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# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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

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



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 22 JULY 2019**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM**

**WELCOME**

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

*“NGARRGMA WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG GULJIN GURRINGANYINU BIK WENEROP DAREBIN DHARRI. NGARRI YANA NGARNGA BIK, BAAN BA NGARRGU. GAHGOOK-AL NANGGIT BAMBUTH, YALINGBU BA GAMA-DJI.*

*“I ACKNOWLEDGE THE WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND. I RECOGNISE THEIR CONTINUING CONNECTION TO LAND, WATER AND CULTURE. I PAY MY RESPECTS TO ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING.”*

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (6.06pm)

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community

Felicity Leahy - Acting General Manager Operations and Capital

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Ralph Anania - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer

Georgina Steele - Council Business Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Gaetano Greco was on an approved leave of absence.

### 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Lina Messina declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.1, due to her current employment.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 19-122

**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 June 2019 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 8 July 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

### 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Lanie Stockman, Preston VIC 3072**

The July 22 Council meeting coincides with the 6 year anniversary of the asylum seeker policy whereby all asylum seekers arriving in Australia territory by boat are transferred to Manus Is or Nauru.

As Darebin is a Refugee Welcome Zone and as per a similar motion by the City of Sydney (24 June 2019), could the Mayor and Councillors please write to the Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison MP, and the Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon. Peter Dutton MP, on behalf of Council? The purpose of the letter should be to:

- express strong opposition to the policy of mandatory offshore detention of asylum seekers (who have arrived by boat).
- request the urgent resettlement of refugees and asylum seekers on Manus Is and Nauru, and in onshore detention.
- request an inquiry into the death of a 23 year old man at the nearby MITA facility on 13 July 2019.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question.

**As Refugee Welcome Zone and a Welcoming Cities member Council continues to advocate for the rights of refugee and asylum seekers. Council remains deeply concerned about the wellbeing of asylum seekers in offshore detention.**

**We have written many times to the Federal Government about the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. We most recently wrote to the Prime Minister about offshore detention last year.**

**Thank you for your suggestions tonight, and I will send a further letter, again asking the Federal Government to abandon their inhumane and cruel approach to the treatment of asylum seekers and to cease offshore detention.**

- **David Toscano, Preston, VIC 3072**

Northern Careworks currently provides approximately sixty-five lunches each day, four times a week to between eighty to one hundred vulnerable community members. Some come daily, while others visit weekly or monthly. We also have nineteen community members who volunteer their time, and a further eighty long term unemployed gaining valuable work experience, assisting them into employment. Through this program, we have created a supportive community of people who have few social networks and struggle to afford healthy food. For many participants, the Careworks lunch is their only social connection for the week, and many friendships have formed. We have been providing this service to Darebin residents for fifteen years, but changes to federal government funding means that unless we can urgently secure new funding, the program will conclude in the coming months, leading to greater isolation for many of Darebin's most vulnerable residents. Would Darebin Council consider providing short-term funding to continue the lunches program while alternative funding options are explored?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Thank you for your question, David. With the community lunches and other programs you provide, Northern Careworks certainly works hard to help the community in Darebin. I want to express thanks for the work that you do.**

**I'm aware that Northern Careworks services have been going through a significant transition in recent years. I am advised that the 2016 changes to the Federal Government funding of Work for the Dole and associated services for the unemployed resulted in a significant reduction of funding to Northern Careworks. This has put much pressure on Northern Careworks and you have had to reduce services while also looking to raise more funds.**

**So I'm sure it was difficult news last week that Northern Careworks missed out on a three year grant from Council through the new Three Year Partnerships grants program. As it turned out, this program was highly competitive, with 30 applications in the Equity & Wellbeing category requesting over \$1.3 million per year. The budget was less than a fifth of that. The standard of applications was high, and an independent panel assessed and prioritised the applications.**

**I'm aware that senior staff have met with you today to explore ways Council may be able to help, outside of Council's three year grants program.**

**Council would be keen to work together with you to seek to secure funding from state government, federal government or other sources. Thank you again for the work that you do.**

- **Brian Sanaghan, Preston**

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**I have two questions that have been received from Mr Brian Sanaghan. These questions will not be responded to nor read out as they contain language that is objectionable, and language that aims to embarrass council officers and councillors.**



- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

As Chair of the Body Corporation at 47 Storey Rd., I have been alerted by our BC Manager that there has been unresolved correspondence and no action on the matter of side and rear fencing repairs to Storey Reserve, which I believe is a shared responsibility.

The 16 pages I have date back to August 18th when I commenced same.

When can we expect perhaps a site inspection, advice as to /if cost is to be shared and progress to action?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question in relation to shared fencing costs.

On occasion, Council will share the cost of fencing where private properties abut a Council property.

**Council's Manager Assets and Capital Delivery will make contact with you on Tuesday 23 July 2019 to arrange a suitable time to inspect the property and fence with a view to making a determination on shared fencing costs.**

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

- (a) It appears that no responsible body or consultative committee in Darebin, other than the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) itself, has seen the design of the new Reservoir Railway Station. Will Council arrange for a briefing on the station design and services?
- (b) I have been told that Darebin Council officers believe that the station requires 120 bicycle spaces. However, the LXRP is reliant upon the installation of a Parkiteer cage with just 26 spaces and a further 15 metal hoops. What lobbying has Darebin Council already undertaken, and will continue to undertake, to ensure that bicycle parking fits with the aesthetic of the new station, and is sufficient, accessible, sheltered and secure, including for electric and alternative bicycles?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

- (a) **The LXRP has published high level design information which are on LXRP's website – these show at a high level what the plans are, but they haven't completed all the detailed design yet.**

**I do understand wanting more detail – we would like more detail on some things too, but what this also means is that it's a good time to ask for things that you think are important, as not all the design decisions have yet been made.**

**In regard to getting information on the design, I suggest attending the LXRP's weekly drop in sessions at the Reservoir Library or calling them. If you have trouble getting a timely response to questions, our team can help by following up with them.**

**We've also been asking them to improve the designs including widening the pedestrian plaza, incorporating kiosks, planting more trees, and increasing bike parking.**

- (b) **Yes we have been asking for parking for 120 bike spaces. We've been asking for the parkiteer cage to be upgraded and enlarged, for good signage and for bike parking to close to the station entrance without getting in the way of pedestrians.**

The LXP haven't confirmed if they will increase bike parking, but they have said they will talk to Transport for Victoria about this.

