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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 30 APRIL 2018**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.03PM

WELCOME

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

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

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Tony Homfrey - Senior Media Advisor

Katia Croce - Coordinator Council Business

Christina Plant - Council Business and Governance Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Tim Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Amir disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 8.3 - Solar Saver Progress and Special Charge Scheme.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-115

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 9 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Angela Denton of Northcote**

Question One:

I have made 5 phone calls over the course of 3 months requesting an audience with Councillor Kim Le Cerf to discuss the performance of the City of Darebin around a number of local issues. Despite leaving messages on each occasion, Kim has only called me back once and was then unavailable when I returned the call. Can Councillor Kim Le Cerf explain her understanding of representative democracy in the context of her repeated failure to respond to my request for contact?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge that both Ms Denton and I have not been able to successfully engage via telephone calls. I have returned Ms Denton's telephone calls on two separate occasions and also left a voice message suggesting that we liaise by email as well so that I can gain an understanding of her concerns. I have yet to receive an email. Ms Denton was also contacted by staff seeking to make a face to face meeting with myself however this was not accepted.

Question Two:

The City of Darebin has a poor performance record when it comes to bread and butter Council business and has repeatedly failed to deliver on capital works and infrastructure projects which would benefit the majority of citizens and not just minority interest. What mechanisms will City Of Darebin use to ensure that rates are spent efficiently and equitably and that all residents and not just trendy minority groups have a say in how rates are spent?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

A recent organisational restructure led by the new CEO has been undertaken to enable and facilitate improved service delivery and the completion of the capital works program. The restructure has centralised capital delivery and has also clarified officer responsibilities and improved accountability. In addition to this, the 2018 - 2019 Capital Works program proposed in the draft Budget has been supported by improved planning, integration, scoping, resource planning and prioritisation.

The Capital Works program is focused on capital improvements City-wide for all residents. This is demonstrated by the Women's Multi Sports Stadium (WMSS), Northcote Aquatic Recreation Centre (NARC) and Public Toilets projects just to name a few.

- **Anne Laver of Northcote**

Question One:

The Recycling Contract is before Council tonight as a confidential matter. The company SKM who holds the current contract according to their website are a company that sorts waste- it does not in fact recycle Plastics, Glass and Paper. These are prepared ready for manufacturers. Therefore, will the Council consider seeking tenders from other companies which actually break down the waste for re-use. For example- Alex Fraser Ltd - which recycles glass into sand for the construction industry or Astron Plastics Ltd which re-uses plastics and turns them into resin and cables.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

SKM is Council's current processing provider who primarily sort recycling waste for further processing to markets that use recycle material. Over 90% of the kerbside recyclables is recycled and used to create other products. Recycled materials must be separated from the kerbside collections in a Material Recycling Facility (MRF) of which there are three companies VISY, Polytrade, and SKM who offer suitable capacity for municipal waste volumes.

SKM have made a significant investment into new technologies that will ensure consistent quality for Australian and overseas markets including China. They are working closely with Municipal Association of Victoria, Metropolitan Waste Recovery Resource Group and local Councils and also investigating a range of options including Waste to Energy solutions, palletising and cleaning processes.

Darebin is focused on the full life cycle of products including new markets for plastics and low value commodities. The future retendering of the current Processing and Sorting contract will form part of this work. Establishing new entrants into the market will include significant capital outlay and time to mobilise plant and equipment. It is anticipated that this work will form part of Darebin's strategic direction through the review of the Waste Strategy that will be completed over the next 12 months with the collaborative efforts of MWRRG, other Councils and Industry.

Question Two, Part One:

Why has the Darebin Council not informed all residents - not just those with 500 metres that the intention is to take away parking at the train stations making it difficult for many to make use of the public transport ?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

No decisions have been made about the future streetscape of the area in question. Council is currently in phase two of three consultation phases and is listening to community input to begin developing concept designs to improve the use and function of the Ethel Street / Stott Street / Herbert Street / Park Street corridor. We are seeking to resolve existing issues, make them more people-friendly, safe and accessible, and providing better opportunities for walking and cycling. This area has been selected partly because it is affected by non-local traffic ('rat-running'), and accommodates high levels of local walking and cycling activity by a

range of people of all ages and abilities moving between homes, train stations, local business and schools.

The first phase of community consultation included a survey in March 2018 was advertised to some 3,200 households and businesses via a letterbox drop as well as through Council's website and social media. All information and feedback channels are not restricted to local residents, however one of the aims of the project is to work closely with the local community specifically to address the issues that affect their streets on a daily basis.

The third phase of the consultation will be to share with the community draft recommendations for the study area towards the end of May. These will be shared widely with the community including through the Leader, social media and other channels.

Question Two, Part Two:

Why has the Darebin council appointed and flown a Consultant from Sydney to undertake this project, at Ratepayers expense instead of using someone locally?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The consultant team that has been engaged to assist Council to deliver this project was subject to a thorough procurement and evaluation process in accordance with Council's procurement policy, and was selected based on their ability to deliver the best possible outcome for our community whilst ensuring value for money. The consultant team has an exceptional level of collective knowledge in delivering similar projects, drawing on 'best practice' experience not only from Melbourne but across Australia and internationally.

It is noted that the majority of the team is based in Melbourne, and includes residents from Darebin, who are all committed to deliver quality outcomes and a successful process which can be used to define how we approach similar projects across Darebin. Council is committed to getting this process right.

- **Andy Gray of Northcote**

How will the recommendations of the Open Spaces Strategy that Darebin Council is currently compiling be budgeted for when the proposed 2018/19 budget doesn't seem to allow for outcomes to result from the strategy?

Why do the strategic outcomes outlined in the budget - specifically "Opportunities to live well", "A liveable city" and "Involving our diverse community" - and the associated Major Initiatives and Initiatives in the budget all neglect the positive impact and important role that the thousands of pets living in Darebin have for their owners and their communities?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The Open Space Strategy is a city wide strategy that considers the network and mix of open space across Darebin. The strategy is expected to provide guidance on the overall mix of open spaces in Darebin in terms of meeting recreation needs, character, and biodiversity amongst other things. When the Open Space Strategy is finalised, the high level guidance in it will be incorporated into any specific projects planned for 2018/2019.

New projects directly arising from the Open Space Strategy's consultation would be considered for implementation in the 2019/2020 financial year.

If there is a specific project relating to open space or pet ownership in Darebin that you do not see represented in the 2018/2019 budget, I encourage you to enter a submission into the consultation process for the budget. The budget is on public display and open for comment through to 11 May 2018. If you would like more information please visit Council's website or call Customer Service on 8470 8888.

Council runs a range of education activities to support pet ownership through the City and these are planned to continue in 2018/2019.

- **David Isdale of Preston**

Question One:

(Regarding the Murray Road Speed Limit)

The speed limit on Murray Road between the intersections of High Street and Plenty Road increases back up to 60km/hr from the 40km/hr limit between Gilbert Road and High Street intersections.

