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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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.



### English

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### Arabic

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### Hindi

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### Macedonian

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### Nepali

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### Punjabi

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### Vietnamese

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DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2020**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.00PM**

**WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Rennie 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. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Gaetano Greco

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

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Kerry McGrath - General Manager Communities

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Damian Hogan – Manager Finance

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Lisa Thomas-Bates - Governance Project Officer

Michelle Martin - Council Business Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Steph Amir

**3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr. Messina disclosed a Conflict of Interest in Item 7.7 – Commonwealth Home Support Program Offer of Funding Extension due to a conflicting duty created through her employment in the HACC Sector

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## 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-072

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED**

## 5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

The Mayor welcomed Erica Higgins, a Member of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the lectern to make a collective statement from members of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

### **Our Black Lives Matter**

We, the members of the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee, call for change across this country. We call for national accord and personal acceptance of the fact that black lives matter.

For all our people, our lives, families, lands, waters, culture, lore, history and identity as First Nations people have always mattered.

We believe that there is no better time than now for all Australians to join with us in the struggle to bring to an end the centuries-long racism and social inequity that has been forced upon Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of this country.

We call upon all Australian governments – federal, state, territory and local - to do more. We call upon Australian businesses - corporate, private, large and small – to do more.

We call upon all to join in, with a sense of urgency and determination, the fight against injustice, racism, inequity and discrimination.

Every Australian rests and rises on Aboriginal land.

Every Australian has benefitted in some way from the loss and dispossession inflicted upon Aboriginal people past and present.

Every Australian has a conscionable right to take a firm and unwavering stand against injustice, racism and inequity.

In the spirit of unity, we reach out to all Australians, asking that you challenge yourself by asking: "What is it that I can do I can do to make a difference? A difference that will make my community and this country a safer, fairer and more just place for all to live and prosper.

Signed

Ellie-jean Singh  
Erica Higgins  
Charles Pakana

Jenaya Kastamonitis  
Alan Brown

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thankyou Erica for your powerful words on behalf of DAAC and for being here tonight.

About a month ago, I reaffirmed Darebin's absolute commitment to our diverse community and stand side by side with them to call out any form of racism or discrimination and that we will not tolerate any form of racism and will speak out loudly and strongly when it occurs. The tragic murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis has again shown the deadly consequences of racism – an issue which we as a country continue to confront.

Racism and bigotry harms people - it results in the national disgrace of the increasing and unacceptable over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in prisons:

- **Aboriginal men are overrepresented 16 times and Aboriginal women 22 times overrepresented compared to non-Indigenous men and women in prison**
- **Aboriginal children as young as 10 years are in youth detention**
- **At least, 432 people have died in custody since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1991.**

We have an unwavering commitment to a racism-free Darebin and proudly walk alongside First Nations peoples – Black Lives Matter - we see you and we stand with you in strength and solidarity.

Thank you.

The Chairperson, Cr Rennie, proceeded to deal with the following questions submitted for Public Question Time.

- **Peter Roberts, President Strathallan Golf Club Inc.**

Given DCC is either legally, morally or ethically, required to comply with various legislation, policy Statements/Directives & Guidelines, on what basis has Council taken such an aggressive line with the Strathallan Golf Club over the purported Rates liability attributed to land on which the Club's golf course is situated?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Council's approach is and will continue to be fair and reasonable in regard to the Rates liability attributed to the land on which the Strathallan Golf Club is situated. All correspondence with Strathallan Golf Club is based on sound legal advice and compliant with legislation, to ensure integrity and consistency in decision-making is maintained.

- **Steve Minos, Reservoir.**

Wood heaters are creating unbearable pollution in the neighbourhood, breathing is difficult when out for a walk, will council consider banning the health destroying air polluting wood fires even though there's many recommendations of how to burn dry wood most people do not follow this and burn building materials or anything else they can get their hands on I think the time has come with global warming etc, Ban the wood heaters. There's better alternatives. Thank you. Steve.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question. Council recognises the seriousness of air pollution from wood smoke. On 6 April 2020 Council resolved to take a number of actions to reduce wood smoke pollution. These include community education and advocating to the Victorian Government for change to cut wood smoke. Coincidentally I am meeting with the EPA about this matter this week.

Unfortunately, local councils are unable to ban wood heaters in Victoria as this is the responsibility of the Victorian government. Smoke from wood heaters is regulated by the Victorian Government through the Environment Protection Authority and its Waste Management Policy for Solid Fuel Heating.

Local Councils can enact local laws, but they cannot go over and above the state law. As a result, any ban would need to be implemented by the Victorian Government.

Thank you for your advocacy on this issue, I would encourage you to let the state government also know about your views directly.

- **Andy Roberts**

As a concerned tenant of the above address, I would like to ask when the council will implement its AirBnB policy, similar to the Mornington Peninsula Council, that will prevent illegal criminal activity from blighting the lives of law abiding residents in this community? It was referenced by Christine Schmidt in the council notes of September 2018 and needs your urgent attention please.

Please be advised that there will be three victim impact statements presented to the council on the 9th June 2020 with regards to recent events at this address.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for the question. I understand the property that you are concerned about is an apartment building, which means that the owners corporation has the power to issue breach notices.

The State Government made changes to the Owners Corporations Act 2006 in February 2019 to help prevent short-term accommodation apartment buildings being used to host unruly parties.

These reforms allow owners corporations and residents to take action against owners and guests. Owners and guests are now jointly and individually liable for any compensation, fines, and awards for damage to common property.



Under this legislation the Owners Corporation can issue breach notices and therefore you should get in touch with them on this matter.

**Council is unable to legally enact a local law addressing this issue because State legislation is in place and it overrides any local law.  
Response to be entered in bold.**

- **Julie More, Northcote**

I would like the Council to consider banning the use of leaf blowers at residential housing. Perhaps there might be some exception made for residential houses on land greater than 1000 square metres. We have regular users when one can't help feel a broom would do the trick. The fact that has been quiet serves to highlight the return of noise pollution.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question.

Local councils including Darebin are unable to consider banning leaf blowers as the use of this equipment is governed by the Victorian Government through the Environment Protection Authority. The EPA sets noise guidelines for their operation and when they can be used.

Generally, the EPA noise guidelines allow people to use equipment and appliances at home during the day. Leaf blowers as well as other equipment like mowers or power tools are regarded as normal noises during the daytime in a residential setting.

- **Maureen Wilson, Reservoir**

Please provide an explanation as to why the trees in high street near Melbourne water are being removed, it is turning reservoir into a no green suburb.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The trees in high street are on Melbourne Water's land and Melbourne Water are replacing the 94 pine trees because they are near the end of their life. They are starting to become dangerous. Because they were all planted at the same time, they are all aging at the same time.

Melbourne Water don't need Council's permission, however Council was consulted and we have advocated for significantly more trees to be replanted. I am advised that Melbourne Water propose over 1000 replacement plantings, most of which are native.

Melbourne Water have more information about the tree replacement works on their website and I would encourage you to contact Melbourne Water with any further questions.

- **Jason McCall, Thornbury**

The rooms at Donath Reserve West are in desperate need of an overhaul similar to Preston Bullants new rooms. With the added participation of both men and women's Sports likely to increase significantly from 2021 what process has the council got in place to house these participants in the existing infrastructure available?

Based on increased participation rates when can we see new rooms assigned for Donath Reserve West in particular the football oval?

Because of the Diversity the Keon Park Football and Netball Club Incorporated will be bringing to the community how's will the council support the club with its current lack of facilities?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Upon completion of the redevelopment works in 2014, the Donath Reserve Central pavilion has 4 female friendly change rooms which is the preferred Council and AFL Victoria layout for facilities with Men's and Women's teams. At this stage, there is a total of six teams using the facility. As per the draft Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Framework, priorities can be reviewed based on increases in participation numbers and other factors such as funding opportunities.**

**The Donath Reserve Central pavilion had a redevelopment in 2014 with female friendly and DDA compliant facilities. The Donath Reserve Central pavilion is not rated a high priority for redevelopment compared to other pavilions which have not had upgrades for several years (the Donath Central pavilion is currently not on the 20-year capital works for redevelopment based on the relatively recent upgrades completed). The facility may be part of a future renewal program.**

**Council Officers are liaising with the Keon Park Football and Netball Senior Club regarding their proposal to be part of the NFNL. The proposed venue for this Club, Donath Reserve Central pavilion, was redeveloped in 2014 and has 4 female friendly change rooms and is in better condition than many other facilities in the municipality. Therefore, the pavilion is not on the long term capital works program but will be considered as part of Council's long term renewal program.**

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

Mayor, staff salaries are the responsibility partly of rate payers and a very important process is staff satisfaction surveys. Please could you let me how frequently a Council staff satisfaction survey is conducted?

Do Councillors discuss survey results in a formal process?

Are survey results available to the public – other than through an FOI process

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**The Staff Survey is conducted approximately every two years. The last survey was undertaken in November 2019, and prior to this May 2016.**

**The Staff Survey is an operational initiative and an employment matter and is managed by the Chief Executive Officer and conducted by an external third party to ensure confidentiality.**

**As a workforce operational initiative, the survey results are not publicly available. Survey results are used to inform organisational development and improvement programs that are designed for staff, and by staff.**

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

As the budget is one of the most important items in the council's calendar, why were other Agenda Items not shifted to a special meeting instead of the budget?

