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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 VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01pm

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website on Tuesday 8 September 2020

### WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor 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. Steph Amir (arrived 6.16pm)

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

### **Council Officers**

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Lenny Jenner – Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

Vanessa Petrie – Manager Climate Emergency and Transport

Damian Hogan – Manager Finance

Shadi Hanna – Manager Aged and Disability

Vicky Guglielmo – Manager Creative Culture and Events

Allan Middlemast – Coordinator Transport Engineering

Jim Barrett – Coordinator Corporate Planning

Michele Burton - Coordinator Climate Emergency and Environment Programs

Michelle Van Gerrevink – Coordinator Climate Emergency and Environment Strategy

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Lisa Thomas-Bates - Governance Project Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

Nil

## 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Laurence noted that whilst he owned property in the vicinity of the Cheddar Area Local Area Place Making Project the matter was not specific to his interests and thus he would not be declaring a conflict of interest in the item.

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-101**

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 and 18 August 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **John Nugent**

It is common knowledge that the only all-female Club in Darebin – the Darebin Falcons received a \$350k grant from Council. Could you please advise if Darebin Falcons pay or remunerate their VFL players as Council receives, I understand the Club financial statements.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**In October 2018, Council resolved to enter into a two-year partnership agreement with the Darebin Women's Sport Club known as the Darebin Falcons, with Council contributing \$80,000 per calendar year for two years, concluding in December 2020.**

**The resolution also noted the option of renewing the agreement, with contributions for years three and four being \$80,000 and 60,000 respectively.**

**The partnership agreement is therefore for \$160,000 for the first two years, ending in December 2020.**

**If Council agrees to extend the agreement for years three and four, this could increase the total funding over the four-year period to \$300k (not \$350k).**

The partnership agreement requires the provision annually of independently audited financial statement of accounts after their AGM and remuneration of VFL players does occur.

Mr Nugent has also submitted two questions which he has previously asked and had responses provided and thus, in accordance with our Governance Rules (Clause 73), I will not be reading those questions out tonight and I will refer Mr Nugent to my responses at the Council meeting on 20 July 2020.

- **David Schulz**

How much did the Mayor's message cost that was included with the rates notices?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Every year Councils across Victoria produce a Rates Notice where the common practice is to include a Mayor's Message. Darebin has continued this practice in 20/21. There is no additional cost associated with the Mayor's message component of the Rates Notice.

- **David Schulz**

Has such a personal Mayors message as this ever been included previously, especially during an election?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Yes. As indicated, Council has continued its practice of including a Mayor's Message as part of the first Rates Notice of the financial year. The same practice was undertaken by the previous council.**

- **David Schulz**

If not, then will other councillors and candidates have been provided the same opportunity?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**This question is not applicable.**

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

Please clarify the status of the \$500,000 Age Friendly Darebin project implementation fund allocated by Council on 22 July 2019.

Is this funding additional to the 2019/20 and 2020/21 amounts budgeted to aged care and other relevant departments?

Have the Age Friendly Darebin project activities been funded from operational budgets for aged care and other relevant departments?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Over \$500,000 has been allocated to Aged Friendly Darebin (AFD) project implementation for both FY20 and FY21.**



The Aged Friendly report in Council's agenda for tonight further details the following for direct Aged Friendly expenditure:

- **FY20**
  - **\$542,740 AFD actual project costs**
  - **\$721,000 AFD actual capital expenditure costs**
  - **Total \$1.263m – actual costs in the Aged and Disability Budget**
- **FY21**
  - **\$863,500 AFD project costs included the Aged and Disability Budget.**
- **In addition, other Council departments deliver other AFD activities. These costs are not included in these totals as detailed above.**
- **John Berriman**

Cr Tim Laurence has presented a petition to Council that calls for \$1.5million to be set aside in the Open Space Fund toward the future purchase of the Strathallan Open Space from the La Trobe University.

Cr Laurence has 677 signatures on the petition which was tabled, and accepted, on 29 June 2020, 20 July 2020 and 17 August 2020.

These signatures have been collected during a period of COVID lockdown. Under the circumstances it can be assumed that these signatures represent just a fraction of the community commitment to ensuring the Open Space is not developed. It should be noted, a similar petition by the community in 2017, calling for action from the La Trobe University, has more than 4,900 signatures. The response to these petitions clearly demonstrates widespread community interest and concern about the future of the Strathallan Open Space.

As is the normal practice, the Cr Laurence petition has been referred to the Chief Executive Officer of the Council.

To date there has been no response from the Chief Executive Officer with regard to the petition.

We have noted that a petition from 71 people, regarding wood heater smoke, was handled by the Council within weeks and it has now been championed by Darebin and elevated to a State-wide campaign. There appears to be a lack of consistency from the Council officers on matters that concern the Darebin community.

When will the Chief Executive Officer report back to Council, so that the issue can be debated and voted upon in an open and transparent environment?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Thank you for your question Mr Berriman. I confirm that Cr Laurence presented the substantive petition to the 29 June 2020 Council meeting and thereafter presented additional signatories at the 20 July and 17 August Council meetings.**

**The matter was referred to the CEO.**

Council responded to the organiser of this petition on 30 July 2020, advising of the outcomes of Council's budget process. In this regard the organiser was identified as the individual who lodged the petition in conjunction with the 2020/21 budget process.

On the basis of the resolution of Council on 29 June 2020 and the subsequent actioning of this resolution, the matter is not required to be reported to Council.

With regard to your assertion that Council has dealt with petitions inconsistently, I draw your attention to the Council's Governance Rules (Section 16) which enables a petition to be accepted and dealt with either:-

- In conjunction with an item on the agenda;
- Referred to the CEO for consideration and response, or
- By calling for a report on the subject matter.
  
- **Marion Harper, Hon. Secretary of Darebin Progress Association**

There have been claims made in the Chamber and elsewhere that it is difficult to make a decision about an option to keep Preston Market where it is and that there are many people that have an alternate view to this.

A petition on change.org has over 1,880 signatures and comments of people who want the market to stay where it is.

Can any Councillor or officer provide evidence of a greater number of people who want to see Preston Market demolished and moved elsewhere on the site?

