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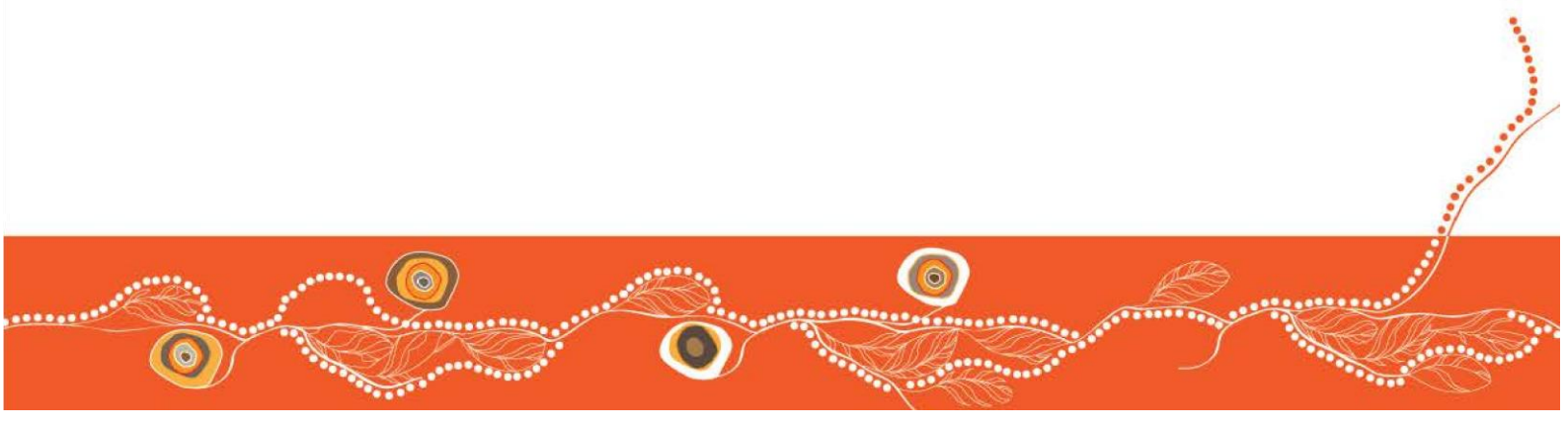
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN

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

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Arabic

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Greek

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Hindi

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Italian

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Vietnamese

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02PM

WELCOME

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

“Ngarrgma Wurundjeri Kulin Mirambeekal bik wenerop Darebin bagungbul Arweet dharro Ba Gangookal Nanggit Bambuth ba Yalingbu.

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

1. PRESENT

Councillors

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

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital
Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement
Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community
Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Sally Moxham - Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport
Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance
Avi Maharaj - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer
Chaden Berbari - Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

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

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Messina disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 8.6 – Aged Car Assessment Services – Commonwealth Consultation.

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie read a statement to honour the life of Aya Maasarwe.

Council observed one-minute silence in her honour.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-001

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

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

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Anne Laver – Northcote**

Will you please urgently take steps to increase the lanes and implement a traffic management plan for Darebin Road before the end of June 2019? If this not under the ambit of Darebin Council, will you please liaise with Vic Roads?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

As part of the Planning Permit application for the new Bunnings Store on Darebin Road, VicRoads imposed a number of conditions to ensure the safe operation of Darebin Road. This included restricting right-turn movements onto Darebin Road from the Bunnings store.

Council is in the planning stages for the future development of the Darebin Multi-Sports Stadium and consideration is being given to the Darebin Road intersection. Council will continue to work with VicRoads to ensure that future access arrangements to the site are safe for all road users.

Your request for additional traffic lanes and the development of a Traffic Management Plan for Darebin Road will be forwarded to VicRoads for their consideration. We will request that VicRoads provides you with a response.

- **Serena O'Meley – Reservoir**

Question One:

Is it true that the Ruthven master planning money has been reallocated in this manner, and can the CEO effectively overturn a financial decision of Council without the matter returning to the Chamber for a vote?

Question Two

Has the budget money for other projects similarly been withdrawn, and if so, how many projects have been affected and how much money is involved for each one?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:**Response 1:**

In response to your specific question.

Our records show that in the 2016–17 Budget, \$50,000 was allocated for project planning at Ruthven. During that financial year, around half of the budget was spent and Council resolved as part of its 2017–18 budget process to carry over the remaining unspent funds (totalling \$22,698).

As you are aware, during 2017–18 and into this financial year, there has been extensive feedback and discussions with the community about the preferred future use and development of the land. This process has taken 12–18 months and has meant that the monies that were carried over in last year's budget for works were not spent last financial year either.

Each year Council conducts a mid-year financial review. In March 2018, Council resolved as part of this process to reallocate project monies not specifically required in that financial year, including for Ruthven. This occurred this time last year via a council resolution and was not a decision by the CEO.

In 2018–19, Council resolved to maintain the entirety of the site as a natural park. And, in 2018–19, via the operating budget, Council has been able to make a number of improvements such as removing unsafe trees, installing new bins, bin holders, seats and tables. Council has also been progressing work to plan for future improvements.

Funding for 2019–20 design and construction works are able to be considered as part of Council's upcoming budget process.

Response 2:

In regards to funding for other projects, all Council's projects are reviewed in the mid-year budget review and considered by Council in the chamber. In some cases projects have savings, in others projects need additional funds to cover unexpected costs.

- **Rose Nechwatal - Thornbury**

Public Health/Asbestos exposure/Building Demolition:

Good evening my name is Rose Nechwatal. I am a resident in Thornbury and I have some concerns about demolition and asbestos exposure in our community.

