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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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



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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2020

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.00PM

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

### WELCOME

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

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

### Mayor made the following statement on the detention of refugees and people seeking asylum at the Mantra Bell

I'm proud to represent this Council but I speak tonight with nothing but sadness and pain at the Federal Government's treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum here in Darebin.

Darebin objects in the strongest possible terms to the transfer of 60 men from the Mantra Bell to an undisclosed location. The men should be freed into community detention immediately, pending determination of their permanent status.

8 years ago the Government established camps for refugees and asylum seekers in Nauru and Manus Island. Hundreds of people spent far too long in those camps, which are better described as prisons, for little purpose. Their suffering is Australia's shame.

Hundreds of these people were transferred to Australia under the now defunct Medevac legislation. They have been diagnosed with medical conditions, physical and mental, requiring treatment in Australia. When that legislation was cruelly repealed they were transferred to hotels to be held indefinitely. One of those hotels, the Mantra Bell, is in Darebin. They could have and should have been released into community detention then.

I'm ashamed that around 60 men have been imprisoned in our midst for over a year, with few if any visitors allowed, no outside time, no connection to family and friends. And apart from the incredible commitment and support from our local community advocates and members, the Commonwealth has allowed no connection to the Darebin community, a community that overwhelmingly supports them and wants to welcome them to a new home.

Council has asked repeatedly for them to be released, and if not, for Council to be allowed to offer these men health services including access to library services, sporting facilities and Council programs available to all our residents that directly improve health and wellbeing. Again and again, the Federal Government chose cruelty.

Last week the men were transferred again. They were not told where they were being taken, or when they would be removed. And when this occurred, it was a heavy handed, disproportionate police response .

This cruelty serves no purpose except cruelty itself.

Darebin has long called on the Federal Government to change its policies towards refugees and asylum seekers. We will continue to do so, regardless of the location of our neighbours who were at the Mantra Bell. We have supported and will continue to support the agencies and volunteers working to support them directly, and I give you my word, as Mayor, and on behalf of every Councillor, that we will not rest until they are free.

Everyone in Melbourne knows what it's like to have your movements restricted, and to not be able to visit family and friends. But if this year has been tough on us, imagine life for those who dream of being able to spend even an hour outside, to visit our library and parks, to get to know their neighbours and make new friends. These men, seeking safety, have the right to being treated with dignity and respect. They have the right to freedom. They have the right to a home.

As Australia heads towards the end of the year, after this year of restrictions, the treatment of these men is a national shame. Our community stands ready to welcome these men as our new neighbours and friends. Instead the Federal Government has offered them cruelty and neglect.

To the residents who have worked tirelessly to support these men, I commend you. I stand with you, and with my Councillor colleagues who were present when the men were removed from Darebin.

To the men who were at the Mantra Bell, I also have a message. We hope, we believe, we know that one day soon you will be free. This Council and this community stand by you; now, tomorrow and the day after. We will not forget you. You have friends here, here in this chamber, and your friends are waiting for you. Waiting for you to be free. One day we will meet you, here in this hall. We will see your faces, hear your voices and talk about the future. We are waiting for you.

## **1. PRESENT**

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Gaetano Greco (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

### ***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Jodie Watson – General Manager Governance and Engagement

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Anita Craven – Manager Governance & Corporate Strategy

Shadi Hanna – Manager Aged and Disability

Brett Grambau – Manager City Works

Leah Crossman – Coordinator Arts & Collections  
Brendan Moore – Graffiti Management Coordinator  
Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business  
Rachna Gupta Singh – Senior Council Business Officer  
Lisa Thomas-Bates - Governance Project Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

Nil

## 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a general conflict of interest in item 9.4 as she works in the aged care sector and the Notice of Motion at 9.4 relates to Council's role and activity as a potential Registered Aged Care Package Provider.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 7 December 2020 contained an error in relation to Item 9.1 Notice of Motion – Northcote Golf Course. The resolution of Council whilst being amended by Cr. Dimitriadis and Cr. Williams should have recorded Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Laurence as the mover and seconder of the substantive motion that was ultimately adopted and became the resolution of Council.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-153**

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 7 December 2020 subject to the correction outlined above be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Wendy Geitz**

What are you doing to make the processes for obtaining a building permit through Council come in line with best practice or at least something close to a decent process that does not cause so much stress and heartache?

You have a responsibility to make these processes effective to enable people to meet their legal obligations. Your current processes drive people to not apply for permits as the pain, anxiety and lengthy time it takes seems far too difficult to contemplate. Which I personally understand.

Recently I have undertaken a simple colorbond shed application. This application took 5 months to complete, and around 4 months (i.e. 17 weeks) within council itself. Private surveyors would have completed this within 2 weeks. This makes the council's processes 8 times worse than the private sector. (Cost for private around 2-3 times). I also requested an amendment to this application to move the shed 15cm one way and 35cm the other way. That process took 6 weeks & cost \$500 even though we had been advised it would be free. And again I understand private surveyors would have done this in 1-2 days, with approximately the same cost, making the council 15-30 times worse in this instance. Both these processes would actually have taken weeks longer if we had not started intervening and at times managed the process.

I have spoken to other ratepayers around this and this is not an uncommon experience. And one, it seems, Council shrugs off as normal. This would not be accepted in other organisations. And does not support the ratepayers. What are you doing to dramatically reshape this process?

### **Response**

**Thanks for getting in touch Wendy.**

**I am so sorry to hear about your experience with Council.**

**We've heard similar feedback from others and that's why Council has started a comprehensive service review of its Building Services to improve customer service.**

**Thank you also for the time you spent discussing this with our Manager City Development last week. The detailed feedback will be invaluable.**

- **Maddy Maistri**

What progress has been made towards finalising the Gertrude Street residents' proposal to close Gertrude Street at the western end?

### **Response**

**Thank you for the question.**

**Our transport staff have looked at this and other options for protecting local character of Gertrude St and other nearby Streets.**

**We're set to consult with local community about options in the second week of January.**

**We are waiting until after Christmas so we don't put extra pressure on people at this time of year.**

- **John Nugent**

On Monday the 7 December I gave three questions to the Customer Service Department.

My first question was about the Dole/Donath Masterplan. My second question was about 2 reports that I wanted to know the outcome. My third was about 2 new seats for Nol Oval Donath Reserve which was overdue by 12 months.



