



the place
to live

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 24 September 2018

Released to the public on Thursday 27 September 2018




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

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

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

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

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



English - Minutes

These are the minutes for the Council meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

Arabic

وهذه هي محاضر اجتماع المجلس. للحصول على المساعدة في أي من البنود في المحضر، يرجى الاتصال بالرقم 8470 8888.

Chinese

这是市议会会议纪要。如需协助了解其中的任何事项，请致电8470 8888。

Greek

Αυτά είναι τα πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια σε οποιοδήποτε θέμα των πρακτικών, παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνήστε στο 8470 8888.

Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का ब्यौरा है. ब्यौरे के किसी भी आइटम के साथ सहायता के लिए कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

Italian

Questo è il verbale per la riunione municipale. Per assistenza su uno dei punti del verbale chiamate il numero 8470 8888

Macedonian

Ова е записникот од состанокот на Советот на Општината. За помош за било која точка во записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

Somali

Warbixintan koobani waa wixii lagaga wada hadlay kulankii Golaha Degmada. Wixii caawima ah oo ku saabsan qodob kasta oo ku jira warbixintan kooban, fadlan la xiriir tel: 8470 8888.

Vietnamese

Đây là biên bản buổi họp của Hội đồng Thành Phố. Muốn biết thêm các thông tin về biên bản buổi họp, xin hãy gọi số 8470 8888.

Table of Contents

Item Number	Page Number
1. PRESENT	1
2. APOLOGIES.....	2
3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	2
4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS	2
5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME	3
6. PETITIONS	12
6.1 TABLING OF PETITION	12
7. URGENT BUSINESS.....	13
7.1 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE	13
7.2 ELECTION GUIDELINES FOR COUNCILLORS.....	15
8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS	18
8.1 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2017–18 END OF FINANCIAL YEAR REPORT	18
8.2 3KND KOOL N DEADLY INDIGENOUS RADIO - RELOCATION TO THE FORMER PRESTON POLICE STATION	21
8.3 SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AT DAREBIN	22
8.4 LANGUAGE AIDE AND MULTILINGUAL LINE 2017 REVIEW - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE	25
8.5 NORTHCOTE AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE (NARC) FEASIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS.....	28
8.6 CT201848 - CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR NETBALL COURTS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT JOHN CAIN MEMORIAL PARK	32
9. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS	34
9.1 RESPONSE TO PETITION: FORD STREET, PRESTON - REQUEST FOR FOOTPATH	34
9.2 RESPONSE TO PETITION: REQUEST FOR SAFETY BARRIERS AT NORTHERN PIPE TRAIL CROSSING CRAWLEY STREET, RESERVOIR.....	35
10. NOTICES OF MOTION	36
10.1 DAREBIN COMMUNITY HOUSING EMERGENCY	36
10.2 DAREBIN SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT RESERVE	37
10.3 URGENT STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAIS STREET, PURINUAN ROAD AND ST VIGEONS ROAD, RESERVOIR	38
10.4 URGENT LONG TERM PROTECTION OF THE DAREBIN URBAN FOREST THOUGH THE ACQUISITION OF STRATHALLAN GOLF COURSE.....	39

Table of Contents

Item Number		Page Number
10.5	MAINTAINING COUNCIL OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF PRESTON MARKET.....	40
10.6	COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY AGED CARE FORUM RESOLUTION.....	41
10.7	PENSIONER RATE REBATE	43
10.8	NORTHCOTE AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE AND THE RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE	44
11.	REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES	45
	NIL	
12.	RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS.....	46
12.1	ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD.....	46
13.	REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS	47
14.	CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL	52
15.	CLOSE OF MEETING.....	53

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.00PM

WELCOME

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

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

1. PRESENT**Councillors**

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Susanne Newton
Cr. Susan Rennie
Cr. Julie Williams (7.28pm)

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Mark Gallon - Manager Assets and Capital Delivery
Felicity Leahy - Manager Recreation and Libraries
Sally Moxham - Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport
Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance
Joann Hennessy - Acting Manager Finance
Wendy Dinning - Place Development Lead-Economic Development
Jim Barrett - Coordinator Planning and Reporting
Lisa Wheelhouse - Coordinator Customer Service
Jody Brodribb - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Se
Alexis King - Council Business and Governance Officer
Hemamali Hettihewa - Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Steph Amir is on an approved leave of absence.

An apology was lodged for the initial absence of Cr. Julie Williams.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Newton disclosed a conflict of interest in the foreshadowed Urgent Business item 'Election Guidelines for Councillors' and Item 10.1 'Darebin Community Housing Emergency'.

Cr. Messina disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 10.6 'Council Support for the Community Aged Care Forum Resolution'.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-246

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 3 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Megan Burke**

I came to work this morning to discover William Street Preston has, over the weekend, been turned into 2 hour parking.

Parking around this area, if it were to be mapped, would show a distinct lack of all day options. Taking away William Street is having a significant impact on not only residents (should they not work or have a second car that requires all day parking) but local workers as well.

The one hour parking on High Street directly outside Hungry Jacks and DHHS also doesn't consider the needs of the surrounding businesses. If you consider a client or another worker has a one hour meeting at DHHS, by the time they plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early and if the meeting runs 5-10 minutes overtime, that is already 10-20 minutes over the one hour limit.

Many clients, visiting workers and staff within DHHS are regularly hit with parking fines.

This move appears to be further revenue raising rather than considering the needs of the municipality.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thanks for the question. We will arrange for our Environment and Transport Manager to get in touch to make sure we have fully understood your concerns in this case.

However, what I can say tonight is that in busy commercial areas like this, on street parking is usually sought after by customers, staff in businesses and local residents. Council sets restrictions to manage competing demands and in commercial areas to ensure that car parks do turn over regularly.

Our team can help DHHS staff find all-day parking options within walking distance. I understand there are a number of all-day parking areas within 500m and closer and we can map these for you. We can also share with DHHS what we do to encourage our staff to cycle, use public transport or car pool which may be of assistance.

The current parking restrictions were put in place after complaints from residents in the area and consultation with residents to work out what's needed.

- **Alex Conte**

I would like to ask if it would be possible to lease or become a partner with the council to re-energise the boat house at Edwards Park Lake for a Cafe/Restaurant/Food Park

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thank you Alex for your question. Our Economic Development team will get in touch with you to understand what you are hoping to do in the City.

We don't have any immediate opportunity at the boathouse, but we are currently exploring longer term plans for the Park including the best role and use for the boathouse. Our team will be interested in understanding your ideas.

- **Christine Schmidt, Northcote**

We live next door to a renovated Sunday School building, 42 James Street Northcote that is regularly rented out via AirBnB. It is only \$255 per night and state it can sleep 10 people. AS a result there have many nights with huge noisy parties.

On occasion we have rung the police but it has not stopped parties going on to as late as 5:00am. September 22nd there was presumably a bucks night and we were coming home from dinner - there are no curtains on the windows - and two young naked women standing on tables surrounded by men. The noise level was horrendous and went until 3:30am.

We have in the past and on this occasion contacted the owner via text. Other neighbours did too and he chose not to reply. We have had many sleepless nights and it seems we are powerless to remedy this problem. Can the Council help solve this problem? And is the Council looking in to implementing strict guidelines and a local for AirBnB hosts?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

It is always disappointing to hear from residents when their lives are being impacted by the inconsiderate and unruly behaviour of others.

You may have seen in the media recently that the State Government has amended the *Owners Corporation Act 2006* to deal with similar issues. Unfortunately the State Government has only focused on the impact caused in properties that are part of an owners corporation; not stand-alone dwellings like the one in your case.

Council does not have a lot of controls available to deal with this emerging issue. They are particularly challenging because they happen only periodically and not in a predictable way. In the current set of circumstances, the police are the appropriate agency to call as they can issue a direction to abate noise, once they form the opinion that it is unreasonable. This order essentially ends the party.

What we will do is look at what is possible for us as a Council to do to better manage these types of issues. We'll do it in this financial year as part of our review of the Local Law, which is currently in progress.

