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# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DAREBIN'S ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY**

**(Council adopted this Acknowledgment on 1 July 2013 in order  
to confirm the commitment of Council to the process of  
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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH ST, PRESTON ON MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 7.00 PM**

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

Cr Vince Fontana (Mayor) (Chairperson)  
Cr Gaetano Greco  
Cr Tim Laurence  
Cr Bo Li  
Cr Trent McCarthy  
Cr Steven Tsitas  
Cr Angela Villella  
Cr Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Rasiah Dev – Chief Executive  
Katrina Knox – Director Community Development  
Steve Hamilton – Director Assets and Business Services  
Gavin Cator – Director Corporate and Planning Services  
Patti Wenn – Director Culture, Leisure and Works  
Chris Meulblok – Acting Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance  
Darren Rudd – Manager City Development  
Dave Bell – Senior Media Advisor  
Jody Brodribb – Acting Coordinator Council Business  
Karlee Gray – Council Business and Governance Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS****Council Resolution**

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 7 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

**TABLING OF PETITION**

**MINUTE NO. 72**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** the petition:

*“We the undersigned users of our local community park at Adams Reserve in Milton Cres, Preston South request that Darebin Council take action to improve the amenities in this park, including but not limited to a BBQ facility, lighting and drinking fountain”*

be tabled and a report presented to Council as soon as possible.

**CARRIED**

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

### MINUTE NO. 73

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, invited questions from members of the public gallery.

The following questions were submitted:

- John Nugent of Epping asked a question about why Council does not distinguish between fees for junior and senior sporting clubs. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.
- John Nugent of Epping asked a question about why schools are not charged a sporting ground fee and junior clubs are. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.
- Steven Butler of Alphington asked a question about the Chandler Bridge expansion. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.
- Gerard Fennessy of Preston West asked a question regarding a right of way 58 Kendall Street. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, the Acting Executive Manager Governance and Corporate Performance, Chris Meulblok and Chief Executive, Rasiah Dev responded to the question.
- Virginia Orfanos of North Balwyn advised Council that she would be submitting a question to the Director of Aged and Disability Services, respective Councillors and the Mayor. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.
- Alex Chapman of Northcote asked a question regarding Item 6.5 – Green Street Pedestrian Path. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana and Cr. McCarthy responded to the question.
- Peter Thompson of Reservoir asked a question about council meeting locations. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.
- Jane Miller of Northcote asked a question about the reinstatement of trees along St Georges Road. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana and Chief Executive, Rasiah Dev responded to the question.
- John Nugent of Epping asked a question about a pavilion access charge. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question and indicated that a written response would also be provided.
- John Nugent of Epping asked a question about the extension of social rooms and extra change rooms for women/girls. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.
- Rebecca Milnes of Northcote asked a question about Item 6.5 – Green Street Pedestrian Path. The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana responded to the question.

After Public Question Time had concluded, five further questions were submitted in writing.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Commencing from the Council meeting on 15 February 2015, questions from the public must be submitted prior to the commencement of Council meetings.

- Questions can be submitted online until 4.00 pm on the day of the meeting
- In person at the counter of the Preston Customer Service, 274 Gower Street, Preston until 5.00 pm
- In the Council Chamber from 6.45 pm to 7.00 pm

Council officers will be available to assist residents in the preparation of questions between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm on the day of the Council meeting.

The Mayor will read the question and provide a response. If a question cannot be answered adequately at the meeting, a written response will be prepared and forwarded to the person asking the question.

Residents do not need to attend the meeting for a question to be answered.

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS****Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That** Standing Orders be suspended to allow an Urgent Business item to be heard.

**CARRIED**

**6. URGENT BUSINESS****Council Resolution**

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

**That** Standing Orders be suspended to allow an Urgent Business item to be heard.

**CARRIED**

**6.1 MELBOURNE WATER M40 PROJECT**

**MINUTE NO. 73**

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. T. McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. O. Walsh

**That** Council:

- (1) Notes the independent advice provided to Council, the Minister for Water and the Member for Northcote by an expert in the steel pipeline field in relation to Melbourne Water's M40 Project.
- (2) Urgently requests a 'roundtable meeting' with Melbourne Water to consider this advice in relation to Council and community advocacy for the retention and reinstatement of a treed avenue along the St Georges Road median. This meeting should include Councillors and Council officers, representatives from Melbourne Water, representatives from the 'Protect St Georges Rd Landscape' group and other relevant stakeholders. This meeting should be held before Melbourne Water proceeds with the tender process for detailed design and construction of the M40 project in March.

*Cr. Tsitas proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Walsh.*

- (3) If Melbourne Water declines Council's invitation, then Council should explore the option of triggering section 9 of the *Local Government Act 1989* regarding dispute resolution.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the independent advice provided to Council, the Minister for Water and the Member for Northcote by an expert in the steel pipeline field in relation to Melbourne Water's M40 Project.
- (2) Urgently requests a 'roundtable meeting' with Melbourne Water to consider this advice in relation to Council and community advocacy for the retention and reinstatement of a treed avenue along the St Georges Road median. This meeting should include Councillors and Council officers, representatives from Melbourne Water, representatives from the 'Protect St Georges Rd Landscape' group and other relevant stakeholders. This meeting should be held before Melbourne Water proceeds with the tender process for detailed design and construction of the M40 project in March.
- (3) If Melbourne Water declines Council's invitation, then Council should explore the option of triggering section 9 of the Local Government Act 1989 regarding dispute resolution.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the independent advice provided to Council, the Minister for Water and the Member for Northcote by an expert in the steel pipeline field in relation to Melbourne Water's M40 Project.
- (2) Urgently requests a 'roundtable meeting' with Melbourne Water to consider this advice in relation to Council and community advocacy for the retention and reinstatement of a treed avenue along the St Georges Road median. This meeting should include Councillors and Council officers, representatives from Melbourne Water, representatives from the 'Protect St Georges Rd Landscape' group and other relevant stakeholders. This meeting should be held before Melbourne Water proceeds with the tender process for detailed design and construction of the M40 project in March.
- (3) If Melbourne Water declines Council's invitation, then Council should explore the option of triggering section 9 of the Local Government Act 1989 regarding dispute resolution.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas**

**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

**That** Standing Orders be resumed

**CARRIED**





## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 7.1 FORMALISATION OF AGREEMENT FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND WATER HARVESTING PROJECT AT JOHN CAIN MEMORIAL PARK, THORNBURY

MINUTE NO. 74

**Author:** Manager Major Projects and Infrastructure

**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services

#### Report Background

This report seeks to reaffirm previous Council commitment of October 2014 to enter into a funding agreement with the State Government to enable the completion a flood mitigation and water harvesting project at John Cain Memorial Park, a prominent open space and sports precinct in Thornbury.

#### Previous Resolutions

Council considered a confidential report on 20 October 2014.