I have some fairly good knowledge about asbestos and I have delivered asbestos removal and awareness training for 7 years and it appears to me in our community our buildings have been knocked down without prior asbestos removal. So that's my concern. Exposure to the public as well as to the workers who will be on site after the demolition because there will be asbestos dust present.

I have received a copy and looked for a copy of the demolition permit or application on your website and I was sent one by one of your staff and there's nothing on it that pertains to asbestos and that concerns me greatly. It also concerns me that when I was questioned about what age the building was and I mentioned that it was about a 1980 building I was told that there's probably no asbestos in there which is quite incorrect.

So I'm concerned we don't have enough asbestos awareness in our community for our workers, our tradespeople and our residents. There are a lot of road builders and demolition operators out there which is very concerning.

I just wondered what we can do about that.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you very much for your question Rose, I will make sure that the officers get your contact details so that you can share specific examples, so people can follow up with you on specific examples.

- **Ana Montes-Valencia - Preston**

Question One:

Good evening. My name is Ana and I live on Gertrude Street in Preston near Bell station. As you are aware, this wedge between High St and Plenty Road is known as the Junction.

I have lived here for the last six years with my husband and now our 2 girls , both of whom are under three.

My two questions concern the Junction Urban Master Plan.

We were happy when we received notification from Council in that the JUMP plan would be adopted from 2017, and became part of the community consultation group meeting with Darebin's urban planners supporting the median strips installed with safer respite areas for pedestrians crossing High Street, along with many trees and garden beds.

Since then however, we have not been aware of further progress being made and would like to know whether Council is still on target with the JUMP plan and whether it has been updated to take into consideration the considerable numbers of extra residents who are due to move into the area since many of the developers have taken plans to VCAT and been granted extra apartments

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you very much for that question Anna, I do know that our officers are continuing to work on planning in that precinct and if you leave your contact details I will make sure someone gets a full response to inform you exactly what is happening in that precinct.

Question Two:

My second question leads on from this. We have seen that Page 26 of Darebin's Draft Open Space Strategy lists our section of the Junction as having "no park within 500 metres" while also anticipating "the largest increase in higher density housing (apartments) of all the precincts, with over 2000 additional dwellings by 2028." (P82-83) We have also noted that each developer is required to make available a sum of money to Council to be used to improve access to green space. Moreland City Council has recently committed to buying several old warehouses which they intend to turn into green space. Could Darebin make a similar commitment to create more parkland and community space in the Junction and help improve amenities for the influx of residents?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you for that question Anna. Did you make a submission to the Open Space Strategy?

Thank you so much for participating in that way. Council will look at the full implementation of that strategy, which does make that commitment. Another thing that you may be interested in is the development of the level crossing removal program, which is going to result in significant amounts of open space in that precinct so we'll keep you informed of what is happening and I am very pleased that you made a submission.

- **Anna Cosgrave - Preston**

Question One:

I am Anna Cosgrave and my husband and I live in Esther Street in the Junction.

My questions concern specifically the trees that have been planted along the median strips in High Street and the associated garden beds which have been planted along High Street where it intersects with the numerous side roads in the Junction.

Since planting took place, five trees have been lost to vandalism: one in Adeline Street, one on the corner of Oakover and High Streets and recently three in the median strips. On each occasion where the trees have been on the side streets, local residents have got together to try and pull trees upright and support them to give Council a chance to get them sorted out. Apart from the recent three, the time response from Council has been disappointing and slow which has meant that the trees have subsequently died. These trees have now been cut off at ground level by Council. My first question is when will these trees now be replaced with suitable mature trees and what steps will Council take to protect these and the existing trees from being deliberately driven into and attacked by vandals?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you very much for your question and thank you so much to you and your neighbourhood for looking out for trees that have been planted. It's obviously disappointing when community members don't value trees as the assets that they are. In respect to the trees in question, I will get the CEO to look at the situation and will provide you with an answer in relation to timelines.

Question Two:

Secondly, the garden beds are not being adequately maintained. Many of the plants have been stolen and not replaced. The beds have become receptacles for rubbish and are now inundated with weeds. There seems to be confusion as to who is responsible for looking after these beds and local residents have been variously told it is Council or it is the contractors who installed them.

On several occasions we have noticed work parties raking over the beds, picking up some of the rubbish but failing to remove the weeds, and all in a very haphazard fashion while talking on mobile phones for much of the time. Could Council please make it clear who is responsible for the replacement of plants and the general maintenance of the garden beds so that they add to rather than detract from the amenity of the area.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you also for that question, and again it is disappointing when the community doesn't value the plants. I will get the CEO to look into those garden beds and maintenance and requirements for them.

- **Nicola Passaportis - Preston**

My name is Nicky and I live in Gertrude Street, also in the Junction – my question concerns the closed off slip road on the Southern corner of the intersection of High Street and Oakover Road.

My husband and I moved to the Junction in 2015 and soon thereafter saw the installation of the pop-up park on the corner of High Street and Oakover Road. We so appreciated the efforts of Council in this regard that we volunteered to water the trees there twice a week over the holiday period and while doing so, received a lot of positive feedback from passers-by, many of whom stopped for a chat.

With this in mind we approached Council to see whether the slip road could remain closed while further community consultation took place.

This was agreed and we attended several consultation sessions and finally canvassed the businesses along High Street to see what support there would be for a permanent small respite park in that location. We then presented a petition to Council that the area should be made into a permanent respite park and safe pedestrian crossing point.

Council voted in support of this and the plans were letter box dropped to the community in 2017. Since then we have seen no progress whatsoever and the corner has become an eyesore displeasing to the many pedestrians who would welcome a shady, safe respite along that very open section of High Street with clear markings around right of way, and also to the motorists who use that intersection.