- **Anne Laver, Northcote**

I have noted that the Council are 4 years behind on the redevelopment of the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and is still behind (Darebin Action Point 8).

The Research indicated the population is expected to increase significantly in the next 20 years.

The survey for the Centre contains no traffic study or report on how the community reached the Centre, I feel therefore before it is important that before development work is undertaken and any reduction parking or time limit of less than 2 hours would prove to be unpopular

(A) Will the Council undertake and traffic study and seek not to reduce the parking?

The Agenda for tonight also states that the Reservoir Leisure Centre is in dire need to refurbishment, however this Centre has not been included in the 2018-19 Action Plan.

- (B) Will the Council reconsider and include plans to refurbish the Reservoir Leisure Centre this financial year?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

- (A) A Transport and Traffic Due Diligence Study for the Northcote Aquatic Recreation Centre project has already been conducted.

There is a summary of the Study in the feasibility study in the Council agenda tonight – you can find it from page 52 of the feasibility study (which is page 208 of the Council agenda paper).

Tonight Council will be considering the feasibility study, and the recommendation is to progress the redevelopment of NARC - that is, Option 4.

The Transport study shows that if Option 4 proceeds, Council will need to do further work to consider a range of possibilities including:

- seeking to expand sustainable transport connections to the site,
- improving access and flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic,
- considering time restriction for on-street parking to protect the amenity of nearby residents, and
- increasing the number of car parking spaces onsite.

These matters will be addressed as the NARC project proceeds. Tonight will be an important milestone in the project.

- (B) Council is conducting a feasibility study this year to guide the future upgrade and development of this important community facility.

We have allocated \$150,000 for this financial year for the feasibility study.

This study will investigate how best to ensure the Reservoir Leisure Centre meets existing and future needs of the community. This study will be informed by a condition audit report of the Reservoir Leisure Centre which is a detailed analysis of works required at the site.

So that the Reservoir Leisure Centre can continue to operate effectively in the short term, there are also the following renewal and maintenance projects planned for the year 2018–19 budget:

- Pool plant renewal and maintenance (which has \$216,000 allocated this financial year); and
- Building renewal including roof renewals, reactive maintenance, etc. (and this has \$300,000 allocated for this financial year.)

The Reservoir Leisure Centre is a much loved and vital community facility. The feasibility study this year will be the first step in a major project to ensure that the Reservoir Leisure Centre is meeting community needs for decades to come.

- **Anne Laver, Northcote**

The Action Plan states that 9 of the 16 Action Plans are on target. I wish to dispute this.

Yes, the Council have held forums and passed motions and held surveys and produced documentation and written letters to the State and Federal Governments but what physical results have been delivered?

The Capital Works Programme completed were mostly maintenance programmes and the \$389,498 recorded as spent at the Reservoir Leisure Centre seems strange as the Centre's pool is still broken down with members still being charged for membership fees for no service.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

The 16 Big Actions of the Council Plan have been nominated as big actions both because of the benefits that they will produce for the community, but also because they are complex and likely to be delivered over several years. Where the Council Plan Action Plan uses the term 'on target', this indicates that those initiatives have met the milestones that were set for 2017–18. It does not mean that they have been completed.

Regarding the capital works program, a large component of the program is allocated to asset renewal, which includes works such as the total replacement or refurbishment of an existing asset so that it returns to its 'as new' condition, thereby extending its effective life. This is designed to optimise the original investment made in Council's assets. There were also a number of new initiatives delivered in 2017–18, including new sports lights with LED fittings, new netball courts, new portable classrooms and new traffic treatments.

It is true that nearly \$400,000 has been spent on maintenance programs at the Reservoir Leisure Centre in the last financial year. This money has been spent on necessary maintenance and repairs. In the coming years, we are planning for a large-scale project that will renew and upgrade the facilities at the Reservoir Leisure Centre. The progress of this and other projects will be communicated through our regular Council Plan Action Plan Progress Reports.

- **Nick Katsis**

Could Council advise what is being done to curb the current state of graffiti that is making our municipality look disgraceful?

Most recently, and specifically whilst driving along High Street, that there has been an increase in 'tagging' and graffiti.

It seems that the scourge afflicting areas such as Fitzroy and Collingwood has started to creep extensively into our municipality and I believe it is time that Council takes action to punish the offenders.

Although, appreciative of true art in its many guises, this purported 'Street Art' is abhorrent and creating a ghetto effect of our wonderful municipality.

Hopefully, this is raised at question time during Council's next sitting and a response provided at the earliest opportunity.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thank you for your question Nick, we have been doing a lot of things guided by our Graffiti Management Strategy which is currently being reviewed and redeveloped. They include:

- Graffiti removal subsidy program for private property owners through the provision of free graffiti removal and vouchers for contractors and paint vouchers.
- Street art projects have been implemented across the city on assets prone to tagging (both public and private).
- Education and diversion programs with young people to promote legitimate street art and not vandalism.

We do know that it is a hard issue and we have had many conversations as Council on how to tackle that and were working really hard to eliminate it where we can.

- **Carolyn Lunt, Northcote**

(A) My first question is in regard to a power point presentation that each of the Councillors received on 18.9.17 in which I described the damage to the environment and biodiversity that this plant is having in the City of Darebin as well as other Councils. Madame Mayor you have thanked me. But the last page of the power point I stated urgent action needed by Council and I asked for 3 things:

- For the banning the sale, distribution and planting of Pennisetum
- Alerting the residents through targeted education the effect of this environmental weed on the city and waterways
- Encourage the removal of Pennisetum in gardens by supplying alternative plants.

That was a year ago and was wondering what action or what has happened to that request?

(B) I brought this up in a meeting on 24.9.17, as I care for somebody who has Osteogenesis Imperfecta, and I am already traumatised with the fact I live on a shared footway. It's very tricky because if she is hit by a bicycle or anything she will end up bed ridden. I brought up this question as it's a tricky legal one. But if she or I are hit by a very fast vehicle or mainly a cyclist what is the process or who is responsible if this occurs. I can get out of the way but she is would be unable to do that. It's a tricky one but we all need to know the answer.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

(A) Thank you for that presentation I know that it is an issue you work hard on every fortnight going around helping people remove that and I think it's really important. You have also helped officers to develop up a nice little postcard that we can leave with people in to help with the second point you have raised in terms of alerting people of this weed. We are very happy to have further conversations on how we can do that better with you. Because as you said it's an important issue that we need to continue to encourage because once you remove it you've got to stay on top of it otherwise it can come back very quickly. Needs a proactive and prolonged campaign.

Vito Albicini General Manager Operations and Capital is the contact person and we will make sure you can get in touch.

Response from Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement

(B) Thank you so much for the question and for the statement. What we will do any of those cases or situations or scenarios that we are aware of we do a risk analysis on those. So what I might do is give you a call tomorrow and let's have a conversation because to actually get in there and look at it from an intervention and prevention approach is much better than you experiencing something like that and we don't want to see that happen.

- **Dulcie Hook**

In June, following my request for itemization on what Council planned to spend \$250,000 of Ratepayers funds, your/the Mayor's reply (Ref: A4612390) included: "Additionally the funds will be used for: a professional researcher will assist the panel with this work".

When we of Darebin Progress Association met with the outside expert Panel, Rhonda Galbally and Peter Allen, on 20th September, I asked them about their assistant professional researcher. They were not aware of such a person! However Council's Cathy Henderson, General Manager – Community, then said the researcher was to assist her.

Questions:

- a. Why was the outside professional researcher, Jocelyn Fuller to be employed to assist the two outside professional Panel experts as stated in the letter?
- b. If, as stated by Council's Cathy Henderson, the third outside expert is to assist her, why are you squandering funds (Ratepayers) on that person instead of using in – Council Staff familiar with Council? You are already funding two outside experts to deal with Aged Care Services in Darebin.

Response from Cathy Henderson, General Manager Community:

Through you Madam Mayor, Ms Hook the panel was very pleased to meet with you and the members of the Progress Association last week but I think some things have been misconstrued.