#### Briefing Date

- Council Briefing – 14 May 2012

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

Goal: Sustainable and Resilient Neighbourhoods (Goal 5)

Strategies:

- Drainage Asset Management Plan 2007,
- Stormwater Management Plan Review 2007
- Watershed: Towards A Water Sensitive Darebin (Darebin City Council Whole of Water Cycle Management Strategy 2015-2025)

#### Summary

- In August 2014 Council was informed that it was successful in obtaining grant funding of \$650,000 from the Office of Living Victoria (OLV) 'Living Victoria Fund' for the Darebin International Sports Centre Stormwater Harvest and Flood Mitigation project.
- The funding agreement was returned to OLV in the caretaker period leading up to the state election in November 2014, and could not be signed. With the change in state government, the incoming government put the agreement on hold pending a ministerial review of government finances which took a year to complete. The funding was placed on hold during this time.
- Darebin intended to structure its matching contribution over two years (2013/2014 and 2014/2015) at \$325,000 per year with the first instalment allocated and subsequently carried forward until it was surrendered at the end of the 2014/2015 when it became clear that the State government funding would not be made available at that time. The second instalment was not allocated.

- In November 2015 Council was advised that the funding agreement for \$650,000 would be released, however the source of the funding would now be the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) and the funding would be provided as part of the Local Water Management Fund with a need to be expended by the end of 2016.
- The funding agreement is currently being revised to reflect updated timelines and milestones and will require resigning by Council.
- To take advantage of the \$650,000 grant funding on offer from DELWP and to complete the project as previously resolved by Council in October 2014, \$650,000 will need to be allocated by Council as part of the 2016/2017 Capital Works Program for this purpose. The revised project schedule does not allow for split year allocation past 2016.
- Council endorsement is sought to enter into a revised funding agreement with DELWP and provide matching Council funding in 2016/2017 to deliver the project by the end of 2016.
- The successful application for grant funding enables Council to address a significant stormwater flooding issue with an integrated water cycle management solution. This creates a better outcome for Council and the community than just flood mitigation, by providing an alternative water source for irrigation of sports grounds, and improves the quality of stormwater flowing to Darebin Creek.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. S. Tsitas**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T. Laurence**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the successful revised application for funding from Department of Environment Land Water and Planning for the amount of \$650,000 for the Darebin International Sports Centre Stormwater Harvest and Flood Mitigation project.
- (2) Includes a flood mitigation and stormwater harvesting project at John Cain Memorial Park within the 2016/2017 Capital Works Program for a total project cost of \$1.3M to be equally funded by Council and the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning.
- (3) Authorise the Chief Executive to finalise and execute Council's requirements of the revised funding agreement.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 NORTHERN REGION TRAILS STRATEGY**

MINUTE NO. 75

**Author:** Senior Coordinator Transport Management**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

Council has been asked to endorse the Northern Regional Trails Strategy which is a joint initiative of seven municipalities in Melbourne's north.

**Previous Resolution**

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal: Healthy and Connected Community (Goal 2)

Strategies:

- Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017
- Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027
- Darebin Cycling Strategy 2013-2018

**Summary**

Seven municipalities in the northern metropolitan region of Melbourne (including Darebin) have developed the Northern Region Trails Strategy. The Strategy defines a vision and plan for development of an 'off road' recreational trails network in Melbourne's north. The proposed trail network has been assessed using spatial, multi-criteria and cost benefit analysis. Twenty nine priority trail projects have been identified across the region including three priority projects in Darebin. The strategy will be used to advocate for increased State Government investment in trails in the northern region.

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** Council endorses the Northern Regional Trails Strategy and notes the Darebin priority trails identified in the attached report.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 OUTCOME OF STATUTORY LEASING PROCEDURES – NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSES**

MINUTE NO. 76

**Author:** Manager, Assets and Properties  
Manager Children, Families and Community

**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services  
Director Community Development

**Report Background**

This report is further to a Council resolution made at its meeting on 5 October 2015 relating to the outcome of the statutory process for the proposed leases with Neighbourhood Houses and seeking approval for execution of new leases.

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting on 5 October 2015, Council resolved:

*That Council:*

- (1) *Commence the statutory process, under section 190 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, to give effect of its intention to enter into leases with the neighbourhood houses at the following Council premises;*
  - a) *Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington*
  - b) *Jika Jika Community Centre, Corner Plant and Union Streets Northcote and 2 East Street, Northcote*
  - c) *Preston Neighbourhood House, 218-220 High Street, Preston*
  - d) *Preston Reservoir Adult Community Education (PRACE), Merrilands Community Centre- 35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir*
  - e) *Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir*
  - f) *SPAN Community House Inc, 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury*
  - g) *Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House, 131 Shaftesbury Parade, Thornbury and 99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury*
- (2) *Give public notice under section 190 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 of Councils intention to enter into leases with Neighbourhood Houses in the appropriate newspaper; and*
- (3) *Be presented with a further report on the outcome of the statutory process for the proposed leases with Neighbourhood Houses.'*

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

**Goal:** Healthy and Connected Community (Goal 2 – Strategy 2.1 Community Services)

**Strategy:** Property Asset Management Strategy (19 May 2014)

## Summary

There are seven neighbourhood houses that occupy and use Council premises for the provision of services and programs via various agreement types. These agreements have expired and require renewal.

Council undertook the statutory procedures, advertising its intention to enter into lease agreements on the week commencing 19 October 2015. No submissions were received. Discussions have been held with each neighbourhood house regarding the proposed leases.

Council approval is now sought to enter into new lease agreements with the seven Neighbourhood Houses in accordance with terms and conditions stated in **Appendix A** whilst taking into consideration the Memorandum of Understanding contained in **Appendix B** and the Funding and Service Agreement provided in **Appendix C**.

Neighbourhood houses have been traditionally funded and supported by the State government and are now being partially funded by Council.

### Recommendation

**That** Council:

- (1) Having complied with section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, resolve to enter into new lease agreements with each of the following Neighbourhood Houses-
  - a) Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington
  - b) Jika Jika Community Centre, Corner Plant and Union Streets Northcote and 2 East Street, Northcote
  - c) Preston Neighbourhood House, 218-220 High Street, Preston
  - d) Preston Reservoir Adult Community Education (PRACE), Merrilands Community Centre, 35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir
  - e) Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir
  - f) SPAN Community House Inc, 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury
  - g) Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House, 131 Shaftesbury Parade, Thornbury and 99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury

for the terms and conditions detailed in the statutory advertisement attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

- (2) That a special condition be included in the lease with the Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House to provide for the merger with Preston Neighbourhood House effective April 2016 and the changes in name, administration and premises use.
- (3) Authorises the Director, Community Development to execute new lease agreements with each of the Neighbourhood Houses for the above mentioned Council premises.

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. A. Villella

**SECONDED:** Cr. B. Li

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, resolve to enter into new lease agreements with each of the following Neighbourhood Houses-
  - a) Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington
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- (3) Authorises the Director, Community Development to execute new lease agreements with each of the Neighbourhood Houses for the above mentioned Council premises.