My question is could Council please give us a time line of when the work will be started and the expected date of completion.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you very much for that question Nicky and I am going to ask Ms Ollivier to provide an update on that now or take that question on notice.

Ms Ollivier advised that the question would need to be taken on notice.

- **Geoffrey Richards - Preston**

I refer to recent publicity regarding the "WAR ON WASTE" on TV and rejection of some of our 're-cycled' waste by overseas recipient(s).

It appears much of our carefully re-cycled materials may still not meet requirements.

Can Council provide more detailed information on what constitutes acceptable re-cycling materials?

Is Council looking at adding food scraps/waste to its re-cycling collections?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

Thank you very much for those questions Geoff. We're very happy to provide you full information on what can and can't go and you've identified some really good examples of some of the things that people struggle with because obviously the cardboard box in the tissue box is recyclable and I know I pull the plastic off mine just to be sure.

The technology around recycling is improving rapidly and the ability of the people managing the recycling to actually separate and manage these things is improving, but we will provide you with the full information because I am sure the difficulties you have are shared by the community members, so the feedback is very useful for us.

With respect to food waste, we have run a recent successful trial in the Kingsbury area and are looking at how this can be rolled out to the rest of the municipality. We know there are a huge number of people who don't want to be putting food into their rubbish and that is going to happen in the near future. We have been audited for our recycling and found to have quite high standards. I think that there is always more that we can do and your question helps us to understand how we can get this information out to the community.

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

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2018, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie:

- **John Nugent**

COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE WHAT IT COSTS THE CITY EACH TIME THEY HAVE A COUNCIL MEETING?

THE COST OF HIRING SECURITY STAFF AND WHAT ARE THEIR DUTIES? ALSO THE COST OF MEALS PROVIDED FOR STAFF?

A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 19 DECEMBER 2018 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING A MEETING, SOME OF WHICH CANNOT BE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED (FOR EXAMPLE, THE UTILITIES AND AMENITY COSTS OF OPENING THE FACILITY FOR THE MEETING). STAFF TIME COSTS VARY FOR EACH MEETING, DEPENDING ON THE AGENDA AND NUMBER OF REPORTS BEING PRESENTED. THE AVERAGE COST OF DINNERS PROVIDED BEFORE MEETINGS THIS FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE IS \$700 (EX GST) PER MEETING, WHICH INCLUDES COUNCILLORS AND STAFF. DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL'S CATERING

CONTRACT FOR THIS SERVICE EXPIRES ON 30 JUNE 2019. COUNCIL HAS COMMENCED THE REVIEW OF THE SERVICE, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED COSTS AND WILL GO TO MARKET VIA A TENDER EARLY 2019 FOR A NEW CONTRACT.

THE COST OF SECURITY IS \$334 (EX GST) PER MEETING, BASED ON THE STANDARD SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. ON OCCASIONS, COUNCIL MAY ARRANGE FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY GUARDS TO BE PRESENT. THE ROLE OF SECURITY IS TO PROVIDE A VISIBLE PRESENCE THAT SUPPORTS THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETINGS.

- **JOHN NUGENT**

COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE WHAT COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER A FAIR AND REASONABLE TIME TO ANSWER CALLS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC?

A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 19 DECEMBER 2018 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.

I'M SURE YOU CAN APPRECIATE THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES MULTIPLE REQUESTS AND PHONE CALLS EVERY DAY. IN REGARDS TO STANDARD PROCESSING OF CALLS THROUGH OUR SERVICE CENTRE, WE ENDEAVOUR TO RETURN CALLS WITHIN 24 HOURS HOWEVER THAT MAY NOT ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE AS STAFF MAY NEED EXTRA TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE QUERY AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR STAFF TO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES.

IN REGARDS TO YOUR QUERIES, AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION POINT AND I AM ACTING AS YOUR POINT OF CONTACT. AS YOU KNOW JOHN, I AM HAPPY TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR QUESTIONS AND ALSO OVERSEE CORRESPONDENCE.

GENERALLY, I WOULD THINK THAT TOUCHING BASE BY PHONE EVERY 3 THREE WEEKS OR SO ABOUT ANY CURRENT QUESTIONS IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE NATURE OF THE MATTERS YOU HAVE ASKED ABOUT RECENTLY. IF THERE IS EVER ANYTHING THAT IS URGENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW IN ANY MESSAGE YOU LEAVE, AND I WILL ARRANGE FOR AN URGENT RESPONSE.

- **JOHN NUGENT**

COULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE WHY ONE CLUB IN THE CITY HAS A 2 STORY PAVILION, COSTING WELL OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS WHEN IT WAS FIRST BUILT AND ANOTHER ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE SAME PAVILION? RECENTLY A \$380,000.00 HAND OUT BY THE COUNCIL SO THIS CLUB COULD STAY IN THE VFLW WHICH WOULD ONLY EFFECT LESS 10% OF THEIR CLUB MEMBERSHIP. A GRANT FROM COUNCIL OF \$420,000.00 FOR 2 SETS OF LIGHTS WHICH WERE GIVEN TO THE CLUB IN ONE FINANCIAL YEAR AND IT ALSO RECEIVED BRAND NEW CRICKET NETS – THIS IS NOT INCLUDING THE WORKS DONE INSIDE THE PAVILION.

NO OTHER CLUB IN THE CITY HAS A TWO STOREY PAVILION. NO OTHER CLUB IN THE CITY HAS BEEN GIVEN \$380,000 AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY IT BACK. MEANWHILE, THE PRESTON RSL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REPAID TO COUNCIL \$30,000 IT BORROWED.

A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 19 DECEMBER 2018 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.

