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# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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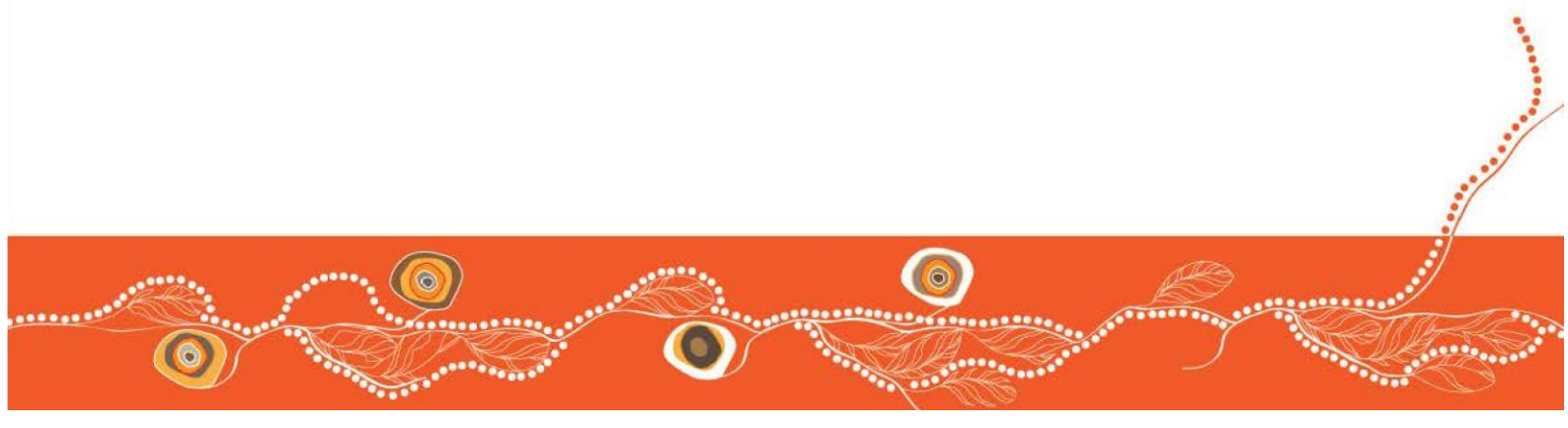
## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

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

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

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

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



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## Arabic

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## Nepali

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 1.01 PM**

**WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Rennie opened the meeting with the following statement:

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

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf ( Arrived 2.07pm)

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Steven Sagona – Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

Vicky Guglielmo – Acting General Manager Community

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Sunny Haynes – Manager City Futures

Jennifer Paterson - Acting Manager Governance and Performance

Allan Cochrane – Manager Finance

Stephen Mahon - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Michelle Martin - Council Business Officer

Georgina Steele - Council Business Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Greco was on approved leave of absence

Apologies were received for Cr. Amir and Cr. Le Cerf

( Note – Cr. Le Cerf arrived at the meeting at 2.07 pm )

### 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 19-165

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 12 August 2019 and Special Council Meeting held on 22 August 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

### 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

1.03 pm Cr Newton left the meeting

1.04 pm Cr Newton returned to the meeting

The Chairperson, Cr Rennie, responded to the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Chris Erladsen**

Does the Planning Department use the same definition of a canopy tree as is used in the Open Space Strategy?

**Response from Rachel Ollivier, General Manager – City Sustainability & Strategy**

**The Planning Department uses several different tools when determining these matters, so the short answer is no however Officers are more than happy to go through the detail if that is of interest to Mr Erladsen.**

- **Chris Erladsen**

Considering the increasing amount of development, will there be an actual percentage increase to Open Space in Darebin and in Cazaly Ward area in particular?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Council acknowledges the challenges with regards to the increasing amount of development and the need to increase Open Space in Darebin. A key action in the Open Space Strategy is an increase in the Open Space levy which will be used to purchase new and upgrade existing open space.**

**The Open Space Strategy also proposes the development of a Strategic Land Acquisition Plan which will prioritise the acquisition of new open space based on a number of factors including whether it fills a gap in the open space network, whether it is in an area of high population density, whether it's in an area of projected growth etc.**

There are also some large State Government projects proposed for Cazaly Ward including the LXP (Level Crossing Removal Project) which will open up considerable amounts of useable open space as a result of elevating the rail lines. And as part of the redevelopment of the Preston Market, new open space will be provided.

So while we don't know actual percentages of new open space or the rate of development, we predict an increase in new open spaces both as a result of the state government works, and should the open space strategy be adopted, as a result of the proposed increased to open space levy and the associated proposed strategic land acquisitions.

- Brian Sanaghan, Preston

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The Mayor advised that two questions had been received from Mr Brian Sanaghan. Both questions relate to a matter that has previously been responded to, and accordingly these will not be dealt with again.

- Dean Haywood, Northcote

For anyone who has lived in Darebin for a long time as I have, it is obvious that Darebin's parks and open space are not of a high quality and suffer from poor vegetation provision which will only get worse under climate change. Can you therefore explain why the Open Space Strategy has not highlighted this as a key issue and has no action plan to address it?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

We agree with you that many of our open spaces don't have enough vegetation. We have been responding to this for many years, for example we plant a minimum of 5000 new indigenous plants along the creek corridors each year and 1700 new trees a year in streets and parks.

Council will be considering whether to adopt the final draft of the Open Space Strategy later in the meeting. This final draft reiterates the challenge of revegetating existing areas and highlights this as one of the major issues we are facing, and identifies priority actions to respond to this issue.