*Cr. McCarthy proposed to the mover and seconder that point (4) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Villella and Cr. Li.*
- (4) Receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 budget process regarding the funding arrangement for neighbourhood houses and the potential to look at a CPI based increase per annum.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, resolve to enter into new lease agreements with each of the following Neighbourhood Houses-
  - a) Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington
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  - e) Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir

- f) SPAN Community House Inc, 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury
- g) Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House, 131 Shaftesbury Parade, Thornbury and 99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury

for the terms and conditions detailed in the statutory advertisement attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

- (2) That a special condition be included in the lease with the Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House to provide for the merger with Preston Neighbourhood House effective April 2016 and the changes in name, administration and premises use.
- (3) Authorises the Director, Community Development to execute new lease agreements with each of the Neighbourhood Houses for the above mentioned Council premises.
- (4) Receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 budget process regarding the funding arrangement for neighbourhood houses and the potential to look at a CPI based increase per annum.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. A. Villella**

**SECONDED: Cr. B. Li**

**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with section 190 and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and with no submissions having been received, resolve to enter into new lease agreements with each of the following Neighbourhood Houses-
  - a) Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington
  - b) Jika Jika Community Centre, Corner Plant and Union Streets Northcote and 2 East Street, Northcote
  - c) Preston Neighbourhood House, 218-220 High Street, Preston
  - d) Preston Reservoir Adult Community Education (PRACE), Merrilands Community Centre, 35 Sturdee Street, Reservoir
  - e) Reservoir Neighbourhood House, 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir
  - f) SPAN Community House Inc, 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury
  - g) Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House, 131 Shaftesbury Parade, Thornbury and 99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury

for the terms and conditions detailed in the statutory advertisement attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

- (2) That a special condition be included in the lease with the Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House to provide for the merger with Preston Neighbourhood House effective April 2016 and the changes in name, administration and premises use.
- (3) Authorises the Director, Community Development to execute new lease agreements with each of the Neighbourhood Houses for the above mentioned Council premises.
- (4) Receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 budget process regarding the funding arrangement for neighbourhood houses and the potential to look at a CPI based increase per annum.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY (ROAD) DISCONTINUANCE  
ADJOINING 12 AND 14 INVERNESS STREET, RESERVOIR**

MINUTE NO. 77

**Author:** Manager Assets and Property**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report is further to a Council resolution made at its meeting on 5 October 2015 relating to the outcome of the statutory procedures to discontinue the road adjoining 12 and 14 Inverness Street, Reservoir and sell the land.

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting held on 20 July 2015, Council resolved:

*That Council:*

- (1) *Commence the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 1989 ("the Act") to discontinue the road (Road 1) adjoining 12 and 14 Inverness Street, Reservoir shown hatched on Appendix A, and*
- (2) *Give public notice under sections 207A and 82A and 223 of the Local Government Act, 1989 of the proposed discontinuances (Road 1) adjoining 12 and 14 Inverness Street, Reservoir in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and such notice state that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell the land from the roads (Road 1) to the adjoining owners by private treaty.'*

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

**Goal:** Excellent Service (Goal 5 – Strategy 5.4 Long term responsible financial planning)

**Strategy:** Property Asset Management Strategy (May 2015)

**Summary**

Council received an application from the owner of 12 Inverness Street, Reservoir for the discontinuance and sale of the right-of-way adjoining their property. Macquarie Lawyers were commissioned to undertake the process to facilitate the possible discontinuance and sale of the 3.05m wide section of right of way (Road).

All of the immediate adjoining owners have been consulted regarding the proposal; no objections were received at that time.



In November 2014, the owners of both 12 and 14 Inverness Street confirmed their interest in acquiring the land from the Road at current market value as well as meeting all of the reasonable costs associated with Council discontinuing the Road, by signing 'in-principle' agreements for Council to progress the matter.

Public notice of the proposal was given in Preston and Northcote Leader newspapers in the week commencing Monday 27 July 2015. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 27 August 2015 with no submissions received by Council.

Before Council was in a position to consider this matter further, and on 4 September 2015, Council received notification from the owners of 14 Inverness Street's legal representative advising of their intention to make an application to Land Victoria to acquire title to the Road via adverse possession and not to proceed with the 'in-principle' agreement Council had with them. A title search confirmed that application had been made and was lodged on 8 September 2015 over the land.

Whilst an application has been made to Land Victoria for adverse possession of the land by the owner of 14 Inverness Street, Reservoir, the application presently remains unregistered on title. Council is, accordingly, within its powers to progress the proposal and seek to finalise the matter in accordance with the signed 'in-principle' agreements, legislation and Council Policy. It is otherwise noted that the owner of 12 Inverness Street still wishes to proceed with a sale of the land in the discontinued road in accordance with the 'in-principle' agreement which Council has with that person.

This report provides Council with the outcome of the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance and sale of a 3.05m wide right-of-way (road) adjoining 12 and 14 Inverness street, Reservoir and, now having completed them, recommends that the Road be discontinued and sold by private treaty in accordance with Council policy.

### Recommendation

**That** Council, having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the section of road adjoining 12 and 14 Inverness Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on the plan enclosed as **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Discontinues the section of road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (2) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (3) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and signed 'in-principle' agreements;
- (4) Signs and seals all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties;
- (5) Delegate power to the Chief Executive to do all other acts, matters and things as are determined to be necessary to protect Council's right, title and interest in the discontinued road, including the commencement of legal proceedings if required.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. O. Walsh

**SECONDED:** Cr. S. Tsitas

**That** Council, having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the section of road adjoining 12 and 14 Inverness Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on the plan enclosed as **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Discontinues the section of road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- (2) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- (6) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and signed 'in-principle' agreements;
- (7) Signs and seals all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owners of the adjoining properties;
- (8) Delegate power to the Chief Executive to do all other acts, matters and things as are determined to be necessary to protect Council's right, title and interest in the discontinued road, including the commencement of legal proceedings if required.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, declared the motion to be lost and the matter lapsed for want of an alternate motion.

**7.5 GREEN STREET PEDESTRIAN PATH****MINUTE NO. 78****Author:** Senior Coordinator Transport Management**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report is in response to the submission of a petition at the Council meeting held on 7 December 2015.

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting held on 7 December 2015, Council resolved:

*'That the petition:*

*"Create a safe and legal thoroughfare for the Community. We the residents of Westgarth petition Darebin Council to pave and fence the informal Green Street pedestrian path.*

*This path is regularly used by residents to access east-west along the railway line, Dennis Station and the primary school, shops, cafes and parks over the railway line. By restricting access, a long standing amenity and important access to public transport has been significantly diminished.*

*Formalising this path will make it the same as the other public thoroughfares at Knowles, Harper and Rathmines Streets.*

*I urge the Darebin Council to indefinitely lease the land from PTV/Vic Track so that they can then create a safe and legal thoroughfare to Dennis Station and beyond by early 2016."*

*be tabled and a report be presented to Council at its February 2016 meeting.'*

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Strategies:

- Darebin Transport Strategy (DTS)
- Darebin Safe Travel Strategy (DSTS)

**Summary**

- In October 2015, Council received reports that signs were erected around the Green Street pedestrian path, indicating that the path was closed to the public.
- Subsequent investigations by Council have identified that the signs have been removed.

- Council officers have investigated the merits of formalising the path. This investigation indicates that whilst the route offers a local connection, it does not form part of a strategic link in the pedestrian network.
- In order to formalise the path, Council would need to enter into a lease arrangement with the land owner (VicTrack), fence the portion of leased land and construct a path. The cost of formalising the path would be in the order of \$94,000.
- Enquiries to VicTrack and Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) confirmed that there were no specific safety concerns and that path access could be maintained without issue.
- It is intended that Council will continue to advocate on behalf of the community to retain pedestrian access in this location and encourage the land holder to improve the quality of connection.