This seems to be an inconsistent approach to speed on the same stretch of road and makes braking from 60km to 40km crossing the intersection on a green light too short a distance to do so at a very busy intersection for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Given that there is now a newly opened Inspire early learning centre at 235-239 Murray Road falling in the 60 zone, are there plans to reduce the limit, if not to 40 then at least to 50?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The reduced speed limit on Murray Road between Fitzroy Street and High Street was undertaken by VicRoads in response to crashes, and is also consistent with Councils approach on lowering speed limits to 40km/hr within residential neighbourhoods, adjacent to schools (Preston West Primary School) and within activity centres.

While Council is supportive of reducing the speed limit on Murray Road between High Street and Plenty Road, it is noted Murray Road falls under the care and maintenance of VicRoads and requests for speed limit reductions should be directed to VicRoads for assessment. In our experience, VicRoads do not currently support speed reductions to 50km/h on their roads, and require speed limit reductions to 40kmh to meet set criteria, including certain types of uses (schools), and length of active frontage (shops). I would encourage you to contact them to discuss this location in further detail.

Question Two:

(Regarding the location of Rubbish bins on Murray Road)

The bus stop between the intersections of High Street and Plenty Road heading East and positioned in front of Bob Jane T-Marts has rubbish and recycle bins positioned a good five metres or so from the bus stop. Whilst not excusing the massive amount of littering that occurs in that location, I can't help but think this could be reduced significantly by a simple re-positioning of the bins nearer to the bus stop.

Can you please give consideration to this?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

Our officers have advised that they will need to review the site and as such we will take this question on notice and you will be provided with a written response.

- **Robin Vote of Preston**

In 2016 Darebin Council withdrew from the provision of disability services with almost no consultation. How have the resulting savings been spent and has the promised Disability Advocacy and advice service been funded and implemented?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

- **Audrey Grace of Northcote**

Question One:

Will Darebin Council ask My Aged Care for the time extension and block funding offered to them until the end of 2019? This will allow time to complete Council's investigation of its Aged Care services in time? (end May 2018).

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

No decision has been made in relation to the future provision of Aged Care in response to the Federal Government reforms. The Council, at its next meeting in May, will consider a report from staff on how best to consult with the community and gather information to decide on future direction of Council services to older people. There will be a further consultation and investigation process and also a need to understand the impact of Federal reforms before Council makes any future decisions.

Question Two:

A decision was made by Council approximately 12 months ago to investigate so the answer was considered out of date. There is a concern as May 2018 is the last chance of making a decision to ask for time extension of the block funding which will give Council an extra 18 months.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

Council Officers understand that block funding currently runs until 30 June 2019 and have been advised by the Federal Government that there will be an invitation to extend that for a further year. However, the invitation was not expected to come until early 2019. It is highly likely that Council will accept the invitation noting that the terms and conditions of the extension are currently unknown.

The question was taken offline as Officers were under a different impression of application timelines. The matter would be followed up to ensure that everyone had the same information with regard to application timelines going forward.

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

- **Margaret Anne Learmonth of Northcote**

Could you please explain why there is no reference to Council's ongoing role in the provision of services to older residents in Older and Active in Darebin - 2017-2019. The only reference (on page 52) is to My Aged Care which makes it appear that Council has already opted out of continuing to provide any support to older people needing advice and information.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

- **Ermioni Aibazidou of Kingsbury**

Why does Council want to withdraw from providing Aged Care?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

Council is going through a process to collect feedback from people in the community and to look at the impacts that the Federal reforms are having on Council's ability to deliver aged care services. Council will be making a decision about that process on how to consult with the community, and not about Council's role in the future, at the next Council meeting in May.

The provision of aged care is a complicated matter. Council will look at the suite of services currently being delivered and will also look at new services that could be provided to the community. Discussion on the process of how this is done will take place at the next Council meeting.

No decision had been made by Council about the future provision of aged care services after the block funding ceases from the Federal Government.

- **Nalliah Suriya Lumaran of Preston**

Statement:

Council to hold on to the services to the elderly and not go to private markets. Vulnerable people need to be protected. Council to retain services.

- **Mrs. D Hook of Reservoir**

Re: Aged and Disability Care

Of the three tiers of Government - Federal, State and Council - Council is closest to the people of their area and has best knowledge of local conditions. For years Darebin Council has successfully provided "Age and Disability" care. I am a recipient.

Federal Government's 'My Aged Care' program is not an improvement on what we have. Under their program how do we informatively choose from businesses competing for business, what standard do they provide, what are the pitfalls and expenses if we want to change from an unsatisfactory provider, are they monitored? To contact My Aged Care we ring an "1800...." Number and the person answering would be anywhere, not a local to us.

Under our local Council program, if we wish to alter the arrangement or if we have a problem, we can contact directly the appropriate Council person.

Along with many others, I ask you to retain the current Darebin Council 'Aged and Disability' program to benefit the local people for whom you are well paid to care.

My question: Are you prepared to do the job for which you were elected, i.e. continue to care for us local Darebin people instead of abandoning us?

Thank you.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

No decision has been made about the provision of our aged care services. Council will need to assess the impacts of the Federal reforms (the reforms that were introduced by the Federal Government in 2013); the impact the reforms will have on Council's service delivery as they currently stand; what the future will be under those reforms; and what we need to adapt to those reforms into the future

Council will decide on the process at its next meeting and will then be spending the subsequent months consulting further with the community. Mrs Hook's letter would form part of the consultation into that process, which would lead to a final decision by Council. Assurance was given that there would be extensive advertising regarding the sessions being held.

The Councillor Working Group, which includes Council officers, had been meeting regularly and is due to meet again in the next month. Council Officers have been investigating the impact of the reforms and update Councillors on their investigations.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-116

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Public and Submission Question Time be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

- **Anthony Restuccia of Preston**

Question One:

I have been a resident in Darebin for about 40 odd years - I live on Cramer Street.

In the early 1990's, there was a petition that we implement 2 hour parking on Cramer Street between St Georges Road and Gilbert Road because the students at the TAFE college would learn to not park in Cramer Street and park in Gilbert Road. As a result, the residents along Cramer Street received two parking permits per household. The disappointing part of that is that after a couple of years Council wanted to be paid for one permit. A year later, the second also had to be paid for. I am disappointed in this because I am the one who organised the petition. Some of the residents that live along there think that I created this and that this is a revenue making exercise. I am a little disappointed that we have to pay for resident permit parking now because people that visit, especially the elderly, can't park out on the street so they park in the driveway.

Can we implement permit parking along Cramer Street for residents for free?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

Council revisited the Residential Permit Parking Policy in the last six months including the costs. Discussion took place on parking across the City and the fact that Darebin is experiencing, and will continue to experience, a greater shortage of parking that people would desire. A Parking Permit Policy was doing a lot in ensuring that residential parking, like that experienced in Cramer Street, was protected to some degree with the permit system.