- Dean Haywood, Northcote

If the Open Space Strategy has no coherent, decisive and targeted actions to address the significant challenge of poor vegetation provision, why should anyone in the community believe that anything is going to be done about it?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The final draft of the Open Space Strategy proposed for Council consideration today has specific priority actions relating to revegetation, including better defining priority locations, as well as actions that relate to planting of new indigenous trees, shrubs and ground cover.

- Carolyn Lunt, Northcote

Given there can be no improvement to biodiversity in Darebin without a massive improvement in vegetation cover in parks and elsewhere, why does the Strategy contain no analysis of vegetation cover across the 750ha. of Darebin's open space when it is an issue of emergency proportions?



**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Council will be considering whether to adopt the Open Space Strategy today. The proposed Open Space Strategy is intended to set the long term vision and key directions for the management and acquisition of Open Space in Darebin.

If adopted the Open Space Strategy will join several policies and strategies that would work together dealing with Open Space. Some analysis of vegetation cover is contained within existing strategies such as the Natural Heritage Strategy and the Urban Forest Strategy. Further analysis is recommended by the proposed Open Space Strategy to develop a specific Land Management Plan, Biodiversity Plan and Vegetation Assessment Plan

The proposed Open Space Strategy defines lack of vegetation cover as a major challenge and defines actions to address it.

- **Carolyn Lunt, Northcote**

The Open Space Strategy calls for the preparation of a Vegetation Assessment for all Open Space in Darebin. Why is this required when the problem is so starkly obvious and will this not just avoid taking action, when it is action, and not another report, that is urgently required?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The vegetation plan would document in one place all knowledge of current vegetation and outline practical improvements to develop multilayered vegetation cover. Action is already being taken to add more trees, plants and shrubs to our open spaces in streets, parks and along creeks.

- **Gus MacLatchy, Northcote**

The Open Space Strategy claims that the climate emergency is a foundation on which the Strategy is built. It further claims that Council is committed to fast tracking programs that draw down excess emissions and sequestering carbon in vegetation. If this is so, and, according to the ABC Science Unit, it takes the planting of 24 Eucalyptus every year by every individual to offset the carbon emissions of every Australian, then the population of Darebin would require the planting of 3.84 million Eucalyptus to fully achieve offset in any year. Council's current target is the planting of 7,600 trees over the four years of this Council or 1,900 per year. This is 0.049% of what is required for full offset via sequestration in vegetation. Does Council consider its current response adequate?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Preventing emissions and drawing down carbon from the atmosphere cannot be done by tree planting in Darebin alone. As you point out, the area available is just not enough – even if there were no houses, this would be the case.

The proposed Open Space Strategy relates to vegetation cover which can help reduce the impact of climate change by cooling the city. The proposed strategy also prioritises biodiversity which is important as flora and fauna will also need help to survive as the climate changes.

Council's Climate Emergency Plan sets out Council's wholistic plan on the Climate Emergency. Today we are also considering several other items that will help address the Climate Emergency including a proposal to purchase renewable energy for

**Council buildings, and a proposed submission to the State Government's inquiry into tackling Climate Change in Victorian Communities.**

- **Gus MacLatchy, Northcote**

How does the Open Space Strategy, via an action plan or otherwise, move us towards greater sequestration via vegetation?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**The proposed Open Space Strategy sets direction for increased vegetation cover and tree canopy cover which will play a small role in sequestration.**

- **Kirsta Hawkins, Preston**

How is Darebin Council Engaging with the State Government to solve the recycling crisis and what is the timeline on these engagements?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**We have been in regular contact with the State Government in relation to this crisis as it's obviously not one that we have been able to completely solve ourselves due to the limited number of providers in the market.**

**Additional response from GM Operations & Capital, Sam Hewett**

**We have been working hard with other providers to try and secure a contract. We are aware that the market is limited however we are hopeful that we can find another provider who can receive Council's kerbside recycling material, sort it and then recycle it and we continue to work on that basis.**

- **Kirsta Hawkins, Preston**

What kind of programs is the Council considering on a smaller scale level to help out local recycling management? For example deposit collection for bottles/cans at home sorting initiatives, or public education about the recycling crisis?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**For a number of years Council has been involved in recycling education programs to improve the quality of the recycling stream. Contamination is one of the biggest problems in terms of recycling in Australia. We need to increase recycling rates so our recycling education program has been targeted to reducing contamination. We also have been significantly involved in lobbying for container deposits scheme. Victoria is the last State in Australia that doesn't already have or is in the planning stage to introduce a Container Deposit Scheme and we have been advocating very strongly for that.**

**Additional response from GM Operations & Capital, Sam Hewett**

**The Resource Recovery Centre in Reservoir is able to take recycled sorted material and that gets fully recycled.**

**Additional response from the CEO, Sue Wilkinson**

Since SKM's closure Council has been very active in the advocacy space in addition to starting a petition requesting that the State Government work with all levels of Government. One of the key matters that Council is calling for is the establishment of an Independent Waste Authority to bring together all agencies that have responsibility for waste into one agency such that they can work with Local Government and Federal Government. We invite everyone to sign the petition, currently we are at more than two thousand signatures on the online petition which is under the Mayor's social media on Council's Facebook page.