I would encourage you and other community members to keep letting the LXP know that bike parking is important.

Council has set up a dedicated staff team to advocate for better designs and to help community through the disruption. I've met with the Minister for transport infrastructure and can confirm that I will write to her again on behalf of council about the improvements we're seeking at Reservoir station.

We'll keep working hard at advocating for good design at all levels of the administration as well as at councillor level.

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

During the Darebin Council meeting on 24 June 2019, Cr Tim Laurence refused to sit down in response to a ruling of the Mayor; accused her of 'political bias'; 'misandry' and words to the effect that he doesn't need to talk to people in Darebin about 'gendered invisibility'. His behaviour and statements are an attack on the office of the Mayor and the women who make up the majority of the current council. Personally, I was deeply offended and left the meeting in disgust. What steps are open to Darebin Council to ensure that Cr Laurence complies with the Councillor Code of Conduct, to which he is a signatory, in the future?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for that question Serena. I am committed to ensuring that our meetings are conducted in a respectful manner and in a way that promotes fair and robust debate while allowing for differences of opinion. You will have noticed that at the commencement of each meeting, I outline my expectations of the appropriate behaviours that will allow us to achieve this.

I, as Mayor, have a responsibility under the *Local Government Act 1989* to provide guidance to Councillors about the application of the Councillor Code of Conduct. Where I consider that Councillors are not acting in accordance with the principles of this code, I will address that with them directly in the Chamber and also privately as required.

Your question does serve as a timely reminder to all Councillors that community members also have expectations of appropriate behaviour and I hear clearly that on this occasion your expectations, which I expect are similar to the expectations of many people here, were not met.

- **Anne Learmonth, Northcote**

- (1) In recommendation 96 reference is made to the establishment of a cross-organisation project control group. The clause mentions consultation with Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board and four other organisation. How is the membership of these organisations organised and does it include an opportunity for local residents to be included?
- (2) How will priorities be determined, who decides this and when will residents be informed about timelines and priorities.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

With this matter on the Agenda tonight any answer would be pre-emptive in relation to a decision that Council may make further down the agenda. So with that in mind I will ask Ms Henderson to give a brief outline what the steps might be should Council pass the motion as recommended.

**Response from General Manager Community, Cathy Henderson**

If Council passes the resolution tonight as recommended in the paper, there are some priorities embedded in that paper, so for instance it sets out that certain trials would happen in the financial year 19/20. There is other things that require further investigation before they'd be worked through. I think that the intention of the report is that there would be consultation with the Active and Healthy Aging Advisory Board. And just to clarify that the groups that you hadn't heard of in the recommendation 96 is because they are proposed new groups and the format of how they would be created is still yet to be determined.

- **Paul Hodgson, Thornbury**

My question is in relation to motion 10.1 in front of you tonight. I represent a petition to save 33 Comas Grove Thornbury from demolition. Will you be able to add the petition and it's 655 signatures alongside if it passes, to the submission to the planning minister?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for that question, that is something that we could do subject to Council's support to the motion later on in the agenda.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, last year I asked a question, about 10 months ago about the parking at Preston Market. I took Councillor Messina around the market and introduced her to the shopkeepers effected by non-customer parking at Preston Market during September. Councillor Messina has informed me that there is a report on this matter. Mayor when will this Council release this report and help the shopkeepers at the Market?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for the question, I don't have an answer off hand, and I will need to take that on notice.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, could you please advise out of the 19/20 Budget, what was paid to consultants?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for that question, I don't have the budget figures in front of me so I will take that on notice. Noting that 19/20 has not yet been paid so you are talking about what has been budgeted for.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

I haven't received answers to my questions from the last couple of meetings, one about smoking around Council buildings, and one about Penders Park. Can you please follow up on them?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**I can follow up on them, thank you.**

**6. PETITIONS**

Nil

**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

*Cr. Messina declared a Conflict of Interest (indirect) in Item 8.1, as she is employed by an aged care service provider.*

*Cr. Messina left the meeting at 6.27pm, before any discussion had taken place on the item.*

*THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ADDRESSED THE MEETING AND WERE THANKED FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE:*

- (1) SARAH RUSSELL
- (2) ROBIN VOTE
- (3) GEOFFREY RICHARDS

## **8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

### **8.1 AGE FRIENDLY DAREBIN REVIEW**

**Author:** Coordinator Department Transition and Assessment  
Manager Aged and Disability  
General Manager Community

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In response to Commonwealth Government planned reforms of the funding of home support services, Council commissioned the Age Friendly Darebin Review in May 2018. An Independent Panel was appointed of Dr Rhonda Galbally and Peter Allen to conduct the review.

Since the review was commenced, the Panel has:

- Prepared and issued a preliminary discussion paper;
- Conducted a first round of consultation and considered the feedback received;
- Prepared and issued a draft report with recommendations;
- Conducted a second round of consultation and considered the feedback received;
- Finalised the report and recommendations for consideration by Council.

Soon after the Independent Panel completed the text of the draft report, the Federal Government announced that planned changes to Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) funding would be delayed. Instead, Commonwealth block funding for CHSP services was extended until 30 June 2022.

Darebin Council has previously committed to continue providing its existing home support services while federal block funding is in place. Council will therefore certainly continue to provide its existing home support services for at least three further years, and hopefully longer. Council continues to advocate for further extension and continuation of CHSP block funding beyond 2022.