In terms of costs associated with the permit I have only been on Council for two years and I was not aware that previously the first permit was free. I am happy to take that up with Officers and I wonder if there are any concessions for people on a low income or have a pension card. This question will be taken on notice.

Question Two:

Some of the trees that are in the area have a pip that falls from the tree in late Autumn. These pips actually stick to the cars and do not wash off. I suggest that we might look at some trees that are more suitable to the area like an Olive tree that don't grow too big, are evergreen and don't need much water.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The trees on Cramer Street will be referred to the Parks and Gardens team to follow up. Parks and Gardens are responsible for the selection of street trees and will be able to recommend solutions and future tree options.

- **Serena O'Meley, Resident**

Did Council write a letter of support to Moreland Council about the acquisition of some grassland that adjoins the creek and is obviously very important to the area.

The process is going through the first right of refusal right now. Submissions are due to Moreland Council by 11 May 2018.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

My understanding is that the State Government is currently selling that piece of land.

It is very much in line with policy in terms of protecting that open space so we will take a look at that submission process and see what we can do as a Council.

- **Emmanuel Gonzales, Resident**

I believe our footpaths are dangerous. There is a lot of construction in Darebin with new buildings and associated scaffolding. It is not safe for the people on footpaths.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

The proposed budget is allocating more money to footpaths in the next year in order to catch up on maintenance of footpaths in the municipality. The Chief Executive Officer would follow up directly with the resident who would provide details of the footpath locations that required attention.

The following person made a submission in relation to item 8.2 – La Trobe University – Proposed Ministerial Planning Scheme Amendment C165 and was thanked by the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

- *John Berriman*

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 9 April 2018.

At the Council meeting held on 9 April 2018, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf.

- **Victoria Aitken of Preston submitted the following question regarding a zebra crossing across Clinch Avenue at Murray Road.**

“A zebra crossing was supposed to be installed as part of the Clinch avenue redevelopment a few years back. Since then a number of local residents have called the council and also asked for an update at council meetings with no clear answer given. School students travelling towards Preston West primary have no safe way to cross this Street. They have to cross as the foot path ends near the train line forcing you to cross. We as residents have seen many near accidents, involving children, elderly people and women with prams who cannot cross quickly enough for people (often speeding) coming around blind corners.

Will the Clinch Avenue crossing be built as previously promised?”

Written response dated 13 April 2018, provided to Ms Aikten by Che Sutherland, Acting Manager Transport and Public Places

Thank you for your submission to Public Question Time, your enquiry regards plans for a zebra crossing across Clinch Avenue at Murray Road has been passed on to me.

We have reviewed the relevant planning permits for the two development projects on Clinch Avenue and are unable to find reference to any requirement for a zebra crossing to be constructed as part of either of these.

Council has however previously investigated a raised threshold on Clinch Avenue at Murray Road. This project was put on hold given the Preston Market development, and likelihood that traffic and how it is managed in the area would change significantly through the new development. Council will work with the VPA and developer to achieve good transport and traffic outcomes through the Preston Market development process.

Council is also currently awaiting a decision on whether the grade separation project commitment for Bell Street will include Cramer St and Murray Rd, should this be funded, the function and design of this intersection may change, and Council would seek an improved outcome for pedestrians as part of the project.

- **Geoffery Richards of Reservoir submitted the following question regarding Street Trees.**

“This question is a follow on to two questions concerning the approved removal of a nature-strip tree outside 32 Storey Road Reservoir.

Two fully explanatory answers were received, regrettably understood but appreciated, and whilst my concern over that action is closed, I wish to consider the future of such tree avenues and individual street trees. I appreciate the answers given about tree protection

tonight given my Councillor McCarthy and I would like some more information about the tree register that we have in place please.

1. I understand there may be some form of Heritage Tree Protection within Darebin. If so, and relevant what are the details and can such 'tree protection,' be used to allow for some form of community input to future planned street tree removals? Indeed, similar concerns may arise in parklands.
2. If no such protection format exists would Council please consider some?"

Written response dated 1 May 2018, provided to Mr Richards by Philip Tulk, Manager Parks and Open Spaces

Thank you for your query regarding tree protection in Darebin.

Council has several protection measures in place for trees in public spaces and some private space. We will avoid as much as possible removing a tree on Council land and will seek resident comment where appropriate.

Some trees in Darebin are protected by Planning Overlays. Some trees in Fairfield and Alphington are protected by a Heritage Overlay, some trees in McLeod/Bundoora are covered by a Vegetation Protection Overlay and all native trees within 200m of a waterway are protected by Environmental Significance Overlays. These overlays offer significant protection to trees in these areas.

The management of trees in streets and parks is guided by the Council adopted GreenStreets and Urban Forest Strategies (both are available online on Councils webpage). Where possible, Council will retain and preserve the trees in its urban forest. Street trees will be removed as they fail, become hazardous, decline or exceed their safe useful life expectancy (SULE).

If it is deemed necessary to remove a tree a notice will be placed on the tree providing information on why it is to be removed and contact details should residents require further information or wish to make a comment. The exception to this is if the tree is an immediate safety threat and is to be removed as soon as possible.

If there is still concern over the decision a resident can lodge an appeal and ask for the Urban Tree Removal Panel to review the decision.

When Officers are consulting the street tree planting program all residents are provided with lists of tree removals, the opportunity to vote on species selection for the street and make comment on the proposals. The comments will be considered and a response sent.

The consultation methods and criteria for tree removal are contained in the GreenStreets Strategy available at <http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/How-council-works/Organisation-and-Performance>.

If you don't have access to the internet please let me know and I will arrange for a copy to be sent.

If you require any further information please contact Mr David Smith, Coordinator Tree Management on 8470 8720.

- **Geoffery Richards of Reservoir submitted the following question regarding Repair and Maintenance - Fencing.**

“Recently the Council contractor completed re-paving of sections of the connecting streets walkway within the reserve. This was a safety issue arising from uneven blocks and the attention to same with sound workmanship is appreciated.

The reserve is small, one block in size, with a children’s playground. Fencing exists on all sides with one side being newly erected by the site developer at 49 Storey Road, which is 10 years old, has not been maintained and boards are rotting, paint is peeling and splintering wood rails exist. The Owners Corporation is aware of the issue but no action to date.

1. Whose responsibility is it to repair and maintain the fence?
2. Does the usual sharing of cost between neighbours apply to Council properties?”

Written response dated 2 May 2018, provided to Mr Richards by Mark Gallon, Manager Assets and Capital

Thank you for your query regarding repairs & maintenance of fence.

“Repair and maintain – Fencing” is that Council and the property owner share responsibility where private property abuts a park or Council facility. Council does not share responsibility where private property abuts a road.

Council will inspect the subject fence. If the fence is a normal unpainted paling fence then, Council may pay half the cost of replacement if the fence is unsound or in very poor condition and if requested by the private property owner. However, if the fence is not a standard paling fence and requires replacement due to its poor or unsafe condition then, the property owner would only receive the standard half costs for a paling fence and the property owner wishing to construct something different would need to make up the extra costs. If the fence is painted then, any repainting would be the responsibility of the private property owner.