When I checked the Minutes of the Council meeting they were wrong. My first and third question were changed and made into one question and my second question was not asked.

Mayor Messina, my question is how can I trust Council Officer(s) that they will not change my question(s) when the meeting is closed to the general public?

I know this is a very serious allegation. Please send a written response.

### **Response**

**I can confirm that you did in fact ask 3 questions at the 7 December Council Meeting.**

**Question 1 related to the status of the Dole / Donath Masterplan and Question 2 related to the status of two new seats in Donath Reserve. Both questions were accompanied by a series of statements, opinions and supplementary questions. These statements, opinions and supplementary questions were not read out as they are contrary to the Councils Governance Rules in relation to Questions from the Public. Refer Clause 15.2 (4) a maximum of three questions are permitted per person ) with no sub parts).**

**Your third question submitted to the 7 December Council Meeting related to matters that you have previously been updated on or formally advised about. Accordingly, and in line with our Governance Rules this question was disallowed. Refer Clause 15.3 (1e) – A question may be disallowed by the Chairperson if the Chairperson determines that it – deals with a subject matter already answered.**

**In summary Mr Nugent , we are of the view that your questions to the 7 December Council Meeting have been dealt with appropriately.**

- **Lachlan Jolly**

My questions for tonight's meeting are in relation to the ongoing matter of the Daleglen Park Rewilding proposal. Daleglen Park is a small park sitting adjacent to the pipeline bike track and Daleglen street near Cheddar Road. Since I moved to the area a few years ago the park has been overgrown and in a general state of disrepair, I have since been told by Nigel Fernando, Councils Co-ordinator of turf management, that the employee tasked with maintaining the park didn't know Daleglen park was his responsibility. Michael, a member of our community, has taken the initiative to turn the park into a community garden and has spent months improving and working on the site. Many in the community support Michael and have been dropping off garden supplies and seedlings, as well as asking how they can get involved. The council distributed a letter warning that all the garden beds would be removed so that the site can be upgraded for rewilding. My questions in relation to this matter are as follows:

Question 1: Our parks and recreation areas were a beacon of light for many during the pandemic lockdown. The pandemic has adversely affected many. The social and economic recovery will be a long road back. This community Garden would provide value in terms of the cultivation of community spirit, as well as the invaluable benefits of giving struggling families access to free, fresh, and healthy food. In light of this, is it responsible governing for the council to shut down and stamp out grassroots community initiatives such as the Daleglen Community Garden project?

Question 2: Can the council agree to undertake a transparent and detailed consultation process, so that we have a chance to properly put forward the case for maintaining the works that have been done so as to integrate both Michael's work and the rewilding at Daleglen Park?

Question 3: Can the council agree not to remove the garden beds, or commence work till later in the new year to give the council, and the community a chance to collaborate so as to arrive at a satisfactory outcome for all?

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and new year period.

### **Response**

Thank you for your question Mr Jolly.

**Council has well-developed plans to rewild Daleglen Park as part of its program to plant trees, shrubs and grasses across the municipality which improves the amenity and biodiversity values across our open space network.**

**We continue to promote local existing community gardens for those looking to establish and maintain vegie gardens rather than new community gardens occupying fully accessible public open spaces which can be enjoyed by a wider range of residents.**

**In relation to the vegie garden at Daleglen Park, Council has agreed with the resident that the vegie garden can remain in place over summer and no removal works will be undertaken until March 2021 - at which point the site will be prepared for our rewilding efforts which will be undertaken in the next planting season. We will ensure the resident is given plenty of notice prior to removal.**

- **Nicky Passaportis**

We would like to know what progress has been made with the application to Council to close the three streets affected by the proposed new Bell Station Carpark, namely, Gertrude, Adeline and Esther Streets. The application from these three streets was unanimous and we would like the matter to go ahead as soon as possible.

Seeing that the carpark will still be accessible via Railway Place East, we believe that the closure of the roads will not impact access to this carpark.

### **Response**

Thank you for the question

**Our transport staff have looked at this and other options for protecting local character of Gertrude, Adeline and Esther Streets and the surrounding area.**

**We're set to consult with local community about options in the second week of January.**

**After consultation, Council will consider options and community feedback at a council meeting.**

## **6. PETITIONS**

Nil

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 7.1 LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT (LXRP) - DESIGN AND ADVOCACY

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LXRP has recently released proposed designs for the new Preston and Bell Stations (October 2020) (**Appendix A and B**), and new open space design concepts for the Preston-Bell corridor (07 December 2020) (**Appendix C**).

Officers have assessed the station designs and new open space concepts that have been publicly released as to how well they achieve Council's adopted objectives outlined in 'Preston Reconnected'.

Overall, the assessment has confirmed that the level crossing removals and creation of open spaces will substantially improve this part of Darebin including helping to create connected, vibrant, accessible neighbourhoods. As well as helping people access jobs in wider Melbourne, the elevated rail will help residents easily reach local shops, community services and parklands and create new open spaces. In general, the proposed new designs meet most of Council's aspiration from Preston Reconnected as adopted on 20 July 2020.

There are however, several proposed design elements that do not meet Council's objectives. The most significant of these is the location of the commuter car park at Bell Station and the proposed access location. Officers recommend Council continue to call for the car park to be relocated to the West entirely and the space that it is currently proposed for be used as open space. Officers advise that moving the access to the car park to the West, rather than the car park itself, would also be a significant improvement compared to the current design.