THE PAVILION AT AH CAPP RESERVE WAS UPGRADED IN 2004, AND AS THERE WAS NO ROOM TO EXPAND THE BUILDING LATERALLY, THE DESIGN OF THE BUILDING HAD TO WORK WITHIN THE SITE RESTRICTIONS BEING THE ADJOINING CAR PARK AND DRIVE WAY AND EMBANKMENT.

FURTHER, THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORT CLUB AND COUNCIL IS NOT A HAND OUT BUT A FUNDING AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT THE FALCONS TO FIELD A TEAM IN THE VFLW COMPETITION AND TO WORK TOWARDS INCREASING THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALL ASPECTS OF SPORT IN DAREBIN. THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF 15 OCTOBER PROVIDES \$80,000 PER ANNUM TO THE DAREBIN WOMEN'S SPORTING CLUB WITH THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF A FURTHER 2 YEARS FOR PAYMENTS OF \$80,000 AND \$60,000 FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS.

THE CLUB DOES NOT HAVE TO REPAY THE FUNDS BUT MUST DEMONSTRATE ACTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- A) ADVOCACY FOR GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S SPORT AND LEADERSHIP
- B) PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN SPORT
- C) PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP ROLES IN SPORT
- D) PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
- E) PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

AS THE ONLY FEMALE-ONLY CLUB IN DAREBIN WITH A HIGH PROFILE THROUGH THEIR VFLW PARTICIPATION AND A SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD OF ENGAGING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE CLUB, THE DAREBIN FALCONS ARE WELL PLACED TO SUPPORT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE ACROSS SPORTING CLUBS IN THE MUNICIPALITY.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 REQUEST TO AMEND TIMED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – GILBERT ROAD (EAST SIDE)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-002

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That the petition containing 8 signatories:

“We, the undersigned Traders, hereby petition Darebin Council to review and amend the existing timed parking restrictions to the following – 30 Minutes 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and 8am-12.30pm Saturday.

This petition is due to the failure of current restrictions accounting for visitors overstaying parking times to the detriment of all businesses that require high parking turnover. Therefore, denying accessibility of visitors to Darebin businesses within the immediate area.”

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

6.2 PARKING PETITION (WILCOX STREET PRECINCT)

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-003

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the petition containing 64 signatories:

“We the undersigned hereby petition Darebin City Council to:

- 1. Undertake an urgent review of the parking situation in the precinct bound by High Street, Youngman Street, Beauchamp Street and Plenty Road, including Wilcox Street and Pender Street (prior to embarking on its municipal wide parking strategy, scheduled for 2019).*
- 2. Implement a priority parking scheme for residents that is applicable as required during the day, in the evening and on the weekend, through the application of time based restrictions and dedicated and enforced Permit Zone arrangement, with free Permits available to residents and their visitor through a fair and equitable process.*
- 3. Ensure that any new businesses and new multi-storey residential development adequately consider parking management prior to Council issuing Town Planning Permits, and that these businesses and new developments not be entitled to parking permits to park in residential streets in a permanent capacity.”*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 SOLAR SAVER PROGRESS AND SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME

Author: Coordinator Energy and Adaptation

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To update Council on the progress of the Solar Saver scheme and seek Council's declaration of intent to declare a special charge for the next Solar Saver round.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of Council's Climate Emergency Plan. The proposed special charge scheme includes 126 properties and would add 748kW of solar to Darebin, doubling the total of previous programs. The program was open to all residents and low income residents, renters, pensioners and social housing residents have been prioritised.

The proposed special charge scheme totals over \$838,015.55 (\$1,305,102 including GST and pre STC claim) and these funds will be paid back to Council through the special charge scheme over 10 years. No interest is charged. These payments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-005

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

That:

- (1) Council gives notice of its intention to declare a special charge in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* as follows:
 - a) A special charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the tenth anniversary of that day.
 - b) The special charge be declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which project:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the special charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.

- c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution be recorded as \$838,015.55; and
 - ii. Amount for the special charge to be levied be recorded as \$838,015.55, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
 - d) The special charge be declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as Appendix B to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following be specified as the criteria which form the basis of the special charge so declared:
 - i. Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following be specified as the manner in which the special charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A special charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which a Householder Agreement has been executed, totalling \$838,015.55, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the special charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the special charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the proposed special charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the special charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) Council, for the purposes of having determined the total amount of the special charge to be levied:
- a. Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the special charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b. Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the special charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the special charge is 100%.

- (4) Public notice be given the *Northcote Leader* and *Preston Leader* newspapers of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 4 February 2019, the special charge in the form set out above.
- (5) Separate letters, enclosing a copy of this resolution, **Appendix B** to this report, and the public notice referred to in Paragraph 4 of this resolution, are to be sent to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the special charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the special charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
- (6) The Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee be convened, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear persons who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
- (7) Council's Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

CARRIED

**8.2 SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV SYSTEMS
FOR DAREBIN SOLAR SAVER - CT201842 CONTRACT
EXTENSION**

Author: Coordinator Energy and Adaptation

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

It is recommended that the existing Solar Saver Supply Panel contractor Solargain PV Pty Ltd, be given a two-month time extension for quoting, signing of the householder agreements and installation to enable more solar PV systems to be installed under the existing contract.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Delays to the commencement of the next round of quotations as a result of the Victorian Government's new Solar Homes rebate program, and sub-contractor installation price increases, mean that it is desirable for Council to extend the contract period and the contract amount to Solargain PV to maximise the delivery of solar to households in this contract round.