I understand that agendas are very crowded but there were less important items that could have been put to a special meeting so this would have allowed rate payer participation instead of stifling debate.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Thank you for that question Ms Vote. It's a fairly standard practice across Local Government in Victoria to hold budget meetings as Special Council Meetings.**

**It is something that has happened not every year but in a number of previous years if we went back. I believe it is disingenuous to invite community members to come and make submissions on the night the Budget is going to be considered because we are talking about a budget in well of excess of one hundred million dollars, and the idea that changes could be made without foresight and without planning because someone makes a submission on the night I think is misleading to the community. We value community participation in our budget so highly that we have a dedicated process in place to make sure we capture and respond to community participation.**

**That process is for community members to make submissions in writing and if they chose to make submissions in person at a Hearing of Submissions Panel.**

**So we have a meeting dedicated only to hearing from community members. We then take what we have heard from those community members, we cost it, we consider it, and we look at whether and how we can incorporate it into the budget.**

**I would not like us to mislead our community and I want us to be very clear that that is the process that people should participate in if they want to make a change to the budget and that it would be misleading I believe to encourage any community member to come on the night that we are considering the budget and feel as though there was a genuine opportunity to influence an outcome at that stage. The genuine opportunity for engagement is at the hearing of submissions process.**

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

When will the details of Darebin Council's 11.3 Million COVID19 community and Business resilience and recovery package be available? Will there be a public consultation process before the funds are allocated? Will there be a grant application process? Will there be a separate line item in the 2020/21 audit to account for the funds?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you I'll take some of that on notice for a more detailed response, but a certain amount of expenditure has already been made. There have been business grants that have already been available to businesses to apply for and they closed last week so quite a lot of that money is allocated and there will be some capacity to share what's been allocated. I might ask the CEO if she would like to add anything.

**Response from Chief Executive Officer, Sue Wilkinson**

The decision to allocate the money was the subject of a Council resolution in March. The details of the package were outlined in this report. Since then there has been consultation with a number of the social support agencies across the municipality to understand how best we might allocate that money to provide the greatest amount of support. There has also been consultation with businesses and traders as well and other levels of government. There will not be a formal consultation process as we would normally do.

The circumstances of the COVID pandemic have meant that the design of the program was intended to create opportunities for relief to occur immediately and I've been very proud of the work that the staff have done. In terms of providing an audit or an account of that money being allocated; it's a rolling program, so it's actually something that we are trying to be quite agile with but we have undertaken come back to council to indicate how things are progressing and how the money is being expended. So it will be the subject of future reports.

Ms Vote also made a submission to Item 7.7.

- **Keith Coffey, Reservoir**

My question is to you Mayor Rennie and your council officer Steve is breaking code of conduct by stating on the night of the 18/5/2020 you stated you had not received my 2 questions I emailed on the 13/5/2020 & 17/5/2020.

I received an answer to from Steve Mahon the council rep for the 2 emails. I came out in the cold night with the Pandemic 19 crisis, when I should be at home to be told you did not receive the emails also no heating in the public area do, I have to bring my own heater. I would like a written apology. Otherwise it confirms one department does not talk to the other and no wonder the city upkeep is falling behind back in my time the saying was it starts at the top and trickles down.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thanks Mr Coffey. At the 18 May Council Meeting you asked two questions that were received in an email attachment on Sunday 17 May. These were taken on notice i.e. a pre prepared response was not done as is the normal process. Why this occurred as is as follows.

These same 2 questions were also received from you on Monday 11 May in an email (from email address [chrisrobinson55@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisrobinson55@hotmail.com) ) requesting that they be put to the Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 13 May when Council was placing its 2020/21 budget on exhibition. In response to this email on the 11 May Mr Mahon acknowledged the questions, advised that no questions would be dealt with at the Special Council meeting and invited you to review the draft budget and if you wish make a submissions / question the draft budget. Mr Mahon in this response also advised you that the questions where all operational issues i.e. weeds in gutters trip hazards etc – and that they had been referred to Council Operations Department.

On this basis Mr Mahon formed the view that your questions (i.e. a list of operational issues) received on the 18 May (identical to the questions on the 11 May) had been dealt with.

Mr Mahon apologises if his interpretation and handling of this matter has caused confusion. In conclusion Mr Coffey, Council very much appreciates you raising these operational matters however it would be our preference if they were channelled through our Customer Service system, as a more efficient way of having them resolved.

- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

On May 13th, at a Special Council Meeting called to consider the Draft Budget, attendees, most being ratepayers, were ruled by the Mayor, on Officer advice, that we could not participate through a Question Time on the night. Acoustics in the gallery were bad and much could not be heard of that advice. To my knowledge this situation had not been encountered in prior years and the same ruling appears to be the case for the coming Budget acceptance Special Meeting. In adopting such an approach, and for whatever reason it appears ratepayers are being denied participation, except by later submissions.

The Draft was amended on May 13th to utilise all the proposed surplus, thus rendering it break even, after allowing for a rate increase of about the same as the proposed surplus, this latter aspect itself being a questionable tactic, in my opinion.

But I do support both the rate increase, and the amended proposal to utilize the surplus, however question why Council is not borrowing further to provide 'shovel ready' employment projects.

Has this May 13th amendment decision been reflected in the current published Draft Budget, may I have a printed copy of same, AND I request a written detailed response to the ruling given regarding exclusion of questions, including references to the relevant legislation.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The published draft budget currently on exhibition to the community is as tabled at the Special Council Meeting dated 13 May 2020. No amendments were made.

Darebin and all other Victorian Councils are required by the Victorian Auditor General to make decisions that ensure the financial sustainability of the Council. The draft Annual Budget 2020-21, with a proposed operating surplus of \$3.7m, and no proposed borrowings, has been prepared to ensure that council maintains its financial sustainability, is in line with the Victorian Auditor General key risk indicators and is agile enough to respond to the unprecedented impact of Coronavirus.

Council's budgeted capital work program of \$34 million is focused on projects that can generate local jobs and act as an economic stimulus. We have stayed committed to investing in the public infrastructure the community needs, are shovel ready, respond to the climate emergency and supporting those who are hardest hit, particularly those who are already disadvantaged. We do have other shovel ready projects and if there are grants available from State or Federal Governments which would enable us to deliver those, we would certainly be very pleased to be able to do that.

- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

Did I misunderstand the motion on the night? I thought Councillor Newton's motion was accepted to spend that Budget surplus.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

The question is in relation to what the budget surplus of \$3.7million means and how that is actually rolled into capital works?

**Response from Finance Manager, Damian Hogan**

Through you Mayor Rennie, the budget operating surplus of \$3.7 million is proposed to be used to fund the capital works program of \$34 million. The recommendation on the night wasn't to spend the 3.7 million surplus, it was to keep that surplus because it is already committed to the capital works program.

- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

I must have misunderstood on the night. Thank you, Mayor Rennie, for that.

Falls are a major concern of the ageing and in my case, at 83, gone are my days of ladder climbing. To change some light globes and replace a ceiling fixed smoke alarm battery, plus undertake external gutter clearing and gutter guard installation I recently completed same, at my expense, using a local handyman. Does Council provide such a service, or what are my future options?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Council's Home Maintenance Service assists residents aged over 65 years and who are eligible for the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) as well as younger residents who are eligible for the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) with services such as replacement of light globes and smoke alarm batteries. Additionally, residents may choose to have their smoke alarm batteries replaced annually if they would like by the service.

Furthermore, Council's windows and gutter cleaning service, offers older residents reimbursement up to \$120 per annum for expenses incurred on windows and/or gutter cleaning.

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President**

The Preston Market motion passed at the last council meeting (May 18) has created confusion and concern in the Darebin community about the fate of Preston Market.

For the sake of clarification will council please answer yes or no to the following questions:

Does the motion passed keep open the option of demolishing, relocating and rebuilding the market?

Is relocating the Preston Market to a new position still one of the options being considered by council?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Council doesn't get to make the decision on whether or not the market will move. That's up to the State Government and the landowner.**

**What Council can decide, is what it tells the VPA is most important to think about when they set the planning rules.**

**The advice we've had from experts is that there are real risks if the market is moved – particularly to the architectural heritage of the building which is very important. The advice also indicates real risks to the ongoing viability of the market and to the existing traders if parts of the market aren't moved or expanded, which is also very important.**

**We haven't given up hope that there's a solution where ALL of these risks are balanced. Where both the architecture AND the traders are protected. That's what we asked the VPA to do on 18 May 2020, to protect both – and we called for both a heritage overlay and a contractual agreement with the landowner.**

**Once the VPA comes to us with a plan, we will be able to say whether we think they go far enough to meet Council's clear objectives to protect what's most important.**

**Council's objectives are very clear that moving the market could only be supported if the heritage experts say that it won't harm the heritage of the market building.**

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President**

Councillors in the chamber have claimed that there are many views from the community that do not support the continuation of Preston Market in situ.

Is this secret council business or will you release the data of Darebin community members who support the relocation, hence ultimate destruction/demolition of the market?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**All of the community engagement for Preston Market has been done by engagement specialists and their reports are made fully public.**

**The most recent round of engagement was carried out in May and June last year, by RPS Consultants. Issues around market character and urban design were looked at in-depth.**

The report from this phase of engagement concludes: “Feedback also shows that maintaining the intangible essence of the market was an important consideration for participants. For the vast majority of participants, these intangibles create the value of the market – this includes: the range and diversity of offerings, affordability, providing a welcoming and inclusive space that everyone can enjoy, having a range of stallholders, its cultural diversity and its authentic, ‘grunge’ aesthetic. For this majority the location of the market is not a concern.”

We also know that there are people within the community who passionately believe the market should remain exactly where it currently sits in the site.

I have personally heard both from community members who want the market to remain essentially unchanged and in the same position and I have heard possibly from even more community members who would be very happy if the market were to be rebuilt somewhere on that same site. This is complex and I want to acknowledge that there are a range of views. There is no right or wrong. It is a discussion for us to have as a community and I think what we all want is to guarantee that the market will be there thriving and viable, dynamic and wonderful, just as it is today in fifty years time. Thank you.