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

- 1) Acknowledges and supports the following:
  - a) Delivery of 2 MCG's worth of new open space areas
  - b) The connected, continuous path from Oakover Road to North of Murray Road.
  - c) The linear park and path with a mix of passive and active park spaces from Bell to Cramer (Area 1).
  - d) The indigenous co-design space shown as 'Oakover Green' with its mix of uses and proposed native planting and connections (Area 2).
  - e) The improved functionality of the proposed new stations.
- 2) Advocates to the state government for design changes including:
  - a) That the Bell Station commuter car park be located to the West of the rail line and that the proposed location be used for open space.
  - b) That alternatively the Bell Station commuter car park access to be relocated from Bell Street via Garnet Street or Blanch Street to ensure local street to the East are pedestrian priority.
  - c) To increase the size of park area north of Murray Road (Area 3) and extend the project boundaries up to Regent Street.
  - d) Finalisation of the design of the intersection on Cramer St with the Preston commuter car park such that it contributes to this street being a 'street for people' with cycling priority and to the satisfaction of Council's Manager Sustainable Transport.
  - e) Review of Preston Station architecture to strengthen the social, cultural and diverse community heritage of the Preston Market precinct, and that the station entrance navigation be improved by modifying design of paving, landscaping and signage.
  - f) That Area 1 include spaces for Trugo, bocce or other socially connecting activities that reflect the multiculturalism and history the area.
  - g) The inclusion of a social enterprise as part of the commercial activities at Preston Station.
  - h) A pocket park at the north-west corner of Preston City Oval, or future proving to enable a future active recreational play area to be installed (Area 1)
  - i) DDA compliant disability parking on Edith street and provide a direct access to the Preston City Oval pavilion entrance on the west side.
  - j) Integration of interpretive heritage elements of Bell Station as part of the broader station precinct.
  - k) That Oakover Green to be increased in size.
  - l) That trees are protected wherever possible, and that if removal is unavoidable that five trees to be planted for any one lost.
- 3) Advocates to the LXRPP and state government for support for local businesses and community including by:
  - a) Minimising disruption for economic activities in area as a result of construction

- b) Ensuring LXP engagement and communications activities are inclusive and in line with the Council's Inclusive Communications Charter.
  - c) Supporting local businesses throughout the construction period
  - d) Encouraging workers to shop local
  - e) Providing parking to offset impact of any closures or extra demand from extra workers whether this is temporary or permanent
  - f) Engaging with the community to develop art and interpretive elements plans for the site.
- 4) Seek information from LXP, to enable Council to assess at a future date if plans meet Council's objectives, on:
- a) The plans for the integration of new public spaces with existing open spaces such as Preston City Oval (including relocating the cricket nets).
  - b) Plant species and landscaping including materials to be used (paving, infrastructure)
  - c) Signage and navigational elements.
- 5) Writes to the CEO of the Level Crossing Removal Project, the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure, and all local Victorian Members of Parliament seeking that the designs be changed in line with this resolution.
- 6) Authorises the Manager City Futures to submit a response to the current Level Crossing Removal Project's community consultation process regarding the open space design concept, in line with this resolution.
- 7) Notes that community consultation is currently in progress seeking views on the possibility of closure of local roads in the Bell Station precinct, and that a report will be provided to Council at a future meeting on the community consultation and options.
- 8) Thanks all community members involved for their work towards ensuring that the Level Crossing Removal result in strong community benefits, including community members that have participated in the state government's Preston Open Space advisory Panel, the Bell Resident's Group, and the Central Preston Trackside Group.
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<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

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  - i) DDA compliant disability parking on Edith street and provide a direct access to the Preston City Oval pavilion entrance on the west side.
  - j) Integration of interpretive heritage elements of Bell Station as part of the broader station precinct.
  - k) That Oakover Green to be increased in size.

- l) That trees are protected wherever possible, and that if removal is unavoidable that five trees to be planted for any one lost.
  - m) Improvement of the interface at Clinch Avenue between Clinch Avenue and the proposed car park, including making it a green street.
- 3) Advocates to the LXRP and state government for support for local businesses and community including by:
- a) Minimising disruption for economic activities in area as a result of construction
  - b) Ensuring LXRP engagement and communications activities are inclusive and in line with the Council's Inclusive Communications Charter.
  - c) Supporting local businesses throughout the construction period
  - d) Encouraging workers to shop local
  - e) Providing parking to offset impact of any closures or extra demand from extra workers whether this is temporary or permanent
  - f) Engaging with the community to develop art and interpretive elements plans for the site.
  - g) Maintaining rear lane access for William Street residents during and after construction
- 4) Seek information from LXRP, to enable Council to assess at a future date if plans meet Council's objectives, on:
- a) The plans for the integration of new public spaces with existing open spaces such as Preston City Oval (including relocating the cricket nets).
  - b) Plant species and landscaping including materials to be used (paving, infrastructure)
  - c) Signage and navigational elements.
  - d) Review safety for walkers, wheelers and riders at the road crossing at Murray Road.
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- 9) Writes to the Level Crossing Removal Project and other agencies that own land north of Murray Road up to Regent Street calling on them to:
- a) make improvements to the corridor between Murray Road and Regent Street, maximising green space and planting.
  - b) Conduct Community engagement to help identify the improvement.

- c) Retain and improve the open space between the Electricity substation and Breakaway youth (north of Murray Road).

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-154**

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

**That Council:**

- 1) Acknowledges and supports the following:
  - a) Delivery of 2 MCG's worth of new open space areas
  - b) The connected, continuous path from Oakover Road to North of Murray Road.
  - c) The linear park and path with a mix of passive and active park spaces from Bell to Cramer (Area 1).
  - d) The indigenous co-design space shown as 'Oakover Green' with its mix of uses and proposed native planting and connections (Area 2).
  - e) The improved functionality of the proposed new stations.
- 2) Advocates to the state government for design changes including:
  - a) That the Bell Station commuter car park be located to the West of the rail line and that the proposed location be used for open space.
  - b) That alternatively the Bell Station commuter car park access to be relocated from Bell Street via Garnet Street or Blanch Street to ensure local street to the East are pedestrian priority.
  - c) To increase the size of park area north of Murray Road (Area 3) and extend the project boundaries up to Regent Street.
  - d) Finalisation of the design of the intersection on Cramer St with the Preston commuter car park such that it contributes to this street being a 'street for people' with cycling priority and to the satisfaction of Council's Manager Sustainable Transport.
  - e) Review of Preston Station architecture to strengthen the social, cultural and diverse community heritage of the Preston Market precinct, and that the station entrance navigation be improved by modifying design of paving, landscaping and signage.
  - f) That Area 1 include spaces for Trugo, bocce or other socially connecting activities that reflect the multiculturalism and history the area.
  - g) The inclusion of a social enterprise as part of the commercial activities at Preston Station.
  - h) A pocket park at the north-west corner of Preston City Oval, or future proving to enable a future active recreational play area to be installed (Area 1)