#### **Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thanks for your question Marion.

To our knowledge, no-one has expressed that they would like to see the market demolished. Certainly, no Councillor wants the market to be demolished.

We have therefore never asked the community if they want the market to be demolished so we can't provide any data on this question.

We do know from four rounds of community engagement that many people in the community want the market to stay exactly as it is. Many people have also expressed that it is tired, and they would like to see it improved.

Council's position is that the strongest possible protections should be put in place for the market and we have consistently and repeatedly asked for the State Government to do that.

We are aware of the change.org petition which has been live for a few months and we've taken heart from the many comments from the community expressing how much they love the market's character and don't want it to close.

We would encourage you to add your voice to Council's in asking for the State Government to protect what's important through the new planning controls they are developing.

- **Marion Harper, Hon. Secretary of Darebin Progress Association**

At the General Council Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, in reply to a question from Mr. Erlandsen in regard to Council's plans to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Preston Market, the following response was proffered by Mayor Rennie:-

Thank you for those questions Chris. Yes, we are definitely planning to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Preston Market. Specific dates for the celebrations are yet to be finalised but it will occur during August and early September. Detailed plans are still being developed and we're discussing how best to celebrate with Preston Market traders and management as well as Preston Central traders. We want to make sure that what Council does complements and strengthens everyone's efforts. Even though the detail is still being worked out, I can confirm that we do expect to promote celebrations via a social media campaign and a range of other communication channels.

The 50th anniversary passed on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of August. Would you outline what Council actually did or intends to do to promote and celebrate Preston Market to the Darebin community?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**We had originally been preparing events, activities and social media to celebrate the anniversary.**

**Sadly, by August we were at Stage 4 restrictions in Victoria.**

**We obviously couldn't have any events or promotions designed to bring people together. It even meant things like displays couldn't be installed because they weren't classified as essential.**

**We are also really aware that the market traders are having a very tough time and are more focussed on surviving than celebrating right now.**

**In light of all of this, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we published 3 social media posts on Facebook and Instagram with animation, historic images, and invited the community to share their stories and memories.**

**We asked people to stay tuned for future celebrations in person when this is possible.**

**We also provided the Market management with historic images from our heritage collection for use on their social media.**

**Most importantly, we have been supporting the traders to get through this difficult time.**

**Support has focussed on mental wellbeing, as well as assisting them to showcase their businesses on Preston Central social platforms. We've provided details of our grant program and information about a variety of COVID specific resources.**

**We are really aiming to give them the best chance of making it through the next few weeks and months.**

**We are concerned that the fast track process could create risk and we've been advocating hard to protect what's important.**

**I really encourage you to get in touch with the State Government who are the decision makers on these controls.**

- **Chris Erlandsen, DADA Vice President**

The State Government has announced that they have placed the Preston Market precinct on their fast-track list.

Does this mean that the community will be excluded from third party objections to future planning proposals for the market site?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Thank you for your question Chris.**

**The short answer is that we don't know as yet. Council has written to the VPA asking for full details of the 'fast track' process and calling for the promised community engagement on the planning controls.**

**The planning controls themselves will set out requirements relating to third party objections for future planning permits, so I would encourage you to get in touch with the State Government at this stage while they are still developing the planning controls.**

- **Chris Erlandsen, DADA Vice President**

Does this mean that the community will be excluded from the promised future consultation and review of the planning provisions for the market?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**The State Government have said the community will be consulted on the structure plan and the planning scheme amendment as part of their fast-track process.**

**However, we understand that they are no longer planning to carry out an earlier 'check in' round of consultation where they would share the plans with community.**

**We think it's really important for the community to have a chance to see and comment on the plans before the formal planning amendment process starts and we're calling on the State Government to reinstate this step.**

- **Chris Erlandsen, DADA Vice President**

What will you do to remedy the loss of Darebin community voice in the fast-track proposal?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Council wrote to the State Government expressing our strong concerns about their fast track process last week.**

Preston Market is a treasured local asset and it is imperative that the community has told us is important is protected. We're calling for the strongest possible protection for the existing traders, the market's unique heritage, and the market's role as a loved community meeting place.

I would encourage you also to get in touch with the State Government – hearing directly from community can make a big difference.

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President**

Posted on the Darebin website is; 'Council was surprised to recently learn that the Victorian Government has decided to nominate the Preston Market Precinct for 'fast tracking' of the review of planning controls. Council was not consulted or informed about this decision beforehand.

Why was Council surprised by this decision given the ongoing work alongside the VPA over the last two years?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question Maria.

We were surprised about the decision to fast track this because, despite the fact that we have been working alongside the VPA on this project, they didn't consult with us or even tell us that the Preston Market Project would be fast tracked. Officers found out after the VPA publicly announced their decision.

Council is disappointed by the fast-track decision and has concerns that this process could compromise what's important in planning the Preston Market precinct. We're advocating to protect what's important at the site and we have raised our concerns with fast tracking at the most senior levels of the VPA.

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President**

Will Council release the information on exactly what the secret meetings with the VPA have covered and any agreements reached with the VPA on the future of Preston Market?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

There aren't any agreements with the State Government about Preston Market.

Council officers do meet with VPA officers to provide Council's feedback based on the clear position of Council as set out in the Heart of Preston.

Council's position is publicly available on our website. Council has always been open and transparent in what we are asking from the State Government and the developer.

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President**

Will Council take back, on behalf of the Darebin community, control of the preparation and production of effective planning controls that would prevent Preston Market from demolition and rebuilding elsewhere on the site?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

It is not up to us who prepares the planning controls for Preston Market – the rules dictate that it's the Minister for Planning who gets to make this decision.

As the ultimate decision maker in planning in the State, all planning decisions ultimately sit with him.

It is not within Council's powers to take back ownership or change the planning controls at this site.

However, we will continue to be an advocate for protecting what is most important to the community and we will continue to play this important role for Preston Market.

- John Gorman

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Three questions have been received from John Gorman.

The questions in part, are in my opinion directed at an individual Councillor (albeit seeking a response from the Mayor) and are aimed at embarrassing that Councillor.

Additionally, the matters raised are outside the duties, function and powers of Council.

On this basis I am disallowing them, and they will not be read out.

Pursuant to the Council's Governance Rules 2020, the response to a question from the public taken on notice must be recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council meeting.