### Recommendation

#### That:

- (1) Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community to retain pedestrian access through the VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street, Northcote.
- (2) The Mayor write to the CEO of VicTrack and CEO of Metro Trains Melbourne requesting that the organisations consider formalising the path and funding any works in their future budgets.

### Motion

**MOVED:** Cr. T. McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** Cr. O. Walsh

#### That:

- (1) Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community to retain pedestrian access through the VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street, Northcote.
- (2) The Mayor writes to the Minister for Transport, Member for Northcote, CEO of VicTrack and CEO of Metro Trains Melbourne requesting that VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street be leased to Council at no cost and that these agencies consider contributing to the cost of constructing a path as per the community petition.
- (3) Council receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 Budget deliberations regarding costs associated with leasing and path construction.

*Cr. Tsitas proposed to the mover and seconder that point (4) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Walsh.*

- (4) Council explore whether the petitioning for a Board of Inquiry to be established by the Governor in Council under section 9 of the Local Government Act, if there is no formal dispute resolution mechanism available under the Act which regulates VicTrack.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh**

**That:**

- (1) Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community to retain pedestrian access through the VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street, Northcote.
- (2) The Mayor writes to the Minister for Transport, Member for Northcote, CEO of VicTrack and CEO of Metro Trains Melbourne requesting that VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street be leased to Council at no cost and that these agencies consider contributing to the cost of constructing a path as per the community petition.
- (3) Council receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 Budget deliberations regarding costs associated with leasing and path construction.
- (4) Council explore whether the petitioning for a Board of Inquiry to be established by the Governor in Council under section 9 of the Local Government Act, if there is no formal dispute resolution mechanism available under the Act which regulates VicTrack.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr. T. McCarthy**  
**SECONDED: Cr. O. Walsh**

**That:**

- (1) Council continues to advocate on behalf of the community to retain pedestrian access through the VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street, Northcote.
- (2) The Mayor writes to the Minister for Transport, Member for Northcote, CEO of VicTrack and CEO of Metro Trains Melbourne requesting that VicTrack owned land at the end of Green Street be leased to Council at no cost and that these agencies consider contributing to the cost of constructing a path as per the community petition.
- (3) Council receives a further report in time for the 2016/2017 Budget deliberations regarding costs associated with leasing and path construction.
- (4) Council explore whether the petitioning for a Board of Inquiry to be established by the Governor in Council under section 9 of the Local Government Act, if there is no formal dispute resolution mechanism available under the Act which regulates VicTrack.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Williams temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.03 pm.*

**7.6 FENCING AT LATROBE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

MINUTE NO. 79

**Author:** Manager City Development**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report is in response to the submission of a petition at the Council meeting held on 7 December 2015.

This petition has come about as a result of the construction of a colorbond fence along the south eastern boundary of La Trobe University's Wildlife Sanctuary (Gate 9).

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting held on 7 December 2015, Council resolved:

*'That the petition titled:*

*"Petition for the removal of Colorbond Fencing at Wildlife Sanctuary Gate 9*

*We, the undersigned, hereby petition La Trobe University to remove the Colorbond fencing at Gate 9. First, Gate 9 was relocated to the end of Hideaway Turn without notification, and then Colorbond fencing was erected without any consultation or community engagement by La Trobe University with Springthorpe residents.*

*The negative effects of the erection of this Colorbond fence are numerous:*

- *Loss of amenity (akin to buying a beachside property and being built out of a view of the sea) for residents.*
- *Reduction in aesthetic appeal of the area for all residents and visitors.*
- *Devaluation of properties adjacent to the fence.*
- *Compromised pedestrian/cyclist safety.*

*La Trobe University claims that the fence is needed to protect wildlife from headlight sweep into the Wildlife Sanctuary at night. However, this claim is unsupported by empirical evidence such as light-level surveys. Furthermore, no effort has been made to explore less intrusive options that meet the same intent, such as the use of natural plantings.*

*We hereby petition La Trobe University to follow a socially responsible course of action, engage with the community, undertake light-level surveys, and work with local residents to formulate a solution that meets the needs of all stakeholders."*

*be tabled and a report be presented to Council at its February 2016 meeting.'*

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Not applicable

**Summary**

The recently constructed colorbond fence is located along the south eastern boundary of LaTrobe University's Wildlife Sanctuary (Gate 9), providing an extension to the existing black chain and wire fencing.

**Recommendation**

**That** Mayor writes to La Trobe University:

- a) Outlining the concerns raised by residents in the petition tabled at the Council meeting of 7 December 2015.
- b) Encouraging the University to engage with the local community on the issue.
- c) Requesting La Trobe University to confirm that the necessary permits/exemptions are in place for the fence.

**Motion**

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

**That** Mayor writes to La Trobe University:

- a) Outlining the concerns raised by residents in the petition tabled at the Council meeting of 7 December 2015.
- b) With a view to facilitate a meeting of key stakeholders including local residents on the issue.
- c) Requesting La Trobe University to confirm that the necessary permits/exemptions are in place for the fence.

*Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover that point (d) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Greco.*

- d) If this community consultation is unsuccessful then Council seek to use provisions under section 9 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to seek a resolution to any dispute with La Trobe in relation to this fence

*With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, and following advice from the Chief Executive, Cr. Fontana proposed that point (d) be amended to read as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence.*

- d) That Council explore other options for dispute resolution

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That** Mayor writes to La Trobe University:

- a) Outlining the concerns raised by residents in the petition tabled at the Council meeting of 7 December 2015.
- b) With a view to facilitate a meeting of key stakeholders including local residents on the issue.
- c) Requesting La Trobe University to confirm that the necessary permits/exemptions are in place for the fence.
- d) That Council explore other options for dispute resolution

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** Mayor writes to La Trobe University:

- a) Outlining the concerns raised by residents in the petition tabled at the Council meeting of 7 December 2015.
- b) With a view to facilitate a meeting of key stakeholders including local residents on the issue.
- c) Requesting La Trobe University to confirm that the necessary permits/exemptions are in place for the fence.
- d) That Council explore other options for dispute resolution

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Williams returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.06 pm.*

*Cr. Tsitas temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.07 pm and returned at 8.13 pm.*

*Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.08 pm and returned at 8.14 pm.*



**7.7 2016 ELECTION PERIOD POLICY****MINUTE NO. 80****Author:** Election Officer**Reviewed By:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Report Background**

Section 93B of the *Local Government Act 1989* (as amended in 2015), states that councils must adopt an Election Period Policy (the Policy) by 31 March 2016.

Adoption of the Policy would ensure that Council is compliant with recent changes to the *Local Government Act* in relation to general elections.

**Previous Resolution**

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Not applicable

**Summary**

The policy extends to all Councillors and candidates who are standing for election as well as staff in their dealings with candidates during the pre-election and election periods.

A copy of the Election Period Policy must:

- Be given to each Councillor as soon as practicable after it is adopted
- Be available for inspection by the public at the Council office and any district offices
- Be published on the Council's website.