The anticipated price increases in the following rounds, means that the proposed contract extension provides excellent value for households; will result in less installation delays, and enables Council to prepare for the next round of Solar Saver more efficiently.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-006

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

That Council:

- (1) Extend the contract awarded to Solargain PV Pty Ltd for Stage 1 of implementation for Supply Panel 1 – residential and small non-residential to deliver the supply and installation of solar PV systems by two months to 31 August 2019 with a total contract sum of \$3,000,000 GST exclusive.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the supply contract on behalf of Darebin Council for Stage 1 of implementation for Supply Panel 1 - Residential and Small, non-residential Solar PV systems.

CARRIED

The following person made a submission in relation to this item and was thanked by the Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

- Anne Laver

8.3 PROPOSED LOCAL LAW FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Author: Manager Parks and Gardens

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement for the introduction of a local law to afford protection of trees on private property.

The purpose of a Tree Protection Local Law is to ensure that the component of the urban forest on private property is healthy, safe, provides amenity and increases liveability for the community by:

- Prohibiting, regulating and controlling activities that could be a risk or endanger protected trees in Darebin.
- Applying controls which will complement other controls such as Vegetation Protection and Environmental Significance Overlay overlays already applied by Council to maintain and protect trees in Darebin.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Several options have been considered to protect trees on private property including extending overlays to the entire municipality to the introduction of a local law. The Urban Forest Strategy calls for Council to consider introducing greater protection for trees on private land as an action - 'Council will advocate for the protection and proper maintenance of trees within the Urban Forest'.

The introduction of a local law will provide protection for trees on private property while extension of planning overlays and a significant tree register are considered.

The local law will require a permit to be obtained to prune or remove protected trees. The definition of a protected tree is a tree with a single or combined trunk circumference greater than 125 centimetres measured at 1.5 metres above ground level and having a height greater than 8 metres, but excludes species that are declared Noxious Weeds.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-007

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the draft Tree Protection Local Law 2018 and Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy 2018, attached at **Appendix A and B** for public submission.

- (2) Undertakes a public consultation process in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Public submissions can be made for a period of 28 days. Any person who makes a written submission in relation to the draft Tree Protection Local Law 2018 and requests to be heard in support of the written submission, will be heard by the Hearing of Submissions Committee at a date and time to be fixed no earlier than 7 days after the submission closing date.
- (3) Notes officers will give notice in the Government Gazette and public notice in accordance with sections 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* of Council's intention to adopt, the Tree Protection Local Law 2018 at an Ordinary meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following person made a submission in relation to this item and was thanked by the Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Rennie:

- Anne Laver

8.4 CONTRACT NO CT 201877, CONSTRUCTION OF BEAVERS ROAD BRIDGE

Author: Senior Project Manager

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

To seek approval to award Contract CT 201877 for the construction of Beavers Road Shared Path Cable Stayed Bridge.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The scope of works includes:

- Construction of a 77m long steel and concrete footbridge supported by a 28m high tower with steel cable stays. The bridge is to be built on concrete piles and abutments over Merri Creek, at the western end of Beavers Road, Northcote.
- Construction of shared concrete footpaths from the bridge linking to Beavers Road on the eastern side (Darebin municipality) and to an existing shared path near Kingfisher Gardens, Brunswick East, on the western side (Moreland municipality).
- Installation of associated items including handrail, balustrade, solar lighting, bollards, a gate and signage.
- Removal of (non-remnant) vegetation and the replanting of the area with indigenous trees, shrubs and ground cover.
- Works to be in accordance with the requirements of Melbourne Water and SP Ausnet.
- Construction commencement is subject to receiving approved Planning Permits.

A publicly advertised Request for Tender (RFT) was released on 1 September 2018 for the Contract. The RFT closed on 4 October 2018 with submissions from eleven (11) companies being received. The Tender Evaluation Panel has evaluated the tenders and recommends awarding the contract to the preferred tenderer.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT201877 for the Construction of Beavers Road Shared Path Cable Stayed Bridge to _____ for the contract sum of \$_____ (GST inclusive);
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$_____ (inclusive of GST), being

approximately ___% of the Contract amount, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT201877; and

- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of Council.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-008**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract No. CT201877 for the Construction of Beavers Road Shared Path Cable Stayed Bridge to Simpson Construction Co. for the contract sum of \$2,894,870 (GST inclusive);
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$289,400 (inclusive of GST), being approximately 10% of the Contract amount, to be used if required for variations and other unforeseen items as part of Contract No. CT201877; and
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

Cr. Gaetano Greco temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.04pm

8.5 WELCOMING CITIES REFERENCE GROUP SUCCESSFUL EOI APPLICANTS**Author:** Coordinator Equity and Diversity**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the successful applicants of the Welcoming Cities Reference Group as recommended by the expression of interest (EOI) panel, and to amend the terms of reference to add a member representing the Traditional Owners.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Welcoming Cities aims to support local councils to become more welcoming and inclusive of new communities through application of the Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities (The Standard).

Council has established a Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group. The Terms of Reference endorsed by Council on 3 December 2018 determined that, of the eleven (11) voting members of the Reference Group, four (4) members shall be drawn from the local community following an EOI process, including community representation from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Applications for this process closed on 6 January 2019 with five community applications received. An internal assessment panel convened on 9 January 2019 to consider the EOIs.

In addition, confirmation of representatives from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council and Darebin Interfaith Council has been received. Nomination of a representative from the Darebin Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Council is expected soon.

This report recommends an addition to the Reference Group representation, to include a position for the Traditional Owners body. An invitation to participate has been forwarded to the Wurundjeri Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council Aboriginal Corporation.

