, background and summary of arguments, and which are required to be lodged with ALGA by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  4. Approves interstate travel for Councillors who confirm their attendance to the CEO by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to represent Council at the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra from 19 June to 22 June 2022, noting the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the Mayor and Councillor Support Budget.
  5. Notes that the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Advisor for Advocacy and Government Relations, will also travel to Canberra to attend the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 19 June to 22 June 2022, and the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the annual budget.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-021**

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

**That Council:**

1. Endorse the motions contained in Appendices A, B, C, D and E, on the following topics, themes and issues for submission to the Australian Local Government (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held from 19 – 22 June 2022:
  - a) JobSeeker, Minimum Wage and Socio-Economic Disadvantage (Appendix A)
  - b) Creative Industries COVID-19 Recovery (Appendix B)
  - c) Circular Economy, Recycling, Product Packaging and Stewardship (Appendix C)
  - d) Climate Change and Renewable Energy (Appendix D)
  - e) Sustainable Transport and Connectivity (Appendix E)

2. Additionally submit a further three motions on the following themes:

(a) Social and Affordable Housing

That the National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Federal Government to take action to:

- i. Urgently address the growing and evolving housing affordability challenges across Australian rural, regional and metropolitan communities
- ii. Convene a National Housing Summit as a precursor to developing a National Housing Strategy
- iii. Prepare a National Housing Strategy, which provides the framework for a nationally consistent approach to investing and building more social and affordable housing
- iv. Ensure a National Housing Strategy facilitates a nationally consistent approach to State and Territory Planning legislation to facilitate Inclusionary Zoning for Affordable Housing, as a tool that can be utilised by Governments and metropolitan and growth Councils (and any Councils where they so choose) to require social and affordable housing contributions as part of private development
- v. Ensure that any new policy reforms and approaches to invest in improving social and affordable housing, is done in partnership with local government, and that it does not come at the expense of Federal or State investment to support local councils in providing essential local infrastructure, resources and services
- vi. Recognise the need for ongoing investment in supports and services to assist people who have experienced homelessness (particularly those who have experienced long-term homelessness) to move away from homelessness and into social and affordable housing.
- vii. Recognise the role that social and affordable housing plays in responding to broader workforce challenges and shortages across regional and metropolitan communities, particularly across the agriculture and hospitality sectors
- viii. Partner with ALGA and the local government sector to help design and inform these housing reforms

b) Workforce Shortages and Asylum Seekers and Refugees

That the National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Federal Government to take action to:

- i. Recognise the unprecedented impact the COVID-19 Pandemic has had in

compounding Australia's workforce shortages, particularly in the hospitality and agriculture sectors.

- ii. Acknowledge the role that prolonged international and interstate border closures have had in compounding workforce shortages across the agriculture and hospitality industries, which are generally highly dependent on backpackers, overseas students and migrant workers.
- iii. Respond to the changing nature of work across Australia as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the opportunities associated with working from home and the changing nature of workforce expectations amongst Australian workers
- iv. Invest in skills, training and pathway opportunities to support more vulnerable community cohorts, including as a priority socio-economic disadvantaged cohorts, longer term unemployed and Asylum Seekers, refugees to be connected to employment pathways across sectors experiencing genuine skills shortages
- v. In reopening Australia's borders, prioritise opportunities to strategically increase Australia's humanitarian intake, particularly in the context of growing global tensions and displacement, to support more Asylum Seekers and Refugees find a safe place to live, raise a family, and work.
- vi. Establish a National COVID-19 Migration, Workforce and Skills Recovery Taskforce, which is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all of these opportunities, and which provides ALGA and the local government sector with a seat at the table

(c) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

That the National General Assembly (NGA) call on the Federal Government to take action to:

- i. Continue advancing all co-design efforts to establish a National Indigenous Voice on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities
  - ii. Partner with the local government sector, through ALGA's National Agreement on Closing the Gap Partnership, to help facilitate outcomes across the agreed Closing the Gap priority reform targets including around education, employment, health and wellbeing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Communities
  - iii. Formally partner with ALGA and the local government sector, including through the establishment of an ongoing advisory or representative voice for Local Government comprising of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to guide the broad work relating to First Nations peoples, truth-telling sovereignty, and treaty-making.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer, to make changes as necessary to ensure alignment with other stakeholder's feedback and in particular to be drafted in a comprehensive manner, consistent with the ALGA NGA Motion Template, to include policy context, background and summary of arguments, and which are required to be lodged with ALGA by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022
  4. Approves interstate travel for Councillors who confirm their attendance to the CEO by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to represent Council at the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra from 19 June to 22 June 2022, noting the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the Mayor and Councillor Support Budget.
  5. Notes that the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Advisor for Advocacy and Government Relations, will also travel to Canberra to attend the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held from 19 June to 22 June 2022, and the travel, accommodation and registration expenses will be met from the annual budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.5 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (DAMP)**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The *Domestic Animals Act 1994* requires all Councils in Victoria to develop a Domestic Animal Management Plan. This plan is the overarching strategic document relating to domestic animals and is to be prepared at 4 year intervals and submitted to the State Government by 1 December 2021. Given the challenges of COVID-19 and the recent decision to explore an in-house animal management model at Epping, the Department of Agriculture has granted Council a submission deadline extension to 4 March 2022.

Public exhibition of the draft Darebin Animal Management Plan took place between 26 October and 23 November 2021.

Several changes are recommended to the draft Plan following community feedback and a final Darebin Animal Management Plan is recommended to Council for endorsement.

**Officer Recommendation**

**That** Council:

- (1) Endorses the final Domestic Animal Management Plan
- (2) Notes that the Plan will be submitted to the State Government in line with the Domestic Animals Act 1994.
- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and notes that a final copy of the plan will be shared with key stakeholders and participants who provided their contact details.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-022**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Endorses the final Domestic Animal Management Plan
- (2) Notes that the Plan will be submitted to the State Government in line with the Domestic Animals Act 1994.
- (3) Thanks community members for their feedback and notes that a final copy of the plan will be shared with key stakeholders and participants who provided their contact details.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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## 8.6 DAREBIN TRANSPORT STRATEGY REFRESH AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE POLICY

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council consult with the community on proposed minor updates to the Darebin Transport Strategy and Strategic Transport Framework Plan, and that Council consults at the same time on two draft Policies to help facilitate more EV charging infrastructure in Darebin.

Consultation is proposed to run in March and April 2022 after which Council would consider community feedback in June 2022.

#### Minor updates proposed in the draft Darebin Transport Strategy to build on its success

The Transport Strategy provides guidance for Council improvements to transport infrastructure, for advocacy, and for improvements to the planning scheme. It includes a 'Framework Plan' which shows key transport routes. Minor changes to the Strategy are recommended including new actions to address COVID challenges and investigation of changing freight network needs.

The *Darebin Transport Strategy* was established in 2007 for a twenty-year period to 2027. The Strategy's effectiveness has been assessed and has found that the Strategy has worked well and will continue to provide effective guidance for achieving Council's current goals and meeting its statutory obligations. Significant improvements are evident on Darebin's roads:

- There has been a 15% reduction of all crashes in Darebin between 2014-2018, and a 59% reduction since 2007
- Council has invested in road safety improvements and reduced speed limits
- Council has attracted more funding from external sources in the past 5 years (up at \$594,000 on average per year from \$430,000 per year in 2014)

#### Draft EV policies proposed to increase EV charging infrastructure

Demand for electric vehicles has been growing rapidly. The proposed draft policies would maximise EV charging infrastructure installed in new developments, although within the constraints of the Victorian Planning system. It would enable EV charging infrastructure on Council land and would set policy to leverage private sector investment to deliver this.

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

- (1) Endorses the draft updates to the Darebin Transport Strategy (**Appendix A**) and draft EV Policies (Appendix C and D) for community consultation.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 22-023

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the draft updates to the Darebin Transport Strategy (**Appendix A**) and draft EV Policies (Appendix C and D) for community consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.7 CONTRACT AWARD - CT2021147 SUPPLY & DELIVER 2 X SIDE LOADING GREEN WASTE TRUCKS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to award contract CT2021147 for the supply & delivery of two dual controlled side loading green waste compaction trucks

Diversion of food organics from landfill is becoming a priority for councils in Victoria. Food waste represents a significant proportion of Australia's waste and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. Collecting it has the potential to divert a significant amount of waste from landfill, producing a valuable compost product and with a positive impact on recycling.

Darebin is expanding the existing food organics & garden organics (FOGO) collection service to all residents who currently have access to Council's kerbside collection service. Currently, access to food and green waste collection service in Darebin is optional and bins are provided to the resident on request at an additional cost.