- i) DDA compliant disability parking on Edith street and provide a direct access to the Preston City Oval pavilion entrance on the west side.
  - j) Integration of interpretive heritage elements of Bell Station as part of the broader station precinct.
  - k) That Oakover Green to be increased in size.
  - l) That trees are protected wherever possible, and that if removal is unavoidable that five trees to be planted for any one lost.
  - m) Improvement of the interface at Clinch Avenue between Clinch Avenue and the proposed car park, including making it a green street.
- 3) Advocates to the LXP and state government for support for local businesses and community including by:
- a) Minimising disruption for economic activities in area as a result of construction
  - b) Ensuring LXP engagement and communications activities are inclusive and in line with the Council's Inclusive Communications Charter.
  - c) Supporting local businesses throughout the construction period
  - d) Encouraging workers to shop local
  - e) Providing parking to offset impact of any closures or extra demand from extra workers whether this is temporary or permanent
  - f) Engaging with the community to develop art and interpretive elements plans for the site.
  - g) Maintaining rear lane access for William Street residents during and after construction
- 4) Seek information from LXP, to enable Council to assess at a future date if plans meet Council's objectives, on:
- a) The plans for the integration of new public spaces with existing open spaces such as Preston City Oval (including relocating the cricket nets).
  - b) Plant species and landscaping including materials to be used (paving, infrastructure)
  - c) Signage and navigational elements.
  - d) Review safety for walkers, wheelers and riders at the road crossing at Murray Road.
- 5) Writes to the CEO of the Level Crossing Removal Project, the Victorian Minister for Transport Infrastructure, and all local Victorian Members of Parliament seeking that the designs be changed in line with this resolution.
- 6) Authorises the Manager City Futures to submit a response to the current Level Crossing Removal Project's community consultation process regarding the open space design concept, in line with this resolution.
- 7) Notes that community consultation is currently in progress seeking views on the possibility of closure of local roads in the Bell Station precinct, and that a report will be provided to Council at a future meeting on the community consultation and options.
- 8) Thanks all community members involved for their work towards ensuring that the Level Crossing Removal result in strong community benefits, including community members that have participated in the state government's Preston Open Space advisory Panel, the Bell Resident's Group, and the Central Preston Trackside Group.

- 9) Writes to the Level Crossing Removal Project and other agencies that own land north of Murray Road up to Regent Street calling on them to:
- a) make improvements to the corridor between Murray Road and Regent Street, maximising green space and planting.
  - b) Conduct Community engagement to help identify the improvement.
  - c) Retain and improve the open space between the Electricity substation and Breakaway youth (north of Murray Road).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DAREBIN ADVISORY PANELS; ART & HERITAGE ADVISORY PANEL, COMMUNITY AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement for proposed membership to two of Council's Advisory Panels, namely the Darebin Art and Heritage Advisory Panel and the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee following recruitment processes during 2020. The Terms of Reference for these advisory panels are at **Appendix A** and **Appendix D**.

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

- (1) Endorse the appointment of eight (8) community members to the Darebin Art and Heritage Advisory Panel and two (2) reserves (refer to confidential attachment **Appendix B**)
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
  - 4)
  - 5)
  - 6)
  - 7)
  - 8)
  - 9) RESERVE
  - 10) RESERVE
- (2) Endorse the appointment of seven (7) community members as representatives to the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee (refer to confidential attachment **Appendix C**)
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)

- 4)
- 5)
- 6)
- 7)

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the appointment of eight (8) community member to the Darebin Art and Heritage Advisory Panel and two (2) reserves(see below) and an additional dedicated position from Multicultural Arts Victoria:
  - 1) Diego Ramirez
  - 2) Ramona Barry
  - 3) Sarah Werkmeister
  - 4) Bridie Mackay
  - 5) Madeleine McClelland
  - 6) Jane O'Neill
  - 7) Sean Ryan
  - 8) Sophie Cassar
  - 9) Multicultural Arts Victoria dedicated position
  - 10) RESERVE - Victoria JONES
  - 11) RESERVE – Mardi NOVAK
  
- (2) Endorses the appointment of seven (7) community members as representatives to the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee (see below) and a representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) in the first instance or another Multicultural Organisation if DECC is unable to provide a nominee:
  - 1) Ms Jenaya Kastamonitis – Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - 2) Ms Ellie- Jean Singh – Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - 3) Ms Miranda Sharp – 2019 Citizen of the Year
  - 4) Ms Emily Hughes – 2019 Young Citizen of the Year
  - 5) Dr Sam Ginsberg OAM - Community Representative
  - 6) Mr Abey George - Community Representative
  - 7) Ms Barbara Carseldine - Community Representative
  - 8) Representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council

- (3) That in addition to the seven categories detailed below in (1) – (7) (including 2 new categories introduced in 2019), the following new categories (8) and (9) below be included for the Darebin Community Awards:
- 1) Citizen of The Year
  - 2) Young Citizen of the Year
  - 3) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Leader of the year
  - 4) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Emerging Community Leader of the year (Under 21 years)
  - 5) Community Group of the Year
  - 6) Sustainability Award (introduced 2019 awarded to an individual, educational group or community group)
  - 7) Lifetime Achievement Award (introduced 2019 awarded to an individual)
  - 8) CALD Emerging Community Leader of the year (under 21 years)
  - 9) CALD Elder Community Leader of the year.

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

That the preamble to point 2 of the motion be amended to read

- 2) Endorses the appointment of seven (7) community members as representatives to the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee (see below) and a representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) in the first instance or another Multicultural Organisation if DECC is unable to provide a nominee, **to be determined by the CEO**

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment and it became the substantive motion before the Council.

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

That the preamble to point 2 of the substantive motion be amended to read

- 2) Endorses the appointment of seven (7) community members as representatives to the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee (see below) and a representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) in the first instance (or another Multicultural Organisation if DECC is unable to provide a nominee, **which is** to be determined by the CEO):

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment and it became the substantive motion before the Council.