Jocelyn Fuller is a research consultant she has done some days of work on the project and that's included providing advice directly to the panel who do know her. She is providing advice to them as part of a team of support that's going to help that process. So in relation to the question of appointing outside consultants to assist with research this is a very common Council and public sector approach, where rather than having full time on our salary full time someone who is an expert in national funding systems, instead we just pay for a few days a year when we need it. It's an effective way to buy in expertise to add to the more specific expertise related to council facilities that we have on staff. Thank you for the question.

Further question from Ms Hook:

It doesn't answer why do you want that third person, you've got two already why the third?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

I think Ms Henderson responded to that question. She said that this research consultant has specific expertise around national funding models which no member of staff has the same expertise. We don't need a permanent staff member with that expertise so we have the research consultant providing that advice on a very short term basis to the panel as they work through the process they are working too.

- **Peter Thomson, Reservoir**

Will you the Council support the above Coalition (Fledging) in its cause of providing crisis/emergency accommodation in the form of caravans for the homelessness within the Municipality of Darebin? Numerous Agencies have been approached for support ie: The Salvos (Preston), Matchworx (Preston), Vic Pol (Reservoir), Envision (Thomastown), Reservoir Neighbourhood house etc.

Your support therefore is sought in the form of provision of land for the purpose of this temporary accommodation whilst maintaining dignity, security, amenity and social interaction and not be stigmatized as with some Ministry of Housing tenancies.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

In regard to the first question, I thank you and the Coalition for the work you're doing its very important work because homelessness is increasing in the city and right across Melbourne for many different reasons. I think that Council will be more than happy to have a conversation with you through the officers in the coming week about possible options that Council may have to assist with the Coalition. So thank you for that work.

- **Peter Thomson, Reservoir**

Will you the council please explain why the former Reservoir library building in Ralph Street has not been cleaned of external litter in its surrounds despite numerous formal requests to your service desk at Reservoir. This is up to and including today. Images have been taken over the past six weeks as proof of evidence.

Response from Mark Gallon, Manager Asset and Capital Delivery

Thank you Madam Mayor through you, we will look into matter tomorrow with the Operations Center as far as the hard rubbish is concerned.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

We will take a look at the library tomorrow, it is still a Council building and we do still own the land. And we apologise for the delay of the 6 weeks it has taken for us to still not resolve that matter.

Further question from Peter Thompson:

Madam Mayor the problem is I was told most definitely the matter had been solved, it has not been solved, it hasn't been touched what's going on?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

We will look further into that now, and we are sorry that it has taken this long and for you to come and ask a question here.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Madam Mayor - as a regular user of the Preston Market on Saturdays, it took me some time to find a parking spot. This was due to people going to the finals at the Preston Oval and using the Preston Market car park.

I went to the Centre Management office and asked what they can do, so the customer could find parking spots – I was advised by management they could do nothing. Speaking to a shop owner that day, he advised me his takings were down about 25% today and when the finals are played at Cramer Street. Madam Mayor, can you advise what the Council can do to help the shop owners?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The carpark at the Preston Market and when there are major events adjacent to it, so the Preston Market carpark is owned by the operators and they set the rules around the restriction to the car parking. Council has a role in enforcing those restrictions that they put in place. In terms of how to best manage the precinct when there are major events happening like the NFNL finals it probably could be done better. But I think that's a conversation Council can help facilitate between the league and between Preston Market and between all operators in the precinct.

• **John Nugent, Epping**

Madam Mayor – travelling north along High St, can you advise why High St Northcote and Thornbury are not clearways, but High St Preston and Reservoir are clearways?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

We will take that on notice, as it is a VicRoads road. We will get a response to that and let you know.

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 3 September 2018.

At the Council meeting held on 3 September 2018, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

• **Chris Erlandsen – Preston**

1. Since DADA made the application for the market (both built fabric and social significance) that were also endorsed by several diverse community groups, will Council support or endorse the application as we expect you to do?
2. In independent consultants report / briefing Capire makes the claim that 75% or more participants agreed with "Reviewing the location of the market to better align with Principles". They also made the comment that many had reservations. And while Council tells us how much they love the market, can Council guarantee, reassure the community that the Market will always remain in its existing location?

The Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf has provided the following written response to Mr Erlandsen's questions, dated 20 September 2018.

I am writing to formally respond to your question at Public Question Time on 3 September which said:

- "1. Since DADA made the application for the market (both built fabric and social significance) that were also endorsed by several diverse community groups, will Council support or endorse the application as we expect you to do?"*

2. *In independent consultants report / briefing Capire makes the claim that 75% or more participants agreed with "Reviewing the location of the market to better align with Principles". They also made the comment that many had reservations. And while Council tells us how much they love the market, can Council guarantee, reassure the community that the Market will always remain in its existing location?"*

Next steps in regards to Council's work to help Preston Market Thrive were discussed at the meeting that you were at on 3 September, which I know you observed. I am writing to formally confirm the answers as follows:

Question 1 – Response:

Council's resolution 3 September 2018 included that Council:

"notes that there is a currently an application with Heritage Victoria relating to the Preston market site and requests that a further report come to Council during any future submission period to consider a submission from Council."

Question 2 - Response

Every Darebin councillor is committed to ensuring that Preston Market thrives into the future and to this end on 3 September Council endorse the community vision for the site and established further guiding principles for its work. These cover a range of issues and should give you a good understanding of what Council is seeking and advocating for.

There are several stages yet to come before new planning controls are developed including exploration of design issues, which we will do with the community before establishing a Council view at a further level of detail. Design questions such as location will be considered as part of the foundational elements stage, currently anticipated in the first half of 2019. You will be invited to take part in the next stages of community engagement which we hope engages a wide and diverse part of our community. I have also noted your view that the market should be located where it is, as expressed in your question and I have passed this to the project team so they can be collated as part of feedback that contributes to the next stages of the Review.

Cr. McCarthy temporarily left the meeting during discussion of Question and Submission Time at 6.14pm returning at 6.17pm and then at 6.20pm returning at 6.21pm.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 TABLING OF PETITION: AGED CARE SERVICES

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-247

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

That the petition:

“We the undersigned residents and ratepayers of Darebin, petition the Council to publically commit to maintaining its current role as a provider of aged care services including transport, cleaning, personal care, meals, home maintenance and respite care, into the future.

We urge Council not to abandon its role in providing the above aged care services in view of the Federal Government’s privatisation agenda of aged care services.

We are proud that Darebin Council is a long-standing provider of high quality aged care services and has built a strong and trusted reputation as a preferred provider with the elderly resident and their families in the community.

In Darebin 25,534 people (18.8% of the total population) are aged over 60 and many are receiving, or will soon require, support services to enable them to remain in their home.

We firmly believe that current and future aged community members should continue to have the choice to receive home care services directly from trusted and committed Darebin Council staff.”

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Cr. Messina declared an interest in the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider that supplies home care packages to the aging Italian community.

Cr. Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 6.35pm.

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-248

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'Royal Commission into Aged Care' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.1.

CARRIED

7.1 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE

Motion

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

That Council immediately writes to the Prime Minister requesting that the terms of reference for the Royal Commission in Aged Care include an investigation into the delivery of home care services by private and non for profit providers.

Cr. Rennie proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council immediately writes to the Prime Minister requesting that the terms of reference for the Royal Commission in Aged Care include an investigation into the delivery of home care services.

This was not accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence.

Amendment

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

That Council immediately writes to the Prime Minister requesting that the terms of reference for the Royal Commission in Aged Care include an investigation into the delivery of home care services.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND NBECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council immediately writes to the Prime Minister requesting that the terms of reference for the Royal Commission in Aged Care include an investigation into the delivery of home care services by private and non for profit providers.

THE MOTION WAS PUT CAND CARREID AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-249

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

That Council immediately writes to the Prime Minister requesting that the terms of reference for the Royal Commission in Aged Care include an investigation into the delivery of home care services by private and non for profit providers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Messina returned to the meeting upon completion of the above item at 6.47pm.