Council is also starting a Municipal wide food waste diversion program, after a very successful trial of this as we know food waste is a significant contributor to our waste stream. In addition officers are currently working on revising our waste strategy to look at future initiatives and ways in which we can work with other municipalities on new technologies and the most sustainable options available, product supply, what happens with the materials at the end points, circular economies and charges. As the Mayor mentioned we have been advocating for a container deposit scheme and we have increased our Social Media activity in this area, so if you have a look at our Facebook page for example you will see a couple of our staff have been involved in showing community how easy it is to actually do ordinary daily tasks and reduce their consumption of materials that aren't recyclable for example reducing single use plastic for example.

Additionally Councillor Messina as the chair of the Metropolitan Waste Forum is Council's voice and in fact a leader in the sector in this area and is very actively advocating to the State Government and other key stakeholders.

- Amos Roberts, Preston

The Darebin Resource Recovery Centre that you mentioned does accept waste that has been separated and recycles it so I'm just curious about what the ceiling is on material that is accepted there and why for example material couldn't be collected if it's separated and if there is some way moving towards that?.

**Response from GM Operations & Capital, Sam Hewett**

Council's kerbside recycling contract last year picked up about 14 thousand tonnes of material. The Resource Recovery Centre is able to take some of that recycled and sorted material but could not take what is currently collected by the recycling service. What you would need to deal with the current volume would be a dedicated sorting centre which in the industry is called a Materials Recovery Facility

- Amos Roberts, Preston

A further follow up question. I'm just curious as to how much more for instance that they could take. Is there at capacity? People are currently hoarding and separating recyclables at home and I'm sure that there are many other people, alarmed by the crisis who would perhaps help collect and separate, but it depends on how much more capacity there is.

**Response from the CEO, Sue Wilkinson**

Councils Resource Centre is an independent social enterprise that has contracts with other Council's and is also open just to the community. At a domestic level, the waste that you and others have been hoarding would absolutely be able to taken to this facility however in terms of the broader issue of capacity I will ensure an Officer gets back to you to explore this. Hopefully we will be in a position to have a more municipal wide solution implemented soon. I would like to encourage you and other community members to raise any ideas that you have regarding waste collection and particularly recycling, as we would be keen to hear them.

- **Mr Nugent, Epping.**

Could you please advise from October 2016: what was the total redundancies paid to staff to date? And who signed off on these payments?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The Mayor advised that this question would be taken on notice.

Note - Council's Governance Local Law 2017 provides for questions to be disallowed if determined that they relate to matters in respect of which Council may close a Council Meeting to the public under Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989. It has been determined that the information sought by this question falls into this category and accordingly an answer will not be provided in this instance.

- **Mr Nugent, Epping.**

Mayor Rennie, I was so disappointed with the reply to my question at the last Council Meeting in relation to the Dole / Donath Masterplan. It didn't answer my question I asked so I will ask the question a little differently:

Is the South East corner on Donath West Part of the Masterplan?  
What work will be carried out?  
When will the work be done?  
What has been planned to Oval No.1 on Donath West?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The Mayor advised that this question would be taken on notice.

**Pursuant to the Councils *Governance Local Law 2017* the response to a question from the public taken on notice must be recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council meeting.**

**Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 12 August 2019.**

**At the Council meeting held on 12 August 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**1. John Nugent - Preston Market Parking**

Mayor Rennie, my question is about parking at the Preston Market in September.

Mayor Rennie I haven't received a reply and I know that Preston Market is a private car park that is not causing the problem. The problem is the Council leasing the City Oval out during September to the NFL all day.

Mayor Rennie, Ward Councillors are aware of this problem. When will Council look after the shopkeepers at Preston?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Rennie**

Thank you, Mr Nugent for that Question, as it wasn't received prior to the meeting, I will take it on notice and we will provide you with an answer.

**The above question of Mr Nugent's has been responded to, please refer to the Minutes of the Council Meeting -12 August 2019.**

**2. John Nugent - 19/20 Budget allocation for consultants**

Mayor Rennie, my question also comes from the 22 of July. My Question is about the answer provided by Council to my question on the 22/07/19 re. Consultant fees in the 19/20 Budget.

Mayor Rennie, Council has provided the amount of \$4.687 million dollars in this Budget. Could Council provide a break up of this \$4.687 million dollars and provide which department received what amounts including the CEO's department.

And there was a question I did ask on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June I haven't received a reply. I'll give you another copy of this letter Mayor Rennie is that ok?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Rennie**

Thank you for the copy of any question it was my understanding that we had responded to all you questions and if you could leave a copy of the question from the 24<sup>th</sup> that would be good.

In relation to your question about a further breakdown of the budget I would have to refer that to Council Officers and will do so. Thank you.

**Response – Allan Cochrane, Manager Finance (emailed 13/8/2019 at 4.41pm)**

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PROVIDES DETAIL OF THE 2019-20 BUDGET FOR CONSULTANTS BY DEPARTMENT:

DEPARTMENT	2019-20 BUDGET \$'000
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE	300
GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY & STRATEGY	45
CITY DEVELOPMENT	258
ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT	549
CITY FUTURES	1,906
GENERAL MANAGER OPERATIONS & CAPITAL	100
ASSETS & CAPITAL DELIVERY	179
CITY WORKS	0
PARKS & OPEN SPACE	12
GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY	5
AGED & DISABILITY	57
FAMILIES, YOUTH & CHILDREN	114
RECREATION & LIBRARIES	71
EQUITY & WELLBEING	45
CREATIVE CULTURE & EVENTS	5
GENERAL MANAGER GOVERNANCE & ENGAGEMENT	160
FINANCE	112
PEOPLE & DEVELOPMENT	130
INFORMATION SERVICES	385
GOVERNANCE & PERFORMANCE	176
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT & ENGAGEMENT	78
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,687</b>

## 6. PETITIONS

## 7. URGENT BUSINESS

### ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Cr Lawrence sought leave of Council to introduce an item of urgent business regarding an immigration matter.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-166**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to immigration be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.1.