At the Council meeting held on 17 August 2020, there were no questions taken on notice.

**SUBMISSIONS**

The Mayor advised that two submissions had been received from members of the public. One submission regarding Item 7.1 – Cheddar Area Local Area Place Making Project Round 2 Consultation Summary and one submission regarding Item 7.7 - Update on Securing the Future of Clements Reserve Reservoir. These submissions had been received from the following members of the public:-

1. David Schulze – Item 7.1 – Cheddar Area Local Area Place Making Project Round 2 Consultation Summary.
2. Serena O'Malley – Item 7.7 - Update on Securing the Future of Clements Reserve Reservoir.

Mr Schulz and Ms O'Malley made their submissions to Council.

## 6. PETITIONS

### 6.1 TABLING OF PETITION

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-102

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

**That** the following additional signatories to previously submitted petitions be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer:-

#### **Stop the Rate Rise / Fees and Charges (Cr Williams)**

We the undersigned residents call on Darebin Council to show compassion during the Corona virus crisis and stop the 2% rate rise and freeze all fees and charges for the 2020-2021 financial year. (a further 115 signatories).

#### **Save Reservoir Pool (Cr Williams)**

We the undersigned residents call on the Darebin Council to consider a full \$36 million upgrade of Reservoir Leisure Centre in the 2020 Council Budget. The Reservoir Leisure Centre needs to be urgently upgraded to catch up with the current Northcote Aquatic Centre that already has both a 25 metre indoor pool and a 50 metres outdoor pool. The \$63.5 million Northcote Pool mega project should be scaled back and the Auditor General should fully investigate the costing blowout. (a further 40 signatories).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 7.1 CHEDDAR AREA LOCAL AREA PLACE MAKING PROJECT ROUND 2 CONSULTATION SUMMARY

**Author:** Transport Engineer

**Reviewed By:** Manager Climate Emergency & Sustainable Transport

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the key findings from the second round of community consultation on the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making Project (Cheddar LAPM) and seeks Council's endorsement of the concept plans.

Draft concept plans were developed and released for a second round of community consultation between 22 June and 20 July 2020.

If implemented, the draft concept plans would reduce the number of people being injured on Darebin's roads and make the area less attractive for non-local traffic to use residential roads as a through-route.

The draft concept plans include a safety treatment for the median opening of Cheddar Road at Carrol Street. This site has seen 8 collisions where people have been injured in the last 5 years. Three of those collisions have resulted in one or more people being seriously injured and required them to stay in hospital for at least one night.

This location has been a safety problem for many years with previous attempts to improve safety being unsuccessful partly because of community concern about other drawbacks of some safety treatments. The safety treatment proposed for Carrol Street median opening will cause some minor delays for some residents but will address this significant safety problem.

Blackspot grant funding of \$347,000 has recently been confirmed from the Federal Government for the works at Cheddar Road and Carrol Street.

There were over 1,700 visits to the 'Your Say' webpage and 210 responses were received with mainly supportive responses for most treatments.

The concept designs included as **Appendix A** propose interventions that would be constructed over time. Priority treatments are planned to be those with the most influence to prevent injuries to the Darebin community.

Opportunities for additional external funding will continue to be explored, with funding for further design stages and construction of most of the proposals being referred to consideration in future years budgets.

### Recommendation

**That** Council:

- (1) Endorses the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making concept designs attached as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Makes the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making concept designs (**Appendix A**) and Stage 2 Engagement Summary Report (**Appendix D**) publicly available via the Darebin website.
- (3) Thanks the community for its participation in the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making community consultation.

### Motion

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

**That** Item 7.1 - Cheddar Area Local Area Place Making Project Round 2 Consultation Summary be deferred until the Ordinary Council Meeting in December 2020.

**LOST**

**For:** Crs Greco, Laurence, Messina, and Williams (4)

**Against:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf and McCarthy (5)



The Officer Recommendation was put and carried.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-103

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making concept designs attached as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Makes the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making concept designs (**Appendix A**) and Stage 2 Engagement Summary Report (**Appendix D**) publicly available via the Darebin website.
- (3) Thanks the community for its participation in the Cheddar Local Area Place-Making community consultation.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf and McCarthy (5)

**Against:** Crs Greco, Laurence, Messina, and Williams (4)

**7.2 DAREBIN INTERCULTURAL CENTRE COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE ENDORSEMENT**

**Author:** Manager Creative Culture and Events

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To seek endorsement of the selection of the successful applicants for the Darebin Intercultural Centre co-design Community Reference Group (CRG), as recommended by an external panel and adoption of the draft Terms of Reference to guide the CRG for a fixed term in the project design phase.

Since Council Briefing on 1 June 2020, officers have engaged with applicants to the CRG and have reaffirmed their commitment to the group. One applicant has chosen to withdraw their application. This place on the membership has been filled by another applicant assessed as meeting the selection criteria by the selection panel.

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

- (1) Endorse the eight (8) community members of the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**)
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
  - 4)
  - 5)
  - 6)
  - 7)
  - 8)
- (2) Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (**Appendix B**).

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the eight (8) community members of the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**)
  - 1) Charles Pakana
  - 2) Sofia Kotanidis
  - 3) Thao Thi Phuong Tran
  - 4) Kate Tempny
  - 5) Sharmila Kaul
  - 6) Meg Rosse
  - 7) Jamuna Parajuli
  - 8) Ramona Barry
- (2) Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (**Appendix B**), subject to changing the Terms of Reference to allow up to three Councillors to attend the reference group meetings.

**LOST**

**For:** Crs Greco, Laurence, Messina, and Williams (4)

**Against:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf and McCarthy (5)

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

**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the eight (8) community members of the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**)
  - 1) Charles Pakana
  - 2) Sofia Kotanidis
  - 3) Thao Thi Phuong Tran
  - 4) Kate Tempany
  - 5) Sharmila Kaul
  - 6) Meg Rosse
  - 7) Jamuna Parajuli
  - 8) Ramona Barry
- (2) Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (**Appendix B**).