**Further Amendment**

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

**That the preamble to** point 2 of the substantive motion be amended to read

That Council:

- (2) Endorses the appointment of seven (7) community members as representatives to the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee (see below) and a representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council or another Multicultural Organisation:

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. 20-155**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the appointment of eight (8) community member to the Darebin Art and Heritage Advisory Panel and two (2) reserves (see below) and an additional dedicated position from Multicultural Arts Victoria:

- 1) Diego Ramirez
- 2) Ramona Barry
- 3) Sarah Werkmeister
- 4) Bridie Mackay
- 5) Madeleine McClelland
- 6) Jane O'Neill
- 7) Sean Ryan
- 8) Sophie Cassar
- 9) Multicultural Arts Victoria dedicated position
- 10) RESERVE - Victoria JONES
- 11) RESERVE – Mardi NOVAK

- (2) Endorses the appointment of seven (7) community members as representatives to the Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee (see below) and a representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC) in the first instance (or another Multicultural Organisation if DECC is unable to provide a nominee, which is to be determined by CEO):
- 1) Ms Jenaya Kastamonitis – Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - 2) Ms Ellie- Jean Singh – Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
  - 3) Ms Miranda Sharp – 2019 Citizen of the Year
  - 4) Ms Emily Hughes – 2019 Young Citizen of the Year
  - 5) Dr Sam Ginsberg OAM - Community Representative
  - 6) Mr Abey George - Community Representative
  - 7) Ms Barbara Carseldine - Community Representative
  - 8) Representative from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council
- (3) That in addition to the seven categories detailed below in (1) – (7) (including 2 new categories introduced in 2019), the following new categories (8) and (9) below be included for the Darebin Community Awards:
- 1) Citizen of The Year
  - 2) Young Citizen of the Year
  - 3) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Leader of the year
  - 4) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Emerging Community Leader of the year (Under 21 years)
  - 5) Community Group of the Year
  - 6) Sustainability Award (introduced 2019 awarded to an individual, educational group or community group)
  - 7) Lifetime Achievement Award (introduced 2019 awarded to an individual)
  - 8) CALD Emerging Community Leader of the year (under 21 years)
  - 9) CALD Elder Community Leader of the year.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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**7.3 COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETING DATES 2021**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the Council's Governance Rules 2020, Council must fix the date, time and place of all Council meetings and a schedule of Council Meetings must be published in publications that are distributed throughout the municipality (including Council publications) and on Council's website at least once each year or with such greater frequency as the Chief Executive Officer determines.

A schedule of the Council and Planning Committee meetings for 2021 has been prepared for consideration by the Council. Special Council Meetings and Hearing of Submissions Committee meetings will be scheduled on an as-needs basis in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's *Governance Rules 2020*.

The report recommends that Council moved to monthly Ordinary Council Meetings and that Council consider holding two Council meetings at alternative locations in the municipality in 2021. Also recommended is the establishment of monthly strategic Stakeholder Engagement Sessions with Councillors and key stakeholders and quarterly community engagement through 'Councillor Meet and Greets' across the municipality.

The Manager Governance & Corporate Strategy introduced the report and advised Council that due to Public Holiday on 8 March 2021, Table 1 has been amended to list March Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 9 March 2021.

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

- (1) To hold the Ordinary Council and Planning Committee Meetings in 2021 as outlined in **Table 1**.
- (2) To host quarterly 'Councillor Meet and Greets' across the municipality in 2021.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-156**

**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence

**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

That Council resolves:

- (1) To hold the Ordinary Council and Planning Committee Meetings in 2021 as outlined in **Table 1**.
- (2) To host quarterly 'Councillor Meet and Greets' across the municipality in 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6:58pm** Cr. Laurence left the meeting.

**7.4 PROVISION OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICE**

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**7.00pm** Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-157**

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

**That** Item 7.4 Provision of Graffiti Removal Services be deferred to be discussed later in the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****7.5 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) is a committee established in accordance with section 53 and 54 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) to assist Darebin City Council (Council) in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to external financial and performance reporting, risk and financial management, corporate governance, internal control systems and providing advice to drive continuous improvement.

This report provides an overview of the summary minutes (**Appendix A**) for all meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee between November 2019 to September 2020 and associated recommendations to Council, of which there is one.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** the Council notes;

- (1) The report of the Audit & Risk Committee update;
- (2) The summary of minutes for the meetings held on 11 November 2019, 23 March 2020, 15 June 2020 and 31 August 2020 as **Appendix A**; and
- (3) The findings and recommendations of the Audit & Risk Committee at meetings held on 11 November 2019, 23 March 2020, 15 June 2020 and 31 August 2020.



**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-158

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

That the Council notes:

- (1) The report of the Audit & Risk Committee update;
- (2) The summary of minutes for the meetings held on 11 November 2019, 23 March 2020, 15 June 2020 and 31 August 2020 as **Appendix A**; and
- (3) The findings and recommendations of the Audit & Risk Committee at meetings held on 11 November 2019, 23 March 2020, 15 June 2020 and 31 August 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Nil

### **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-159

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

**That** Council in accordance with Clause 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, close the meeting to members of the public to consider Item 7.4 Provision of Graffiti Removal Services due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed, specifically information relating to private commercial information provided by tenderers that if released would unreasonably expose those businesses to disadvantage and would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.12pm** The meeting was closed to the members of the public and the livestreaming ceased.

**OPENING OF MEETING****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-160****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. Greco****That** the meeting be opened to the members of the public.**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.22pm** The meeting was opened to the members of the public and the livestreaming recommenced.

**7.4 PROVISION OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL SERVICES**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To award Contract CT2020100 – Provision of Graffiti Removal Services to panel of appropriately qualified contractors.

Graffiti is a highly complex social activity that remains a consistent issue for all inner-city Councils across Melbourne. Graffiti is also a highly contentious and subjective issue that draws a mixture of views from the community.

The appointment of a suitably qualified contractor or panel of contractors for the removal of graffiti works was sought via a competitive open tender process. The Tender Evaluation Panel has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to a panel of preferred tenderers.

The contract period of three (3) years fixed, with two x (1 + 1) year extensions (by mutual understanding), the estimated value of the procurement will be capped and based on Council's experience in the review and payment of these services over the last 3 years.

This report is a summary of the tender process inclusive of submissions, evaluation and recommendations.