Cr. Newton declared an interest in the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty.

Cr. Newton left the meeting prior to discussion at 6.47pm.

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-250

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That an Urgent Business item relating to 'Election guidelines for Councillors' be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.2.

CARRIED

7.2 ELECTION GUIDELINES FOR COUNCILLORS

Author: Manager Governance and Performance

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a revised version of the Councillor Guidelines for State and Federal Elections, for consideration by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The revised Councillor Guidelines for State and Federal Elections replace the previous Councillor Guidelines – Pre-selection or Nomination as a Candidate in Federal or State Election, which were adopted by Council in May 2014.

The new guidelines include some minor revisions that bring Council's position in line with the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) policy position.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Councillor Guidelines for State and Federal Elections (**Appendix A**).

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council adopt the Councillor Guidelines for State and Federal Elections (**Appendix A**) with the following amendment to point 2.1 of the guidelines:

'Prospective Candidates' refers to a Councillor who nominates for pre-selection or becomes an endorsed candidate of a registered political party or publicly expresses an intention to run as an independent candidate for a State or Federal Election.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that point 3.1 of the Guidelines be amended as follows:

Prospective Candidates will, as soon as practicable after becoming an endorsed candidate or expressing their intention to run as a candidate or publicly expresses their intention to run as a part pre-selection candidate, inform Council by delivering written notice to Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Laurence withdrew his proposed amendments.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point 3.1 of the Guidelines also be amended as follows:

Prospective Candidates will, as soon as practicable after becoming an endorsed candidate or expressing their intention to run as a candidate or nominates to run for pre-selection inform Council by delivering written notice to Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

This was not accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Messina.

Amendment

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

That point 3.1 of the Guidelines also be amended as follows:

Prospective Candidates will, as soon as practicable after becoming an endorsed candidate or expressing their intention to run as a candidate or nominates to run for pre-selection inform Council by delivering written notice to Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED. THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council adopt the Councillor Guidelines for State and Federal Elections (**Appendix A**) with the following amendments to point 2.1 and point 3.1 of the guidelines:

2.1 'Prospective Candidates' refers to a Councillor who nominates for pre-selection or becomes an endorsed candidate of a registered political party or publicly expresses an intention to run as an independent candidate for a State or Federal Election.

3.1 Prospective Candidates will, as soon as practicable after becoming an endorsed candidate or expressing their intention to run as a candidate or nominates to run for pre-selection inform Council by delivering written notice to Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-251**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

That Council adopt the Councillor Guidelines for State and Federal Elections (**Appendix A**) with the following amendments to point 2.1 and point 3.1 of the guidelines:

2.1 'Prospective Candidates' refers to a Councillor who nominates for pre-selection or becomes an endorsed candidate of a registered political party or publicly expresses an intention to run as an independent candidate for a State or Federal Election.

3.1 Prospective Candidates will, as soon as practicable after becoming an endorsed candidate or expressing their intention to run as a candidate or nominates to run for pre-selection inform Council by delivering written notice to Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

CARRIED

Cr. Messina temporarily left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.15pm.

Cr. Newton returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.15pm.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN 2017–18 END OF FINANCIAL YEAR REPORT

Author: Coordinator Planning and Reporting

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

To outline Council's activities during the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 in implementing the Council Plan Action Plan 2017–18.

Recommendation

That Council notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017–18 end of financial year report.

Motion

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

That Council notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017–18 end of financial year report.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

That Darebin Council makes the following amendment to the Council Plan Action Plan 2017/18 end of financial year report:

- (1) That the report be noted with the addition that the establishment of an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust be placed as our number one action plan item and that Other items be reordered in number.
- (2) That council officers return to the next council meeting with an updated report that included action on an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust.
- (3) That council reaffirms its 2017 commitment to establish an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust based on the City of Port Phillip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists.
- (4) That Darebin Council reaffirms its recognition that our community is facing a housing affordability crisis not seen in the history of the City and that council has a social responsibility to take action on housing affordability given:
 - our role as the largest government tax collector on the value of land in the City and
 - that faults in our planning scheme and land use rezoning processes (such as the Northlands renewal area) are driving up land banking across the city by local, interstate and international land speculators.

This was not accepted by Cr. Rennie and Cr. McCarthy.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Darebin Council makes the following amendment to the Council Plan Action Plan 2017/18 end of financial year report:

- (5) That the report be noted with the addition that the establishment of an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust be placed as our number one action plan item and that Other items be reordered in number.
- (6) That council officers return to the next council meeting with an updated report that included action on an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust.
- (7) That council reaffirms its 2017 commitment to establish an independent not-for-profit Darebin Community Housing Trust based on the City of Port Phillip's successful Port Phillip Housing Trust, that uses council owned buildings, land and air rights to attract, manage and develop social housing projects to the area with a focus on addressing local people on public housing waiting lists.
- (8) That Darebin Council reaffirms its recognition that our community is facing a housing affordability crisis not seen in the history of the City and that council has a social responsibility to take action on housing affordability given:
 - our role as the largest government tax collector on the value of land in the City and
 - that faults in our planning scheme and land use rezoning processes (such as the Northlands renewal area) are driving up land banking across the city by local, interstate and international land speculators.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND TIED.

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR CR. LE CERF, USED HER CASTING VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT.

THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie

SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017–18 end of financial year report.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017/18 end of financial year report.
- (2) Note that a number of 2017-2018 actions have not been achieved, are behind schedule or have been deferred to the 2018-19 year.

- (3) Receives an urgent report on how deferred or unachieved actions will be accommodated in the 2018-19 year.

This was not accepted by Cr. Rennie and Cr. McCarthy.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017/18 end of financial year report.
- (2) Note that a number of 2017-2018 actions have not been achieved, are behind schedule or have been deferred to the 2018-19 year.
- (3) Receives an urgent report on how deferred or unachieved actions will be accommodated in the 2018-19 year.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017–18 end of financial year report.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-252

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

That Council notes the Council Plan Action Plan 2017–18 end of financial year report.

CARRIED

Cr. Williams entered the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.28pm.

Cr. Messina returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.28pm.

**8.2 3KND KOOL N DEADLY INDIGENOUS RADIO -
RELOCATION TO THE FORMER PRESTON POLICE
STATION****Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

PURPOSE

The report provides Council with an update on the progress to date for the relocation of 3KND Kool n Deadly Radio (3KND) into the former Preston Police Station on Roseberry Avenue, Preston and seeks to reaffirm Council's commitment to the project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 7 August 2017, Council endorsed the relocation of 3KND Kool n Deadly Radio (3KND) into the former Preston Police Station subject to external investment being secured. This followed an initial scoping of a suitable Council-owned site to accommodate 3KND radio station under a long term lease arrangement. The site met primary selection criteria regarding space requirements, proximity to public transport and proximity to other allied services and held the endorsement by the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Under arrangements with State Government, 3KND has indicated that it has potential investment capacity of \$750,000 following sale of their former premises, with an opportunity for additional co-investment from both State and Federal bodies subject to further feasibility testing.

A project implementation plan, detailing studio design and construction for the site has since been progressed. More recently, the station has received funding to undertake further feasibility testing in relation to site requirements. In the interim the station has been temporarily located within the Darebin North East Community Hub. A key project assumption moving forward is it to ensure strategic alignment with other Council commitments, including integration within future Preston Civic Precinct development.

This report details the progress to date, Council's commitments and project key milestones.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-253**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That Council:**

- (1) Reaffirms the endorsement for 3KND to be located into the former Preston Police Station subject to external investment being secured.
- (2) Works with 3KND through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement to actively seek the funding required to undertake the works at the former Preston Police Station.
- (3) Through a Memorandum of Understanding agreement, ensures strategic alignment with the future Preston Civic Precinct development.
- (4) Receive a further report in March 2019 on the project progress and options for Council's ongoing investment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Barrett, Coordinator Planning and Reporting left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.47pm.