Due to expansion of the current food and green waste collection service, two additional side loading multipurpose green waste compaction trucks are required to be purchased and delivered prior to the end of the 2021/2022 financial year.

**Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

- (1) Awards contract CT2021147 for the supply & delivery of two dual controlled side loading multipurpose green waste compaction trucks to \_\_\_\_\_ at a cost of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (incl. GST and estimated on-road costs).
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

1. Awards contract CT2021147 for the supply & delivery of two dual controlled side loading multipurpose green waste compaction trucks to Adtrans Truck Centre (IVECO Trucks Australia with Butcher body) at a cost of \$961,724.42 (incl. GST and estimated on-road costs).
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.

The motion was put and carried.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-024**

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

**That Council:**

1. Awards contract CT2021147 for the supply & delivery of two dual controlled side loading multipurpose green waste compaction trucks to Adtrans Truck Centre (IVECO Trucks Australia with Butcher body) at a cost of \$961,724.42 (incl. GST and estimated on-road costs).
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 8.11 pm.*

*The Meeting recommenced at 8.24 pm*



THE MAYOR ADVISED COUNCILLORS THAT SHE WISH TO MOVE HER NOTICE OF MOTION LISTED AT ITEM 9.1 – ADVOCACY FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.

SHE REQUESTED CR MCCARTHY AS DEPUTY MAYOR ASSUME THE CHAIR.

MAYOR LEFT THE CHAIR AT 8.24 PM AND COUNCILLOR MCCARTHY ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 ADVOCACY FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

*That Council:*

1. *Expresses our deep concern for the health and wellbeing of people seeking asylum who are being held in closed detention facilities across Australia, including the Park Hotel Melbourne.*
2. *Write to the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Immigration seeking the immediate release of around 60 people transferred to Australia from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru, most of whom have been granted refugee status and have spent much of the past 8½ years in some form of closed detention, including the Park Hotel.*
3. *As a signatory to the Refugee Welcome Zone declaration and Welcoming Cities Member, reaffirm our commitment to work with other stakeholders to welcome and support those refugees and people seeking asylum upon release to live freely and peacefully in the Darebin community.*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

*That Council:*

1. Expresses our deep concern for the health and wellbeing of people seeking asylum who are being held in closed detention facilities across Australia, including the Park Hotel Melbourne.
2. Write to the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Immigration seeking the immediate release of around 60 people transferred to Australia from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru, most of whom have been granted refugee status and have spent much of the past 8½ years in some form of closed detention, including the Park Hotel.
3. As a signatory to the Refugee Welcome Zone declaration and Welcoming Cities Member, reaffirm our commitment to work with other stakeholders to welcome and support those refugees and people seeking asylum upon release to live freely and peacefully in the Darebin community.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-025**

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

**That Council:**

1. Expresses our deep concern for the health and wellbeing of people seeking asylum who are being held in closed detention facilities across Australia, including the Park Hotel Melbourne.
2. Write to the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Immigration seeking the immediate release of around 60 people transferred to Australia from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Nauru, most of whom have been granted refugee status and have spent much of the past 8½ years in some form of closed detention, including the Park Hotel.
3. As a signatory to the Refugee Welcome Zone declaration and Welcoming Cities Member, reaffirm our commitment to work with other stakeholders to welcome and support those refugees and people seeking asylum upon release to live freely and peacefully in the Darebin community.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Mayor resumed the chair at 8.32 pm*