If you require any further information please contact Daniel Neave, Coordinator Facility Maintenance on 8470 8503.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 TABLING OF PETITION

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-117

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That the petition:

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

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

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

In Darebin 25,534 people (18.8% of the total population)¹ are aged over 60 and many are receiving, or will soon require, support services to enable them to remain in their home. We firmly believe that current and future aged community members should continue to have the choice to receive home care service directly from trusted and committed Darebin Council staff."

be tabled and referred to the Active and Healthy Ageing Board and the Chief Executive Officer and relevant officers for consideration and a report to come back to Council.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 PROPOSAL TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE EDWIN STREET AT STATION STREET IN FAIRFIELD

Author: Transport Engineer

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek Councils endorsement of the placement of a permanent obstruction to formally close Edwin Street at Station Street in Fairfield to vehicular traffic and the placement of a Notice in the Government Gazette.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting on 18 December 2017, Council resolved to give notice of its intention to permanently close Edwin Street to vehicular traffic from Station Street. This report outlines that there were no written submissions received through the statutory advertisement process and recommends that Council proceed with the permanent closure.

Edwin Street is an unmade road, which provides an informal east-west link in a local residential precinct of Fairfield between Station Street, Gillies Street and Rathmines Street. It is in a poor condition with no footpath but has a painted area on the south side designated for pedestrians.

Residents of Edwin Street raised concerns about the poor condition of the street and the level of through-traffic using this route entering from Station Street. Following consultation with the residents, Edwin St was temporarily closed at Station St in October 2014 to reduce the volume of traffic using the road.

A public notice was placed in The Age newspaper on 15 January 2018, Preston Leader on 16 January 2018 and in the Northcote Leader on 17 January 2018. Letters were sent to the residents of Edwin Street on the same day.

Those persons wishing to make a submission in relation to the proposed closure were invited to do so by 16 February 2018 with any person requesting to be heard in support of their written submission to be heard by Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee. There were no written submissions received to this statutory process for permanently closing Edwin Street.

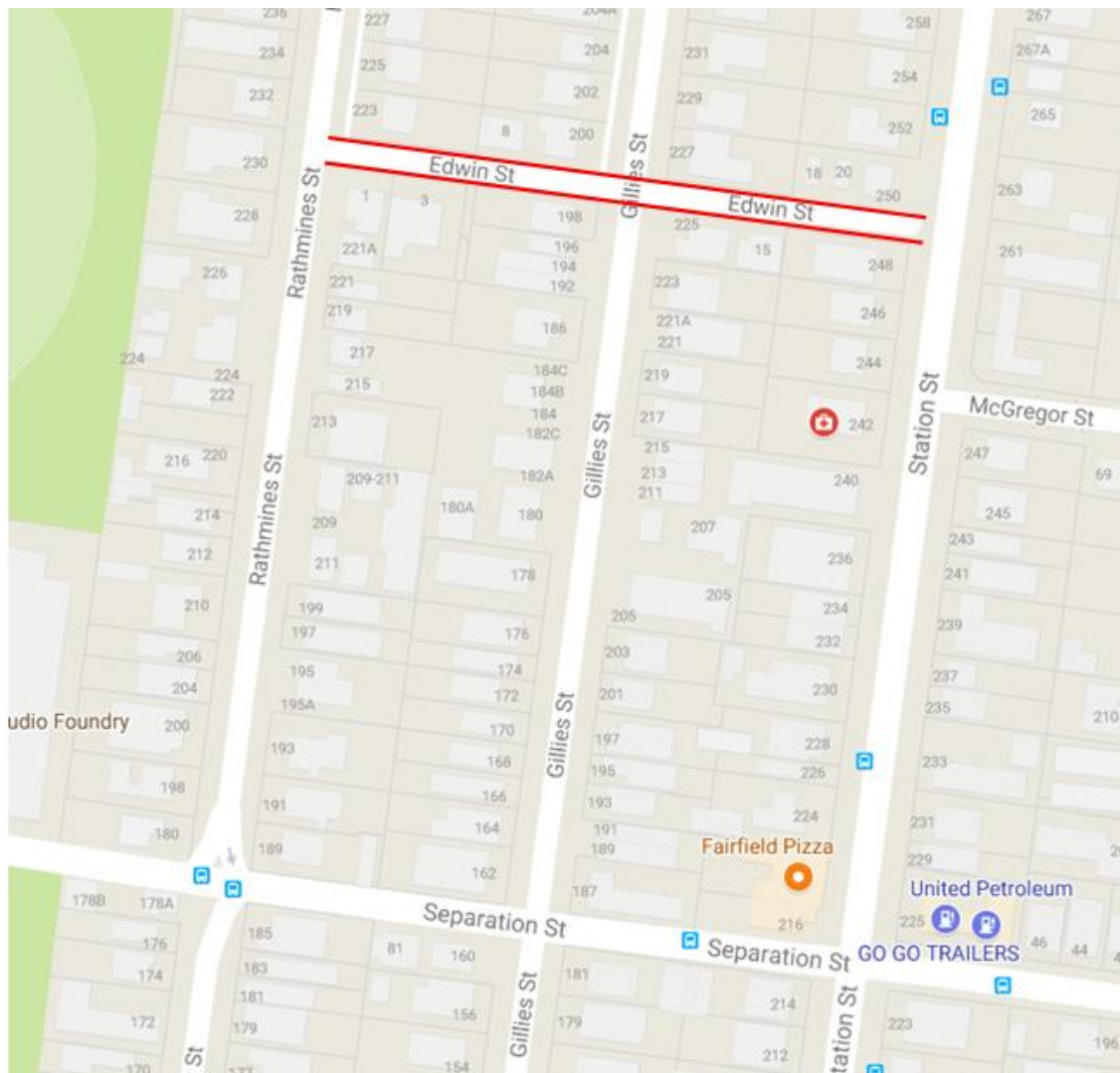


Figure 1: Edwin Street and the surrounding road network in Fairfield

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-118

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

That Council:

- (1) Approve the placement of a permanent obstruction to formally close Edwin Street at Station Street to vehicular traffic.
- (2) Approve the placement of a Notice regarding the closure in the Government Gazette.

CARRIED

The following people made a submission in relation to the following item and were thanked by the Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf:

- Andrew Vamvakaris
- Peter Roberts

8.2 LA TROBE UNIVERSITY - PROPOSED MINISTERIAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C165

Author: Principal Strategic Planner

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

La Trobe University is seeking Council’s in-principle support for a planning scheme amendment request which they will submit directly to the Minister for Planning for approval under Section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act.