The Age Friendly Darebin review's 98 recommendations would see many new initiatives, new and improved services, increased advocacy, and changes in strategic direction for Darebin Council.

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Some of the major new services and initiatives proposed are:

- An innovative new service with expert staff to assist and support older people to navigate the challenging national My Aged Care system (Navigation Support Service), combined with a new volunteer program to address social isolation (Social Inclusion Program).
- A new gardening service to assist older people to maintain their gardens or lawns, via a volunteer program or another service model, subject to a future report for consideration by Council.
- A Service Improvement Plan to make additions and improvements to existing Council aged care services to better address social isolation and promote independence and inclusion. This would also include trialling the provision of services to people receiving Home Care Packages.
- A Senior Citizens Groups Action Plan to consider future funding and infrastructure needs for Senior Citizens Groups.
- A participatory Information Project for older people to redesign Council communications to better align with their needs and preferences.

This report to the 22 July Council meeting includes:

- The final report from the Independent Panel (**Appendix B**); and
- Council officer advice on the Independent Panel's revised recommendations (**Appendix A**).

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Thanks all participants for their contribution to the Age Friendly Darebin review, and thanks the Independent Panel for their work.
- (2) Accepts or takes other action for each of the recommendations, as set out in the final column of **Appendix A**.
- (3) Allocates the \$500,000 set aside in the 2019/20 budget for implementation of the Age Friendly Darebin recommendations as follows:
  - (a) Trial implementation of the new Social inclusion Volunteering Program and Aged Care Navigation Support Service - \$200,000
  - (b) Trial implementation of a lawn mowing and/or gardening service or volunteer program, subject to future Council decision - \$120,000
  - (c) Implement service improvement plan to address improvements and expansion of Council's existing aged care services - \$50,000
  - (d) Implement Senior Citizens Groups Action Plan - \$60,000
  - (e) Implement new grants for community groups - \$15,000
  - (f) Funding for Your Community Health Men's Shed - \$32,000
  - (g) Miscellaneous programs, informations and workshops as recommended - \$23,000.
- (4) Notes that a report on options for the lawn mowing and/or gardening service or volunteer gardening program will be considered by Council in September 2019.
- (5) Notes that Council will receive an Age Friendly Darebin implementation progress report in February 2020, and annual implementation reports from August 2020.

- (6) Reaffirms commitment to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities, noting that the WHO requirements for a cycle of planning, implementation, progress evaluation and continual improvement will be met by the Age Friendly Darebin implementation and governance.
- (7) Continues to advocate to other levels of government for improvements to systems, 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.

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

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Cr. Laurence sought the support from the mover and seconder of the motion to remove point (3) for consideration at a future meeting.

This request was not supported.

### Amendment

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

**That Council:**

- 1) Thanks all participants for their contribution to the Age Friendly Darebin review, and thanks the Independent Panel for their work.
- 2) Accepts or takes other action for each of the recommendations, as set out in the final column of **Appendix A**.
- 3) Defer consideration of the allocation of the \$500,000 set aside in the 2019/20 budget for implementation of the Age Friendly Darebin recommendations to the Council Meeting to be held on 12 August 2019.
- 4) Notes that a report on options for the lawn mowing and/or gardening service or volunteer gardening program will be considered by Council in September 2019.
- 4) Notes that Council will receive an Age Friendly Darebin implementation progress report in February 2020, and annual implementation reports from August 2020.
- 5) Reaffirms commitment to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities, noting that the WHO requirements for a cycle of planning, implementation, progress evaluation and continual improvement will be met by the Age Friendly Darebin implementation and governance.
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**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST**

### Council Resolution

**MINUTE NO. 19-123**

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

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  - (d) Implement Senior Citizens Groups Action Plan - \$60,000
  - (e) Implement new grants for community groups - \$15,000
  - (f) Funding for Your Community Health Men's Shed - \$32,000
  - (g) Miscellaneous programs, informations and workshops as recommended - \$23,000.
- (4) Notes that a report on options for the lawn mowing and/or gardening service or volunteer gardening program will be considered by Council in September 2019.
  - (5) Notes that Council will receive an Age Friendly Darebin implementation progress report in February 2020, and annual implementation reports from August 2020.
  - (6) Reaffirms commitment to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities, noting that the WHO requirements for a cycle of planning, implementation, progress evaluation and continual improvement will be met by the Age Friendly Darebin implementation and governance.
  - (7) Continues to advocate to other levels of government for improvements to systems, 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Cr. Lina Messina returned to the meeting at 6.52pm, following consideration of item 8.1.*

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**8.2 BREATHING SPACE - DAREBIN OPEN SPACE STRATEGY****Author:** Landscape Architect**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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

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

*Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy* is the result of an extensive engagement program with the community and stakeholders and reflects community priorities and aspirations.

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

- 1) Thank community members and stakeholders for their feedback and advice to date to help develop the *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*; and
- 2) Release the strategy as a final draft for a third phase of consultation for three weeks from 23 July 2019.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

- 1) Thank community members and stakeholders for their feedback and advice to date to help develop the *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*; and
- 2) Release the strategy as a final draft for a third phase of consultation for three weeks from 23 July 2019.

Cr. Laurence sought the support from the mover and seconder of the motion to include an additional point (3).

This request was not supported.

**Amendment****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. J Williams****That Council:**

- 1) Thanks community members and stakeholders for their feedback and advice to date to help develop the *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*, and
- 2) Releases the strategy as a final draft for a third phase of consultation for three weeks from 23 July 2019.
- 3) Endorses the report, subject to the following changes to the Strategy:
  - a) Adopts a 40% tree coverage target by 2040 to maintain the vision outlined in the City of Darebin's previous Urban Forest strategy that had an initial target of at least 25% tree coverage by 2028.
  - b) Provides information on the new open space strategy in all the top 12 community languages to ensure better reach in our diverse community.
  - c) Earmarks those precincts with double the Darebin average open space shortfall in open spaces access (Kingsbury, Reservoir South and Preston West) for fast track land acquisition in the next five years to ensure that no Darebin precinct has more than a 30% variation on the Darebin average of open space access of 7.4%.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-124****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Amir****That Council:**

- 1) Thank community members and stakeholders for their feedback and advice to date to help develop the *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy*, and
- 2) Release the strategy as a final draft for a third phase of consultation for three weeks from 23 July 2019.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 8.3 PENDERS PARK DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION

**Author:** Landscape Architect

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

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft Penders Park Master Plan (**Appendix A**) is a long term plan for the park designed to set a vision and chart a course for 20 to 30 years. It has been developed in close collaboration with a community advisory group (Pender Park Project Control Group (PCG)).