## 9.2

DAREBIN CREEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MOU

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**That Council:**

- (1) *Notes the excellent work of the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC) and Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC).*
- (2) *Notes the MCMC has a MOU with Darebin Council and DCMC still does not have a MOU, despite a resolution being unanimously passed on 26 April 2021 for a MOU to be finalised with DCMC.*
- (3) *Notes that the funding provided by Darebin Council to DCMC over the last two years has been considerably less than what was requested by DCMC and the DCMC board for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 without explanation.*
- (4) *Notes that DCMC have previously had a three year MOU with Darebin Council from 2014-2019.*
- (5) *Receives a report at the April 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting on the status of the MOU including any historic or current impediments to reaching a signed status.*
- (6) *Furthermore, the above report should:*
  - a. *Report on the financial contributions and justifications provided by Darebin Council over the last three years to both DCMC and MCMC, including but not limited to a reduction in DCMC funding by Darebin Council in 2021-2022 by \$20,000.*
  - b. *Report on the possibility, including advantages and disadvantages for both Darebin Council and DCMC to engage into a three year MOU given the time it has taken to sign a MOU.*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the excellent work of the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC) and Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC).
- (2) Notes the MCMC has a MOU with Darebin Council and DCMC still does not have a MOU, despite a resolution being unanimously passed on 26 April 2021 for a MOU to be finalised with DCMC.
- (3) Notes that the funding provided by Darebin Council to DCMC over the last two years has been considerably less than what was requested by DCMC and the DCMC board for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 without explanation.
- (4) Notes that DCMC have previously had a three year MOU with Darebin Council from 2014-2019.
- (5) Receives a report at the April 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting, after the Mayor has met with a representative of DCMC and a Council officer to resolve the \$20,000 in dispute and formalise the MOU.
- (6) Furthermore, the above report should:
  - a) Report on any historic or current impediments to having a signed MOU
  - b) Report on the financial contributions and justifications provided by Darebin Council over the last three years to both DCMC and MCMC, including but not limited to a reduction in DCMC funding by Darebin Council in 2021-2022 by \$20,000.
  - c) Report on the possibility, including advantages and disadvantages for both Darebin Council and DCMC to engage into a three year MOU given the time it has taken to sign a MOU.

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 8.46 pm.*

*The Meeting recommenced at 8.56 pm*

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the excellent work of the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC) and Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC).
- (2) Notes the MCMC has a MOU with Darebin Council and DCMC still does not have a MOU, despite a resolution being unanimously passed on 26 April 2021 for a MOU to be finalised with DCMC.
- (3) Notes that DCMC have previously had a three year MOU with Darebin Council from 2014-2019.
- (4) Refers this matter to a Council briefing to be held before end of March with a view to expediting the MOU with DCMC as soon as possible.

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

The amendment was put and lost.

**LOST**

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

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

The substantive motion before the Council was put and carried.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 22-026

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

- (1) Notes the excellent work of the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC) and Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC).
- (2) Notes the MCMC has a MOU with Darebin Council and DCMC still does not have a MOU, despite a resolution being unanimously passed on 26 April 2021 for a MOU to be finalised with DCMC.
- (3) Notes that the funding provided by Darebin Council to DCMC over the last two years has been considerably less than what was requested by DCMC and the DCMC board for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 without explanation.
- (4) Notes that DCMC have previously had a three year MOU with Darebin Council from 2014-2019.
- (5) Receives a report at the April 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting, after the Mayor has met with a representative of DCMC and a Council officer to resolve the \$20,000 in dispute and formalise the MOU.
- (6) Furthermore, the above report should:
  - a) Report on any historic or current impediments to having a signed MOU
  - b) Report on the financial contributions and justifications provided by Darebin Council over the last three years to both DCMC and MCMC, including but not limited to a reduction in DCMC funding by Darebin Council in 2021-2022 by \$20,000.
  - c) Report on the possibility, including advantages and disadvantages for both Darebin Council and DCMC to engage into a three year MOU given the time it has taken to sign a MOU.

**CARRIED****For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Rennie and Williams (7)**Against:** Cr's. Hannan and Newton (2)

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**9.3 ALLEGED POLITICAL INTERFERENCE REGARDING  
NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE**

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*That Darebin Council:*

1. *Notes with grave concern the recent mass email campaign by Greens Party Leader to deliberately influence the outcome of Darebin Council's 'shared community use' online survey regarding Northcote Golf Course, in order to skew the outcome of the survey to align it with the political position of both Greens Federal and State candidates in the upcoming 2022 elections.*
2. *Notes that it is both contrary to Darebin Council resolutions on 'shared use' at Northcote Golf Course and ethically unacceptable, that resources of a partially publicly funded political party from Spring Street seeks to promote a golf course in the City of Yarra as an alternative to 'shared use' of a publicly owned golf course in the City of Darebin.*
3. *Council notes for the record that there is no council resolution that supports her stated objective of removing publicly accessible golf at Northcote Golf Course and redirecting golf users to an already full golf course in the City of Yarra.*
4. *Affirms its role as a locally responsive level of government and is committed to Darebin community's expectation of impartial decision-making free from interference by Spring Street political party leaders.*
5. *Acknowledges the reputational risk caused by the Greens Party Leader's actions and resolves that the Mayor write on behalf of council to the Greens Party Leader and demand that she cease her political interference in Darebin Council matters and that this letter from the Mayor and any response from the Greens Party Leader be published on the Darebin website.*
6. *Resolves to write to the Minister for Local Government, Hon. Shaun Leane to seek advice on whether:*
  - *the actions of the Greens Party Leader are in line with the intent of the Local Government Act;*
  - *this incident of political interference can be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Committees for further investigation.*