**CARRIED****Immigration Matter**

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

That Council resolves to email the Premier of Victoria with an offer to settle the Tamil family being held on Christmas Island via Victoria's skilled migration quota given the need for workers in Victorian regional meatworks factories.

Cr Newton sought support from the mover and seconder to amend the wording as follows

That Council resolves to email the Premier of Victoria to request him to offer to settle the Tamil family being held on Christmas Island via Victoria's skilled migration quota given the need for workers in Victorian regional meatworks factories

The mover and seconder consented to this change to the motion

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-167**

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

That Council resolves to email the Premier of Victoria to request him to offer to settle the Tamil family being held on Christmas Island via Victoria's skilled migration quota given the need for workers in Victorian regional meatworks factories.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Cr Newton sought leave of Council to introduce an item of urgent business regarding the School Strike for Climate.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 19-168**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

That an Urgent Business item relating to the School Strike for Climate be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.2 .

**CARRIED**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 19-169**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

That Council:

1. Sends a message of support to the Students Striking from School for a Safe Climate Future at the Global #ClimateStrike on 20 September 2019.
2. Publicly declares Darebin Council's support for the Global #ClimateStrike on 20 September 2019, in line with Council's recognition that we are in a state of climate emergency.
3. And declare Darebin Council's support for the three demands of the School Strike 4 Climate:
  - a. No new coal, oil and gas projects, including the Adani mine.
  - b. 100% renewable energy generation and exports by 2030.
  - c. Fund a just transition and job creation for all fossil-fuel industry workers.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



## 8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 8.1 KIDS UNDER COVER PROPOSED LEASE OF COUNCIL LAND 1 SPRING ST, PRESTON

**Author:** Senior Property Officer

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To consider the outcome of the statutory process and the non-statutory community consultation relating to Council's intention to lease Council owned land at 1 Spring Street, Preston (Site), outlined in blue on the aerial photo in **Appendix A** to Kids Under Cover, finalise the process and enter into a lease.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-170**

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams  
**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with Section 190, 192 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, with no submissions having been received as part of the statutory process, resolves to:
  - a) Use the land for another purpose (other than that for which it was originally acquired, being car parking for the former Preston Bowls Club); and
  - b) Enter into a lease with Kids Under Cover for the purpose of providing temporary relocatable housing accommodation for young people and in accordance with the terms and conditions provided in the statutory notice attached in **Appendix E**.
- (2) Authorises the General Manager, Governance and Engagement to finalise and execute all lease documentation with Kids Under Cover for the use of 1 Spring Street, Preston.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019-2023****Author:** Graffiti Management Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is to endorse the draft Graffiti Management Strategy 2019-2023 and release it for community consultation.

The new draft strategy significantly strengthens the previous work of Council by adopting a new whole-of-community response to graffiti management that includes Council, residents, businesses, artists, community organisations and graffitists.

The draft Strategy acknowledges that graffiti is a highly complex social activity that remains a consistent issue for inner city councils across Melbourne. Graffiti is a highly contentious and subjective issue that draws a mixture of views from the community. Therefore it cannot be effectively managed by one approach.

The new draft Graffiti Management Strategy 2019-2023 seeks to present a balanced graffiti management approach, incorporating an understanding of the graffiti culture; the prevention of; and the expectations of the Darebin community and evidence based knowledge about how graffiti can be effectively reduced. It also draws a clear distinction between 'graffiti' applied without permission and 'street art' that is created on property with permission.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-171****MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams**That Council;**

1. Endorses the draft Graffiti Management Strategy 2019-2023 and releases it for community consultation.

**CARRIED**

### 8.3 ADOPTION OF BREATHING SPACE: THE DAREBIN OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

**Author:** Landscape Architect

**Reviewed By:** City Design Coordinator

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy (Appendix A)* is an ambitious and future looking strategy that will help Council achieve its vision for “a greener, bolder, more connected city”. It is reflective of Council’s goals and objectives as well as responding to the projected growth and change forecast for the municipality.

It sets aspirational directions for the City of Darebin in three focus areas: *Meeting Community Open Space Needs*, *Rewilding Darebin: Improving Biodiversity* and *Creating a Green Streets Network*, which together help our community respond to the climate emergency, which is an overarching theme.

Each of these directions outlines clear objectives with strategic and detailed actions. This is a forward-looking strategy that will be implemented progressively over time. It is expected to be current for at least the next ten years and likely well beyond.

*Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy* has been developed with an extensive engagement program with the community and stakeholders and reflects community priorities and aspirations.

#### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopt *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*, and
- (2) Thank community members and stakeholders for their feedback and advice to date to help develop *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*

#### Motion

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- (1) Adopts *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*;
- (2) Reviews and reports progress annually on *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*, including an annual update on Darebin’s canopy coverage and quantity and quality of open space provision, as well as progress on biodiversity improvements, and that this update be communicated to the community.
- (3) Refers all actions contained in *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy* for consideration in the next budget process; and
- (4) Thanks the Darebin Nature Trust, community members and stakeholders, for their feedback, input and advice to date to help develop *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*.

