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

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

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

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



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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.02 pm

WELCOME

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

Ngarrgma Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung guljin gurringanyinu bik wenerop Darebin dharri. Ngarrri yana ngarnga bik, baan ba ngarrgu. Gahgook-al Nanggit Bambuth, Yalingbu ba gama-dji.

"I acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people who are the Traditional Owners of the land. I recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging."

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Shadi Hanna - Manager Aged and Disability

Felicity Leahy - Manager recreations & Libraries

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Milan Nagda - Service Desk Support Officer

Michelle Martin - Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Messina disclosed an indirect conflict of interest in Item 10.9 – Notice of Motion, Report on Feasibility of Council Becoming a Provider of Age Care Packages due to a conflicting duty created by her employment with a Home Care Packages provider.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-237

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Serena O'Meley, Reservoir**

At the Darebin Council meeting of 5 October 2018, Council resolved (MINUTE NO. 18-289) to oppose rezoning of Public Parkland at 1-11 McMahon Road and to negotiate for its retention within the municipality. This land is of strategic importance for biodiversity, habitat and recreation purposes because it is located in Clements Reserve which borders Darebin Creek. Can Council confirm whether this land has been secured from DEWLP? If not, can a progress report be provided on the current state of negotiations to retain the land?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question.

I can confirm that Council wrote to the Minister for Planning following the resolution of 15 October 2018. In this letter, Council stated that it doesn't support the proposal to rezone the Land from Public Park and Recreation Zone and that we're calling for the Land to be either surrendered to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, or transferred to Council.

Discussions between Council and the State Government about the future of the land are ongoing; however, we understand that the State Government is not proposing to rezone it while the discussions are underway.

One of the avenues being explored by Council is the possible purchase of the land. A report to Council with a recommendation about the future of the land is expected to be presented in the first quarter of next year.

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

I'm the convener of Does Council Care and I'm here tonight to make a submission to item 8.3 which is the Gardening and Lawn Mowing service but I do have a question as well.

How is the Case Management Pilot Project going? And when can we expect some action?

Response from Manager Aged & Disability, Shadi Hanna

Through you Mayor, Council Officers have been preparing and planning for the implementation of Homecare packages trials. We have engaged with a not-for-profit provider to explore how Council can offer its existing aged care services to clients who wish to continue to be part of Council services once they move to Homecare packages.

The trial is expected to engage about 40 existing clients. We are in the process of finalising our internal planning and hopefully we will be meeting with the not-for-profit to continue this conversation in the next couple of weeks.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you Mr Hanna. Thank you Ms Vote for that question, we will come back to you for the submission at 8.3.

- **Nish Dahnayake, Greenborough**

It's a question on DECC and funding. I represent a group called People for Human Rights and Equality in the Singhalese and Tamil Committee.

My questions are relating to the fact that you have seriously demotivated the DECC team by taking the funds off them and now offering financial planning.

Are you aware of the capabilities of individuals engaged in DECC activities? As an example the guy who handles the bookkeeping Sian, has worked with the World Bank as an economist and myself have also done million dollar projects in Australia and overseas. It's that kind of people that are engaged in voluntary work.

My second question is; Can you view these endeavours rather with some loving kindness which is a philosophy as volunteers we follow. May I quote a verse from the Buddha that I have repeatedly read at DECC memorial services for the victims of Genocide. The verse means just as a Mother would guard her only child at the risk of her own life. Let him cultivate boundless mind of loving kindness towards all beings. Let thoughts of boundless love pervade the whole world above, below and across without any obstruction, without any hatred without any animosity.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for the question. I would like to say that as someone that regularly attends the committee of DECC, I appreciate that there are many skilled and talented people with a range of skills and that nothing in relation to the situation which DECC finds itself with funding is a reflection on the very fine quality skills and professional abilities of members of the community. Thank you.

- **John Nugent , Epping**

Mayor Rennie, I have two questions tonight. The first question was that I backed La Trobe yesterday in the Melbourne Cup as I was hoping it would come first for a change but anyway not to worry.

Mayor Rennie my question is about "The Gag" that council has placed on me asking questions on the Dole/Donath Masterplan by phone.

Firstly I believe my democratic rights have been taken away from me by this action taken by this Council.

There was a petition presented to Council with 130 signatures requesting that I be their advocate to speak to Council on the masterplan and as yet I have not received a reply regarding this petition. I know I have more people supporting me than on the CRG.

In the letter given to me, it does not state a time limit. Has the Council got the right to take away one's democratic rights away from me? Mayor Rennie, have I got a right of appeal against this decision? By the time this question is answered it will be 6 months since I have rung up and by the time you recommence in 2020 it will be 8 months.

Mayor Rennie, My second question concerns Mr Brian Sanaghan. Could you please advise why the police were called by the Council on the 2/9/19, when Mr Shanaghan did not enter the building?

Also has Mr Sanaghan got the right to stand outside the Council Building when there is a Council Meeting? And isn't this a waste of Police resources every time he turns up?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you Mr Nugent. In relation to your question on Brian Sanaghan. I'll take that on notice.

In relation to your question about why you are no longer able to call Officers at Customer Service and other people; that has been explained to you and relates to the inordinate amount of time that people were spending trying to provide you multiple answers on the same question asked over again. That amount of time is unjustified for a person who lives in Epping to expect to be able to tie up Officers and their time distracting them from work that they are doing for people and behalf of people in this municipality, thank you.

- **Nalliah, Suriyakamaran**

I'm from the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council. I just want to know whether the Councillors are mindful of the fact that migrants' lived experience, especially in Australia and other Western countries, is one where they are marginalised, they are made invisible, their skillset and their qualifications and all the learning they have are not valued. That's unfortunately the reality, so when migrants look at offers they would view it through that lens. So my question is were the Councillors mindful of the fact that migrant communities' experience in this country especially in relation to acknowledging their skills and their contributions has always been one of them being invisible and were Councillors mindful of that? Thank you.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question. This Council is particularly committed to working with communities from all over the world and this Council is particularly conscience that one of our greatest strengths is the diversity of our community and the many wonderful skills and experiences that they bring to Australia and to our community in Darebin. That's on display in many of the policies that we have in place, in many of the activities that Council undertakes, and one of the reasons why we were one of the inaugural councils to sign up to the Welcoming Cities Framework, which is a framework that embraces the skills and experience and strength of people from all over the world when they come to our municipality.

- **Adam Newman, Wollert**

My question relates to item 8.7 on the Agenda regarding the Electoral Commissions report on the boundaries of Darebin City Council and I'm not entirely sure if it is appropriate for this section, but I will ask the question anyway.

Does the Council support the recommendation made by the Electoral Commission in regards to the Ward boundaries?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you very much for that question. That matter is on the Agenda for consideration tonight, so I am not able to pre-empt the decision of Council, but we will get to that item and I would hope that if you would like to make a submission you can stay until we get to that item on the Agenda. You are able to make a submission of up to two minutes in length that talks to what you think we should do and helps inform our decision. We invite the submissions before the item in question. Thank you.

- **Sofia Kotanidis, Bundoora**

Hello, considering all the work and cooperation DECC has had with both Councillors and Council Officers for over 20 years and very many times Council has sought consultation from DECC on numerous issues relating to the ethnic community. Why has the Council then passed a motion for DECC to have governance and financial planning training?

We've done so much work with Council over so many years and we were always consulted. To now be given this, we find this very deeply offensive and very degrading.

Will Council apologise to DECC for this statement? And then would they seek to mend relations with DECC for the betterment of not only the Ethnic Communities but also the whole of the Darebin Community.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question. The second part of your question relates to an item on the Agenda, so I am unable to pre-empt a decision of this Council. The first part of your question in relation to why Council would offer governance support relates to previous work that Council has done with the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council, which identified some governance issues which resulted in DECC asking and receiving support from Council in the form of a consultant to deliver some training. That took place earlier in the year and the consultant and DECC identified in the

submission that they would do further work on governance and as a result of that, Council with goodwill extended an offer to support DECC with that further work.

Pursuant to the Councils *Governance Local Law 2017*, the response to a question from the public taken on notice must be recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council meeting.

At the Council meeting held on 14 October 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

- **Keith Coffey, Reservoir**

My complaint, I'll call it a complaint is the lack of service. Why do Council put recycle bins near shops and don't empty them regularly? That one's been there for nearly two months and why do they put in garden beds to make the area beautiful and have it full of weeds and not go back and care for it?

And another thing, this is a separate one, except for the recycle bin, I reported that, and I reported that on your downstairs thing on the weekend and today, and I came home tonight and they are still just the same. I firstly reported the recycle bin last week and the lady didn't give me a number because her computer wasn't working. I took that at face value and I thought

It would get emptied but it's just appalling to think that we are going back to being like we are the forgotten ward again.