The draft Master Plan proposes a vision that *“Penders Park is a significant gathering place for our diverse and changing community. As a district park, it’s a place for play, celebrating, active and passive recreation and connecting with nature”*.

The PCG played a key role in engaging with the community including fostering ongoing discussions and leading an open air cinema event to demonstrate how the park could be used and to reach community members. The top themes from consultation were:

- Upgrading the play space,
- Management of dogs in an off leash park, and
- Amenity and landscape upgrades including the toilets
- Strengthen indigenous voice and recognition

These themes have been addressed in the draft master plan in a way that recognises the shared responsibility between Council and the community to make the park an inclusive shared open space.

The PCG responded to the feedback seeking an indigenous voice and recognition by organising targeted consultation with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and are in a continuing conversation about a cultural overlay. The Master Plan seeks to ‘acknowledge and celebrate the park’s Indigenous and post European settlement history’ including by proposing to give the all-abilities play space an indigenous name in Woi-Wurrung language and locating a fire pit and indigenous plantings in the park.

A play space is central to the infrastructure improvements proposed in the draft Master Plan along with upgrading the toilet block to an accessible toilet with a Changing Places facility, and landscape improvements that enhance the diversity of ‘nature’ experiences. The master plan has been developed in parallel with some improvements in 2018-19 to the park:

- Gravel paths at the east and west ends creating a circuit path around the park
- New turf to central space at the west end of the park and mulching
- New recycling bins, bicycle hoops and dog bag dispensers

Design of the play space has also been completed in parallel. Council decided to proceed with construction of the play space in 2019-20 and has allocated funded in the 2019-20 budget for this.

Other improvements to the park outlined in the draft master plan would be referred to future budgets for consideration balancing needs across the City. Council and community could use the master plan as a basis for seeking grant funding for some of the initiatives.

Should Council decide to release the draft Master Plan for consultation with the broader community then consultation would open on 29 July and be widely promoted to the community. Feedback would then be incorporated and reported to Council for consideration.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-125****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf****That Council:**

- 1) Endorses the release of the draft Penders Park Master Plan for consultation with the broader community.
- 2) Thanks the Project Control Group for their work, creativity and commitment through 2018 and 2019.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.4 CONTRACT AWARD CT201890  
BILL LAWRY PAVILION CONSTRUCTION UPGRADE****Author:** Project Manager**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Operations and Capital

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**PURPOSE**

To seek approval to award Contract CT201890 for the Bill Lawry Pavilion Upgrade Stage 1 & 2 Works to the preferred Contractor.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Head Contractor to perform the works associated with Stages 1 and 2 of the Bill Lawry Pavilion Upgrade Project. The scope of works of Stage 1 and 2 Works includes:

- Refurbishing the public amenities
- Creating additional accessible toilet and external store
- New externally accessed accessible toilet with reconfigured ramp to footpath
- Refurbishment of the gymnasium building to convert into two additional change rooms with amenities (change room 3 + 4) and medical room
- New connection to Oldis Gardens
- Create a new external raised viewing platform with accessible ramp and canopy in front of grandstand
- Upgrade handrails and balustrade to existing grandstand stairs

A Request for Tender (RFT) by invitation was released on 23 March 2019 and eight companies from the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) Construction Supply Register (CSR) were invited.

The CSR is a prequalification scheme for construction works and services established by the DTF. Local Governments and other State Departments can access the scheme for the purpose of procuring works and services. The CSR operates in accordance with the Ministerial Directions and Instructions for Public Construction Procurement in Victoria.

The RFT closed on 11 April 2019 and submissions from five companies were received. The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred tenderer.

The proposed contract agreement is a lump sum contract based on AS4000 and works are expected to be completed by April 2020.

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

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT201890 for the construction of Bill Lawry Pavilion Upgrade Stage 1 & 2 Works to \_\_\_\_\_ for the contract sum \$\_\_\_\_\_ (incl. GST);
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, being approximately \_\_\_% of the Contract amount to be used if required for variations and/or any other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT201890; and
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council with the Contractor.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-126**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT201890 for the construction of Bill Lawry Pavilion Upgrade Stage 1 & 2 Works to 2Construct Pty Ltd for the contract sum \$1,348,016 (incl. GST);
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$269,603 (incl. GST), being approximately 20% of the Contract amount to be used if required for variations and/or any other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT201890; and
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council with the Contractor.

**CARRIED**

*Cr. McCarthy left the meeting at 7.49pm and returned at 7.50pm.*

## **8.5 G.E ROBINSON PARK PAVILION UPGRADE - CT2018128**

**Author:** Coordinator Project Management  
Senior Project Manager

**Reviewed By:** Acting General Manager Operations and Capital

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Regent Tennis Club (RTC) facilities and outdoor playing courts are located in Reservoir, at the corner of High Street and Garden Street. They include an existing pavilion dating to the mid-1930s and an external brick toilet block (unused).

The current weatherboard pavilion and external brick toilet block are no longer deemed fit for purpose. Neither meets the club's and general community standards, are no longer compliant with current building construction codes and DDA guidelines. Both are dilapidated and can no longer cater to the growing membership numbers of the Regent Tennis Club. Maintaining the buildings in their current condition is not sustainable. The new extension and upgrade works will respect the look and design of the original pavilion. Council's Heritage Advisor has been consulted and involved throughout the design and procurement process.