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

That the matter be deferred to the 23 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting

2.07 pm Cr. Le Cerf arrived at the meeting

The Procedural Motion was put and lost

**LOST**

Cr. Williams sought support of the mover and seconder of the motion before Council to add a further dot point (5) to read:

- (5) Ensure that edible plants and fruit trees are accessible to the local community, particularly those with greatest need to access food.

The mover and seconder consented to this change to the motion.

The motion before Council was put and carried.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-172****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Adopts Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy;
- (2) Reviews and reports progress annually on Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy, including an annual update on Darebin's canopy coverage and quantity and quality of open space provision, as well as progress on biodiversity improvements, and that this update be communicated to the community.
- (3) Refers all actions contained in Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy for consideration in the next budget process; and
- (4) Thanks the Darebin Nature Trust, community members and stakeholders, for their feedback, input and advice to date to help develop Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy.
- (5) Ensure that edible plants and fruit trees are accessible to the local community, particularly those with greatest need to access food.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams requested that their opposition to the resolution of Council be noted.

**8.4 SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE IN VICTORIAN COMMUNITIES**

**Author:** Climate Emergency Darebin Executive Officer

**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Victorian Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee is conducting an 'Inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities.' The inquiry will focus on "what urban, rural and regional communities in Victoria are doing to tackle climate change and how the Victorian Government could support these communities". Darebin City Council was invited, through a letter to the CEO, to provide a submission to this enquiry.

The City of Darebin was the first to declare a climate emergency in 2016 and since then, over 30 local governments across Australia have declared a climate emergency: 12 in New South Wales, 7 in Victoria, 3 in Western Australia, 3 in South Australia, 2 in Tasmania, 1 in Queensland, 1 in Northern Territory, and also the government of the Australian Capital Territory.

It is recognised that local governments have a key role in working with communities to prepare for and manage climate change impacts. However local government cannot deliver the change that is required alone. Therefore Officers have drafted a submission for Council's consideration that includes the following key recommendations:

- Remove the burden of action from communities and councils by committing to and taking climate emergency action at a state level – this means rapidly transforming our economy to zero emissions and beyond as quickly as possible.
- Transition to a 100% renewable electricity system as quickly as possible.
- Commit to ruling out any new fossil fuel developments.
- Increase the frequency, convenience and quality of public transport services, and facilitate high-speed rail services, to enable Victorians to use zero emission transport.
- Develop policies that enable energy efficient buildings so that Victorians can live in thermally comfortable dwellings and reduce their carbon footprint.
- Reduce the urban heat effect by funding and developing enabling policies to increase the amount of urban vegetation, including green rooves and walls.
- Fund and develop policies to increase urban food production as a way of ensuring food security.
- Establish a \$1 billion dollar fund for councils to build the resilience of climate change vulnerable communities.
- Work with councils and other levels of government to pre-emptively understand key economic costs and impacts and take responsibility to address these.
- Engage with first nations to understand the risks and opportunities to protect country, and the need to provide culturally relevant education programs.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council endorses the submission to the Victorian Parliament Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee, "Inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities".

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

That the Recommendation be adopted.

Cr. Laurence sought support from the mover and seconder to make a minor change to the wording of the submission shown as Appendix A on page 186 to read

- Infrastructure improvements and upgrades e.g roads, sewerage **and storm water systems**

The mover and seconder consented to the change to the motion.

The motion before the Council was put and carried.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-173**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

**That** Council endorses the submission to the Victorian Parliament Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee, "Inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities" as amended

**CARRIED**

**8.5 STREETS FOR PEOPLE NORTHERN RESERVOIR  
CORRIDOR STRATEGY****Author:** Safe Travel Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A draft strategy for the Northern Reservoir 'Streets for People' Corridor has been developed and is proposed for public release for consultation.

The draft strategy proposes corridor interventions to reduce vehicle speeds and better manage traffic volume; make it easier to walk, wheel and ride; and make streets greener. It aims to meet the Streets for People Project's vision "*to provide a safe, inviting walking and cycling environment for residents to access their local parks, schools and shops.*"

The draft strategy has been developed with a significant level of input from the community and key stakeholders, which included two stages of consultation.

The draft strategy proposes interventions that would be constructed over time. Funding for most of these would be considered in future years along with priorities across the City.

Council has allocated funding for construction of five street improvements in 2019-20. This would not start until after community feedback on the strategy has been considered and Council considers adoption of a strategy at a future meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-174****MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the public release of the draft Northern Reservoir Corridor Strategy, attached as **Appendix A**.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT****Author:** Energy Project Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**PURPOSE**

For Council to consider expanding its participation in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement Project to also include small market electricity accounts.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council previously endorsed the participation in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (LG PPA) Project at Council meeting held on 11 June 2019. At the time of endorsement, Council's participation included large market and unmetered streetlighting accounts, with Council officers intending to investigate alternative options to produce similar outcomes for Council's small market accounts, from more local sources of renewable energy.

However, due to the number of other Councils joining the project and increasing the overall aggregate electricity load (especially for small market account types), the LG PPA project is much more likely to attract viable offers from retailers, for this market type than previously expected. Together with other variables, such as a declining renewable energy certificate price, make the LG PPA project the most relevant option for securing 100% renewable energy supplies for all of Council's electricity accounts.

The financial analysis for small market account types demonstrates that compared with purchasing renewable energy under current contacting methods, a retail aligned PPA could deliver costs between 11-23% cheaper, and expanding to be between 29% cheaper and 6% more expensive when taking into consideration low and high forecasts of how the electricity market might change in the future. These results are similar to those of other market types (large and unmetered street lighting) already committed to the project.