The proposed Amendment C165 (refer **Appendix A**) inserts planning permit exemptions in the schedule to the Public Use Zone (PUZ) for a range of nominated land uses within the Health & Community, Sports & Recreation and Research Innovation precincts of the University campus, as shown in the map supplied below. These are precincts that have been identified as part of the La Trobe University Melbourne Campus Master Plan.

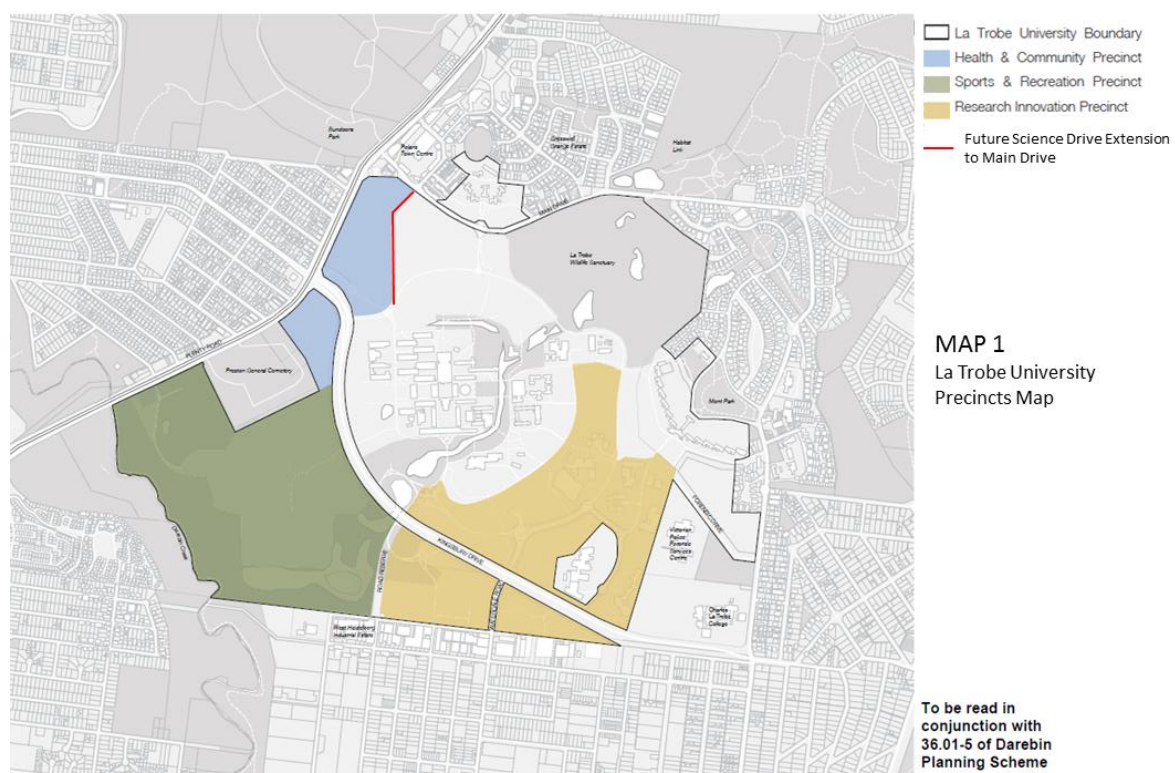


Figure 1 - Proposed map to be included within the Schedule to the Public Use Zone

The University submit (refer to Town Planning Report at **Appendix B**) that the Amendment is required to facilitate a number of planned health, recreation, and research related projects to be undertaken in partnership with the private sector in the near term.

Historically, the University has financed and delivered campus facilities, however partnerships with the private sector to deliver facilities is becoming an increasingly common delivery model and is now necessary for La Trobe University to compete in a global environment.

The Amendment is required to deliver greater certainty and confidence to prospective private sector partners for a range of land uses that would otherwise be exempt from planning permit requirements under the objects and powers of the University set out in the *La Trobe University Act 2009*.

Council officers have reviewed the Amendment and are satisfied that the proposed land uses to be added to the PUZ Schedule will be of a scale and function that can be considered consistent with the University's core functions of education, research and furtherance of knowledge. The changes will not facilitate uses that are entirely unrelated to the University.

The changes sought by Amendment C165 have been requested as a short-term measure ahead of any longer term planning scheme changes that may be requested as part of the La Trobe University Melbourne Campus Master Plan implementation. Any substantial changes required to planning controls in the future will require a full planning scheme amendment process, including full exhibition and notification requirements.

Recommendation

That Council provide in-principle support for Amendment C165 to the Darebin Planning Scheme as proposed by La Trobe University.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco

SECONDED: -

That Council:

- (1) Notes La Trobe University's Melbourne Campus Planning Scheme Amendment and that it intends to request Ministerial intervention for direct approval of the proposed amendment request without any public notice.
- (2) Undertakes a public consultation process to determine the views of the community regarding the proposed amendment request.
- (3) Writes to Latrobe University and the minister for Planning seeking more time for the public consultation to take place before the planning amendment is considered for approval.
- (4) Receives a report on the outcome of the community consultation process to assist Council in forming a view on whether to provide in-principle support for the La Trobe University's Planning Scheme Amendment request.

THE MOTION LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER.

Alternate Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that it does not support the request by La Trobe University to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme without public notice in accordance with Clause 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act*.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for planning and Latrobe University requesting that the amendment be publicly exhibited via the provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act*.

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

- (3) Undertakes a public consultation process to determine the views of the community regarding the proposed amendment request.

This was not accepted by Cr. Newton.

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Notes that it does not support the request by La Trobe University to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme without public notice in accordance with Clause 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act*.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for planning and La Trobe University requesting that the amendment be publicly exhibited via the provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act*.
- (3) Undertakes a public consultation process to determine the views of the community regarding the proposed amendment request.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST.

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, declared the Amendment to be lost.

THE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that it does not support the request by La Trobe University to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme without public notice in accordance with Clause 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act*.

- (2) Writes to the Minister for planning and La Trobe University requesting that the amendment be publicly exhibited via the provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act*.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-119

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that it does not support the request by La Trobe University to amend the Darebin Planning Scheme without public notice in accordance with Clause 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act*.
- (2) Writes to the Minister for planning and La Trobe University requesting that the amendment be publicly exhibited via the provisions of the *Planning and Environment Act*.

CARRIED

Cr. Amir disclosed a conflict of interest in the following Item classifying the types of interest as a direct interest as her house is one of the properties in the first wave of the Solar Savers Program.

Cr. Amir left the chamber prior to consideration of the item at 7.34pm.

8.3 SOLAR SAVER PROGRESS AND SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME

Author: Manager Environment and Community Outcomes

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of Council's Climate Emergency Plan. The proposed special charge scheme includes 481 properties and would add 2MW of solar to Darebin, doubling the total of previous programs. The program was open to all residents and low income residents, renters, pensioners and social housing residents have been prioritised.