Response from Brett Grambau, Manager City Works (Actioned on 15 Oct 2019)

Officers confirmed the location of the unemptied recycled bins and rubbish bins and organised for these to be attended to the next day.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Once again the shopkeepers at the Preston Market were disadvantaged by the people using the Market as a car park. Thus the customers wishing to purchase goods from the Market could not do so.

This is brought about by the Council leasing the City Oval to the NFNL and not taking into account the shopkeepers at the Market.

Mayor Rennie, I have talked to several butchers, fishmongers, poultry shop, a deli shop and other food stalls. All shopkeepers advised that their takings were down by 15% to 20%.

Mayor Rennie, will Council compensate the shopkeepers at the Market?

Mayor Rennie, will Council give the shopkeepers a fair go and finally get a resolution to this problem?

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie,

With regards to the letter I received from Council dated 26/7/19. It stated that the NFNL have arranged for the use of extra car parking with Melbourne Polytechnic. In your letter it also stated that NFNL will use social media platform to heavily promote and encourage using public transport and the parking option advantage. It also stated the NFNL have confirmed that clubs attending the City Oval, hire mini buses to transport players and supporters to and from the venue. It finally states Council officers are liaising with the NFNL regarding these arrangements for the upcoming finals series.

Mayor Rennie, I have notice from the NFNL sent out to the clubs, it states – patrons attending the finals at the City Oval are encouraged to park at the Melbourne Polytechnic – nothing about not parking in the Market. In the same notice to clubs it states once again nothing about using public transport and clubs hiring mini buses to transport players and supporters.

Mayor Rennie, if this Council 'Fair Dinkum' to all parties then it's about time Council lease out the City Oval for 1 (one) match only on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) starting at 2.30pm.

Mayor Rennie, in the letter (26/7/19) it stated Council offices are liaising with the NFNL regarding these arrangements.

Mayor Rennie, why didn't Council officers liaise with the NFNL from week one of the finals informing these arrangements were not kept or didn't offices know about any of these arrangements.

A written response dated 24 October 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Thank you for your questions submitted for Public Question Time at the 14 October 2019 Council Meeting.

“Mayor Rennie, will Council compensate the shopkeepers at the Market?”

Thank you for your care for shopkeepers at the market. Ensuring the market and traders thrive is a really important priority for Council.

Generally events that draw people to the local area increase foot traffic and help to promote local businesses such as the Preston Market. Running events in activity centres like central Preston is a well-established approach to local business development.

While we have no plans to compensate shopkeepers at the Market, what we can do is support local traders in lots of different ways and our Economic Development team can speak to local businesses to work out what options there are to help in their circumstances.

What you can do is either pass contact details for any businesses you are aware of to Council, or encourage people that have raised concerns with you to contact Council directly. Council staff would speak to them directly.

Mayor Rennie, will Council give the shopkeepers a fair go and finally get a resolution to this problem?"

Please refer to our letters to you of 8 October 2018 and 26 July 2019, regarding how we're helping provide parking for both Market and Oval users. We regard the strategies in place as suitable for best sharing parking space in the area during times when lots of people want to use it including the peak use times at the Preston City Oval. We will continue to work the NFLN to identify further opportunities for improvement.

Mayor Rennie, - why didn't Council officers liaise with the NFNL from week one of the finals informing these arrangements were not kept or didn't officers know about any of these arrangements.

I can confirm that Council officers are in regular communication with the NFNL and have a good working relationship with them to manage these events. We will continue to work the NFLN to identify further opportunities for improvement. I am conscious that you may not have full access to all communications made by the NFNL to their stakeholders in the lead up to the finals.

The Preston Market carpark is privately owned and managed by Preston Market Management, which means that Council does not set parking restrictions or paid parking arrangements at the site. One thing that any market operators concerned about parking can do is to raise this with the market management. Further detail about parking is in our letters to you of 8 October 2018 and 26 July 2019.

- Hahn Huynh-Pitts, Preston

With the Preston Market, can Council check or raise question to the owner around the safety of the market?

Wendy Dinning, Economic Development Coordinator, City Sustainability and Strategy

A representative of the Economic Development Unit made phone contact with Hahn Huynh-Pitts to discuss the issues raised.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 SAVE RESERVOIR POLICE STATION

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-238

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

That the supplementary petition with approximately 74 signatures stating:

“We the undersigned residents, shoppers and traders call on the Darebin Council and State Government to keep a police station at Edwardes Street Reservoir open. Without an Edwardes Street Police station in central Reservoir we feel the community will be less safe and crime will return to the area.”

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration with the petition received at the 23 September 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-239

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to support for Medevac be admitted to the agenda and heard as Item 7.1.

CARRIED

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Cr. Amir declared an indirect conflict of interest in Agenda Item 7.1 due to a conflicting duty created by her employment in the Federal Public Service.

6.23 pm – Cr. Amir left the meeting

7.1 URGENT SUPPORT FOR MEDEVAC**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-240**

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that key medical bodies have come out in strong support for Medevac which has proven to be a crucial lifeline for refugees and asylum seekers in detention camps overseas and has already saved lives of people in desperate need of medical care.
- (2) Writes to Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Greens and crossbench senators to support doctors and Australia's peak medical bodies by voting to keep Medevac when it comes before the Senate and the House of Representatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.30 pm – Cr. Amir returned to the meeting

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-241**

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to consular support for Julian Assange be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.2.

CARRIED**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Cr. Amir declared an indirect conflict of interest in the following matter due to a conflicting duty created by her employment in the Federal Public Service.

6.31 pm – Cr. Amir left the meeting

7.2 CONSULAR SUPPORT FOR JULIAN ASSANGE

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that WikiLeaks publisher Julian Assange was a resident of Darebin and lived for a short period in the suburb on Thornbury.
- (2) Notes that Julian Assange is in very poor health and facing extradition from the UK to the US in an unprecedented Espionage Act prosecution for engaging in journalistic activity. If convicted, he faces 175 years imprisonment and therefore needs urgent consular support to help him prepare his defence.
- (3) Notes that Amnesty International's Deputy Director for Europe, Massimo Moratti said the UK must not extradite Julian Assange to the USA and that:
 - "The British authorities must acknowledge the real risks of serious human rights violations Julian Assange would face if sent to the USA and reject the extradition request. The UK must comply with the commitment it's already made that he would not be sent anywhere he could face torture or other ill-treatment.
 - "The UK must abide by its obligations under international human rights law that forbids the transfer of individuals to another country where they would face serious human rights violations. Were Julian Assange to be extradited or subjected to any other transfer to the USA, Britain would be in breach of these obligations."
- (4) Notes that UN Special Rapporteur on torture, Nils Melzer said that:

"My most urgent concern is that, in the United States, Mr Assange would be exposed to a real risk of serious violations of his human rights, including his freedom of expression, his right to a fair trial and the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,"

"In 20 years of work with victims of war, violence and political persecution he has never seen a group of democratic States ganging up to deliberately isolate, demonise and abuse a single individual for such a long time and with so little regard for human dignity and the rule of law".
- (5) Notes that in an interview this morning on RN Breakfast by the leading torture expert, Nils Melzer warned that Mr Assange could die in prison before getting his day in court and confirmed that the British government's handling of the extradition case is in blatant contravention of international Human rights Law.
- (6) Writes to the Australian Foreign Affairs Minister requesting that the Australian government must immediately step in to ensure the British authorities address his poor health condition and to uphold the Human Rights of an Australian citizen just as they would if Mr Assange was being held in Iran, Egypt, Cambodia or Indonesia. They must not turn a blind eye to the violation of any Australian's human rights, just because it is occurring in the West. The letter should also reference the points made above.

Cr. Williams sought the consent of the mover and seconder that Council prepare a media release on this matter.

The mover and seconder consented to this amendment.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-242**

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

That Council:

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 - "The UK must abide by its obligations under international human rights law that forbids the transfer of individuals to another country where they would face serious human rights violations. Were Julian Assange to be extradited or subjected to any other transfer to the USA, Britain would be in breach of these obligations."
- (4) Notes that UN Special Rapporteur on torture, Nils Melzer said that:

"My most urgent concern is that, in the United States, Mr Assange would be exposed to a real risk of serious violations of his human rights, including his freedom of expression, his right to a fair trial and the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,"

"In 20 years of work with victims of war, violence and political persecution he has never seen a group of democratic States ganging up to deliberately isolate, demonise and abuse a single individual for such a long time and with so little regard for human dignity and the rule of law".
- (5) Notes that in an interview this morning on RN Breakfast by the leading torture expert, Nils Melzer warned that Mr Assange could die in prison before getting his day in court and confirmed that the British government's handling of the extradition case is in blatant contravention of international Human rights Law.
- (6) Writes to the Australian Foreign Affairs Minister requesting that the Australian government must immediately step in to ensure the British authorities address his poor health condition and to uphold the Human Rights of an Australian citizen just as they would if Mr Assange was being held in Iran, Egypt, Cambodia or Indonesia. They must not turn a blind eye to the violation of any Australian's human rights, just because it is occurring in the West. The letter should also reference the points made above.
- (7) Prepare a media release on this matter.