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** Council adopt the Election Period Policy as attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7.8 COUNCILLOR AND STAFF INTERACTION PROTOCOL****MINUTE NO. 81****Author:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive**Report Background**

In October 2013 Council adopted a Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol (Interaction Protocol) that was subsequently incorporated into both the Councillor Code of Conduct and Excellence in Governance Employee Code of Conduct as a guide for Councillors and officers when communicating formally or informally.

**Previous Resolution**

The Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol was adopted by Council on 7 October 2013.

**Briefing Date**

Councillor Strategic workshop – 12 December 2015

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Goal 6 - Open and Accountable Democracy

**Summary**

This report provides for changes to the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol to enable greater efficiency and effectiveness in the exchange of information between Councillors and staff.

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

- (1) Adopt the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol (amended as at December 2015) attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Note as a consequence of adopting changes to the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol corresponding changes will need to be made to the Councillor Code of Conduct and a report will be brought to Council in March 2016.

**Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**That** Council:

- (1) Adopt the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol (amended as at December 2015) attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Note as a consequence of adopting changes to the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol corresponding changes will need to be made to the Councillor Code of Conduct and a report will be brought to Council in March 2016.

*Cr. Villella proposed to the mover that point (3) be added as follows. This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy.*

- (3) The policy be reviewed on a yearly basis.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**That:**

- (1) Council adopt the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol (amended as at December 2015) attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Council note as a consequence of adopting changes to the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol corresponding changes will need to be made to the Councillor Code of Conduct and a report will be brought to Council in March 2016.
- (3) The policy be reviewed on a yearly basis.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. B. Li  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**That:**

- (1) Council adopt the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol (amended as at December 2015) attached as **Appendix A** to this report.
- (2) Council note as a consequence of adopting changes to the Councillor and Staff Interaction Protocol corresponding changes will need to be made to the Councillor Code of Conduct and a report will be brought to Council in March 2016.
- (3) The policy be reviewed on a yearly basis.

**CARRIED**

**7.9 COUNCILLOR CONDUCT PANEL – CR. JULIE WILLIAMS V  
CR. ANGELA VILLELLA****MINUTE NO. 82****Author:** Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive**Report Background**

In accordance with section 81M of the *Local Government Act 1989* it is a requirement that the determination and reasons made by the Councillor Conduct Panel be tabled at the next Ordinary meeting of Council and be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**Previous Resolution**

This matter is not the subject of a previous Council resolution.

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

Not Applicable

**Summary**

This report is to advise Council of the outcome made by the Councillor Conduct Panel after the Panel recently held a hearing into the conduct of Cr. Angela Villella.

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. A. Villella  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J. Williams

**That** Council note:

- (1) The Councillor Conduct Panel determination in relation to an application for misconduct against Cr. Angela Villella was dismissed.
- (2) The Councillor Conduct Panel determination and reasons attached at **Appendix A** to this report.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Laurence abstained from voting.

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

### 8.1 POKIES IN DAREBIN: DAREBIN ELECTRONIC GAMING POLICY 2016-2019

MINUTE NO. 83

**Author:** Manager Children, Families and Community

**Reviewed By:** Director Community Development

#### Report Background

This report is in response to Notice of Motion No 211 from the Council Meeting held on 17 August 2015.

In addition to responding to the Notice of Motion, the adoption of the Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine Policy 2016-2019 is proposed.

#### Previous Resolution

At its meeting held on 17 August 2015, Council resolved:

*'That Council:*

(1) *Notes the following:*

- a) *The loss of \$84 million in pokies last year by residents of Darebin.*
- b) *The estimated damage caused by gambling harm is \$16 billion per annum, compared with the estimated \$7 billion caused by illicit drugs.*
- c) *Three quarters of problem gamblers admitted they have addiction to pokies.*
- d) *93% of all pokies applications are successful at the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR).*

(2) *Continues to work to reduce the harm caused by pokies in Darebin and Australia wide by signing up as supporters of National Alliance on Gambling Reform at no cost to the council.*

(3) *Receives a report on initiatives council can undertake with key stakeholders such as other councils, clubs and other agencies to reduce the harm caused by pokies including any projects for referral to the 2016/2017 budget process.'*

#### Briefing Dates

23 February 2015, 25 May 2015 and 14 December 2015

#### Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy

1. Healthy and Connected Community
2. Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) Policy and Strategic Action Plan 2010-2014

## Summary

The Draft Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine Policy 2016-2019 (**Appendix A**) has been developed on the premise that the negative impacts of EGMs greatly outweigh any benefits generated by State Government taxes and any specific benefits created through Community benefits from Clubs.

Due to the saturation of EGMs across the city and the particularly high concentration of EGM's in neighbourhoods of high disadvantage any additional EGM's or transfer of EGM's within Darebin will not be supported.

The draft policy is underpinned by four key strategies:

1. Planning and Licencing
2. Research
3. Advocacy
4. Social Inclusion and Economic Sustainability.

In addition to the policy Council has and is undertaking a number of initiatives to reduce the harm caused by Pokies. These include:

- Membership of the recently formed Alliance for Gambling Reform.
- Participated in and contributed to the local government led *Enough Pokies* campaign in the lead up to the 2015 State election.
- Will advocate for stronger problem gambling provisions in the proposed Victorian State Government 'Review of Gaming Machine Arrangement'.
- Will participate in a three year research project lead by Monash University to create an evidence based 'harm minimisation' Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) model.

## Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the Draft Darebin Electronic Gaming Machine Policy 2016-2019.
- (2) Note the initiatives being undertaken to reduce harm caused by pokies as outlined in this report.

## Motion

**MOVED: Cr. B. Li**

**SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco**

**That** consideration of this report and recommendations be deferred to the end of March pending Council briefing on feasibility of inclusions of the following clauses:

- (1) Banning of new pokies applications on all Council owned land.
- (2) Banning of expansion of pokies applications on all Council owned land.

*Cr. Greco proposed to the mover that point (3) be added as follows. This was accepted by the mover.*

- (3) Council receive a further report on the process and cost of integrating an EGM policy into Council's land use strategies and Darebin's Planning Scheme. The report should make reference to other councils (including Monash) that have already installed gaming policies as part of their planning schemes.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Amended Motion**

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

**That** consideration of this report and recommendations be deferred to the end of March pending Council briefing on feasibility of inclusions of the following clauses:

- (1) Banning of new pokies applications on all Council owned land.
- (2) Banning of expansion of pokies applications on all Council owned land.
- (3) Council receive a further report on the process and cost of integrating an EGM policy into Council's land use strategies and Darebin's Planning Scheme. The report should make reference to other councils (including Monash) that have already installed gaming policies as part of their planning schemes.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** consideration of this report and recommendations be deferred to the end of March pending Council briefing on feasibility of inclusions of the following clauses:

- (1) Banning of new pokies applications on all Council owned land.
- (2) Banning of expansion of pokies applications on all Council owned land.
- (3) Council receive a further report on the process and cost of integrating an EGM policy into Council's land use strategies and Darebin's Planning Scheme. The report should make reference to other councils (including Monash)

**CARRIED**

Cr Li called for a Division:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Cr. Bo Li	Cr. Oliver Walsh
Cr. Trent McCarthy	
Cr. Julie Williams	
Cr. Steven Tsitas	
Cr. Tim Laurence	
Cr. Gaetano Greco	
Cr. Angela Villella	
Cr. Vince Fontana	

The Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, declared the motion to be carried.