In relation to level of accreditation, on receipt of further advice from Welcoming Cities, Council will be applying for the 'Advanced' level of accreditation reflecting Council's history of engaging with cultural diversity and inclusion across the Standards.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the following people as voting members of the Welcoming Cities Reference Group: *[insert three names]*.
- (2) Endorses the proposed amendments to the Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group Terms of Reference, as attached.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-009

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the following people as voting members of the Welcoming Cities Reference Group: Roza Vasseghi, Ponniah Anandajayasekeram and Zaynab Farah.
- (2) Endorses the proposed amendments to the Darebin Welcoming Cities Reference Group Terms of Reference, as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Gaetano Greco returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.10pm.

Cr. Lina Messina declared an interest in the following 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 Italian community.

Cr. Lina Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 7.11pm.

8.6 AGED CARE ASSESSMENT SERVICES - COMMONWEALTH CONSULTATION

Author: A/Manager Aged and Disability

Reviewed By: General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To inform Council about the Australian Government Department of Health Discussion Paper *Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care*, and to request Council authorisation to make a submission to the consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The My Aged Care system includes two types of assessment service:

- Regional Assessment Service (RAS, for people with entry level needs) and
- Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT aimed at people with more complex needs, including for those needing residential aged care).

Since July 2016, Darebin Council has been funded by the Commonwealth via the State Government to provide Home Support assessments for older people with entry level needs. This is part of the Northern RAS, and the Darebin service is likely to continue to receive this funding until June 2020.

Most Victorian Councils provide assessment services as part of a RAS, while in other states such as NSW it is more common for hospitals or other providers to provide assessment services. ACAT services in Victoria are mostly provided by hospitals.

The Commonwealth intends to streamline assessment services in My Aged Care, with a view to creating an integrated assessment service. In December 2018 the Department of Health issued a discussion paper about this topic, and called for feedback by 11 February 2019.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Makes a submission to the Federal Government *Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care* consultation process, to include the following key points:
 - (a) Streamlining assessment services, if it is to occur, must be primarily driven by improved client experiences and outcomes;
 - (b) Cultural diversity and social disadvantage should be considered in any service reforms;

- (c) The national My Aged Care intake system must be improved and difficulties addressed, to provide genuine support to those in need of services;
 - (d) Intake and assessment services must include appropriately qualified staff, preferably with the capacity for local knowledge of services and programs;
 - (e) Assessment services should be focusing on both reablement (health) and wellness (wellbeing);
 - (f) Assessment services which include staff with local knowledge of services and programs can help achieve much better experiences and outcomes for clients;
 - (g) Changes to introduce an integrated assessment service should allow for the possibility of councils continuing to provide assessment services as part of My Aged Care.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit the submission by the deadline of 11 February.

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Makes a submission to the Federal Government *Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care* consultation process, to include the following key points:
 - (a) Streamlining assessment services, if it is to occur, must be primarily driven by improved client experiences and outcomes;
 - (b) Cultural diversity and social disadvantage should be considered in any service reforms;
 - (c) The national My Aged Care intake system must be improved and difficulties addressed, to provide genuine support to those in need of services;
 - (d) Intake and assessment services must include appropriately qualified staff, preferably with the capacity for local knowledge of services and programs;
 - (e) Assessment services should be focusing on both reablement (health) and wellness (wellbeing);
 - (f) Assessment services which include staff with local knowledge of services and programs can help achieve much better experiences and outcomes for clients;
 - (g) Changes to introduce an integrated assessment service should allow for the possibility of councils continuing to provide assessment services as part of My Aged Care.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit the submission by the deadline of 11 February.

Cr. Laurence proposed to the mover and seconder that point (b) be amended to read as follows;

- (b) Culturally diverse and socially disadvantaged residents deserve a 'no disadvantage test' in relation to any Federal changes and this 'no disadvantage test' should be considered in any service reform

This was not accepted by the Mover Cr. Newton.

Amendment

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

That Council:

1. Makes a submission to the Federal Government *Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care* consultation process, to include the following key points:
 - (a) Streamlining assessment services, if it is to occur, must be primarily driven by improved client experiences and outcomes;
 - (b) **Culturally diverse and socially disadvantaged residents deserve a ‘no disadvantage test’ in relation to any Federal changes and this ‘no disadvantage test’ should be considered in any service reform;**
 - (c) The national My Aged Care intake system must be improved and difficulties addressed, to provide genuine support to those in need of services;
 - (d) Intake and assessment services must include appropriately qualified staff, preferably with the capacity for local knowledge of services and programs;
 - (e) Assessment services should be focusing on both reablement (health) and wellness (wellbeing);
 - (f) Assessment services which include staff with local knowledge of services and programs can help achieve much better experiences and outcomes for clients;
 - (g) Changes to introduce an integrated assessment service should allow for the possibility of councils continuing to provide assessment services as part of My Aged Care.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit the submission by the deadline of 11 February.

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

Motion

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

That Council:

1. Makes a submission to the Federal Government *Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care* consultation process, to include the following key points:
 - (a) Streamlining assessment services, if it is to occur, must be primarily driven by improved client experiences and outcomes;
 - (b) Culturally diverse and socially disadvantaged residents deserve a ‘no disadvantage test’ in relation to any Federal changes and this ‘no disadvantage test’ should be considered in any service reform;
 - (c) The national My Aged Care intake system must be improved and difficulties addressed, to provide genuine support to those in need of services;
 - (d) Intake and assessment services must include appropriately qualified staff, preferably with the capacity for local knowledge of services and programs;

- (e) Assessment services should be focusing on both reablement (health) and wellness (wellbeing);
 - (f) Assessment services which include staff with local knowledge of services and programs can help achieve much better experiences and outcomes for clients;
 - (g) Changes to introduce an integrated assessment service should allow for the possibility of councils continuing to provide assessment services as part of My Aged Care.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit the submission by the deadline of 11 February.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-010