The proposed special charge scheme totals over \$2.5 Million and these funds will be paid back to Council through the special charge scheme over 10 years. No interest is charged. These payments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills. So the program provides financial and environmental benefits.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-120

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That:

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

- c. The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution be recorded as \$2,510,483.37; and
 - ii. Amount for the special charge to be levied be recorded as \$2,510,483.37, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
 - d. The special charge be declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as Appendix B to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - e. The following be specified as the criteria which form the basis of the special charge so declared:
 - i. Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - f. The following be specified as the manner in which the special charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A special charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which a Householder Agreement has been executed, totalling \$2,510,483.37, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - g. Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the special charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the special charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the proposed special charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the special charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- (3) Council, for the purposes of having determined the total amount of the special charge to be levied:
- a. Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the special charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - b. Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the special charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the special charge is 100%.
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- (4) Public notice be given in "The Northcote Leader" and "The Preston Leader" newspapers of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 23 July 2018, the special charge in the form set out above.
- (5) Separate letters, enclosing a copy of this resolution, **Appendix B** to this report and the public notice referred to in paragraph 4 of this resolution, are to be sent to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the special charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the special charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
- (6) The Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee be convened, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear persons who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
- (7) Council's Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

CARRIED

Cr. Amir returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7.40pm.

**8.4 700-718 HEIDELBERG ROAD, ALPHINGTON -
APPLICATION FOR REVIEW NO. P607/2018****Author:** Principal Planner**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek approval to participate in the VCAT proceedings with respect to a planning permit application to develop land at 700-718 Heidelberg Road, Alphington within the municipal district of Yarra City Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A planning permit has been sought to develop the land for an 8 storey mixed-use building. The application was supported by Yarra City Council, subject to conditions which reduced the building height to a total of 5 storeys.

The various objectors (including Council) did not seek review of this decision pursuant to Section 82 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Act)*, and a planning permit has subsequently issued. The Applicants for Review have now sought a review of a number of conditions on the Planning Permit, principally the reduction of building height.

Council is required to lodge any Statement of Grounds by 7 May 2018.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-121**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That Council:**

- (1) Requests officers to lodge a Statement of Grounds with the Tribunal, nominating the Council intends to actively participate in the proceedings.
- (2) Requests officers to attend the Practice Day Hearing and Compulsory Conference on behalf of Council.
- (3) Delegates officers to negotiate on behalf of Council at the Compulsory Conference, with any position agreed by the parties communicated in accordance with the Planning Committee Charter.
- (4) Requests officers to attend and present submissions at the Hearing (or direct brief external counsel of same).
- (5) Requests officers to consider calling an expert witness to give evidence at the hearing in the field of planning.

CARRIED

8.5 MAYER PARK MASTER PLAN - COMMUNITY PROJECT CONTROL GROUP

Author: Landscape Architect

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Mayer Park Master Plan project and to appoint members of the community to the Mayer Park Project Control Group.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mayer Park is neighbourhood park located at 99 Leinster Grove (corner of Normanby Avenue and Leinster Grove), Thornbury. It is primarily classed as a sporting ground and secondary category of parkland (Darebin Open Space Strategy 2007-2017).

In 2015, Mayer Park was identified as one of the five possible sites for locating Darebin's new Multi-Sport Stadium. Extensive community consultation was conducted at the time and ultimately the selected site for the Multi-Sport Stadium was John Cain Memorial Park. The community consultation results clearly showed that the local community are very supportive of retaining access to green open space at Mayer Park. The Friends of Mayer Park group was formed following this process and has been active ever since organising community events at the park such as regular outdoor movie nights and markets. Friends of Mayer Park has also advocated for the need for a new masterplan for Mayer Park with Darebin Council.

This was recognised by the inclusion of an action to *'develop new master plans and yearly action plans for Mayer Park and the Northcote Golf Course'* in Council's 2017-2018 Action Plan. Around the same time, the Victorian State Government released the Planning For Golf in Victoria Discussion Paper in June 2017, to which Darebin provided a submission. The State Government is yet to release its Recommendations Report to clarify their position on golfing in Victoria. Because of this, answers to the questions regarding golf's future in Darebin are still outstanding. This led to a change of scope for the master plan that will see Community Project Control Group (PCG) that includes community members for the purpose of **designing and developing a master plan for Mayer Park only (excluding the Northcote Golf Course)**.

The master plan will be a community led design process that delivers a new master plan that will guide development of the park over the next four years and provide a set of actions and projects to be delivered during this time, including an implementation program and budget estimates.

An expressions of interest period was open for three (3) weeks for local community members to submit their application to be part of the PCG. Nine (9) submissions were received and evaluated. Council is to appoint eight (8) people to form the group.

Recommendation

That Council appoints the following people to the Mayer Park Community Project Control Group, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____
- (f) _____
- (g) _____
- (h) _____

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-122

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

That Council appoints the following people to the Mayer Park Community Project Control Group, in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference.

- (a) Marcus Dessewffy
- (b) Chris Lombardo
- (c) Dajarra Golding
- (d) Catherina Acton
- (e) Kellie Marks
- (f) Tony Barbera
- (g) Kirsten Doran
- (h) Christopher Jennings

CARRIED

8.6 DAREBIN COMMUNITY AWARDS TERMS OF REFERENCE**Author:** Acting Manager Creative Culture and Events**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To inform Council of changes to the Darebin Australia Day Awards, which are now known as Darebin Community Awards, and to seek Council endorsement for the new Terms of Reference and the process in place to source community members to be part of the Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of a Council resolution on 21 August 2017, Council resolved to:

- Continue to recognise excellence and service in Darebin, renewed as the Darebin Community Awards, and to be awarded on a day other than January 26.
- In collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, introduce new categories within the Awards that recognise and celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work or study in Darebin.

This has meant that it was required to refresh and renew the current 26 January Awards and to rebrand them as the Darebin Community Awards. It also has meant that we have worked in collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to introduce two new categories within the Awards that recognise and celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work, study or volunteer in Darebin.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-123**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

- (1) Endorse the Terms of Reference for the Darebin Community Awards
- (2) Commence the Expression of Interest process for members.

CARRIED

8.7 RESCHEDULING PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR JUNE 2018**Author:** Coordinator Council Business**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to reschedule the June Planning Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to Councillor and Chief Executive Officer obligations, rescheduling the date from 18 June 2018 to 25 June 2018 will enable Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to be present at the meeting.

Section 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires Council to provide public notice for cancellation and/or a new date for meetings of Council and Special Committees comprised solely of Councillors. The revised Planning Committee meeting date will be advertised in the Age and the Northcote and Preston Leader newspapers in accordance with the Act.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-124**MOVED:** Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council reschedules the Planning Committee meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber at Darebin Civic Centre at 6.00pm, from 18 June 2018 to 25 June 2018.