**Motion****MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams**That Darebin Council:**

1. Notes with grave concern the recent mass email campaign by Greens Party Leader to deliberately influence the outcome of Darebin Council's 'shared community use' online survey regarding Northcote Golf Course, in order to skew the outcome of the survey to align it with the political position of both Greens Federal and State candidates in the upcoming 2022 elections.
2. Notes that it is both contrary to Darebin Council resolutions on 'shared use' at Northcote Golf Course and ethically unacceptable, that resources of a partially publicly funded political party from Spring Street seeks to promote a golf course in the City of Yarra as an alternative to 'shared use' of a publicly owned golf course in the City of Darebin.
3. Council notes for the record that there is no council resolution that supports her stated objective of removing publicly accessible golf at Northcote Golf Course and redirecting golf users to an already full golf course in the City of Yarra.
4. Affirms its role as a locally responsive level of government and is committed to Darebin community's expectation of impartial decision-making free from interference by Spring Street political party leaders.
5. Acknowledges the reputational risk caused by the Greens Party Leader's actions and resolves that the Mayor write on behalf of council to the Greens Party Leader and demand that she cease her political interference in Darebin Council matters and that this letter from the Mayor and any response from the Greens Party Leader be published on the Darebin website.
6. Resolves to write to the Minister for Local Government, Hon. Shaun Leane to seek advice on whether:
  - the actions of the Greens Party Leader are in line with the intent of the Local Government Act;
  - this incident of political interference can be referred to the relevant Parliamentary Committees for further investigation.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST****For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Laurence and Williams (4)**Against:** Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Newton and Rennie (4)**Abstained:** Cr. Messina (1)

*Note – Pursuant to Section 61(5)(e) of the Local Government Act 2020 ' for the purpose of determining the result of a vote, a Councillor present at a meeting who does not vote is to be taken have voted against the question '*

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**9.4 RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE**

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**That Council:**

1. *Notes on 6 November 2019 Council passed a resolution to receive a comprehensive Council report on how the full redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre (RLC) could address socio-economic disadvantage in the north end of our city. This report is yet to come before Council.*
2. *Receives an officers' report at the April 2022 Council meeting on the benefits and opportunities for schools, students, families, and our diverse community of completely redeveloping and rebuilding the RLC with a 50-meter pool and other state of the art features similar to what Council is currently building as part of the exiting and complete rebuilding of the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.*

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes on 6 November 2019 Council passed a resolution to receive a comprehensive Council report on how the full redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre (RLC) could address socio-economic disadvantage in the north end of our city. This report is yet to come before Council.
2. Receives an officers' report at the April 2022 Council meeting on the benefits and opportunities for schools, students, families, and our diverse community of completely redeveloping and rebuilding the RLC with a 50-meter pool and other state of the art features similar to what Council is currently building as part of the exiting and complete rebuilding of the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Hannan

**That Council:**

1. Notes on 6 November 2019 Council passed a resolution to receive a comprehensive report on how the redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre could address socio economic disadvantage at the Northern end of our city.
2. Receives an officers' report in April 2022 on the findings of this report.

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

The amendment was put and carried.

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 9.46 pm.*

*The Meeting recommenced at 9.57 pm*

## EXTENSION OF TIME

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-027**

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Hannan

**That Council:**

1. Notes on 6 November 2019 Council passed a resolution to receive a comprehensive report on how the redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre could address socio economic disadvantage at the Northern end of our city.
2. Receives an officers' report in April 2022 on the findings of this report.

**CARRIED**

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

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

**Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes on 6 November 2019 Council passed a resolution to receive a comprehensive report on how the redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre could address socio economic disadvantage at the Northern end of our city.
2. That council receive a report to the March 2022 meeting on the methodology to conduct proper community consultation including a survey with secondary and primary schools students and teachers, parents, CALD residents, and disabled residents on whether the RLC should be redeveloped and rebuilt with a 50 mt pool and other state of the art features similar to what Council is currently building as part of the existing and complete rebuilding of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

The amendment was put and lost.