- **Chris Erlandsen, DADA Vice President**

A number of Councillors in the chamber have made public statements to the effect that the VPA will make the decision about the future of Preston Market. On its website, the VPA states that it works in partnership with Council.

Would you like to correct and clarify that:

The VPA does not make decisions about the future of Preston Market but in partnership with Council prepare recommendations and planning proposals for the Minister for Planning who has the final say?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Mr Erlandsen, thank you for the question and that final statement that you have made is not correct and I will clarify that.

The VPA is the Planning Authority for Preston Market. For this particular site, the VPA were directed to work in consultation with Council, the developer, the community and the traders.

Council has been advocating strongly to VPA for what’s important about the market to be protected.

Ultimately though, the decisions about what is and isn’t in the planning controls sit with the VPA alone and the Planning Minister will have the final say on what gets approved.



- **Chris Erlandsen, DADA Vice President**

While the VPA is currently preparing planning amendments that may include heritage controls this does not preclude the development of a separate heritage overlay to sit alongside and to compliment planning provisions?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**The VPA is the responsible authority which means that only they can decide whether or not to include a Heritage Overlay. Council doesn't have the power to apply its own separate Heritage Overlay.**

**The VPA can choose to include a Heritage Overlay as part of the planning controls or do a Heritage Overlay as a separate amendment.**

**Neither of these is stronger or weaker than the other in a planning sense. It's purely a procedural matter, as there is no difference in outcome of a heritage overlay.**

- **Chris Erlandsen, DADA Vice President**

That a heritage overlay could include further controls and protections from demolition for Preston Market?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**The Heritage Overlay is a tool that requires a planning permit for demolition or redevelopment. It sets out what is significant, as defined by heritage experts and written into the planning controls.**

**A Heritage Overlay and Statement of Significance cannot stipulate that a building must not be demolished at all. There are no planning tools that could do this.**

**The way a heritage overlay would work is that in future years, after the planning controls have been reviewed and amended, the developer would put in a proposal. In their proposal they would have to show Council how it doesn't negatively impact on the heritage significance.**

## **EXTENSION OF TIME**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-073**

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

6.29 pm - That question time be extended for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

- **Marion Harper, DADA**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of May 18th, 2020, Council unanimously carried the following resolution.

*That Council resolves to invite renowned expert on markets, Dr Jane Stanley to address Councillors and relevant Officers as soon as possible at a Council Briefing and provides Dr Stanley with all relevant material and reports including the "Preston Market Heritage Review – RBA Architects and Heritage Consultants – March 2020 report, Preston Market Options Review MGS Architects – March 2020 and Statement of Significance' before the Council makes any further decisions on its future position on the Preston Market.*

Given Council was asked to take a briefing from Jane Stanley in early 2019, through the Mayor and the CEO, why was the presentation delayed to the point of non inclusion in the last Preston Market Update?

Why then did council go ahead with further decisions on the future of Preston Market and contradict the undertaking given in the motion?

Given statements made in the chamber by a number of Councillors, we would like to know why Councillors, particularly those who claim to make evidence based decisions, are so offended when asked by their constituents, to consider evidence from experts?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Thank you, Ms Harper, for that question. I'm assuming the request you're referring to, was for councillors to hear from Jane Stanley which was the question asked by Maria Poletti at the 27 April 2020 Council meeting. The presentation from Dr Stanley took place at the 25 May Council Briefing.**

**Whilst we were happy to hear from Dr Stanley on your recommendation, we did not see any reason to delay Council feedback to the VPA on its objectives at an important stage in the process. If we had waited to hear from Dr Stanley, Council would have had to delay providing this update on matters such as the heritage report and urban design report, and risk the objectives not being fully considered during the preparation of the planning controls.**

**There has been no request to hear from an expert put forward by the community that has not been followed up by Council.**

**Both Dr Jane Stanley and the original architect for Preston Market have attended Council briefings following requests from DADA.**

- **Darren Dellapostas, Preston**

Mr Dellapostas question related to the vote to agree with the demolition of the Preston Market, and his understanding that Council had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars fighting the appeal to demolish the market.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

There was no vote in favour of getting rid of the market. There has been significant miscommunication and misinformation on this matter and Council voted at its last meeting to ask for a heritage overlay to protect the heritage significance of the market.

That was the last motion that we passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May.

- **Darren Dellapostas, Preston**

Mr Dellapostas question related to a statement that Cr Greco made on his Facebook page where he referred to a vote being passed on the market's demolition. It appeared to be Mr Dellapostas understanding that Council voted to have the market demolished for apartments and a request to introduce a ten to twelve story limitation.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

There was robust debate at the Council Meeting on the 18 May. At that time there was a great deal of misinformation conveyed to the community of the nature of the debate and the nature of the decisions made.

I want to be very clear that at that meeting, Council voted to pursue a heritage overlay which is to advocate to the VPA for that. Council did not vote in favour of a number of alternative positions put forward by Councillor Greco. There are various and different reasons why Council may not have voted for those, but the effect of Council's vote, was that we are advocating for heritage protection for the market.

At the previous Planning Meeting, Council voted to reject the continuation of a planning permit that had been issued by VCAT for ten and fourteen story on the site. Council rejected the extension of that planning permit.

There will be buildings built on the site. That has been a given and that has been the case for over a decade now so we know that the site will have some change. The debate that is happening is in relation to the nature of the change and I think you heard from the previous question that there are many views. Those views are neither right nor wrong. They are just different views that this community can and is able to debate and ultimately Council has determined there are a number of features that we want to protect in relation to the market. We have heard very clearly how precious this market is to our community. I shop there myself and the things that people love and want to protect about the market include:

- the wide walkways and airy feel
- The social space
- The mix of different stalls
- The diversity
- The multiculturalism
- Some heritage features of the building

We are working to make sure that we protect all of those things in a way that also ensures the viability of the traders.

- **Darren Dellapostas, Preston**

Mr Dellapostas question related to his own property in Williams Street and his desire to improve his existing dwelling, develop units and or relocate his existing dwelling

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you I'll take that question on notice and ask that Officers get your details and follow up with you.

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 18 May 2020 the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

**1. John Berriman, Bundoora**

So does that say that that valuation could not be used for the basis for the rates that have been lodged for Strathallan?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

We will take that question on notice. Thank you, which means that Mr Hogan will get back to you. Noting also that we have a meeting on Wednesday so we should be able to provide an answer to you then.

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 4 JUNE 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN BERRIMAN BY MANAGER FINANCE, DAMIAN HOGAN.**

Good Morning John,

At the council meeting held on 18 May, one of your questions was take on notice with a response to be provided at a later date. Please find below your question and officers' response.

**Q. My third question relates to the valuation obtained by La Trobe University and if that valuation could not be used for the basis for the rates that have been lodged for Strathallan?**

**A. In August 2017, the Valuer-General Victoria generated an independent valuation report on Strathallan Golf Course, 100 Main Drive Bundoora, based on the certified valuation it held. In undertaking the 1 January 2018 property valuation for the Strathallan Golf Club, Council's contracted valuer is required to give consideration to the valuation report obtained by the Valuer-General Victoria however Council determined its own valuation assessment that was to be used for rating purposes.**

**2. Keith Coffey, Reservoir**

I have two questions related to the last two budget submissions I put in. Everything is still the same, the gutters, weeds everywhere in Cheddar Road in the gutter, in the roundabouts and on the plantations and the same in Keon Parade and the roundabout at the Cnr Hickford street and Cheddar Rd there is bushes that need cutting as they block the view of traffic for pedestrians crossing the road. It's very hard and it's alright while the lolly pop man is there but other neighbours have told me the same thing that they can't see and it needs cutting down.

There is a lot of streets in the ward where the roundabouts have got weeds in them. It goes on to prove that things were better when you had more hands on Council Staff to do the jobs you could get things done and not repeatedly ask questions about getting things done.

About 18 months ago I informed Darren Rudd the Planning Manager about tripping hazards at 91 and 93 Darebin Blvd. The concrete is cracked and sunken. That went on for a long time and I happened to bump into Rachel at the Hub and I put the question to her and she said alright. She got Michael the By Laws officer to come down. He took photos and went away. Months later I never heard anything, I bumped into Darren who said it was in hand and here we are 18 months later and it's still not even done. The only reason I brought it up to Darren to start with was a developer's problem and I couldn't see why the rate payers would have to pay to get it done if it ever gets done. How many times do we have to report things? There's a lot of things I've put over the last two years that I have to report them, I know I'm criticizing you. I reckon the Council Meetings are not running like they were.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Mr Coffey, I take on board your feedback and I apologise if you have found that those things have not been actioned. I will ask if you could leave with us a list of any concerns.**

**I am pleased to be able to let you know that we have a significant number of staff redeployed to undertake a complete audit of all the assets that you were talking about so they are walking literally every metre of the footpaths to note down and do exactly what you are asking for which is to note down the cracks, the bumps, the weeds and actually make sure we have that condition audit is so that we want to get on top of the items that you are identifying to us but certainly the officers have noted in relation to 91 and 93 Darebin Boulevard that you have expected some follow up.**

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 27 MAY 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO KEITH COFFEY BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.**

Dear Keith,

**Re: Public Question Time**

**Thank you for your question submitted at the 18 May 2020 Council meeting regarding the tripping hazard of the footpath at 91 and 93 Darebin Blvd in Reservoir.**

**I understand that a Council officer has since undertaken a site inspection which confirmed that the ground has indeed dropped. The investigation has shown that the tripping hazard has been caused by the land subsiding, most likely due to soil settling within trenching undertaken by the service authority. I can now advise that works have been scheduled to make the repairs and will be done soon.**

We have also raised this matter with Jemena Electricity who have advised Council they will attend the site as soon as possible.