The scope of works includes:

- Demolition of the existing separate toilet block and partial demolition of pavilion exterior
- Partial external demolition of the existing pavilion building and full internal restoration
- Complete stabilisation and refurbishment of existing pavilion shell and an extension to the footprint, to include the following features:
  - New Male / Female / DDA compliant bathrooms and change rooms for facility users
  - Dedicated function / meeting clubroom
  - New kitchen and cabinetry, internal and external store rooms
  - Outside paving for all access areas
  - Substantial ESD inclusions, such as solar panels on main roof on east and west sides, rain water tank or water harvesting system for use of flushing lavatories, re-use of timbers and roof tiles, bicycle parking facilities, insulation upgrades, passive cross ventilation
  - Retaining walls, fencing and gates

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the construction of the G.E. Robinson Park Pavilion Upgrade and associated works was sought via a competitive tender process. The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract. Works are programmed to commence in mid-August 2019 and be completed by the end of February 2020.

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



**PURPOSE**

To seek Council's approval to award Contract No. CT2018128 - G.E. Robinson Park Pavilion Upgrade to an appropriate qualified contractor.

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

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT2018128 for the G.E. Robinson Park Pavilion Upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_ for the contract sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (GST inclusive).
- (2) Approves a contingency and provisional sum amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (GST inclusive), included in the above and being approximately 10% of the Contract amount, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT2018128.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-127**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT2018128 for the G.E. Robinson Park Pavilion Upgrade to Eastern Property Services Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$740,132 (GST inclusive).
- (2) Approves a contingency and provisional sum amount of \$71,500 (GST inclusive), included in the above and being approximately 10% of the Contract amount, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT2018128.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council with the Contractor.

**CARRIED**

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**8.6 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE BOUNDED BY GOWER STREET, SWALLOW STREET AND COOMA STREET, PRESTON****Author:** Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**PURPOSE**

To complete the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance of the right-of-way/road that traverses the site of the former Preston Girls Secondary College located at 16 Cooma Street, Preston and adjoins 229 Gower Street and 1–3 Swallow Street, Preston.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 8 April 2019, Council resolved to commence the statutory process and give public notice of the proposed discontinuance of the road that traverses the site of the former Preston Girls Secondary College located at 16 Cooma Street, Preston and adjoins 229 Gower Street and 1–3 Swallow Street, Preston shown in the site plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** (Road). Council declared its intention to transfer the land from the road forming part of the school site to the Minister for Education and Training for nil consideration and to transfer any land from the road not transferred to the Minister for Education and Training to itself (Council). The land highlighted in blue in **Appendix D** does not form part of the school site and is proposed to be transferred to Council.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the Preston Leader and Northcote Leader newspapers on 7 and 8 May 2019 respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 5 June 2019. No submissions were received.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-128****MOVED:** Cr. J Williams**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the right-of-way/road that traverses the site of the former Preston Girls Secondary College located at 16 Cooma Street, Preston and adjoins 229 Gower Street and 1–3 Swallow Street, Preston shown highlighted in **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) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the site plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** to this report is no longer reasonably required for road purposes.
  - (2) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and Clause 3, schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989*.
  - (3) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
  - (4) Directs that the land from the road forming part of the school site be transferred to the Minister for Education and Training for nil consideration.
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- (5) Transfers any land from the road not transferred to the Minister for Education and Training to itself (Council).
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owner of the adjoining property.
- (7) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the road not transferred to Minister for Education and Training to be transferred to Council.

**CARRIED**

**8.7 PROPOSED SALE OF A DISCONTINUED ROAD  
REAR 8 MASSEY AVENUE AND 7 LAWLEY STREET,  
RESERVOIR****Author:** Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**PURPOSE**

To complete the statutory process for the proposed sale of land from a 3.05-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 8 Massey Avenue and 7 Lawley Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B** and referenced as Lot 10 on Title Plan 0936581T (**Appendix C**).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 3 December 2018, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures and give public notice of the proposed sale of the land at the rear of 8 Massey Avenue and 7 Lawley Street, Reservoir to the adjoining property owner at 8 Massey Avenue. The process provided the community and all abutting property owners with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the *Preston Leader* and *Northcote Leader* newspapers on 23 and 24 January 2019 respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 8 March 2019. No submissions were received.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-129****MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton**That Council:**

- (1) Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') and having received no submissions in respect of the proposals under section 223 of the Act, directs that the land shown as Lot 10 on Title Plan 0936581T in **Appendix C** be sold by private treaty to the owners of 8 Massey Avenue, Reservoir, in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land from the discontinued road.

**CARRIED**

**8.8 2019/20 COMMUNITY GRANTS OUTCOMES****Author:** Manager Equity and Wellbeing**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council adopted a new grants model for 2019/20, with grant categories including equity, inclusion, wellbeing, youth partnerships, environment and sustainability and arts and culture.

This paper outlines the outcomes of the 2019/2020 small, medium and three year partnership cash grants program. It also outlines the outcomes of the 2019/2020 venue support program.

In 2019/20, there was a strong response from applicants, with a great many more applications received than could be funded from the allocated grants budget.

In summary, Council received the following grant applications:

- Small grants of up to \$3,000:  
71 applications received (with 64 applications funded).
- Medium grants of up to \$15,000:  
55 applications received (with 20 applications funded).
- Three Year Partnership grants (annual funding for three years):  
57 applications received (with 17 applications funded).

The venue hire grants program also attracted 57 applications, of which 52 were approved.

The 2019/20 grants program has allocated a total of \$726,710 in grants for this financial year, which includes \$424,000 in three year funding. There was also \$99,997 allocated in 'in kind' venue hire.

The grants program will provide a major boost to community, environmental and arts activities, programs and services in Darebin.

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

- (1) Notes the outcomes of the 2019/2020 small, medium and three year partnership cash grants.
- (2) Notes the outcomes of the 2019/2020 venue support grants.
- (3) Receives a report in October 2019 reviewing the first iteration of the new grants model, and recommending any changes for the future.