CARRIED

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

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 RUTHVEN STATION

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 345

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 30 April 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

Notes;

- (1) That according to the 2017 RACV and Leader News On Track survey Ruthven Station was ranked as the second worst station in Victoria.*
- (2) That car parking facilities around the station are grossly inadequate and posing a safety risk to pedestrians and commuters.*
- (3) Due to insufficient parking commuters are parking on the footpath and in nearby residential streets causing congestion.*
- (4) That Council raised the inadequacy of car parking facilities at the station with state government transport authorities at the time of the welcomed removal of travel zones which has caused the increase in patronage from Ruthven Station. However little was done by the transport authorities to foresee the parking problem we have today.*

And

- (5) Resolves to write to the Minister for transport Jacinta Allan and Robin Scott, Local Member for Preston inviting them to visit Ruthven Station and request that;*
 - a) Car parking facilities be immediately improved as a matter of urgency to alleviate and appropriately manage car parking at the station and neighbouring streets.*
 - b) The State government provide additional funds to upgrade the poor run down state of Ruthven Station as part of the Reservoir rail crossing removal project.*

Notice Received: 11 April 2018

Notice Given to Councillors 23 April 2018

Date of Meeting: 30 April 2018

Motion

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

That Council:

Notes;

- (1) That according to the 2017 RACV and Leader News On Track survey Ruthven Station was ranked as the second worst station in Victoria.
- (2) That car parking facilities around the station are grossly inadequate and posing a safety risk to pedestrians and commuters.
- (3) Due to insufficient parking commuters are parking on the footpath and in nearby residential streets causing congestion.
- (4) That Council raised the inadequacy of car parking facilities at the station with state government transport authorities at the time of the welcomed removal of travel zones which has caused the increase in patronage from Ruthven Station. However little was done by the transport authorities to foresee the parking problem we have today.

And

- (5) Resolves to write to the Minister for transport Jacinta Allan and Robin Scott, Local Member for Preston inviting them to visit Ruthven Station and request that;
 - a) Car parking facilities be immediately improved as a matter of urgency to alleviate and appropriately manage car parking at the station and neighbouring streets.
 - b) The State government provide additional funds to upgrade the poor run down state of Ruthven Station as part of the Reservoir rail crossing removal project.

Cr. Amir proposed item (5) a) be amended as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Messina.

- (5) Resolves to write to the Minister for transport Jacinta Allan and Robin Scott, Local Member for Preston inviting them to visit Ruthven Station and request that;
 - a) *Car parking facilities be immediately improved, **cycling infrastructure to be improved to encourage cycling to the station , and appropriately managed as a matter of urgency to alleviate and appropriately manage car parking at the station and neighbouring streets.***

Cr. Rennie further proposed that item (5) c) be included as follows. This was accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Messina.

- (5) Resolves to write to the Minister for transport Jacinta Allan and Robin Scott, Local Member for Preston inviting them to visit Ruthven Station and request that;
 - c) **Amenities, safety and accessibility improvements to be made immediately to increase walkability around the station.**

THE AMENDED MOTION READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

Notes;

- (1) That according to the 2017 RACV and Leader News On Track survey Ruthven Station was ranked as the second worst station in Victoria.
- (2) That car parking facilities around the station are grossly inadequate and posing a safety risk to pedestrians and commuters.
- (3) Due to insufficient parking commuters are parking on the footpath and in nearby residential streets causing congestion.
- (4) That Council raised the inadequacy of car parking facilities at the station with state government transport authorities at the time of the welcomed removal of travel zones which has caused the increase in patronage from Ruthven Station. However little was done by the transport authorities to foresee the parking problem we have today.

And

- (5) Resolves to write to the Minister for Transport Jacinta Allan and Robin Scott, Local Member for Preston inviting them to visit Ruthven Station and request that;
 - a) Car parking facilities be immediately improved, cycling infrastructure to be improved to encourage cycling to the station , and appropriately managed as a matter of urgency to alleviate and appropriately manage car parking at the station and neighbouring streets.
 - b) The State government provide additional funds to upgrade the poor run down state of Ruthven Station as part of the Reservoir rail crossing removal project.
 - c) Amenities, safety and accessibility improvements to be made immediately to increase walkability around the station.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-125

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

That Council:

Notes;

- (1) That according to the 2017 RACV and Leader News On Track survey Ruthven Station was ranked as the second worst station in Victoria.
- (2) That car parking facilities around the station are grossly inadequate and posing a safety risk to pedestrians and commuters.

- (3) Due to insufficient parking commuters are parking on the footpath and in nearby residential streets causing congestion.
- (4) That Council raised the inadequacy of car parking facilities at the station with state government transport authorities at the time of the welcomed removal of travel zones which has caused the increase in patronage from Ruthven Station. However little was done by the transport authorities to foresee the parking problem we have today.

And

- (5) Resolves to write to the Minister for Transport Jacinta Allan and Robin Scott, Local Member for Preston inviting them to visit Ruthven Station and request that;
 - a) Car parking facilities be immediately improved, cycling infrastructure to be improved to encourage cycling to the station , and appropriately managed as a matter of urgency to alleviate and appropriately manage car parking at the station and neighbouring streets.
 - b) The State government provide additional funds to upgrade the poor run down state of Ruthven Station as part of the Reservoir rail crossing removal project.
 - c) Amenities, safety and accessibility improvements to be made immediately to increase walkability around the station.

CARRIED

**10.2 WORKFORCE CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP
IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 346**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 30 April 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Writes to the Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Soutphommasane congratulating him on his initiative for releasing his latest report - Leading for Change - which demonstrates that there is limited cultural diversity in positions of leadership in Australia.*
- (2) *Highlights to the Commissioner the omission in the report regarding cultural diversity in leadership positions within local government organisations and recommends that a similar report be compiled for the local government sector.*
- (3) *Writes to the Minister for Local Government, Marlene Kairouz and the Minister for Multiculturalism, Robin Scott requesting that the state government produce a comprehensive report on workforce diversity and leadership in local government in Victoria.*
- (4) *Receives a report in July 2018, with updated data reflective of our workforce diversity including salary classifications, current processes in place for staff to identify diversity, proposed actions that will enable Council to gain a more accurate picture of the diversity of our workforce and also inform Council of the policies and practices currently in place to attract employees from diverse backgrounds, and suggested targets and strategies that Council can adopt in addressing the gaps in the workplace.*

Notice Received: 17/04/2018**Notice Given to Councillors 23/04/2018****Date of Meeting: 30 April 2018**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-126**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- (1) *Writes to the Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Soutphommasane congratulating him on his initiative for releasing his latest report - Leading for Change - which demonstrates that there is limited cultural diversity in positions of leadership in Australia.*
 - (2) *Highlights to the Commissioner the omission in the report regarding cultural diversity*
-

in leadership positions within local government organisations and recommends that a similar report be compiled for the local government sector.

- (3) Writes to the Minister for Local Government, Marlene Kairouz and the Minister for Multiculturalism, Robin Scott requesting that the state government produce a comprehensive report on workforce diversity and leadership in local government in Victoria.
- (4) Receives a report in July 2018, with updated data reflective of our workforce diversity including salary classifications, current processes in place for staff to identify diversity, proposed actions that will enable Council to gain a more accurate picture of the diversity of our workforce and also inform Council of the policies and practices currently in place to attract employees from diverse backgrounds, and suggested targets and strategies that Council can adopt in addressing the gaps in the workplace.