In the meantime, should you require any further information as to how this is progressing please contact our Customer Service team on 8470 8888 and quote reference 344920.

### **3. Peter Roberts, President Strathallan Golf Club**

Given the fact that under the Darebin City Council's Annual Budget for the 2019/20 year Council was hoping to raise some \$130 Million via various revenue streams. Of this amount \$129 Million is attributed to general rates. Then the rates revenue under the heading recreational – and I have taken that to include cultural and recreational entities; a nominal amount of \$45,705 is shown.

Is DCC prepared to make a commitment of support for the each of the 10 entities falling within the Cultural and Recreational umbrella, by waiving on a permanent basis a perceived potential Annual Rates liability that may be attributed to each and every one of the 10 entities?

#### **Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you very much for that question Peter and I apologise if there was confusion about when it should have been received. I will refer it to Mr Hogan that we are taking it on notice and we are meeting on Wednesday so I should expect it then.

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 4 JUNE 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO PETER ROBERTS BY DAMIAN HOGAN, MANAGER FINANCE.**

Under the Culture and Recreational Lands Act 1963 (CRLA) Section 4 (1), Council is able to set a separate rating structure for cultural and recreational lands, after having reasonable regard to the services provided and having regard to the benefit derived from such recreational lands.

The Act effectively provides for properties used for outdoor activities to be differentially rated and if land is 'recreational lands' within the meaning of the CRLA, Council is able to charge such amount as Council thinks 'reasonable'.

For the ten entities falling within the CRLA in the 2019-20 rating year, Council applied a 50% discount to an amount that would otherwise have been applied if that property was rated under the Local Government Act 1989.

Based on this, Council is of the opinion that the rate revenue collected from the ten CRLA is fair and reasonable and will not waive any rates liabilities.

### **4. Peter Roberts, President Strathallan Golf Club**

With reference to the Strathallan Golf Club Inc., a not for profit community based recreational & social body, the long-standing Rates Issue has caused enormous stress and distress for those involved in the Club. In particular the members of the Committee of Management who, in recent months during the Coronavirus crisis have been endeavouring to develop strategies to maintain the current & long term financial viability of this great community asset.

Are Councillors, as part of an open and transparent process, prepared to meet with representatives of the Golf Club and the Save Strathallan Open Space Community Coalition, to hear the concerns given the actions of Council and thus be in a fully informed position to make an assessment of the appropriate action to be taken to resolve this matter?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you also for that question.

I am aware that you have a meeting on Wednesday. It's my most sincere hope that differences are able to be resolved and that we can turn over a new leaf and move forward in a way that meets the expectation of both Council and the club in relation to rates and I have no doubt that you will be back in touch with Councillors if you feel as though that is required after that meeting.

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 4 JUNE 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO PETER ROBERTS BY DAMIAN HOGAN, MANAGER FINANCE.**

**Council officers will meet with two representatives from Strathallan Golf Club on Wednesday 20 May at Council offices in High Street Preston.**

**The meeting will be held in good faith with both Strathallan and Council given the opportunity to express their views and explain their position openly and transparently.**

**An offer will be presented to Strathallan Golf Club that Council believes is fair and reasonable and takes into consideration Strathallan Golf Club's concerns. Council is hopeful the matter can be resolved so both parties can move forward.**

**John Nugent, 52 Derby Drive, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, could you please advise why this Council did not help the former V.F.L Preston Football Club AKA the Northern Blues stay afloat?

My question is, if its good enough to help the Darebin Falcons to pay in the V.F.L.W then its good enough to help the Bullants stay in the V.F.L. We cannot have double standards in this council.

**Response from Chairperson Mayor Rennie**

**Mr Nugent, thank you for that question. I am not familiar with the financial settings of the clubs so I'll take that on notice thank you.**

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 26 MAY 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.**

Dear John

Re: Public Question Time

Thank you for your question submitted at the 18 May 2020 Council meeting regarding the Northern Blues.

***“Mayor Rennie, could you please advise why this Council did not help the former V.F.L Preston Football Club AKA the Northern Blues stay afloat? My question is, if its good enough to help the Darebin Falcons to pay in the V.F.L.W then its good enough to help the Bullants stay in the V.F.L. We cannot have double standards in this council.***

The impacts of COVID-19 have been challenging for everyone and we were devastated to hear the news that this would cause the Northern Blues to cease operations. To understand in the detail the impact this has had and what Council may be able to do, we are continuing discussions with club representatives from the Northern Blues.

The funding partnership with the Falcons is an arrangement that supports Council’s commitment to gender equity and the reduction of violence against women. The participation of women and girls in all aspects of sport (from playing through to coaching and managing) has been identified as a key response area towards this goal.

Council staff will continue to work with the Northern Blues and all of Darebin’s sports club representatives, to support them to back onto the field and to help facilitate access to any funding opportunities as they arise.

## **6. PETITIONS**

Nil.

7.06pm Cr Le Cerf left the meeting.

7.08pm Cr Le Cerf returned to the meeting.

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

### **7.1 DRAFT DAREBIN LIBRARIES AND LEARNING STRATEGY 2020-24**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Report provides an overview of the development of the *Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020–24* (**Appendix A**) and seeks Council’s endorsement of the draft Strategy for consultation.

Council officers worked with the Darebin Libraries Strategy Implementation Reference Group to design a comprehensive and meaningful consultation process review and renew the Darebin Libraries Strategy.

Council officers worked with the Lifelong Learning Strategy Reference Group to design a meaningful consultation process that focused on understanding key issues that lifelong learning could improve or impact, barriers to participation and Council’s role in this space.

As the two separate processes of developing a Library Strategy and a Lifelong Learning Strategy progressed in parallel, an ever-increasing remit convergence across the two strategies became evident. Subsequently, the projects were combined and a draft *Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020-24* has now been developed (**Appendix A**). The new strategy builds on the previous Darebin Libraries strategic approach, focuses on access and equity, embedding lifelong learning and aligns activities to respond to the climate emergency and COVID-19.



The Strategy is a framework to focus development of a dynamic annual action plan to bring the Strategy to life, delivering on community priorities and responding to emerging issues and community feedback.

Feedback gathered through the consultation process from community members (both those who do and do not use the service), stakeholders, Councillors and Council staff has informed the draft Strategy and will inform the future annual action plans throughout the life of the Strategy.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-074**

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

**That** Council endorses the draft *Darebin Libraries and Learning Strategy 2020-24* for consultation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.2 WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Significant challenges in the recycling industry and Councils declaration of a climate emergency have required Council to rethink and adjust its strategic approach to waste, even though the currently Waste and Litter Strategy had been intended to run to 2025. To respond to these challenges Council has developed and consulted on a Draft Waste and Recycling Strategy.

Having considered community feedback, officers are now recommending that Council adopt a new Waste and Recycling Strategy that will set a long-term policy direction as well as actions for the immediate term and intermediate term. This will enable Council to undertake both clear long-term planning and action planning for the next 2-3 years. It will also build in the flexibility and responsiveness that it needs given the current uncertainty in the waste and recycling sector, and in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

While many core objectives such as reducing overall waste to landfill and community education remain a key focus, the proposed Strategy shifts Council's focus more on cutting emissions from waste, advocacy to state and federal government and challenging now out-dated approaches to waste and recycling.

In December 2019, Council endorsed the release of the Draft Waste and Recycling Strategy for community consultation and requested a report outlining community feedback. This information is included within this Council Report.

There have been a number of significant developments impacting the Draft Waste and Recycling Strategy since it was drafted. The release of Recycling Victoria and the COVID-19 pandemic have significantly impacted the community and waste sector creating a need to amend the Strategy and the timing of the Action Plan. These amendments have not changed the direction, objectives or core messaging of the strategy.

### Recommendation

**That** Council;

- (1) Thanks community members for the time, energy and expertise that they have contributed in providing feedback on the draft Waste and Recycling Strategy
- (2) Writes to the State and Federal government regarding the advocacy items identified in the strategy.
- (3) Endorses the Waste and Recycling Strategy.

### Motion

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

**That** Council;

- (1) Thanks community members for the time, energy and expertise that they have contributed in providing feedback on the draft Waste and Recycling Strategy
- (2) Writes to the State and Federal government regarding the advocacy items identified in the strategy.
- (3) Endorses the Waste and Recycling Strategy.

### Amendment

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

**That** Council;

- (1) Thanks community members for the time, energy and expertise that they have contributed in providing feedback on the draft Waste and Recycling Strategy
- (2) Writes to the State and Federal government regarding the advocacy items identified in the strategy.
- (3) Endorses the Waste and Recycling Strategy.
- (4) As a priority, brings forward as an urgent action:-
  - a) Consideration of collection frequency to increase uptake of food and green waste service.
  - b) Development of litter and dumped rubbish reduction campaign and strategies to reduce rubbish dumping near multi-unit developments.

The Amendment was put and lost

**LOST**

**For:** Cr's Greco and Williams (2)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Messina (5)

The substantive motion before the Council was put and carried i.e. the Officer Recommendation.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-075**

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

**That Council;**

- (1) Thanks community members for the time, energy and expertise that they have contributed in providing feedback on the draft Waste and Recycling Strategy
- (2) Writes to the State and Federal government regarding the advocacy items identified in the strategy.
- (3) Endorses the Waste and Recycling Strategy.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **7.3 ELECTORAL ADVERTISING SIGNAGE AND ELECTIONEERING POLICY**

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends that Council adopts the 'Electoral Advertising Signage and Electioneering Policy (2020)' provided at **Attachment A**. The policy has been prepared to provide direction on;

- a) The placement of electoral advertising signs on any Council land, municipal building or road; and
- b) The requirements for candidates or their supporters electioneering in public places.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-076**

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

**That Council adopts the 'Electoral Advertising Signage and Electioneering Policy (2020)'.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.4 OPEN SPACE LEVY PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT - PROJECT UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF NEXT STEPS

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has a strong commitment to the provision of high-quality, accessible open space and the protection and enhancement of biodiversity. To support this commitment, one of Council's actions in the *Council Plan 2017-2021* is to increase the open space levy. This levy is payable by developers at the point of subdividing land for development and is used by Council to fund the acquisition and improvement of open space.