By including small market accounts into the LG PPA Project, Council could source 100% of its electricity supplies sooner and with more certainty in securing such a deal, as well as deliver the same outcome for our tenanted sites with electricity.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-175****MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf**That Council:**

- (1) Approves the expansion of Council's commitment to the Local Government Power Purchase Project, to include all of Council's Small Market account types
- (2) Delegates the authority of the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the retail supply agreement contract(s) on behalf of Darebin Council, subject to the final offer(s) being within the agreed financial limits of: that the net present cost of the PPA offer to be no more than the cost of business as usual based on the mid-renewables scenario.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**8.7 ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW - PROPOSED COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION PRELIMINARY REPORT**

**Author:** Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) requires the Victorian Electoral Commission (the VEC) to conduct electoral representation reviews (ERR) before every third Council General Election, approximately every 12 years. The last ERR for Darebin City Council (DCC) was in 2007.

The ERR will examine –

- Whether DCC has the appropriate number of Councillors
- Whether DCC should be unsubdivided with Councillors elected from the whole local Council, or subdivided into wards
- Of subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries and number of Councillors per ward

At its Ordinary meeting on Monday 22 July 2019, Council finalised its preliminary submission to the VEC as follows:

- Ward structure – That multi-member wards continue to meet the current and future needs of Council and the community
- Councillor numbers – That whilst DCC has a high number of voters per Councillor compared to other metropolitan councils, Darebin is a relatively compact and developed municipality and thus nine Councillors is appropriate. It was also noted that effective community outcomes are achieved not just through representation ratios, but also through a strong strategic focus, effective decision making and robust governance processes.
- Ward names – Whilst not a component of the ERR, Council expressed its willingness to explore the renaming of all or some of the existing wards to recognise and respect the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people.

The VEC Preliminary Report (Appendix A) on the electoral structure for DCC was released on Wednesday 21 August 2019. The following options only are being considered by the VEC:

**Option A (VEC Preferred Option)**

- Darebin City Council consist of nine Councillors elected from three wards with adjustments to the current ward boundaries (three x three–councillor wards)

**Option B (VEC Alternate Option)**

- Darebin City Council consist of nine Councillors elected from three wards with adjustments to the current ward boundaries, different to Option A (three x three-councillors wards)

Any person or group, including the Council, can make a submission to the VEC in response to the options contained in the VEC Preliminary report. To this extent, officers are of the view that the **VEC Option A** is the option that Council should support in its formal submission.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the lodgement of a submission to the Darebin City Council – Electoral Representation Review – Preliminary Report supporting the VEC’s Preferred Option A.
- (2) Request to be heard in support of its submission at the VEC’s public hearing on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

### Motion

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

That the Recommendation be adopted

### Amendment

**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**  
**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the lodgement of a submission to the Darebin City Council – Electoral Representation Review – Preliminary Report generally supporting the VEC’s Preferred Option A with the additional request of 10 Councillors for the City
- (2) Request to be heard in support of its submission at the VEC’s public hearing on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

The Amendment was put and lost

**LOST**

The motion before the Council was put and carried.

### Council Resolution

**MINUTE NO. 19-176**

**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**  
**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the lodgement of a submission to the Darebin City Council – Electoral Representation Review – Preliminary Report supporting the VEC’s Preferred Option A.
- (2) Request to be heard in support of its submission at the VEC’s public hearing on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

**CARRIED**

Cr Laurence and Cr Messina requested their opposition to the Council resolution be noted.

**8.8 DEMOLITION OF TOILET BLOCK, EDWARDES LAKE PARK  
DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL ASSET****Author:** Senior Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The existing toilet block at Edwardes Lake Park, fronting Griffiths Street, is planned to be removed to enable the construction of a new, fully accessible, Changing Places toilet facility. As the existing toilet block has a current value of over \$100,000, Council resolution is required in accordance with Asset Disposal and Rationalisation Procedure.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-177****MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** Council approves the demolition of the existing public toilet block at Edwardes Lake Park, Griffiths Street (Central) to enable the design and construction of a new compliant Changing Places facility at this location.

**CARRIED**

**8.9 CT20193 - RESERVOIR HIGH NETBALL COURTS****Author:** Senior Project Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Operations and Capital

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award Contract No. CT20193 – Reservoir High School Netball Courts (Nos. 4 & 5) to an appropriately qualified experienced civil contractor.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Reservoir High School is a co-educational public education facility for years 7 to 12 attended by approximately 700 students, located at 855 – 859 Plenty Road, Reservoir. Its outdoor sports fields include severely damaged netball and basketball courts located near Nicholson Avenue. Their playing surfaces are no longer acceptable under current safety standards.

The addition of two dedicated netball facilities with lighting ready for competition play will not only add to the sports and recreation amenity provided by the existing three multi-use courts, but also foster inter-school and inter-club competition events during and outside school hours.

Council had been allocated project funding for the 2018/2019 by SRV. Whilst design and tendering of the works were completed by 30 June 2019, the funding for the construction costs was carried forward into the financial year ending 30 June 2020.