CARRIED

10.3 COMPREHENSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE AGREEMENT FOR TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (CPTPP)**Councillor: Susanne NEWTON****NoM No.: 347**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 30 April 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

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- (2) *Approach Moreland and Yarra Council's to explore the possibility of a joint submission to oppose the legislation supporting the CPTPP.*
- (3) *Prepare a submission for the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties; and the Senate Enquiry on the potential impact of the proposed CPTPP on local government.*
- (4) *Implement a communications plan to support the City of Darebin's position.*

Notice Received: 09/04/2018**Notice Given to Councillors 23/04/2018****Date of Meeting: 30 April 2018****Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-127****MOVED: Cr. S Newton**
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

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(4) Implement a communications plan to support the City of Darebin’s position.

CARRIED

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Preston Business Advisory Committee - 11 April 2018
- Darebin Ratepayers Group - 12 April 2018
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee and Active and Healthy Ageing Board - 16 April 2018
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee - 19 April 2018

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-128

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 11, 12, 16 and 19 of April 2018 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-129

MOVED: Cr. S Amir
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF, MAYOR

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

- Regular Weekly Meetings with Communications
- Regular Weekly Meetings with Chief Executive Officer
- Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group Meeting
- Sustainability Matters
- Regular Meetings with Lidia Thorpe MP
- Meeting with NORTH Link Chris James / Tony Coppola re Northern Vocational Mentoring Exchange and recent Canberra delegation
- Photoshoot for Leader to Promote Mayor's Writing Awards
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group
- Women in Business Event
- Darebin Ratepayers Group Meeting with Darebin Councillors and Executive
- Weekly Breakfast Meetings with Deputy Mayor
- Radio interview on 774 ABC Melbourne regarding Mayor's Writing Awards
- Press Briefing
- Catch up with General Manager, Community
- Planning Committee
- VLGA Local Government Working Group On Gambling, including Alliance for Gambling Reform's election policy platform launch
- ICLEI Regional Executive Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Dr Sean Butler, Principal Preston High School
- Australian Local Government Women's Association - High Tea & AGM
- Launch of New Darebin Youth Access Hub at Northland
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee Meeting
- Launch of Council's Natural Heritage Film
- ANZAC Day March Ceremony
- MAV Metropolitan Regional Meeting
- Council Briefing Session

- ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Wungurilwil Gapgapduir - Aboriginal Children and Families Agreement Launch at Parliament House
- Darebin Pitch It Grand Final
- NAGA Meeting
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Meeting with Lidia Thorpe MP regarding cycling infrastructure
- Meeting with Darebin Ratepayer's group
- ALGWA afternoon tea
- Launch of new Youth Hub
- Media conference at Reservoir Resource Recovery Centre with Senator Peter Whish-Wilson (support role only)
- Opening night of *Replica* at Northcote Town Hall

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Reimagining Ruthven Community Reference Group.
- Meeting with residents regarding Single Dwelling Covenants
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Bundoora Homestead Board Meeting
- Catch up with Cathy Henderson General Manager
- Friends of Baucau Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Budget community consultation pop up
- Aboriginal children and families agreement launch.
- Meetings with residents relating to
- Parking
- Aged care
- Planning

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Meeting with CEO
- Meeting with Member for Northcote
- Meeting with Darebin Ratepayers Group
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin Meeting
- ANZAC Day Dawn Service
- Council Briefing
- Pitch It Grand Final at Preston Market
- MIC Meeting
- Farewell for Libby Hynes, former Manager Environment and Community Outcomes
- Various community issues

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Planning Committee meeting
- Council briefing session
- Pitch IT! Grand Final
- Darebin Creative Industry Network
- Darebin Ratepayers Group Meeting
- One on One meeting with the CEO
- Opening Fundraiser Shave at the Preston Market for The Olivia Newton John Wellness & Research Centre
- Tour of the Olivia Newton John Wellness & Research Centre
- Meeting with residents re Spencer & William St Preston
- Radio Interview Rai Italia
- Luncheon with the Northern Italians Elderly Residents Group
- Interview with Il Globo x2
- Opening of the "We and "Ascension" exhibition Bundoora Homestead
- Several meetings with the Mayor
- Community Meeting to meet with Sean Butler new Principal Preston High School
- The Strategies and Policy Advocacy Group (**SPAG**) **Waste Recovery Forum**
- Attending to residents and business enquiries
- Meeting at the Bullants Football club

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Sustainability Matters - Hear from Darebin's business leaders in sustainability at Darebin Arts Centre
- Reimagining Ruthven Community Reference Group Meeting
- Meeting with new GM Cathy Henderson
- Meeting with new GM Ingrid Bishop
- Combined meeting with Darebin Disability Advisory Committee and Darebin Healthy and Active Ageing Committee board
- Planning Committee meeting
- Australian Local Government Women's Association High Tea with special guest speaker
- Council briefing session
- Wungurilwil Gapgapduir - Aboriginal Children and Families Agreement Launch at Parliament House
- VLGA Board workshop with Kris Honey re: board governance
- VLGA Board meeting
- Darebin Ethnic Communities Council meeting
- Pitch IT! Grand Final
- Libby Hynes Farewell Morning Tea
- La Trobe Ward Budget Consultation Listening Post
- Meeting with Mandy Bathgate

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Planning Committee meeting
- Council briefing session
- Darebin Ratepayers Group Meeting (by phone)
- Community Meeting to meet with Sean Butler new Principal Preston High School
- Wungurilwil Gapgapduir - Aboriginal Children and Families Agreement Launch at Parliament House
- Budget Pop-up session
- MAV Metropolitan Forum
- Launch of Council's Natural Heritage film
- MAV Regional Meeting
- MAV Empowering Health Eating for Victorian communities
- Streets for People Community Design Day

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Council meeting
- Darebin Domestic Animal Management
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Women in Business
- Darebin Ratepayers Group
- Meeting with a member from PBAC
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Darebin Active & Healthy Ageing Board
- Planning Committee
- ALGWA Aust Local Govt Women Assoc
- Council Briefing session
- Meet the Principal Dr Sean Butler of Preston High School
- ANZAC Dawn Service Broadway Reservoir

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Tim is on an approved leave of absence.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

The Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to section 77(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), has designated the following items to be confidential:

14.1 Recyclables Services Contract

This item is designated confidential because it is a contractual matter pursuant to section 89(2)(d) of the Act.

CLOSE OF MEETING**RESOLUTION**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-130

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting closed to members of the public at 8.19pm.

The Council considered and resolved Confidential items which had been circulated to Councillors with Council Agenda Paper.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-131

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

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

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to members of the public at 8.30pm.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.31pm.