**Recommendation****That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract CT2020100 for the Provision of Graffiti Removal Services to \_\_\_\_\_ for a total contract value of \_\_\_\_\_ (GST inclusive) over 5 years.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract CT2020100 for the Provision of Graffiti Removal Services to a panel of contractors (**The Graffiti Eaters, Urban Maintenance Services, Summerhill Services, CalcCorp Services and Kleenit**) for a total contract value of \$1,619,234 (GST inclusive) over 5 years.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Receives a briefing on the options available to Council to require the clean up of graffiti-covered commercial and industrial properties (or undertake such clean up and recoup costs from the property owner) and progress toward a graffiti tag register.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-161**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract CT2020100 for the Provision of Graffiti Removal Services to a panel of contractors (**The Graffiti Eaters, Urban Maintenance Services, Summerhill Services, CalcCorp Services and Kleenit**) for a total contract value of \$1,619,234 (GST inclusive) over 5 years.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Receives a briefing on the options available to Council to require the clean up of graffiti-covered commercial and industrial properties (or undertake such clean up and recoup costs from the property owner) and progress toward a graffiti tag register.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 RATE RELIEF TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FINANCIALLY AFFECTED BY COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Councillor: Emily DIMITRIADIS

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 21 December 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council receives a report in early 2021 on options to provide either a rate rebate or a partial rate waiver to residents and businesses facing hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic”*

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** Council receives a report in early 2021 on

- A) Options to provide either a rate rebate or a partial rate waiver to residents and businesses facing financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and
- B) Extended options accompanying A) to strengthen Council’s financial hardship provisions and support for residents and businesses impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic such as extended interest waivers and hardship grants.

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

**That** point B) of the motion be amended to read

- B) Extended options accompanying A) to strengthen Council’s financial hardship provisions and support for residents, **community organisations** and businesses impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic such as extended interest waivers and hardship grants.

The mover and seconder of the Notice of Motion consented to the amendment and it became the substantive motion before the Council.

The Substantive motion before the Council was put and carried.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-162

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

**That** Council receives a report in early 2021 on

- A) Options to provide either a rate rebate or a partial rate waiver to residents and businesses facing financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and
- B) Extended options accompanying A) to strengthen Council's financial hardship provisions and support for residents, community organisations and businesses impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic such as extended interest waivers and hardship grants.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****9.2 REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE & THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DAREBIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE****Councillor: Tim LAURENCE**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 21 December 2020, it is my intention to move:

**That** Council resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan;

- (1) *Reservoir Leisure Centre including scoping of potential redevelopment and rebuilding options of the RLC with the inclusions of a 50-metre pool and details regarding internal and external (State and Federal) funding options and opportunities.*
- (2) *The establishment of a Darebin Chamber of Commerce.*

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

**That** Council resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan:

- (1) Reservoir Leisure Centre including scoping of potential redevelopment and rebuilding options of the RLC with the inclusions of a 50-metre pool and details regarding internal and external (State and Federal) funding options and opportunities.
- (2) The establishment of a Darebin Chamber of Commerce.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-163

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

**That** Council resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan:

- (1) Reservoir Leisure Centre including scoping of potential redevelopment and rebuilding options of the RLC with the inclusions of a 50-metre pool and details regarding internal and external (State and Federal) funding options and opportunities.
- (2) The establishment of a Darebin Chamber of Commerce.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****9.3 GLOBAL LEARNING HUB, USE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND & CHEDDAR ROAD MEDIAN****Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 21 December 2020, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan;*
  - a) *The feasibility of building a global learning hub in Preston including options for inclusion of social housing, air space development opportunities and a co-networking hub.*
  - b) *Opportunities to use Council owned land (including airspace) for temporary housing to cater for victims of domestic violence, homeless women over 40 and youth between the ages of 16-21.*
- (2) *Requests a briefing outlining actions being undertaken to beautify the Cheddar Road median strip and the Broadway pop up park including discussions with relevant State authorities.*

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan;
  - a) The feasibility of building a global learning hub in Preston including options for inclusion of social housing, air space development opportunities and a co-networking hub.
  - b) Opportunities to use Council owned land (including airspace) for temporary housing to cater for victims of domestic violence, homeless women over 40 and youth between the ages of 16-21.
- (2) Requests a briefing outlining actions being undertaken to beautify the Cheddar Road median strip and the Broadway pop up park including discussions with relevant State authorities.

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

**That** point (1)(b) of the motion be amended to read

- b) Opportunities to use Council owned land (including airspace) for temporary housing to cater for **survivors** of domestic violence, homeless women over 40 and youth between the ages of 16-21.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it became the substantive motion before the Council.

**Further Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan;
  - a) The feasibility of building a global learning hub in Preston including options for inclusion of social housing, air space development opportunities and a co-networking hub.
  - b) Opportunities to use Council owned land (including airspace) for temporary housing to cater for survivors of domestic violence, homeless women and youth.
- (2) Requests a briefing outlining actions being undertaken to beautify the Cheddar Road median strip and the Broadway pop up park including discussions with relevant State authorities.

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

The amendment was put and carried and became the substantive motion before the Council.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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

The substantive motion before the Council was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-164**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to refer the following matters for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan;
  - a) The feasibility of building a global learning hub in Preston including options for inclusion of social housing, air space development opportunities and a co-networking hub.
  - b) Opportunities to use Council owned land (including airspace) for temporary housing to cater for survivors of domestic violence, homeless women and youth.
- (2) Requests a briefing outlining actions being undertaken to beautify the Cheddar Road median strip and the Broadway pop up park including discussions with relevant State authorities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

**8.19pm** The Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a general conflict of interest in the following item as she works in the aged care sector and this item relates to Council's role and activity as a potential Registered Aged Care Package Provider. Cr. Messina invited the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair and left the Chamber prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter.

**8.21pm** Deputy Mayor Cr. Greco assumed the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Cr. Greco advised that Council's Governance Rules 2020, precluded him as Chairperson to move a motion and as he had submitted the following Notice of Motion which he was required to move he could not remain in the Chair and accordingly invited nominations for the position of Temporary Chair.

Cr Laurence nominated Cr. Williams and Cr. Newton nominated Cr. Rennie for Temporary Chair.

Cr. Newton withdrew the nomination of Cr. Rennie for Temporary Chair.