8.3 SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AT DAREBIN**Author:** General Manager Governance and Engagement**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

This report provides information regarding the preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy for the City. The new Procurement Policy and Strategy will seek to embed social and sustainable procurement principles as well as to ensure a best practise approach. This report also seeks to respond to previous, related Council resolutions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy for the City of Darebin creates the opportunity to realise the extraordinary potential of procurement to create an impact above and beyond the products or services we purchase.

Recognising that a great deal of the City's resources are expended in the purchase of goods, services and works, the new Policy and Strategy will integrate social and environmental goals into Councils procurement processes with the aim of driving attitudinal and systemic change.

The overall intent of this work will be to create a framework that allows Council to generate deliberate and measurable social and environmental outcomes aligned with the goals outlined in the Council Plan. Specifically, it is envisaged that this work will assist Council to:

- contribute to addressing complex local challenges facing the community
- ensure our procurement practices are sustainable and strategically aligned
- assist to generate local employment opportunities and promote social inclusion
- demonstrate leadership
- achieve greater value for money
- encourage use of localised supply chains to encourage and/or promote social inclusion, job creation, community development and local economic development
- favour the purchase of appropriate goods and services which minimise environmental impacts

Local Government procurement practises are strictly regulated and all activities must occur in the context of competition and administrative law requirements.

The new Strategy will adopt a positive screening approach as opposed to limiting or preventing opportunities to participate (via bids or tenders). Structuring the framework and evaluation criteria to support the engagement of suppliers, vendors and partners that demonstrate corporate responsibility through delivery of social and environmental outcomes will be a key goal of this work.

The Policy and Strategy preparation is included in the Council Plan Action Plan for 2018/19.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy adopting a practical and specific evaluation approach to support the engagement of suppliers, vendors and partners that demonstrate corporate responsibility through real-time social and sustainable outcomes.

Cr. Greco originally seconded the motion but with leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, he withdrew his seconding. The motion was then seconded by Cr. Rennie.

Motion

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

That Council endorses the preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy adopting a practical and specific evaluation approach to support the engagement of suppliers, vendors and partners that demonstrate corporate responsibility through real-time social and sustainable outcomes.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy adopting a practical and specific evaluation approach to support the engagement of suppliers, vendors and partners that demonstrate corporate responsibility through real-time social and sustainable outcomes.
- (2) Receives regular briefings on the preparation of a new procurement policy as it is being developed and a time line for its completion.

This was accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Rennie.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy adopting a practical and specific evaluation approach to support the engagement of suppliers, vendors and partners that demonstrate corporate responsibility through real-time social and sustainable outcomes.
- (2) Receives regular briefings on the preparation of a new procurement policy as it is being developed and a time line for its completion.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-254

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the preparation of a new Procurement Policy and Strategy adopting a practical and specific evaluation approach to support the engagement of suppliers, vendors and partners that demonstrate corporate responsibility through real-time social and sustainable outcomes.
- (2) Receives regular briefings on the preparation of a new procurement policy as it is being developed and a time line for its completion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.4 LANGUAGE AIDE AND MULTILINGUAL LINE
2017 REVIEW - IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

Author: Team Leader Training & Development - Customer Service
Coordinator Customer Service

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

To provide Council with an update of the status of the implementation of the outcomes from the 2017 Language Aide and Multilingual Line Review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Established in March 2000, the Language Aide program utilises the skills of bilingual Council staff to provide communication assistance to residents and other customers and stakeholders.

In 2016, a review of the Language Aide program was a key recommendation of the Customer Service Model Review. The review was conducted in 2017 and outlined a series of recommendations designed to improve the service in conjunction with recommendations provided by Council.

An overview of the status of those recommendations is provided in this report.

Recommendation

That Council notes this report on the Language Aide and Multilingual Line 2017 Review – Implementation Update.

Motion

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

That:

- (1) Council notes the report on the Language Aide and Multilingual Line 2017 Review – Implementation Update.
 - (2) Council receives a further report in six months on the implementation and outcomes of the on-going and in progress recommendations.
 - (3) The report should also measure performance against appropriate tangible targets and benchmarks that will deliver a leading language aide multilingual line for Darebin residents.
 - (4) Council updates the Marketing Plan to include a:
 - a) Campaign to promote of the MTL in a number of editions of Darebin Community News in different languages relevant to Darebin.
 - b) Advertising campaign in different languages in the leader newspaper.
-

- c) Visitations by bilingual language aide officers to CALD community groups to promote the MTL.

Cr. Rennie proposed to the mover and seconder that point (4) of the motion be amended as follows:

- (4) Receives a briefing after the completion of the communications review which outlines ways in which the MTL marketing plan can be strengthened in light of review findings.

This was not accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence.

Amendment

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

That:

- (1) Council notes the report on the Language Aide and Multilingual Line 2017 Review – Implementation Update.
- (2) Council receives a further report in six months on the implementation and outcomes of the on-going and in progress recommendations.
- (3) The report should also measure performance against appropriate tangible targets and benchmarks that will deliver a leading language aide multilingual line for Darebin residents.
- (4) Receives a briefing after the completion of the communications review which outlines ways in which the MTL marketing plan can be strengthened in light of review findings.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That:

- (1) Council notes the report on the Language Aide and Multilingual Line 2017 Review – Implementation Update.
- (2) Council receives a further report in six months on the implementation and outcomes of the on-going and in progress recommendations.
- (3) The report should also measure performance against appropriate tangible targets and benchmarks that will deliver a leading language aide multilingual line for Darebin residents.
- (4) Council updates the Marketing Plan to include a:
 - a) Campaign to promote of the MTL in a number of editions of Darebin Community News in different languages relevant to Darebin.
 - b) Advertising campaign in different languages in the leader newspaper.

- c) Visitations by bilingual language aide officers to CALD community groups to promote the MTL.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-255

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

That:

- (1) Council notes the report on the Language Aide and Multilingual Line 2017 Review – Implementation Update.
- (2) Council receives a further report in six months on the implementation and outcomes of the on-going and in progress recommendations.
- (3) The report should also measure performance against appropriate tangible targets and benchmarks that will deliver a leading language aide multilingual line for Darebin residents.
- (4) Council updates the Marketing Plan to include a:
 - a) Campaign to promote of the MTL in a number of editions of Darebin Community News in different languages relevant to Darebin.
 - b) Advertising campaign in different languages in the leader newspaper.
 - c) Visitations by bilingual language aide officers to CALD community groups to promote the MTL.

CARRIED

**8.5 NORTHCOTE AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE
(NARC) FEASIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS**

Author: Coordinator Leisure Contracts

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the investigations and studies undertaken for the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre (NARC) project including: the feasibility study, and recommend next steps.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council has two aquatic facilities. NARC is a 50 year old Council asset, built in 1968 as an outdoor pool facility. It is a very important service, highly valued by the local community.
- In 2015 a comprehensive building condition audit for NARC was conducted which identified a number of major issues and concluded that the NARC building is near the end of its lifespan.
- In May 2017 Otium Planning Group (OPG) was engaged to conduct a Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan (the Feasibility Study) into the future redevelopment options for NARC. (See **Appendix A** for the full feasibility study.)
- The Feasibility Study included community consultation and attracted input from over 1,600 participants.
- Four redevelopment options were investigated as part of the Feasibility Study:
 - Option 1: Do nothing (urgent safety works only)
 - Option 2: Maintain existing facility (proactive maintenance program)
 - Option 3: Redevelop in part (refurbish existing building and extend)
 - Option 4: Full redevelopment, with two indicative options assessed:
 - Option 4A - Smaller scale facility (5,430 m²)
 - Option 4B - Larger scale facility (7,874 m²)
- In investigating the redevelopment scenarios, it became evident that Options 1-3 are unlikely to be viable primarily due to the current condition of the facility.
- In order to meet community needs, the NARC redevelopment project will therefore need to be a substantial redevelopment of the facility.
- Reservoir Leisure Centre is also an important facility, much loved by the community. Major works are planned for Reservoir Leisure Centre, separately to the NARC project.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan.