**Motion****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Notes the outcomes of the 2019/2020 small, medium and three year partnership cash grants.
- (2) Notes the outcomes of the 2019/2020 venue support grants.
- (3) Receives a report in October 2019 reviewing the first iteration of the new grants model, and recommending any changes for the future.

Cr. Laurence sought the support from the mover and seconder of the motion to include an additional point (4) as follows:

- (4) *Notes the verbal advice by DECC that they intend to appeal the decision.*

This was supported.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-130****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Newton****That Council:**

- (1) Notes the outcomes of the 2019/2020 small, medium and three year partnership cash grants.
- (2) Notes the outcomes of the 2019/2020 venue support grants.
- (3) Receives a report in October 2019 reviewing the first iteration of the new grants model, and recommending any changes for the future.
- (4) Notes the verbal advice by DECC that they intend to appeal the decision.

**CARRIED**

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**8.9 ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2019 –  
PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION**

**Author:** Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

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

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is currently undertaking an electoral representation review of the City of Darebin.

Electoral representation reviews look at:

- a) Whether the Council has the right number of councillors per voter
- b) If the Council should be one large area (unsubdivided) or made up of wards (subdivided)
- c) If subdivided, how many wards, what ward boundaries and how many Councillors each ward should have.

The VEC conducts electoral representation reviews approximately every 12 years. Representation reviews aim to ensure that the electoral structure of a local Council provides fair and equitable representation for all voters. The last electoral representation review of the City of Darebin took place in 2007.

The report seeks to obtain Council endorsement of its preliminary submission, with a focus on retention of its existing multi-member structure and nine Councillors and providing for necessary adjustments to achieve long-term relevance and legislative compliance.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-131**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- (1) Receives and notes the report.
- (2) Endorses the attached submission (provided as **Appendix A**) for lodgement to the VEC's Electoral Representation Review 2019 of Darebin City Council.
- (3) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that Council's submission is lodged with the VEC by 24 July 2019.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams requested that their votes in the negative be noted.

**8.10 TREE PROTECTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY - TREE PROTECTION BONDS AND PLANNING SCHEME OPTIONS****Author:** Senior Strategic Planner**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to Council's request at the 8 April 2019 meeting to receive a report "*on the feasibility and process of including a Tree Protection Bond and other interventions available to us in the planning scheme as part of the planning permit process.*" (Minute number 19-022).

There are some opportunities to further protect trees through the planning scheme. However, on balance, changing the planning scheme isn't recommended at this time. The main reason for this recommendation is because Council's current approach provides good protection, and additional planning protections would require a significant resource commitment and this would require other work in progress to be delayed that has been assessed as having greater community benefit.

Council's current approach provides good protection of trees on private property. Council recently adopted a tree protection local law which requires a permit to remove mature trees on private property. The Local Law requires trees that has a single or combined trunk circumference greater than 100cm (1000mm) measured at 1.5m above ground level and is taller than 8m to be issued a permit for removal. Trees are also considered in the planning system under clause 54 and 55 of the Darebin Planning Scheme.

Tree Protection Bonds have been used by some councils as a way of better enforcing significant tree protections with new development. There may be merit in this process, however it would require changes to the planning scheme prior to its implementation, which means that the lead time is at least three years. Further investigations of the benefits and efficacy of this approach would be required.

At this stage, officers recommend monitoring the implementation of the local law, monitoring other councils' approaches, and further investigating mechanisms are as part of the planning scheme review project. In the longer term, changes to the planning scheme can be considered.

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

- (1) Note the contents of this report.
- (2) Note Council officers will monitor the effectiveness of existing tree protection mechanisms.
- (3) Note Council officers will monitor the effectiveness of Tree Protection Bonds used by other Councils and evaluate alternative tree protection mechanisms.
- (4) Note Council officers will address improving tree canopy cover as part of the Planning Scheme Review.



**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 19-132**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**

**That Council:**

- (1) Note the contents of this report.
- (2) Note Council officers will monitor the effectiveness of existing tree protection mechanisms.
- (3) Note Council officers will monitor the effectiveness of Tree Protection Bonds used by other Councils and evaluate alternative tree protection mechanisms.
- (4) Note Council officers will address improving tree canopy cover as part of the Planning Scheme Review.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams requested that their votes in the negative be noted.

**8.11 NEW DAREBIN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY  
CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
COMMITTEES****Author:** Coordinator Community Engagement and Demographics**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Darebin Council is committed to effective and transparent decision-making which prioritised consideration into the diverse views held by members of our community.

Ensuring Councils engagement practices are of the highest standard is critical to effective governance. To this end, the development of a new Community Engagement Strategy for Darebin City Council is underway.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-133****MOVED: Cr. S Newton**  
**SECONDED: Cr. S Amir**

**That** Council authorise the community engagement phase of the Community Engagement Strategy including a review of the Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups.

**CARRIED**

Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams requested that their votes in the negative be noted.

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

Nil

## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 10.1 PROTECTION OF 31–33 COMAS GROVE, THORNBURY

**Councillor:** Trent MCCARTHY

**NoM No.:** 429

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 22 July 2019, it is my intention to move:

**That Council:**

- (1) *Engages the owner of 31–33 Comas Grove, Thornbury regarding Council and the community's strong support for the retention and ongoing protection of the existing building and garden setting, given their contribution to local heritage.*
- (2) *Writes to the Minister for Planning advising that it has completed a preliminary heritage assessment finding that the 'Thornbury Park Estate' (encompassing parts of Comas Grove, Harold, Hutton, Fyffe, Rennie and Keon Streets, Thornbury) is likely to meet the threshold for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay in the Darebin Planning Scheme, and that the property at 33 Comas Grove is likely to be a significant heritage place within the precinct and is currently under threat of imminent demolition.*
- (3) *Requests the Minister for Planning to prepare and approve an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to apply an interim heritage overlay to the precinct 'Thornbury Park Estate', while permanent controls are being progressed.*
- (4) *Commences preparation of an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce permanent heritage controls for the 'Thornbury Park Estate'.*