CARRIED

6.37 pm – Cr. Amir returned to the meeting

Statement by the Mayor.

The Mayor advised Council that tonight's meeting would be the final Ordinary Council Meeting for Ms Cathy Henderson, General Manager Community. The Mayor thanked Ms Henderson for her significant contributions to the Darebin Community and congratulated her on her appointment as Chief Executive Officer at Moreland City Council.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**8.1 PENDERS PARK MASTER PLAN ADOPTION**

Author: City Design Coordinator

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Penders Park Master Plan 2019 (**Appendix C**) sets out a long-term community vision with design principles and priority initiatives for this much-loved park in Thornbury.

The master plan has been developed in close collaboration with the Penders Park Project Control Group (PCG), a local community reference group established by Council to help it develop the master plan. The PCG has been instrumental in fostering a high level of community engagement in the master planning process, including valuable input from the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

This has resulted in a meaningful place-specific vision that will guide the direction of the park in the future. The vision is that *"Penders Park is a significant gathering place for our diverse and changing community. As a district park, it's a place for play, celebrating, active and passive recreation and connecting with nature"*.

On 29 July 2019, Council resolved to endorse the release of the draft Penders Park Master Plan for consultation with the community. This final round of consultation concluded on the 26 August. The majority of the 21 submissions (**Appendix D**) showed broad support for the draft master plan and validated key elements such as toilet upgrades, play space improvements, central shelter upgrade, walking paths, exercise equipment and planting that responds to heritage and natural park context.

The following items are proposed to be included in the master plan as a result of the consultation:

- Prioritising initiatives for the park (including council-led and community-led activities)
- Clarifying support for plant species and habitats to support local fauna, insects and birdlife

The Penders Park Master Plan 2019 reflects these minor amendments.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-243

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopt the Penders Park Master Plan 2019.
- (2) Notes the work in progress to make improvements at the Park as part of Council's 2019-20 work program.
- (3) Congratulates and thanks the members of the PCG, community members and stakeholders for their effort, feedback and advice in developing the Penders Park Master Plan.

CARRIED

**8.2 STREETS FOR PEOPLE NORTHERN RESERVOIR
CORRIDOR FINAL STRATEGY****Author:** Safe Travel Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A draft concept design for the Northern Reservoir 'Streets for People' Corridor (Northern Corridor) has been developed and was released for public consultation between 3 September and 22 September 2019.

The draft concept designs that were consulted on proposed corridor interventions to reduce vehicle speeds and better manage traffic volume; make it easier to walk, wheel and ride; and make streets greener. It aimed to meet the Streets for People Project's vision "*to provide a safe, inviting walking and cycling environment for residents to access their local parks, schools and shops.*"

Using a significant level of input from the community and key stakeholders, including three stages of consultation, the concept designs have now been finalised.

The final concept designs propose interventions that would be constructed over time. Opportunities for external funding will be explored with funding for further design stages and construction of most of the proposals being referred to consideration in future years budgets to be considered along with priorities across the City.

Funding has been allocated for construction of five street improvements along the Northern Corridor in 2019-20. If council endorses the concept designs proposed, construction is expected to start in early 2020.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-244**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Northern Reservoir 'Streets for People' Corridor concept designs attached as **Appendix A**.
- (2) Makes the Northern Reservoir 'Streets for People' Corridor concept designs document (**Appendix A**) publicly available via the Darebin website.

CARRIED

Robyn Vote made a verbal submission in relation to Item 8.3 – Gardening and Lawn Mowing Trial (Age Friendly Darebin)

8.3 GARDENING AND LAWN MOWING TRIAL (AGE FRIENDLY DAREBIN)

Author: Coordinator Department Transition and Assessment

Reviewed By: General Manager, Community

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When Council considered the Age Friendly Darebin review in July 2019, it resolved that options for a lawn mowing and gardening service should be considered at a meeting later in the year. Council allocated \$120,000 for the trial implementation of a lawn mowing and/or gardening service or volunteer program during 2019/20.

This report presents three options for council to consider:

- (1) Trial of a contracted gardening/lawnmowing service provided only to eligible older people with high needs in defined circumstances (not recommended)
- (2) Trial of a contracted gardening/lawnmowing service to any older residents eligible for Commonwealth Home Support Program, with waiting list (not recommended)
- (3) Community-led action research project to engage three community-based partners who will test various gardening and lawn mowing service models (recommended).

These options are all presented as a trial. After the trial project is concluded Council can make a further decision about whether or how the program or services should be continued.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 outlined in this report, a community-led research project to develop and trial a range of models for a future gardening and lawn mowing service;
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 outlined in this report, a community-led research project to develop and trial a range of models for a future gardening and lawn mowing service including high needs residents.
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.

Cr Greco sought support from the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:

- (1) Adopts option 2 and receives a report in early February on how to implement the service with options on an eligibility criteria and prioritisation of target groups.
- (2) Immediately adopts Option 1 to provide temporary assistance to high needs residents.

The Mayor ruled that this amendment was in part directly opposite to the motion before the Council and did not allow it.

Motion

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

That the Chairpersons ruling be dissented from.

7.10 pm – In accordance with clause 52 of the Governance Local Law, Mayor Rennie left the Chair and Deputy Mayor Newton assumed the Chair.

Cr. Greco was provided the opportunity to state the reasons for the dissent and the Mayor provided a reply.

The motion was put and lost.

LOST

7.14 pm – Mayor Rennie resumed the Chair

Cr. Greco sought support from the mover and seconder to amend the motion before the Council as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 outlined in this report, a community-led research project to develop and trial a range of models for a future gardening and lawn mowing service including priority immediate temporary assistance with gardening and lawn mowing services to high need residents.
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.
- (5) Receives a report in early February on how Option 2 could be implemented with options on eligibility criteria and prioritisation of target groups.

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 outlined in this report, a community-led research project to develop and trial a range of models for a future gardening and lawn mowing service including priority immediate temporary assistance with gardening and lawn mowing services to high need residents.
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.
- (5) Receives a report in early February on how option 2 could be implemented with, options on eligibility criteria and prioritisation of target groups.

The amendment was put and lost.

LOST

Procedural Motion

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

That the matter be adjourned to the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr. Greco withdrew the procedural motion.

Cr. Greco sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 with two contracting partners.
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.
- (5) Receives a report on the trial at the 18 May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 with two contracting partners.
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.
- (5) Receives a report on the trial at the 18 May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting.

The amendment was put and lost.

LOST

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. L. Messina
SECONDED:

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 1 as outlined in this report, a trial of a temporary gardening and mowing service provided to restricted eligibility high needs residents
- (2) In addition, implements a scaled down-version of Option 3, with one or two trial community projects to be awarded through a 'Pitch It' process, dependent on budget (noting that the original Council allocation for the trial gardening service was \$120,000)
- (3) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (4) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in May 2020.
- (5) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.

The Mayor ruled that the amendment was in part directly opposite to the motion before the Council and did not allow it.

Procedural Motion

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

That the Chairperson's ruling be dissented from.

8.01 pm – In accordance with clause 52 of the Governance Local Law, Mayor Rennie left the Chair and Deputy Mayor Newton assumed the Chair.

Cr. Greco was provided the opportunity to state the reasons for his dissent and the Mayor provided a reply.

The motion was put and lost.

LOST

8.06 pm – Mayor Rennie resumed the Chair.

Procedural Motion

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

That the motion be now put.

The motion was put and lost

LOST

THE MOTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-245

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts Option 3 outlined in this report, a community-led research project to develop and trial a range of models for a future gardening and lawn mowing service including high needs residents.
- (2) Agrees that data will be gathered as part of the trial to inform future planning and to identify a model that best addresses Council's concerns about equity, value for money, financial sustainability, environmental and community benefit considerations;
- (3) Notes that a report evaluating the trial will be considered by Council in November 2020;
- (4) Establishes a panel of trades to enable informed decision-making for residents looking to hire gardening help.

CARRIED

Cr. Messina, Cr. Greco, Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams requested that their opposition to the motion be recorded in the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

8.10 pm - The meeting was adjourned for a 10-minute break

RESUMPTION OF ADJOURNED MEETING

8.20 pm – The meeting resumed

8.21 pm Cr. Williams returned to the meeting.

8.22 pm Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting.

The Mayor invited Mr Adam Newman to make a submission on Item 8.7, Electoral Representation Review Final Report, which would be considered later in the meeting.

8.4 ASSISTANCE FOR RESERVOIR TRADERS**Author:** Coordinator Major Transport and Place Project**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The level crossing removal at Reservoir is a once in a generation investment in Reservoir that will make the station and its connection with the Reservoir shopping centre safer and a more attractive place for visitors, as well as improving the walking connection between Broadway and Edwardes Street. When completed it is expected to strengthen the local economy and continue to attract the largest commuter numbers of any railway station in Darebin. It is also a large construction project which is currently creating disruption to local roads and access while it is being built.