The motion was put and carried.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-104**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the eight (8) community members of the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**)
  - 1) Charles Pakana
  - 2) Sofia Kotanidis
  - 3) Thao Thi Phuong Tran
  - 4) Kate Tempany
  - 5) Sharmila Kaul
  - 6) Meg Rosse
  - 7) Jamuna Parajuli
  - 8) Ramona Barry
- (2) Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Darebin Intercultural Centre Community Reference Group (**Appendix B**).

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Greco, Messina and McCarthy (6)

**Against:** Cr Williams (1)

**Abstained:** Cr Laurence and Le Cerf (2)

### **7.3 DAREBIN NATURE TRUST - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

**Author:** Senior Environment Officer - Biodiversity

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

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Darebin Nature Trust (DNT) is an innovative initiative that has brought together a group of Darebin community members who are experts in the field of environmental preservation and conservation management. As a Council advisory committee their role is to provide advice to Council on protecting and enhancing Darebin's biodiversity and open space with a view to its significant improvement. The committee structure makes this possible by accessing community expertise associated with biodiversity, open space, environment, cultural heritage, urban liveability and associated community engagement, education and advocacy programs.

The Darebin Nature Trust has played a key role in providing advice and insight into the development of the Darebin Open Space Strategy, 'Breathing Space', and has an ongoing role in helping Council bring it to life through implementation.

The Terms of Reference for DNT allows for nine community members and three Councillor representatives on the DNT. Due to four resignations over the last 12 months there are now currently only five community members on the DNT.

In order to fill four vacancies on the Trust, an Expression of Interest (EOI) process was open for three weeks. A total of twelve (12) applications from community members were received for the four positions. One applicant withdrew their EOI in mid-August due to change in their professional circumstances. Expressions of interest have been received from a field of highly qualified and skilled candidates.

Four candidates have been selected following an evaluation process conducted by a selection panel. These candidates have expertise in the following areas:

- Biodiversity and ecology
- Open space management
- Urban design and environmental planning
- Cultural heritage
- Community engagement and advocacy.

It was noted in the Expression of Interest that 'expertise with cultural heritage, community engagement and advocacy will be highly regarded.' This was recognised as a gap in the existing composition of the current DNT. In addition, one position is to be dedicated to a Traditional Owner in recognition of the important role that they have in land management decisions as custodians of the land.

A number of applicants have skills, capabilities and experience that fulfils gaps in cultural heritage community engagement, advocacy, and Traditional Owner participation.

This Expression of Interest round did not attract a wide pool of candidates that identified as being from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community. Deepening engagement with CALD communities in the biodiversity and open space work of Council and DNT will help achieve a wider pool of applicants from a CALD background when Council next seeks applicants.

### Recommendation

**That:**

- (1) Council appoints the following people to fill four vacancies on Darebin Nature Trust until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without readvertising if it chooses to do so, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference (refer to confidential attachment **Appendix A**):
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e. That a fifth applicant be included as a reserve member in the instance that any of the above members cannot accept the role (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**).
- (2) That Council, with the advice of the Darebin Nature Trust, develops a strategy for engaging Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people in the work of Darebin Nature Trust, with a view to designating at least two positions to CALD community members for the next term of DNT membership.

### Motion

**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir  
**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

**That:**

- (1) Council appoints the following people to fill four vacancies on Darebin Nature Trust until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without readvertising if it chooses to do so, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference (refer to confidential attachment **Appendix A**):
  - a. Chris Clarke
  - b. Eleanor Howe
  - c. Lisa Horler

- d. Dean Steward
- e. Ian Smith

(That a fifth applicant be included as a reserve member in the instance that any of the above members cannot accept the role or any member resigns in the next 12 months (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**).

- (2) Council, with the advice of the Darebin Nature Trust, develops a strategy for engaging Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people in the work of Darebin Nature Trust, with a view to designating at least two positions to CALD community members for the next term of DNT membership.

The motion was put and carried.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-105**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir  
**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

**That:**

- (1) Council appoints the following people to fill four vacancies on Darebin Nature Trust until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without re-advertising if it chooses to do so, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference (refer to confidential attachment **Appendix A**):
  - a. Chris Clarke
  - b. Eleanor Howe
  - c. Lisa Horler
  - d. Dean Steward
  - e. Ian Smith

(That a fifth applicant be included as a reserve member in the instance that any of the above members cannot accept the role or any member resigns in the next 12 months (refer confidential attachment **Appendix A**).

- (2) Council, with the advice of the Darebin Nature Trust, develops a strategy for engaging Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people in the work of Darebin Nature Trust, with a view to designating at least two positions to CALD community members for the next term of DNT membership.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Amir, Greco, Le Cerf, Messina, McCarthy and Williams(7)

**Against:** (0)

**Abstained:** Crs, Newton and Laurence (2)

**7.4 DESIGN EXCELLENCE PROGRAM UPDATE**

**Author:** City Designer

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Design Excellence Program seeks to improve the design quality of new development and responds directly to an action in the Council Plan to raise the standard of development in Darebin. The Design Excellence Program focusses on improving the design quality through a range of initiatives in addition to supporting planning officers to deliver improved design outcomes in their assessment of planning applications. In the interest of reporting on our progress on this important Council plan action this report canvasses what are largely operational matters that are being deployed to improve the capacity of the organisation to influence and make decisions to improve the quality of development in Darebin.

As part of the Design Excellence Program, Council’s City Designer has developed a range of initiatives organised under four themes including leadership, guidance, capacity building and recognition including Darebin Good Design Guide for Apartment Development (**Appendix A**) and one for Medium Density Development (**Appendix B**). The purpose of these design guides is to clarify Council’s expectations regarding good design to permit applicants.

Additionally, the City Designer commissioned three reputed architectural companies to develop sample designs for medium density developments. This work has influenced the development of Darebin Good Design Guide – Medium Density Development. The document includes key design principles for medium density development and are developed for most common lot sizes found in Darebin. The sample designs will be made available to applicants through Council website to guide new development.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council:

- (1) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Apartment Development.
- (2) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Medium Density Development.
- (3) Authorise the General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy to make minor changes to the documents if required.

**Motion**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Apartment Development.
- (2) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Medium Density Development.

- (3) Authorise the General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy to make minor changes to the documents if required.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco

**SECONDED:** -

**That** Council:

- (1) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Apartment Development.
- (2) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Medium Density Development.
- (3) Authorise the General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy to make minor changes to the documents if required.
- (4) Incorporates, to the extent possible, design excellence principles, into the Darebin Planning Scheme through Council's strategic planning work program to improve the Scheme.