The scope of works includes:

- Removal and salvage of existing sports furniture for retention by the high school
- Provision of shop drawings as required
- Installation, maintenance and removal of temporary access track and site compound
- Site excavations and shaping, sub-surfaces preparation works, installation of new drainage and pits
- Construction of two competition compliant netball court playing fields with 200 Lux lighting on four 15m high light poles
- Installation of new asphalt base and acrylic sports surface
- Line marking for new netball courts
- Supply and installation of new netball goal posts and other furniture such as bench seating and player shelters as specified
- Installation of new 3.6m high chain mesh fencing with pedestrian and vehicle access
- Concrete pathways and other minor works related to the new courts
- Landscaping works and re-turfing of the area at completion

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the construction of the Reservoir High School Netball Courts (Nos. 4 & 5) and associated works was sought via a competitive public open tender process, advertised in The Age and on Council's eTender web portal on 1 June 2019. The tender closed on 27 June 2019.

The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract. Works are programmed to commence in late September 2019 and be completed by the end of January 2020. The project will be delivered by Darebin City Council on behalf of the Victorian State Government (SRV).

The Tender Evaluation Panel has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred Tenderer.

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

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT20193 for the Reservoir High School Netball Courts \_\_\_\_\_ for the contract sum of \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \_\_\_\_\_, being approximately 8% of the Contract amount in addition to the above, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT20193.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-178**

**MOVED: Cr. J Williams**  
**SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf**

**That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT20193 for the Reservoir High School Netball Courts to Eltham Excavations P/L t/a Field Form for the contract sum of \$645,991
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$55,000, being approximately 8% of the Contract amount in addition to the above, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT20193.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

**CARRIED**

**8.10 DRAFT 2018-19 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT****Author:** Financial Accountant**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

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Under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), Council is required to prepare an annual report in respect of each financial year consisting of three parts:

- Report of operations: information about the operations of the council
- Performance Statement: audited results achieved against the prescribed performance indicators and measures
- Financial Statements: audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Act requires that the annual report be submitted to the Minister within three months of the end of the financial year. Council is required to pass a resolution giving approval in principle to each of the Statements and authorise two Councillors to certify each of the Statements after any changes recommended, or agreed to, by the auditor have been made.

Regulations 21 of the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 (the Regulations), specify that the Financial Statements must be certified by the Principal Accounting Officer, two Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer, prior to the Auditor-General signing the audit report.

To assist Council in approving in principle the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for year ended 30 June 2019, the Audit Committee should review the draft Statements with the benefit of comments by Council management and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office representative. The Audit Committee, after it is satisfied with comments of Council management and the Victorian Auditor-General's Office representative, should then make a recommendation to Council to adopt in principle each of the statements for the year ended 30 June 2019. The statements were presented to Council's Audit Committee at its meeting on 26 August.

The Financial Statements and the Performance Statement provide, as part of the annual report, a transparent account of Council's operations in line with good governance. The annual report forms part of a comprehensive public accountability process and reporting that includes:

- The Council Plan
- The Strategic Resource Plan
- The Annual Budget
- Internal and External Audit; and
- The Annual Report.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council:

- (1) Approves in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 as per **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Authorises Councillors ..... and ..... to sign the Financial Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.
- (3) Approves in principle the Performance Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 as per **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Authorises Councillors ..... and ..... to sign the Performance Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-179**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That** Council:

- (1) Approves in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 as per **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Authorises Councillors Kim Le Cerf and Lina Messina to sign the Financial Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.
- (3) Approves in principle the Performance Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 as per **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Authorises Councillors Kim Le Cerf and Lina Messina to sign the Performance Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.

**CARRIED**

**8.11 2019 MAV STATE COUNCIL MEETING MOTION (OCTOBER)**

**Author:** Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**PURPOSE**

This report seeks Council's approval to submit a proposed motion on Climate Emergency to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 18 October 2019. The Motion is proposed by Councillor McCarthy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Through the MAV State Council meeting, Council has an opportunity to advocate for issues and promote initiatives that impact on the livelihood and wellbeing of the Darebin community.

Following a call for motions, one Councillor has identified a motion calling for action on Climate Emergency for consideration at this meeting that aligns with the priority areas identified in Council's strategies and in the 2017–21 Council Plan.

The Acting Co Ordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services advised Council of an error in relation the Appendices with Appendix B being incorrectly labelled Appendix A and that the Recommendation should refer to Appendix B.

The Recommendation below has been amended accordingly

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

- (1) Submit the motion attached at **Appendix B** to the October 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

That the Recommendation be adopted noting two minor grammatical changes to the wording of the motion as shown in Appendix B on page 455

Cr. Laurence sought the consent of the mover and seconder to add a point 2 to Appendix B on page 455 to read.

2. Motion : Social and Public Housing

That the MAV acknowledges the need for 3,000 new social and public housing units to be built every year for ten years in Victoria as identified by the Victorian Homelessness Council and commits as a sector to:



- Lobby the state government to invest in these number of units
- Commits to working as a sector to identify suitable sites on public land to assist in reaching this goal.

The mover and seconder consented to this addition to the motion

The motion before Council was put and carried unanimously

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 19-180**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf**

**That Council:**

- (1) Submit the motion attached at **Appendix B** ( as amended ) to the October 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.12 SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES****Author:** Performance Reporting and Support Officer**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a six-month progress update for Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019.