Significant progress has already been made towards this action in the endorsement of *Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy* (City of Darebin 2019), the *Open Space Contributions Review Report* (SGS Economics and Planning 2019, **Appendix A**) and the public exhibition of Amendment C186, which proposes to change the Darebin Planning Scheme to implement and align with these adopted strategic documents.

The approach and methodology used for the proposed open space levy has a number of innovative elements and the rate that Council is seeking is ambitious.

Amendment C186 proposes to increase the open space levy rate for all subdivisions of three or more lots within the municipality to 10 percent. Following public exhibition which finished in December 2019, Council met on 24 February 2020 to consider the submissions and resolved to refer all submissions to a Planning Panel.

The Panel Hearing for Amendment C186 has not yet taken place, however officers are seeking Council's direction at this time due to the findings and release of a Panel Report for a similar amendment in Monash (Monash C148 Interim Panel Report, **Appendix B**) which uses the same methodology and rate as Darebin.

The findings of the Monash Panel provide Council with invaluable insights into which elements of the methodology the planning system is more likely to accept and which require greater justification. The Panel supported some elements of the approach and did not specifically recommend abandonment, but recommends further work be undertaken before progressing the amendment and did not support parts of the methodology.

This creates the opportunity for Council to strengthen Amendment C186 before it proceeds to Panel, by carrying out additional work before proceeding to Panel and incurring significant costs, with potentially a similar outcome to Monash.

It is acknowledged that there are differences between Darebin and Monash in relation to both current and future open space provision and need. However, it is clear from the Monash Panel Report that a standards-based approach alone is not enough to justify such a substantial increase to the open space levy.

Officers recommend completing similar additional work as indicated for Monash C148 before proceeding with the Planning Panel. Work has already commenced on the implementation of *Breathing Space*; however, it will take some time and resources to complete this work.

This report summarises the process to date, the findings of the Monash Panel Report and recommends that Council ask for a delay of the Planning Panel Hearing to undertake further work to justify Amendment C186. Undertaking further work now will provide Amendment C186 with a better chance of success.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Request Planning Panels Victoria to adjourn the Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C186 – Open Space Levy to allow further work to be completed to strengthen the strategic justification for the amendment, as recommended by the Monash C148 Planning Panel.
- (2) Authorise officers to carry out further work to Amendment C186, as recommended by the Monash C148 Planning Panel.
- (3) Formally consider the Property Council of Australia’s late submission to Amendment C186 to the Darebin Planning Scheme and refer the late submission to the Planning Panel.
- (4) Endorses the officer’s response to the Property Council of Australia’s late submission outlined in this report to form the basis of Council’s submission to the independent Planning Panel.

**Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** -

**That Council:**

- (1) Request Planning Panels Victoria to adjourn the Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C186 – Open Space Levy to allow further work to be completed to strengthen the strategic justification for the amendment, as recommended by the Monash C148 Planning Panel.
- (2) Authorise officers to carry out further work to Amendment C186, as recommended by the Monash C148 Planning Panel.
- (3) Formally consider the Property Council of Australia’s late submission to Amendment C186 to the Darebin Planning Scheme and refer the late submission to the Planning Panel.
- (4) Endorses the officer’s response to the Property Council of Australia’s late submission outlined in this report to form the basis of Council’s submission to the independent Planning Panel.
- (5) Receives a further detailed briefing on what additional cost and resources will be needed to develop a comprehensive implementation plan given the now narrower statutory time frame in having Amendment 186 adopted by the Planning Minister.
- (6) Officers consult and work with the Darebin Nature Trust Advisory Committee and the proposed Working Groups to help develop the implementation plan.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion, was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-077

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Request Planning Panels Victoria to adjourn the Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C186 – Open Space Levy to allow further work to be completed to strengthen the strategic justification for the amendment, as recommended by the Monash C148 Planning Panel.
- (2) Authorise officers to carry out further work to Amendment C186, as recommended by the Monash C148 Planning Panel.
- (3) Formally consider the Property Council of Australia's late submission to Amendment C186 to the Darebin Planning Scheme and refer the late submission to the Planning Panel.
- (4) Endorses the officer's response to the Property Council of Australia's late submission outlined in this report to form the basis of Council's submission to the independent Planning Panel.
- (5) Receives a further detailed briefing on what additional cost and resources will be needed to develop a comprehensive implementation plan given the now narrower statutory time frame in having Amendment 186 adopted by the Planning Minister.
- (6) Officers consult and work with the Darebin Nature Trust Advisory Committee and the proposed Working Groups to help develop the implementation plan.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.5 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE: SOLAR SAVER RESIDENTIAL (BATCH 3)**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Solar Saver program is a key action of Council's Climate Emergency Plan.

The proposed Special Charge scheme relates to the 2020-21 program. Officers are recommending starting consultation with community ahead of the new financial year (via the intention to declare the special charge process) so that installation could take place early in the 2020-21 year. After it has received any community feedback, Council would decide whether to declare the special charge in July 2020.

Council has already arranged for quotes for the 41 residential properties identified in this batch and this would add **189.09kW** of solar to Darebin. In line with Council's planned focus in 2020-21 as included in the draft budget, these are all residential and low income households.

The proposed Special Charge scheme totals **\$259,351.44 (Special Charge Amount** - see also Appendices A and B) (\$374,112.68 gross including GST and pre Small-scale Technology Certificate [STC] claim).

Council will pay upfront for installation and supply of the solar power systems as listed in Appendix C. Council will be repaid these costs, also as detailed in Appendix C. Around 30% to 40% of this cost is returned to Council at the point that works are invoiced for the STC credits generated by the solar systems. The balance is repaid by beneficiaries of the Special Charge Scheme over 10 years. All participants are also expected to be eligible for state government rebates and this is expected to reduce the amount of the Special Charge that would be required to be raised, as well as the upfront cost to Council. Officers estimate that the total upfront cost will be reduced by approximately \$70,340.71 after rebates are confirmed.

No interest is charged to ratepayers on Special Charge repayments. Annual repayments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits to participants from the outset.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-078**

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

**That Council:**

- 1) Council hereby 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) Council declares a Special Charge 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) We declare this Special Charge 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:
    - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons or organisations 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 is \$259,351.44; and
    - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied is \$259,351.44, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
  - (d) We declare the Special Charge 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) Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution is the basis of the Special Charge.
  - (f) The Special Charge will be assessed and levied as follows:

- i. Each Special Charge is 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 Owner Agreement has been executed, totalling \$259,351.44, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
    - ii. The Special Charge will 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 is 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 or organisations required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons or organisations that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons or organisations 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) Council considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
  - (b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- 4) Council will give public notice in the Northcote Leader and Preston Leader newspapers of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 16 December 2019, the Special Charge in the form set out above.
- 5) Council will send 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, 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) Council will convene a meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear persons or organisations 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 authorises the Manager Climate Emergency and Sustainable Transport 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 UNANIMOUSLY**

## **7.6 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AROUND SCHOOLS IN DAREBIN AND CHEDDAR ROAD LOCAL AREA PLACE-MAKING PROJECT**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report outlines the work Council has done to progressively and significantly improve safety around schools over the last five years. Council has invested over \$ 3.5 million in improvements and new infrastructure and has also reduced speed limits on roads within Darebin. In that time the collision rate and severity have reduced by 30% on both Darebin and State Government managed roads.

Council commenced improvements by initially addressing all the high-risk issues and more recently has also addressed the majority of the medium-risk issues around schools. These issues were identified through safe travel to school audits.

However, there remains more work to be done to further improve the safety on Darebin's roads. The Safe Travel Strategy 2018 identifies the benefits and priorities for where safety improvements around schools could be made.

This report also recommends that Council consult the community on a draft proposal for improvements in the Cheddar Road Local Area which are expected to further improve safety and make the area less attractive for non-local traffic to use as a through-route. To develop this draft proposal, officers have sought community input and to understand needs and issues and also completed technical assessments.

**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the progress of traffic safety improvements work near schools.
- (2) Endorses the draft concept designs for the Cheddar Road Local Area Place-making and seeks community feedback on these draft proposals.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-079

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the progress of traffic safety improvements work near schools.
- (2) Endorses the draft concept designs for the Cheddar Road Local Area Place-making and seeks community feedback on these draft proposals.
- (3) Recognises the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions may have on consultation processes and that officers will therefore make an extra effort to ensure an effective communication strategy (including letters) is developed to enable all affected residents in the Cheddar Road Local Area to be appropriately informed and consulted about the draft proposal.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

7.35pm Cr Messina declared a Conflict of Interest in the following item due to a conflicting duty created through her employment in the HACC Sector and left the meeting prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter.

**7.7 COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM OFFER OF FUNDING EXTENSION****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has a contract with the Commonwealth's Department of Health to deliver aged care services under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme. The current contract commenced on 1 July 2016 and was extended in 2019 for one year, to 30 June 2020.

The Department made a grant offer to Council for further two years extension, to deliver CHSP services for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

Council has previously resolved that while the Commonwealth provides block funding for CHSP services, Darebin Council will continue to provide those services. Consistent with that resolution and Council's Age Friendly Darebin findings and strategy, this report recommends accepting the Department of Health's offer.