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

The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-106**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina

**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** Council:

- (1) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Apartment Development.
- (2) Adopt the Darebin Good Design Guide – Medium Density Development.
- (3) Authorise the General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy to make minor changes to the documents if required.
- (4) Incorporates, to the extent possible, design excellence principles, into the Darebin Planning Scheme through Council's strategic planning work program to improve the Scheme.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.23pm The Council meeting was adjourned for five minute break.

8.28pm The Council meeting resumed.

8.31pm Cr Amir returned to the Council meeting.



**7.5 COMPOST PRODUCT REBATE PROGRAM**

**Author:** Environment Officer, Water, Waste and Litter

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 8 April 2019 Council resolved to consider a discount on composting products and a free kitchen caddy as part of the Waste Strategy review process.

Following this resolution, a 9-month compost product rebate trial was established to better understand the interest in the community and the costs associated with this initiative. Provider 'Compost Revolution' was contracted to provide the trial.

The trial aligned with the commencement of Council's Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) recycling service in October 2019. This trial phase has provided Officers with an opportunity to evaluate in more detail the budget implications of the program, sales trends and resident requests for other composting products.

The results from the trial have shown that there is a higher demand for the compost rebates within the community than was originally estimated, with an average of 66 households participating in the trial each month.

This report recommends that Council sets a discount rate of 40% for the 2020-21 year for compost bins and 50% for caddies.

Council is also currently reviewing overall waste services, as set out in the *Darebin Waste and Recycling Strategy*, and officers will make a longer-term recommendation about this program as part of overall services recommendations.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council adopts a 40% discount on specific home composting items and a 50% discount on kitchen caddies in 2020-21, which would be available until the program budget of \$20,000 is exhausted.

**Motion**

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

**That** Council adopts a 40% discount on specific home composting items and a 50% discount on kitchen caddies in 2020-21, which would be available until the program budget of \$20,000 is exhausted.

**Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

1. Adopts a 50% discount on specific home composting items and a 50% discount on kitchen caddies in 2020-21 for concession card holders, which would be available until the program budget of \$20,000 is exhausted.
2. Review, at the same time as the mid-year budget review, the uptake of the program with a view to considering extending the program, including considering whether to increase the budget.

**Further Amendment**

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

Cr Greco moved that the amount of \$20,000 in point 1 be increased by \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The mover and seconder consented to the further amendment.

The amendment, including the further amendment to increase to program budget to \$25,000, was put and carried.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Amir, Laurence, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Williams (6)

**Against:** Crs Messina and Newton (2)

The amendment including the further amendment became the substantive motion before the Council.

The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-107**

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

**That Council:**

1. Adopts a 50% discount on specific home composting items and a 50% discount on kitchen caddies in 2020-21 for concession card holders, which would be available until the program budget of \$25,000 is exhausted.

2. Review, at the same time as the mid-year budget review, the uptake of the program with a view to considering extending the program, including considering whether to increase the budget.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.6 CARBON NEUTRALITY OPTIONS**

**Author:** Coordinator Climate Emergency and Environment Strategy

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

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Darebin Climate Emergency Plan 2017-2022 sets a corporate target of zero net emissions (carbon neutrality) for Council's own operations by 2020. Community consultation undertaken to inform the Climate Emergency Plan highlighted the importance of a clear commitment to emissions targets for Council operations, which includes becoming carbon neutral by 2020. Achieving this target requires Council to neutralise its greenhouse gas emissions by obtaining carbon offsets or credits, equivalent to the amount of emissions produced in 2019-2020.

Carbon offsets are available from a range of domestic and international sources including renewable energy projects, biodiversity and reforestation projects, carbon farming initiatives and wastewater treatment projects. There are multiple standards that administer carbon offsets, providing assurance of genuine emissions abatement. These standards have diverse criteria, some of which encourage projects with other socio-economic and environmental benefits including indigenous employment, public health and development outcomes, and environmental conservation.

Officers are recommending the purchase of a mix of carbon offsets from accredited international and domestic projects which provide positive environmental, social and economic benefits.

Officers note work is in progress to work towards eliminating Council's emissions and work towards the long-term goal of negative emissions (drawdown). To this end, Council is currently leading a procurement process with 47 Victorian Councils that is expected to deliver a long-term contract for 100% renewable energy for Council's electricity. Other strategies are in place to cut other emissions including from waste, transport and buildings.

**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- 1) Endorses renewable energy projects, biodiversity and reforestation projects as sources of Verified carbon offsets for the purposes of offsetting Council's carbon emissions.
- 2) Endorses a mix of 90% Verified international wind power offsets and 10% Australian native reforestation projects as sources of carbon offsets for 2020-21.
- 3) Progresses with Carbon Neutral certification.

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council:**

- 1) Endorses renewable energy projects, biodiversity and reforestation projects as sources of Verified carbon offsets for the purposes of offsetting Council's carbon emissions.
- 2) Endorses a mix of 90% Verified international wind power offsets and 10% Australian native reforestation projects as sources of carbon offsets for 2020-21.
- 3) Progresses with Carbon Neutral certification.
- 4) Incorporate into the 2021 review of the Climate Emergency Plan, a set of decision making principles to guide carbon neutrality and carbon offset purchasing in future years.

**Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

- 1) Endorses renewable energy projects, biodiversity and reforestation projects as sources of Verified carbon offsets for the purposes of offsetting Council's carbon emissions.
- 2) Endorses a mix of 90% Verified international wind power offsets and 10% Australian native reforestation projects as sources of carbon offsets for 2020-21.
- 3) Progresses with Carbon Neutral certification.
- 4) Investigates whether there are options for Verified carbon reforestation offsets from East Timor, and, if these are Verified at a comparable standard of confidence to Australian native reforestation projects, and within budget, that these be purchased together with Australian offsets in 2020-21.