- (2) Agrees in principle to the redevelopment of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre as set out in Option 4, subject to funding, to ensure a facility that meets current and future needs of the local community, and seeks to maximise environmentally sustainable design features.
- (3) Agrees to progress technical studies, finalise scope and commence procurement processes for architectural design services.
- (4) Continues advocacy to the State and Federal Governments seeking funding for three major recreation projects – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Reservoir Leisure Centre and the Multi Sports Stadium.
- (5) Receives a report in December 2018 setting out detailed funding options and financial impacts for the project, in the context of the Long-Term Financial Plan and revised 10-Year Capital Works Plan.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan.
- (2) Agrees in principle to the redevelopment of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre as set out in Option 4, subject to funding, to ensure a facility that meets current and future needs of the local community, and seeks to maximise environmentally sustainable design features.
- (3) Agrees to progress technical studies, finalise scope and commence procurement processes for architectural design services.
- (4) Continues advocacy to the State and Federal Governments seeking funding for three major recreation projects – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Reservoir Leisure Centre and the Multi Sports Stadium.
- (5) Receives a report in December 2018 setting out detailed funding options and financial impacts for the project, in the context of the Long-Term Financial Plan and revised 10-Year Capital Works Plan.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that the motion be amended as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan **and calls for the urgent development of a similar plan for the Reservoir Leisure Centre and precinct.**
- (2) Agrees in principle to the redevelopment of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre **and Reservoir Leisure Centre** ~~as set out in Option 4,~~ subject to funding, to ensure a ~~facility that~~ **the facilities** meets current and future needs of the local community, and seeks to maximise environmentally sustainable design features.
- (3) ~~Agrees to progress technical studies, finalise scope and commence procurement processes for architectural design services.~~
- (4) Continues advocacy to the State and Federal Governments seeking funding for three major recreation projects – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Reservoir Leisure Centre and the Multi Sports Stadium.

- (5) Receives a report in December 2018 setting out detailed funding options and financial impacts for the project, in the context of the Long-Term Financial Plan and revised 10-Year Capital Works Plan.

This was not accepted by Cr. McCarthy and Cr. Rennie.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan and calls for the urgent development of a similar plan for the Reservoir Leisure Centre and precinct.
- (2) Agrees in principle to the redevelopment of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and Reservoir Leisure Centre, subject to funding, to ensure the facilities meets current and future needs of the local community, and seeks to maximise environmentally sustainable design features.
- (3) Continues advocacy to the State and Federal Governments seeking funding for three major recreation projects – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Reservoir Leisure Centre and the Multi Sports Stadium.
- (4) Receives a report in December 2018 setting out detailed funding options and financial impacts for the project, in the context of the Long-Term Financial Plan and revised 10-Year Capital Works Plan.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan.
- (2) Agrees in principle to the redevelopment of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre as set out in Option 4, subject to funding, to ensure a facility that meets current and future needs of the local community, and seeks to maximise environmentally sustainable design features.
- (3) Agrees to progress technical studies, finalise scope and commence procurement processes for architectural design services.
- (4) Continues advocacy to the State and Federal Governments seeking funding for three major recreation projects – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Reservoir Leisure Centre and the Multi Sports Stadium.
- (5) Receives a report in December 2018 setting out detailed funding options and financial impacts for the project, in the context of the Long-Term Financial Plan and revised 10-Year Capital Works Plan.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-256

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre Feasibility Study and Precinct Master Plan.
- (2) Agrees in principle to the redevelopment of Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre as set out in Option 4, subject to funding, to ensure a facility that meets current and future needs of the local community, and seeks to maximise environmentally sustainable design features.
- (3) Agrees to progress technical studies, finalise scope and commence procurement processes for architectural design services.
- (4) Continues advocacy to the State and Federal Governments seeking funding for three major recreation projects – Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Reservoir Leisure Centre and the Multi Sports Stadium.
- (5) Receives a report in December 2018 setting out detailed funding options and financial impacts for the project, in the context of the Long-Term Financial Plan and revised 10-Year Capital Works Plan.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco, Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams voted in opposition to the motion.

8.6 CT201848 - CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OUTDOOR NETBALL COURTS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT JOHN CAIN MEMORIAL PARK

Author: Project Manager

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

To seek endorsement to award Contract No. CT201848 – Construction of Outdoor Netball Courts and Associated Civil Works at John Cain Memorial Park (JCMP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the construction of outdoor netball courts and associated civil works was sought from an open public tender. A Request for Tender (RFT) was publicly advertised on 23 June 2018.

The scope of works for the construction of outdoor courts and associated civil works included:

- Construction of four (4) outdoor courts with compliance to Netball Victoria facility standards.
- Installation of LED sports lights and public lighting.
- Design and construction of a pre-fabricated amenity pavilion.
- Demolition of existing ticket box and installation of new ticket box, which includes accessibility upgrades.
- Re-alignment of access road around the outdoor courts.
- Landscape works including installation of garden beds, trees and park furniture.

The RFT closed on 26 July 2018 with three (3) submissions being received. The Tender Evaluation Panel (the Panel) completed two separate tender evaluation meetings on 16 August 2018 and 13 September 2018.

The Tender Evaluation details and scoring for the evaluation is provided as Confidential **Appendix A** circulated to Councillors under separate cover.

The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract and works are expected to be completed by the end of May 2019.

Recommendation**That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract CT201848 for the Construction of Outdoor Courts and Associated Works at John Cain Memorial Park to _____ for the contract sum of \$_____ (GST inclusive), for the period October 2018 to May 2019.
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$_____ (GST inclusive) for Contract CT201848 (being ___% of the construction cost and within the allocated 2018/19 budget).
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 18-257**

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

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201848 for the Construction of Outdoor Courts and Associated Works at John Cain Memorial Park to Turf One Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$3,268,375(GST inclusive), for the period October 2018 to May 2019.
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$653,675 (GST inclusive) for Contract CT201848 (being 20% of the construction cost and within the allocated 2018/19 budget).
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

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

9.1 RESPONSE TO PETITION: FORD STREET, PRESTON - REQUEST FOR FOOTPATH

Author: Transport Planner

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To update Council on actions in relation to a petition received by Council on 3 September 2018 requesting a new footpath in Ford Street, Preston.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition has been submitted to Council requesting that a formal footpath be constructed along the eastern side of Ford Street in Preston. Ford Street currently has a formal concrete footpath along its western side, and no such facility on its eastern side.

Council officers have considered the request and based on an initial review consider the new footpath to be an appropriate piece of infrastructure for this road and likely to be deliverable, subject to budget allocation and further design work.

Funding for the project will be sought through Council's annual budget process.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-258

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Notes the contents of this report responding to the petition requesting a footpath for Ford Street, Preston.
- (2) Considers a future year budget bid for the provision of a footpath in Ford Street, Preston as part of broader walking initiatives across Council.
- (3) Writes to the petitioners and advises them of the outcome of their request.

CARRIED

**9.2 RESPONSE TO PETITION: REQUEST FOR SAFETY
BARRIERS AT NORTHERN PIPE TRAIL CROSSING
CRAWLEY STREET, RESERVOIR****Author:** Transport Planner**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To update Council on actions in relation to a petition received by Council on 3 September 2018 requesting safety barriers at the Northern Pipe Trail crossing at Crawley Street in Reservoir.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A section of the Northern Pipe Trail shared path located within G.E. Robinson Park in Reservoir has recently been realigned by Melbourne Water in partnership with Council. As part of these works, a raised threshold has been constructed across Crawley Street at Robinson Road to provide an at-grade path crossing facility for pedestrians and people riding bicycles between G.E. Robinson Park and the shared path located on the western side of Robinson Road.

A petition has been submitted raising concerns around the use and safety of the raised threshold, specifically requesting that safety barriers be installed on the shared path at the southern end of G.E. Robinson Park to encourage people riding bicycles (southbound) to slow down or dismount before crossing Crawley Street.