**8.2 CAR AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND MANAGEMENT ON CHEDDAR ROAD****MINUTE NO. 84****Author:** Senior Coordinator Transport Management**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

This report has been prepared in response to a General Business item raised at the Council meeting held on 4 May 2015.

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting held on 4 May 2015, Council resolved:

*'That officers prepare a feasibility report on the following:*

- (1) Advocating the reduction of the speed limit from 60 km/h to 40 km/h on Cheddar Road.*
- (2) Installing a more prominent pedestrian/ zebra crossing or set of traffic lights where the current school crossing is on the corner of Hickford St and Cheddar Road.*
- (3) Installing another pedestrian/ zebra crossing halfway between Hickford Street and Broadway possibly near a bus stop.'*

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

- Council Plan Goal 2 – Healthy and Connected Community
- Darebin Transport Strategy 2007-2027
- Safe Travel Strategy 2010-2015 and the Principle Pedestrian Network

**Summary**

This report assesses the feasibility of lowering the speed limit of Cheddar Road and improving crossing points between Broadway and Hickford Street with the key findings as follows:

1. The proposed reduction of the speed limit on Cheddar Road to 40km/h does not meet VicRoads' Speed Zoning Guidelines and therefore would not be approved by VicRoads who are responsible for setting speed limits. In line with objectives of the Darebin Transport Strategy to advocate for reduced speed limits, it is proposed to submit an application to VicRoads to reduce the speed limit to 50 km/h along Cheddar Road.



2. Based on collected data, the existing school crossing on Cheddar Road near Hickford Street does meet VicRoads guidelines for a pedestrian 'zebra' crossing. However, 'zebra' crossings are not suitable for speed limits above 50km/h. If Cheddar Road is successfully reduced to a 50km/h speed limit, it is proposed to submit an application to VicRoads for approval to upgrade the existing school crossing to a 'zebra' crossing (subject to the outcome of an independent safety assessment).

In addition, a number of improvements have been identified to assist in improving the prominence of the existing school crossing.

3. The potential for an additional Cheddar Road crossing point between Broadway and Hickford Street was assessed at Crookston Road and Purinuan Road. Both locations met VicRoads warrants for a zebra crossing without flashing lights, however, this is not a suitable treatment for Cheddar Road given that multiple lanes of traffic would need to be crossed in one movement and the associated risk to pedestrians who are crossing. Whilst neither location met VicRoads warrants for Pedestrian Operated Signals, Council could still consider implementing a signalised crossing point or full traffic signals (subject to VicRoads approval) at a location between Hickford Street and Broadway given that a zebra crossing is not an appropriate solution. The cost of such a treatment would need to be considered as part of future budget deliberations, and based on strategic need.
4. The potential Cheddar Road crossing points near Purinuan Road and Hickford Street will be further considered through the development of the Darebin Walking Strategy.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. A. Villella**

**SECONDED: Cr. G. Greco**

**That Council resolve to:**

- (1) Apply to VicRoads for a reduction of the Cheddar Road speed limit from 60km/h to 50km/h.
- (2) Subject to the successful reduction in speed limit on Cheddar Road to 50km/h, seek approval from VicRoads to upgrade the existing school crossing on Cheddar Road near Hickford Street to a zebra crossing and progress with maintenance works to improve the visibility of the existing school crossing in the interim.
- (3) Review and consider the need for additional or upgraded crossing facilities for Cheddar Road near Hickford Street and / or Purinuan Road as part of the Darebin Walking Strategy.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. Walsh temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.26 pm and returned at 8.28 pm.*

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 9.1 CONDUCT OF 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

**NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 261 CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

Take notice that at the Ordinary meeting to be held on 1 February 2016, it is my intention to move:

***That:***

- (1) In accordance with section 41A(2A) of the Local Government Act 1989, Council will conduct its 2016 General Election using the 'attendance' method, which includes a polling day of voters on the fourth Saturday in October.*
- (2) Council writes to all Darebin primary and secondary school councils and fundraising committees advising them of this change and outlining the advantages of conducting local fundraising activities in conjunction with Council's Election Day.*
- (3) Council receives a report in April on capacity building and in-kind support that can be provided to local schools to improve their fundraising opportunities on Council's Election Day.*

**Notice Received: 11 January 2016**

**Notice Given to Councillors: 25 January 2016**

**Date of Meeting: 1 February 2016**

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr. Fontana, Cr. McCarthy withdrew his Notice of Motion.

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

## 11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### 11.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTE NO. 85

The Audit Committee is an Advisory Committee appointed, pursuant to section 139 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to assist Council in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to internal control mechanisms and external reporting requirements.

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held on 5 December 2015. A summary report of the meeting is attached as **Appendix A** to this report. The minutes of the meeting, incorporating the reports considered by the Committee, have been circulated to Councillors.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. O. Walsh  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** the Report of the Audit Committee meeting held on 5 December 2015 be received and the Committee Recommendations be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

MINUTE NO. 86

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in section 76AA of the *Local Government Act 1989* to include Advisory Committees of Council if at least one Councillor is present or, a planned or scheduled meeting attended by at least half of the Councillors and one Council Officer that considers matters intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Councillor Briefing Session – 7 December 2015
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 9 December 2015
- Darebin Active and Healthy Ageing Board – 10 December 2015
- Councillor Briefing Session – 14 December 2015
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group – 15 December 2015
- Darebin Interfaith Council – 21 December 2015

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. O. Walsh

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 7, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 21 December 2015 and January 2016 be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**



<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Councillor Briefing Session
	<b>Date:</b>	Monday 7 December 2015
	<b>Location:</b>	Function Room, Darebin Civic Centre
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor), Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Tim Laurence.
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Rasiah Dev, Steve Hamilton, Jacinta Stevens, Gavin Cator, Katrina Knox, Darren Rudd, Patti Wenn, Dave Bell (from 6.05 pm to 6.09 pm).
	<b>Other:</b>	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Angela Villella.

The Assembly commenced at 5.55 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	1 Bower Street (Verbal)	No disclosures were made.
2	Council Agenda Item 7.5 - Right of Way (Road) Discontinuance Rear 92 and 94 Miller Street and Adjacent 2 Mitchell Street, Preston. (Verbal)	No disclosures were made.
3	Beavers Road (Verbal)	No disclosures were made.
4	Confidential Item (Verbal)	No disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas absent 6.25 pm to 6.40 pm
5	Leasing of Sullivan Reserve Stadium (Verbal)	Cr. Laurence disclosed an interest due to a family member living in proximity to the stadium. Cr. Laurence left the meeting at 6.30 pm
6	Outdoor Cinema (Verbal)	No disclosures were made Cr. Greco left the meeting at 6.46 pm

The Assembly concluded at 6.50 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Katrina Knox
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Director Community Development



<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
	<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 9 December 2015
	<b>Location:</b>	Council Chambers, 350 High Street, Preston
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Gaetano Greco
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Mandy Bathgate, Stuart McFarlane, Jenaya Katsomontis (Trainee)
	<b>Other:</b>	Members of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Alan Brown