Council has long advocated to the state government, which is responsible for the Level Crossing Removal Project, for:

- High standards of design that improves Reservoir
- Construction management that minimises disruption to roads, access and parking,
- Effective support for local traders and marketing of the centre so that customers shop local and support these businesses during disruption and afterwards.

Council has also set up its own dedicated team and promotional program to support traders during this time. Council's program has included practical help, communication and engagement campaigns to encourage customers to shop local and visit the area. Practical things that Council has been doing include making sure car parks are kept free for customers, and streets are clean and inviting.

The State Government started major construction works in January 2019 and since 19 August, parts of the junction intersection have been closed, which means that east west travel by vehicles isn't currently possible. The junction intersection is expected to open again by 20 December 2019.

To help traders during this time in particular, a substantial program of promotional and business support activities is scheduled through to the 2019 Christmas period and the details of this are outlined in this report. This program includes campaigns to encourage customers into the area including Council's #loveRessa campaign and the Pledge to Shop Local campaign.

This report recommends that Council offers further support to all businesses in the Reservoir centre including:

- Running a special street trading event one day for each of the four weeks until Christmas, that would give businesses in Edwardes St and Broadway business precincts the opportunity trade on the footpath.
- Offering free participation in Council's LED Light\$mart program which saves businesses on power bills.
- On-site business mentoring – recognising that many businesses struggle to leave their business to attend sessions, mentoring will be made available on site at the business.
- Running a further mail out to local residents encouraging them to support local businesses and promoting events and activities in the Centre as part of the #LoveRezza campaign.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Reiterates its call to the Premier and Minister for Transport Infrastructure urging them to provide an assistance package to support High Street, Spring Street, Edwardes Street and Broadway Traders in Reservoir as a result of the Rail Crossing removal works.
- (2) Notes the substantial program of promotions and business support activities scheduled in the months ahead which Council has prepared to help during this period.
- (3) Offers additional support to all businesses in the Reservoir centre including:
 - a) Running a special street trading event one day for each of the four weeks to Christmas, that would give businesses on Edwardes St and Broadway business precincts in the Reservoir Activity Centre the opportunity trade on the footpath during this period. Footpath trading fees would be waived.
 - b) Offering free participation in Council's LED light saver program which saves businesses on power costs.
 - c) On-site business mentoring – recognising that many businesses struggle to leave their business to attend mentoring sessions, mentoring will be made available on site at the business. All mentoring services would be supported with translation if needed.
- (4) Writes to the local catchment of residents encouraging them to support local businesses during this time and promoting events and activities in the Centre. This will be part of the #LoveRezza campaign and will be accessible in multiple languages.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Reiterates its call to the Premier and Minister for Transport Infrastructure urging them to provide an assistance package to support High Street, Spring Street, Edwardes Street and Broadway Traders in Reservoir as a result of the Rail Crossing removal works.
- (2) Notes the substantial program of promotions and business support activities scheduled in the months ahead which Council has prepared to help during this period.
- (3) Offers additional support to all businesses in the Reservoir centre including:
 - a) Running a special street trading event one day for each of the four weeks to Christmas, that would give businesses on Edwardes St and Broadway business precincts in the Reservoir Activity Centre the opportunity trade on the footpath during this period. Footpath trading fees would be waived.
 - b) Offering free participation in Council's LED light saver program which saves businesses on power costs.
 - c) On-site business mentoring – recognising that many businesses struggle to leave their business to attend mentoring sessions, mentoring will be made available on site at the business. All mentoring services would be supported with translation if needed.
- (4) Writes to the local catchment of residents encouraging them to support local businesses during this time and promoting events and activities in the Centre. This will be part of the #LoveRezza campaign and will be accessible in multiple languages.
- (5) Calls a Special Meeting for Monday 18 November 2019 to consider an urgent report on rate relief options for Reservoir Traders adversely affected by the down turn in business activity.

The motion was put and lost

LOST

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Reiterates its call to the Premier and Minister for Transport Infrastructure urging them to provide an assistance package to support High Street, Spring Street, Edwardes Street and Broadway Traders in Reservoir as a result of the Rail Crossing removal works.
- (2) Notes the substantial program of promotions and business support activities scheduled in the months ahead which Council has prepared to help during this period.
- (3) Offers additional support to all businesses in the Reservoir centre including:
 - a) Running a special street trading event one day for each of the four weeks to Christmas, that would give businesses on Edwardes St and Broadway business

precincts in the Reservoir Activity Centre the opportunity trade on the footpath during this period. Footpath trading fees would be waived.

- b) Offering free participation in Council's LED light saver program which saves businesses on power costs.
 - c) On-site business mentoring – recognising that many businesses struggle to leave their business to attend mentoring sessions, mentoring will be made available on site at the business. All mentoring services would be supported with translation if needed.
- (4) Writes to the local catchment of residents encouraging them to support local businesses during this time and promoting events and activities in the Centre. This will be part of the #LoveRezza campaign and will be accessible in multiple languages.

Cr. Laurence sought the consent of the mover and seconder to add a point 5 to read:

- (5) Receives a further report from Officers at the next Council Meeting regarding options on rate relief for the Reservoir Traders

The mover and seconder did not consent to this amendment.

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (5) Receives a further report from Officers at the next Council Meeting regarding options on rate relief for the Reservoir Traders

The amendment was put and carried.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco sought consent of the mover and seconder to an amendment to read.

That Council provides a \$200,000 fund (which represents approximately half of the unspent budget of \$750,000) for activities to support the Reservoir Traders and seek the direct input and feedback from Traders on how this money ought to be spent

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

Amendment

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

That Council provides a \$200,000 fund (which represents approximately half of the unspent budget of \$750,000) for activities to support the Reservoir Traders and seek the direct input and feedback from Traders on how this money ought to be spent

The amendment was put and lost.

LOST

Cr Laurence sought the consent of the mover and seconder to add the words 'and a marketing kick start program' into point (5).

The mover and seconder consented to this amendment.

THE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-246

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

That Council:

- (1) Reiterates its call to the Premier and Minister for Transport Infrastructure urging them to provide an assistance package to support High Street, Spring Street, Edwardes Street and Broadway Traders in Reservoir as a result of the Rail Crossing removal works.
- (2) Notes the substantial program of promotions and business support activities scheduled in the months ahead which Council has prepared to help during this period.
- (3) Offers additional support to all businesses in the Reservoir centre including:
 - a) Running a special street trading event one day for each of the four weeks to Christmas, that would give businesses on Edwardes St and Broadway business precincts in the Reservoir Activity Centre the opportunity trade on the footpath during this period. Footpath trading fees would be waived.
 - b) Offering free participation in Council's LED light saver program which saves businesses on power costs.
 - c) On-site business mentoring – recognising that many businesses struggle to leave their business to attend mentoring sessions, mentoring will be made available on site at the business. All mentoring services would be supported with translation if needed.
- (4) Writes to the local catchment of residents encouraging them to support local businesses during this time and promoting events and activities in the Centre. This will be part of the #LoveRezza campaign and will be accessible in multiple languages.
- (5) Receives a further report from Officers at the next Council Meeting regarding options on rate relief and a marketing kick start program for the Reservoir Traders.

CARRIED

Procedural Motion -

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

That Item 10.10 Affirmation of Darlington Statement be brought forward and be heard after Item 8.5.

The motion was put and carried

CARRIED

9.00pm – Cr. Messina left the meeting

Serena O'Meley made a verbal submission in relation to the Draft Community Engagement Strategy and Framework.

8.5 DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND FRAMEWORK

Author: Manager Communications and Engagement

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Darebin City Council is committed to building a fair, inclusive and equitable city. The diversity of our community is our greatest asset for building a greener, bolder, more connected city, which is why the views and insights of residents, business owners and the community sector are integral to Council's decision-making.

This report brings together a project to ensure community engagement is conducted in a way that includes all voices in the community, and is open and transparent. This approach is to ensure the community can trust the decisions made on behalf of the city.

International research shows that the decision-making of governments is improved when communities are involved (Parvin 2018). It makes local government respond better to the diverse needs of the community; design better services; and best of all, use the ideas of our community to respond to change. It also builds trust in government as people become involved in, and therefore see themselves reflected in, their local community.