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

That Council:

1. Makes a submission to the Federal Government *Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care* consultation process, to include the following key points:
- (a) Streamlining assessment services, if it is to occur, must be primarily driven by improved client experiences and outcomes;
 - (b) Culturally diverse and socially disadvantaged residents deserve a 'no disadvantage test' in relation to any Federal changes and this 'no disadvantage test' should be considered in any service reform;
 - (c) The national My Aged Care intake system must be improved and difficulties addressed, to provide genuine support to those in need of services;
 - (d) Intake and assessment services must include appropriately qualified staff, preferably with the capacity for local knowledge of services and programs;
 - (e) Assessment services should be focusing on both reablement (health) and wellness (wellbeing);
 - (f) Assessment services which include staff with local knowledge of services and programs can help achieve much better experiences and outcomes for clients;
 - (g) Changes to introduce an integrated assessment service should allow for the possibility of councils continuing to provide assessment services as part of My Aged Care.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit the submission by the deadline of 11 February.

CARRIED

Cr. Lina Messina returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.27pm.

8.7 FUTURE FUNDING OF KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**Author:** Coordinator Children and Community Development**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the Federal Government advocacy campaign I Love Kinder and provide information about three year old kindergarten funding reforms.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recent significant reports have drawn on evidence to demonstrate the difference early interventions can make in shaping a child's life, particularly for disadvantaged children. With a substantial amount of brain development occurring in the first 1000 days of a baby's life, the potential of quality early childhood education to improve a range of outcomes, in the short, medium and long term is well established by an abundance of research. For this reason, past governments have funded 15 hours of four-year-old kindergarten per week to provide children with the best start to life.

In December 2019, the current Federal funding for 15 hours of kindergarten a week for four year olds is due to expire with no ongoing commitment from the Australian Government.

The I Love Kinder community campaign is supported by the MAV and aims to generate visible public support for ongoing and permanent federal funding for 15 hours of four year old kindergarten in the lead up to the 2019 federal budget and federal election. This report seeks Council endorsement of the campaign.

This report also provides an overview of new funding for three year old kindergarten reforms, with both the Federal and Victorian Labor Party recently announcing funding to provide every child with access to two years of funded kindergarten. Council will be informed as further details and implications are known. These reforms are an important step towards improved outcomes for children, however the immediate need is for secured funding for 15 hours of four year old kindergarten.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the I Love Kinder campaign, engaging in campaign activities which generate visible public support for ongoing kindergarten funding.
- (2) Notes the report and upcoming changes to three-year-old kindergarten.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the I Love Kinder campaign, engaging in campaign activities which generate visible public support for ongoing kindergarten funding.
- (2) Notes the report and upcoming changes to three-year-old kindergarten.

Cr. Gaetano Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that an amendment be made to include an additional point (3):

- (3) Writes to our Local Federal Members of Parliament requesting they support the I Love Kinder community campaign.

This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the I Love Kinder campaign, engaging in campaign activities which generate visible public support for ongoing kindergarten funding.
- (2) Notes the report and upcoming changes to three-year-old kindergarten.
- (3) Writes to our Local Federal Members of Parliament requesting they support the I Love Kinder' community campaign.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-011

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the I Love Kinder campaign, engaging in campaign activities which generate visible public support for ongoing kindergarten funding.
- (2) Notes the report and upcoming changes to three-year-old kindergarten.
- (3) Writes to our Local Federal Members of Parliament requesting they support the I Love Kinder community campaign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR, CR. RENNIE, CR. NEWTON WITHDREW THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 HONOURING AYA MAARSARWE

Councillor: Susanne NEWTON

NoM No.: 389

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 4 February 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) Is deeply saddened and appalled by the violent and senseless death of Aya Maarsarwe.*
- (2) Extends our deep and heartfelt condolences to Aya's family, friends and community.*
- (3) Notes the outpouring of grief, deep sadness and support from the local community.*
- (4) Asserts the right of all those who live, work, study and visit Darebin to be safe from violence and free from fear, including international students.*
- (5) Deplores violence against women in all its forms, and commits to continue Council's active work on violence prevention and community safety.*
- (6) Acknowledges and thanks emergency services including the Victoria Police, La Trobe University, Council staff, and the community who organised vigils, for the difficult work of responding to this tragedy.*
- (7) Notes that the Council CEO has met with La Trobe University and Public Transport Victoria to work collaboratively on responding to this tragedy.*
- (8) Will consult with Aya's family about a tribute or commemoration of Aya in Darebin.*

Notice Received: 22 January 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 29 January 2019

Date of Meeting: 4 February 2019

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:

- Council Briefing Session – 8 October 2018 (**Amendment**)
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee – 22 November 2018
- Darebin Interfaith Advisory Committee Meeting – 29 November 2018
- Darebin Women’s Advisory Committee – 29 November 2018
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 10 December 2018
- Council Briefing Session – 10 December 2018
- Planning Committee Briefing – 17 December 2018

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-012

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 8 October 2018, 22 and 29 November 2018, 10 and 17 December 2018 attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-013