The Assembly commenced at 4.00 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	DECC proposed Victims Of Genocide Monument	No disclosures were made
2	SEIMA 3KND Radio relocation	No disclosures were made
3	Updates from actions arising from previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Employment Strategy</li> <li>• Aboriginal Employment officer</li> <li>• DATSICC and Section 86</li> <li>• HACC Role</li> <li>• Batman Park and Batman Electorate renaming</li> <li>• VLGA Oxfam Strait talk Aboriginal Women in council workshops</li> </ul>	No disclosures were made
4	General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treaty- what does this mean at a local level</li> <li>• Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)</li> </ul>	No disclosures were made
5	Meeting Close	No disclosures were made

The Assembly concluded at 6.00 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Stuart McFarlane
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Aboriginal Contact Officer



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Active and Healthy Ageing Board
	<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 10 December 2015
	<b>Location:</b>	Conference Room, Darebin Preston Offices
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Gaetano Greco
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Bridget Monro-Hobbs, Gillian Damonze, Fionnuala Spillane and Mitchell Bowden
	<b>Other:</b>	Community representatives
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Julie Williams

The Assembly commenced at 5.00 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Present and apologies	No disclosures were made. Cr. Greco advised he would need to leave the meeting at 5.50pm to attend another meeting.
2	Matters arising from previous minutes	No disclosures were made.
3	NDIS and Aged Care Reforms	No disclosures were made. Cr. Greco left the meeting at 5.50pm and did not return.
4	AHAB Work plan Activities and 2016 priorities	No disclosures were made.
5	Recruitment of new members	No disclosures were made.
6	Close	No disclosures were made.

The Assembly concluded at 6.30 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Mitchell Bowden
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Marketing and Community Engagement Officer



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Councillor Briefing Session
	<b>Date:</b>	Monday 14 December 2015
	<b>Location:</b>	Function Room, Darebin Civic Centre
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Vince Fontana (Mayor), Cr. Oliver Walsh (Deputy Mayor – from 6.05 pm), Cr. Steven Tsitas, Cr. Gaetano Greco, Cr. Bo Li, Cr. Trent McCarthy, Cr. Tim Laurence.
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Rasiah Dev, Jacinta Stevens, Katrina Knox, Patti Wenn, Jim Barrett, Bridget Monro-Hobbs (from 5.50 pm to 6.20 pm), Peter Rollis from 6.32 pm.
	<b>Other:</b>	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		Cr. Julie Williams, Cr. Angela Villella.

The Assembly commenced at 5.50 pm

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Pokies in Darebin	No disclosures were made. Cr. Tsitas absent from 5.50 pm to 6.00 pm
2	Darebin's Sporting History	No disclosures were made.
3	Status Report on Reports Outstanding as at October and November 2015	No disclosures were made.
4	<b>Special Briefing</b> NDIS	No disclosures were made. Cr. Laurence left the meeting at 6.12 pm
5	VEC Election Advice (Verbal)	No disclosures were made
6	Planning Meeting Discussion (Verbal)	No disclosures were made Cr. Greco absent from 6.23 pm to 6.24 pm Cr. Walsh absent from 6.29 pm to 6.31 pm and 6.33 pm to 6.34 pm.



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

7	Bent Street Traffic Issues (Verbal)	No disclosures were made Cr. Tsitas left the meeting at 6.40 pm
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The Assembly concluded at 6.50 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b> Katrina Knox <b>Officer Title:</b> Director Community Development
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## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Darebin Environmental Reference Group (DERG) Membership renewal committee
	<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 15 December 2015
	<b>Location:</b>	Room 3, Northcote Town Hall
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Trent McCarthy
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Libby Hynes
	<b>Other:</b>	Darebin Environmental Reference Group community representative
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		

The Assembly commenced at 9:05 am

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Darebin Environmental Reference Group (DERG) membership applications for 6 positions	<p>Cr. Trent McCarthy declared a conflict with an applicant due to a close association and abstained from voting in relation to the applicant.</p> <p>All committee members noted that they had attended the DERG with reapplying DERG members.</p> <p>Cr. Trent McCarthy and Libby Hynes declared that they knew a further applicant who had been a Darebin award recipient and participated in other Council programs and committees.</p>

The Assembly concluded at 9:55 am

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Libby Hynes
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Manager Environment and Natural Resources



## ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS PUBLIC RECORD

<b>ASSEMBLY DETAILS:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	2016 Victorian Interfaith Network Conference Working Group Meeting (Sub-Committee of the Darebin Interfaith Council)
	<b>Date:</b>	Monday 21 December 2015
	<b>Location:</b>	Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre
<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr. Gaetano Greco
	<b>Council Staff:</b>	Mandy Bathgate, Amelia Basset; Stuart McFarlane, Cesar Diaz, Aziz Cooper
	<b>Other:</b>	Members of the Darebin Interfaith Council Committee and a representative from the Faith Communities Council of Victoria.
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		No apologies

The Assembly commenced at 11 am

MATTERS CONSIDERED		DISCLOSURES AND COMMENTS
1	Presentation on Conference 2016	No disclosures were made
2	General discussion on event logistics, content, workshops and themes.	No disclosures were made

Cr. Greco left the meeting at 12:45.

The Assembly concluded at 1:30 pm

<b>RECORD COMPLETED BY:</b>	<b>Officer Name:</b>	Cesar Diaz
	<b>Officer Title:</b>	Multicultural Affairs Officer

**13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

MINUTE NO. 87

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. O. Walsh  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

**CARRIED****13.1 REPORT OF CR. VINCE FONTANA, MAYOR**

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

- Meeting with Colin Brooks MP and Rasiah Dev CE
- December Audit Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Cr. Walsh, CE and Director Corporate Services
- Hosted the Sporting Club's achievement awards
- 2015 Elder's Christmas lunch at AAL
- Joint Advisory Committee end of year celebration
- Australia Day Advisory Committee selection event
- Meeting with the Presidents of Seniors Citizen clubs in Darebin
- Photo shoot for Il Globo
- Chaired the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting
- Meeting with Directors and Councillors regarding sports clubs
- Urgent Council Briefing held on 9 December 2015
- Meeting with Darebin RSL regarding gym issues
- Meeting with residents opposing the Telstra communications tower
- Meeting with representatives of the Northern Falcons Soccer Club
- Meeting with residents to discuss issues with Polaris (along with Cr. Greco)
- Meeting with Bronwyn Halfpenny MP
- Councillor's Workshop 12 December 2015
- Meeting with Jacinta Allen MP with other stakeholders
- CALD press briefing and meeting
- Councillors Briefing session 14 December 2015
- Meeting with David Feeney MP, Federal Member for Batman
- Residents meeting/information session at Polaris 15 December 2015
- Northern Falcons photo shoot
- Met with Nazih Elasmr State Upper House member

- Launched the Community Forum on the Local Government Act Review
- Met with Any Mylonas and Greek delegates
- Banda Musicale Christmas event
- Reservoir West Primary School end of year concert
- Weekly meetings with Rasiah Dev, CE
- Meeting with representatives of DealCorp and officers
- Meeting with Gonella Crescent residents at Polaris
- Meeting with Melbourne Water
- Meeting with Darebin RSL representatives regarding William Ruthven Reserve
- Darebin Australia Day Awards
- Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day
- Meeting with Fiona Patten MP
- Meeting with President of DECC re Sri Lanka issues
- Tour of Aquatic and Leisure Centres
- 37th Annual Greek Community Festival