The Community Engagement Strategy and Framework forms the foundation for a number of recommendations in this report, which seeks to increase and enhance meaningful participation in Council's planning and decision-making. Officers have consulted widely as part of this project and believe the recommendations made reflect Council's commitment to continuous improvement.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft Community Engagement Strategy and Framework.
- (2) Notes the outcomes of the review of the Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups.
- (3) Endorses the transition plan for the Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups as outlined in Appendix C.
- (4) Endorses the immediate implementation of the Community Engagement Strategy and Framework communications plan which includes all Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups.
- (5) Endorses the transition of the Darebin Community News publications from six (6) printed publications per year to four (4) printed publications per year; and a monthly online newsletter from July 2020.
- (6) Endorses the transition of the current quarterly Community Survey Program to an annual survey from early 2020 in line with contractual obligations; and
- (7) Receives a report in June 2020, outlining the progress made on the implementation and effectiveness of the Community Engagement Strategy and Framework, Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups transition plan, registers and other associated transition activities.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-247**

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the draft Community Engagement Strategy and Framework.
- (2) Notes the outcomes of the review of the Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups.
- (3) Endorses the transition plan for the Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups as outlined in Appendix C.
- (4) Endorses the immediate implementation of the Community Engagement Strategy and Framework communications plan which includes all Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups.
- (5) Endorses the transition of the Darebin Community News publications from six (6) printed publications per year to four (4) printed publications per year; and a monthly online newsletter from July 2020.
- (6) Endorses the transition of the current quarterly Community Survey Program to an annual survey from early 2020 in line with contractual obligations; and
- (7) Receives a report in June 2020, outlining the progress made on the implementation and effectiveness of the Community Engagement Strategy and Framework, Community Advisory Committees and Community Reference Groups transition plan, registers and other associated transition activities.
- (8) Bring members of the Community Reference Group for the former Ruthven Primary School site together to seek their advice on two key pieces of work arising out of the masterplan over the next year:
 - The draft Planting Plan
 - Sharing the community vision of the masterplan with the Wurundjeri to inform the re-naming process for the park.

CARRIED

Cr. Greco and Cr. Laurence requested that their opposition be noted in the minutes.

10.10 AFFIRMATION OF DARLINGTON STATEMENT**Councillor: Steph AMIR****NoM No.: 450**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Affirm the Darlington Statement for the rights of intersex people in Australia and New Zealand.*
- (2) *Note that in affirming the Darlington Statement, Darebin Council is the first local government to do so.*
- (3) *Fly the Intersex Flag annually between 26 October and 8 November to recognise Intersex Awareness Day (26 October) and Intersex Solidarity Day (8 November).*
- (4) *Increase community understanding of intersex rights and issues through the provision of resources in Darebin libraries.*
- (5) *Identify opportunities to improve the inclusion of intersex people in council services, programs and processes.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-248****MOVED: Cr. S Amir**
SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council:

- (1) Affirm the Darlington Statement for the rights of intersex people in Australia and New Zealand.
- (2) Note that in affirming the Darlington Statement, Darebin Council is the first local government to do so.
- (3) Fly the Intersex Flag annually between 26 October and 8 November to recognise Intersex Awareness Day (26 October) and Intersex Solidarity Day (8 November).
- (4) Increase community understanding of intersex rights and issues through the provision of resources in Darebin libraries.
- (5) Identify opportunities to improve the inclusion of intersex people in council services, programs and processes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.6 SOLAR SAVER SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME
DECLARATION - NON-RESIDENTIAL BATCH 1****Author:** Commercial Solar Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To consider the declaration of a Special Charge in relation to the Solar Saver program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of the Council Plan and Council's *Climate Emergency Plan*. This report relates to the non-residential stream.

The report considers the declaration of a non-residential Special Charge Scheme which is a pilot batch of the non-residential stream of the Solar Saver program. The pilot includes five installations, adding 118kW of solar capacity to Darebin. These are comprised of the Islamic Museum of Australia and the Buddhist Chua Lin Son Temple (representing our diverse community), as well as at 3 properties owned by local business Elk, an enthusiastic environmental champion.

This report recommends that Council declare a Special Charge Scheme under section 163 of the Local Government Act 1989 for the purposes of defraying expenses relating to the provision of solar energy systems on non-residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme.

No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-249**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declares a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the 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 is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
 - 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 \$128,774,43;
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied be recorded as \$128,774,43, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
 - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix A** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f) The following is 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 an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$128,774,43, 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, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will 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) Considers that there will be a special benefit to those required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those 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) 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 those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.

- (4) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
- a) There is no objection to the Scheme and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers.
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its 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) All those who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.
- (5) Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.34pm – Cr. Messina returned to the meeting

Mr Adam Newman made a verbal submission to this item earlier in the meeting.

8.7 ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION REVIEW FINAL REPORT

Author: Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to conduct electoral representation reviews (ERR) before every third Council General Election, approximately every 12 years. The last ERR for Darebin City Council was in 2007.

Each ERR considers:

- Whether the number of Councillors is appropriate
- Whether the municipality should be unsubdivided, with Councillors elected from the whole local Council, or subdivided into wards
- If subdivided, the number of wards, ward boundaries and number of Councillors per ward.

The Darebin City Council ERR commenced in June 2019, with the opening of preliminary submissions. Council made a preliminary submission to the review in July 2019 and a response submission to the VEC's preliminary report in September 2019. The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer also spoke to Council's response submission at the public hearing on 24 September 2019.

On 16 October 2019, the VEC released its final report, which was submitted to the Minister for Local Government (**Attachment A**).

The report makes the following recommendations, which are consistent with Council's submissions to the review:

- Maintenance of nine Councillors overall
- Maintenance of the three multi-member ward structure
- A slight change to the boundary between Cazaly and La Trobe wards, as per Option A in the preliminary report, which was supported by Council.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-250

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council notes the release of the Darebin City Council Local Representation Review – Final Report (**Appendix A**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.35pm – Cr. Laurence left the meeting

8.8 ELECTION PERIOD POLICY 2020

Author: Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1989 (the Act)* sets out the requirements for municipal general elections. The election period, or caretaker period, is the period commencing 32 days before the election. For the next election on 24 October 2020, the election period will commence on 22 September 2020.

The current Darebin City Council's Election Period Policy, which was adopted in February 2016, established a further 25-day period beyond the legislated 32-day requirement called a 'Pre-Election Period'. This policy maintains that approach.

Section 93B of the Act requires all councils to review, and if required, amend an election period policy not later than 12 months before the commencement of each election period. The policy must include:

- procedures intended to prevent the Council from making inappropriate decisions or using resources inappropriately during the election period before a general election
- limits on public consultation and the scheduling of Council events
- procedures to ensure that access to information held by Council is made equally available and accessible to candidates during the election.

Council's policy has been reviewed in line with this legislative requirement and is presented for consideration at **Appendix A**.

9.41pm – Cr. Laurence returned to the meeting

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-251**

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council adopt the Election Period Policy 2020 as attached at **Appendix A**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Procedural Motion**

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Item 10.6, Council Apology to DECC, be brought forward and heard after Item 8.8.

The motion was put and carried.

CARRIED

10.6 COUNCIL APOLOGY TO DECC**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 446**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the email sent by the Chairperson of DECC to the Mayor on 22 October 2019 requesting an apology from Council in response to part 2(a) of the Resolution (i.e. Council Resolution Minute No. 19-215) of the Council Meeting of Monday, 14 October 2019, that makes reference to providing training in governance and financial planning as DECC finds this objectionable, offensive and patronising.*
- (2) *Issues a formal apology to the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council in response to their legitimate request.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the email sent by the Chairperson of DECC to the Mayor on 22 October 2019 requesting an apology from Council in response to part 2(a) of the Resolution (i.e. Council Resolution Minute No. 19-215) of the Council Meeting of Monday, 14 October 2019, that makes reference to providing training in governance and financial planning as DECC finds this objectionable, offensive and patronising.
- (2) Issues a formal apology to the Darebin Ethnic Communities Council in response to their legitimate request.

The motion was put and lost.

LOST

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the Council meeting be continued after 10.00pm for 30 minutes

CARRIED

8.9 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2020**Author:** Coordinator Governance, Council Business & Civic Services**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires Council to provide public notice of meetings of the Council and special committees that solely comprise Councillors. In order to facilitate this public notice, a program of meetings for the upcoming year is required.

A schedule of meetings of the Council and Planning Committee for 2020 has been prepared for consideration by the Council. Special Council Meetings and Hearing of Submissions Committee meetings will be scheduled on an as-needs basis in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-252**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy
SECONDED: Cr. S Amir**That** Council resolves:

- (1) To hold an Ordinary Council Meeting in the Council Chamber at Darebin Civic Centre at 6.00 pm on 2 December 2019.
- (2) To hold Ordinary Council Meetings in the Council Chamber at Darebin Civic Centre at 6.00 pm on 3 February 2020, 24 February 2020, 16 March 2020, 6 April 2020, 27 April 2020, 18 May 2020, 9 June 2020, 29 June 2020, 20 July 2020, 17 August 2020, 7 September 2020, 28 September 2020, 19 October 2020.
- (3) To hold meetings of the Planning Committee in the Council Chamber at Darebin Civic Centre at 6.00 pm on 10 February 2020, 10 March 2020, 14 April 2020, 11 May 2020, 15 June 2020, 13 July 2020, 10 August 2020, 14 September 2020, 12 October 2020.
- (4) To hold meetings of the Hearing of Submissions Committee as required and that public notice of those meetings be given in accordance with section 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (5) To hold meetings of the Bundoora Homestead Board of Management at the Bundoora Homestead on dates and times to be determined in due course.