**8.22pm** As there was only one nomination, Cr. Williams was elected as Temporary chair and assumed the Chair.

**9.4** **REFERRAL OF A REVIEW OF THE DAREBIN PLANNING SCHEME, EDWARDES LAKE WATER QUALITY ISSUES AND PROVISION OF REGISTERED AGED CARE PACKAGES FOR CONSIDERATION AS PART OF THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN**

**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 21 December 2020, it is my intention to move:

***"That Council:***

- (1) *Resolves to refer the feasibility, options and benefits on Council becoming a Registered Aged Care Package Provider for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan*
  - (2) *Resolves to refer options on how to collaboratively address the water quality of Edwardes lake for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options to collectively engage and work together with stakeholders including Friends of Edgars Creek, Friends of Merri Creek, Merri Creek Management Committee, Melbourne Water, EPA, City of Whittlesea, City of Moreland and local State MPs to improve the long-term water quality of Edwardes Lake*
  - (3) *Resolves to refer a comprehensive review of the Darebin Planning Scheme for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options for an inclusive and deliberative process of community consultation"*
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<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

“That Council:

- (1) Resolves to refer the feasibility, options and benefits on Council becoming a Registered Aged Care Package Provider for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan
- (2) Resolves to refer options on how to collaboratively address the water quality of Edwardes lake for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options to collectively engage and work together with stakeholders including Friends of Edgars Creek, Friends of Merri Creek, Merri Creek Management Committee, Melbourne Water, EPA, City of Whittlesea, City of Moreland and local State MPs to improve the long-term water quality of Edwardes Lake
- (3) Resolves to refer a comprehensive review of the Darebin Planning Scheme for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options for an inclusive and deliberative process of community consultation”

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

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

- (2) Resolves to refer options on how to collaboratively address the water quality **and biodiversity values** of Edwardes lake for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options to collectively engage and work together with stakeholders including Friends of Edgars Creek, Friends of Merri Creek, Merri Creek Management Committee, Melbourne Water, EPA, City of Whittlesea, City of Moreland and local State MPs to improve the long-term water quality **and biodiversity values** of Edwardes Lake

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it became the substantive motion before the Council.

The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-165

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

**“That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to refer the feasibility, options and benefits on Council becoming a Registered Aged Care Package Provider for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan
- (2) Resolves to refer options on how to collaboratively address the water quality and biodiversity values of Edwardes lake for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options to collectively engage and work together with stakeholders including Friends of Edgars Creek, Friends of Merri Creek, Merri Creek Management Committee, Melbourne Water, EPA, City of Whittlesea, City of Moreland and local State MPs to improve the long-term water quality and biodiversity values of Edwardes Lake
- (3) Resolves to refer a comprehensive review of the Darebin Planning Scheme for discussion and consideration as part of the preparation of the draft 2021-2024 Council Plan including options for an inclusive and deliberative process of community consultation”

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.33pm** Mayor Cr. Messina returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

**Statement by the Chief Executive Officer**

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed and acknowledged that during the debate on the last item a written note had been sent from the Mayor ( who had left the meeting due to a declared conflict of interest in the item ) to another Councillor in the meeting. The Chief Executive Officer advised that she had confirmed that the note was unrelated to the last item i.e. Item 9.4 and had no consequence on the debate and determination of Item 9.4

**9.5 PRESTON MARKET**

**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 21 December 2020, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

- (1) *Resolves to receives a Council report in February 2021 that reviews Council’s current position on Preston Market. The report should consider updating the criteria in the “Heart of Preston” Assessment Tool to include:*
  - a) *Supporting the continuation of the Preston Market’s existing expanse and extent to ensure its current footprint, fabric and use are retained.*

- b) *Applying strict mandatory height limits of 12 storeys for new developments on the Preston Market site with an understanding that every new building on the site will be within that height limit.*
- (2) *Furthermore the report should consider how Council can independently undertake to develop, support and implement a comprehensive heritage overlay to protect and maintain social, cultural, aesthetic, technical and historic attributes of Preston Market are incorporated into the Darebin Planning Scheme.*
- (3) *Write to the VPA and the developer to notify them that the Heart of Preston Assessment Tool will be reviewed to consider the above points.*
- (4) *Write to the Planning Minister to request the removal of the Preston Market development from the "Fast track list".*

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to receives a Council report in February 2021 that reviews Council's current position on Preston Market. The report should consider updating the criteria in the "Heart of Preston" Assessment Tool to include:
  - a) Supporting the continuation of the Preston Market's existing expanse and extent to ensure its current footprint, fabric and use are retained.
  - b) Applying strict mandatory height limits of 12 storeys for new developments on the Preston Market site with an understanding that every new building on the site will be within that height limit.
- (2) Furthermore the report should consider how Council can independently undertake to develop, support and implement a comprehensive heritage overlay to protect and maintain social, cultural, aesthetic, technical and historic attributes of Preston Market are incorporated into the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (3) Write to the VPA and the developer to notify them that the Heart of Preston Assessment Tool may be reviewed to consider the above points.
- (4) Write to the Planning Minister to request the removal of the Preston Market development from the "Fast track list".
- (5) Organise a meeting with MP for Preston Robin Scott and the Mayor to discuss the Preston Market redevelopment and any updates prior to the briefing in February.

**Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. E Dimitriadis

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

- (3) Following receipt of the report write to the VPA and the developer to notify them of any updates or changes to the Heart of Preston Assessment Tool.

The mover and seconder of the motion consented to the amendment and it became the substantive motion before the Council.

**Further Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. T Hannan

**That** point 3 of the substantive motion i.e.

Following receipt of the report write to the VPA and the developer to notify them of any updates or changes to the Heart of Preston Assessment Tool

Be deleted.

The Mover and Secunder did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and carried and became substantive motion before the Council.

**CARRIED**

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

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

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to receive a briefing in February 2021 that includes;
  - (a) An overview of Council's current position on Preston Market
  - (b) An update on the current planning occurring for the site by the VPA including timeframes and processes
  - (c) Details of the timeline of events to this point
  - (d) Details of Council decisions and documentation including the "Heart of Preston" Assessment Tool and the criteria relating to height, heritage, retention and siting of the market
  - (e) Consideration of the merits, opportunities and options of reviewing council's current position on siting of the market and height for the development plan
  - (f) Opportunities for future advocacy.
- (2) Organise a meeting with MP for Preston Robin Scott and the Mayor to discuss the Preston Market redevelopment and any updates prior to the briefing in February
- (3) Write to the Planning Minister immediately to request the removal of the Preston Market development from the "Fast track list".

The Mover and Seconder did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and carried and became substantive motion before the Council.