Council officers will undertake further investigation and provide a report back to Council with recommendations in November 2018.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-259**MOVED: Cr. L Messina**
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the contents of this report responding to the petition requesting safety barriers to be installed at the Northern Pipe Trail Crossing.
- (2) Receives a further report regarding the design of the raised threshold and potential safety improvements in November 2018.
- (3) Writes to the petitioners outlining the actions to be undertaken.

CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Cr. Newton declared an interest in the following item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty.

Cr. Newton left the meeting prior to discussion at 9.07pm.

10.1 DAREBIN COMMUNITY HOUSING EMERGENCY

Councillor: Tim LAURENCE

NoM No.: 366

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Recognises that Darebin is facing a public housing shortfall due to the privatisation of public housing homes and land over the past four decades,*
- (2) *Resolves to support a large increase in public housing in our LGA and that officers identify and create a list of council owned land and air space suitable for future state public housing, including but not limited to council owned car parks in Alphington, Fairfield, Northcote, Thornbury, Preston and Reservoir.*
- (3) *Advocates all state and federal candidates and political parties in our Northern region to support a plan to use resources of all three levels of government to create sate public housing on public land with the objective of reducing the local public housing waiting list to zero in the next term of State Government.*

Notice Received: 11 September 2018

Notice Given to Councillors 18 September 2018

Date of Meeting: 24 September 2018

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-260

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Recognises that Darebin is facing a public housing shortfall due to the privatisation of public housing homes and land over the past four decades.
- (2) Resolves to support a large increase in public housing in our LGA and that officers identify and create a list of council owned land and air space suitable for future state public housing, including but not limited to council owned car parks in Alphington, Fairfield, Northcote, Thornbury, Preston and Reservoir.
- (3) Advocates all state and federal candidates and political parties in our Northern region to support a plan to use resources of all three levels of government to create sate public housing on public land with the objective of reducing the local public housing waiting list to zero in the next term of State Government.

CARRIED

Cr. Newton returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 9.17pm

10.2 DAREBIN SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT RESERVE**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 367

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) *Resolves to establish a \$2 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir station.*
- (2) *The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2018-2019 budget process.*

Notice Received: 11 September 2018**Notice Given to Councillors** 18 September 2018**Date of Meeting:** 24 September 2018

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Laurence amended his notice of motion before it was seconded.

Motion

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

- (1) Resolves to establish a \$5 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram to the end of Gilbert Road and/or link it to Reservoir station.
- (2) The creation of this sustainable transport reserve be referred to 2018-2019 budget process.

THE MOTION WAS PUT OT THE VOTE AND LOST

Felicity Leahy, Manager Recreation and Libraries left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item – 9.26pm.

10.3 URGENT STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR MAIS STREET, PURINUAN ROAD AND ST VIGEONS ROAD, RESERVOIR**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 368

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) *Council officers report back with a detailed plan as soon as practicable to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2016 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.*
- (2) *Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2018-2019 budget for consideration.*

Notice Received: 11 September 2018**Notice Given to Councillors** 18 September 2018**Date of Meeting:** 24 September 2018

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Laurence amended his notice of motion before it was seconded.

Motion

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

- (1) Council officers report back to the next Council meeting on progress and steps taken to address the multiple storm water problems in Purinuan Rd, Mais Street and St Vigeons Rd Reservoir that were evident in the stormwater event in January 2016 when 85 mm of rain fell in the area.
- (2) Any capital works identified in the officer report be referred to the 2018-2019 budget for consideration.

THE MOTION WAS PUT OT THE VOTE AND LOST.

Jody Brodribb, Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.27pm and returned at 9.29pm.

Cr. McCarthy temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.29pm and returned at 9.32pm.

10.4 URGENT LONG TERM PROTECTION OF THE DAREBIN URBAN FOREST THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF STRATHALLAN GOLF COURSE**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 369

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That:

- (1) Council supports the retention of the much needed open space provided by the Strathallan Golf Course and the original town planning vision that protected this land with Public Open Space and Recreation zoning.*
- (2) Council officers report back on options including but not limited to compulsory acquisition of the site for use as open space, recreation and conservation purposes and to retain the Strathallan Golf Course. Furthermore, that the officers' report include a valuation of the site and a timetable for the possible staged acquisition via our open space reserve.*
- (3) Councillors and council officers consult with the Strathallan Golf Club about the prospect of Council acquiring the land and the club continuing with a new lease with the Council.*
- (4) Council officers prepare a detailed report on the long-term protection of conservation areas and the public open space network in Bundoora and Macleod in La Trobe Ward for presentation to Council and the new Darebin Nature Trust.*

Notice Received: 11 September 2018**Notice Given to Councillors** 18 September 2018**Date of Meeting:** 24 September 2018

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Laurence amended his notice of motion before it was seconded.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-261**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

That Council officers report back on progress in relation to the possible acquisition of the Strathallan Golf Course for use as open space, recreation and conservation purposes and retention the Strathallan Golf Course. Furthermore, that the officers' report include an up to date timetable for the possible staged acquisition via our open space reserve.

CARRIED

**10.5 MAINTAINING COUNCIL OPENNESS AND
TRANSPARENCY CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF
PRESTON MARKET**

Councillor: **Gaetano GRECO**

NoM No.: 370

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council commits to remain open and transparent in its dealings with the VPA, developers and other stakeholders regarding discussions concerning the future of Preston Market.

Notice Received: **11 September 2018**

Notice Given to Councillors **18 September 2018**

Date of Meeting: **24 September 2018**

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Greco amended his notice of motion before it was seconded.

Motion

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

That Council

- (1) Commits to remain open and transparent in its dealings with the VPA, developers and other stakeholders regarding discussions concerning the future of Preston Market.
- (2) Receives a report at the next council meeting on whether the State Government has the powers under the compulsory acquisition laws to acquire the market from the developers in the public interest in order to preserve and protect the viability of the market site into the future..

THE MOTION WAS PUT OT THE VOTE AND LOST.

EXTENSION OF TIME – 9.48PM

Council Resolution

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.00pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

Cr. Messina declared an interest in the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider that supplies home care packages to the aging Italian community.

Cr. Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 9.48pm.

10.6 COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY AGED CARE FORUM RESOLUTION

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 371

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the highly successful community forum on aged care held in Preston by the "Does Council Care" coalition that was attended by over 70 community members who unanimously passed a resolution calling on Council
 - a. *To continue to provide at least its current services to Darebin aged care residents*
 - b. *That the current campaign to ensure Council's aged care services are continued and supported by the community*
 - c. *To explore every avenue to avoid the destruction of community valued, urgently needed, council provided aged services**
 - (2) *Continues to provide Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services while in receipt of any funding from the Commonwealth government.*
 - (3) *Acts proactively to seek an extension of block funding for CHSP services by the Commonwealth Government until June 2020 and beyond.*
 - (4) *Commits to maintaining and extending the provision and delivery of in-house aged care services if and when the Council stops receiving block funding from the commonwealth government.*
 - (5) *Advocates for Councils to maintain in-house aged care services and invites Moonee Valley and Bendigo Councils to cooperate in leading the establishment of an Aged Care Advocacy Council Working Group tasked to coordinate a local government/community campaign to support Councils to maintain aged care services in the future.*
-

Notice Received: 11 September 2018

Notice Given to Councillors 18 September 2018

Date of Meeting: 24 September 2018

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Greco amended his notice of motion before it was seconded.

Motion

That Council:

- (1) Notes the highly successful community forum on aged care held in Preston by the "Does Council Care" coalition that was attended by over 70 community members who unanimously passed a resolution calling on Council
 - a. To continue to provide at least its current services to Darebin aged care residents
 - b. That the current campaign to ensure Council's aged care services are continued and supported by the community
 - c. To explore every avenue to avoid the destruction of community valued, urgently needed, council provided aged services
- (2) Commits to maintaining and extending the provision and delivery of in-house aged care services if and when the Council stops receiving block funding from the commonwealth government.
- (3) Advocates for Councils to maintain in-house aged care services and invites Moonee Valley and Bendigo Councils to cooperate in leading the establishment of an Aged Care Advocacy Council Working Group tasked to coordinate a local government/community campaign to support Councils to maintain aged care services in the future.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Alexis King, Acting Council Business and Governance Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.49pm and returned at 9.51pm.