CARRIED

**8.10 CT201979 - CONTRACT AWARD
PLAY SPACE UPGRADES
BUNDOORA PARK AND L.E. COTCHIN RESERVE**

Author: Project Manager

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award contract CT201979 – Play space upgrade at Bundoora Park and LE Cotchin Reserve to an appropriately qualified contractor.

Darebin has an ongoing commitment to continually upgrade and renew play spaces as stipulated in the Council Plan, Playspace Strategy and Capital Works Program. The Council Plan 2017-2021 commits that six play spaces will be built or upgraded each financial year.

Council continuously audits and maintains over 130 playgrounds across the municipality to ensure safety to all residents and particularly children using these facilities. Darebin has an obligation also to ensure all play spaces meet all the relevant Australian Standards and regulations, and provide unique, interesting and varied places for children of all ages and abilities to play.

Some play spaces throughout the municipality are reaching the end of their useful life and require replacement. Council's continued investment in all play spaces will ensure the promotion of a safe, healthy and connected community.

This financial year under the Play Space Program, LE Cotchin Reserve (Reservoir) and Bundoora Park River Red Gum play spaces will be upgraded. The additional four play spaces to be upgraded this financial year under separate budgets and programs are: Penders Park (Thornbury), Baden Morgan Reserve (Northcote), CH Sullivan Reserve (Reservoir) and Bundoora Homestead (Bundoora).

The appointment of an experienced contractor for the installation of the playground equipment and associated landscape works was sought via a competitive open tender process. The proposed contract arrangement is a lump sum contract. Works are programmed to commence in early December and be completed by April 2020.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-253

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

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT201979 for the Play space upgrade at Bundoora Park and LE Cotchin Reserve to Ace Landscape Services Pty Ltd for the contract sum of \$479,983 (GST inclusive).
- (2) Approves a contingency amount of \$48,000 (GST inclusive) for contract CT201979, being approximately 10% of the contract, to be used if required for unforeseen items or latent conditions.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.

CARRIED

8.11 2019/2020 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT

Author: General Manager Operations and Capital

Reviewed By: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek approval for adjustments to the 19/20 capital works budget.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-254

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

That Council:

- (1) Defers the start of construction of the KP Hardiman Synthetic Hockey Pitch renewal project until the summer of 2020/2021 and brings forward delivery of an additional \$1m of footpath renewal works into 2019/2020.
- (2) Adjusts the 2019/2020 and draft 2020/2021 capital works program to budget for the renewal of the KP Hardiman Synthetic Hockey Pitch at \$2.3m entirely in 2020/2021 offset by the equivalent reduction of \$1m in the draft footpath renewal program budget in 2020/2021.

CARRIED

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 ADDRESSING SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AROUND SCHOOLS IN DAREBIN

Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS

NoM No.: 441

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council which addresses safety and traffic calming measures around schools in Darebin, and that this report;

- a) Identifies the number of primary and secondary schools that need further safety and traffic calming measures within a 1 km radius.*
- b) Maps the existing primary and secondary schools that have already had calming measures put in place around and near the schools, and*
- c) Identifies accidents that have occurred within 1 km radius since 2018.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019

Motion

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

That Council:

Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council which addresses safety and traffic calming measures around schools in Darebin, and that this report;

- a) Identifies the number of primary and secondary schools that need further safety and traffic calming measures within a 400m radius.
- b) Maps the existing primary and secondary schools that have already had calming measures put in place around and near the schools, and
- c) Identifies accidents that have occurred within 1 km radius since 2018.

Cr. Amir sought the support of the mover and seconder to make the following amendment:

That Council requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council which **provides an update on work that** addresses safety and traffic calming measures around schools in Darebin, and that this report;

- a) Identifies **priorities for works near** primary and secondary schools that ~~need~~ further **improve** safety and traffic calming measures within a **400m** radius.
- b) Maps the ~~existing primary and secondary schools that have already had~~ calming measures put in place around and near the schools, and
- c) Identifies **how priorities have considered** accidents that have occurred **near schools** ~~within 1 km radius since 2018.~~

The mover and the seconder consented to the amendment.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-255

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

That Council requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council which provides an update on work that addresses safety and traffic calming measures around schools in Darebin, and that this report;

- a) Identifies priorities for works near primary and secondary schools that ~~need~~ further improve safety and traffic calming measures within a 400m radius.
- b) Maps the calming measures put in place around and near the schools, and
- c) Identifies how priorities have considered accidents that have occurred near schools.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 PRESTON STATION ALTERNATIVE PARKING**Councillor: Julie WILLIAMS****NoM No.: 442**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

'That Council:

(1) *Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council which:*

- a) *Identifies opportunities and alternative parking for the Preston market and businesses of High street and sporting clubs at Preston City Oval.*
- b) *Identifies how Council is going to manage car parking when LXRA start building the elevated rail at Preston Station.*
- c) *What maps, services and supporting communication that the community and traders will have for alternative parking.*
- d) *Identifies ways that we can protect the businesses in High Street and the traders of the Preston Market.*

(2) *Officers work with relevant community organisations, the High street traders and the traders from the Preston market in the preparation of this report.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019

Motion

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

(1) Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council which:

- a) Identifies opportunities and alternative parking for the Preston market and businesses of High street and sporting clubs at Preston City Oval.
- b) Identifies how Council is going to manage car parking when LXRA start building the elevated rail at Preston Station.
- c) What maps, services and supporting communication that the community and traders will have for alternative parking.
- d) Identifies ways that we can protect the businesses in High Street and the traders of the Preston Market.

(2) Officers work with relevant community organisations, the High street traders and the traders from the Preston market in the preparation of this report.

Cr. Messina sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Council has a long standing commitment to advocating for and supporting our community in regards to the state government's Level Crossing Removals in Preston and Reservoir and has budgeted \$750,000 in the 2019-20 year for this.
- (2) Notes Council is currently planning how Council can best help minimise and help manage disruption in Preston ahead of future construction works.
- (4)(3) Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council by **March 2020** which:
 - a) Identifies opportunities and alternative parking for the Preston market and businesses of High street and sporting clubs at Preston City Oval.
 - b) Identifies how Council is going to manage car parking when LXRA start building the elevated rail at Preston Station.
 - c) What maps, services and supporting communication that the community and traders will have for alternative parking.
 - d) Identifies ways that we can protect the businesses in High Street and the traders of the Preston Market.
- (2)(4) Officers work with relevant community organisations, the High street traders and the traders from the Preston market in the preparation of this report.

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendments.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. L Messina

SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Council has a long standing commitment to advocating for and supporting our community in regards to the state government's Level Crossing Removals in Preston and Reservoir and has budgeted \$750,000 in the 2019-20 year for this.
- (2) Notes Council is currently planning how Council can best help minimise and help manage disruption in Preston ahead of future construction works.
- (3) Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council by March 2020 which:
 - a) Identifies opportunities and alternative parking for the Preston market and businesses of High street and sporting clubs at Preston City Oval.
 - b) Identifies how Council is going to manage car parking when LXRA start building the elevated rail at Preston Station.
 - c) What maps, services and supporting communication that the community and traders will have for alternative parking.
 - d) Identifies ways that we can protect the businesses in High Street and the traders of the Preston Market.
- (4) Officers work with relevant community organisations, the High street traders and the traders from the Preston market in the preparation of this report.'

The amendment was put and carried

CARRIED

THE AMENDMENT BECAME THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-256

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Council has a long standing commitment to advocating for and supporting our community in regards to the state government's Level Crossing Removals in Preston and Reservoir and has budgeted \$750,000 in the 2019-20 year for this.
- (2) Notes Council is currently planning how Council can best help minimise and help manage disruption in Prestoextn ahead of future construction works.
- (3) Requests that Council Officers prepare a report for Council by March 2020 which:
 - a) Identifies opportunities and alternative parking for the Preston market and businesses of High street and sporting clubs at Preston City Oval.
 - b) Identifies how Council is going to manage car parking when LXRA start building the elevated rail at Preston Station.
 - c) What maps, services and supporting communication that the community and traders will have for alternative parking.
 - d) Identifies ways that we can protect the businesses in High Street and the traders of the Preston Market.
- (4) Officers work with relevant community organisations, the High Street traders and the traders from the Preston market in the preparation of this report.

CARRIED**EXTENSION OF TIME**

Council Resolution

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

That the Council meeting be continued after 10.30pm until 11.00pm.

CARRIED

10.3 RESERVOIR TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 443**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

'That Darebin Council:

- (1) Recognises that the full objectives of the Reservoir Structure plan will not be realised in the current level crossing and that further work is still needed to increase local connectivity.*
- (2) That officers scope the transport planning work required to develop any possible east west local street enhancements needed after the Rail level crossing removal project is complete to deliver local passenger vehicle based connectivity between the two retail strips and between our two major recreation assets that service our largest residential postcode.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Recognises that the full objectives of the Reservoir Structure plan will not be realised in the current level crossing and that further work is still needed to increase local connectivity.
- (2) That officers scope the transport planning work required to develop any possible east west local street enhancements needed after the Rail level crossing removal project is complete to deliver local passenger vehicle based connectivity between the two retail strips and between our two major recreation assets that service our largest residential postcode.