The amendment was put and carried

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Amir, Laurence, Greco and Williams (5)

**Against:** Crs Messina, Newton, Le Cerf and McCarthy (4)

**Further Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

- 1) Endorses renewable energy projects, biodiversity and reforestation projects as sources of Verified carbon offsets for the purposes of offsetting Council's carbon emissions.
- 2) Endorses a mix of 85% Verified international wind power offsets and 10% Australian native reforestation projects as sources of carbon offsets for 2020-21.
- 3) Progresses with Carbon Neutral certification.
- 4) Investigates whether there are options for Verified carbon reforestation offsets from East Timor, and, if these are Verified at a comparable standard of confidence to Australian native reforestation projects, and within budget, that these be purchased together with Australian offsets in 2020-21, with 5% dedicated to East Timor.

The mover and seconder consented to the further amendment.

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

The substantive motion was put and carried unanimously.

**CARRIED**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-108**

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

**That Council:**

- 1) Endorses renewable energy projects, biodiversity and reforestation projects as sources of Verified carbon offsets for the purposes of offsetting Council's carbon emissions.
- 2) Endorses a mix of 85% Verified international wind power offsets and 10% Australian native reforestation projects as sources of carbon offsets for 2020-21.
- 3) Progresses with Carbon Neutral certification.
- 4) Investigates whether there are options for Verified carbon reforestation offsets from East Timor, and, if these are Verified at a comparable standard of confidence to Australian native reforestation projects, and within budget, that these be purchased together with Australian offsets in 2020-21, with 5% dedicated to East Timor.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.7 UPDATE ON SECURING THE FUTURE OF CLEMENTS RESERVE RESEVOIR**

**Author:** Property Project Officer  
Senior Property Services Officer

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update Councillors on the progress of negotiations between VicRoads and Council regarding the possible purchase of the following three State Government owned land parcels at: 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir; adjoining land at the rear of 22 Clements Grove; and 32-34 Clements Grove, Reservoir. These three land parcels form part of Clements Reserve Reservoir (Figure 1).



Figure 1

This report also informs Council of a more comprehensive report due to Council for its consideration by June 2021.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council note this Update on Securing the Future of Clements Reserve Reservoir report.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes the strategic importance of acquiring three parcels of VicRoads-owned land within Clements Reserve, due to its place within an integrated corridor of land along Darebin's creek corridors which are a key hub for habitat, biodiversity and passive recreation.
2. Notes that acquisition of this land is consistent with the Darebin Creek Management Plan, Darebin Natural Heritage Strategy and Darebin City Council Whole of Water Cycle Management Strategy.
3. Writes to the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Roads, the Members for Preston and Bundoora, and the Members of the Northern Metropolitan Region to seek their assistance to negotiate a fair price (having regard to Council's valuation of the land as open space) for the land with VicRoads, inclusive of an appropriate open space discount.
4. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate acquisition of the land located at 1-11 McMahan Road; Rear 32-34 Clements Grove; and Rear 22 Clements Grove, in Reservoir, at a fair price (having regard to Council's valuation of the land as open space), as soon as practicable and report back to Council on the outcome of these negotiations.
5. Writes to the Planning Minister requesting his support for maintenance of this land as public open space (PPRZ).

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-109**

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

**That Council:**

1. Notes the strategic importance of acquiring three parcels of VicRoads-owned land within Clements Reserve, due to its place within an integrated corridor of land along Darebin's creek corridors which are a key hub for habitat, biodiversity and passive recreation.
2. Notes that acquisition of this land is consistent with the Darebin Creek Management Plan, Darebin Natural Heritage Strategy and Darebin City Council Whole of Water Cycle Management Strategy.

3. Writes to the Minister for Planning, the Minister for Roads, the Members for Preston and Bundoora, and the Members of the Northern Metropolitan Region to seek their assistance to negotiate a fair price (having regard to Council's valuation of the land as open space) for the land with VicRoads, inclusive of an appropriate open space discount.
4. Requests the CEO to negotiate acquisition of the land located at 1-11 McMahon Road; Rear 32-34 Clements Grove; and Rear 22 Clements Grove, in Reservoir, at a fair price (having regard to Council's valuation of the land as open space), as soon as practicable and report back to Council on the outcome of these negotiations.
5. Writes to the Planning Minister requesting his support for maintenance of this land as public open space (PPRZ).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.8 DRAFT 2019-20 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**

**Author:** Financial Accountant

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

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Under the *Local Government Act 2020* (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, including a copy of the auditor's report on the performance statement.
- Financial Statements: audited Financial Statements prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards including a copy of the auditor's report on the financial statements.

The Act requires that the annual report be submitted to the Minister within four 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 2020, 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 2020. The statements were presented to Council's Audit Committee at its meeting on 31 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 2020 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 2020 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.

### Motion

**MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**That Council:**

- (1) Approves in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 as per **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Authorises Councillors Rennie and Le Cerf 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 2020 as per **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Authorises Councillors Rennie and Le Cerf to sign the Performance Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.

The motion was put and carried.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-110**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council:**

- (1) Approves in principle the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2020 as per **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Authorises Councillors Rennie and Le Cerf 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 2020 as per **Appendix B** to this report.
- (4) Authorises Councillors Rennie and Le Cerf to sign the Performance Statements in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor-General have been made.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Laurence, Le Cerf, Messina, McCarthy and Williams (8)

**Against:** (0)

**Abstained:** Cr Greco (1)

## **7.9 QUARTER 4 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2019–20 PROGRESS REPORT**

**Author:** Coordinator Corporate Planning

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

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### **PURPOSE**

To report progress for the fourth quarter (April–June 2020) of the Council Plan Action Plan 2019-20.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

The attached report provides a comprehensive summary of Council’s activities, including progress towards achieving agreed Council Plan actions, Council resolutions and the delivery of the capital works program to 30 June 2020. The provision of an integrated report detailing outputs is a recent initiative and reflects Council’s commitment to improved transparency.

\*Please note that the Financial Statements are usually included in the quarterly report. On this occasion, due to a rescheduling of the auditor’s inspection as a result of the impact of COVID-19 restrictions, the end of year Financial Statements and Performance Statement will be covered in a separate report.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council notes the Quarter 4 Council Plan Action Plan 2019–20 Progress Report at **Appendix A**.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-111**

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

**That** Council notes the Quarter 4 Council Plan Action Plan 2019–20 Progress Report at **Appendix A**.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf, Messina, McCarthy (6)  
**Against:** (0)  
**Abstained:** Cr Greco, Laurence and Williams (3)

**7.10 SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Author:** Coordinator Corporate Planning

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a six-month progress update for Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020.