**Recommendation**

**That** Council authorises the CEO to accept the offer made by the Commonwealth's Department of Health for delivery of Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

**Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the CEO to accept the offer made by the Commonwealth's Department of Health for delivery of Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.
- (2) Takes this opportunity to commend staff from the Aged Care Team on their compassionate effort in providing essential support services to an average 2300 residents per month during the COVID-19 crisis.
- (3) Writes to Richard Colbeck MP, Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians requesting the continuation of block funding for the CHSP program beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (4) Writes to the Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors, Julie Collins, MP and Ged Kearny, MP, local member for Cooper and Assistant Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors, seeking their support to advocate for the continuation of block funding for the CHSP program beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (5) Writes to all residents in receipt of CHSP Council services advising them that Council has received block funding till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and is advocating for funding to be continued beyond 2022.
- (6) Receives a report in July 2020 on a comprehensive advocacy strategy on maintaining the CHSP block funding beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to enable Council to continue to provide high quality community funded support services to Darebin residents.

**Amendment**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy  
**SECONDED:** -

Cr McCarthy moved that point 6 be amended to read -

- (6) Receives a report on a comprehensive advocacy strategy on maintaining the CHSP block funding beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to enable Council to continue to provide high quality community funded support services to Darebin residents.

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

**Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the CEO to accept the offer made by the Commonwealth's Department of Health for delivery of Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.
- (2) Takes this opportunity to commend staff from the Aged Care Team on their compassionate effort in providing essential support services to an average 2300 residents per month during the COVID-19 crisis.
- (3) Writes to Richard Colbeck MP, Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians requesting the continuation of block funding for the CHSP program beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (4) Writes to the Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors, Julie Collins, MP and Ged Kearny, MP, local member for Cooper and Assistant Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors, seeking their support to advocate for the continuation of block funding for the CHSP program beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (5) Writes to all residents in receipt of CHSP Council services advising them that Council has received block funding till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and is advocating for funding to be continued beyond 2022.
- (6) Receives a report on a comprehensive advocacy strategy on maintaining the CHSP block funding beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to enable Council to continue to provide high quality community funded support services to Darebin residents.

The amendment was put and carried.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Messina (5)

**Against:** Cr's Greco and Williams (2)

The amendment became the substantive motion was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-080**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Authorises the CEO to accept the offer made by the Commonwealth's Department of Health for delivery of Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

- (2) Takes this opportunity to commend staff from the Aged Care Team on their compassionate effort in providing essential support services to an average 2300 residents per month during the COVID-19 crisis.
- (3) Writes to Richard Colbeck MP, Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians requesting the continuation of block funding for the CHSP program beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (4) Writes to the Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors, Julie Collins, MP and Ged Kearny, MP, local member for Cooper and Assistant Shadow Minister for Ageing and Seniors, seeking their support to advocate for the continuation of block funding for the CHSP program beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- (5) Writes to all residents in receipt of CHSP Council services advising them that Council has received block funding till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and is advocating for funding to be continued beyond 2022.
- (6) Receives a report on a comprehensive advocacy strategy on maintaining the CHSP block funding beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to enable Council to continue to provide high quality community funded support services to Darebin residents.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.11pm Cr Messina returned to the meeting.

## **7.8 DAREBIN NATURE TRUST - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has a long-standing commitment to enhancing biodiversity in Darebin. This has included purchase of the former Ruthven Primary School site to protect it as open space for the long term, endorsing an ambitious new Open Space Strategy, 'Breathing Space' in 2019, advocacy for protection of indigenous grasslands and forests, and currently accelerating its rewilding efforts with the assistance of staff redeployed from Council facilities that are currently closed due to COVID 19.

Council has recognised the significant energy, skills and expertise that exists in the Community and established an advisory committee, called the Darebin Nature Trust (DNT). Community members were selected appointed to the advisory committee due to their expertise across a range of fields associated with biodiversity, open space, urban liveability and community engagement.

Since its establishment, the DNT advisory committee has provided important advice on a range of matters such as the Open Space Strategy, the former Ruthven Primary School site Master Plan, plant species selection, advocacy, community education and Budget planning. Many recommendations have been incorporated into operational activities by Officers or adopted by Council as part of Strategy.

DNT has been operating since August 2018, and its initial terms of reference was proposed for 12 months while a longer term operating model was developed and one of the Trust's tasks was to explore and advise on a longer term operating model. Since that time there has been extensive consultation with DNT members towards a new Terms of Reference.

This report recommends a new Terms of Reference for the DNT advisory committee and recommends that recruitment to the currently vacant positions be done. The proposed terms of reference set out a clear purpose and objectives and this purpose has strong alignment with Council's existing strategic direction and is also strongly aligned with feedback received by current community members of DNT.

As well as other feedback, members of the DNT have recommended that Council establish four working groups and indicated a meeting schedule of around 36 meetings a year. Detailed information about how these working groups would operate was provided in March in the form of an alternative draft Terms of Reference and in the form of draft operating charters for three of the working groups (feedback and documents are attached in full in appendices B, C, D, E, F). It is clear from these documents that part of this proposal is that the advisory group would develop plans and strategies for Council to consider and undertake a range of operational tasks. While a key role of the advisory committee is to provide Council feedback on strategic issues, including on draft plans and strategies, the work of coordinating and developing plans and strategies is an operational functions delegated via the CEO to officers and this is not a function that an advisory committee can play.

The proposed terms of reference resolve this governance issue by making clear the advice role of the committee, and by including operating arrangements that enable effective consultation with DNT on both strategic and operational matters. To enable effective consultation, the Terms of Reference propose at least 6 meetings a year and an indicative forward agenda is shown in **Appendix G**.

At least 6 meetings a year is recommended in this case because officers regard it as a manageable commitment for community members and councillors and because there is a substantial program of consultation in the forward agenda, we think there is a need to enable additional meetings if necessary.

### Recommendation

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Proposed Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) for Darebin Nature Trust
- (2) Authorises advertising for the recruitment of community members to fill the current vacancies on the committee until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without readvertising if it chooses to do so.

8.11pm Cr Williams left the meeting.

### Motion

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco

**SECONDED:** -

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Proposed Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) for Darebin Nature Trust, with the following words inserted at the end of 4.1:-

#### 4.2 – Establishment of Working Groups

The following Working Groups will be established, consisting of community members, Councillors and relevant Council officers to support in-depth exploration of an issue related to the purpose of the Trust.

- Biodiversity Management Plan Working Group
- Vegetation Improvement Working Group
- Streetscapes, Corridors and Acquisitions Working Group
- Community Engagement Working Group

Working groups must abide by the same terms of reference including meeting procedures and conduct requirements. Council officer participation and contribution to any working group will be supported and facilitated by the relevant General Manager. Frequency of the meetings of the working group will be determined by the Trust.

- (2) Authorises advertising for the recruitment of community members to fill the current vacancies on the committee until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without readvertising if it chooses to do so.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.

**LAPSED**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Proposed Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) for Darebin Nature Trust, with the addition of:

#### **4.2 Establishment of Working Groups**

The following Working Groups will be established consisting of community members, Councillors and relevant Council officers to support in-depth exploration of an issue related to the purpose of the Trust.

- Biodiversity Management Plan Working Group
- Vegetation Improvement Working Group
- Streetscapes, Corridors and Acquisitions Working Group
- Community Engagement Working Group

Working groups must abide by the same terms of reference including meeting procedures and conduct requirements. Council officer participation and contribution to any working group will be subject to approval by the relevant General Manager. Frequency of meetings of working groups will be determined by the Trust.

and re-number accordingly.

- (2) Authorises advertising for the recruitment of community members to fill the current vacancies on the committee until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without readvertising if it chooses to do so.

The motion was put and carried.

**CARRIED**

8.15 pm Cr Williams returned to the meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-081**

**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**SECONDED:** Cr. S Newton

**That Council:**

- (1) Endorses the Proposed Terms of Reference (**Appendix A**) for Darebin Nature Trust, with the addition of:

**4.2 Establishment of Working Groups**

The following Working Groups will be established consisting of community members, Councillors and relevant Council officers to support in-depth exploration of an issue related to the purpose of the Trust.

- Biodiversity Management Plan Working Group
- Vegetation Improvement Working Group
- Streetscapes, Corridors and Acquisitions Working Group
- Community Engagement Working Group

Working groups must abide by the same terms of reference including meeting procedures and conduct requirements. Council officer participation and contribution to any working group will be subject to approval by the relevant General Manager. Frequency of meetings of working groups will be determined by the Trust.

and re-number accordingly.

- (2) Authorises advertising for the recruitment of community members to fill the current vacancies on the committee until 2 December 2020, and with the option for a new Council to appoint these new members for the next term without readvertising if it chooses to do so.

**CARRIED**

**For:** Cr's Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy, Messina, Greco and Williams (6)

**Against:** Cr Rennie (1)

**7.9 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF ROAD  
REAR 182 TO 186 HIGH STREET AND ADJOINING 1  
BUTLER STREET, NORTHCOTE**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To complete the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance of the right-of-way/road adjoining 182 to 186 High Street and 1 Butler Street Northcote, shown hatched in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B** (Road).

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In June 2018, Council received an enquiry from the owner of 186 High Street, Northcote, requesting the discontinuance and sale of the 3.05-metre-wide road adjoining their property.

Preliminary investigations into the discontinuance and sale of the section of Road were undertaken. The investigations identified that although the Road remains a road on title, and is listed on Council's Register of Public Roads, it is not constructed, is overgrown with vegetation and does not appear to have been used for access by the adjoining properties for many years, as shown on the aerial photo in **Appendix B**.