**Notice Received:** 25 June 2019

**Notice Given to Councillors** 17 July 2019

**Date of Meeting:** 22 July 2019

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

**That Council:**

- (1) Engages the owner of 31–33 Comas Grove, Thornbury regarding Council and the community's strong support for the retention and ongoing protection of the existing building and garden setting, given their contribution to local heritage.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Planning advising that it has completed a preliminary heritage assessment finding that the 'Thornbury Park Estate' (encompassing parts of Comas Grove, Harold, Hutton, Fyffe, Rennie and Keon Streets, Thornbury) is likely to meet the threshold for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay in the Darebin Planning Scheme, and that the property at 33 Comas Grove is likely to be a significant heritage place within the precinct and is currently under threat of imminent demolition.
- (3) Requests the Minister for Planning to prepare and approve an amendment to the

Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to apply an interim heritage overlay to the precinct 'Thornbury Park Estate', while permanent controls are being progressed.

- (4) Commences preparation of an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce permanent heritage controls for the 'Thornbury Park Estate'.

Cr. Le Cerf sought support from the mover and seconder of the motion to add the following words to end of point (4) as follows:

*That in the event that the Minister does not apply the interim heritage overlay the preparation of the permanent heritage controls is re-assessed by Council.*

This was supported.

### **ADJOURNMENT – 9.29PM**

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie adjourned the meeting for a 10-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 9.39pm.

### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-134**

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

That the Council meeting be extended by up to 30minutes, from 10.01pm.

**CARRIED**

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Engages the owner of 31–33 Comas Grove, Thornbury regarding Council and the community's strong support for the retention and ongoing protection of the existing building and garden setting, given their contribution to local heritage.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Planning advising that it has completed a preliminary heritage assessment finding that the 'Thornbury Park Estate' (encompassing parts of Comas Grove, Harold, Hutton, Fyffe, Rennie and Keon Streets, Thornbury) is likely to meet the threshold for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay in the Darebin Planning Scheme, and that the property at 33 Comas Grove is likely to be a significant heritage place within the precinct and is currently under threat of imminent demolition.
- (3) Requests the Minister for Planning to prepare and approve an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme, pursuant to section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to apply an interim heritage overlay to the precinct 'Thornbury Park Estate', while permanent controls are being progressed.
- (4) Commences preparation of an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce permanent heritage controls for the 'Thornbury Park Estate'. That in the event that the Minister does not apply the interim heritage overlay the preparation of the permanent heritage controls is re-assessed by Council.

Cr. Le Cerf sought support from the mover and seconder to include an additional point (5) to the motion as follows:

- (5) *Request that the Minister for Planning and Building immediately take all the necessary steps required including via both the relevant planning and building legislation to prevent the demolition of 31–33 Comas Grove Thornbury.*

This request was supported.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Engages the owner of 31–33 Comas Grove, Thornbury regarding Council and the community's strong support for the retention and ongoing protection of the existing building and garden setting, given their contribution to local heritage.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for Planning advising that it has completed a preliminary heritage assessment finding that the 'Thornbury Park Estate' (encompassing parts of Comas Grove, Harold, Hutton, Fyffe, Rennie and Keon Streets, Thornbury) is likely to meet the threshold for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay in the Darebin Planning Scheme, and that the property at 33 Comas Grove is likely to be a significant heritage place within the precinct and is currently under threat of imminent demolition.
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- (4) Commences preparation of an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce permanent heritage controls for the 'Thornbury Park Estate'. That in the event that the Minister does not apply the interim heritage overlay the preparation of the permanent heritage controls is re-assessed by Council.
- (5) Request that the Minister for Planning and Building immediately take all the necessary steps required including via both the relevant planning and building legislation to prevent the demolition of 31–33 Comas Grove Thornbury.

Cr. Messina sought the support from the mover and seconder to include an additional point (6).

This was not supported.

### Amendment

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

**That Council:**

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- (4) Commences preparation of an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce permanent heritage controls for the 'Thornbury Park Estate'. That in the event that the Minister does not apply the interim heritage overlay the preparation of the permanent heritage controls is re-assessed by Council.
- (5) Request that the Minister for Planning and Building immediately take all the necessary steps required including via both the relevant planning and building legislation to prevent the demolition of 31-33 Comas Grove Thornbury.
- (6) Authorises the CEO to allocate up to an additional \$150,000 to undertake the planning scheme amendment and heritage assessment work.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-135****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. S Amir****That Council:**

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- (2) Writes to the Minister for Planning advising that it has completed a preliminary heritage assessment finding that the 'Thornbury Park Estate' (encompassing parts of Comas Grove, Harold, Hutton, Fyffe, Rennie and Keon Streets, Thornbury) is likely to meet the threshold for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay in the Darebin Planning Scheme, and that the property at 33 Comas Grove is likely to be a significant heritage place within the precinct and is currently under threat of imminent demolition.
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- (4) Commences preparation of an amendment to the Darebin Planning Scheme to introduce permanent heritage controls for the 'Thornbury Park Estate'. That in the event that the Minister does not apply the interim heritage overlay the preparation of the permanent heritage controls is re-assessed by Council.
- (5) Request that the Minister for Planning and Building immediately take all the necessary steps required including via both the relevant planning and building legislation to prevent the demolition of 31-33 Comas Grove Thornbury.
- (6) Authorises the CEO to allocate up to an additional \$150,000 to undertake the planning scheme amendment and heritage assessment work.