**CARRIED**

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

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

The substantive motion was put and carried.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-166

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to receive a briefing in February 2021 that includes;
  - (a) An overview of Council's current position on Preston Market
  - (b) An update on the current planning occurring for the site by the VPA including timeframes and processes
  - (c) Details of the timeline of events to this point
  - (d) Details of Council decisions and documentation including the "Heart of Preston" Assessment Tool and the criteria relating to height, heritage, retention and siting of the market
  - (e) Consideration of the merits, opportunities and options of reviewing council's current position on siting of the market and height for the development plan
  - (f) Opportunities for future advocacy.
- (2) Organise a meeting with MP for Preston Robin Scott and the Mayor to discuss the Preston Market redevelopment and any updates prior to the briefing in February
- (3) Write to the Planning Minister immediately to request the removal of the Preston Market development from the "Fast track list".

**CARRIED**

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

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

## 10. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

## 11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

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## 12. SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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

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<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 14 and 15 December 2020 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-167**

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

**That** the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 14 and 15 December 2020 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

### REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- Mayor / Executive Support meeting
- Mayoral briefing - Northern Councils Alliance meeting
- Northern Councils Alliance - Councillor and CEO Meeting
- Pillars of Light - Multicultural Commissioner invitation
- Opening - Reservoir High School Netball Courts
- Bunnings Northland Fundraiser - Sylvester Hive Community Garden
- DECC - Annual Multicultural and Multi-Faith Procession and Reflection – Mayor to MC
- Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- City of Darebin Mayor CEO/VPA Chair & CEO Briefing
- MSS Construction Update – Filming
- Opening - John Cain Netball Court
- One on One with CEO
- Extraordinary Council Briefing
- Mayor / Executive Support meeting
- Interview with 3KND – via phone



- Mayoral Briefing - Ngulu Ngajin, Ganbu Gulin film project
- CEO Office Support to the Mayor discussion
- Zoo Webinar – Miranda Sharp
- Filming – Mayoral Christmas Message
- MAV – Mayoral Induction part one
- Kids have their say - End of Year event
- MAV – Mayoral Induction part two
- Mayoral Briefing – Preston Market
- Councillor Code of Conduct Meeting
- One on One with CEO
- Council Meeting

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

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

- Smoking ceremony
- Darebin Nature Trust Tour of park lands
- Council briefing
- Extraordinary Council Briefing
- Planning Committee
- Sara's Care Volunteers at Span Community House
- Mantra Refugee Rallies
- Strathallan Golf Club End of year break-up
- Welcoming Cities reference group meeting
- Jika Jika Community Centre
- Attended to resident's issues:
  - Business permits
  - Planning matters
  - Tree pruning
  - Northcote High School
  - Footpaths
  - Daleglen Park
  - Parking

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

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

- Smoking Ceremony and welcome to country
- Council meeting
- Darebin youth gaming club
- Kaygees
- Carols in the park Outdoors – Aborigines Advancement League
- DECC Annual Multicultural and multi faith procession and reflection
- Darebin nature trust tour
- Implementation Matters
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Councillor Briefing
- Planning Committee
- Catch up on teams
- Met the people from Sarascare
- Volunteering at Sarascare, brought people to Span community house
- Residents raised issues regarding Sporting clubs, elderly exercise,
- Shop owners concerns regarding Christmas decorations

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Meeting with Darebin Nature Trust at 5 locations.
- Traders meeting Banff Street.
- Council Meeting
- Councillor Briefing (4 days)
- Council Planning Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Councillor Briefing
- Strathallan Golf Club Break Up
- We Play Golf at Northcote
- Unlock Northcote Golf Course

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Reservoir Neighbourhood House volunteers' end of year lunch
- Meeting with Cr Anjalee de Silva, Monash Council re: gender equality initiatives
- Meeting with Cr Tomas Lightbody, Manningham Council
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) CEO Performance Review with VLGA President and Vice President
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Meeting
- Regular Councillor Briefing
- Extra Ordinary Councillor Briefing
- Meeting with GM Rachel Ollivier about level crossing removal item for Council meeting
- Planning Committee Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE**

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

- Active and Healthy Ageing Community Board meeting
- Alliance for Gambling Reform Councillor briefing
- DECC reflection event
- Darebin Nature Trust tour – Darebin Parklands
- Implementation Matters Forum LGV
- Councillor briefing
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Meeting with staff re DECC handover
- IT visit to fix printer
- Extraordinary council briefing
- Mantra protests x 6
- Emails and phone calls with residents

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Meeting with Darebin Nature Trust at 5 locations.
- Traders meeting Banff Street.
- Council Meeting
- Councillor Briefing (4 days)

- Council Planning Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Councillor Briefing
- Strathallan Golf Club Break Up
- We Play Golf at Northcote
- Unlock Northcote Golf Course

### **REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS**

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

- Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country
- Meeting with residents
- LGV Forum on Implementation Matters Webinar for CEO, Mayors and Councillors
- Attended DNT tours around Darebin
- Zoom meeting with DCAN
- Attended DECC event about genocide
- Attended the Festival of Lights at Federation with the Mayor
- Councillor Briefing
- Planning Committee meeting
- Attended Christmas event at the Thornbury Greek community hall.
- Meeting with Monash City Councillor
- Attended Refugee protests at Mantra
- Volunteered at Ged Kearney MP street stall in Fairfield and Northcote
- Spoke with residents about their parking concerns including the Nightingale Development
- Attend SPAN community hall to meet Sarascare charity
- Catch up on MSTeams
- Preston Market briefing on Teams

### **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, Merri Common bike track, pop-up bike lane on South Crescent, Heidelberg Rd Planning zones, Northcote High School temporary classroom, cat curfew
- Met with David Taylor, Darebin Nature Trust member, to discuss proposed Merri Creek trail improvements
- Met with applicant for 48 High St to discuss vision for the site
- Attended Jika Jika Community Centre end of year bbq
- Attended Councillor briefing about the Preston Market
- Attended protest for refugees held at Mantra Hotel
- Smoking Ceremony with Wurundjeri elder Auntie Di
- Councillor general briefing and dinner
- Planning meeting
- Audit and Risk Committee meeting

**Recommendation**

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-168**

**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**ADDRESS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

The Mayor and Councillors briefly addressed the meeting reflecting on the past year and extending their best wishes to the community, staff and their colleagues.

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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