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.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020, attached at **Appendix A**.

**Motion**

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

**That** Council:

1. Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020, attached at **Appendix A**.
2. Thanks the members of the Community Advisory Committees.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-112**

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

**That** Council:

1. Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2020, attached at **Appendix A**.
2. Thanks the members of the Community Advisory Committees.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.11 TOWARDS AN AGE FRIENDLY DAREBIN ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 1**

**Author:** Coordinator Department Transition and Assessment

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents for Council endorsement the Age Friendly Darebin (AFD) Year 1 Report. It highlights the achievements since July 2019, when Council resolved to implement Towards an Age Friendly Darebin.

A Project Control Group (PCG) with representatives from many Council departments oversees implementation and facilitates progress of AFD.

Council has become a member city of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities. An initial five-year cycle of integrated planning, implementation, progress evaluation and continual improvement is required across the eight Age Friendly domains encompassed by the Social Environment, the Physical Environment and Municipal Services.

Stakeholder input was actively sought for a variety of projects and processes, to ensure older people continue to remain centrally involved. This includes the Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Committee (AHAAC), members and leaders from seniors' clubs and groups, clients of in-home services and their carers and residents from our community participation data base.

Significant progress has been made against the original recommendations accepted and there is much to celebrate. However, a major challenge has been the numerous impacts of Covid19.

Covid19 has significantly exacerbated older people's existing vulnerability regarding social isolation, health risks, discrimination, limited access to information, services, spaces and essential supplies.

Under State Government Covid related directions, many of Council's existing programs closed or ceased to operate. Given this and the vulnerability of older people in our community, Council has ensured a range of Covid safe supports and services, including:

- Essential Services have continued to be provided defined under State Emergency provisions including delivered meals, personal care and domestic support
- Significant adaptations to services such as contactless Home Library, Positive Ageing, and broader home and outreach supports
- Establishment of new Covid related supports including emergency relief and Community Navigation and the Community Connector program

Council's responses overcame heavy challenges, upheld Age Friendly principles and enabled remarkable achievements by and for the community we serve.

The Mayor noted that Officers had circulated a revised Officer Recommendation with part 3 of the Officer Recommendation being revised to read

- (3) Endorses Age Friendly Darebin Year Two Plan (**Appendix D**), noting, due to COVID impacts and associated restrictions that:
- (i) the Home Care Package Service Trial, the Gardening, Lawn Mowing and Panel of Trades Trial and the Volunteer Project be extended until June 2021; and
  - (ii) A progress report on each of these trials be provided by June 2021 to determine if further extensions are required.

This change has been incorporated into the Officer Recommendation below

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses Age Friendly Darebin Year One Progress Report (**Appendix A**).
- (2) Notes Age Friendly Darebin Year One Progress Report Summary Version (**Appendix B**) and Community Snapshot Version (**Appendix C**).
- (3) Endorses Age Friendly Darebin Year Two Plan (**Appendix D**), noting, due to COVID impacts and associated restrictions that:
  - (i) the Home Care Package Service Trial, the Gardening, Lawn Mowing and Panel of Trades Trial and the Volunteer Project be extended until June 2021; and
  - (ii) A progress report on each of these trials be provided by June 2021 to determine if further extensions are required.
- (4) Notes that future AFD progress reports will be incorporated into the Council Plan Action Plan report.
- (5) Reaffirms commitment to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities, noting Age Friendly Darebin plan and implementation will fulfil this commitment.
- (6) Continues to advocate for improvements to quality requirements and standards, resourcing and infrastructure that support equity, wellbeing and quality of life outcomes for older people, including the extension of block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services beyond June 2022.

### Motion

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses Age Friendly Darebin Year One Progress Report (**Appendix A**).
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<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T Laurence

**That Council:**

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  - ii. A progress report on each of these trials be provided by June 2021 to determine if further extensions are required
  - iii. Provide a report on the feasibility of Council becoming a Home Care Provider by March 2021, taking account of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety final report due in February 2021.
- (4) Notes that future AFD progress reports will be incorporated into the Council Plan Action Plan report.
- (5) Reaffirms commitment to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities, noting Age Friendly Darebin plan and implementation will fulfil this commitment.
- (6) Continues to advocate for improvements to quality requirements and standards, resourcing and infrastructure that support equity, wellbeing and quality of life outcomes for older people, including the extension of block funding for Commonwealth Home Support Program services beyond June 2022.

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Cr Messina declared a conflict of interest in the amendment due to a conflicting duty created between her employment in the HACC Sector and her role as a Councillor.

9.59pm Cr Messina left the Council meeting while the amendment was debated and voted on.

10.10pm The Council meeting was adjourned briefly due to Cr Greco experiencing technical difficulties.

10.15pm The Council meeting resumed.

The amendment was put and lost.

**LOST**

**For:** Crs Greco, Williams and Laurence (3)

**Against:** Cr Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf and McCarthy (5)

10.16pm Cr Messina returned to the Council meeting.

The motion before the Council was put and carried unanimously.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-113**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That Council:**

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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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

Nil

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION****9.1 REUSE OF THE OLD KINDERGARTEN IN DOLE AVENUE, RESERVOIR****Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 491

That a report be presented to Council before November 2020 regarding the reuse of the old Council Kindergarten in Dole Avenue Reservoir and the cost associated with any such proposal

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-114**

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

**That** a report be presented to Council in late 2020 regarding options for repurposing the old Council kindergarten in Dole Avenue, Reservoir by community organisations and social enterprises, along with any investment required, for consideration in time for the 2021/22 Budget. These options should include the potential transformation of the building and gardens into a vibrant community space for local families, to complement the Keon Park Children's Hub.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-115**

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

**That** the Council meeting be extended until 11.00 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9.2                   UNDERTAKING A MULTILINGUAL SURVEY REGARDING A POSSIBLE 50 METRE POOL AT RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE****Councillor:**           **Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.:**             492

That a report be presented to Council before November 2020 outlining the potential costs and timelines relating to undertaking a multilingual survey of residents and schools regarding a possible 50 metre pool at Reservoir Leisure Centre.