**LOST**

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

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

**EXTENSION OF TIME****Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 22-028**

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-029**

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

**That** the substantive motion be now put.

**CARRIED**

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

**Against:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco and Laurence (3)

*10.32 pm Councillor Williams left the meeting and did not return.*

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 10.34 pm.*

*The Meeting recommenced at 10.47 pm*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION – ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-030**

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

**That** the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 6.00pm.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's. Dimitriadis, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Newton and Rennie (6)

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

**Abstained:** Cr. Hannan (1)

*The Meeting was adjourned at 10.50 pm*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION – RESUMPTION OF ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6.00 PM ON TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 22-031

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

**That** the Council meeting adjourned on 28 February 2022 be resumed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The adjourned meeting resumed on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 6.03 pm*

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

**10. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP*****Councillors***

Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)  
Cr. Trent McCarthy (Deputy Mayor) (*arrived at 6.10 pm*)  
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis  
Cr. Gaetano Greco  
Cr. Tom Hannan  
Cr. Tim Laurence  
Cr. Susanne Newton  
Cr. Susan Rennie  
Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer  
Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital  
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement  
Shadi Hanna – Acting General Manager Communities  
Kathryn Pound – Manager City Development  
Chris Ryan – Manager Property and Asset Strategy  
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business  
Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer  
Michelle Martin – Council Business Officer  
Georgina Steele – Council Business Officer

The Chairperson, Mayor Messina, opened the meeting with the Acknowledgement to Traditional Owners.

## APOLOGIES

Nil

*The Mayor advised that the substantive motion before the Council, when meeting was adjourned on 28 February 2022 as shown below would be put to vote.*

**That Council:**

1. Notes on 6 November 2019 Council passed a resolution to receive a comprehensive report on how the redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre could address socio economic disadvantage at the Northern end of our city.
2. Receives an officers' report in April 2022 on the findings of this report.

The motion was put and carried.

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break at 6.11 pm.*

*The Meeting recommenced at 6.21 pm*

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 22-032**

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

**That Council:**

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2. Receives an officers' report in April 2022 on the findings of this report.

**CARRIED**

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

**Against:** Cr. Dimitriadis, Greco and Laurence, (3)

**Abstained:** Cr. Williams (1)

## 9.5

## CAIN AVENUE, FAIRFIELD

**That Council:**

1. *Notes the Department of Transport (DoT) is currently working with key stakeholders, including the Department of Health and Victoria Police, to improve personal safety across the transport network. This includes the installation of anti-trespasser fencing along the metropolitan and regional rail network in prioritised locations using a risk-based approach and informed by suicide and trespasser incidents data.*
2. *Notes that Cain Avenue in Fairfield is situated adjacent to the Hurstbridge train line and is very close to where pedestrians walk but is not fenced between Victoria Road and Howitt Street.*
3. *Notes that while the rail network along Cain Avenue is not fenced, fencing is in place along sections of South Crescent, Railway Place and Wingrove Street.*
4. *Notes that there may be opportunity for Council to advocate for work to improve safety in Cain Avenue near the intersection of Howitt Street, to address resident requests.*
5. *Calls for a report at the April Council meeting outlining any opportunities for Council to work with DOT to explore leasing of additional land and to advocate for safety fencing works in this section of Cain Avenue.*

**Motion**

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

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**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 22-033****MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis****SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan****That Council:**

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****11. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## 12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

### CLOSE OF MEETING

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 22-034

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

**That** in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the items designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer on the basis that the matters are confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act.

#### 11.1 22 Wood Street Preston - Open Space Contribution

This item is designated confidential because it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released, pursuant to Section 3(1) (a) of the Act.

#### 11.2 CEO Mid Year Performance Review & CEO Employment Matters Committee Update

This item is designated confidential because it contains personal , being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs, pursuant to Section 3(1) (f) of the Act.

#### 11.3 Contractual Matter

This item is designated confidential because it contains personal , being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs, pursuant to Section 3(1) (f) of the Act .

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's. Greco, Hannan, McCarthy, Messina, Newton, Rennie and Williams (7)

**Against:** Cr. Dimitriadis and Laurence (2)

*The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 6.32 pm.*

***The Council considered and resolved on Items 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 in the closed meeting.***

**13. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 10.11 pm.

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