### **13.2 REPORT OF CR. BO LI**

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

- Planning Committee meeting
- Staff Christmas lunch
- Meeting with residents regarding Planning issues
- Bicycle Advisory Committee selection meeting
- Meeting with residents regarding Adam Reserve
- Community movie night at Capp/Robinson Reserve
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Tour of aquatic and leisure centres
- Pride March in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda
- Residents issues regarding dumped rubbish and traffic safety
- End of year sporting clubs achievement awards
- Joint advisory committee end of year celebrations
- Councillor workshop on 12 December 2015
- Local Government Act Review community forum

**13.3 REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Alphington Community Centre Christmas Break-up
- Council Briefings
- Carols in All Nations
- Councillor Workshop
- Planning Committee meeting
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive Meeting
- Various meetings with residents and traders

**13.4 REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Council meeting
- Councillor Briefing session
- Opening of pop up park in Broadway Reservoir
- Councillors Workshop
- Planning Briefing
- Planning Committee meeting
- Community Hearts in mind BBQ
- GPLF club end of year event Springthorpe
- Community meetings regarding Bundoora issues
- Street at night regarding Bundoora issues
- Reservoir sport club meeting with Mayor
- Community end of year celebration TW Andrews Reserve
- Gave speech at Darebin Arts prize event Bundoora Park Homestead
- Community meeting Bundoora – North East Community Hub
- Various resident, tree and parking issues in Reservoir
- Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

**13.5 REPORT OF CR. OLIVER WALSH**

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

- Sports Clubs Breakfast
- Mayor Park Christmas event
- Planning committee
- Briefings

- Preston Business drinks
- Carrols by Candlelight All nations
- Intowork End of year Drinks
- Alphington Neighbourhood house Christmas lunch.
- Aquatic tour
- Australia day awards
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Councillor Workshop
- VLGA Christmas event
- Grade Separation workshop
- MAV metro forum
- Metro waste Management
- Various constituent matters

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

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

- Darebin Arts Prize at Bundoora Homestead
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Staff Break up party
- Darebin Australia Day Awards Presentation night
- Citizenship Ceremony for Australia Day
- Strategic Workshop

### **13.7 REPORT OF CR. ANGELA VILLELLA**

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

- Meeting with residents to discuss anti-social behaviour in Bundoora
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Special Council Briefing
- Councillor Workshop

*Cr. Villella temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.32 pm and returned at 8.34 pm.*

## TABLING OF PETITION

MINUTE NO. 88

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. O. Walsh  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** the petition:

*“Reinstate the Avenue of Trees along the St Georges Rod shared path after M40 Pipe Works.*

*Melbourne Water will pull up over 400 trees in April 2016 to renew its St Georges Rd median pipe north of Arthurton Road. This avenue was planted with trees over 20 years ago.*

*Currently there are no plans to reinstate any landscape apart from ground-cover.*

*This avenue is an important local community asset providing visual amenity and shade, a rare green artery through our city. It is also the only significant north-south treed boulevard in Darebin.*

*Please sign this petition to Darebin Councillors, MP Fiona Richardson, MP Robin Scott, MP Lisa Neville and Melbourne Water M40 Project. You may also sign the online petition on the Facebook page: Protect St Georges Rd Landscape Group”*

be tabled.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. O. Walsh  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T. McCarthy

**That** a report responding to the petition be presented to Council at a meeting in March 2016.

**CARRIED**



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

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

**That** in accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to contractual matters:

- 14.1 Electricity Contracts
- 14.2 Public Lighting Electricity Contract
- 14.3 Gas Contracts

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to members of the public at 8.37 pm.

***The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 14.1 (Electricity Contracts – Large and Small Sites), Item 14.2 (Public Lighting Electricity Contract) and Item 14.3 (Gas Contracts) which had been circulated to Councillors on 22 January 2016 with the Council Agenda Paper.***

**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

**MOVED:** Cr. S. Tsitas  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was re-opened to members of the public at 8.44 pm

**CONFIDENTIAL****14.1 ELECTRICITY CONTRACTS (LARGE AND SMALL SITES)****MINUTE NO. 89****Author:** Environmental Strategy Coordinator**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

Council's electricity contracts, which have been auspiced through Procurement Australia (PA), as tender agent, expire 30 June 2016. PA has undertaken a tender process for small and large electricity sites.

**Previous Resolution**

At its meeting held on 1 July 2013, Council resolved to enter into an agreement with Procurement Australia for the retail supply of electricity and associated services for large sites (category 1) and small sites (category 2).

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

The tender process for these contracts was conducted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Guidelines.

**Summary**

Procurement Australia was appointed as Council's tendering agent for energy contracts to take advantage of the large contract buying power.

**Recommendation**

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tenderer(s) name and contract period.

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. S. Tsitas  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**THAT** the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tender(s) name and contract period.

Successful Tenderer: AGL Sales Pty Ltd  
Contract Period: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018

**CARRIED**

**CONFIDENTIAL****14.2 NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS****MINUTE NO. 90****Author:** Environmental Strategy Coordinator**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

Council's gas contracts, which have been auspiced through Procurement Australia (PA), as tender agent, expire 31 March 2016. Procurement Australia Procurement Australia (PA) has undertaken a tender process for the retail supply of natural gas to large and small market sites.

**Previous Resolution**

Nil – prior contracts within officer delegations

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

The tender process for these contracts was conducted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Guidelines.

**Summary**

Procurement Australia was appointed as Council's tendering agent for energy contracts to take advantage of the large contract buying power. This tender includes the retail supply of natural gas to large and small market sites.

**Recommendation**

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tender(s) name and contract period.

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. S. Tsitas  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tender(s) name and contract period.

Successful Tender: AGL Sales Pty Ltd  
Contract Period: 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2018

**CARRIED**

**CONFIDENTIAL****14.3 PUBLIC LIGHTING ELECTRICITY CONTRACT****MINUTE NO. 91****Author:** Environmental Strategy Coordinator**Reviewed By:** Director Assets and Business Services**Report Background**

Council's electricity contracts, which have been auspiced through Procurement Australia (PA), as tender agent, expire 30 June 2016. Procurement Australia (PA) have undertaken a tender process for public lighting electricity.

**Previous Resolutions**

At its meeting held on 20 June 2011, Council resolved to enter into a three year contract with further extension up to two years for the Electricity Supply to Public Lighting.

Subsequently on 23 June 2014, Council resolved to enter into a 2 year Contract extension for the Electricity Supply to Public Lighting.

**Briefing Date**

This matter has not previously been to a Councillor Briefing.

**Council Plan Goal/Endorsed Strategy**

The tender process for these contracts was conducted in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and Guidelines.

**Summary**

Procurement Australia was appointed as Council's tendering agent for energy contracts to take advantage of the large contract buying power.

**Recommendation**

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tender(s) name and contract period.

**Council Resolution**

**MOVED:** Cr. S. Tsitas  
**SECONDED:** Cr. A. Villella

**That** the Council report and resolution remain confidential with the exception of the successful tender(s) name and contract period.

Successful Tender: AGL Sales Pty Ltd  
Contract Period: 1 August 2016 to 30 June 2018

**CARRIED**

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.