10.7 PENSIONER RATE REBATE

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 372

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council resolves to increase the Council's Pensioner Rate Rebate from \$150 to \$200.

Notice Received: 11 September 2018

Notice Given to Councillors 18 September 2018

Date of Meeting: 24 September 2018

Motion

That Council resolves to increase the Council's Pensioner Rate Rebate from \$150 to \$200.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND TIED.

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR CR. LE CERF, USED HER CASTING VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST.

10.8 NORTHCOTE AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE AND THE RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO**NoM No.:** 373

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 September 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre are both reaching their use by date as modern functioning swimming and recreational facilities.*
- (2) *Notes the high maintenance cost in keeping the two centres safe and functioning for community use.*
- (3) *Gives equal priority to the full redevelopment of both facilities to ensure they are delivered together for the benefit of all residents in Darebin.*

Notice Received: 11 September 2018**Notice Given to Councillors** 18 September 2018**Date of Meeting:** 24 September 2018

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, Cr. Greco amended his notice of motion before it was seconded.

Motion

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre and the Reservoir Leisure Centre are both reaching their use by date as modern functioning swimming and recreational facilities.
- (2) Notes the high maintenance cost in keeping the two centres safe and functioning for community use.
- (3) Pursues the full redevelopment of both facilities (that is, the development of a new facility on each of the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre site and on the Reservoir Leisure Centre site) rather than repairing or upgrading existing facilities.
- (4) Gives equal priority to both projects, and ensures both projects are delivered at the same time, for the benefit of all residents in Darebin.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Joann Hennessy, Acting Manager Finance left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 10.14pm.

EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.18PM

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That the Council meeting continue after 10.30pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Darebin Nature Trust – 7 August 2018
- Council Briefing Session – 27 August 2018
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 28 August 2018
- Council Briefing Session – 10 September 2018

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-262

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 7, 27 and 28 August 2018 and 10 September 2018 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

Cr. McCarthy requested that the spelling of Cr. Newton's name be corrected on the Assembly of councillors of the Darebin Nature Trust held 7 August 2018.

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-263

MOVED: Cr. J Williams
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF, MAYOR**

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

- Quarterly Catch up with Ged Kearney MP, Federal Member for Batman
- Welcome Hon. Linda Burney MP and Ged Kearney to Preston Library for Indigenous Literacy Day Book Sale
- Discussion regarding Potential Advocacy on Melbourne Metro 2 Project with affected Councils
- Northern Business Achievement Awards Breakfast
- Meeting with Northlink regarding Renewable Energy Project
- Filming of Darebin Recycling Video
- Women's Day Off at Reservoir Neighbourhood House
- Community Connects Dinner with International Students
- Darebin Falcons Presentation Day
- Preston Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerto Competition
- Regular Catch Up Meetings with CEO
- Regular Catch Up Meetings with Communications and Media
- Regular Catch Up Meetings with Deputy Mayor
- Meeting with Kat Theophanous, Candidate for Northcote, regarding Council Election Priorities
- Council Briefing
- Climate Emergency Conference
- Jeremy Heimans Event (on night of Climate Emergency Conference)
- Darebin Music Feast – Program Launch
- Mayer Park Funding Announcement with Hon John Eren MP, Victorian Minister for Sport
- Councillor Development Session
- Welcome Ceremony for New Residents
- Tour of Melbourne Food Hub
- Visit to Nara Community Child Care Centre
- VLGA Local Government Working Group on Gambling Meeting

- Interview with Journalism Student regarding Darebin Parklands
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Executive Meeting
- Darebin Community Awards Committee Meeting
- Rucker Ward Meeting
- Press Briefing
- ICLEI Regional Executive Committee Teleconference
- Climate Emergency Darebin – Research and Strategy Working Group Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin – Zero Emissions Group Meeting
- Meeting with Inner North Community Foundation Chair and Executive Officer
- Pokies Play You – mobile billboard visiting Council
- NFL Grand Final Luncheon 2018
- Fringe Festival – A Weekend for Everybody at Northcote Town Hall
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

Cr Steph Amir is on an approved leave of absence.

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Council Briefing
- La Trobe Ward Meeting
- Councillor Training
- Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations
- Queens Guide Presentation
- Indonesian Delegation
- Forum on Arab Culture
- Active Healthy and Ageing Board Meeting with Age Friendly Panel
Bendigo Interfaith Network's visit to Darebin
- Attended to residents' concerns regards:
 - Future of Aged Care Services in Darebin
 - Planning issues
 - Smart Meters

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Meeting with Darebin United FC
- Launch of funding for Mayer Park Lights
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting

- Councillor Training
- Councillor Briefings x 2
- Meeting with CEO
- Solar Gardens / Emissions Reductions Working Group
- Meeting with residents regarding planting along Mernda line
- Meetings of Pender Park Project Control Group
- Darebin Climate Emergency Conference and Preparation Meetings
- SPARK! Conference

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Council Briefing x 2
- Individual resident complaints and emails
- Meeting with Elisabeth Tuckey
- Future Preston Workshop
- Function at ALTO Italian Business Network
- Agile & Company Directors Course
- Opening Darebin Music Feast
- Councillor Meeting
- Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration
- Ladies Female Delegation from Indonesia Forum
- Bundoora Homestead Art Centre
- Bullants Grand Final
- Bullants end of year Presentation
- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin
- Meeting with CEO Sue Wilkinson
- Meet and greet with Sicilian Association of Victoria
- Meeting with the Ambassador to Italy
- Meeting with Italian Consulate General

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Meeting with resident Ian Smith re open space in Reservoir
- Annual Women's Day Off at Reservoir Neighbourhood House
- Jeremy Heimans talk at the Climate Emergency Conference
- La Trobe Ward Meeting 'meet and greet' at Keon Park Children's Hub
- Councillor training session
- Launch of Garden of Oneness at Zwar Park

- Queens Guide Presentation at Reservoir Girl Guide Hall
- Councillor Briefing x 2
- Bundoora Homestead Board Selection Panel
- Meeting with expert panel and Active and Healthy Active Ageing Board
- ‘Pokies Play You’ mobile billboard photoshoot
- KooKoo the Bird Girl - opening night
- SPIN by Anna Seymour Dance Party with deaf hosts - opening night
- Meeting with Vicky Guglielmo about Arts Ambassadors meeting

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Council Meeting
- Darebin Music Feast media launch
- MAV transport and infrastructure committee
- Community Open day at Thornbury Bowls Club – These Girls Can
- Climate conference planning session
- Council briefing x 2
- Climate emergency conference
- Councillor workshop
- New residents welcome morning tea
- Catch up with CEO
- Local Government Working Group on Gambling
- Rucker Ward meeting
- CE emissions reduction meeting
- Mayer Park reference group
- Rivers and ranges study tour presentation
- Darebin Arts KooKoo the Bird Girl
- Darebin Arts SPIN
- Give speech at Bendigo Interfaith visit
- Phone calls with residents

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

-

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

-

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

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

That Standing Orders be suspended due to allow Cr. Newton to make a statement regarding pre-selection in the next State election.

CARRIED

Cr. Newton formally advised Council that she has been pre-selected as a Greens candidate for the state seat of Preston at the State Election to be held on 24 November 2018. Cr. Newton has notified the CEO of her pre-selection and will take a leave of absence from Council in accordance with the adopted 'Election Guidelines for Councillors'.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-264

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

That Council resolve to resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**CLOSE OF MEETING****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-265****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

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

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 10.23pm

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

RE-OPENING OF MEETING**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-268****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

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 10.53pm.

EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.54PM**Council Resolution****MOVED: Cr. L Messina**
SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That the Council meeting continue after 11.00pm for 30 minutes.

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

That Council make public the resolution regarding confidential item 14.2 – Preston Market Update.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.02pm.