10.38pm – Cr. Amir returned to the meeting.

Cr. Newton sought the consent of the mover and seconder to the following amendments.

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Council has long advocated for much needed improvements to the road intersection at Reservoir to connect Broadway and Edwardes St shops.**
- ~~(1)~~(2) Recognises that the full objectives of the Reservoir Structure plan will not be realised in the current level crossing and that further work is still needed to increase local connectivity.
- ~~(2)~~(3) **Reiterates its call to the state government to progress and fund improvements at this road intersection including undertaking any necessary** ~~That officers scope the~~ transport planning work required to develop any possible east west local street enhancements needed after the Rail level crossing removal project is complete to deliver local passenger vehicle based connectivity between the two retail strips and between our two major recreation assets that service our largest residential postcode.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendments.

THE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-257

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Council has long advocated for much needed improvements to the road intersection at Reservoir to connect Broadway and Edwardes St shops.
- (2) Recognises that the full objectives of the Reservoir Structure plan will not be realised in the current level crossing and that further work is still needed to increase local connectivity.
- (3) Reiterates its call to the state government to progress and fund improvements at this road intersection including undertaking any necessary transport planning work required to develop any possible east west local street enhancements needed after the Rail level crossing removal project is complete to deliver local passenger vehicle based connectivity between the two retail strips and between our two major recreation assets that service our largest residential postcode.

CARRIED

10.4 TACKLING DAREBIN'S CHRONIC ILLNESS CHALLENGE**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 444**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Darebin Council:

- (1) *Recognises that geographic neighbourhoods and demographic segments of Darebin are facing chronic disease outcomes comes of up to 75% above the national average in some preventable illness categories and that our leisure centres could be playing an increased role in reducing healthy and wellbeing inequality across the city.*
- (2) *Resolves to scope and develop a prevention-based chronic illness Health and Wellness plan to map current and emerging chronic illness hot spots in the city and to assist decisions in the capital planning of the Reservoir Leisure Centre in next year's budget.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 28 November 2019

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-258

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Darebin Council:

- (1) Recognises that geographic neighbourhoods and demographic segments of Darebin are facing chronic disease outcomes comes of up to 75% above the national average in some preventable illness categories and that our leisure centres could be playing an increased role in reducing healthy and wellbeing inequality across the city.
- (2) Resolves to scope and develop a prevention-based chronic illness Health and Wellness plan to map current and emerging chronic illness hot spots in the city and to assist decisions in the capital planning of the Reservoir Leisure Centre in next year's budget.

CARRIED

10.5 GREY SPOT ROAD SAFETY PLAN**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 445**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Darebin Council develop a local Grey Spot road safety plan to fast track pedestrian crossings and pedestrian refuges in areas with high conflict with traffic and older residents over 65 years of age who are overrepresented in Local, State and Federal pedestrian road injuries and fatalities.

Notice Received: 22 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019**

Motion

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

That Darebin Council develop a local Grey Spot road safety plan to fast track pedestrian crossings and pedestrian refuges in areas with high conflict with traffic and older residents over 65 years of age who are overrepresented in Local, State and Federal pedestrian road injuries and fatalities.

Cr. McCarthy sought the support of the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:

That Council

- (1) **Notes that Council has a long standing and ongoing program of improvement projects in the City to improve safety for all our road users and that this plays an important role in improving our roads for older residents.**
- (2) Develop a local Grey Spot road safety **program focused on** older residents over 65 years of age who are overrepresented in Local, State and Federal pedestrian road injuries and fatalities
- (3) **Calls on the State Government to increase funding for and construction of fast track** pedestrian crossings and pedestrian refuges in areas with high conflict with traffic.

The mover and seconder consented to these changes to the motion

THE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-259

MOVED: Cr. T Laurence

SECONDED: Cr. G Greco

That Council:

- (1) Notes that Council has a long standing and ongoing program of improvement projects in the City to improve safety for all our road users and that this plays an important role in improving our roads for older residents.
- (2) Develop a local Grey Spot road safety program focused on older residents over 65 years of age who are overrepresented in Local, State and Federal pedestrian road injuries and fatalities
- (3) Calls on the State Government to increase funding for and construction of pedestrian crossings and pedestrian refuges in areas with high conflict with traffic.

CARRIED

10.7 REPORT ON SOCIO ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF REDEVELOPING THE RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 447**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

'That Council receives a comprehensive Council report as soon as possible with an analysis on how the full redevelopment of the RLC could address socio economic disadvantage in the northern end of our city.'

Notice Received: 22 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-260**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council receives a comprehensive Council report as soon as possible with an analysis on how the full redevelopment of the RLC could address socio economic disadvantage in the northern end of our city.

CARRIED

10.35pm – Cr. Le Cerf left the meeting

10.40pm – Cr. Le Cerf returned to the meeting

**10.8 REPORT ON IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENTAL
CONDITION OF EDWARDES LAKE****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 448**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

'That Council:

- (1) Notes that while Edwardes Lake is a highly valued community asset its full recreational potential remains underutilised due to its poor environmental condition.*
- (2) Notes that water that feeds into the lake comes from streets and via an industrial area which brings with it a range of pollutants and risk of pollution and continues to remain untreated or filtered.*
- (3) Receives a Council report in late January 2020 on options to safe guard and markedly improve the water quality of the lake in order to improve its poor environmental condition and make it more suitable for a wider range of recreational purposes for residents to enjoy.*
- (4) Receives a further report on how to fast track the future utilisation of the Boat house facility which complements the community enjoyment of the lake area.'*

Notice Received: 22 October 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019****Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019**

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L. Messina**That Council:**

- (1) Notes that while Edwardes Lake is a highly valued community asset its full recreational potential remains underutilised due to its poor environmental condition.
- (2) Notes that water that feeds into the lake comes from streets and via an industrial area which brings with it a range of pollutants and risk of pollution and continues to remain untreated or filtered.
- (3) Receives a Council report in late February 2020 on options to safe guard and markedly improve the water quality of the lake in order to improve its poor environmental condition and make it more suitable for a wider range of recreational purposes for residents to enjoy.
- (4) Receives a further report on how to fast track the future utilisation of the Boat house facility which complements the community enjoyment of the lake area.

Cr. Laurence sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend point (2) as follows.

- (2) Notes that water that feeds into the lake **and wetlands** comes from streets and via an industrial area which brings with it a range of pollutants and risk of pollution and continues to remain untreated or filtered.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

Cr. McCarthy sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend point (3) as follows.

- (3) Receives a Council report in late February 2020 on **State Government** options to safe guard and markedly improve the water quality of the lake in order to improve its poor environmental condition and make it more suitable for a wider range of recreational purposes for residents to enjoy.

The mover and seconder did not consent to this amendment.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Cr. Le Cerf declared an indirect conflict of interest in the following item due to conflicting duty created by her husband's employment with State Government Authority responsible for water quality/environment protection.

10.55pm – Cr. Le Cerf left the meeting

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That Council;

- (1) Notes that while Edwardes Lake is a highly valued community asset its full recreational potential remains underutilised due to its poor environmental condition.
- (2) Notes that water that feeds into the lake and wetlands comes from streets and via an industrial area which brings with it a range of pollutants and risk of pollution and continues to remain untreated or filtered.
- (3) Receives a Council report in late February 2020 on State Government options to safe guard and markedly improve the water quality of the lake in order to improve its poor environmental condition and make it more suitable for a wider range of recreational purposes for residents to enjoy.
- (4) Receives a further report on how to fast track the future utilisation of the Boat house facility which complements the community enjoyment of the lake area.

The amendment was put and carried

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: Cr. S Newton

That the Council meeting continue after 11.00pm until 11.30pm.

CARRIED

Cr. Laurence sought the approval of the mover and seconder to amend point (3) as follows:

- (3) Receives a Council report in late February 2020 on **Council, State and Federal** Government options to safe guard and markedly improve the water quality of the lake in order to improve its poor environmental condition and make it more suitable for a wider range of recreational purposes for residents to enjoy.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment

THE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-261

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) Notes that while Edwardes Lake is a highly valued community asset its full recreational potential remains underutilised due to its poor environmental condition.
- (2) Notes that water that feeds into the lake and wetlands comes from streets and via an industrial area which brings with it a range of pollutants and risk of pollution and continues to remain untreated or filtered.
- (3) Receives a Council report in late February 2020 on Council, State and Federal Government options to safe guard and markedly improve the water quality of the lake in order to improve its poor environmental condition and make it more suitable for a wider range of recreational purposes for residents to enjoy.
- (4) Receives a further report on how to fast track the future utilisation of the Boat house facility which complements the community enjoyment of the lake area.