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

**That** a report be presented to Council before December 2020 outlining the potential costs and timelines relating to undertaking a multilingual survey of residents and schools regarding a possible 50 metre pool at Reservoir Leisure Centre.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:**           **Cr. K Le Cerf****SECONDED:**       **Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- 1) Notes that further consultation on Reservoir Leisure Centre is being undertaken as part of the Reservoir Leisure Centre Health and Wellbeing Study.
- 2) Notes that the outcomes of this work will be presented to Council in December 2020.
- 3) Requests that this report back provides specific detail about ways in which CALD communities and schools have participated in the consultation and the feedback they have provided specifically on the future provision of pools at the site.

**CARRIED****For:**               Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf, Messina and McCarthy (6)**Against:**       Crs Greco, Laurence and Williams (3)

The amendment became the substantive motion before Council.

The substantive motion was put and carried.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-116**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- 1) Notes that further consultation on Reservoir Leisure Centre is being undertaken as part of the RLC Health and Wellbeing Study.
- 2) Notes that the outcomes of this work will be presented to Council in December 2020.
- 3) Requests that this report back provides specific detail about ways in which CALD communities and schools have participated in the consultation and the feedback they have provided specifically on the future provision of pools at the site.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Crs Rennie, Newton, Amir, Le Cerf, Messina and McCarthy (6)

**Against:** Crs Greco, Laurence and Williams (3)

**9.3 EXPANDING NETWORK OF COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CENTRES**

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 493

**That** Council receives a Council report prior to March 2021 on options to expand the not for profit network of Council supported Community based Child Care Centres across Darebin.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-117**

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

**That** Council receives a Council report prior to March 2021 on options to expand the not for profit network of Council supported Community based Child Care Centres and Kindergartens across Darebin.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Nil

**12. SUMMARY OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES, COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS AND OTHER INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS**

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<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-118**

**MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That** the summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors held on 24 & 30 August 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**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-119**

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR**

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

- MAYORAL/EXEC daily check in
- Part 2 - Council Meeting



- Fight for Planet A: Our Climate Challenge - Transport Forum
  
- Councillors catch up
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Local Government Act 2020 - Implementation Matters Webinar for Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executive Officers
- MAV Human Services Committee Meeting
- Candidate - Informal chat about Council
- One on One with Cr Amir
- North and West Melbourne City Deal Plan Launch
- Council Briefing
- One on One with Cr McCarthy
- One on One with Cr Messina
- Northern Councils Alliance - Mayors and CEO Meeting
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Minister Leane & Melbourne Mayors (coronavirus response & stage 4 restrictions)
- Reason Candidates meet Susan Rennie
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Darebin City Council and Home Safe With Us initiative request discussion
- Councillors catch up
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- MAYORAL BRIEFING - DVRCV WEBINAR
- Interview with RMIT Student
- Interview with Deakin Uni student
- LOCK DOWN / ROCK DOWN Festival online
- CEO/Mayor catch up
- Council Meeting
- One on One with Cr Amir

**REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR**

Cr. Amir did not submit a report.

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

Cr. Greco did not submit a report.

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Council Briefings
- Youth Futures Summit
- North and West Melbourne City Deal Launch
- Meetings with Councillors
- Climate Emergency Darebin Meeting
- Climate Emergency Australia Meeting
- Meeting with Jenny Macklin
- MAV Metro Central Reps Meeting
- VLGA Local Government Information Session
- NAGA Advocacy Working Group Meeting
- MIC Board Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF**

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

- Council Meeting – Part 2 (adjourned meeting of 17 August)
- Friends of Baucau Committee Meeting
- Fight for Planet A: Our Climate Challenge – Transport Forum
- Climate Emergency Darebin Meeting
- Regular councillor catch up x 2
- Council Briefing x 2
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Executive Sub-committee
- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – Part 2

**REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

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

- Councillor Briefing Sessions
- Strategies Policy Advisory Group meeting
- Meeting with Chair of Multicultural Commission
- Various calls and emails from residents Zoom meeting with Darebin Women's Advisory Committee

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Weekly meeting with Mayor Rennie
- Fortnightly meeting with Councillors
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Meeting
- Ruthven Park - Planting Plan Workshop
- Councillor Briefing x2
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Governance and Risk Committee Meeting
- Fight for Planet A: Our Climate Challenge - community forums x3

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Meeting with Councillors
- Councillor Briefing
- Council meeting
- Community Catch up via Zoom
- Planning committee
- Victorian Local Governance Webinar – Implementation Matters
- Residents meetings regarding council elections, toilets, footpaths, COVID-19, rate rise

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Council meeting via zoom
- Council briefing online
- Resident and trader phone consultations on traffic, jobs, footpaths, fire safety and open space matters

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-120**

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



**That** in accordance with Clause 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items deemed to be confidential as defined in S3(1) of the Act on the basis that these matters are confidential for the following reasons:-

**14.1 Delivered Meals Contract – Contract No: CT20205**

This item is confidential as it deals with information which would prejudice the Councils position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released .

**14.2 Amendment to Mantra Bell Development Plan**

This item is confidential as it deals with information which would prejudice the Councils position in commercial negotiations in prematurely released and private commercial information provided by a business that if released would unreasonably expose that business to disadvantage.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 11.00pm.

***The Council considered and resolved on Report Items 14.1 and 14.2 which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.***

**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-121**

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

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 11.11pm.

**14.2 Amendment to Mantra Bell Development Plan**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-122**

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

**That Council:**

(2) Affirms its strong advocacy position from previous Council resolutions (including 20 July 2020 and 17 August 2020) for:

- the humane treatment of refugees and asylum seekers detained at Mantra Bell City.

- ensure the provision of vital health and medical services and other supports addressing the significant physical and mental health concerns of detainees.
- detainees to be released into the community.
- the immediate improvement in living conditions, including medical and mental health support.
- the boycott all activities held at Bell City and other Mantra facilities while refugees and asylum seekers are held in prison-like conditions in any of its facilities.
- the Mantra to use its corporate influence to publicly advocate to the Federal Government for the humane treatment of refugees and asylum seekers detained at Bell City.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **15. CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 11.12pm.

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