**CARRIED**



**11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Councillor Briefing Session – 3 June 2019
- Bicycle Advisory Committee – 18 June 2019
- Women’s Advisory Committee – 27 June 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 1 July 2019

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-136**

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

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 3, 18 and 27 June 2019 and 1 July 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 19-137

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

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

**CARRIED**

#### REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

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

- Meeting with MP Kat Theophanous and CEO
- Meeting with MP Craig Ondarchie and CEO
- Northcote High School Performing Art Centre Opening
- Conference call to Tasmania Health - Public Health Nutritionist Monique Reardon
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce supporting People Seeking Asylum – hosted by Darebin
- Mayor and CEO Forum - Melbourne's Northern Councils
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Chief Guest - International Yoga Day - NRISA - Indian Seniors association
- NAIDOC 3KND Koorie Idol at DNECH
- U3A Darebin event
- One on One with the CEO
- Informal CEO/Councillor Meeting
- Councillor Dinner
- CEO/Mayor meeting with John Nugent / Keith Coffey
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Islamic Society of Victoria -Signing & Morning Tea
- Research Interview – Latrobe University
- Meeting Dr. Samantha Ratman - Bi - Annual Catch Up - Darebin City Council
- R-E-S-P-E-C-T presentation in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- Phone Interview with the AGE
- MAV Members brief - Local Government Bill 2019 Proposed Reforms
- Solar Savers / Darebin & Mitcham (S.A.) Council meeting
- THE CABIN! by Jof O'Farrell – Opening night performance
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- 2019 NAIDOC WEEK - Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony

- Community Grants Briefing
- One on One with the CEO
- Briefing Comas Grove, Thornbury
- Special Council Meeting
- Council Briefing
- MatchWorks NAIDOC 2019 Event Voice.Treaty.Truth.
- Let's work together"
- Opening of Rathcown Bridge with Mayor Susan Rennie and La Trobe Councillors
- I See You Like This by Jessica Wilson performance
- LaTrobe Ward Meet n Greet
- Planning Committee/Preston Market Briefing
- Informal Council Briefing
- Planning Committee
- Special Rate – Hearing of Submissions
- Council Briefing – Preston Market
- Visiting Indonesian Woman of Faith presentation and lunch
- Local Government Working Group on Gambling
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Launch of Changing Place Facility
- Exhibitions Launch – 5 New Exhibitions
- Cazaly Ward Meet n Greet
- One on One with the CEO
- Council Meeting

## **REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON, DEPUTY MAYOR**

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

- Northern Funders Dinner, arranged by the Inner North Community Foundation, at the Islamic Museum of Australia
- Site Walk of Former Ruthven Primary School with Bush Crew, Darebin Nature Trust, and Ruthven Community Reference Group
- 2019 Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference
- Launch of Changing Places Facility
- Weekly meetings with the mayor
- VLGA Extraordinary Board Meeting to discuss submissions to the Local Government Bill 2019
- Meeting with Joseph Camilleri re La Trobe College Australia Board
- Planning Committee Meeting

- Hearing of Submissions about Preston Special Rate Charge
- Councillor Briefing on Preston Market
- La Trobe Ward Councillor 'Meet and Greet' outside Reservoir Library
- Opening of Rathcown Street bridge with the Mayor
- Councillor briefings
- Special council meeting - Local Government Bill 2019 submission
- 2019 NAIDOC Week - Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony at Bell City
- Councillor consultation on Local Government Bill 2019 - VLGA
- CEO and Councillor meeting
- Community Engagement and Strategy and Website Project Discussion
- NAIDOC Week March
- NAIDOC Week 3KND Koori Idol competition
- The Artistry of Islam - exhibition opening at the Islamic Museum of Australia
- Governor of Victoria event - celebrating the community of the North of Melbourne
- Meeting with John Berriman and Peter Roberts re: Strathallan Open Space

### **REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF**

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

- Informal CEO/Councillor Meeting
- Councillor Dinner
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Executive Sub-Committee Meeting
- Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting – Special Rate Levy
- Councillor Briefing
- Friends of Baucau – Trivia Night Fundraiser
- Community Engagement Strategy Briefing
- Council Meeting

### **REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR**

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

- Informal CEO/councillor meeting
- Councillor team dinner
- Community engagement interview
- Opening night of "The Cabin!"
- Special council meeting
- Council briefing

- Meeting with resident regarding drainage
- Meeting with resident regarding planning
- Informal briefing (community grants)
- Planning committee
- Special rate hearing
- Preston Market briefing
- Guest panellist for Indonesian Women's Leadership Program
- Various phone conversations, mostly regarding the outcome of the community grants

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

No report was submitted

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

No report was submitted

**REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

No report was submitted

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Council Meeting
- CEO/Councillor Meeting
- Councillor consultation Governance and Engagement realm
- 2019 NAIDOC WEEK - Aboriginal Flag Raising Ceremony
- Special Council Meeting
- Council Briefing
- Informal Councillor Briefing - Community Grants
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Special Rate: Hearing of Submissions
- Councillor Briefing - Preston Market
- Lunch with visiting Indonesian women faith leaders
- Launch of Changing Place facility (Kelvin Grove)
- Cazaly Ward Meet n Greet

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

- Attended Council meeting at Preston
- Attended Council briefing at Preston
- Attended Council planning meeting at Preston
- Follow up consultation with Reservoir residents on planning issues
- Met with Reservoir residents re leisure centre issues
- Consultation with residents and ratepayers re car parking
- Meeting on site re homeless
- Meeting on site re state of Ralph Street Car Park
- Meeting with traders re Edwardes Street
- Meeting with Kingsbury traders
- Meeting with Azaad Sports club John Hall Reserve
- Follow up meeting with residents re council rejection of heritage protection for bungalows in Darebin Budget
- Meeting re asbestos danger in 548 High Street Reservoir
- Consultation with DECC
- Media interview 774 ABC re 'cool suburbs'
- Consultation with traders in Thornbury
- Meeting with residents in nesbitt street Reservoir
- Meet and Greet Northlands

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 19-138**

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

**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 a contractual matter.

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 10.04pm.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 19-139**

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

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 10.21pm.

**15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 10.21pm.




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