All adjoining property owners at 182, 184 and 186 High Street, Northcote have agreed in-principle to purchase the land adjoining their property at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process, should Council resolve to discontinue the Road and sell the land. Council will transfer to itself any land that remains unsold, protecting its interests in the land.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-082

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

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the right-of-way/road adjoining 182 to 186 High Street and 1 Butler Street Northcote shown hatched in **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Has formed the opinion that the road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** to this report is no longer reasonably required for road purposes.
- (2) Discontinues the Road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (3) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- (4) Directs that the land from the Road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued Road to the owners of the adjoining properties.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.10 PROPOSED SALE OF DISCONTINUED ROAD REAR 75 TO 81 MALPAS STREET AND 182 TO 188 WOOD STREET, PRESTON**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To complete the statutory procedures for proposed sale of land from a discontinued right-of-way/road at the rear of 75 to 81 Malpas Street and 182 to 188 Wood Street, Preston, shown hatched on the site plan **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B** (Land) and to seek approval from Council to finalise the statutory procedures for the proposed sale.

In 2018, Council received an enquiry from the adjacent owner of the 3.66-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 75–81 Malpas Street and 182–188 Wood Street, Preston, who was seeking to purchase the land abutting their property, being part of the unsold land from a previously discontinued road.

The land is known as Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Title Plan 023774X in **Appendix C**, shown hatched on-site plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B**.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed sale, with the property owners of 184 Wood Street, 186 Wood Street and 2/188 Wood Street, Preston respectively indicating their interest by signing in-principle agreements to purchase the land from the discontinued roads at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process.

It is therefore recommended that Council completes the statutory process to sell the land from this former road and to take title to any unsold land.

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-083**

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

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (“the Act”) to sell the land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of 75 to 81 Malpas Street and 182 to 188 Wood Street, Preston, and to transfer to itself any land that remains unsold, shown hatched on **Appendix A** to this report and shown as Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Title Plan TP023774X, **Appendix C**:

- (1) Directs that the land be sold by private treaty to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the land.
- (3) Transfers to itself any land from the road not sold.
- (4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all actions required to transfer any land not sold to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.11 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF ROAD  
REAR 100 TO 102 HUGHES PARADE AND ADJOINING 2  
WELLMAN STREET, RESERVOIR**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends Council completes the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance of the right-of-way/road adjoining 100 and 102 Hughes Parade and 2 Wellman Street, Reservoir, shown hatched in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and in orange on the aerial view in **Appendix B** (Road).

In September 2018, preliminary investigations into the discontinuance and sale of the section of Road were undertaken. The investigations identified that although the Road remains a road on title, it is not listed on Council's Register of Public Roads and appears to have been enclosed within the adjoining properties for many years as shown on the aerial photo in **Appendix B**. A section of the Road further east was previously discontinued in 2001.

The owners of 102 Hughes Parade, Reservoir have agreed in-principle to purchase the land adjoining their property at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process, should Council resolve to discontinue the Road and sell the land. Council will transfer to itself any land that remains unsold, protecting its interests in the land.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-084**

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

**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the right-of-way/road adjoining 100 and 102 Hughes Parade and 2 Wellman Street, Reservoir, shown hatched in **Appendix A** to this report, and having received no submissions in respect of this proposal under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

- (1) Has formed the opinion that the Road shown in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** to this report is no longer reasonably required for road purposes.
- (2) Discontinues the Road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (3) Directs that a notice be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- (4) Directs that the land from the Road be sold by private treaty to the owners of the adjoining properties in accordance with Council policy and transfer to itself any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners, in accordance with Council policy.
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued Road to the owners of the adjoining properties.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the Road not sold to the adjoining property owners to be transferred to Council.

- (7) Directs that the discontinuance and sale will not affect any right, power or interest held by Yarra Valley Water, in the Road in connection with any sewers, drains or pipes under the control of Yarra Valley Water in or near the Road.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.40pm The Council meeting was adjourned.

8.47pm The Council meeting resumed.

## **7.12 JOB KEEPER - COVID19 STATISTICS**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Like the rest of Australia, our community has faced an unprecedented and devastating challenge in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that COVID-19 will continue to have a substantial impact on the social and economic health of our community, in particular those community members already experiencing disadvantage.

To better understand the impact on Darebin residents and businesses, it will be important for to analyse data as it becomes available. Reporting on business activity and employment is undertaken by agencies such as the Australian Tax Office, Services Australia, Department of Education, Skills and Employment and Australian Bureau of Statistics. Figures nationally are released on a monthly or quarterly basis and there is a lag time in receiving this information at a local level.

In order to provide this report and considering the timing of the report, officers have been able to obtain some local data, forecasting data, and analyse data and reports to draw some general conclusions specific to Darebin. Unfortunately, considering the timing of the report, this information is not as comprehensive are required for our needs at this stage. We will continue to build this out as the data becomes more updated and available.

#### **Recommendation**

**That** Council notes this report.

#### **Motion**

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

**That** Council:

1. Notes this report.

2. Receives a further report at the next Council meeting to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 that provides advice and modelling on establishing and administering:
  - a. One off \$200 Council Rate Rebate or a hardship waiver process in the 2020 -21 financial year applicable to;
    - (i) Residential ratepayers eligible for Job Seeker Payments;
    - (ii) Residential ratepayers eligible for Job Keeper Payments;
  - b. One off 30% Council Rate Rebate or a hardship waiver process in the 2020 -21 financial year applicable to commercial ratepayers eligible for the Federal government COVID-19 assistance program because they experienced more than a 30% drop in turnover.
3. Write to the Premier, Daniel Andrews, for the extension of another two weeks for the cleaners on the street to continue wiping down areas of our streets, which is keeping our city safe.
4. Receive a report at the next Council meeting to see if we can fund this vital job for another two weeks.
5. Open applications for a second wave of our business grants from 12<sup>th</sup> June until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

<b>Amendment</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina  
**SECONDED:** -

That point 5 being amended to read -

5. Open applications for a second wave of our business grants from 1<sup>st</sup> July until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment

The motion, as amended, was put and lost.

**LOST**

**For:** Cr's Messina, Williams and Greco (3)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf and McCarthy (4)

The Officer Recommendation was put and carried.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-085**

**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton  
**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

**That** Council notes this report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.13 CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Like most organisations, Council is facing significant challenges related to the impact of COVID-19: challenges to its staff, to contractors, to residents, businesses, visitors, to the broader community, to service delivery and to its assets. And like most organisations, COVID-19 has impacted Council's financial position and has required a response which supports the community's most vulnerable.

Council has shown its leadership by responding to these challenges through the announcement of an \$11.3m Community and Local Business Resilience and Recovery Package – a support package which aims to support the entire Darebin community through these very difficult times.

To accommodate this community support package, Council has proposed a \$34m capital works program in its draft 2020/2021 budget. The community has now been invited to have its say on the draft budget and any submissions will be heard by Council at its meeting of 25 June 2020 before the 2020/2021 budget is formally adopted on 15 July 2020.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council notes the report.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** Council:

1. Notes the report.
2. Receives a further report at the next Council meeting to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 that provides funding options and financial modelling on how Council can undertake up to an extra \$16m in "shovel ready" capital works project in the 2020 – 2021 financial year.
3. The report should consider (but not limited to) funding options such as liquid assets, accumulated reserves, borrowings or other arrangements officers consider suitable.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

**For:** Cr's Greco and Williams (2)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Messina (5)

The Officer Recommendation was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-086

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

**That** Council notes the report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****8. CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES TO PETITIONS, NOTICES OF MOTION AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION****9.1 REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE - OFFICE OF THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT REPORT**

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 477

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 9 June 2020, it is my intention to move:

***“That** Council;*

- (1) *Notes Council has been working in good faith with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) regarding the future planning controls that will apply to the Preston Market site.*
- (2) *Notes that the VPA have received a report from the Office of the Victorian Government Architect in August 2019 regarding Preston Market.*
- (3) *Resolves to write to the VPA and OVGA formally requesting they release the report to Council and make it available to the public.”*

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-087

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

**That** Council;

- (1) Notes Council has been working in good faith with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) regarding the future planning controls that will apply to the Preston Market site.

- (2) Notes that the VPA have received a report from the Office of the Victorian Government Architect in August 2019 regarding Preston Market.
- (3) Resolves to write to the VPA and OVGA formally requesting they release the report to Council and make it available to the public.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **9.2 RESCHEDULING OF ANNUAL BUDGET SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 478

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 9 June 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council;*

- (1) *Notes the adoption of the Annual Budget 2020-21 and Strategic Resource Plan 2020-24 in its final form is currently scheduled at a Special Meeting on Wednesday 15 July 2020.*
- (2) *Notes that under clause 66(2) of the Council Meeting Governance Rules members of the public are given the opportunity to make a submission in relation to matters listed on the Agenda for an Ordinary Council Meeting.*
- (3) *Notes that under clause 71(1) of the Council Meeting Governance Rules public question time is only applicable at Ordinary Council Meetings.*
- (4) *Resolves to reschedule the adoption of the Annual Budget 2020-21 and Strategic Resource Plan 2020-24 in its final form to an Ordinary Meeting of Council on Monday 20 July 2020 to enable members of the public to submit questions and make submission.”*

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That Council;**

- (1) Notes the adoption of the Annual Budget 2020-21 and Strategic Resource Plan 2020-24 in its final form is currently scheduled at a Special Meeting on Wednesday 15 July 2020.
- (2) Notes that under clause 66(2) of the Council Meeting Governance Rules members of the public are given the opportunity to make a submission in relation to matters listed on the Agenda for an Ordinary Council Meeting.