CARRIED

11.01 pm – Cr. Le Cerf returned to the meeting

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Cr. Messina declared an indirect conflict of interest in Item 10.9, due to a conflicting duty created by her employment with an Aged Care Package Provider.

11.02 pm – Cr. Messina left the meeting

10.9 REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF COUNCIL BECOMING A PROVIDER OF AGE CARE PACKAGES

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 449

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 6 November 2019, it is my intention to move:

'That Council receives a Council report in late January 2020 on the feasibility and options on Council becoming an Aged Care packages provider.'

Notice Received: 22 October 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 28 October 2019

Date of Meeting: 6 November 2019

Motion

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

That Council receives a Council report in late February 2020 on scoping the feasibility and options on Council becoming an Aged Care packages provider.

Cr. McCarthy sought the approval of the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:

That Council

- (1) Receives a Council report on the **benefits and** options on Council becoming **Home Care packages provider**.
- (2) **Notes that Council has committed to a trial of providing services to people receiving Home Care Packages in 2020, which will gather evidence about people's needs as they transition from Commonwealth Home Support Program to Home Care Packages; and that the results and evaluation of this trial will inform the future report assessing options for Council becoming a Home Care Packages provider**

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

THE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-262

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

That Council

- (1) Receives a Council report on the benefits and options on Council becoming Home Care packages provider.
- (2) Notes that Council has committed to a trial of providing services to people receiving Home Care Packages in 2020, which will gather evidence about people's needs as they transition from Commonwealth Home Support Program to Home Care Packages; and that the results and evaluation of this trial will inform the future report assessing options for Council becoming a Home Care Packages provider.

CARRIED

11.03 pm Cr. Amir left the meeting and did not return.

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 Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committee – 1 October 2019
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee – 7 October 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 7 October 2019
- Darebin Women's Advisory Committee – 10 October 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 21 October 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 28 October 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-263

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 1, 7, 10, 21 and 28 October 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

11.06 pm Cr. Messina returned to the meeting.

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-264

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

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:

- U3A Network Victoria Lunch
- MAV State Conference
- DIVRS Annual General Meeting
- DECC Meeting intercultural centre
- Climate Emergency meeting
- DECC meeting
- 3KND Interview
- MAV State Council Meeting
- Rucker Ward - Meet n Greet
- Transition Darebin Celebration Dinner
- Thornbury Bowls Club speech
- Darebin Music Feast - Opening Party
- Alphington Branch CWA - High Tea
- Mayoral Briefing - St Georges Road
- St Georges Road Median Strip discussion meeting
- Mayoral Briefing – Green noise event
- Mayoral Briefing - 2021 Census
- Mayoral Briefing - Parliamentary Enquiry
- One on One with the CEO
- Dinner prior to Planning Committee
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council Briefing
- Darebin Schools' NAIDOC Yarning Conference Voice. Treaty. Truth
- Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management
- Mayoral Briefing - Minister announcing PSIF grant for Darebin City Council in Bundoora
- Minister announcing PSIF grant for Darebin City Council in Bundoora

- ADEC AGM & Cultural Performances
- Exquisite Tour of facility
- Order of Australia Association Reception
- WHIN AGM
- Mayoral Briefing - Events over the weekend
- Climate Emergency community leaders dinner
- Climate emergency risks - scoping the issues for councils
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Mayoral Briefing - Summerhill Residents Meeting with MP Robin Scott
- Meet with MP Robin Scott - Summerhill Village
- Penders Park Update meeting
- Mayor of Manningham City Council - Inaugural Mayoral Ball (Fundraiser)
- Cazaly Ward - Meet n Greet
- Environmental Film Festival - short speaking opportunity
- Rossmoyne Street Market and Scarecrow Competition
- Taste of India - Diwali Dhamakka 2019
- Bicentennial Celebration - Birth of Bab
- Eunson Avenue residents meeting
- Community Advisory Committee/Reference Groups discussion
- Mayoral Briefing – DAAC
- Quick catch up - 7 Eunson Avenue
- One on One with the CEO
- Council Briefing
- North East Healthy Communities Forum: 'Taking Action for Healthy Communities'
- Visit to Darebin Park - Maasarwe family visit to Melbourne
- Meeting Susan Rennie and Philip Sutton
- Extra Ordinary DAAC meeting - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy
- Titix EFA - Film Festival speech
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Invitation to attend Native Food Gardening Opening Assembly
- Sahara Victoria Association - Melbourne Multicultural Mela 2019
- Holy Trinity Cricket Club - HTCC Pride Cup - Welcoming Speech
- CE Communications plan – Briefing
- One on One with the CEO
- Council meeting

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

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

- Briefing on Climate Emergency action
- Planning Committee meeting
- Council Briefing x2
- North East Neighbourhood House Network Annual Awards
- Manningham Mayoral Ball
- NAGA briefing on climate risk with Sarah Barker
- Darebin Creek Management Committee AGM
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Board meeting
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Meeting with Cathy Henderson
- Planning committee meeting
- Council briefing 21st Oct
- Darebin Nature Trust meeting
- Cazaly ward meet and greet
- Council briefing 28th Oct
- Meeting with resident regarding mental health stigma project
- Meeting with the mayor
- Meeting with Benambra Street residents regarding planning proposal
- Phone conversations with residents regarding parking, cycling infrastructure, and other matters

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Meeting with CEO
- Planning meeting
- Council briefings
- Visited Royal Empire Martial Arts in Reservoir
- DACC Extra Ordinary meeting
- Taste of India event
- Bahia celebration

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- MIC Briefing
- MIC Strategic Planning Workshop
- A Climate of Fairness: VCOSS Forum on Climate Equity
- Meeting with local XR representatives
- Climate Emergency meeting
- MAV State Council Meeting
- Transition Darebin 10th Year Celebration Dinner
- Planning Committee meeting
- Climate Emergency community leaders dinner
- Climate emergency risks - scoping the issues for councils
- Rucker Ward - Meet n Greet
- Rossmoyne Street Rummage and Scarecrow Competition
- One on One with the CEO
- Council Briefings
- Into the Jungle @ EFFA - Film Festival speech

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Council briefings x 2
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Individual resident complaints and emails.
- Meeting with CEO
- Meeting with the Mayor
- Meeting with residents re Preston Hotel
- Meeting with residents re Benambra St, Preston
- Speech at Preston Market Italian Day
- Speech at the Kettlebell World Championship
- Radio Interview on Rete Italia
- Launch of Italian Studies Fund Melbourne University
- Launch of Oliva Social Preston
- Meeting with Umberto's Restaurant
- Meeting with Two Boys and a Pot
- Meeting with Eat Cannoli
- Islamic Museum Gala Evening
- Cazaly Ward Meet n Greet Councillors

- Northern Multicultural Business Awards
- Meeting with Oulton Reserve Cricket Club-
- Opening of Emily & Friends exhibition
- Metropolitan Transport Waste Forum x 2
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Strategic Planning Day
- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin
- Meeting with traders at Radford Rd, Reservoir
- Meet and Greet with residents at the Joseph Amerena Pharmacy
- Sylvester Hive Citrus Event
- Meeting with residents Regent Community Garden
- Meeting with proprietorship

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Holy Trinity Cricket Club Pride Match and lunch
- Weekly meetings with Mayor Rennie
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy
- Pathways to Politics for Women 2020+ Advisory Panel first meeting
- Meeting with Darren, President of Cameron Cricket Club and Felicity Leahy, Manager Recreation and Libraries
- Councillor briefing x2
- Planning committee meeting
- Indonesian Kawanua Dinner and Dancing Night
- Australian Local Government Women’s Association Conference in Macedon
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board meeting including election to Governance and Risk Committee Meeting
- Meeting with resident Shane at Darebin Creek Trail, Kingsbury re: lighting on path
- Meeting with Jacinta, journalism student, to discuss women’s safety in Darebin

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

No report received

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities for **14 October 2019** Council Meeting.

- Council Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Consultation with Reservoir residents re Reservoir Police station

- Consultation and volunteer work with Aboriginal community at Djab Wurrung Embassy in Western Victoria
- Consultation with DECC executive members

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities for **6 November 2019** Council Meeting.

- Council meeting
- Council briefing
- Diwali celebration Trades Hall
- Community consultation taekwondo club Radford Rd Reservoir
- Community consultation re Reservoir Pool problems
- Consultation Thornbury traders
- Community consultation
- Community consultation with DECC members
- Community consultation with Tamil Refugee Council members
- Consultation with Reservoir and Thornbury residents on parking

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

Recommendation

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.

**14.1 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY AT 16–20
DUMBARTON STREET, RESERVOIR**

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council that she was withdrawing Item 14.1 Compulsory Acquisition of Right of Way at 16-20 Dumbarton Street, Reservoir and the matter would be presented to the next Council Meeting.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 11.14 pm

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