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

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-181****MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 December 2018 to 31 May 2019, attached in **Appendix A** to this report.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION****10.1 DONATH RESERVE OVAL 1 PLAYING SURFACE****Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 434

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 2 September 2019, it is my intention to move:

*That officers prepare a report for our next full council meeting regarding the urgent need to upgrade Donath Oval no 1 playing surface with an upgrade to the top soil that has become degraded due to high rain events and use and that officers also supply in that report a budget estimate to provide an adequate compliant spoon drain and painted black fence around the playing field.*

**Notice Received:** 20 August 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 26 August 2019**Date of Meeting:** 2 September 2019

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-182****MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

*That officers prepare a report for our next full council meeting regarding the urgent need to upgrade Donath Oval no 1 playing surface with an upgrade to the top soil that has become degraded due to high rain events and use and that officers also supply in that report a budget estimate to provide an adequate compliant spoon drain and painted black fence around the playing field.*

**CARRIED**

**11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

Written records of Assemblies of Councillors must be kept and include the names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending, the matters considered, any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending, and whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

Pursuant to section 80A (2) of the Act, these records must be, as soon as practicable, reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Nature Trust, Meeting #07 – 21 May 2019
- Darebin Nature Trust, Meeting #08 – 25 June 2019
- Darebin Nature Trust, Meeting #09 – 23 July 2019
- Darebin Sex, Sexuality and Gender Diverse Advisory Committee – 30 July 2019
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 5 August 2019
- Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee – 7 August 2019
- Arts Ambassadors Committee Meeting – 13 August 2019
- Darebin Nature Trust, Meeting #10 – 20 August 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 26 August 2019

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-183**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 21 May, 25 June, 23 & 30 July and 5, 7, 13 & 20 August 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 19-184

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

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

**CARRIED****REPORT OF MAYOR SUSAN RENNIE**

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

- Site Visit – Reservoir Station
- One on One with the CEO
- Council Meeting
- Catch up with Ingrid / Mayor
- Gavin's Farewell Afternoon Tea
- Planning Committee briefing
- Street Cleaning Submission discussion
- Catch Up with Cr Greco
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council Meeting
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- DADA Meeting
- Mayoral Briefing – Wurrundjeri Council Matter
- Meeting with Minister Robin Scott
- Northern Eid Festival
- Mayoral Taskforce Briefing
- Catch up with the Mayor - Cr Amir
- Mayoral Briefing - Wurrundjeri Council matter
- One on One with the CEO
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Mayoral Briefing - Community Awards
- Mayoral Interview - Uni Student – SKM
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- Mayoral Interview - Climate Emergency
- Libraries After Dark joint briefing for EOI applicants with Pilot Councils

- The Star performance - Ignition Theatre Students
- Mayoral Briefing - Meet with Uncle Bill Nicholson
- Confidential Special Council Meeting
- Community climate strike information night
- Darebin Community Awards Presentation Night
- LaTrobe University - From Manchester to Melbourne's North
- Council Briefing
- Aboriginal Maternal Child Health Nurse - Meeting and Discussion with Ged Kearney
- 2019 Pathways to Employment Grants Announcement
- Catch up with Cr Le Cerf
- Mayoral Briefing – Melbourne Food Hub
- Mayoral Interview – Lois student SKM
- Mayoral Briefing – Event Catch up
- Darebin Education Committee meeting
- MEMPC meeting
- Mayoral Meeting with Melbourne Food Hub
- Mayer Park Community Safety Audit
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Catch up with Cr McCarthy
- MAV Human Services Committee
- Welcome reception for Rosalie Kunoth-Monks and Dr Donna Odegaard AM
- Open Space Tour – DNT
- New Citizens Morning Tea
- Ngulu Nganjin Everyone's Voice – One Mob - MAYORAL EVENT
- One on One with the Acting CEO
- Council Meeting

### **REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Arts Ambassadors August Meeting
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Meeting
- Nite Time Suburban Dreaming Performance at Reservoir High School
- Weekly meetings with the Mayor
- POW Circus Aerobalance Class
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting



- Representing Darebin on behalf of the Mayor at Local Government Mayoral Taskforce supporting People Seeking Asylum: Meeting hosted by the City of Moreland
- VLGA Board Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- From Manchester to Melbourne's North: How Manchester revitalised after the manufacturing decline - lessons for Melbourne's North at La Trobe University
- Councillor briefing
- 4th Preston Scouts AGM
- Open Space Tour with members of the Darebin Nature Trust
- New Citizens Morning Tea
- Ngulu Nganjin Everyone's Voice – One Mob – First Nations event

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

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

- Special Council Meeting
- Darebin Youth Strategy Launch
- 3 x Councillor Briefing
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee meeting
- 2 x Council Meeting
- Site visit of Reservoir Station
- Defiant Lives Screening and Morning Tea
- First Nations Event – Ngulu Nganjin
- New Citizens Morning Tea
- Open Space Tour with members of the Darebin Nature Trust
- Opening of Indian restaurant High Street Preston

### **REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Councillor Briefing
- 2 x Council Meeting
- Openspace visits to locations with Nature Trust community members
- Opening of Indian restaurant High Street Preston
- Rally at Federal Court re Tamil refugees and consultation with Tamil Refugee Council
- Rally at State Library re Tamil refugee with ASU, ANF and many others re Tamil refugees
- Meeting with traders Reservoir re car parking and safety issues
- Meeting with residents re car parking

- Community forum with traditional owners re Treaty process Abbotsford convent
- Consultation with residents on rates, Reservoir pool and council budget issues

**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL****CLOSE OF MEETING**

3.48 pm The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-185**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** in accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the items designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 3.49 pm

***The Council considered Report Item 14.1 CEO Remuneration and Performance Criteria which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.***

**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-186**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 3.50 pm

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 3.51 pm

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