- (3) Notes that under clause 71(1) of the Council Meeting Governance Rules public question time is only applicable at Ordinary Council Meetings.
- (4) Resolves to reschedule the adoption of the Annual Budget 2020-21 and Strategic Resource Plan 2020-24 in its final form to an Ordinary Meeting of Council on Monday 20 July 2020 to enable members of the public to submit questions and make submission.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

**For:** Cr's Greco and Williams (2)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Messina (5)

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-088**

**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina

**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

10.00 pm That there be a continuance of the Council meeting for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ROOT PARTNERSHIP  
CONSULTANT'S ADVICE REGARDING PRESTON MARKET**

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 479

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 9 June 2020, it is my intention to move:  
***That Council***

- (1) *Notes the summary of advice it has received from Root Partnership in July 2019.*
- (2) *Immediately writes to the landowner/developer requesting permission from them to publicly release the confidential asset condition information provided to council on the basis of openness and transparency."*

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-089**

**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco

**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

**That Council**

- (1) Notes the summary of advice it has received from Root Partnership in July 2019.

- (2) Immediately writes to the landowner/developer requesting permission from them to publicly release the confidential asset condition information provided to council on the basis of openness and transparency.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. URGENT BUSINESS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-090**

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

**That** an Item of Urgent Business concerning the impact of COVID-19 on Traders and proposed initiatives to respond be admitted and considered as an item of Urgent Business.

**CARRIED**

### 10.1 URGENT BUSINESS – CR MESSINA

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

1. Calls for a report at the next Council Meeting on 29 June 2020 outlining opportunities, costs, budget impacts and the process regarding the establishment of temporary new kerb outstands and park lets for use by traders for footpath trading. The report should include;
  - (a) Identification of potentially suitable locations in all shopping precincts.
  - (b) Identification of any suitable locations where side streets may be closed to allow for temporary pop up community space during COVID-19.
  - (c) Identification of safe alternates for heating and temporary weather protection/undercover measures.
  - (d) The costs and resourcing requirements needed to establish a fast track process for traders seeking to temporarily expand footpath trading and waiving of all council fees for permits.
  - (e) The costs and resourcing requirements needed to establish a direct communication strategy to traders including via zoom conferencing and/or literature.
2. Receives a further report after the pandemic restrictions are removed outlining the return of investment seen as a result of the increased temporary trading areas for the community including residents and traders.

**Amendment****MOVED:** Cr. J Williams**SECONDED:** -

That point 1(b) amended as follows and a further point 3 be added to read

1. (b) Identification of any suitable locations where side streets, **laneways** may be closed to allow for temporary pop up community space during COVID-19.
  
- 3 For Council to support a post virus “Rainbow Recovery Festival” that brings the traders, community to also include schools coming together to decorate the streets and footpaths with chalk art.

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

**Amendment****MOVED:** Cr. J Williams**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco**That Council:**

1. Calls for a report at the next Council Meeting on 29 June 2020 outlining opportunities, costs, budget impacts and the process regarding the establishment of temporary new kerb outstands and park lets for use by traders for footpath trading. The report should include;
  - (a) Identification of potentially suitable locations in all shopping precincts.
  - (b) Identification of any suitable locations where side streets, **laneways** may be closed to allow for temporary pop up community space during COVID-19.
  - (c) Identification of safe alternates for heating and temporary weather protection/undercover measures.
  - (d) The costs and resourcing requirements needed to establish a fast track process for traders seeking to temporarily expand footpath trading and waiving of all council fees for permits.
  - (e) The costs and resourcing requirements needed to establish a direct communication strategy to traders including via zoom conferencing and/or literature.
2. Receives a further report after the pandemic restrictions are removed outlining the return of investment seen as a result of the increased temporary trading areas for the community including residents and traders.
3. For Council to support a post virus “Rainbow Recovery Festival” that brings the traders, community to also include schools coming together to decorate the streets and footpaths with chalk art.

The Amendment was put and lost.

**LOST****For:** Cr's Greco and Williams (2)**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Messina (5)

The substantive motion before Council was put and carried unanimously.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-091**

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

**That Council:**

1. Calls for a report at the next Council Meeting on 29 June 2020 outlining opportunities, costs, budget impacts and the process regarding the establishment of temporary new kerb outstands and park lets for use by traders for footpath trading. The report should include;
  - (a) Identification of potentially suitable locations in all shopping precincts.
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  - (c) Identification of safe alternates for heating and temporary weather protection/undercover measures.
  - (d) The costs and resourcing requirements needed to establish a fast track process for traders seeking to temporarily expand footpath trading and waiving of all council fees for permits.
  - (e) The costs and resourcing requirements needed to establish a direct communication strategy to traders including via zoom conferencing and/or literature.
2. Receives a further report after the pandemic restrictions are removed outlining the return of investment seen as a result of the increased temporary trading areas for the community including residents and traders.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion**

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

**That** an Item of Urgent Business from Cr Greco concerning Preston Market be admitted and considered as an item of Urgent Business.

**LOST**

**For:** Cr's Greco and Williams (2)

**Against:** Cr's Rennie, Newton, Le Cerf, McCarthy and Messina (5)

## 11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 which outlined the requirements to be observed in respect to Assemblies i.e.

*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.*

was repealed on the 1 May 2020 by the *Local Government Act 2020*.

An Assembly of Councillors was defined in the Act 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.

Officers anticipate that the issue of public transparency and accountability in relation to forums involving Councillors previously defined as Assemblies of Councillors will be addressed in the Councils Governance Rules which must be adopted by the 1 September 2020.

Until the Governance Rules are developed and adopted by Council the 'regime' previously followed will continue in the interests of good governance.

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Councillor Briefing – 25 May 2020
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting #16 – 26 May 2020
- Welcoming Cities Reference Group – 26 May 2020
- Councillor Briefing – 1 June 2020

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-092

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

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 25 & 26 May and 1 June 2020 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. 20-093

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

**That** Council note the Reports by the Mayor and Councillors ( including Cr Greco's reports ) were tabled for inclusion.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR**

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

- One on one catch up Trent
- One on one catch up Kim
- One on one catch up Steph
- One on one catch up Lina
- One on one catch up Julie
- One on one catch up Susanne x 3
- Regular daily catch ups with Amanda
- Meeting with Alan Brown
- VicHealth Unhealthy industries round table
- Briefing Strathallan
- MAV Human Services Committee
- Quarterly meeting with Robin Scott
- Meeting with Colin Brooks
- Meeting with Ged Kearney
- Meeting re electric bike feedback

- Briefing on Business Q&A session
- Regular catch up with CEO
- Sorry Day attendance for laying of wreath
- Lower Merri Creek briefing
- Lower Merri Creek meeting
- MEMPC meeting
- Visit to Charcoal Lane
- Briefing Community Climate Leaders Forum
- Business Q&A session x 2
- Briefing on changes to contract signing provisions
- Council briefing
- Community Climate Leaders Collaborate Advocacy session
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting
- Tech text and briefing for Sustainability Webinar
- Green Recovery Forum series discussion / briefing
- Briefing / discussion on Furlan Club
- Info sharing session re Mantra with Geed Kearney
- Sustainability matters on line webinar
- Informal Councillor catch up x 3

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

Cr. Amir did not submit a report.

#### **REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

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

- Council Briefings
- Welcoming Cities Reference Group
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Attended Black Lives Matter Rally
- Attended to Residents issues,
  - Nature strip
  - Planning
  - Preston Market
  - Barking dog
  - Parking
  - Mantra Refugees

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- NAGA Citizens Assembly Meeting
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Councillor Meeting
- Council Briefing
- Lower Merri Creek Proposal Meeting
- Climate Emergency Australia Development Group Meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- Community Climate Leaders Workshop
- NAGA Executive Committee Meeting
- Council Briefing
- Sustainability Matters Business Workshop

**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF**

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

- Regular informal Councillor group catch up x3
- Council Briefing x2
- Sorry Day Acknowledgement – online event
- Regular fortnightly catch up with the Mayor
- Community Climate Leaders and Council
- Council Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

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

- Council briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Metro Waste Resource Recovery Forum Briefing x2
- Metropolitan Transport Forum Executive Meetings x3
- MTF Exec Subcommittee Cycle pop up Lobbying
- Supporting Local Business Q & A with Mayor
- Metro Waste Resource Recovery Local Government forum
- Preston Lions Catch up
- Meeting with the Mayor
- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin



- Informal Councillor Catch up via zoom
- Meeting with Officers regarding the extension of Footpath trading and pop cycling lanes
- Strategies Advisory Group Meeting for MWRRG
- Meeting with various residents and ratepayers
- Melbourne Innovation Board Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Governance and Risk Committee Meeting
- Weekly meetings with Mayor Rennie
- Fortnightly meetings with Councillors
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting
- Regular meeting with the CEO
- Councillor briefings x2
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting

**REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

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

- Council Meeting x 3
- Council Briefing x 3
- Regular Catch up with Councillors teams x 2
- Catch up with the CEO
- Catch up with the Mayor
- Planning Meeting
- Immunisation Session
- Special Council Meeting - Adoption of the Draft Budget
- IDAHOBIT (virtual) - Live stream event & Flag Raising
- Sorry Day Acknowledgement
- Visit High, Plenty and Edwardes Street Businesses

**REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

Cr. Laurence did not submit a report.

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-094

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

**That** in accordance with Clause 66 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items designated confidential by the Chief Executive Officer.

- 14.1 YMCA Deed for Covid-19 Impacted Operations at NARC
- 14.2 Strathallan Golf Course Update

**CARRIED**

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 10.17pm.

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

**RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-095

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

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

**CARRIED**


The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 10.48pm.

**15 CLOSE OF MEETING**


The meeting closed at 10.49pm.

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