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

CR. RENNIE REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- ICAN CONCEPT DRAWING PRESENTATION
- ICAN MURAL LAUNCH
- DEFIANT LIVES FILM SCREENING
- MAV TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
- JIKA JIKA END OF YEAR BBQ
- ROSSMOYNE STREET CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- MEDIA PROTOCOL DISCUSSION
- MEETING WITH MAYOR OF YARRA
- AGED CARE DISCUSSION WITH GED KEARNEY
- INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH COUNCILLORS X 7
- DIVERS END OF YEAR PARTY
- ACTIVE HEALTHY AND AGING ADVISORY BOARD
- AFRICAN AMBASSADORS GRADUATION CEREMONY
- DAREBIN CHRISTMAS PARTY
- BRIEFING ON BACK YOUR NEIGHBOUR CAMPAIGN
- PRE BRIEFING FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE
- WELCOME TO COUNTRY CEREMONY AT RUTHVEN RESERVE
- ROMA SOCIAL CLUB DINNER DANCE
- MAV MAYORS AND DEPUTY MAYORS INDUCTION EVENT
- CLIMATE EMERGENCY SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- LOVE CROSSING REMOVALS ON-SITE VISIT MERNDA
- EVENT WITH LINDA BURNEY MP AND GED KEARNEY – VACSAL
- MP ROBIN SCOTT MEETING WITH SUE WILKINSON (CEO) AND CR. SUSAN RENNIE (MAYOR) OF DAREBIN COUNCIL

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORAL TASKFORCE SUPPORTING PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM TELECONFERENCE
- IMPLEMENTATION PLAN MEETING - LIBRARIES AFTER DARK
- NO JAB NO PLAY – MINISTERIAL VISIT
- MAYOR ONE ON ONE CATCH UP WITH THE CEO
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORAL TASKFORCE SUPPORTING PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM MEETING
- MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ONE ON ONE CATCH UP MEETING
- INTERVIEW ON ABC DRIVE REGARDING AYA MAASARWE
- MAYOR ONE ON ONE CATCH UP WITH THE CEO
- MAYOR/CEO MEETING WITH KAT THEOPHANOUS MP
- INTERVIEW WITH JOY FM
- INTERVIEW WITH ALISON CARABINE ON RADIO NATIONAL
- 26 INTERVIEW WITH NATIONAL INDIGENOUS RADIO SERVICE
- MEETING SEEKING SUPPORT OF ASYLUM SEEKER
- BRIEFING - FRIENDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING MEETING
- COUNCIL BRIEFING
- PUBLIC AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING - DAREBIN COMMUNITY FRIENDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING
- CLIMATE COUNCIL'S CITIES POWER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM - DISCUSSION MEETING
- MAYOR'S WRITING AWARD BRIEFING MEETING
- BELL RESIDENTS - PRESTON LEVEL CROSSING REMOVALS MEETING
- DAREBIN NATURE TRUST MEETING
- ATTENDANCE AT THE OPENING OF PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL
- MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT - MAYORAL ADDRESS TO STUDENTS
- EXHIBITION OPENING AT BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD
- CLIMATE EMERGENCY DAREBIN COMMITTEE MEETING
- MEETING WITH DADA

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

CR. LE CERF REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- NORTHERN BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
- JIKA JIKA END OF YEAR BBQ
- DAREBIN NATURE TRUST STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

- ICAN MURAL COMMISSION LAUNCH
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING X 2
- DAREBIN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- ICLEI OCEANIA CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- DIVRS END OF YEAR PARTY
- CED COMMITTEE MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY
- DAREBIN CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
- CLIMATE EMERGENCY DINNER PLANNING
- PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- NAGA ADVOCACY WORKING GROUP MEETING
- CED COMMITTEE MEETING
- COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

CR. AMIR IS ON AN APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

CR. GRECO REPORTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES

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REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

CR. MCCARTHY REPORTED ON HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

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REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

CR. MESSINA REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

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REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

CR. NEWTON REPORTED ON HER ATTENDANCE AT THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS/ACTIVITIES:

- BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD ART CENTRE BOARD INDUCTION
- BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD ART CENTRE LAUNCH OF 'DAPPER' IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL
- DAREBIN NATURE TRUST MEETING

- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAYORAL TASKFORCE SUPPORTING PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM COMMITTEE MEETING
- MEETING WITH THEO AND BILL FROM KEON PARK FOOTBALL CLUB
- MEETING WITH JOANNE TAYLOR, CEO OF PLACE LEADERS
- MAV MAYORAL TRAINING / INDUCTION – FOR MAYORS AND DEPUTY MAYORS
- VLGA BOARD MEETING
- DAREBIN ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
- SECOND CONVERSATION – MEETING WITH AFRICAN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

- COUNCIL MEETING
- COUNCIL BRIEFING SESSION
- SCREENING OF FILM 'DEFIANT LIVES' ACKNOWLEDGE UN HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY
- PARADE COLLEGE PRESTON ANNUAL TOY DRIVE
- GREEK WOMEN OF NORTHERN SUBURBS CLUB
- CAROLS IN ALL NATIONS PARK
- ICAN MURAL COMMISSION LAUNCH
- DAREBIN DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- COUNCILLOR BRIEFING
- MEETING WITH AFRICAN AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DAREBIN COUNCIL
- DIVRS END OF YEAR PARTY 2018
- CANTABILE CHOIR
- DAREBIN CHRISTMAS PARTY
- PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
- ATTENDED AYA'S MAASARWE VIGIL
- ONE ON ONE CATCH UP WITH THE MAYOR
- COUNCIL BRIEFING
- ATTENDED TO MATTER AND DISCUSSIONS WITH RESIDENTS REGARDING:
PARKING, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, HOMELESSNESS, PRESTON MARKET, SAFETY ON THE STREETS, DEATH OF AYA, DIRTY SHOPPING STRIP, GRAFFITI, BUSINESS CONCERNS, RESERVOIR LEVEL CROSSING, PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND VCAT CONCERNS, DEVELOPMENT IN THE

AREA, NO DROP OFF FOR COMMUTERS AT THE STATION, HOME HELP, AUSTRALIA DAY DEBATE, AGE CARE, ELECTION QUIRES,

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.34pm.